Summary: Particle Kinematics – Joint Description

PROBLEM: Motion of a point described in a combination of descriptions.



SOLUTION: Projection of vector onto different set of unit vectors. Examples:

$$\dot{x} = \vec{v}_P \cdot \hat{i} \qquad \dot{v}_P = \vec{a}_P \cdot \hat{e}_t = \vec{a}_P \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{v}_P}{|\vec{v}_P|}\right) \qquad \dot{R} = \vec{v}_P \cdot \hat{e}_R \qquad R\dot{\theta} = \vec{v}_P \cdot \hat{e}_\theta$$
$$\ddot{x} = \vec{a}_P \cdot \hat{i} \qquad \frac{v_P^2}{\rho} = \vec{a}_P \cdot \hat{e}_n \qquad \ddot{R} - R\dot{\theta}^2 = \vec{a}_P \cdot \hat{e}_R \qquad R\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{R}\dot{\theta} = \vec{a}_P \cdot \hat{e}_\theta$$

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