

1 Quaternions, conjugation, rotation

Lemma 1 *Group conjugation commutes with hamiltonian conjugation*

Proof. Suppose $|q| = 1$. Then $q^{-1} = q^*$ and

$$\begin{aligned} (qpq^{-1})^* &= (qpq^*)^* \\ &= (q^*)^*(p^*)(q)^* \\ &= q(p^*)q^* \\ &= qp^*q^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

In general, $q = t\hat{q}$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} qpq^{-1} &= (t\hat{q})p(t\hat{q})^{-1} \\ &= (t\hat{q})p(t^{-1}\hat{q}^{-1}) \\ &= \hat{q}p\hat{q}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Conclude

$$\begin{aligned} (qpq^{-1})^* &= (\hat{q}p\hat{q}^{-1})^* \\ &= \hat{q}p^*\hat{q}^{-1} \\ &= qp^*q^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

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Corollary 2

$$\mathcal{R} : q \mapsto q_{\perp}q^{-1} : S^3 \rightarrow O(\mathbb{R}^3)$$

Because S^3 is connected, so is $\mathcal{R}(S^3)$. Because its image contains $\mathcal{R}(1) = 1_{\perp}1 = \text{id}$, it lies in the identity component:

Corollary 3

$$q \mapsto q_{\perp}q^{-1} : S^3 \rightarrow SO(\mathbb{R}^3).$$

The properties of $\mathcal{R}(q)$ are determined by commutativity. Since we're acting on \mathbb{R}^3 , decompose:

$$q = r + \vec{v}.$$

In the case $r = 0$,

$$\vec{v}\vec{u}\vec{v}^* = -\vec{v}\vec{x}\vec{v}$$

Split $x = x_{\parallel} + x_{\perp}$

$$\vec{u}x_{\parallel}\vec{u}^* = \vec{u}\vec{u}^*x_{\parallel} = x_{\parallel}$$

$$\vec{u}x_{\perp}\vec{u}^* = -\vec{u}\vec{u}^*x_{\perp} = -x_{\perp}$$

a reflection negating everything but span u (line symmetry).

Commuting?

$$[q, \vec{x}] = [q + \vec{v}, \vec{x}] = [\vec{v}, \vec{x}]$$

Split $x = x_{\parallel} + x_{\perp}$. Parallels commute and orthogonals anticommute:

$$vx_{\parallel} = x_{\parallel}v$$

$$vx_{\perp} = x_{\perp}v$$

Therefore,

$$qx_{\parallel}q^{-1} = qq^{-1}x_{\parallel} = x_{\parallel}$$

while

$$\begin{aligned} qx_{\perp}q^* &= (r + v)x_{\perp}(r - v) \\ &= (r + v)(r + v)x_{\perp} \\ &= q^2x_{\perp} \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\mathcal{R}(q)x = qxq^{-1} = x_{\parallel} + q^2x_{\perp}$$

$$q = c_{\theta} + s_{\theta}\hat{v}$$

$$q^2 = c_{\theta}^2 - s_{\theta}^2 + 2c_{\theta}s_{\theta}\hat{v}$$

$$= c_{2\theta} + s_{2\theta}\hat{v}$$

$$q^2x_{\perp} = c_{2\theta}x_{\perp} + s_{2\theta}\hat{v}x_{\perp}$$

In general, I want to show rotations fix subspaces of size 2.

Theorem 4 *Every unit quaternion can be expressed as the product of two pure units*

Proof.

$$\vec{u}\vec{v} = -\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \times \vec{v}$$

$$= -\cos \theta + \sin \theta \vec{u} \times \vec{v}$$

$$i(-i \cos \theta - i w \sin \theta) = \cos \theta + w \sin \theta \quad \square$$

Theorem 5 (Cartan-Dieudonné)

Proof. I forgot where I read this.

