

# Orthogonal tensors

An orthogonal tensor  $\underline{\underline{Q}} \in \mathcal{V}^2$  is a linear transformation satisfying

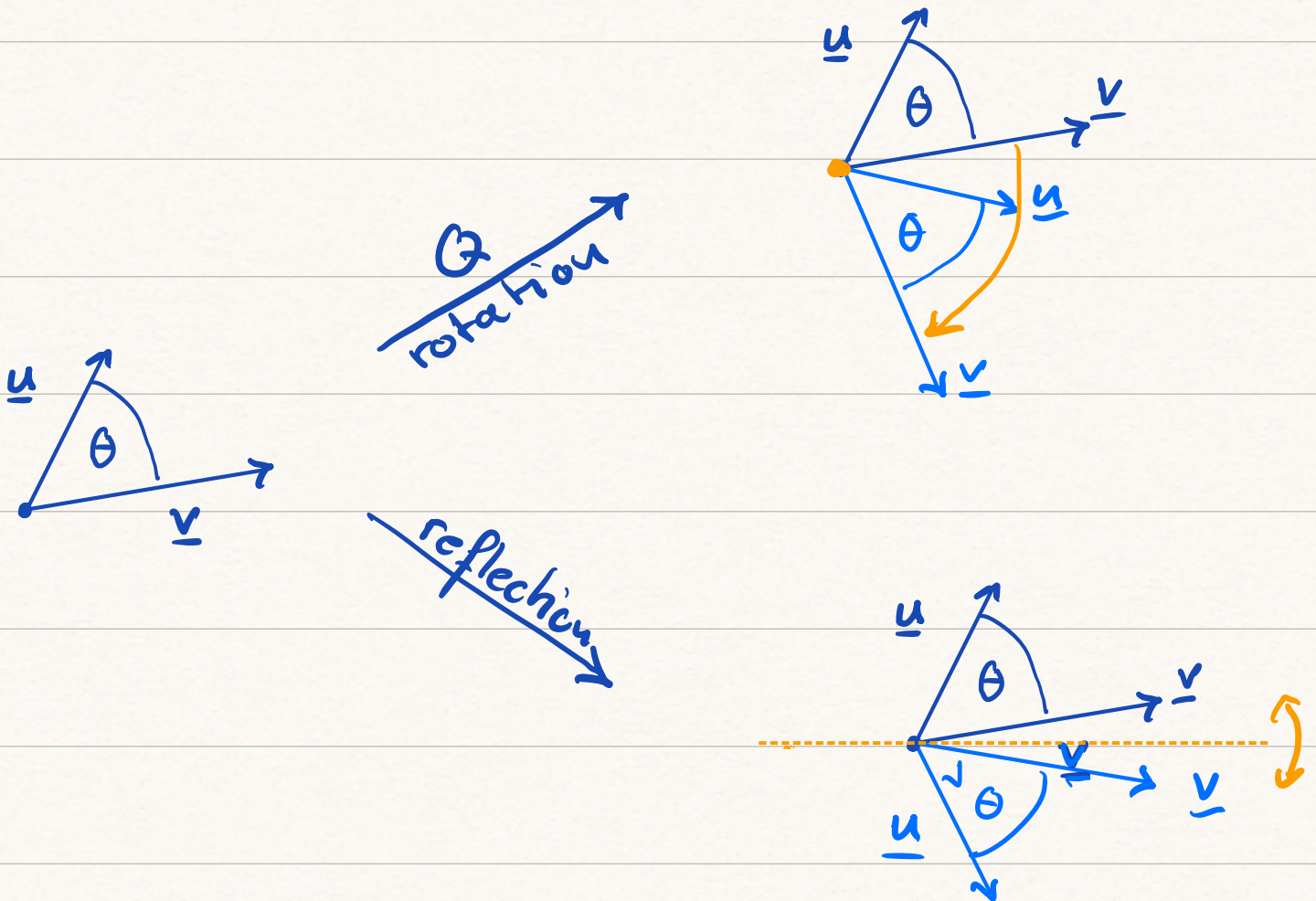
$$\underline{\underline{Q}} \underline{u} \cdot \underline{\underline{Q}} \underline{v} = \underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}$$

for all  $\underline{u}, \underline{v} \in \mathcal{V}$

$$\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} = |\underline{u}| |\underline{v}| \cos \theta$$

$\Rightarrow$  preserves length & angle

only two possible operations:



