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## Mathematical Background.

### 2.1) Preamble

- ⇒ Study of motions undergone by robotic mechanical systems, requires a suitable motion representation.
- ⇒ The most general kind of rigid body motion consists of both translation, and rotation.

Translation can be studied simply with the aid of 3-D Vector Calculus

Rigid body rotation requires introduction of Tension

Entities mapping Vector Space into Vector Space

Invariant → does not depend on the choice of frame.

Coordinate frame is required to compute but the final result will be independent of the choice of frame

⇒ Right and Left hand side quantities are not the same.

Vector	:	1-D array
Tensor	:	2-D array

## 2.2) Linear Transformation

⇒ 3D Space is particular case of a Vector Space.

### Vector Space

A Vector Space is a set of objects  
called Vectors, that follows certain  
Algebraic rules

Every linear combination of  
vectors in the vector space lies  
in the same vector space.

\* Vector ⇒ will be denoted by lower case letters  
with a bar on its top.

e.g.  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}$

# Tensor ⇒ will be denoted by upper case letters  
with two bars on its top

e.g.  $\bar{\bar{A}}, \bar{\bar{B}}$

⇒ In elementary mechanics, the dimension of the  
Vector Space needed is usually three, but when  
studying multibody system, an arbitrary finite dimension  
will be required.

### Linear transformation

Represented by operator  $L$  of a Vector Space  
 $U$  into a Vector Space  $V$ , is a rule that assigns  
to every vector  $u$  of  $U$  at least one vector  $v$   
of  $V$ , represented as  $v = L u$ .

### Example of Linear Transformation

- \* Projection
- \* Reflections
- \* Rotations

### Example of Non linear Transformation

→ affine transformation

### Kernel

Kernel of  $\bar{L}$  is the set of vectors  $\bar{u}_n$  of  $U$  that are mapped by  $\bar{L}$  into the zero vector  $\bar{0} \in V$

### Range

The range of a linear transformation  $\bar{L}$  of  $U$  into  $V$  is the set of vectors  $\bar{v}$  of  $V$  into which some vector  $\bar{u}$  of  $U$  is mapped.

$\Rightarrow$  It can be proved that Kernel & Range, they are themselves a Vector Space.

$\Rightarrow$  Kernel of a Linear transformation is often called the null space.

$\Rightarrow$  3-d Euclidean Space is denoted by  $E^3$ .

$\Rightarrow$  A matrix  $\bar{P}$  is said to be idempotent if  $P^2 = P$

$\equiv$  (Projection) of a position vector  $\bar{P}$  denoted by  $\bar{P}_\pi$ , onto a plane  $\pi$  of unit normal  $\bar{n}$  is

$$\bar{P}_\pi = \bar{P} - \bar{n}(\bar{n}^\top \bar{P})$$

dot product

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = \bar{a}^\top \bar{b} = \bar{b}^\top \bar{a} \\ \bar{b} \cdot \bar{a} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{P}' = (\bar{I} - \bar{n}\bar{n}^T)\bar{P}$$

$$\text{So } \bar{P}' = (\bar{I} - \bar{n}\bar{n}^T)$$

→ Orthogonal Projection

iff A (Grafraction)  $\bar{R}$  of  $E^3$  on to plane  $\pi$  passing through the origin and having a unit normal  $\bar{n}$  is a linear transformation of the said space into itself such that a position vector  $\bar{p}$  is mapped by  $\bar{R}$  in a vector  $\bar{p}'$  given by:-

$$\bar{p}' = (\bar{p} - \bar{n}(\bar{n}^T \bar{p})) - \bar{n}(\bar{n}^T \bar{p})$$

$$\bar{p}' = (\bar{p} - 2\bar{n}(\bar{n}^T \bar{p}))$$

$$\bar{p}' = (\bar{I} - 2\bar{n}\bar{n}^T)\bar{p}$$

$\bar{R} = \bar{I} - 2\bar{n}\bar{n}^T$

→ Reflection

$$\bar{R}^{-1} = \bar{R}$$

"Self-inverse"

→ (i) Symmetric  
 $\bar{R}^T = \bar{R}$

(ii) Has idempotent  
 of degree 3  
 $\bar{R}^3 = \bar{R}$

$\bar{R}^2 = \bar{I}$

iff Basis of a Vector Space  $V$  is a set of linearly independent vectors of  $V$ ,  $\{\bar{v}_i\}_1^m$ , in terms of which any vector  $\bar{v}$  of  $V$  can be expressed as:-

$$\bar{v} = \alpha_1 \bar{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \bar{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_m \bar{v}_m$$

$\Rightarrow$  The number  $m$  is called dimension of the Space.

Note: Any set of  $n$  linearly independent vectors of  $V$  can play the role of a basis of this space.

⇒ Let  $U$  and  $V$  be two vector spaces of dimensions  $m$  and  $n$  respectively and  $\bar{L}$  a linear transformation of  $U$  into  $V$ , and define  $B_U$  and  $B_V$  basis for  $U$  and  $V$ .

$$B_U = \{\bar{u}_i\}_1^m \quad \& \quad B_V = \{\bar{v}_i\}_1^n$$

$$\bar{L}\bar{u}_i = l_{1i}\bar{v}_1 + l_{2i}\bar{v}_2 + \dots + l_{ni}\bar{v}_n$$

$$[\bar{L}]_{B_U}^{B_V} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & l_{12} & \dots & l_{1m} \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & \dots & l_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ l_{n1} & l_{n2} & \dots & l_{nm} \end{bmatrix}$$

⇒ The foregoing array is thus called the matrix representation of  $\bar{L}$  with respect to  $B_U$  and  $B_V$ .

⇒ When mapping  $\bar{L}$  is a mapping  $U$  onto itself, then single basis suffices to represent  $L$  in matrix form.

# A mapping  $\bar{L}$  of an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $U$  into the  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$ , a non zero vector  $\bar{e}$  that is mapped by  $\bar{L}$  into a multiple of itself,  $\lambda\bar{e}$  is called an eigen vector

of  $\bar{L}$ , the scalar  $\lambda$  being called eigen values of  $\bar{L}$ .

⇒ Eigen values  $\lambda$  can be determined by

$$|\lambda \bar{I} - \bar{L}| = 0$$

→ This is called Characteristics Polynomial of  $\bar{L}$ .

### 2.3) Rigid body rotations

⇒ A linear isomorphism (one to one linear transformation mapping a Space  $V$  onto itself) is called isometry if it preserves distance between any two points of  $V$ .

⇒ Let  $\bar{P}$  be the position vector of any point of  $E^3$ , its image under a rotation  $\bar{Q}$  be  $\bar{P}'$ .