Decompose the space. Consider the map $U : (x, \vec{u}) \mapsto (y, \vec{v})$. There's a reflection F sending the first coordinate to the correct location:

$$F(x, \vec{u}) = (y, F'\vec{u})$$

so

$$U = (UF)F$$

and $UF(x, w) = (x, w')$ which is orthogonal on a codimension 1 space, so go by induction. On a dimension 0 space, nothing is necessary to do (base case is vacuously true). \square

2 Representations of \mathbb{H}^\times

$$\begin{aligned} q &= \alpha + \beta i + \gamma j + \delta k \\ &= (\alpha + \beta i) + (\gamma + \delta i)j \\ &= u + vj \\ &= (\alpha + \beta i) + j(\gamma - \delta i) \\ &= u + v^*j \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} w & xj \\ u & uw & uxj \\ vj & vw^*j & vx^*j^2 \end{array},$$

so we get the action

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} (w + xj) &= \begin{bmatrix} uw - vx^* \\ vw^* + ux \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} w & -x^* \\ x & w^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \\ _ (w + xj) &\mapsto \begin{bmatrix} w & -x^* \\ x & w^* \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Or to $\text{SO}\mathbb{R}^4$

$$\begin{aligned} i_ &\mapsto \begin{bmatrix} & -1 & & \\ 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ j_ &\mapsto \begin{bmatrix} & & -1 & \\ & & & 1 \\ 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \end{bmatrix} \\ k_ &\mapsto \begin{bmatrix} & & & -1 \\ & & -1 & \\ & 1 & & \\ 1 & & & \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} q_ &\mapsto \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -\beta & -\gamma & -\delta \\ \beta & \alpha & -\delta & \gamma \\ \gamma & \delta & \alpha & -\beta \\ \delta & -\gamma & \beta & \alpha \end{bmatrix} \\ _q &\mapsto \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -\beta & -\gamma & -\delta \\ \beta & \alpha & \delta & -\gamma \\ \gamma & -\delta & \alpha & \beta \\ \delta & \gamma & -\beta & \alpha \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

For pure vectors,

$$\begin{aligned} vq &= v\pi_1(q) - v \cdot \pi_{ijk}q + v \times \pi_{ijk}q \\ v_ &= v_R - v \cdot _ + v \times _ \\ v_ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -v^T \\ v & v \times _ \end{bmatrix} \quad _v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -v^T \\ v & _ \times v \end{bmatrix} \\ v_v &= \begin{bmatrix} -v \cdot v & -v \cdot (_ \times v) \\ v \times v & -vv^T + v \times (_ \times v) \end{bmatrix} \\ v \times (x \times v) &= -(v \cdot x)v + x(v \cdot v) \\ &= (-vv^T + vv^T)x \\ v_v &= \begin{bmatrix} -v \cdot v & \\ & -2vv^T + v^T v \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Hopf map things

$$H(q) := qkq^{-1} = {}^qk$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(pq) &= {}^p{}^qk \\ &= {}^p({}^qk) \\ &= {}^pH(q) \\ H(qr) &= H(rq^r) \\ &= {}^rH(q^r) \end{aligned}$$

3 Winding and linking number

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linking_number

There's too many Hs in this field. Winding number:

$$S^1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} S^1$$

$$\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{H}_1(\gamma)} \mathbb{Z}$$

If you homotope one curve to a standard circle, the linking number is the winding number of the other curve.

Linking number of $s^1 \rightarrow __$ is only nontrivial in dimension 3 because you can homotope through the fourth dimension to separate.

Gauss's linking number (via wikipedia). The Gauss map

$$\Gamma(\alpha, \beta)(s, t) = \text{sgn}(\alpha(s) - \beta(t))$$

"Pick a point in the unit sphere, v , so that *orthogonal projection* of the link to the plane perpendicular to v gives a *link diagram*. Observe that a point (s, t) that goes to v under the Gauss map corresponds to a crossing in the link diagram where $[\alpha]$ is over $[\beta]$. Also, a neighborhood of (s, t) is mapped under the Gauss map to a neighborhood of v preserving or reversing *orientation* depending on the *sign* of the crossing. Thus in order to compute the linking number of the diagram corresponding to v it suffices to *count the signed number of times the Gauss map covers* v . Since v is a *regular value*, this is precisely the *degree of the Gauss map* (i.e. the signed number of times that the image of $[(\alpha, \beta)]$ covers the sphere). Isotopy invariance of the linking number is automatically obtained as the *degree is invariant* under homotopic maps. Any other regular value would give the same number, so the linking number doesn't depend on any particular link diagram."

