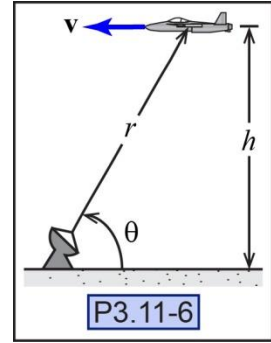


**P3.11-6)** An airplane flying horizontally at an altitude of  $h = 3$  miles is being tracked by a radar station on the ground as shown. The radar's tracking data shows that  $\dot{\theta} = 0.01$  rad/sec and  $\ddot{\theta} = -0.05$  rad/sec<sup>2</sup> when  $\theta$  equals  $60^\circ$ . Determine the airplane's velocity and acceleration at this instant.



Given:

Find:

Solution:

**Derive the plane's velocity.**

Write down the velocity equation in terms of polar coordinates.

$\mathbf{v} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

What is  $r$  as a function of  $\theta$ .

$r =$  \_\_\_\_\_

Calculate  $r$  when  $\theta = 60^\circ$ .

$r_{\theta=60} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

Calculate the plane's velocity in the  $\theta$ -direction.

$v_\theta =$  \_\_\_\_\_

Calculate the plane's velocity in the  $r$ -direction. This can be done using geometry or by taking the derivative of  $r$  with respect to time.

$v_r =$  \_\_\_\_\_

$v =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Derive the plane's acceleration.**

Write down the acceleration equation in terms of polar coordinates.

$\mathbf{a} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

Calculate the plane's acceleration in the  $\theta$ -direction.

$a_\theta =$  \_\_\_\_\_

Calculate the plane's acceleration in the  $r$ -direction. This can be done using geometry or by taking the second derivative of  $r$  with respect to time.

$a_r =$  \_\_\_\_\_

$a =$  \_\_\_\_\_