→ Distance preservation requires that

$$\bar{P}^T \bar{P} = \bar{P}'^T \bar{P}' \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{where, } \bar{P}' = \bar{Q} \bar{P} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Putting (2) in (1) we get

$$\bar{P}^T \bar{P} = \bar{P}^T \bar{Q}^T \bar{Q} \bar{P}$$

$$\text{So, } \boxed{\bar{Q}^T \bar{Q} = \bar{I}}$$

⇒ So  $\bar{Q}$  is orthogonal matrix.

$$\text{Let } T = [\bar{u} \ \bar{v} \ \bar{w}]$$

$$T' = [\bar{u}' \ \bar{v}' \ \bar{w}']$$

$\Rightarrow$  From above, it is clear that:

$$\bar{T}' = \bar{Q} \bar{T}$$

$\Rightarrow$  For isometry to represent rotation

$$|\bar{T}| = |\bar{T}'| \quad \# \text{Ref 1}$$

else it represents reflection.

So  $|\bar{Q}| = 1$

$\Rightarrow$  Therefore  $\bar{Q}$  is a proper orthogonal matrix.

# Theorem 1: The eigenvalues of a proper orthogonal matrix  $\bar{Q}$  lie on the unit circle centered at the origin of the Complex plane.

Proof: Let  $\lambda$  be one of the eigenvalues of  $\bar{Q}$  and  $\bar{e}$  the corresponding eigenvector, so that

$$\bar{Q} \bar{e} = \lambda \bar{e} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The transpose conjugate of the above equation takes form

$$\bar{e}^* \bar{Q}^* = \lambda^* \bar{e}^* \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Multiplying eq (1) & (2), we get:

$$\bar{e}^* \bar{Q}^* \bar{Q} \bar{e} = \lambda^* \bar{e}^* \bar{e}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{e}^* \bar{Q}^T \bar{Q} \bar{e} = \lambda^* \bar{e}^* \bar{e} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{Q} \text{ is assumed to} \\ \text{be real} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{e}^* \vec{e} = |\lambda|^2 \vec{e}^* \vec{e} \quad \{ \text{as } Q \text{ is orthogonal} \}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\lambda|^2 = 1$$

# Theorem 3: (Cayley-Hamilton) Let  $P(\lambda)$  be the characteristic polynomial of a  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ .

$$P(\lambda) = |\lambda \bar{I} - \bar{A}| = \lambda^n + a_{n-1} \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 \lambda + a_0$$

Then  $\bar{A}$  satisfies its characteristic equation:-

$$\bar{A}^n + a_{n-1} \bar{A}^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 \bar{A} + a_0 \bar{I} = \bar{0}$$

( $n \times n$  zero matrix)

# Theorem 2: (Euler 1776) A rigid-body motion about a point  $O$  leaves fixed set of points lying on a line  $L$  that passes through  $O$  and is parallel to the eigenvector  $\vec{e}$  of  $\bar{Q}$  associated with the eigen value +1.

@ Analytic function  $\Rightarrow$  function that is locally given by a convergent power series.

$\Rightarrow$  An important consequence of Cayley-Hamilton is that any analytic matrix function of  $A$  can be expressed not as an infinite series, but as a sum namely, a linear combination of  $n$  powers of  $\bar{A}$ :

example  $\Rightarrow$  Exponential function.

## 2.3.1) The Gross-Product Matrix

- ⇒ Let  $\bar{U}$  and  $\bar{V}$  be vectors of space  $U$  and  $V$ , of dimensions  $m$  and  $n$  respectively.
- ⇒ Let  $t$  be a real variable and  $f$  be real-valued functions of  $t$ , with  $f = f(\bar{U}, \bar{V})$ .
- ⇒ The partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $\bar{U}$  is a  $n \times m$ -dimensional vector whose  $i^{\text{th}}$  component is partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $U_i$ .

↳ Similarly, for Partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $\bar{V}$ .

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{U}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial U_1} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial U_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial U_m} \end{bmatrix} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{V}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial V_1} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial V_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial V_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

- ⇒ Furthermore, the partial derivative of  $\bar{V}$  with respect to  $\bar{U}$  is an  $n \times m$  array whose  $(i,j)$  entry is defined as  $\frac{\partial V_i}{\partial U_j}$ .

$$\frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial \bar{U}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial U_1} & \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial U_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial U_m} \\ \frac{\partial V_2}{\partial U_1} & \frac{\partial V_2}{\partial U_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial V_2}{\partial U_m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial V_n}{\partial U_1} & \frac{\partial V_n}{\partial U_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial V_n}{\partial U_m} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Hence, the total derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $\bar{u}$  can be written as:-

$$\boxed{\frac{df}{d\bar{u}} = \frac{\delta f}{\delta \bar{u}} + \left(\frac{\delta \bar{v}}{\delta \bar{u}}\right)^T \frac{\delta f}{\delta \bar{v}}} \quad \& \bar{v} = \bar{v}(\bar{u}, t)$$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $f$  is an explicit function (ie  $f = f(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, t)$ ) then one can write total derivative of  $f$  w.r.t  $t$  as:-

$$\boxed{\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\delta f}{\delta t} + \left(\frac{\delta f}{\delta \bar{u}}\right)^T \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt} + \left(\frac{\delta f}{\delta \bar{v}}\right)^T \frac{d\bar{v}}{dt} + \left(\frac{\delta f}{\delta v}\right)^T \frac{dv}{du} \frac{du}{dt}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The total derivative of  $\bar{v}$  with respect to  $t$  can be written, likewise as:-

$$\boxed{\frac{d\bar{v}}{dt} = \frac{\delta \bar{v}}{\delta t} + \frac{\delta \bar{v}}{\delta \bar{u}} \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt}}$$

# Let the Components of  $\bar{v}$  and  $\bar{x}$  in a certain reference frame  $F$  is given by

$$[\bar{v}]_F = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} ; [\bar{x}]_F = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} .$$

$$[\bar{v} \times \bar{x}]_F = \begin{bmatrix} v_2 x_3 - v_3 x_2 \\ v_3 x_1 - v_1 x_3 \\ v_1 x_2 - v_2 x_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence,

$$\left[ \frac{d[\bar{v} \times \bar{x}]}{dx} \right]_F = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -v_3 & v_2 \\ v_3 & 0 & -v_1 \\ -v_2 & v_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The partial derivative of the Cross product of any 3-dimensional vector  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{x}$  will be denoted by the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\bar{\nabla}$ .