Properties of orthogonal matrices:

$$\underline{\underline{Q}}^T = \underline{\underline{Q}}^{-1}$$

$$\underline{\underline{Q}}^T \underline{\underline{Q}} = \underline{\underline{Q}} \underline{\underline{Q}}^T = \underline{\underline{I}}$$

$$\det(\underline{\underline{Q}}) = \pm 1$$

Example:  $1 = \det(\underline{\underline{I}}) = \det(\underline{\underline{Q}}^T \underline{\underline{Q}})$

$$= \det(\underline{\underline{Q}}^T) \det(\underline{\underline{Q}}) = \det(\underline{\underline{Q}})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(\underline{\underline{Q}}) = \pm 1$$

If  $\det(\underline{\underline{Q}}) = 1 \Rightarrow$  rotation

$\det(\underline{\underline{Q}}) = -1 \Rightarrow$  reflection

In mechanics we are mostly concerned with rotations.



# Rotation Matrices

$$\underline{v} = Q(\hat{\underline{r}}, \theta) \underline{u}$$

$\hat{\underline{r}}$  = axis of rotation

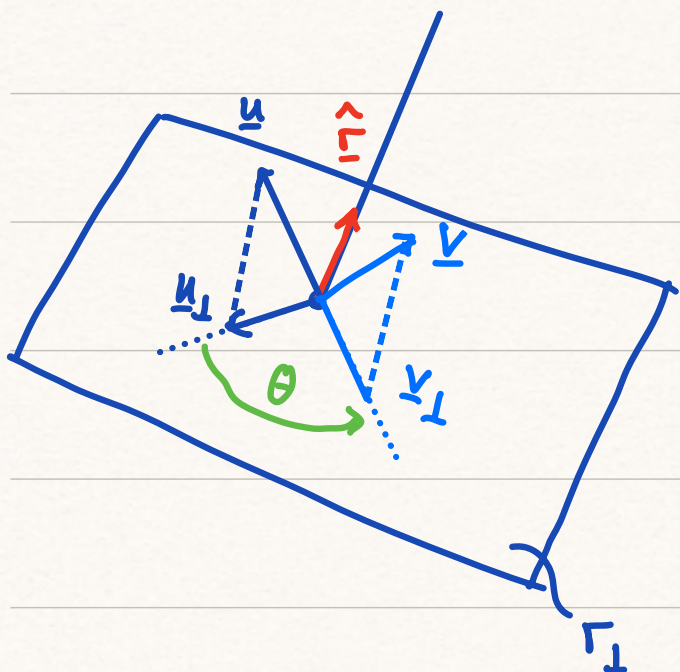
$\Gamma_{\perp}$  = plane  $\perp$  to  $\hat{\underline{r}}$

$\theta$  = counter clock wise angle

$$\underline{u} = \underline{u}_{\parallel} + \underline{u}_{\perp}$$

$$\underline{v} = \underline{v}_{\parallel} + \underline{v}_{\perp}$$

$$\underline{v}_{\parallel} = \underline{u}_{\parallel} = (\underline{u} \cdot \hat{\underline{r}}) \hat{\underline{r}} = (\hat{\underline{r}} \otimes \hat{\underline{r}}) \underline{u}$$



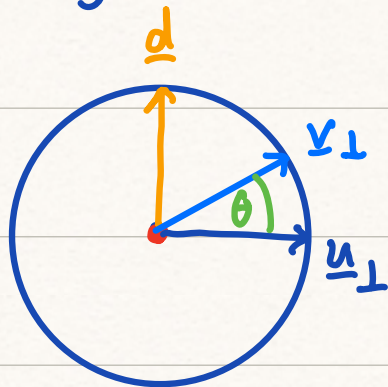
What is  $\underline{v}_{\perp}$ ?

looking out  $\Gamma_{\perp}$

$$\underline{d} = \hat{\underline{r}} \times \underline{u}$$

$\underline{d} \perp \underline{u}_{\perp} \Rightarrow$  basis in  $\Gamma_{\perp}$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{v}_{\perp} = \cos \theta \underline{u}_{\perp} + \sin \theta \underline{d}$$



Rotated vector:

$$\underline{v} = \underline{v}_{\parallel} + \underline{v}_{\perp} = (\hat{\underline{r}} \otimes \hat{\underline{r}}) \underline{u} + \cos \theta (\underline{I} - \hat{\underline{r}} \otimes \hat{\underline{r}}) \underline{u} + \sin \theta \hat{\underline{r}} \times \underline{u}$$

Can we write:  $\underline{v} = \underline{Q}(\hat{\underline{r}}, \theta) \underline{u}$ ?

