

Tutorial on Particle Kinematics

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Outline

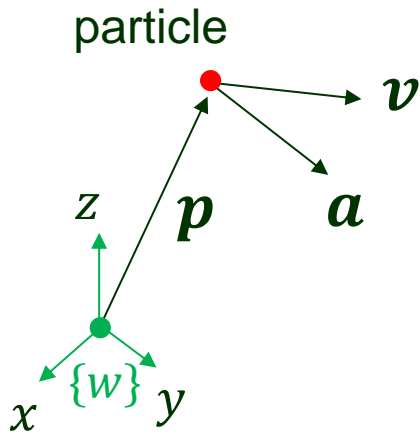
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Particle Kinematics

\mathbf{p} : position



\mathbf{v} : velocity

$$\mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{p}}$$

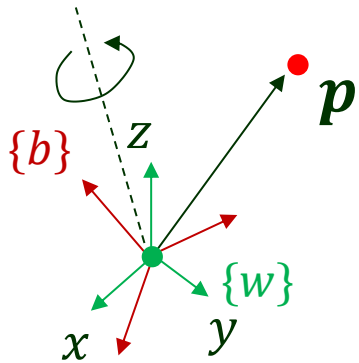
\mathbf{a} : acceleration

$$\mathbf{a} = \dot{\mathbf{v}}$$

$\{w\}$: world frame, stationary
(inertial frame)

I. Particle Fixed in a Rotating Frame

$\{b\}$ can be seen as attached to a rigid body spinning about its center of mass while \mathbf{p} as a point inside the body.



$\{w\}$: world frame, stationary (**inertial frame**)

$\{b\}$: a **body frame** sharing its origin with $\{w\}$ and rotating about the origin.

R : matrix describing the rotation from from $\{w\}$ to $\{b\}$.

The particle (point) \mathbf{p} is fixed within $\{b\}$ with its coordinates in the frame denoted as ${}^b\mathbf{p}$.

Its coordinates in the world frame $\{w\}$ is

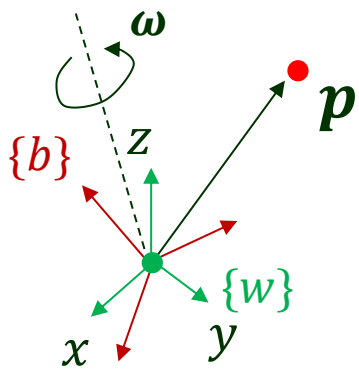
$$\mathbf{p} = R {}^b\mathbf{p}$$

Its velocity is

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = \dot{R} {}^b\mathbf{p}$$

Angular Velocity

To obtain \dot{R} , we make use of R being an orthogonal matrix:



$$RR^T = I_3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{R}R^T + R\dot{R}^T = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ 3 \times 3 \text{ identity matrix} \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{R}R^T + (\dot{R}R^T)^T = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \dot{R}R^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\omega_z & \omega_y \\ \omega_z & 0 & -\omega_x \\ -\omega_y & \omega_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

for some $\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z$.

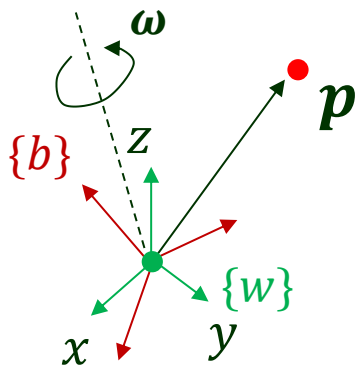
Angular velocity: $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{pmatrix}$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{p}} = \dot{R} {}^b \boldsymbol{p} = \dot{R}R^T (R {}^b \boldsymbol{p}) = \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\omega} \times (R {}^b \boldsymbol{p})}_{\text{Velocity of } \boldsymbol{p} \text{ due to the rotation of } \{b\}.}$$

Velocity of \boldsymbol{p} due to the rotation of $\{b\}$.

$$\dot{R}\boldsymbol{a} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (R\boldsymbol{a}) \quad \text{for any 3-vector } \boldsymbol{a}$$

