

## Dynamic modeling

## Quaternion math

Define the unit quaternion as  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^4 := [q_s q_v^T]^T$  where  $q_s \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $q_v \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

We'll be using the following packages:

```
using Rotations
using LinearAlgebra
using Test
using StaticArrays
using ForwardDiff
const RS = Rotations
```

## Quaternion multiplication

Verifying quaternion multiplication using Rotation.jl:

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"""Returns the cross product matrix """
function cross_mat(v)
    return [0 -v[3] v[2]; v[3] 0 -v[1]; -v[2] -v[1] 0]
end

"""Given quaternion q returns left multiply quaternion matrix L(q)"""
function Lmat(quat)
    L = zeros(4,4)
    s = quat[1]
    v = quat[2:end]
    L[1,1] = s
    L[1,2:end] = -v'
    L[2:end,1] = v
    L[2:end, 2:end] = s*I + cross_mat(v)
    return L
end

"""Given quaternion q returns right multiply quaternion matrix Rmat(q)"""
function Rmat(quat)
    L = zeros(4,4)
    s = quat[1]
    v = quat[2:end]
    L[1,1] = s
    L[1,2:end] = -v'
    L[2:end,1] = v
    L[2:end, 2:end] = s*I - cross_mat(v)
    return L
end

# Define quaternions using Rotations.jl
q1 = RS.UnitQuaternion(RotY(pi/2))
q2 = RS.UnitQuaternion(RotY(pi/5))
# Get standard vectors representation
q1_vec = RS.params(q1)
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q2_vec = RS.params(q2)
# test L(q) and R(q)
@test RS.rmult(q1) ≈ Rmat(q1_vec)
@test RS.lmult(q1) ≈ Lmat(q1_vec)
# test multiplication results
@test Lmat(q1_vec)*q2_vec ≈ RS.params(q2 * q1)
@test Rmat(q2_vec)*q1_vec ≈ RS.params(q2 * q1)

# General vector/point A
PA = [0;0;2]
# Rotate  $\pi/2$  along Y axis
PB = H'*Lmat(q1_vec)*Rmat(q1_vec)'*H*PA
@test PB ≈ q1*PA

# a random quaternion
q = rand(UnitQuaternion)
q_vec = RS.params(q)
# G(q)
@test RS.∇differential(q) ≈ RS.lmult(q)*H

```

## Quaternion Differential Calculus

From section III in Planning with Attitude<sup>[1]</sup>, define a function with quaternion inputs  $y = h(q) : \mathbb{S}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ , such that:

$$y + \delta y = h(L(q)\phi(q)) \approx h(q) + \nabla h(q)\phi \quad (1)$$

where  $\phi \in \mathbb{R}^3$  is defined in body frame, representing an angular velocity. We can calculate the jacobian of this function  $\nabla h(q) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times 3}$  by differentiating (1) with respect to  $\phi$ , evaluated at  $\phi = 0$ :

$$\nabla h(q) = \frac{\partial h}{\partial q} L(q) H := \frac{\partial h}{\partial q} G(q) \quad (2)$$

where  $G(q) \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 3}$  is the attitude Jacobian:

```

# a random quaternion
q = rand(UnitQuaternion)
q_vec = RS.params(q)
# G(q)
@test RS.∇differential(q) ≈ RS.lmult(q)*H

```

and  $\frac{\partial h}{\partial q}$  is obtained by finite differences:

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@test Rotations.∇rotate(q,v1) ≈ ForwardDiff.jacobian(q->UnitQuaternion(q,
false)*v1, Rotations.params(q))

```

In the code above, function  $h(q)$  is rotation of a vector  $v1$ .

# Appendix

## Definitions and Notations

1.  $\mathcal{I}$ : Inertial reference frame, unless otherwise noted, all magnitudes are defined in this frame.
2.  $\mathcal{L}_i$ : Link frame.
3.  $\mathcal{J}_i$ : Joint frame.
4.  $\hat{i}$ : axis along the link.
5.  $\hat{j}$ : defined by right hand triad.
6.  $\hat{k}$ : axis along the revolute joint.
7.  ${}^{\mathcal{I}}T_{\mathcal{L}_i}$ : A homogeneous transformation matrix from  $\mathcal{L}_i$  frame to  $\mathcal{I}$  frame.
8.  $\omega_i$ : angular velocity of  $i$ th link.
9.  $\dot{r}_i$ : linear velocity of  $i$ th link.

## References

- [1] Jackson B E, Tracy K, Manchester Z. Planning with Attitude[J]. IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters, 2021.