

matlab quaternion class

[quaternion.m](#) is a matlab class that implements quaternion mathematical operations, 3 dimensional rotations, transformations of rotations among several representations, and numerical propagation of Euler's equations for rotational motion. All [quaternion.m](#) class methods except [Integral](#) and [PropagateEulerEq](#) are fully vectorized.

Quaternions are a generalization of complex numbers. Quaternions have the form

$$q = e_1 + i \cdot e_2 + j \cdot e_3 + k \cdot e_4$$

where e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 are real, and

$$i \cdot j = k, j \cdot i = -k, j \cdot k = i, k \cdot j = -i, k \cdot i = j, i \cdot k = -j, i \cdot i = j \cdot j = k \cdot k = -1.$$

Normalized quaternions can represent rotations in 3 dimensional space, and offer several conveniences over other representations of rotations. Other representations of 3D rotations include:

- angle-axis, an axis vector, and a rotation angle around that axis
- Euler angles, a set of 3 orthogonal body axes and 3 rotation angles about those axes
- Rotation or Direction Cosine Matrices, 3x3 orthogonal matrices

The convention used in this matlab class is that all rotation operations operate from left to right on 3x1 column vectors and create rotated vectors, not representations of those vectors in rotated coordinate systems.

Euler's equations are 3 coupled nonlinear differential equations for 3 orthogonal body angular accelerations as a function of the 3 body angular rotation rates (ω), 3 principal moments of inertia (I), and 3 torques (τ):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\omega}_1 \\ \dot{\omega}_2 \\ \dot{\omega}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_2 \omega_3 (I_{22} - I_{33}) / I_{11} \\ \omega_3 \omega_1 (I_{33} - I_{11}) / I_{22} \\ \omega_1 \omega_2 (I_{11} - I_{22}) / I_{33} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \tau_1 / I_{11} \\ \tau_2 / I_{22} \\ \tau_3 / I_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Euler's equations have complicated solutions, particularly in the case of torques, that make them most conveniently solved numerically.

The class help text for [quaternion.m](#), which implements all of these functions, is printed below.

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<http://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/33341-quaternion-m>

<http://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/20696-function-to-convert-between-dcm-euler-angles-quaternions-and-euler-vectors>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rotation_formalisms_in_three_dimensions

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conversion_between_quaternions_and_Euler_angles

<http://mathworld.wolfram.com/EulerAngles.html>

Examples

```
>> q = quaternion( [1,2,3,4] )
q      = (1          ) + i(2          ) + j(3          ) + k(4          )
>> qn = q.normalize
qn      = (0.18257      ) + i(0.36515      ) + j(0.54772      ) + k(0.7303      )
>> [angle, axis] = qn.AngleAxis
angle =
    2.7744
axis =
    0.37139
    0.55709
    0.74278
>> angles = qn.EulerAngles( '123' )
angles =
    1.4289
   -0.33984
    2.3562
>> R = qn.RotationMatrix
R =  -0.66667    0.13333    0.73333
     0.66667   -0.33333    0.66667
     0.33333    0.93333    0.13333
>> equiv( qn, quaternion.angleaxis( angle, axis ))
ans =
    1
>> equiv( qn, quaternion.eulerangles( '123', angles ))
ans =
    1
>> equiv( qn, quaternion.rotationmatrix( R ), eps(2) )
ans =
    1
```

quaternion.m help

classdef quaternion, implements quaternion mathematics and 3D rotations

Properties (SetAccess = protected):

e(4,1) components, basis [1; i; j; k]: $e(1) + i*e(2) + j*e(3) + k*e(4)$
 $i*j=k, j*i=-k, j*k=i, k*j=-i, k*i=j, i*k=-j, i*i = j*j = k*k = -1$

