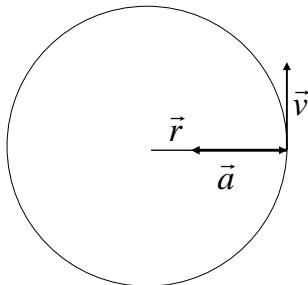


The centripetal force



We have an acceleration perpendicular to the speed

At constant circular motion the acceleration is given by:

$$a = r \cdot \omega^2 = \frac{v^2}{r}$$



$$F = m \cdot a$$

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Example: Calculate the tension in the rope, when I make 2,0 revolutions per second. The length of the rope is 30 cm. The cork has a mass of 50 gram.

$$G : f = 2,0 \text{ Hz}; r = 30 \text{ cm} = 0,30 \text{ m}; m = 50 \text{ g} = 50 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ kg}; F : F_{cp}$$

$$S : F = m \cdot r \cdot \omega^2 \quad \omega = 2\pi \cdot f$$

$$F = m \cdot r \cdot (2\pi \cdot f)^2$$

$$F = 50 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ kg} \cdot 0,30 \text{ m} \cdot (2\pi \cdot 2,0 \text{ Hz})^2 = 2,4 \text{ N}$$