Acceleration



$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = \dot{R}^b \mathbf{p} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (R^b \mathbf{p})$$



$$\ddot{\mathbf{p}} = \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times (R^b \mathbf{p}) + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\dot{R}^b \mathbf{p})$$

$$= \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times (R^b \mathbf{p}) + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\dot{R} R^T R^b \mathbf{p})$$

$$= \underbrace{\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times (R^b \mathbf{p})}_{\text{Rate of change in the velocity due to that in } \boldsymbol{\omega}} + \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times (R^b \mathbf{p}))}_{\text{Rate of change in the velocity } \dot{\mathbf{p}} \text{ due to the rotation}}$$

Rate of change in the velocity due to that in $\boldsymbol{\omega}$. $\dot{\mathbf{p}}$ due to the rotation.

II. Translating & Rotating Body Frame

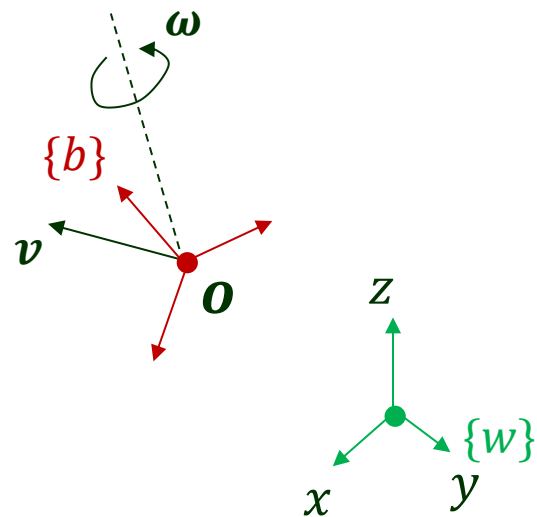
\mathbf{v} , $\boldsymbol{\omega}$: velocity and angular velocity of the body frame $\{b\}$ relative to the world frame $\{w\}$ as expressed in $\{w\}$

${}^b\mathbf{v}$, ${}^b\boldsymbol{\omega}$: velocity and angular velocity of $\{b\}$ relative to $\{w\}$ as expressed in the moving frame $\{b\}$.

${}^b\dot{\mathbf{v}}$, ${}^b\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$: acceleration and angular acceleration of $\{b\}$ relative to $\{w\}$ as expressed in $\{b\}$ (differentiation carried out in $\{w\}$):

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v} &= R {}^b\mathbf{v} & \boldsymbol{\omega} &= R {}^b\boldsymbol{\omega} \\ \dot{\mathbf{v}} &= R {}^b\dot{\mathbf{v}} & \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} &= R {}^b\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v} = R {}^b\mathbf{v} \implies \dot{\mathbf{v}} &= \dot{R} {}^b\mathbf{v} + R \frac{d}{dt} ({}^b\mathbf{v}) = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (R {}^b\mathbf{v}) + R \frac{d}{dt} ({}^b\mathbf{v}) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{v} + R \frac{d}{dt} ({}^b\mathbf{v})\end{aligned}$$



Different Meanings of ${}^b\dot{\mathbf{v}}$ and $\frac{d}{dt}({}^b\mathbf{v})$

$$\mathbf{v} = R {}^b\dot{\mathbf{v}} = (R {}^b\boldsymbol{\omega}) \times (R {}^b\mathbf{v}) + R \frac{d}{dt}({}^b\mathbf{v})$$

$$\Downarrow (R\mathbf{a}) \times (R\mathbf{b}) = R(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})$$

