

$$\vec{r}(t) = \hat{i} b \sin \omega t + \hat{j} b \cos \omega t + \hat{k} c t^2$$

We need to calculate the acceleration vector:

$$\vec{v}(t) = \frac{d\vec{r}(t)}{dt} = \hat{i} b \omega \cos \omega t - \hat{j} b \omega \sin \omega t + \hat{k} 2ct$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = \frac{d\vec{v}(t)}{dt}$$

$$= -\hat{i} b \omega^2 \sin \omega t - \hat{j} b \omega^2 \cos \omega t + \hat{k} 2c$$

The magnitude of acceleration is

$$|\vec{a}(t)| = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2 + a_z^2}$$

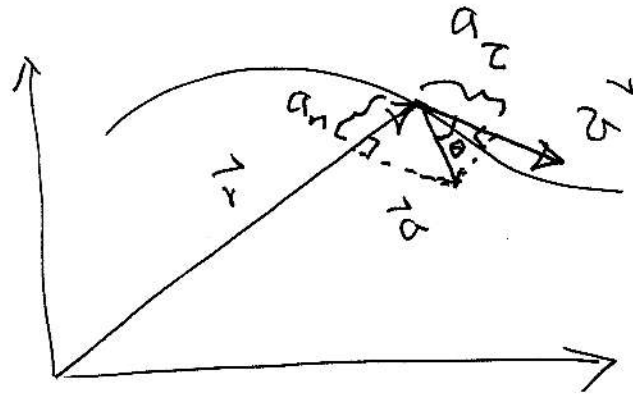
$$= \sqrt{(-b\omega^2 \sin \omega t)^2 + (-b\omega^2 \cos \omega t)^2 + (2c)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{b^2 \omega^4 (\sin^2 \omega t + \cos^2 \omega t) + 4c^2}$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{b^2 \omega^4 + 4c^2}$$

← Constant (i.e. no time dependency)

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from the figure:

$$a_t = a \cos \theta$$

but using: $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a} = v a \cos \theta$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a}}{v a}$$

Thus:

$$a_t = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a}}{v}$$

$$a^2 = a_n^2 + a_t^2 \rightarrow a_n = \sqrt{a^2 - a_t^2}$$

$$a_n = \sqrt{a^2 - \left(\frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a}}{v}\right)^2}$$