Constructors:

q = quaternion scalar zero quaternion, q.e = [0;0;0;0]
q = quaternion(x) x is a matrix size [4,s1,s2,...] or [s1,4,s2,...],
q is size [s1,s2,...], q(i1,i2,...).e = ...
x(1:4,i1,i2,...) or x(i1,1:4,i2,...).'
q = quaternion(v) v is a matrix size [3,s1,s2,...] or [s1,3,s2,...],
q is size [s1,s2,...], q(i1,i2,...).e = ...
[0;v(1:3,i1,i2,...)] or [0;v(i1,1:3,i2,...).']
q = quaternion(c) c is a complex matrix size [s1,s2,...],
q is size [s1,s2,...], q(i1,i2,...).e = ...
[real(c(i1,i2,...));imag(c(i1,i2,...));0;0]
q = quaternion(x1,x2) x1,x2 are matrices size [s1,s2,...] or scalars,
q(i1,i2,...).e = [x1(i1,i2,...);x2(i1,i2,...);0;0]
q = quaternion(v1,v2,v3) v1,v2,v3 matrices size [s1,s2,...] or scalars,
q(i1,i2,...).e = [0;v1(i1,i2,...);v2(i1,i2,...);...
v3(i1,i2,...)]
q = quaternion(x1,x2,x3,x4) x1,x2,x3,x4 matrices size [s1,s2,...] or scalars,
q(i1,i2,...).e = [x1(i1,i2,...);x2(i1,i2,...);...
x3(i1,i2,...);x4(i1,i2,...)]

Quaternion array constructor methods:

[q = quaternion.complexmatrix\(Q\)](#) construct quaternions from complex 2x2 matrices
q = quaternion.eye(N) quaternion NxN identity matrix
q = quaternion.nan(siz) q(:).e = [NaN;NaN;NaN;NaN]
q = quaternion.ones(siz) q(:).e = [1;0;0;0]
q = quaternion.rand(siz) uniform random quaternions, NOT normalized
to 1, $0 \leq q.e(1) \leq 1, -1 \leq q.e(2:4) \leq 1$
[q = quaternion.randRot\(siz\)](#) random quaternions uniform in rotation space
q = quaternion.zeros(siz) q(:).e = [0;0;0;0]

Rotation constructor methods (all lower case):

[q = quaternion.angleaxis\(angle,axis\)](#)

angle is an array in radians, axis is an array of vectors size [3,s1,s2,...] or [s1,3,s2,...], q is size [s1,s2,...], quaternions normalized to 1 equivalent to rotations about axis by angle

[q = quaternion.eulerangles\(axes,angles\)](#) or

[q = quaternion.eulerangles\(axes,ang1,ang2,ang3\)](#)

axes is a string array or cell string array, '123' = 'xyz' = 'XYZ' = 'ijk', etc., angles is an array of Euler angles in radians, size [3,s1,s2,...] or [s1,3,s2,...], or (ang1, ang2, ang3) are arrays or scalars of Euler angles in radians, q is size [s1,s2,...], quaternions normalized to 1 equivalent to Euler Angle rotations

[q = quaternion.integrateomega\(t,w,odeoptions\)](#) or

[q = quaternion.integrateomega\(t,omega,axis,odeoptions\)](#)

integrate angular velocities over time

[q = quaternion.modifiedrodrigues\(mrp\)](#)

quaternions from Modified Rodrigues parameters

[q = quaternion.rodrigues\(rp\)](#)

quaternions from Rodrigues parameters

[q = quaternion.rotateutov\(u,v,dimv,dimv\)](#)

quaternions normalized to 1 that rotate 3 element vectors u into the directions of 3 element vectors v

[q = quaternion.rotationmatrix\(R\)](#)

R is an array of rotation or Direction Cosine Matrices size [3,3,s1,s2,...] with $\det(R) = 1$, $q(i1,i2,...) =$ quaternions normalized to 1, equivalent to $R(1:3,1:3,i1,i2,...)$

Rotation methods (Mixed Case):

[\[angle,axis\] = AngleAxis\(q\)](#) angles in radians, unit vector rotation axes
equivalent to q

qd = Derivative(q,w) quaternion derivatives, w are 3 component
angular velocity vectors, qd = 0.5*q*quaternion(w)

[angles = EulerAngles\(q,axes\)](#) angles are 3 Euler angles equivalent to q, axes
are strings or cell strings, '123' = 'xyz', etc.

