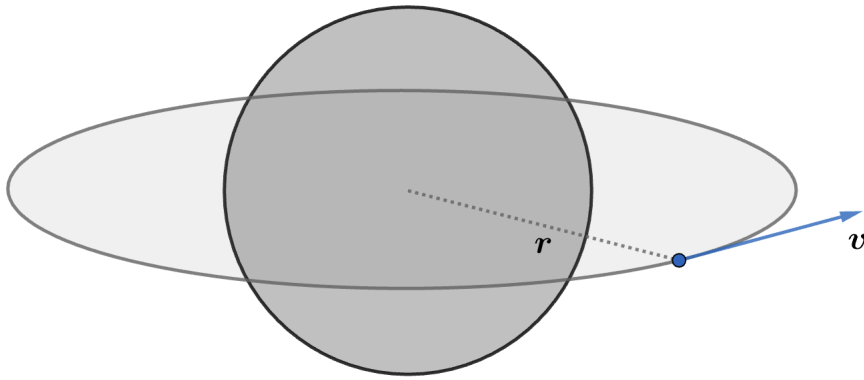


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If the ring is part of Saturn, then it rotates together with the planet i.e. has the same angular velocity ω . From angular kinematics,

$$\begin{aligned}\omega &= \frac{v}{r} \\ v &\propto r\end{aligned}$$

If the ring is a satellite of Saturn, then it moves at the velocity of a circular orbit which is

$$\begin{aligned}v &= \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}} \\ v^2 &\propto \frac{1}{r}\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the answer is A.