

KINEMATICS

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Chapter 1 — Lecturebook

Chapter 2 — Meriam

Kinematics

Motion of objects w/o reference to forces that cause it.

particle	2D		
	3D		
Rigid Body	2D	→	Motion 2D
	2D	→	Motion 3D
	3D	→	Motion 3D

KINETICS Motion and its causes (i.e., forces)

Why
things move
(impact, applied
force, applied
moments)

Particle
motion

Newton's Laws
Work energy
Linear impulse momentum
Angular impulse momentum

2D rigid
body
motion

Newton's Laws
Work energy
Linear impulse & L. momentum
Angular impulse & A. momentum

3D rigid body motion

Why Dynamics is important?

It's not just important, it's **FUNDAMENTAL** in the analysis of engineering systems

Basic in the analysis of

→ **Moving structures** (e.g., aircraft moving parts, robotic arms, airport luggage carousels,...)

→ **Fixed structures** subjected to dynamic loads (e.g., earthquake @ building, wind load @ turbine)

→ **Automatic control** systems need the dynamics equations to function properly

→ **Robotic & Autonomous systems**. Rockets, missiles, aircraft spacecraft, transportation vehicles, all types of machinery

Definition of motion any ideas?

Motion can be described by monitoring the position, velocity and acceleration of a particle or body at any time.

where is it? — with respect to a reference
where was it previously?

Position $\vec{r}$

how fast?
which direction?

velocity $\vec{v}$

change of speed
change of direction

acceleration $\vec{a}$

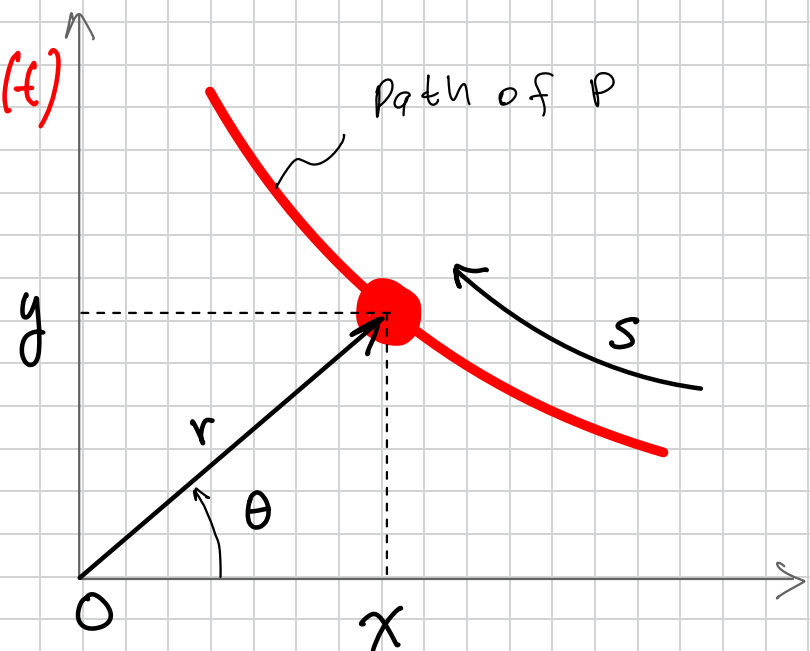
PLANAR KINEMATICS: Cartesian, Path and Polar description of motion

Consider a point P moving on a curvilinear path in the plane (e.g. over a table). Depending on convenience, we will describe the motion of P using three different coordinate systems (descriptions)

Cartesian - Path in terms of x - y coordinates. Typically, $y = x(t)$

Path - Position in terms of distance s along path

Polar - Position in terms of radial distance r (from O) and θ . Typically $r = r(\theta)$



Let's write the velocity and acceleration for the planar motion of a point in terms of **Cartesian**, **path**, and **polar** descriptions.

Let's find out the pros & cons of each!