# Axial Tensor

Need to write  $\underline{\Gamma} \times \underline{u} = \underline{\underline{R}} \underline{u}$  !

$$\underline{\underline{R}} \underline{u} = R_{ij} u_j \underline{e}_i \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{\Gamma} \times \underline{u} = \epsilon_{mnl} \Gamma_m u_n \underline{e}_l$$

$$R_{ij} u_j \underline{e}_i = \epsilon_{mnl} \Gamma_m u_n \underline{e}_l \quad !$$

all indices are dummies  $\Rightarrow$  rename

$$l \rightarrow i: \quad R_{ij} u_j \underline{e}_i = \epsilon_{mni} \Gamma_m u_n \underline{e}_i$$

$$R_{\textcolor{red}{i}j} u_j = \epsilon_{mni} \Gamma_m u_n \quad \textcolor{red}{i} = \text{free index}$$

$$n \rightarrow j: \quad R_{ij} u_j = \epsilon_{mji} \Gamma_m u_j$$

$$R_{ij} = \epsilon_{mji} \Gamma_m \quad i, j = \text{free} \quad m = \text{dummy}$$

$$m \rightarrow k: \quad R_{ij} = \epsilon_{kji} \Gamma_k$$

$$\text{prop. of } \epsilon: \quad \epsilon_{kji} = -\epsilon_{jki} = \epsilon_{ikj}$$

$$\boxed{R_{ij} = \epsilon_{ikj} \Gamma_k}$$

$$\text{tr}(\underline{\underline{R}}) = 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{R}} = R_{ij} \underline{e}_i \otimes \underline{e}_j = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\Gamma_3 & \Gamma_2 \\ \Gamma_3 & 0 & -\Gamma_1 \\ -\Gamma_2 & \Gamma_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{R}} = -\underline{\underline{R}}^T \quad \text{skew sym.}$$

$$R_{12} = \epsilon_{132} \Gamma_3 = -\Gamma_3 \quad R_{13} = \epsilon_{123} \Gamma_2 = \Gamma_2 \quad R_{23} = \epsilon_{213} = -\Gamma_1$$



Back to rotation

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{v} &= (\underline{r} \otimes \underline{r}) \underline{u} + \cos \theta (\underline{I} - \underline{r} \otimes \underline{r}) \underline{u} + \sin \theta \underline{R} \underline{u} \\ &= \underbrace{[\underline{r} \otimes \underline{r} + \cos \theta (\underline{I} - \underline{r} \otimes \underline{r}) + \sin \theta \underline{R}]}_{\underline{Q}(\underline{r}, \theta)} \underline{u}\end{aligned}$$

Euler representation of finite rotation tensors

$$\underline{Q}(\underline{r}, \theta) = \underline{r} \otimes \underline{r} + \cos \theta (\underline{I} - \underline{r} \otimes \underline{r}) + \sin \theta \underline{R}$$

$$Q_{ij}(\underline{r}, \theta) = r_i r_j + \cos \theta (\delta_{ij} - r_i r_j) + \sin \theta \epsilon_{ikj} r_k$$

Example: Rotation tensors around  $\underline{e}_3$

$$\underline{Q}(\underline{e}_3, \theta) = \underline{e}_3 \otimes \underline{e}_3 + \cos \theta (\underline{I} - \underline{e}_3 \otimes \underline{e}_3) + \sin \theta \underline{R}_3$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \cos \theta \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \sin \theta \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{Q}(\underline{e}_3, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotate  $\underline{e}_1$  by  $90^\circ (\frac{\pi}{2})$  counter clockwise

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0 \quad \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1$$

$$\underline{\underline{Q}}(\underline{e}_3, \frac{\pi}{2}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{Q}}(\underline{e}_3, \frac{\pi}{2}) \underline{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{e}_2 \quad \checkmark$$

Determine  $\theta$  and  $\underline{r}$  from  $\underline{\underline{Q}}$ :

1) Find rotation angle

$$\text{tr}(\underline{\underline{Q}}) = Q_{ii} = r_i r_i + \cos \theta (\delta_{ii} - r_i r_i) \sin \theta \epsilon_{ikj} r_k$$

$$r_i r_i = \underline{r} \cdot \underline{r} = 1 \quad \text{unit vector}$$

$$\delta_{ii} = \delta_{11} + \delta_{22} + \delta_{33} = 3$$

$$\epsilon_{iki} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{tr}(\underline{\underline{Q}}) = 1 + 2 \cos \theta \Rightarrow \boxed{\cos \theta = \frac{\text{tr}(\underline{\underline{Q}}) - 1}{2}}$$

