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$$\widehat{\mathbf{q}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \\ \hline q_4 \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{q} \\ \hline q_4 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\|\widehat{\mathbf{q}}\| = \sqrt{\|\mathbf{q}\|^2 + q_4^2} = \sqrt{\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{q} + q_4^2}$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{p}} + \widehat{\mathbf{q}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q} \\ \hline p_4 + q_4 \end{array} \right\} \quad a\widehat{\mathbf{p}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} a\mathbf{p} \\ \hline ap_4 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$(\widehat{\mathbf{p}} + \widehat{\mathbf{q}}) + \widehat{\mathbf{r}} = \widehat{\mathbf{p}} + (\widehat{\mathbf{q}} + \widehat{\mathbf{r}}) \quad \widehat{\mathbf{p}} + \widehat{\mathbf{q}} = \widehat{\mathbf{q}} + \widehat{\mathbf{p}}$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{p}} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{q}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} p_4 \mathbf{q} + q_4 \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{q} \\ \hline p_4 q_4 - \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} \end{array} \right\}$$

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$$\widehat{\mathbf{p}} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{q}} \neq \widehat{\mathbf{q}} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{p}}$$

## Example

Find the product of the quaternions

$$\widehat{\mathbf{p}} = \left\{ \frac{\mathbf{p}}{p_4} \right\} = \left\{ \frac{\hat{\mathbf{j}}}{1} \right\} \quad \widehat{\mathbf{q}} = \left\{ \frac{\mathbf{q}}{q_4} \right\} = \left\{ \frac{0.5\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 0.5\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 0.75\hat{\mathbf{k}}}{1} \right\}$$

## Details

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathbf{p}} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{q}} &= \left\{ \frac{p_4 \mathbf{q} + q_4 \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{q}}{p_4 q_4 - \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q}} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \frac{\overbrace{0.5\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 0.5\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 0.75\hat{\mathbf{k}}} + \overbrace{1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{j}}} + \overbrace{\hat{\mathbf{j}} \times (0.5\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 0.5\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 0.75\hat{\mathbf{k}})}^{-0.5\hat{\mathbf{k}} + 0.75\hat{\mathbf{i}}}}{\underbrace{1 \cdot 1}_{1} - \underbrace{\hat{\mathbf{j}} \cdot (0.5\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 0.5\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 0.75\hat{\mathbf{k}})}_{0.5}} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \frac{(0.5 + 0.75)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + (0.5 + 1.0)\hat{\mathbf{j}} + (0.75 - 0.5)\hat{\mathbf{k}}}{0.5} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\widehat{\mathbf{p}} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{q}} = \left\{ \frac{1.25\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 1.5\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 0.25\hat{\mathbf{k}}}{0.5} \right\}}$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{q}}^* = \left\{ \frac{-\mathbf{q}}{q_4} \right\}$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{1}} = \left\{ \frac{\mathbf{0}}{1} \right\}$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{q}} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{1}} = \widehat{\mathbf{1}} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{q}} = \left\{ \frac{q_4 \cdot \mathbf{0} + 1 \cdot \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{0}}{q_4 \cdot 1 - \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{0}} \right\} = \left\{ \frac{\mathbf{q}}{q_4} \right\} = \widehat{\mathbf{q}}$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{q}} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{q}}^* = \widehat{\mathbf{q}}^* \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{q}} = \left\{ \frac{q_4(-\mathbf{q}) + q_4 \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{q} \times (-\mathbf{q})}{q_4 q_4 - \mathbf{q} \cdot (-\mathbf{q})} \right\} = \left\{ \frac{\mathbf{0}}{\|\widehat{\mathbf{q}}\|^2} \right\} = \|\widehat{\mathbf{q}}\|^2 \widehat{\mathbf{1}}$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{q}}^{-1} = \frac{\widehat{\mathbf{q}}^*}{\|\widehat{\mathbf{q}}\|^2}$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{q}} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{q}}^{-1} = \widehat{\mathbf{q}}^{-1} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{q}} = \widehat{\mathbf{1}}$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{q}} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{q}}^* = \widehat{\mathbf{q}}^* \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{q}} = \widehat{\mathbf{1}} \quad (\text{if } \|\widehat{\mathbf{q}}\| = 1)$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{q}} = \left\{ \frac{\sin(\theta/2) \hat{\mathbf{u}}}{\cos(\theta/2)} \right\}$$

$$q_1 = l \sin(\theta/2) \quad q_2 = m \sin(\theta/2) \quad q_3 = n \sin(\theta/2) \quad q_4 = \cos(\theta/2)$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{q}}^* = \left\{ \frac{-\sin(\theta/2) \hat{\mathbf{u}}}{\cos(\theta/2)} \right\}$$