$\hookrightarrow \bar{\nabla}$  is termed Cross product matrix of  $\vec{v}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  The Cross product can be alternative represented as:-

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{x} = \bar{\nabla} \vec{x}$$

# Theorem 4: The Cross product matrix  $\bar{A}$  of any 3D vector  $\vec{a}$  is Skew Symmetric :-

$$A^T = -A$$

and as a consequence

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \bar{A}^2 \vec{b}$$

$\bar{A}^2$  can be readily proven to be

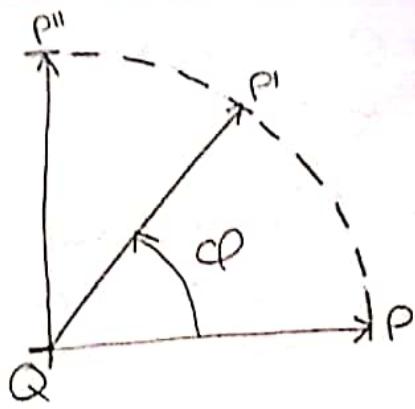
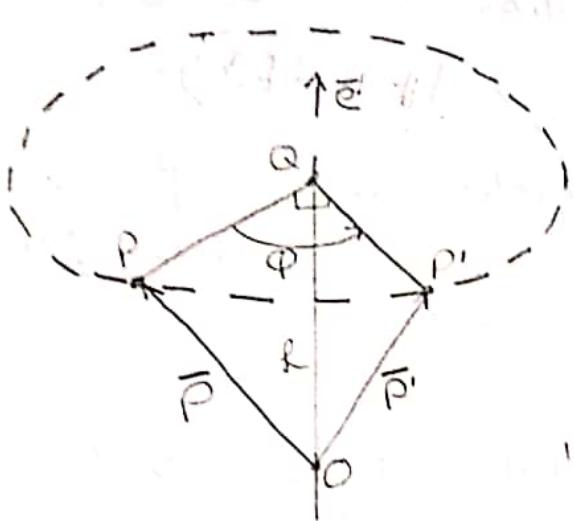
$$\bar{A}^2 = -\|\vec{a}\|^2 \bar{I} + \vec{a} \vec{a}^T \quad \# \text{ Ref 2} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{using Vector} \\ \text{triple product} \\ \text{expansion} \end{array} \right\}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  Euclidean norm

### 2.3.2) The rotation matrix

$\Rightarrow$  Line  $L$  mentioned in Euler's Theorem, is termed the axis of rotation of the motion of interest.

$\Rightarrow$  Consider the rotation depicted in figure below of angle  $\theta$  about line  $L$ .



$$\bar{P}' = \bar{O}Q + \bar{Q}\bar{P}' \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\bar{e}\bar{e}^T\bar{P}$$

$$\bar{Q}\bar{P}' = \cos\phi \bar{Q}\bar{P}' + \sin\phi \bar{Q}\bar{P}''$$

Normal component of  $\bar{P}'$   
with respect to  $\bar{e}$

$$\bar{Q}\bar{P}' = (1 - \bar{e}\bar{e}^T)\bar{P}'$$

$$\bar{Q}\bar{P}'' = \bar{e} \times \bar{P} = \bar{E}\bar{P}$$

$$\text{So } \bar{P}' = \bar{e}\bar{e}^T\bar{P}' + \cos\phi(1 - \bar{e}\bar{e}^T)\bar{P}' + \sin\phi \bar{E}\bar{P}$$

$$\bar{P}' = [\bar{e}\bar{e}^T + \cos\phi(1 - \bar{e}\bar{e}^T) + \sin\phi \bar{E}] \bar{P}'$$

Rotation matrix  $\bar{Q}$  is given by

$$\boxed{\bar{Q} = \bar{e}\bar{e}^T + \cos\phi(1 - \bar{e}\bar{e}^T) + \sin\phi \bar{E}} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

# One more representation of  $\bar{Q}$  in terms of  $\bar{e}$  and  $\phi$  is given  
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$\Rightarrow$  For a fixed axis rotation (ie for a fixed value of  $\bar{e}$ )  
 , the rotation matrix  $\bar{Q}$  is a function of the  
 angle of rotation  $\phi$  only.

$$\text{So } \bar{Q}(\phi) = \bar{Q}(0) + \bar{Q}'(0)\phi + \frac{1}{2!} \bar{Q}''(0)\phi^2 \\ + \dots + \frac{1}{k!} \bar{Q}^k \phi^k + \dots$$

$\Rightarrow$  Now, from the definition of  $\bar{E}$  one can  
 readily prove the relation below:-

$$\bar{E}^{2k+1} = (-1)^k \bar{E} \quad ; \quad \bar{E}^{2k} = (-1)^k (\bar{I} - \bar{e}\bar{e}^T) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Using eqn (1) and (2) one can readily  
 show that

$$\bar{Q}^k(0) = \bar{E}^k$$

$$\text{So, } \bar{Q}(\phi) = \bar{I} + \bar{E}\phi + \frac{1}{2!} \bar{E}^2 \phi^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{k!} \bar{E}^k \phi^k + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\bar{Q}(\phi) = e^{\bar{E}\phi}}$$

} Exponential representation of  
 the rotation matrix in terms  
 of its natural invariants  
 $\bar{e}$  and  $\phi$

⇒ The foregoing parameters are termed invariant because they are clearly independent of the coordinate axis chosen to represent the rotation under study.

⇒ Alternative representation of  $\bar{Q}$  :-

$$\boxed{\bar{Q} = \bar{I} + \sin\varphi \bar{E} + (1 - \cos\varphi) \bar{E}^2}$$

→ Expected result in view of Cayley-Hamilton theorem.

### # Canonical forms of the Rotation Matrix

⇒ The rotation matrix takes an especially simple form if the axis of rotation coincides with one of the coordinate axes.

e.g. ⇒ x-axis || to axis of rotation :-

$$[\bar{e}]_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad [E]_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad [E^2]_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } [\bar{Q}]_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\varphi - \sin\varphi & 0 \\ 0 & \sin\varphi & \cos\varphi \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Similarly,

$$[\bar{Q}]_y = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\varphi & 0 & \sin\varphi \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\varphi & 0 & \cos\varphi \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$[\bar{Q}]_z = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\varphi & -\sin\varphi & 0 \\ \sin\varphi & \cos\varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

⇒ The representation of eq (1) can be called the X-Y-and Z-Canonical forms of the rotation matrix.

⇒ An application of Canonical forms lies in the Parameterization of rotations by means of Euler angle. Consisting of three successive rotations,  $\phi$ ,  $\theta$  and  $\psi$  about the axes of coordinate frame.

### 2.3.3) The Linear Invariants of a $3 \times 3$ Matrix

⇒ Any  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\bar{A}$  consists of the sum of its Symmetric part  $\bar{A}_S$  and its Skew-Symmetric part  $\bar{A}_{SS}$ .

$$\bar{A} = \bar{A}_S + \bar{A}_{SS} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{A}_S = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{A} + \bar{A}^T) \\ \bar{A}_{SS} = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{A} - \bar{A}^T) \end{array} \right.$$

⇒ Let  $\bar{A}_{SS}$  has Vector  $\bar{a}$  so,

$$\bar{a} \times \bar{v} = \bar{A}_{SS} \bar{v}$$

for any 3D vector  $\bar{v}$ .

⇒ Let us assume that the entries of matrix  $\bar{A}$  in a certain coordinate frame are given by the array of real numbers  $a_{ij} \forall i,j = 1, 2, 3$ .

