

Quaternions

Given a vector \vec{v} in \mathbb{R}^3 & a scalar s we can define a quaternion q :

$$q = s + v_1 i + v_2 j + v_3 k \quad \text{where } i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$$

$$= (s, \vec{v}) = (s, v_1, v_2, v_3)$$

Addition

$$q_1 + q_2 = (a, b, c, d) + (e, f, g, h) = (a+e, b+f, c+g, d+h)$$

$$= (a + bi + cj + dk) + (e + fi + gj + hk) = (a+e) + (b+f)i + (c+g)j + (d+h)k$$

Multiplication

$$q_1 \odot q_2 = (a + bi + cj + dk)(e + fi + gj + hk)$$

$$ae + afi + agj + ahk + \underbrace{bei}_{1} + bfi^2 + bgij + bhik$$

$$+ cej + cfi + cgj^2 + chjk + \underbrace{dek}_{1} + dfi + dgkj + dhk^2$$

\times^0

$i \quad j \quad k$

$$\begin{matrix} i & -1 & k & -j \\ j & -k & -1 & i \\ k & j & -i & -1 \end{matrix} \quad ij? \quad ijk = -1 \quad ij^2 k = -k$$

$$ij = k \quad \times^1$$

$$jk? \quad ijk = -1 \quad i^2 jk = -i$$

$$jk = i \quad \times^2$$

$$ji?$$

$$\times^2 j^2 k = ji$$

$$-k = ji \quad \times^3$$

$$ki?$$

$$\times^1 i j^2 = ki$$

$$ki = -i$$

$$ik?$$

$$\times^1 i^2 j = ik$$

$$ik = -j$$

$$-ki = j i^2$$

$$ki?$$

$$\times^3$$

$$ki = j$$

$$\begin{aligned} *^o q_1 \odot q_2 = & ae + agi + agj + ahk \\ & + bej - bfj + bgk - bhj \\ & + cej - cfk - cg + chi \\ & + dek + dfj - dgi - dh \end{aligned}$$

	i	j	k
i	-1	k	-j
j	-k	-1	i
k	j	-i	-1

$$\begin{aligned} q_1 \odot q_2 = & (ae - bg - cg - dh, \text{ collect scalars} \\ & be + ag - dg + ch, \text{ collect i's} \\ & ce + df + ag - bh, \text{ collect j's} \\ & de - cf + bg + ah) \text{ collect k's} \end{aligned}$$

$$q_1 \odot q_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b & -c & -d \\ b & a & -d & c \\ c & d & a & -b \\ d & -c & b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e \\ f \\ g \\ h \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1 = (1, 0, 0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbb{I} \quad i = (0, 1, 0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$j = (0, 0, 1, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad k = (0, 0, 0, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$