1. Write the quaternion as

$$\widehat{\mathbf{q}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \\ q_4 \end{array} \right\}$$

where  $[q_1 \ q_2 \ q_3]^T$  is the vector part,  $q_4$  is the scalar part, and  $\|\widehat{\mathbf{q}}\| = 1$ .

2. Compute the direction cosine matrix of the transformation from XYZ to xyz as follows:

$$[\mathbf{Q}]_{Xx} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1^2 - q_2^2 - q_3^2 + q_4^2 & 2(q_1 q_2 + q_3 q_4) & 2(q_1 q_3 - q_2 q_4) \\ 2(q_2 q_1 - q_3 q_4) & -q_1^2 + q_2^2 - q_3^2 + q_4^2 & 2(q_2 q_3 + q_1 q_4) \\ 2(q_3 q_1 + q_2 q_4) & 2(q_3 q_2 - q_1 q_4) & -q_1^2 - q_2^2 + q_3^2 + q_4^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (11.157)$$

$$[\mathbf{Q}]_{Xx} [\mathbf{Q}]_{Xx}^T = [\mathbf{Q}]_{Xx}^T [\mathbf{Q}]_{Xx} = [\mathbf{1}]$$

$$q_4 = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + Q_{11} + Q_{22} + Q_{33}}$$

$$q_1 = \frac{Q_{23} - Q_{32}}{4q_4} \quad q_2 = \frac{Q_{31} - Q_{13}}{4q_4} \quad q_3 = \frac{Q_{12} - Q_{21}}{4q_4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{11} + Q_{22} + Q_{33} &= 3q_4^2 - (q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2) \\ &= 4q_4^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

## Example

- (a) Write down the unit quaternion for a rotation about the  $x$  axis through an angle  $\theta$ .  
 (b) Obtain the corresponding direction cosine matrix.

## Details

(a)

$$\widehat{\mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\theta/2) \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \cos(\theta/2) \end{bmatrix}$$

(b)

$$[\mathbf{Q}] = \begin{bmatrix} \sin^2(\theta/2) + \cos^2(\theta/2) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin^2(\theta/2) + \cos^2(\theta/2) & 2\sin(\theta/2)\cos(\theta/2) \\ 0 & -2\sin(\theta/2)\cos(\theta/2) & -\sin^2(\theta/2) + \cos^2(\theta/2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\mathbf{Q}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ 0 & -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{v}}' = \widehat{\mathbf{q}} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{v}} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{q}}^*$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \widehat{\mathbf{v}}' = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}' \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{q}} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta/2)\mathbf{v} + \sin(\theta/2)(\hat{\mathbf{u}} \times \mathbf{v}) \\ -\sin(\theta/2)(\hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}' &= \overbrace{[-\sin(\theta/2)(\hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{v})]}^{(\widehat{\mathbf{q}} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{v}})_4} \overbrace{(-\sin(\theta/2)\hat{\mathbf{u}})}^{\mathbf{q}^*} + \overbrace{\cos(\theta/2)}^{q^*_4} \overbrace{[\cos(\theta/2)\mathbf{v} + \sin(\theta/2)(\hat{\mathbf{u}} \times \mathbf{v})]}^{\mathbf{q} \otimes \mathbf{v}} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{[\cos(\theta/2)\mathbf{v} + \sin(\theta/2)(\hat{\mathbf{u}} \times \mathbf{v})]}_{\mathbf{q} \otimes \mathbf{v}} \times \underbrace{(-\sin(\theta/2)\hat{\mathbf{u}})}_{\mathbf{q}^*} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sin^2(\theta/2)\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{v}) + [\cos^2(\theta/2)\mathbf{v} + \cos(\theta/2)\sin(\theta/2)(\hat{\mathbf{u}} \times \mathbf{v})] \\ + \cos(\theta/2)\sin(\theta/2)(\hat{\mathbf{u}} \times \mathbf{v}) - \sin^2(\theta/2)(\hat{\mathbf{u}} \times \mathbf{v}) \times \hat{\mathbf{u}}$$

