

Fig. 3. Terms used in radial cams.

Motion of the Follower

The follower, during its travel, may have one of the following motions.

1. Uniform velocity,
2. Simple harmonic motion,
3. Uniform acceleration and retardation, and
4. Cycloidal motion.

Displacement, Velocity and Acceleration Diagrams when the Follower Moves with Uniform Velocity

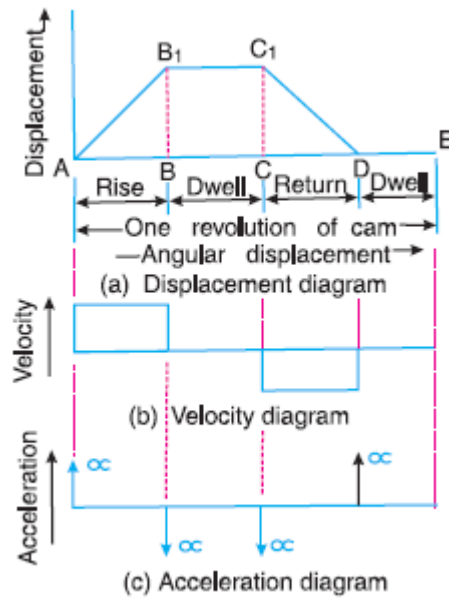


Fig. 4. Displacement, velocity and acceleration diagrams when the follower moves with uniform velocity

Displacement, Velocity and Acceleration Diagrams when the Follower Moves with Simple Harmonic Motion

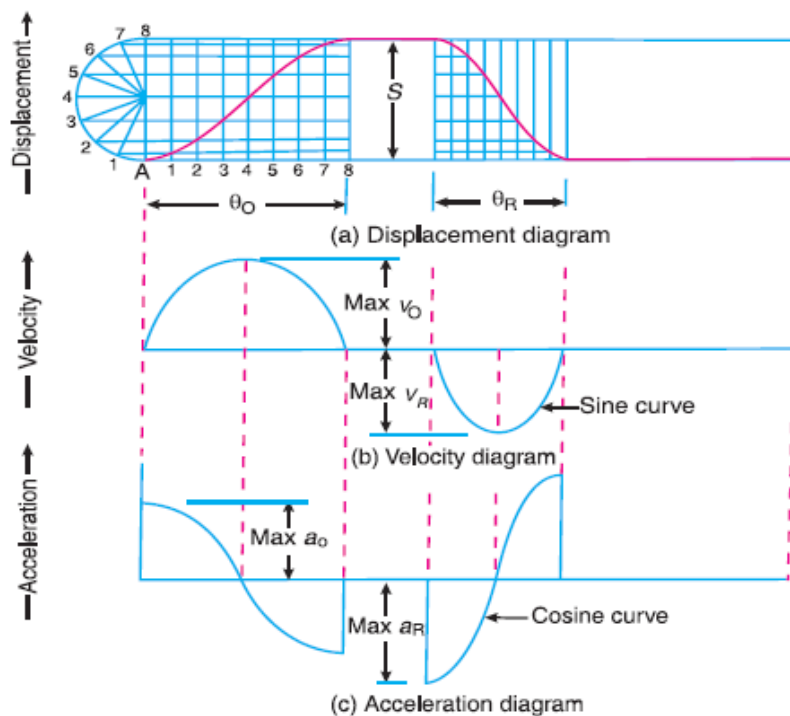


Fig. 5. Displacement, velocity and acceleration diagrams when the follower moves with simple harmonic motion.

$$v_O = v_P = \frac{\pi S}{2} \times \frac{\omega}{\theta_O} = \frac{\pi \omega S}{2\theta_O}$$

$$v_R = \frac{\pi \omega S}{2\theta_R}$$

$$a_O = a_P = \frac{\pi^2 \omega^2 S}{2(\theta_O)^2}$$

$$a_R = \frac{\pi^2 \omega^2 S}{2(\theta_R)^2}$$

Displacement, Velocity and Acceleration Diagrams when the Follower Moves with Uniform Acceleration and Retardation