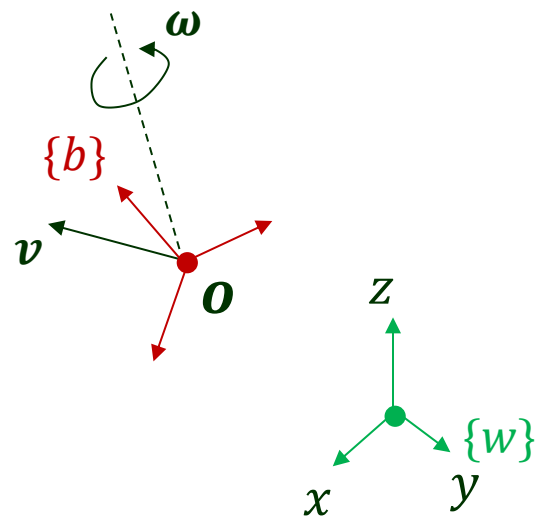
$$R {}^b\dot{\mathbf{v}} = R({}^b\boldsymbol{\omega} \times {}^b\mathbf{v}) + R \frac{d}{dt}({}^b\mathbf{v})$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\underbrace{{}^b\dot{\mathbf{v}}}_{\text{Acceleration of } \{b\} \text{ expressed in itself}} = \underbrace{{}^b\boldsymbol{\omega} \times {}^b\mathbf{v} + \frac{d}{dt}({}^b\mathbf{v})}_{\text{Rate of change in } {}^b\mathbf{v} \text{ (not a real acceleration)}}$$

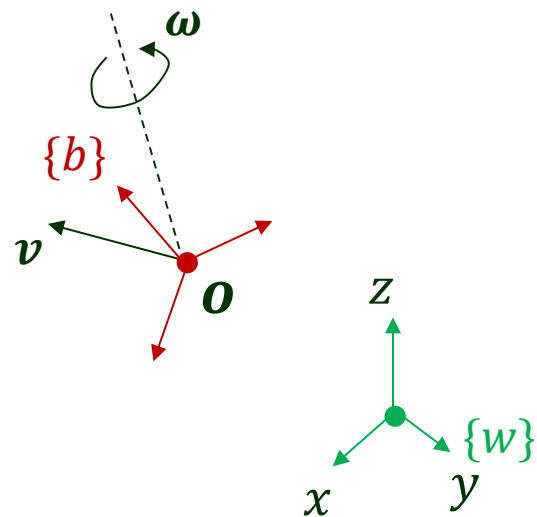
Acceleration of $\{b\}$
expressed in itself

Rate of change in ${}^b\mathbf{v}$
(not a real acceleration)



Different Meanings But the Same Value of

$${}^b \dot{\omega} \text{ and } \frac{d}{dt} ({}^b \omega)$$



$$\omega = R {}^b \omega$$



$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\omega} &= \omega \times (R {}^b \omega) + R \frac{d}{dt} ({}^b \omega) \\ &= \omega \times \omega + R \frac{d}{dt} ({}^b \omega) \\ &= R \frac{d}{dt} ({}^b \omega) \end{aligned}$$

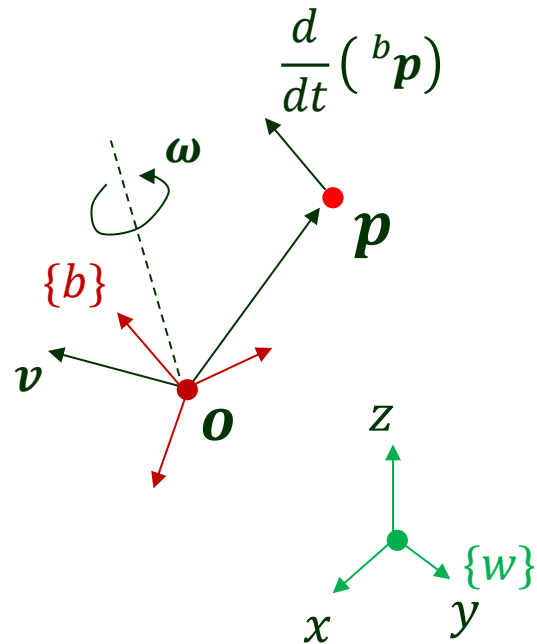


$$\dot{\omega} = R {}^b \dot{\omega}$$

$$\underbrace{{}^b \dot{\omega}} = \underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} ({}^b \omega)}$$

Angular acceleration of $\{b\}$ expressed in itself Rate of change in ${}^b \omega$

III. Particle Moving Relative to a Moving Body Frame



v, ω : velocity and angular velocity of $\{b\}$ relative to $\{w\}$ as expressed in $\{w\}$.

