

Playing with points

Geometrical points are entities characterized by their position with respect to a given reference frame. In Anakin, the class `point` allows creating them.

Start by importing the Anakin framework into Matlab. Be sure to include Anakin's base directory before you run this line:

```
import anakin.*
```

Object creation

The default geometric point is the canonical origin:

```
0 = point % default call
```

```
0 =  
Point with canonical position vector components:  
    0  
    0  
    0
```

Points can be created by passing their position vector or its canonical coordinates:

```
ra = tensor([1;2;3])
```

```
ra =  
Vector with canonical components:  
    1  
    2  
    3
```

```
A = point(ra) % as a vector
```

```
A =  
Point with canonical position vector components:  
    1  
    2  
    3
```

```
A = point([4;5;6]) % as a column array
```

```
A =  
Point with canonical position vector components:  
    4  
    5  
    6
```

```
A = point([7,8,9]) % as a row array
```

```
A =  
Point with canonical position vector components:  
 7  
 8  
 9
```

The components that define the point can be given in another reference frame. Internally, the point object stores only its coordinates in the canonical reference frame:

```
O1 = point([1;2;3]);  
B1 = basis([1;0;0],[0;cos(pi/6);sin(pi/6)],[0;-sin(pi/6);cos(pi/6)]);  
S1 = frame(O1,B1);  
  
A = point([1,1,1],S1)
```

```
A =  
Point with canonical position vector components:  
 2.0000  
 2.3660  
 4.3660
```

For convenience, any object of point class or a subclass can be passed as input. The result is converted to class point:

```
P = particle; % a particle object, subclass of point  
A = point(P); % converted to point
```

Basic functionality

To obtain the position vector of a point with respect to the origin of a reference frame, use method pos :

```
O1 = point([1;2;3]);  
S1 = frame(O1);  
A = point([1,1,1],S1);
```

```
A.pos
```

```
ans =  
Vector with canonical components:  
 2  
 3  
 4
```

```
A.pos(S1)
```

```
ans =  
Vector with canonical components:  
 1
```

```
1
1
```

Coordinates can be extracted similarly:

```
A.coordinates(S1)
```

```
ans = 3×1
      1
      1
      1
```

```
A.x(1,S1)
```

```
ans = 1
```

```
A.x(2,S1)
```

```
ans = 1
```

```
A.x(3,S1)
```

```
ans = 1
```

One can displace the position of a point by a given vector:

```
A = point([1,2,3]);
v = tensor([2;2;2]);
```

```
A.displace(v)
```

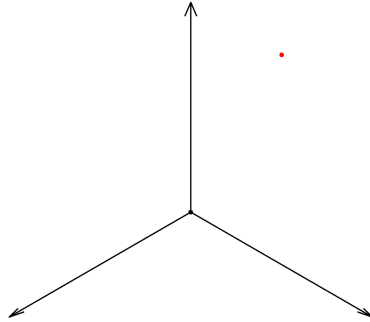
```
ans =
Point with canonical position vector components:
      3
      4
      5
```

A numeric point can be plotted using plot:

```
ax = axes('DataAspectRatio',[1,1,1]);
ax.XAxis.Visible = 'off';
ax.YAxis.Visible = 'off';
ax.ZAxis.Visible = 'off';
view([1,1,1]);

S1.plot; % plot the frame first

A = point([1;1.5;2],S1);
A.plot('color','r'); % pass quiver3 plotting arguments to change color, style, etc.
```



Symbolic points

Points with symbolic coordinates have additional functionality (running this requires the Symbolic Math Toolbox installed):

```
syms t xi(t) eta(t) zeta(t) phi(t); % declare symbolic variables
assume([in(t, 'real'), in(xi(t), 'real'), in(eta(t), 'real'), in(zeta(t), 'real'), in(phi(t),
A = point([xi,eta,zeta]) % a symbolic point
```

```
A =
Point with canonical position vector components:
    xi(t)
    eta(t)
    zeta(t)
```

One may compute the velocity and acceleration of a point with respect to a given reference frame. If no reference frame is provided, the canonical one is assumed:

```
A.vel
```

```
ans =
Vector with canonical components:
    diff(xi(t), t)
```

```
diff(eta(t), t)
diff(zeta(t), t)
```

A.accel

```
ans =
Vector with canonical components:
    diff(xi(t), t, t)
    diff(eta(t), t, t)
    diff(zeta(t), t, t)
```

```
O = point([xi^2,0,0]);
B1 = basis([1;0;0],[0;cos(phi);sin(phi)],[0;-sin(phi);cos(phi)]);
S1 = frame(O,B1);
```

A.vel(S1)

```
ans =
Vector with canonical components:
    -(2*xi(t) - 1)*diff(xi(t), t)
    zeta(t)*diff(phi(t), t) + diff(eta(t), t)
    diff(zeta(t), t) - eta(t)*diff(phi(t), t)
```

A.accel(S1)

```
ans =
Vector with canonical components:
    - 2*diff(xi(t), t)^2 - (2*xi(t) - 1)*diff(xi(t), t, t)
    zeta(t)*diff(phi(t), t, t) - eta(t)*diff(phi(t), t)^2 + 2*diff(phi(t), t)*diff(zeta(t), t) + diff(eta(t), t, t)
    diff(zeta(t), t, t) - zeta(t)*diff(phi(t), t)^2 - 2*diff(eta(t), t)*diff(phi(t), t) - eta(t)*diff(phi(t), t, t)
```

To particularize a symbolic point at particular values of its parameters, one may use `subs`, by specifying them in a list:

A.subs({xi},{6}) % replace xi with 6

```
ans =
Point with canonical position vector components:
    6
    eta(t)
    zeta(t)
```