Let  $\bar{a}$  has Components  $a_i \forall i=1, 2, 3$  in the same frame.

$$\text{Vec}(\bar{A}_{ss}) = \bar{a} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} a_{32} - a_{23} \\ a_{13} - a_{31} \\ a_{21} - a_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{tr}(\bar{A}) = a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33}$$

Let us call Vector of  $\bar{A}$  as  $\bar{a}$ . When  $\bar{a}$  is Vector of  $\bar{A}_{ss}$ .

$$\text{So } \text{Vec}(\bar{A}) = \bar{a} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} a_{32} - a_{23} \\ a_{13} - a_{31} \\ a_{21} - a_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{tr}(\bar{A}) = a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33}.$$

Theorem 3: The Vector of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix vanishes if and only if it is Symmetric, whereas as the trace of an  $n \times n$  matrix vanishes if the matrix is skew symmetric.

⇒ Other useful relations are given below. For any 3-D vector  $\bar{a}$  and  $\bar{b}$ .

$$\text{Vec}(\bar{a}\bar{b}^T) = -\frac{1}{2}(\bar{a} \times \bar{b})$$

&  $\text{tr}(\bar{a}\bar{b}^T) = \bar{a}^T \bar{b}$  { straight forward }

→ Proof

Let  $\bar{w}$  denote  $\text{Vec}(\bar{a}\bar{b}^T)$ , for and 3-D vector  $\bar{v}$

$$\bar{w} \times \bar{v} = \overline{\bar{w} \bar{v}}$$

When,  $\overline{\overline{W}}$  is the skew-Symmetric component of  $\overline{ab}^T$ .

$$\overline{\overline{W}} = \frac{1}{2} (\overline{a}\overline{b}^T - \overline{b}\overline{a}^T)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{\overline{W}}\overline{v} &= \overline{\omega} \times \overline{v} = \frac{1}{2} [\overline{a}(\overline{b}^T \overline{v}) - \overline{b}(\overline{a}^T \overline{v})] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \overline{b} \times \overline{a} \times \overline{v}\end{aligned}$$

so 
$$\boxed{\overline{\omega} = \frac{1}{2} \overline{b} \times \overline{a}}$$

### 2.3.4) The Linear Invariants of a Rotation

$$\overline{\overline{Q}} = \overline{e}\overline{e}^T + \cos \varphi (\overline{I} - \overline{e}\overline{e}^T) + \sin \varphi \overline{\overline{E}}$$

From above it is clear that first two terms of  $\overline{\overline{Q}}$ ,  $\overline{e}\overline{e}^T$  and  $\cos \varphi (\overline{I} - \overline{e}\overline{e}^T)$  are Symmetric and third one,  $\sin \varphi \overline{\overline{E}}$  is Skew-Symmetric.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{tr}(\overline{\overline{Q}}) &= \text{tr} [\overline{e}\overline{e}^T + \cos \varphi (\overline{I} - \overline{e}\overline{e}^T)] \\ &= \overline{e}^T \overline{e} + \cos \varphi (3 - \overline{e}^T \overline{e}) = 1 + 2 \cos \varphi\end{aligned}$$

so 
$$\boxed{\cos \varphi = \frac{\text{tr}(\overline{\overline{Q}}) - 1}{2}}$$

Henceforth, the vector of  $\overline{\overline{Q}}$  will be denoted by  $\overline{q}$  and its components in a given coordinate

frame by  $q_1, q_2, q_3$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Rather than  $\text{tr}(\bar{\alpha})$  as the other linear invariant  $q_{v_0} = \cos \varphi$  will be linear invariants of the rotation matrix

$\Rightarrow$  The rotation matrix is fully defined by four scalar parameters, namely  $\{q_i\}_{i=0}^3$ , which will be conveniently stored in the 4D array  $\bar{x}$ . defined as :-

$$\bar{x} = [q_1, q_2, q_3, q_{v_0}]^T$$

$\Rightarrow$  However, that the four components of  $\bar{x}$  are not independent as:

$$\bar{q}_1 = \sin \varphi \bar{e} \Rightarrow \|\bar{q}\|^2 = \sin^2 \varphi$$

$$q_{v_0} = \cos \varphi \Rightarrow q_{v_0}^2 = \cos^2 \varphi$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\bar{q}\|^2 + q_{v_0}^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2 + q_{v_0}^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\|\bar{x}\|^2 = 1}$$

Geometric Interpretation of above

"As a body rotates about a fixed point, its motion can be described in a 4D space by the motion of a point of vector  $\bar{x}$  that moves on the surface of the unit sphere centered at the origin"

$\Rightarrow$  Given the dependence of the four components of vector  $\bar{x}$ , one might be tempted to solve for  $q_{v_0}$ .

$$\Rightarrow q_0 = \pm \sqrt{1 - (q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2)}$$

Sign ambiguity leaves angle of  
undefined

$\Rightarrow$  Moreover, the three components of vector  $\bar{q}$  alone, do not suffice to define the rotation represented by  $\bar{Q}$ .

$$\bar{e} = \frac{\bar{q}}{\sin \phi}; \sin \phi = \pm \|\bar{q}\|$$

angle  $\phi$  undefined.

In terms of  $\bar{q}$  and  $q_0$ , rotation matrix can be written as :-

$$\bar{Q} = \frac{\bar{q}\bar{q}^T}{\|\bar{q}\|^2} + q_0 \left( \bar{I} - \frac{\bar{q}\bar{q}^T}{\|\bar{q}\|^2} \right) + \bar{Q}'$$

$$\text{where } \bar{Q}' = \frac{\delta(\bar{q} \times \bar{x})}{\delta \phi}$$

+ any vector  $\bar{x}$

$$\bar{Q} = q_0 \bar{I} + \bar{Q}' + \frac{\bar{q}\bar{q}^T}{1+q_0}$$

$\Rightarrow$  From above equation it is clear that linear invariants are not suitable to represent a rotation when the associated angle is either  $\pi$  or close to it.

$\Rightarrow$  Rotation through an angle  $\alpha$  about an axis given by vector  $\bar{e}$  is identical to a rotation through an angle  $-\alpha$  about an axis given by vector  $-\bar{e}$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  Henceforth we will choose the sign of the components of  $\bar{e}$  so that  $\sin \alpha \geq 0$

$\downarrow$

equivalent to  $0 \leq \alpha \leq \pi$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } \sin \alpha &= \|\bar{a}\| \\ \cos \alpha &= a_0 \\ &\downarrow \\ &\frac{\tan(\bar{Q}) - 1}{2} \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{e} \text{ is simply normalized} \\ \bar{a} \end{array} \right.$$

### 2.3.6) The Euler-Rodrigues Parameters

# Natural Invariant  $\Rightarrow \tan(\bar{A}), \text{Vec}(\bar{A})$

# Linear Invariant  $\Rightarrow a_0 \quad a_1, a_2, a_3$

$\Rightarrow$  Natural and the linear invariants of a rotation matrix, are not the only one that are used in kinematics.