[q1 = Integral\(q0,t,w,odeoptions\)](#) or
[q1 = Integral\(q0,t,omega,axis,odeoptions\)](#)
integrate angular velocities to quaternions

mrp = ModifiedRodrigues(q) Modified Rodrigues parameters equivalent to q

[\[omega,axis\] = OmegaAxis\(q,t,dim\)](#)
instantaneous angular velocities and rotation axes

[PlotRotation\(q,interval\)](#) plot columns of rotation matrices of q,
pause interval between figure updates in seconds

[\[q1,w1,t1\] = PropagateEulerEq\(q0,w0,I,t,@torque,odeoptions\)](#)
Euler equation numerical propagator, see
help quaternion.PropagateEulerEq

rp = Rodrigues(q) Rodrigues parameters equivalent to q

Tp = RotateTensor(q,T) rotations q converted to rotation matrices R,
acting on 3x3 tensors T: Tp = R * T * R.'

[vp = RotateVector\(q,v,dim\)](#) vp are 3 component vectors, rotations q acting
on vectors v, uses rotation matrix multiplication

vp = RotateVectorQ(q,v,dim) vp are 3 component vectors, rotations q acting
on vectors v, uses quaternion multiplication,
RotateVector is 7 times faster than RotateVectorQ

[R = RotationMatrix\(q\)](#) 3x3 rotation matrices equivalent to q

Note:

In all rotation operations, the rotations operate from left to right on
3x1 column vectors and create rotated vectors, not representations of
those vectors in rotated coordinate systems.

For Euler angles, '123' means rotate the vector about x first, about y
second, about z third, i.e.:

vp = rotate(z,angle(3)) * rotate(y,angle(2)) * rotate(x,angle(1)) * v

Ordinary methods:

n = abs(q) quaternion norm, n = sqrt(sum(q.e.^2))

<u>q3 = bsxfun(func,q1,q2)</u>	binary singleton expansion of operation func
c = complex(q)	complex(real(q), imag(q))
<u>Q = ComplexMatrix(q)</u>	convert quaternions into complex 2x2 matrices
qc = conj(q)	quaternion conjugate, qc.e = [q.e(1);-q.e(2);-q.e(3);-q.e(4)]
qt = ctranspose(q)	qt = q'; quaternion conjugate transpose, 2-D (or scalar) q only
qp = cumprod(q,dim)	cumulative quaternion array product over dimension dim
qs = cumsum(q,dim)	cumulative quaternion array sum over dimension dim
qd = diff(q,ord,dim)	quaternion array difference, order ord, over dimension dim
ans = display(q)	'q = (e(1)) + i(e(2)) + j(e(3)) + k(e(4))'
<u>d = dot(q1,q2)</u>	quaternion element dot product, d = dot(q1.e,q2.e)
d = double(q)	d = q.e; if size(q) == [s1,s2,...], size(d) == [4,s1,s2,...]
l = eq(q1,q2)	quaternion equality, l = all(q1.e == q2.e)
<u>l = equiv(q1,q2,tol)</u>	quaternion rotational equivalence, within tolerance tol, l = (q1 == q2) (q1 == -q2)
<u>qe = exp(q)</u>	quaternion exponential, v = q.e(2:4), qe.e = exp(q.e(1))*[cos(v);v.*sin(v)./ v]
ei = imag(q)	imaginary e(2) components
<u>qi = interp1(t,q,ti,method)</u>	interpolate quaternion array
qi = inverse(q)	quaternion inverse, qi = conj(q)./norm(q).^2, q .* qi = qi .* q = 1 for q ~= 0
l = isequal(q1,q2,...)	true if equal sizes and values
l = isequaln(q1,q2,...)	true if equal including NaNs
l = isequalwithequalnans(q1,q2,...)	true if equal including NaNs
l = isfinite(q)	true if all(isfinite(q.e))
l = isinf(q)	true if any(isinf(q.e))
l = isnan(q)	true if any(isnan(q.e))
ej = jmag(q)	e(3) components
ek = kmag(q)	e(4) components
q3 = ldivide(q1,q2)	quaternion left division, q3 = q1 \. q2 = inverse(q1) *. q2
<u>ql = log(q)</u>	quaternion logarithm, v = q.e(2:4), ql.e = [log(q);v.*acos(q.e(1)./ q)./ v]