$$\mathbf{v}' = \mathbf{v}[\cos^2(\theta/2) - \sin^2(\theta/2)] + \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{v})[2\sin^2(\theta/2)] + (\hat{\mathbf{u}} \times \mathbf{v})[2\cos(\theta/2)\sin(\theta/2)]$$

$$\mathbf{v}' = \mathbf{v}\cos\theta + \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{v})(1 - \cos\theta) + (\hat{\mathbf{u}} \times \mathbf{v})\sin\theta$$

$$v'_4 = \overbrace{[-\sin(\theta/2)(\hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{v})]}^{(\hat{\mathbf{q}} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{v}})_4} \overbrace{[\cos(\theta/2)]}^{q^*_4} - \overbrace{[\cos(\theta/2)\mathbf{v} + \sin(\theta/2)(\hat{\mathbf{u}} \times \mathbf{v})]}^{\mathbf{q} \otimes \mathbf{v}} \cdot \overbrace{[-\sin(\theta/2)\hat{\mathbf{u}}]}^{\mathbf{q}^*} \\ = -\sin(\theta/2)\cos(\theta/2)(\hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{v}) + \cos(\theta/2)\sin(\theta/2)(\hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{v}) + \sin^2(\theta/2)(\hat{\mathbf{u}} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} \\ = 0$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{q}} \otimes (\hat{\mathbf{q}}^* \otimes \hat{\mathbf{v}} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{q}}) \otimes \hat{\mathbf{q}}^* = (\hat{\mathbf{q}} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{q}}^*) \otimes \hat{\mathbf{v}} \otimes (\hat{\mathbf{q}} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{q}}^*) = \hat{\mathbf{1}} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{v}} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{1}} = (\hat{\mathbf{1}} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{v}}) \otimes \hat{\mathbf{1}} = \hat{\mathbf{v}} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{1}} = \hat{\mathbf{v}}$$

## Example

Consider the vector  $\mathbf{v} = v\hat{\mathbf{j}}$ . Using the quaternion and corresponding direction cosine matrix in Example 11.22, carry out the following operations and interpret the results geometrically:

(i)  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}' = \hat{\mathbf{q}} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{v}} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{q}}^*$

(ii)  $\{\mathbf{v}'\} = [\mathbf{Q}]\{\mathbf{v}\}$

where

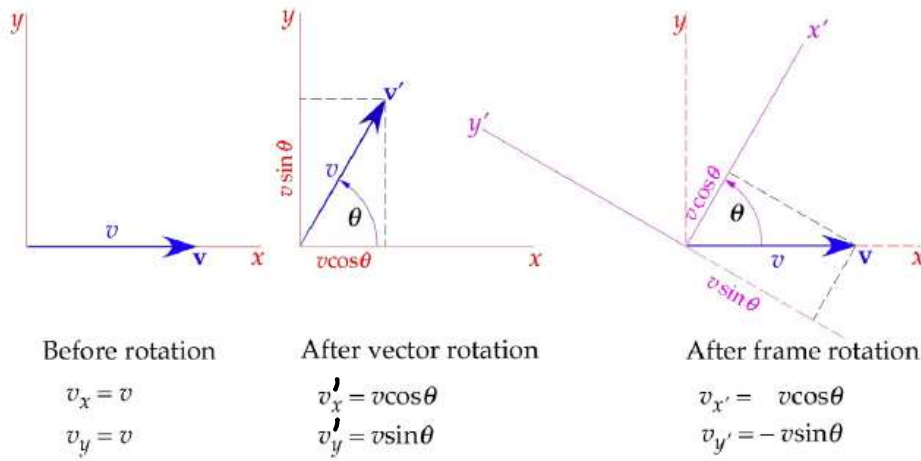
$$\hat{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{Bmatrix} v\hat{\mathbf{j}} \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad \hat{\mathbf{q}} = \begin{Bmatrix} \sin(\theta/2)\hat{\mathbf{i}} \\ \cos(\theta/2) \end{Bmatrix} \quad [\mathbf{Q}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ 0 & -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