$$\deg \Gamma_{(\alpha, \beta)} \int_{S^2} 1 = \int_{T^2} \Gamma(\alpha, \beta)$$

$$\deg \Gamma_{(\alpha, \beta)} = (2\pi)^{-1} \int_{T^2} \Gamma_{(\alpha, \beta)}(ds \wedge dt)$$

Because slotting a unit vector into a volume form gives area

$$= \int (\wedge^2 d\Gamma) \wedge \Gamma$$

With the added benefit of discarding the normal components of $\wedge^2 d\Gamma$:

$$= \int \frac{d\alpha}{|\alpha - \beta|} \wedge \frac{-d\beta}{|\alpha - \beta|} \wedge \frac{\alpha - \beta}{|\alpha - \beta|}$$

But I think I lost a minus sign.

4 stereographic projection of hopf links

Foliate S^3 with tori:

$$F(\alpha)(s, t) := \cos \alpha e^{sk} + \sin \alpha i e^{-tk} \\ : [0, \pi/4] \rightarrow T^2 \rightarrow S^3$$

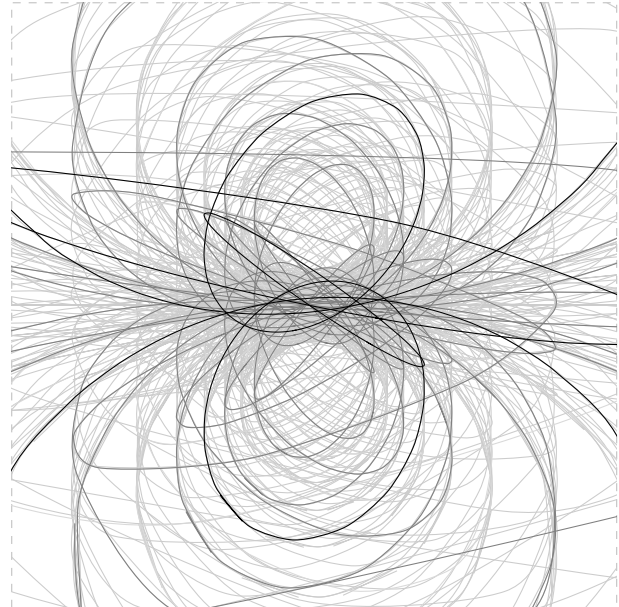
Spin

$$Fe^{uk} = \cos \alpha e^{(s+u)k} + \sin \alpha i e^{(u-t)k}$$

It spins within leaves not across. Project

$$P(Fe^{uk}) = \frac{\cos \alpha \cos(s+u) + \sin \alpha i e^{(u-t)k}}{1 - \cos \alpha \sin(s+u)}$$

Project



5 $S^3 \times S^3$ and $SO(4)$

$$\begin{aligned} z(u + vj) &= (zu) + (zv)j & (u + vj)z &= uz + vjz \\ j(u + vj) &= ju + jvj & &= uz + vz^*j \\ &= -v^* + u^*j & (u + vj)j &= uj - v \\ z \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} zu \\ zv \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} z &= \begin{bmatrix} zu \\ z^*v \end{bmatrix} \\ j \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} -v^* \\ u^* \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} j &= \begin{bmatrix} -v \\ u \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

We can rotate \mathbb{H} fixing 1 to make an arbitrary

unit vector into i . In that case, the effect of exponential-rotation is

$$e^{is} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{is}u \\ e^{is}v \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} e^{it} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{it}u \\ e^{-it}v \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{is} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} e^{it} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{i(s+t)}u \\ e^{i(s-t)}v \end{bmatrix}$$

So we can rotate the two complex numbers independently.

$$\exp\left(i\frac{A+B}{2}\right) \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \exp\left(i\frac{A-B}{2}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{iA}u \\ e^{iB}v \end{bmatrix}$$

Especially

$$e^{iA/2} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} e^{iA/2} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{iA}u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

So now we can (1) rotate the vector parts, (2) rotate between a vector and scalar.