<code>q3 = minus(q1,q2)</code>	quaternion subtraction, $q3 = q1 - q2$
<code>q3 = mldivide(q1,q2)</code>	left division only defined for scalar $q1$
<code>qp = mpower(q,p)</code>	quaternion matrix power, $qp = q^p$, p scalar integer ≥ 0 , q square quaternion matrix
<code>q3 = mrdivide(q1,q2)</code>	right division only defined for scalar $q2$
<code>q3 = mtimes(q1,q2)</code>	2-D matrix quaternion multiplication, $q3 = q1 * q2$
<code>l = ne(q1,q2)</code>	quaternion inequality, $l = \sim \text{all}(q1.e == q2.e)$
<code>n = norm(q)</code>	quaternion norm, $n = \sqrt{\sum(q.e.^2)}$
<u><code>[q,n] = normalize(q)</code></u>	make quaternion norm $= 1$, unless $q == 0$, n = matrix of previous norms
<code>q3 = plus(q1,q2)</code>	quaternion addition, $q3 = q1 + q2$
<code>qp = power(q,p)</code>	quaternion power, $qp = q.^p$
<code>qp = prod(q,dim)</code>	quaternion array product over dimension dim
<code>qp = product(q1,q2)</code>	quaternion product of scalar quaternions, $qp = q1 .* q2$, noncommutative
<code>q3 = rdivide(q1,q2)</code>	quaternion right division, $q3 = q1 ./ q2 =$ $q1 .* \text{inverse}(q2)$
<code>er = real(q)</code>	real $e(1)$ components
<u><code>qs = slerp(q0,q1,t)</code></u>	quaternion spherical linear interpolation
<code>qr = sqrt(q)</code>	$qr = q.^{0.5}$, square root
<code>qs = sum(q,dim)</code>	quaternion array sum over dimension dim
<code>q3 = times(q1,q2)</code>	matrix component quaternion multiplication, $q3 = q1 .* q2$, noncommutative
<code>qm = uminus(q)</code>	quaternion negation, $qm = -q$
<code>qp = uplus(q)</code>	quaternion unitary plus, $qp = +q$
<code>ev = vector(q)</code>	vector $e(2:4)$ components

quaternion method help

quaternion.angleaxis

function `q = quaternion.angleaxis(angle, axis)`

Construct quaternions from rotation axes and rotation angles

Inputs:

`angle` array of rotation angles in radians
`axis` 3xN or Nx3 array of axes (need not be unit vectors)

Output:

`q` quaternion array

quaternion.AngleAxis

function `[angle, axis] = AngleAxis(q)` or `[angle, axis] = q.AngleAxis`

Construct angle-axis pairs equivalent to quaternion rotations

Input:

`q` quaternion array

Outputs:

`angle` rotation angles in radians, $0 \leq \text{angle} \leq 2\pi$
`axis` 3xN or Nx3 rotation axis unit vectors

Note: `angle` and `axis` are constructed so at least 2 out of 3 elements of `axis` are ≥ 0 .

quaternion.bsxfun

function `q3 = bsxfun(func, q1, q2)`

Binary Singleton Expansion for quaternion arrays. Apply the element by element binary operation specified by the function handle `func` to arrays `q1` and `q2`. All dimensions of `q1` and `q2` must either agree or be length 1.