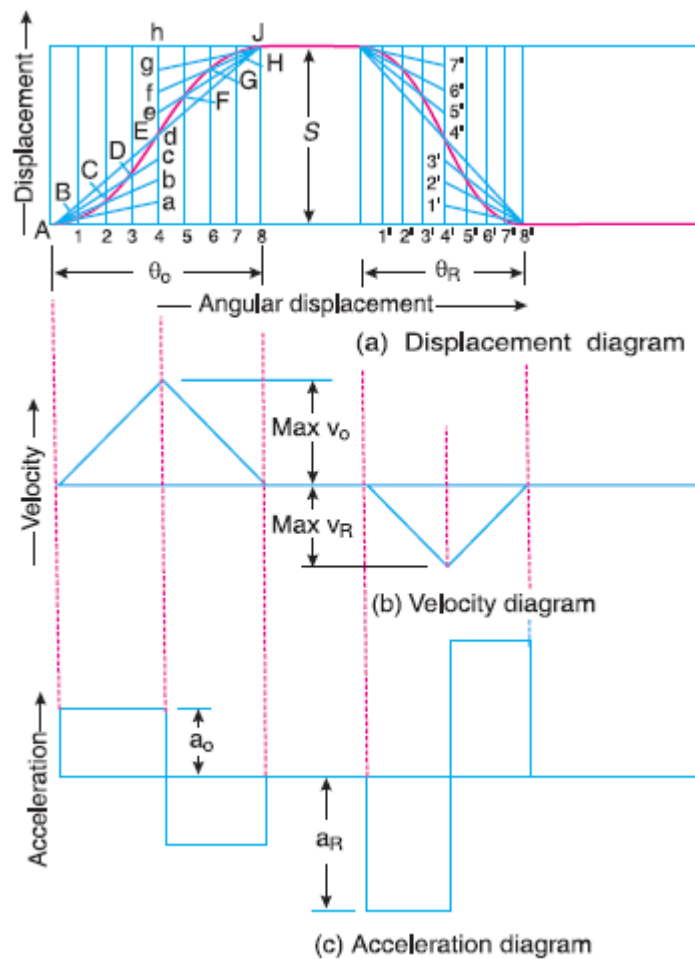


Fig. 6. Displacement, velocity and acceleration diagrams when the follower moves with uniform acceleration and retardation.

$$v_O = \frac{2S}{t_O} = \frac{2\omega S}{\theta_O}$$

$$a_O = \frac{v_O}{t_O/2} = \frac{2 \times 2\omega S}{t_O \cdot \theta_O} = \frac{4\omega^2 S}{(\theta_O)^2}$$

$$v_R = \frac{2\omega S}{\theta_R}$$

$$a_R = \frac{4\omega^2 S}{(\theta_R)^2}$$

Displacement, Velocity and Acceleration Diagrams when the Follower Moves with Cycloidal Motion

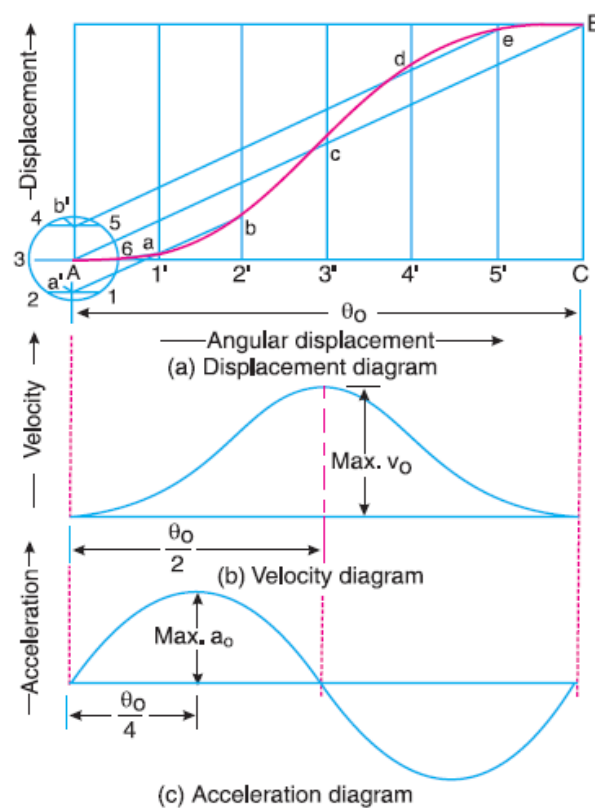


Fig. 7. Displacement, velocity and acceleration diagrams when the follower moves with cycloidal motion.

$$v_O = \frac{\omega S}{\theta_O} (1+1) = \frac{2\omega S}{\theta_O}$$

$$v_R = \frac{2\omega S}{\theta_R}$$

$$a_O = \frac{2\pi\omega^2 S}{(\theta_O)^2}$$

$$a_R = \frac{2\pi\omega^2 S}{(\theta_R)^2}$$