

11.1 ♣ Velocity variables and degrees of freedom (Section 11.1).

Determine the minimum number of unknown *velocity variables* necessary to characterize the motion of the following systems in a reference frame  $N$ . Regard  $Q$  as a free-flying particle and  $A$  as a rigid body that is **free** to translate and rotate in 3D-space. Choose and **define** velocity variables that suffice to describe the motion (Note: The choice of velocity variables is **not unique**).

Optional: **Sketch** each system with names for each point/body.

System ( $Q$ , $B$ , or $A$ and $B$ )	Degrees of freedom	Choice of velocity variables
Free-flying particle $Q$ .	3	$v_x$ $v_y$ $v_z$ ${}^N\vec{v}^Q = v_x \hat{n}_x + v_y \hat{n}_y + v_z \hat{n}_z$
Particle $Q$ moving in a slot (slot is parallel to a unit vector $\hat{n}$ ).	1	$v$ ${}^N\vec{v}^Q = v \hat{n}$
Free-flying rigid body $B$ .	6	$\omega_x$ $\omega_y$ $\omega_z$ $v_x$ $v_y$ $v_z$ ${}^N\vec{\omega}^B = \omega_x \hat{b}_x + \omega_y \hat{b}_y + \omega_z \hat{b}_z$ ${}^N\vec{v}^{B_o} = v_x \hat{n}_x + v_y \hat{n}_y + v_z \hat{n}_z$
Rigid body $B$ connected to rigid body $A$ by a revolute joint. ( $A$ connects to $B$ at point $A_B$ of $A$ )	7	$\omega_x$ $\omega_y$ $\omega_z$ $v_x$ $v_y$ $v_z$ $\omega_B$ ${}^N\vec{\omega}^A = \omega_x \hat{a}_x + \omega_y \hat{a}_y + \omega_z \hat{a}_z$ ${}^N\vec{v}^{A_B} = v_x \hat{a}_x + v_y \hat{a}_y + v_z \hat{a}_z$ ${}^A\vec{\omega}^B = \omega_B \hat{\lambda}$
Rigid body $B$ connected to rigid body $A$ by a rigid joint.	6	$\omega_x$ $\omega_y$ $\omega_z$ $v_x$ $v_y$ $v_z$ ${}^N\vec{\omega}^A = \omega_x \hat{a}_x + \omega_y \hat{a}_y + \omega_z \hat{a}_z$ ${}^N\vec{v}^{A_B} = v_x \hat{n}_x + v_y \hat{n}_y + v_z \hat{n}_z$
Rigid body $B$ connected to $A$ by a ball-and-socket joint.	9	$\omega_x$ $\omega_y$ $\omega_z$ $v_x$ $v_y$ $v_z$ $\omega_x^B$ $\omega_y^B$ $\omega_z^B$ ${}^N\vec{\omega}^A = \omega_x \hat{a}_x + \omega_y \hat{a}_y + \omega_z \hat{a}_z$ ${}^N\vec{v}^{A_B} = v_x \hat{a}_x + v_y \hat{a}_y + v_z \hat{a}_z$ ${}^A\vec{\omega}^B = \omega_x^B \hat{b}_x + \omega_y^B \hat{b}_y + \omega_z^B \hat{b}_z$
Rigid body $B$ connected to $A$ by a revolute angular velocity motor. (A revolute angular velocity motor <i>specifies</i> $B$ 's angular velocity in $A$ )	6	$\omega_x$ $\omega_y$ $\omega_z$ $v_x$ $v_y$ $v_z$ ${}^N\vec{\omega}^A = \omega_x \hat{a}_x + \omega_y \hat{a}_y + \omega_z \hat{a}_z$ ${}^N\vec{v}^{A_B} = v_x \hat{n}_x + v_y \hat{n}_y + v_z \hat{n}_z$
Rectangular box $B$ sliding on a flat rigid surface fixed in $N$ . ( $B$ contacts $N$ at a single vertex $B_o$ of $B$ )	5	$\omega_x$ $\omega_y$ $\omega_z$ $v_x$ $v_y$ ${}^N\vec{v}^{B_o} = v_x \hat{n}_x + v_y \hat{n}_y$ ${}^N\vec{\omega}^B = \omega_x \hat{b}_x + \omega_y \hat{b}_y + \omega_z \hat{b}_z$
Rectangular box $B$ sliding on a flat rigid surface fixed in $N$ . ( $B$ contacts $N$ on a single edge of $B$ . The edge is parallel to $\hat{b}_x$ ) (Flat surface is perpendicular to $\hat{n}_z$ )	4	$\omega_y$ $\omega_z$ $v_x$ $v_y$ ${}^N\vec{v}^{B_o} = v_x \hat{n}_x + v_y \hat{n}_y$ ${}^N\vec{\omega}^B = \omega_y \hat{b}_y + \omega_z \hat{b}_z$
Rectangular box $B$ sliding on a flat rigid surface fixed in $N$ . ( $B$ contacts $N$ on one surface of $B$ )	3	$\omega_z$ $v_x$ $v_y$ ${}^N\vec{v}^{B_o} = v_x \hat{n}_x + v_y \hat{n}_y$ ${}^N\vec{\omega}^B = \omega_z \hat{b}_z$