Example:  $\underline{\underline{Q}}(\underline{e}_3, \frac{\pi}{2}) \quad \text{tr}(\underline{\underline{Q}}) = 1$

$$\cos \theta = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$



Axis of rotation  $\underline{r}$ :

$$\underline{\underline{Q}} = \text{sym}(\underline{\underline{Q}}) + \text{skew}(\underline{\underline{Q}})$$

$$\text{sym}(\underline{\underline{Q}}) = \frac{1}{2} (\underline{\underline{Q}} + \underline{\underline{Q}}^T) = \underline{r} \otimes \underline{r} + \cos \theta (\underline{\underline{I}} - \underline{r} \otimes \underline{r})$$

$$\text{skew}(\underline{\underline{Q}}) = \frac{1}{2} (\underline{\underline{Q}} - \underline{\underline{Q}}^T) = \sin \theta \underline{\underline{R}} = \sin \theta \epsilon_{ikj} r_k \underline{e}_i \otimes \underline{e}_j$$

$$\underline{\underline{R}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -r_3 & r_2 \\ r_3 & 0 & -r_1 \\ -r_2 & r_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{is axial tensor}$$

but we are given  $\underline{\underline{Q}}$  not  $\underline{\underline{R}}$

$$\text{skew}(\underline{\underline{Q}}) = \frac{1}{2} (Q_{ij} - Q_{ji}) \underline{e}_i \otimes \underline{e}_j$$

$$\text{skew}(\underline{\underline{Q}}) = \underbrace{\sin \theta \epsilon_{ikj} r_k}_{[\text{skew}(\underline{\underline{Q}})]_{ij}} \underline{e}_i \otimes \underline{e}_j$$

equate two expressions for components

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (Q_{ij} - Q_{ji})}_{\text{known}} = \sin \theta \epsilon_{ikj} \underbrace{r_k}_{\text{want}}$$

remove  $\epsilon_{ikj}$  using  $\epsilon \delta$  identities

$$\begin{aligned}
 \epsilon_{ilj} \frac{1}{2} (Q_{ij} - Q_{ji}) &= \sin \theta \epsilon_{ilj} \epsilon_{ikj} r_k \\
 &= \sin \theta \epsilon_{lij} \epsilon_{kij} r_k \\
 &= \sin \theta 2 \delta_{lk} r_k \\
 &= \sin \theta 2 r_l
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{
 \begin{aligned}
 r_l &= \frac{\epsilon_{ilj} (Q_{ij} - Q_{ji})}{4 \sin \theta} \\
 \underline{r} &= \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \begin{bmatrix} Q_{32} - Q_{23} \\ Q_{13} - Q_{31} \\ Q_{21} - Q_{12} \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}
 }$$

$$\text{Example: } \underline{Q}(\underline{e}_3, \frac{\pi}{2}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{r} = \frac{1}{2 \cancel{\sin(\frac{\pi}{2})}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 - 0 \\ 0 - 0 \\ 1 + 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{e}_3$$



# Infinitesimal Rotations

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} Q(\hat{r}, \theta) = (\hat{r} \otimes \hat{r}) + \cancel{\cos \theta}^1 (\underline{\underline{I}} - \hat{r} \otimes \hat{r}) + \cancel{\sin \theta}^\theta \underline{\underline{R}}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{I}} + \theta \underline{\underline{R}}$$

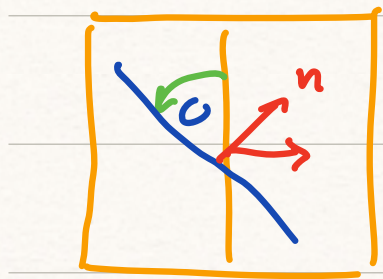
$\Rightarrow$  Axial tensor  $\underline{\underline{R}}$  give infinitesimal rotation

$$\underline{v} = (\underline{\underline{I}} + \theta \underline{\underline{R}}) \underline{u}$$

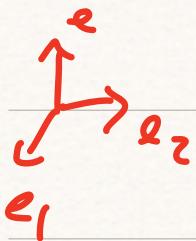
$$\underline{v} = \underline{u} + \theta (\hat{r} \times \underline{u})$$

$\Rightarrow$  cross product gives infinitesimal rotation

Add example on finding normal  
to a fault plane using two rotations!



Step 1  
rotate  $e_2$   
by 45 around  
 $e_1$  to



Step 2  
rotate around  
vertical axis  
to get strike