Inputs:

`func` function handle (e.g. `@plus`) of quaternion function or operator
`q1(n1)` quaternion array
`q2(n2)` quaternion array

Output:

`q3(n3)` quaternion array of function or operator outputs
`size(q3) = max(size(q1), size(q2))`

quaternion.complexmatrix

```
function q = quaternion.complexmatrix( Q )
```

Construct quaternions from special complex 2x2 matrices. Matrix algebra with Q (e.g. sum, difference, matrix product, matrix inverse) is equivalent to the same operation with quaternions. Complex matrices can be created from quaternions with `q.ComplexMatrix` (upper case).

Input:

Q 2x2xN array of complex matrices, $[a, c; b, d]$

Output:

q array of N quaternions
 $q.e(1) = (d + a)/2$, $q.e(2) = i*(d - a)/2$,
 $q.e(3) = (c - b)/2$, $q.e(4) = i*(c + b)/2$

quaternion.ComplexMatrix

```
function Q = ComplexMatrix( q ) or Q = q.ComplexMatrix
```

Convert quaternions into special complex 2x2 matrices. Matrix algebra with Q (e.g. sum, difference, matrix product, matrix inverse) is equivalent to the same operation with quaternions. Quaternions can be created from 2x2 complex matrices with `quaternion.complexmatrix(Q)` (lower case).

Input:

q array of N quaternions, $q.e = [A; B; C; D]$

Output:

Q 2x2xN array of complex matrices
 $Q = [A + B*i, C - D*i;$
 $-C - D*i, A - B*i]$

quaternion.dot

```
function d = dot( q1, q2 )
```

quaternion element dot product: $d = \text{dot}(q1.e, q2.e)$, using binary singleton expansion of quaternion arrays

$dn = \text{dot}(q1, q2) / (\text{norm}(q1) * \text{norm}(q2))$ is the cosine of the angle in 4D space between 4D vectors $q1.e$ and $q2.e$

quaternion.equiv

```
function l = equiv( q1, q2, tol )
```

quaternion rotational equivalence, within tolerance tol,
 $1 = (q1 == q2) \mid (q1 == -q2)$
optional argument tol (default = eps) sets tolerance for difference
from exact equality

quaternion.eulerangles

function q = quaternion.eulerangles(axes, angles) or
function q = quaternion.eulerangles(axes, angl1, angl2, angl3)

Construct quaternions from triplets of axes and Euler angles

Inputs:

axes	string array or cell string array '123' = 'xyz' = 'XYZ' = 'ijk', etc.
angles	3xN or Nx3 array of angles in radians OR
angl1, angl2, angl3	arrays of angles in radians

Output:

q	quaternion array
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quaternion.EulerAngles

function angles = EulerAngles(q, axes) or angles = q.EulerAngles(axes)

Construct Euler angle triplets equivalent to quaternion rotations

Inputs:

q	quaternion array
axes	axes designation strings (e.g. '123' = xyz) or cell strings (e.g. {'123'})

Output:

angles	3 element Euler Angle vectors in radians
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quaternion.exp

function qe = exp(q)
quaternion exponential, v = q.e(2:4),
 $qe.e = \exp(q.e(1)) * [\cos(|v|); v.*\sin(|v|)./|v|]$

quaternion.Integral

Integrate angular velocities over time (using ode45) to obtain the
orientation quaternions at those times, starting from initial scalar q0.
Angular velocities (and rotation axes) are computed at intermediate times

by spline interpolation. Use `q0 = quaternion(1,0,0,0)` as the initial value unless there is an initial orientation.