p : position of the particle in $\{w\}$

\dot{p} : velocity of the particle in $\{w\}$

\ddot{p} : acceleration of the particle in $\{w\}$

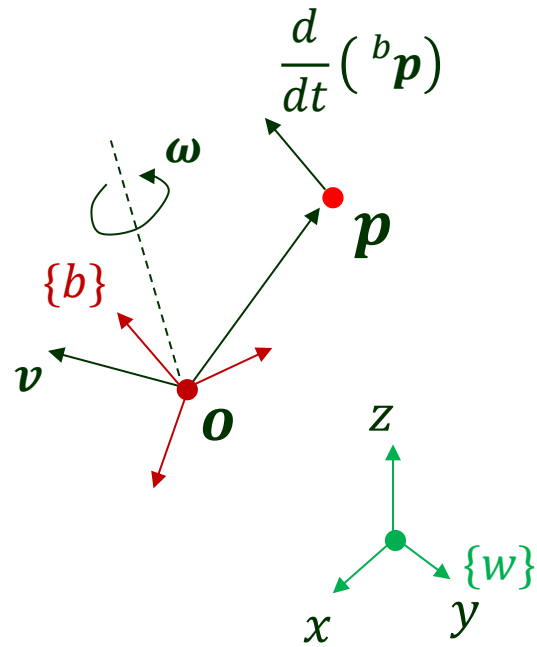
${}^b p$: position of the particle relative to $\{b\}$ (and expressed in it)

$$p = o + R {}^b p$$

$\frac{d}{dt} ({}^b p)$: velocity of the particle relative to $\{b\}$

$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} ({}^b p)$: acceleration of the particle relative to $\{b\}$

Velocity and Acceleration



$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{o} + R^b \mathbf{p}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = \dot{\mathbf{o}} + \dot{R}^b \mathbf{p} + R \frac{d}{dt}({}^b \mathbf{p})$$

$$= \mathbf{v} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (R^b \mathbf{p}) + R \frac{d}{dt}({}^b \mathbf{p})$$

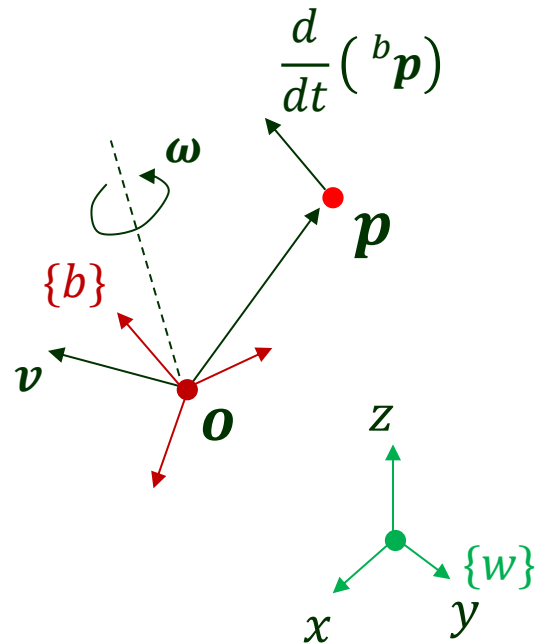
$$\ddot{\mathbf{p}} = \dot{\mathbf{v}} + \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times (R^b \mathbf{p}) + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \left(\dot{R}^b \mathbf{p} + R \frac{d}{dt}({}^b \mathbf{p}) \right)$$

$$+ \dot{R} \frac{d}{dt}({}^b \mathbf{p}) + R \frac{d^2}{dt^2}({}^b \mathbf{p})$$

$$= \dot{\mathbf{v}} + \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times (R^b \mathbf{p}) + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times (R^b \mathbf{p}))$$

$$+ 2\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \left(R \frac{d}{dt}({}^b \mathbf{p}) \right) + R \frac{d^2}{dt^2}({}^b \mathbf{p})$$

Velocity Expressed in the Body Frame



${}^b\dot{\mathbf{p}}$: velocity of the particle relative to $\{w\}$ and expressed in $\{b\}$ (differentiation carried out in $\{w\}$)

