

being the case the length OP or a represents $a\omega$ ft. per sec., and the scale is thus $\omega : 1$. Further inspection will also show that since R is stationary, R^1 will lie at the only stationary point in a , viz., at O .

The remaining point Q^1 may be found thus: The direction of motion of $Q \curvearrowleft P$ is \perp to QP or b , and hence, from the proposition already given, Q^1 must lie in a line through P^1 (or P) \perp to the direction of $Q \curvearrowleft P$, i.e., on the line through P^1 in the direction of b or on b produced. Again, the direction of motion of $Q \curvearrowleft R$ is \perp to QR or c , and since R^1 (at O) has the same motion as R this is also the direction of motion of $Q \curvearrowleft R^1$, so that Q^1 lies on a line through R^1 \perp to the motion of $Q \curvearrowleft R^1$, i.e., on a line through R^1 in the direction of c , and thus Q^1 is fixed. The velocity of Q is then $Q^1O : \omega$, the direction in space is \perp to OQ^1 and the sense is fixed by that of ω .

Since P^1 and Q^1 are the images of P and Q on b , we may regard P^1Q^1 as the image of b , and shall in future denote it by b^1 , similarly R^1Q^1 (OQ^1) will be denoted by c^1 . By a similar

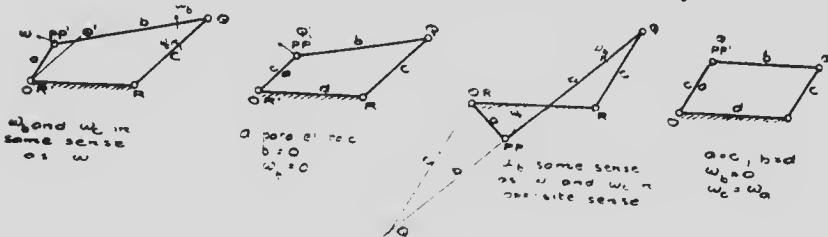


Fig. 5.

process of reasoning it may readily be shown that if S is a point on b midway between P and Q then S^1 will divide P^1Q^1 equally, and also T^1 may be found by the relation $R^1T^1 : T^1Q^1 = RT : TQ$.

The diagram may be put to further use in determining the magnitude and sense of the angular velocities of b and c when that of a is known. Let ω_b and ω_c denote respectively the angular velocities of the links b and c in space, the angular velocity of the link of reference being ω . Now since Q and P are on one link b , which has an angular velocity ω_b , therefore the velocity of $Q \curvearrowleft P$ is $QP : \omega_b$ or $b : \omega_b$, and since Q^1 and P^1 are points on a , whose angular velocity is ω , therefore the velocity of $Q^1 \curvearrowleft P^1$ is $Q^1P^1 : \omega$ or $b^1\omega$. But Q^1 has the same motion as Q , and P^1 has the same motion as P , and therefore the velocity of $Q \curvearrowleft P$ is the same as that of $Q^1 \curvearrowleft P^1$ or $b\omega$.

$$b^1\omega, \text{ i.e., } \omega_b = \frac{b^1}{b} \cdot \omega = b^1 : \frac{\omega}{b} \quad \text{Similarly } \omega_c = \frac{c^1}{c} : \omega = c^1 : \frac{\omega}{c}$$

and since b and c are fixed in length the length of the images