Calling syntax 1:

```
function q1 = Integral( q0, t, w, odeoptions )
```

Inputs:

`q0` initial orientation quaternion (normalized, scalar)
`t(nt)` initial and subsequent (or previous) times `t = [t0,t1,...]`
 (monotonic)
`w(3,nt)` 3D angular velocity vectors, radians/(unit time)
`odeoptions` [OPTIONAL] ode45 options

Calling syntax 2:

```
function q1 = Integral( q0, t, omega, axis, odeoptions )
```

Inputs:

`q0` initial orientation quaternion (normalized, scalar)
`t(nt)` initial and subsequent (or previous) times `t = [t0,t1,...]`
 (monotonic)
`omega(nt)` angular velocities, radians/(unit time)
`axis(3,nt)` 3D rotation axis vectors (normalized to unit vectors
 internally)
`odeoptions` [OPTIONAL] ode45 options

Output (either syntax):

`q1(nt)` array of normalized quaternions at times `t`

quaternion.integrateomega

Integrate angular velocities over time (using ode45) to obtain the orientation quaternions at those times, using `quaternion.Integral` and initial `quaternion(1,0,0,0)`

Calling syntax 1:

```
function q = quaternion.integrateomega( t, w, odeoptions )
```

Inputs:

`t(nt)` initial and subsequent (or previous) times `t = [t0,t1,...]`
 (monotonic)
`w(3,nt)` 3D angular velocity vectors, radians/(unit time)

odeoptions [OPTIONAL] ode45 options

Calling syntax 2:

```
function q = quaternion.integrateomega( t, omega, axis, odeoptions )
```

Inputs:

t(nt) initial and subsequent (or previous) times $t = [t_0, t_1, \dots]$
 (monotonic)

omega(nt) angular velocities, radians/(unit time)

axis(3,nt) 3D rotation axis vectors (normalized to unit vectors
 internally)

odeoptions [OPTIONAL] ode45 options

Output (either syntax):

q(nt) array of normalized quaternions at times t

quaternion.interp1

```
function qi = interp1( t, q, ti, method ) or
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      qi = q.interp1( t, ti, method ) or
```

```
      qi = interp1( q, ti, method )
```

Interpolate quaternion array. If q are rotation quaternions (i.e. normalized to 1), then $-q$ is equivalent to q , and the sign of q to use as the second knot of the interpolation is chosen by which ever is closer to the first knot. Extrapolation (i.e. $t_i < \min(t)$ or $t_i > \max(t)$) gives $q_i = \text{quaternion.nan}$.

Inputs:

t(nt) array of ordinates (e.g. times); if t is not provided $t=1:nt$

q(nt,nq) quaternion array

ti(ni) array of query (interpolation) points, $t(1) \leq t_i \leq t(\text{end})$

method [OPTIONAL] 'slerp' or 'linear'; default = 'slerp'

Output:

qi(ni,nq) interpolated quaternion array

quaternion.log

```
function ql = log( q )
```

quaternion logarithm, $v = q.e(2:4)$, $ql.e = [\log(|q|); v.*\text{acos}(q.e(1)./|q|)./|v|]$

logarithm of negative real quaternions is $ql.e = [\log(|q|); \pi; 0; 0]$

quaternion.normalize

```
function [q, n] = normalize( q )  
q = quaternions with norm == 1 (unless q == 0), n = former norms
```

quaternion.OmegaAxis

```
function [omega, axis] = OmegaAxis( q, t, dim ) or  
[omega, axis] = q.OmegaAxis( t, dim )  
Estimate instantaneous angular velocities and rotation axes from a time  
series of quaternions. The angular velocity vector omegav is computed by:  
omegav(:,1) = vector( 2*log( q(1) * inverse(q(2)) )/(t(2) - t(1)) );  
omegav(:,i) = vector(...  
    (log( q(i-1) * inverse(q(i)) ) + log( q(i) * inverse(q(i+1))) )/...  
    (0.5*(t(i+1) - t(i-1))) );  
omegav(:,end) = vector( 2*log( q(end-1) * inverse(q(end)) )/...  
    (t(end) - t(end-1)) );  
[axis, omega] = unitvector( omegav );
```

Inputs:

q array of normalized (rotation) quaternions
t [OPT] array of monotonically increasing (or decreasing) times.
 if omitted or empty, unit time steps are assumed.
 t must either be a vector with the same length as dimension
 dim of q, or the same size as q.
dim [OPT] dimension of q that is varying in time; if omitted or empty,
 the first non-singleton dimension is used.

