

refract ray

here is comment in `Triangulate.refractRay()`
of project `underwater-camera-calibration`

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# - 'rayDir' is the vector of the incoming ray
# - 'planeNormal' is the plane normal of the refracting interface
# - 'n1' is the refraction index of the medium the ray travels
  >FROM<
# - 'n2' is the refractio index of the medium the ray travels >TO<
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table of symbol

SMYBOL	MEANING
v_1	unit direction vector (FROM)
v_2	unit direction vector (TO)
n	unit normal vector of interface plane (FROM / TO)
n_1	refraction index (FROM)
n_2	refraction index (TO)
θ_1	angle (FROM)
θ_2	angle (TO)

analysis

We should notice that n is opposed to the incoming ray direction v_1 :

$$v_1^T n < 0, v_1^T v_1 = v_2^T v_2 = n^T n = 1$$

Now that we know all the parameters except v_2 ,
we need derive the expression of v_2 with other variables v_1, n, n_1, n_2

reconstruct vector

and notice cross product matrix $n \times n \times = nn^T - I$ and $n^T n = 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} |v_1| \cos \theta_1 &\equiv \frac{-v_1^T n}{|n|} = -v_1^T n \\ |v_1|^2 \sin^2 \theta_1 &\equiv \left| v_1 - (-n) \frac{(-n^T v_1)}{n^T n} \right|^2 = \left| v_1 - \frac{nn^T}{n^T n} v_1 \right|^2 = |(I - nn^T)v_1|^2 \\ &= |-n \times (n \times v_1)|^2 = v_1^T (I - nn^T)^T (I - nn^T) v_1 \\ &= v_1^T (I - nn^T)(I - nn^T) v_1 \\ &= v_1^T (I - nn^T) v_1 = v_1^T [-n \times n \times v_1] v_1 \\ &= v_1^T v_1 - [v_1^T n]^2 \\ v_1 &\equiv nn^T v_1 + (I - nn^T) v_1 = n(n^T v_1) - n \times (n \times v_1) \\ &= (-n)|v_1| \cos \theta_1 + \frac{[-n \times (n \times v_1)]}{|-n \times (n \times v_1)|} |v_1| \sin \theta_1 \end{aligned}$$

Use $v_1^T v_1 = 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \theta_1 &= \sqrt{\frac{v_1^T v_1 - [v_1^T n]^2}{v_1^T v_1}} = \sqrt{1 - [v_1^T n]^2} \\ v_1 &= (-n) \cos \theta_1 + \frac{[-n \times (n \times v_1)]}{|-n \times (n \times v_1)|} \sin \theta_1 \end{aligned}$$

For the same reason, $v_2^T v_2 = 1$,

and v_1, v_2, n in the same plane: $n \times v_1, n \times v_2$ are linear related,

and $v_1^T n < 0, v_2^T n < 0$:

$$\frac{[-n \times (n \times v_1)]}{|-n \times (n \times v_1)|} = \frac{[-n \times (n \times v_2)]}{|-n \times (n \times v_2)|}$$

We want to reconstruct v_2 with n, v_1 , similarly:

here is decomposition of orthogonal basis,

because $n^T [n \times n \times v_1] = n^T [nn^T - I]v_1 = 0^T v_1 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} v_2 &= (-n) \cos \theta_2 + \frac{[-n \times (n \times v_2)]}{|-n \times (n \times v_2)|} \sin \theta_2 \\ &= (-n) \cos \theta_2 + \frac{[-n \times (n \times v_1)]}{|-n \times (n \times v_1)|} \sin \theta_2 \end{aligned}$$

Snell's Law

From previous formula, only things are missing to reconstruct v_2 is $\sin \theta_2, \cos \theta_2$

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

We want to express θ_1, θ_2 with parameters that we know v_1, n, n_1, n_2 ,

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \theta_1 &= -v_1^T n \\ \sin \theta_1 &= \sqrt{\frac{v_1^T v_1 - [v_1^T n]^2}{v_1^T v_1}} = \sqrt{1 - [v_1^T n]^2} \\ \sin \theta_2 &= \frac{n_1}{n_2} \sin \theta_1 = \frac{n_1}{n_2} \sqrt{1 - [v_1^T n]^2} \\ \cos \theta_2 &= \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)^2 (1 - [v_1^T n]^2)}\end{aligned}$$

Represent $\frac{[-n \times (n \times v_1)]}{|-n \times (n \times v_1)|}$ with v_1, n :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{[-n \times (n \times v_1)]}{|-n \times (n \times v_1)|} &= \frac{v_1 + n \cos \theta_1}{\sin \theta_1} \\ \frac{[-n \times (n \times v_1)]}{|-n \times (n \times v_1)|} \sin \theta_2 &= v_1 \frac{\sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_1} + n \frac{\sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_1} \cos \theta_1 \\ &= v_1 \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right) - n n^T v_1 \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right) \\ &= (I - n n^T) v_1 \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right) \\ &= -n \times (n \times v_1) \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Eventually, represent v_2 with v_1, n, n_1, n_2

$$\begin{aligned}v_2 &= (-n) \cos \theta_2 + \frac{[-n \times (n \times v_1)]}{|-n \times (n \times v_1)|} \sin \theta_2 \\ &= n \left[-\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)^2 (1 - [v_1^T n]^2)} \right] + v_1 \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right) - n \left[n^T v_1 \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right) \right] \\ &= n \left[\left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right) [-n^T v_1] - \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)^2 (1 - [v_1^T n]^2)} \right] + v_1 \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Consider all the possible values of v_1

If the family of vector v_1 are always on the same plane,
the unit normal vector of this plane is π , always holds:

$$\pi^T v_1 = 0$$

We want to prove always exist $A, B \neq 0$ for any v_1 that holds $\pi^T v_1 = 0$, make sure

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A\pi + Bn)^T v_2 &= 0 \\
 &= A[\pi^T n] \left[\left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right) [-n^T v_1] - \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right)^2 (1 - [v_1^T n]^2)} \right] \\
 &\quad - B \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right)^2 (1 - [v_1^T n]^2)} \\
 &= A[\pi^T n] \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right) [-n^T v_1] \\
 &\quad - \left[A[\pi^T n] + B \right] \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right)^2 (1 - [v_1^T n]^2)} \\
 \frac{A[\pi^T n] + B}{A[\pi^T n]} &= \frac{\left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right) [-n^T v_1]}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right)^2 (1 - [v_1^T n]^2)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

So, constant A, B don't exist when v_1 keeps changing