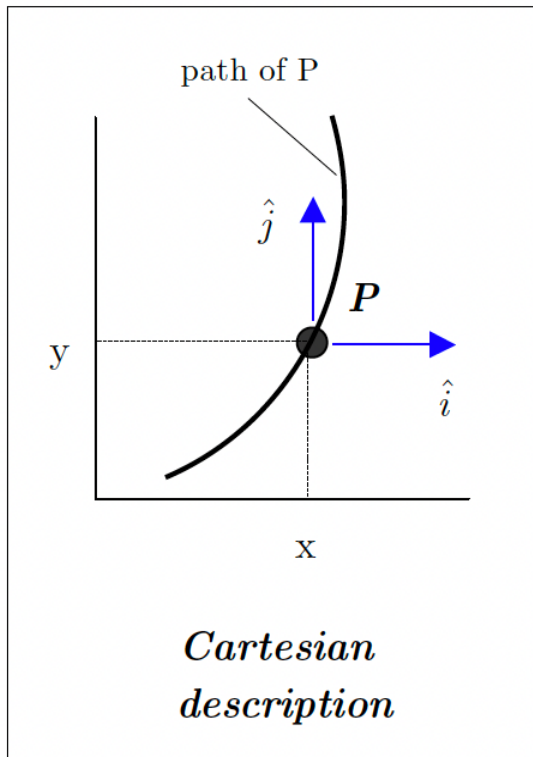
FUNDAMENTALS:

Velocity and acceleration of P are given by the first and second time derivatives of the position

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \dot{\vec{r}}$$

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{v}) = \dot{\vec{v}}$$

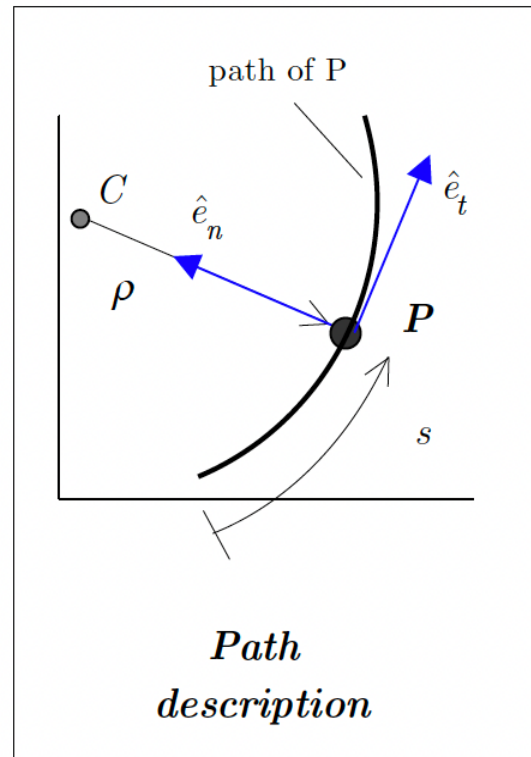
Do not think of these $(\vec{r}, \vec{v}, \vec{a})$ as individual quantities. Know one, and you know them all with $\frac{d}{dt}(\cdot)$ and $\int(\cdot)dt$



Position measured through x and y components

→ intuitive

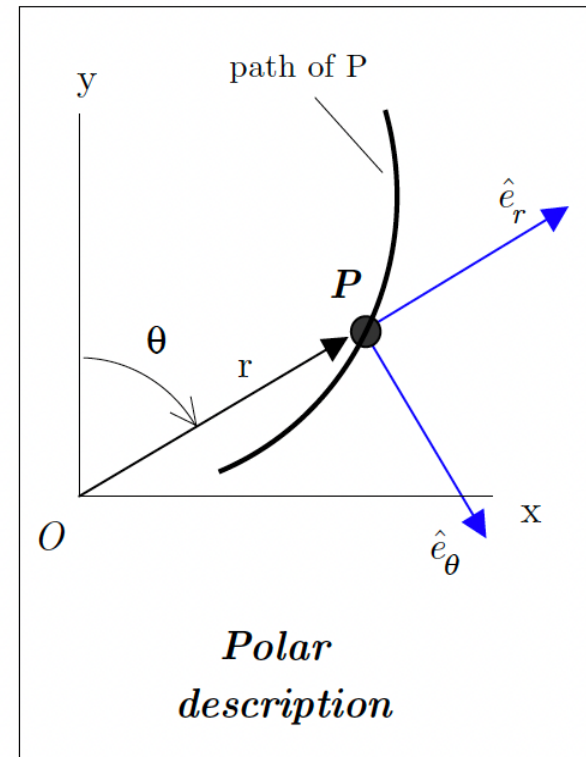
$$\vec{r} = \begin{cases} x(t) \text{ [m]} \\ y(t) \text{ [m]} \end{cases}$$



Position measured through s along path

eg. race track

$$\vec{r} \begin{cases} \text{path geometry} \\ \text{distance } s(t) \text{ [m]} \end{cases}$$



Position described through radial distance r and angle of $\overline{OP}$

eg. rotating and telescopic lift

$$\vec{r} \begin{cases} r(t) \text{ [m]} \\ \theta(t) \text{ [rad]} \end{cases}$$