$\hookrightarrow$  Additionally one has Euler-Rodrigues Parameters, represented here as  $\bar{g}_1$  and  $\bar{g}_0$ .

$$\bar{g}_1 = \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\bar{e} \quad g_0 = \cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$$

$\Rightarrow$  One can readily show that  $\bar{Q}$  takes on a quite simple form in terms of Euler-Rodrigues Parameters:

$$\bar{Q} = (\sigma_0^2 - \bar{\sigma} \cdot \bar{\sigma}) \bar{I} + 2\bar{\sigma}\bar{\omega}\bar{\tau} + 2\sigma_0 \bar{R}$$

where  $\bar{R} = \frac{\delta(\bar{\sigma} \times \bar{x})}{\delta \bar{x}}$  + arbitrary  $\bar{x}$

$\Rightarrow$  The relationship between the linear invariants and the Euler-Rodrigues parameters can be readily derived

$$\sigma_0 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \bar{\sigma}_0}{2}} \quad \bar{\sigma} = \frac{\bar{q}}{2\sigma_0} \quad \phi \neq \pi$$

$$\bar{\sigma} = \bar{e} \quad \& \quad \sigma_0 = 0 \quad \& \quad \phi = \pi$$

$\Rightarrow$  We now derive invariant relations between the rotation matrix and the Euler-Rodrigues Parameters.

$\hookrightarrow$  To do this we resort to the concept of Matrix Square root.

$\Rightarrow$  From the geometric meaning of a rotation through the angle  $\phi$  about an axis  $\parallel$  to the unit vector  $\bar{e}$ ,

$\hookrightarrow$  It is apparent that the square of the matrix representing the foregoing rotation is itself a rotation about the same axis, but through the angle  $2\phi$ .

By the same token, the square root of the same matrix is again a rotation matrix about the same axis but through an angle  $\theta/2$ .

While the square of a matrix is unique, its square root is not.

Of these square roots, nevertheless, there is one that is proper orthogonal, the one representing a rotation of  $\theta/2$ .

We will denote the particular square root of  $\bar{Q}$  by  $\sqrt{\bar{Q}}$ .

The Euler-Rodrigues parameters of  $\bar{Q}$  can thus be expressed as the linear invariants of  $\sqrt{\bar{Q}}$  namely:-

$$\overline{g} = \text{Vect}(\sqrt{\bar{Q}}) \quad g_0 = \frac{\tan(\sqrt{\bar{Q}})}{2} - 1$$

It is important to recognize the basic difference between

linear invariants

Easily derived from matrix representation of rotation.

Fails to provide axis of rotation when angle is  $\pi$ .

Euler-Rodrigues Parameters

Involves Romin. Square root & ~~sign ambiguity~~

Gives axis of rotation for any value of the angle of rotation.

⇒ The Euler-Rodrigues Parameters are nothing but the quaternions invented by Sir William Rowan Hamilton (1844).

## 2.4) Composition of Reflections and Rotation

Let  $\bar{R} \Rightarrow$  Pure reflection  $\begin{cases} \rightarrow \text{Symmetric} \\ \rightarrow \text{Self-inverse} \end{cases}$   
 $\bar{Q} \Rightarrow$  Arbitrary rotation (Proper orthogonal)

⇒ The product of these two transformations,  $\bar{Q}\bar{R}$ , denoted by  $\bar{T}$  is apparently neither Symmetric nor Self-inverse.

↳ Same true for reverse order

⇒ As a consequence, of an improper orthogonal transformation that is not Symmetric can always be decomposed into the product of a rotation and a pure reflection.

⇒ If we want to decompose  $\bar{T}$  in the above Paragraph into the product  $\bar{Q}\bar{R}$ ,

↳ then we can freely choose the unit normal vector  $\bar{n}$  of the plane of reflection and write

$$\bar{R} = \bar{I} - 2\bar{n}\bar{n}^T$$

⇒ Hence the factor  $\bar{Q}$  is obtained as:-

$$\bar{Q} = \bar{T}\bar{R}^{-1} = \bar{T}\bar{R} = \bar{T} - 2(\bar{T}\bar{n})\bar{n}^T$$

## 2.5) Coordinate Transformations and Homogeneous Coordinates

⇒ Crucial to robotics is the unambiguous description of the geometrical relation among the various bodies in the environment surrounding a robot.

↳ These relations are established by means of coordinate frame

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Attached to each rigid body in the scene, including the robot links.

⇒ The origin of these frames, moreover, are set at landmark points and orientations defined by key geometric entities like lines and planes.

↳ Z-axis of each frame is defined according to the Demavit-Hartenberg notation.

### 2.5.1) Coordinate transformation between frames with a common origin

Let two coordinate frames be  $A = \{X Y Z\}$  &  $B = \{x y z\}$ .

Let  $\bar{Q}$  be the rotation carrying A into B.

$$Q: A \rightarrow B$$

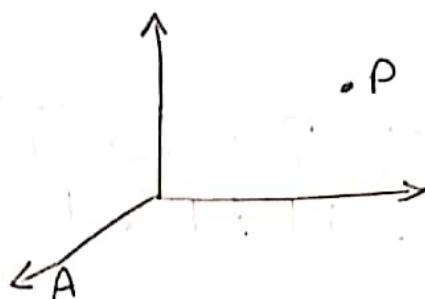
Let us denote position vector of a point P in A and B, denoted by  $[P]_A$  and  $[P]_B$  respectively.

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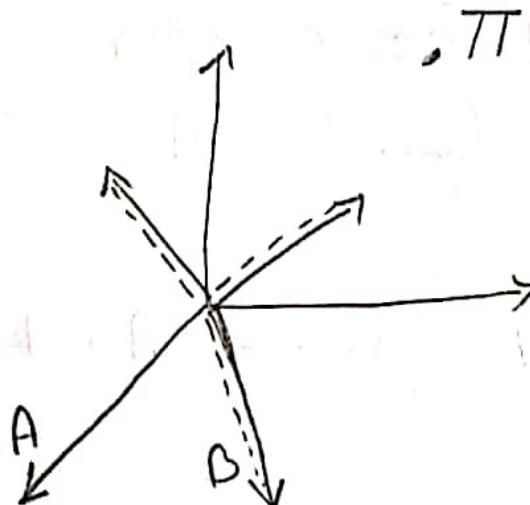
$$[\vec{P}]_A = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

⇒ We want to find  $[\vec{P}]_B$  in terms of  $[\vec{P}]_A$  and  $\bar{Q}$ .

⇒ Suppose ~~P~~ P is attached to frame A.



⇒ Now frame A undergoes rotation  $\bar{Q}$  about its origin, that carries it to new configuration, that of frame B.