Outputs:

omega array of instantaneous angular velocities, radians/(unit time)
 omega >= 0
axis instantaneous 3D rotation axis unit vectors at each time

quaternion.PlotRotation

```
function PlotRotation( q, interval ) or q.PlotRotation( interval )
```

Inputs:

q quaternion array
interval pause between figure updates in seconds, default = 0.1

Output:

figure plotting the 3 Cartesian axes orientations for the series of

quaternions in array `q`

quaternion.PropagateEulerEq

function [q1, w1, t1] = PropagateEulerEq(q0, w0, I, t, torque, odeoptions)

Inputs:

`q0` initial orientation quaternion (normalized, scalar)
`w0(3)` initial body frame angular velocity vector
`I(3)` principal body moments of inertia (if no torque, only
 ratios of elements of `I` are used)
`t(nt)` initial and subsequent (or previous) times `t = [t0,t1,...]`
 (monotonic)

@torque [OPTIONAL] function handle to calculate torque vector:

 tau(1:3) = torque(t, y), where `y = [q.e(1:4); w(1:3)]`

odeoptions [OPTIONAL] ode45 options

Outputs:

`q1(1,nt)` array of normalized quaternions at times `t1`
`w1(3,nt)` array of body frame angular velocity vectors at times `t1`
`t1(1,nt)` array of output times

Calls:

Derivative quaternion derivative method
odeset matlab ode options setter
ode45 matlab ode numerical differential equation integrator
torque [OPTIONAL] user-supplied torque as function of time, orientation,
 and angular rates; default is no torque

quaternion.randRot

function q = quaternion.randRot(siz)

Random quaternions uniform in rotation space

Input:

`siz` size of output array `q`

Output:

`q` random quaternions, normalized to 1, $0 \leq q.e(1) \leq 1$,
 uniform over the 3D surface of a 4 dimensional hypersphere

quaternion.rotateutov

function q = quaternion.rotateutov(u, v, dimu, dimv)

Construct quaternions to rotate vectors u into directions of vectors v

Inputs:

u 3x1 or 3xN or 1x3 or Nx3 arrays of vectors
v 3x1 or 3xN or 1x3 or Nx3 arrays of vectors
dimu [OPTIONAL] dimension of u with size 3 to use
dimv [OPTIONAL] dimension of v with size 3 to use

Output:

q quaternion array

quaternion.RotateVector

function vp = RotateVector(q, v, dim) or
 vp = q.RotateVector(v, dim)

3x3 rotation matrices are created from q and matrix multiplication
rotates v into vp. RotateVector is 7 times faster than RotateVectorQ.

Inputs:

q quaternion array
v 3xN or Nx3 element Cartesian vectors
dim [OPTIONAL] dimension of v with size 3 to rotate

Output:

vp 3xN or Nx3 element rotated vectors

quaternion.rotationmatrix

function q = quaternion.rotationmatrix(R)

Construct quaternions from rotation (or direction cosine) matrices

Input:

R 3x3xN rotation (or direction cosine) matrices

Output:

q quaternion array

quaternion.RotationMatrix

function R = RotationMatrix(q) or R = q.RotationMatrix

Construct rotation (or direction cosine) matrices from quaternions

Input:

q quaternion array

Output:

R 3x3xN rotation (or direction cosine) matrices

quaternion.slerp

function qs = slerp(q0, q1, t)

quaternion spherical linear interpolation, qs = q0.*(q0.inverse.*q1).^t,

default t = 0.5; see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slerp>

PropagateEulerEq Demonstration

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function quaterniondemo2
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    quaternion demo 2, Reentry Vehicle tip off on separation and spin-up
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