

# Notation

## General

Quantity	Notation	Subscript		Example
		Left	Right	
Scalar	lowercase	n/a	n/a	$a = 4$
Vector	lowercase, bold	frame	from $\rightarrow$ to	${}^{\mathcal{A}}\mathbf{r}_{AB}$
Homogeneous vector	lowercase, bold, tilde	frame	from $\rightarrow$ to	${}^{\mathcal{A}}\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{AB}$
Matrix	uppercase, bold	n/a	n/a	$\mathbf{A}$
Transformation matrix <sup>1</sup>	uppercase, bold	n/a	to $\leftarrow$ from	$\mathbf{R}_{BA}$

<sup>1</sup> This includes passive rotations, homogeneous transformations, quaternions

$f(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p})$  a quantity  $f$  with variables  $\mathbf{x}$  and (optionally) parameterized by parameters  $\mathbf{p}$ .

## Kinematics

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Absolute <sup>1</sup> position	$\mathbf{r}_P := {}_{\mathcal{I}}\mathbf{r}_{IP}$	object (point)
Absolute velocity	$\mathbf{v}_P := {}_{\mathcal{I}}\dot{\mathbf{r}}_{IP}$	object (point)
Absolute acceleration	$\mathbf{a}_P := \dot{\mathbf{v}}_P = {}_{\mathcal{I}}\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{IP}$	object (point)

<sup>1</sup> relative to a fixed (inertial) reference frame  $\mathcal{I}$  with origin  $I$

## Probability

Property	Notation
Random variable (RV), state	$X, x$
Probability	$P(X = x) =: P(X)$
Conditional probability	$P(X = x Y = y) =: P(X Y)$
Expectation of a continuous RV	$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim f(x)}[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx =: \mathbb{E}[X] =: \mu$
Expectation of a discrete RV	$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p(x)}[X] = \sum_i x_i p(x_i) =: \mathbb{E}[X] =: \mu$
Expectation (continuous RV) of a function $g$	$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim f(x)}[g(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f(x) dx$
Expectation (discrete RV) of a function $g$	$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p(x)}[g(x)] = \sum_i g(x_i) p(x_i)$
Variance	$\text{Var}[X] =: \sigma^2$
Standard deviation	$\text{SD}[X] =: \sigma$
Probability mass function <sup>1</sup>	$p_X(x) =: p(x)$
Probability density function <sup>2</sup>	$f_X(x) =: f(x)$
Cumulative distribution function	$F_X(x) =: F(x)$

<sup>1</sup> for discrete RVs   <sup>2</sup> for continuous RVs