⇒ Point P in its rotated position is labeled  $\bar{T}$ , of position vector  $\bar{T}$ .

$$\bar{\pi} = \bar{Q}\bar{P}$$

$$\& [\bar{\pi}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } [\bar{\pi}]_A = \begin{bmatrix} \xi \\ \eta \\ \zeta \end{bmatrix}$$

# Theorem 2.5.1: The representations of the position vector  $\bar{\pi}$  of any point in two frames A & B, denoted by  $[\bar{\pi}]_A$  and  $[\bar{\pi}]_B$ , respectively are related by

$$[\bar{\pi}]_A = [\bar{Q}]_A [\bar{\pi}]_B$$

Proof:  $[\bar{\pi}]_A = [\bar{Q}]_A [\bar{P}]_A \quad \text{--- } ①$

$$\& [\bar{\pi}]_B = [\bar{P}]_A \quad \text{--- } ②$$

So using ① & ②

$$[\bar{\pi}]_A = [\bar{Q}]_A [\bar{\pi}]_B$$

# Theorem 2.5.2: The representations of  $\bar{Q}$  carrying A and B in those two frames are identical.

$$[\bar{Q}]_A = [\bar{Q}]_B$$

Proof

$$[\bar{\pi}]_A = [\bar{Q}]_A [\bar{\pi}]_B - \textcircled{1}$$

$$\bar{\pi} = \bar{Q} \bar{P} \quad \textcircled{2}$$

⇒ Using  $\textcircled{1}$  &  $\textcircled{2}$  we get:

$$[\bar{Q} \bar{P}]_A = [\bar{Q}]_A [\bar{Q} \bar{P}]_B$$

$$\Rightarrow [\bar{Q}]_A [\bar{P}]_A = [\bar{Q}]_A [\bar{Q}]_B [\bar{P}]_B$$

$$\Rightarrow [\bar{P}]_A = [\bar{Q}]_B [\bar{P}]_B$$

~~all known factors~~  $\Rightarrow$   
⇒ By virtue of Theorem 2.5.1, the two representations  
of  $P$  observe the condition

$$[P]_A = [Q]_A [P]_B$$

$$\text{Hence } [Q]_A = [Q]_B$$

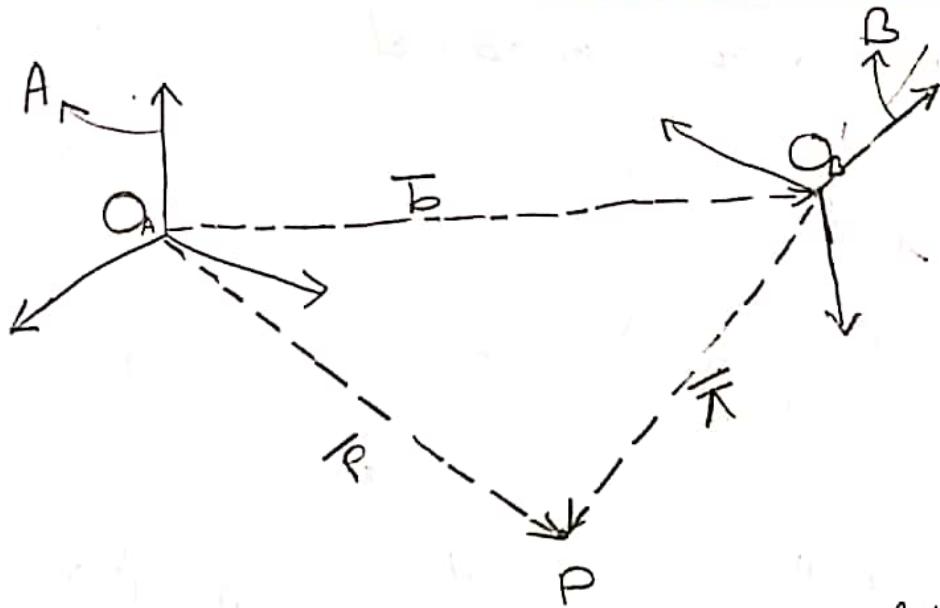
## 2.5.2 Coordinate transformation with Origin Shift

frame A: Origin  $O_A$

frame B: Origin  $O_B$

\* Let  $\overline{O_A O_B} = \overline{b}$

&  $\bar{Q}: A \rightarrow B$



# Theorem 2.5.4: The representations of the position vector  $\bar{P}$  of point  $P$  of Euclidean 3D Space in two frames  $A$  and  $B$  are related by

$$[\bar{P}]_A = [\bar{b}]_A + [\bar{\bar{Q}}]_A [\bar{\pi}]_B$$

### Proof

$$\bar{P} = \bar{b} + \bar{\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\bar{P}]_A = [\bar{b}]_A + [\bar{\pi}]_A \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$[\bar{\pi}]_A = [\bar{\bar{Q}}]_A [\bar{\pi}]_B \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Using eq (1) & (2) we get:-

$$[\bar{P}]_A = [\bar{b}]_A + [\bar{\bar{Q}}]_A [\bar{\pi}]_B$$

### 2.5.3) Homogeneous Coordinates

⇒ The general coordinate transformation, involving a shift of the origin, is not linear, in general, as can be readily generalized by virtue of the nonhomogeneous term involved.

⇒ Let  $[P]_M$  be the coordinate array of a finite point  $P$  in reference frame  $M$ .

$\{ \begin{matrix} \text{finite points are those whose} \\ \text{coordinates are all finite} \end{matrix} \}$

⇒ The homogeneous coordinates of  $P$  are those in the 4-dimensional array  $\{\bar{P}\}_M$  defined as:-

$$\{\bar{P}\}_M = \begin{bmatrix} [P]_M \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We know

$$[\bar{P}]_A = [\bar{b}]_A + [\bar{Q}]_A [\bar{T}]_B$$

⇒ The affine transformation of above equation can be re-written in homogeneous-coordinates form as:

$$\{\bar{P}\}_A = \{\bar{T}\}_A \langle \bar{\pi} \rangle_B$$

where,

$$\{\bar{T}\}_A = \begin{bmatrix} [\bar{Q}]_A & [b]_A \\ [O^T]_A & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\{\bar{T}_i\}_B = \begin{bmatrix} [\bar{Q}]_B & [b]_B \\ [O^T]_B & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Furthermore, homogeneous transformation  
can be Concatenated  
 $\rightarrow$  Link together in chain

$\Rightarrow$  Let  $F_k$  &  $k = i-1, i, i+1$ , denote three  
coordinate frames with origin at  $O_k$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Let  $\bar{Q}_{i-1}^i$  be the rotation carrying  $F_{i-1}$   
into orientation coinciding with that  
of  $F_i$ .

Similarly,  $\bar{Q}_i : F_i \rightarrow F_{i+1}$

$\Rightarrow$  First the case in which all the three origins  
coincide is considered.

$$[\bar{P}]_i = [\bar{Q}_{i-1}^i] [\bar{P}]_{i-1}$$

$$[\bar{P}]_{i+1} = [\bar{Q}_i^i] [\bar{P}]_i \Rightarrow [\bar{Q}_i^i] [\bar{Q}_{i-1}^i] [\bar{P}]_{i-1}$$

$\Rightarrow$  If now the origins do not coincide, let  $\bar{a}_{i-1}$  and  $\bar{a}_i$  denote the vectors  $\overrightarrow{O_{i-1}O_i}$  and  $\overrightarrow{O_iO_i}$ , respectively.