${}^b\ddot{\mathbf{p}}$: acceleration of the particle relative to $\{w\}$ and expressed in $\{b\}$ (differentiation carried out in $\{w\}$)

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = R {}^b\dot{\mathbf{p}}$$

$$\ddot{\mathbf{p}} = R {}^b\ddot{\mathbf{p}}$$

$${}^b\dot{\mathbf{p}} \neq \frac{d}{dt}({}^b\mathbf{p})$$

$${}^b\ddot{\mathbf{p}} \neq \frac{d^2}{dt^2}({}^b\mathbf{p})$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{v} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (R {}^b\mathbf{p}) + R \frac{d}{dt}({}^b\mathbf{p})$$

$$\Rightarrow R {}^b\dot{\mathbf{p}} = R {}^b\mathbf{v} + (R {}^b\boldsymbol{\omega}) \times (R {}^b\mathbf{p}) + R \frac{d}{dt}({}^b\mathbf{p})$$

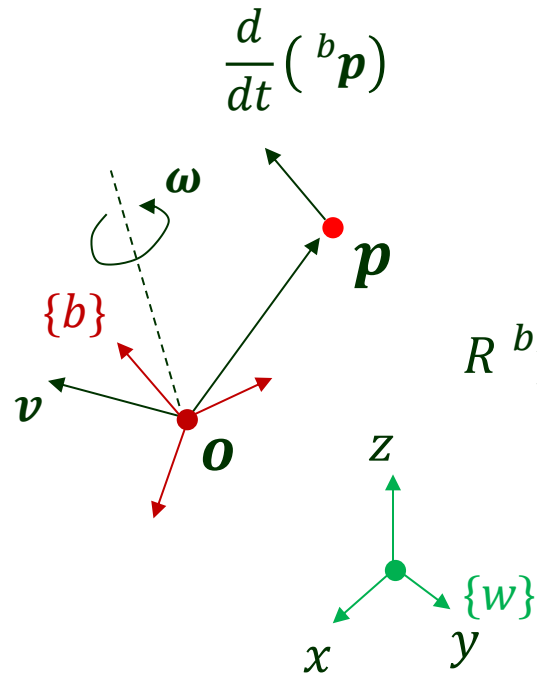
$$\Rightarrow {}^b\dot{\mathbf{p}} = \underbrace{{}^b\mathbf{v}} + \underbrace{{}^b\boldsymbol{\omega} \times {}^b\mathbf{p}} + \underbrace{\frac{d}{dt}({}^b\mathbf{p})}$$

Velocity of the body frame

Velocity due to the body frame's angular velocity

Velocity within the body frame

Acceleration Expressed in the Body Frame



$$\ddot{\mathbf{p}} = \dot{\mathbf{v}} + \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times (R {}^b\mathbf{p}) + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times (R {}^b\mathbf{p})) + 2\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \left(R \frac{d}{dt}({}^b\mathbf{p}) \right) + R \frac{d^2}{dt^2}({}^b\mathbf{p})$$

$$\Downarrow \ddot{\mathbf{p}} = R {}^b\ddot{\mathbf{p}}, \boldsymbol{\omega} = R {}^b\boldsymbol{\omega}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = R {}^b\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$$

$$R {}^b\ddot{\mathbf{p}} = R {}^b\dot{\mathbf{v}} + (R {}^b\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}) \times (R {}^b\mathbf{p}) + (R {}^b\boldsymbol{\omega}) \times ((R {}^b\boldsymbol{\omega}) \times (R {}^b\mathbf{p})) + 2(R {}^b\boldsymbol{\omega}) \times \left(R \frac{d}{dt}({}^b\mathbf{p}) \right) + R \frac{d^2}{dt^2}({}^b\mathbf{p})$$



$$R {}^b\ddot{\mathbf{p}} = R {}^b\dot{\mathbf{v}} + R({}^b\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times {}^b\mathbf{p}) + R({}^b\boldsymbol{\omega} \times ({}^b\boldsymbol{\omega} \times {}^b\mathbf{p})) + 2R({}^b\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \frac{d}{dt}({}^b\mathbf{p})) + R \frac{d^2}{dt^2}({}^b\mathbf{p})$$



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