

An object is moving in a circular path of diameter 20 cm. The frequency of rotation is 3 rev/sec. What is the speed of the object?

Given:

Diameter: $d = 20 \text{ cm} = 0.2 \text{ m}$

radius: $r = 10 \text{ cm} = 0.1 \text{ m}$

Frequency of rotation: $f = 3 \text{ rev/sec}$

Determine: speed of the object: v

$$v = \omega \times r \text{ -----(1)}$$

“ ω ” is the angular speed in radians / second.

$$\omega = 2\pi f = 2 \times 3.14 \times 3 = 18.84 \text{ rad/sec}$$

Substituting for “ ω ” and “ r ” in (1):

$$v = 18.84 \times 0.1 = 1.9 \text{ m/s}$$