$\Rightarrow$  The homogeneous-coordinate transformations  $\{\bar{T}_{i-1}\}_{i-1}$  and  $\{\bar{T}_i\}_i$ , thus arises are, obviously

$$\{\bar{T}_{i-1}\}_{i-1} = \begin{bmatrix} [\bar{Q}_{i-1}]_{i-1} & [\bar{a}_{i-1}]_{i-1} \\ [O^T]_{i-1} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\{\bar{T}_i\}_i = \begin{bmatrix} [\bar{Q}_i]_i & [\bar{a}_i]_i \\ [O^T]_i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $\{\bar{T}_{i-1}\}_i = \begin{bmatrix} [\bar{Q}_{i-1}^T]_i & [\bar{Q}_{i-1}^T]_i [-\bar{a}_{i-1}]_{i-1} \\ [O^T]_i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\{\bar{T}_i^{-1}\}_{i+1} = \begin{bmatrix} [\bar{Q}_i^T]_{i+1} & [\bar{Q}_i^T]_{i+1} [-\bar{a}_i]_i \\ [O^T]_{i+1} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Hence the coordinate transformations involved are:

$$\{\bar{P}\}_{i-1} = \{\bar{T}_{i-1}\}_{i-1}, \{\bar{P}\}_i$$

$$\{\bar{P}\}_{i-1} = \{\bar{T}_{i-1}\}_{i-1}, \{\bar{T}_i\}_i, \{\bar{P}\}_{i+1}$$

$$\{\bar{P}\}_i = \{\bar{T}_{i-1}\}_i, \{\bar{P}\}_{i-1}$$

$$\{\bar{P}\}_{i+1} = \{\bar{T}_i^{-1}\}_{i+1}, \{\bar{T}_{i-1}^{-1}\}_i, \{\bar{P}\}_{i-1}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Now, if  $P$  lies at infinity, we can express its homogeneous coordinates in a simple form

$$\{\bar{P}\}_M = \begin{bmatrix} [P]_M \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Unit vector of}} \begin{bmatrix} [e]_M \\ 1/\|P\| \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{\bar{P}\}_M = \|\bar{P}\| \begin{bmatrix} [e]_M \\ 1/\|\bar{P}\| \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Length of } \bar{P}}$$

$$\lim_{\|\bar{P}\| \rightarrow \infty} \{\bar{P}\}_M = \left( \lim_{\|\bar{P}\| \rightarrow \infty} \|\bar{P}\| \right) \begin{bmatrix} [e]_M \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  We now define the homogeneous coordinates of a point  $P$  lying at infinity as the 4-D array:

$$\{\bar{P}_\infty\}_M = \begin{bmatrix} [e]_M \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{Point at infinity in homogeneous coordinates, has only direction given by unit vector } \bar{e} \text{ but an undefined length}}$

If  $\{\bar{Q}\}_A = \{\bar{e}_1 \bar{e}_2 \bar{e}_3\}$

$$\{\bar{T}\}_A = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{e}_1 & \bar{e}_2 & \bar{e}_3 & \bar{b} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2.6) Similarity Transformation

⇒ Transformations of the position vector of points under a change of coordinate frame involving both a translation of the origin and a rotation of the coordinate axis. Was in Section 7.5.

⇒ In this section, we study the transformations of components of vector other than the position vectors, while extending the concept to the transformation of matrix entries.

⇒ Let  $A = \{\bar{a}_i\}_1^m$  and  $B = \{\bar{b}_i\}_1^m$  be two different bases of the same space  $V$ .

⇒ Hence any vector  $\bar{V}$  of  $V$  can be expressed in either two ways,

$$\bar{v} = \alpha_1 \bar{a}_1 + \alpha_2 \bar{a}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \bar{a}_n$$

$$\bar{v} = \beta_1 \bar{b}_1 + \beta_2 \bar{b}_2 + \dots + \beta_m \bar{b}_m$$

$$[\bar{v}]_A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix} \quad [\bar{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Let the two foregoing bases be related by

$$b_j = a_{1j} \bar{a}_1 + a_{2j} \bar{a}_2 + \dots + a_{nj} \bar{a}_n \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

$\Rightarrow$  In order to find the relationship between the two representations:

$$\bar{v} = \beta_1 (a_{11} \bar{a}_1 + a_{21} \bar{a}_2 + \dots + a_{n1} \bar{a}_n)$$

$$+ \beta_2 (a_{12} \bar{a}_1 + a_{22} \bar{a}_2 + \dots + a_{n2} \bar{a}_n)$$

$$+ \dots + \beta_m (a_{1m} \bar{a}_1 + a_{2m} \bar{a}_2 + \dots + a_{nm} \bar{a}_n)$$

This can be written as:

$$[\bar{v}]_A = [\bar{A}]_A [\bar{v}]_B \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$[\bar{A}]_A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix}$$

So

$$[\bar{v}]_B = [\bar{A}^{-1}]_A [\bar{v}]_A \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

⇒ Next, Let  $\bar{I}$  have the representation in A given below:

$$[\bar{I}]_A = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & l_{12} & \dots & l_{1n} \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & \dots & l_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ l_{n1} & l_{n2} & \dots & l_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

⇒ Now we aim at finding the relationship between  $[\bar{I}]_A$  and  $[\bar{I}]_B$ .

⇒ Let  $\bar{\omega}$  be the image of  $\bar{v}$  under  $\bar{I}$

$$\bar{I}\bar{v} = \bar{\omega}$$

which can be expressed in terms of either A or B as:-

$$[\bar{I}]_A [\bar{v}]_A = [\bar{\omega}]_A$$

$$[\bar{I}]_B [\bar{v}]_B = [\bar{\omega}]_B$$

We know,  $[\bar{\omega}]_A = [\bar{A}]_A [\bar{\omega}]_B$  &  $[\bar{v}]_A = [\bar{A}]_A [\bar{v}]_B$

$$\Rightarrow [\bar{A}]_A [\bar{\omega}]_B = [\bar{I}]_A [\bar{v}]_A = [\bar{I}]_A [\bar{A}]_A [\bar{v}]_B$$

$$[\bar{\omega}]_B = [\bar{A}^{-1}]_A [\bar{L}]_A [\bar{A}]_A [\bar{V}]_A$$

So  $[\bar{L}]_B = [A^{-1}]_A [L]_A [\bar{A}]_A \quad \text{--- (3)}$

likewise  $[L]_A = [A]_A [\bar{L}]_B [A^{-1}]_A \quad \text{--- (4)}$

$\Rightarrow$  Relations (1), (2), (3) & (4) constitute what are called Similarity Transformation.

These are important because they preserve invariant quantities.

