

STANDARDS: HS.P.C.57 \_\_\_\_\_ HS.P.C.58 \_\_\_\_\_

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HS.P.C.57	I can calculate the magnitude and direction of the acceleration for a particle experiencing uniform circular motion.	
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1. A ceiling fan spins at a rate of 30 rotations in 60 seconds. If a sock is stuck on the end of the 0.45 meter blade...

a. What is the circumference of the circular path the sock travels?

$$C = 2\pi r$$

$$= 2\pi(0.45)$$

$$C = 2.83 \text{ m}$$

b. What is the tangential speed that the sock travels as it is spun around?

$$T = \text{period} = \text{time to go around once} = \frac{60}{30} = 2 \text{ sec}$$

$$v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$$

$$v = \frac{2\pi(0.45)}{2}$$

$$v = 1.42 \text{ m/s}$$

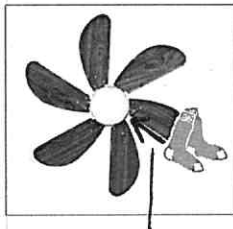
c. What is the centripetal acceleration of the sock as it is spun around?

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$a_c = \frac{(1.42)^2}{0.45}$$

$$a_c = 4.48 \text{ m/s}^2$$

d. Draw the direction of the acceleration the sock experiences on the picture below:



acceleration is pointed inward.

HS.P.C.58	I can use Newton's 2nd Law to solve problems for a particle experiencing uniform circular motion	
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2. A 2000 kg car is traveling on a circular track with a radius of 150 meters at a constant speed of 25 m/s.

e. What is the centripetal acceleration of the car?

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$a_c = \frac{25^2}{150}$$

$$a_c = 4.17 \text{ m/s}^2$$

f. What is the centripetal force acting on the car?

$$F_c = ma_c$$

$$F_c = (2000)(4.17)$$

$$F_c = 8,340 \text{ N}$$