

# Mathematical Notes on Robotics

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# Appendix

## 0.0.1 Notations

- $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector.
- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is a maxtrix.
- $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$  is the vector of position,  $p = \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{bmatrix}$ .
- $R \in SO(3)$  is the rotation matrix.
- $g \in SE(3)$  is the rigid body transformation,  $g = (R, p) \in SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}^3$ .  
Alternatively,  $g$  can be represented in homogeneous coordinates  
 $g = \begin{bmatrix} R & p \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , with  $g^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} R^T & R^T p \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- $\phi, \theta, \psi$  are the ZYX Euler angles,  $\phi$ -roll,  $\theta$ -pitch,  $\psi$ -yaw.
- $q \in Q$  is the quaternion,  $q = \begin{bmatrix} q_s \\ q_x \\ q_y \\ q_z \end{bmatrix}$ .
- $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^3$  is the unit axis of rotaiton,  $\|\omega\| = 1$ ,  $\omega = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- $\hat{\omega} \in so(3)$  is the skew-symmetric matrix,  $\hat{\omega}^T = -\hat{\omega}$ ,  $\hat{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$