{eg  $\rightarrow$  Eigen values, Eigen vectors, magnitude, angle between vectors etc...}

# Theorem 7.6.1: The characteristic polynomial of a given  $n \times n$  matrix remains unchanged under a similarity transformation.

# Theorem 7.6.2: If  $[L]_A$  and  $[\bar{L}]_B$  are related by the similarity transformation then,

$$[\bar{L}^k]_B = [\bar{A}^{-1}]_A [\bar{L}^k]_A [\bar{A}]_A$$

for any integer  $k$ .

# Theorem 7.6.3: The trace of an  $n \times n$  matrix does not change under a similarity transformation.

## 2.7 > Invariance Concept

Let a Scalar, Vector, and matrix function of the position vector  $\bar{P}$  be denoted by  $f(\bar{P})$ ,  $\bar{f}(\bar{P})$  and  $\bar{\bar{F}}(\bar{P})$  respectively.

$\Rightarrow$  Representations of  $\bar{f}(\bar{P})$  in two different coordinate frames, labelled A & B, will be indicated as  $[f(\bar{P})]_A$  and  $[\bar{f}(\bar{P})]_B$  respectively.

$\hookrightarrow$  Similar for  $f(\bar{P})$  and  $\bar{\bar{F}}(\bar{P})$

Let  $[\bar{Q}]_A$  denote rotation of coordinate frame A into B.

$\Rightarrow$  The scalar function  $f(\bar{P})$  is said to be frame invariant if :-

$$f([\bar{P}]_B) = f([\bar{P}]_A)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Vector quantity  $\bar{f}$  is said to be invariant if:-

$$[\bar{f}]_A = [\bar{Q}]_A [\bar{f}]_B$$

$\Rightarrow$  Matrix quantity  $\bar{\bar{F}}$  is said to be invariant if:-

$$[\bar{\bar{F}}]_A = [\bar{\bar{Q}}]_A [\bar{\bar{F}}]_B [\bar{\bar{Q}}^T]_A$$

$\Rightarrow$  The  $k^{\text{th}}$  moment of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $\bar{T}$ , denoted by  $I_k$  is defined as (Leigh 1968)

$$I_k = \text{tr}(\bar{T}^k)$$

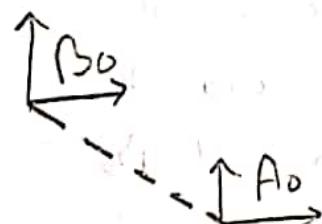
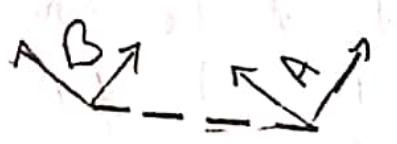
$$\left\{ \text{where } I_0 = \text{tr}(\bar{T}) = n \right\}$$

## 2.7.1 Applications to Redundant Sensing

$\Rightarrow$  A Sensor, such as a Camera or a grange finder, is often mounted on a robotic end-effector to determine the Pose  $\rightarrow$  (Position and Orientation)

$\Rightarrow$  If redundant Sensors are introduced, and we attach frames A and B to each of these, then each sensor can be used to determine the orientation of the end-effector with respect to a reference configuration.

$\Rightarrow$  This is a simple task, for all that is needed is to measure the notation  $\bar{R}$  that each of the foregoing frames undergo from the reference configuration.



⇒ With this information we would like to determine the relative orientation  $\bar{Q}$  of frame B with respect to frame A.



This problem is called  
Instrument Calibration

Let  $\bar{A} = [\bar{R}]_A$      $\bar{B} = [\bar{R}]_B$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{A} = [\bar{Q}]_A \bar{B} [\bar{Q}]_A^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{A} [\bar{Q}]_A = [\bar{Q}]_A \bar{B}$$

⇒ This problem can be solved if we have three invariant vectors associated with each of the two matrices  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$ .

⇒ However, since  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  are orthogonal matrices, they admit only one real invariant vector, namely, their axis vector.

↳ We are short of two vector equations.

⇒ One way of obtaining one additional vector in each frame is to take not one, but two measurements of the orientation of  $A_0$  and  $B_0$  with respect to A and B respectively.

$\Rightarrow$  Let the matrices representing these orientation be given, in each of the two coordinate frames, by  $\bar{A}_i$  and  $\bar{B}_i$  &  $i=1,2$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  Let  $\bar{a}_i$  and  $\bar{b}_i$  &  $i=1,2$  be the axial vectors of the matrices  $\bar{A}_i$  and  $\bar{B}_i$  respectively.

$\Rightarrow$  Now we have two possibilities :-

(i) Neither  $\bar{a}_1$  and  $\bar{a}_2$  and, consequently either of  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  is zero.

$\Rightarrow$  Again nothing prevents us from computing a third vector of each set, namely

$$\bar{a}_3 = \bar{a}_1 \times \bar{a}_2 \quad \bar{b}_3 = \bar{b}_1 \times \bar{b}_2$$

(ii) At least one of  $\bar{a}_1$  and  $\bar{a}_2$  and consequently, the corresponding vectors of the  $\{\bar{b}_1, \bar{b}_2\}$  pair vanishes.

① The angle of rotation of the orthogonal matrix  $\bar{A}_1$  on  $\bar{A}_2$ , whose axial vector vanishes is either  $0$  or  $\pi$ .

$\Rightarrow$  A underwent a pure translation from A<sub>0</sub>; the same holding for B and B<sub>0</sub>.

$\Rightarrow$  This means new measurements are needed involving rotation.

② If angle is  $\pi$ , then the associated rotation is symmetric and the unit vector  $\bar{e}$  || to its axis can be determined.

$$\bar{a}_i = [\bar{Q}]_A \bar{b}_i \quad \text{for } i=1,2,3$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\bar{E}} = [\bar{Q}]_A \bar{\bar{F}}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{\bar{E}} &= [\bar{a}_1 \ \bar{a}_2 \ \bar{a}_3], \quad \bar{\bar{F}} = [\bar{b}_1 \ \bar{b}_2 \ \bar{b}_3] \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\text{so } [\bar{Q}]_A = \bar{\bar{E}} \bar{\bar{F}}^{-1}$$

$$\bar{\bar{F}}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\Delta} \begin{bmatrix} (\bar{b}_2 \times \bar{b}_3)^T \\ (\bar{b}_3 \times \bar{b}_1)^T \\ (\bar{b}_1 \times \bar{b}_2)^T \end{bmatrix} \quad \Delta \equiv \bar{b}_1 \times \bar{b}_2 \cdot \bar{b}_3$$

Therefore,

$$[\bar{Q}]_A = \frac{1}{\Delta} \left[ a_1 (\bar{b}_2 \times \bar{b}_3)^T + a_2 (\bar{b}_3 \times \bar{b}_1)^T + a_3 (\bar{b}_1 \times \bar{b}_2)^T \right]$$



and also the term involving a\_2 is crossed out.

So the final result is:

~~Term involving a\_1 is crossed out.~~