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1 function [k, theta] = shepperds(R)
2 % Calculate angle-axis representation of a rotation matrix using
3 % Shepperd's method, p. 236
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5 % R:          rotation matrix
6 %
7 % k:          axis
8 % theta:      angle
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10 %% Setup
11 T = trace(R);
12 r00 = T;
13 temp = num2cell(diag(R));
14 [r11, r22, r33] = temp{:};
15 ris = [r00 r11 r22 r33];
16
17 %% Step 1
18 [~, j] = max(ris);
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20 %% Step 2
21 zii = sqrt(1 + 2 * ris(j) - T);
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23 %% Step 3
24 % Sign not important for just finding *one* angle-axis representation
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26 %% Step 4
27 z = zeros(4,1);
28 z(j) = zii;
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30 if j == 1
31     z(2) = (R(3,2) - R(2,3)) / z(1);
32     z(3) = (R(1,3) - R(3,1)) / z(1);
33     z(4) = (R(2,1) - R(1,2)) / z(1);
34 elseif j == 2
35     z(1) = (R(3,2) - R(2,3)) / z(2);
36     z(3) = (R(2,1) + R(1,2)) / z(2);
37     z(4) = (R(1,3) + R(3,1)) / z(2);
38 elseif j == 3
39     z(1) = (R(1,3) - R(3,1)) / z(3);
40     z(2) = (R(1,3) + R(3,1)) / z(3);
41     z(4) = (R(3,2) + R(2,3)) / z(3);
42 elseif j == 4
43     z(1) = (R(2,1) - R(1,2)) / z(4);
44     z(2) = (R(1,3) + R(3,1)) / z(4);
45     z(3) = (R(3,2) + R(2,3)) / z(4);
46 end % if
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48 %% Step 5
49 n = z(1) / 2;
50 e = zeros(3,1);
51 for j = 1:3
52     e(j) = z(j+1) / 2;
53 end % for
54
55 %% Step 6: calculate angle and axis, see p. 231
56 theta = 2 * acos(n);
57 k = e / sin(theta / 2);
58 end % function

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