## Details

(i)  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}' = \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{v}' \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{v}' = v\cos\theta\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{i}}(\hat{\mathbf{i}} \cdot \mathbf{v})(1 - \cos\theta) + (\hat{\mathbf{i}} \times v\hat{\mathbf{j}})\sin\theta \\ = v\cos\theta\hat{\mathbf{j}} + v\sin\theta\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

(ii)  $\mathbf{v}' = v\cos\theta\hat{\mathbf{j}}' - v\sin\theta\hat{\mathbf{k}}'$



$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{q}}} = \left\{ \frac{\frac{d}{dt} [\hat{\mathbf{u}} \sin(\theta/2)]}{\frac{d}{dt} \cos(\theta/2)} \right\} = \left\{ \frac{\dot{\hat{\mathbf{u}}} \sin(\theta/2) + \hat{\mathbf{u}} (\dot{\theta}/2) \cos(\theta/2)}{-(\dot{\theta}/2) \sin(\theta/2)} \right\}$$

$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{u}}} = \frac{1}{2} [\hat{\mathbf{u}} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} - \cot(\theta/2) \hat{\mathbf{u}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{u}} \times \boldsymbol{\omega})]$$

$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{q}}} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{\sin(\theta/2) \hat{\mathbf{u}} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} + \cos(\theta/2) \boldsymbol{\omega}}{-\dot{\theta} \sin(\theta/2)} \right\}$$

$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{q}}} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{\mathbf{q} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} + q_4 \boldsymbol{\omega}}{-\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{q}} \right\}$$

$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{q}}} = \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathbf{q}} \otimes \hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = \left\{ \frac{\boldsymbol{\omega}}{0} \right\}$$

$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{q}}} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{\begin{pmatrix} (q_2 \omega_3 - q_3 \omega_2) + q_4 \omega_1 \\ (q_3 \omega_1 - q_1 \omega_3) + q_4 \omega_2 \\ (q_1 \omega_2 - q_2 \omega_1) + q_4 \omega_3 \\ -\omega_1 q_1 - \omega_2 q_2 - \omega_3 q_3 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \omega_3 & -\omega_2 & \omega_1 \\ -\omega_3 & 0 & \omega_1 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_2 & -\omega_1 & 0 & \omega_3 \\ -\omega_1 & -\omega_2 & -\omega_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} \right\} \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \\ q_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left\{\widehat{\mathbf{q}}\right\}=\frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{\Omega}]\left\{\widehat{\mathbf{q}}\right\}$$

$$[\mathbf{\Omega}]=\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c}0&\omega_3&-\omega_2&\omega_1\\-\omega_3&0&\omega_1&\omega_2\\\hline\omega_2&-\omega_1&0&\omega_3\\-\omega_1&-\omega_2&-\omega_3&0\end{array}\right]$$

$$\left\{\widehat{\mathbf{q}}\right\}=\exp\left(\frac{[\mathbf{\Omega}]}{2}t\right)\left\{\widehat{\mathbf{q}}_0\right\}$$

$$\exp\left(\frac{[\mathbf{\Omega}]}{2}t\right)=\begin{bmatrix}\cos\frac{\omega t}{2}&\frac{\omega_z}{\omega}\sin\frac{\omega t}{2}&-\frac{\omega_y}{\omega}\sin\frac{\omega t}{2}&\frac{\omega_x}{\omega}\sin\frac{\omega t}{2}\\-\frac{\omega_z}{\omega}\sin\frac{\omega t}{2}&\cos\frac{\omega t}{2}&\frac{\omega_x}{\omega}\sin\frac{\omega t}{2}&\frac{\omega_y}{\omega}\sin\frac{\omega t}{2}\\\frac{\omega_y}{\omega}\sin\frac{\omega t}{2}&-\frac{\omega_x}{\omega}\sin\frac{\omega t}{2}&\cos\frac{\omega t}{2}&\frac{\omega_z}{\omega}\sin\frac{\omega t}{2}\\\frac{\omega_x}{\omega}\sin\frac{\omega t}{2}&\frac{\omega_y}{\omega}\sin\frac{\omega t}{2}&-\frac{\omega_z}{\omega}\sin\frac{\omega t}{2}&\cos\frac{\omega t}{2}\end{bmatrix}$$

$$\omega=\sqrt{\omega_x^2+\omega_y^2+\omega_z^2}$$