$e^{tx/2} e^{-tx/2}$ rotates vectors around the axle x , fixing 1 and x .

$e^{tx/2} e^{tx/2}$ rotates the $1, x$ -plane, fixing vectors orthogonal to x .

The simplest "generic" rotation would be in the e^{it}, j plane:

$$(c1 + is) \wedge j = c1 \wedge j + si \wedge j$$

6 \mathbb{H} and geometric algebra

$$\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{R}^3 / (v^2 = -1)$$

whereas your standard geometric algebra is

$$\mathbb{R}^3 / (v^2 = 1).$$

But they Hodge* into each other. Let x, y, z be the geometric algebra's basis. Then

$$\begin{aligned} I &= xyz \\ I^2 &= (xyz)(xyz) = -1 \\ xI &= x^2yz = xyxz = Ix \end{aligned}$$

Define

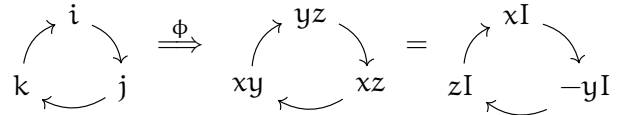
$$\phi : \begin{cases} i \mapsto xI = xxyz = yz \\ j \mapsto -yI = -yxyz = xz \\ k \mapsto zI = zxyz = xy \end{cases}$$

This has the right squares:

$$\phi(\vec{x})^2 = (xI)(xI) = x^2I^2 = -1.$$

And products?

$$\begin{aligned} (yz)(xz) &= -yx &= xy \\ (xz)(xy) &= -zy &= yz \\ (xy)(yz) &= &= xz \end{aligned}$$



Punning between vectors and spinors depends on planes and lines being dual in \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{1 \oplus \phi} \mathbb{R} \oplus \wedge^2 \mathbb{R}^3$$

7 rotation tricks

Log of a rotor/product of unit vectors

$$\begin{aligned} uv &= \underbrace{u \cdot v}_{\cos \theta} + u \wedge v \\ &= \cos \theta + \sin \theta \frac{u \wedge v}{|u \wedge v|} \\ &= \exp\left(\cos^{-1}(u \cdot v) \frac{u \wedge v}{|u \wedge v|}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Product of 2-rotors. If they commute:

$$e^{\alpha xy} e^{\beta zt} = e^{\alpha xy + \beta zt} \quad \text{as } [xy, zt] = 0$$

If they don't commute,

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\alpha xy} e^{\beta yz} &= \overbrace{(e^{\alpha xy} y)}^{\deg=1} \overbrace{(ye^{\beta yz})}^{\deg=1} \\ &= \underbrace{(e^{\alpha xy} y) \cdot (ye^{\beta yz})}_{\cos \theta = c_\alpha c_\beta} + (e^{\alpha xy} y) \wedge (ye^{\beta yz}) \\ &= \exp\left(\cos^{-1}(c_\alpha c_\beta) \frac{(e^{\alpha xy} y) \wedge (ye^{\beta yz})}{\sqrt{1 - c_\alpha^2 c_\beta^2}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Note $xy + zt$ is not a blade means it is a double rotation

8 Rotor representation?

I'm writing these so rotors conjugate on the left

$$i_{--} = \begin{cases} 1 & \mapsto i \\ i & \mapsto -1 \\ j & \mapsto k \\ k & \mapsto -j \end{cases}$$

Double rotation:

$$i_{--} \mapsto \left(\frac{1 + x_1 x_0}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{1 + x_3 x_2}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$_{--}i = \begin{cases} 1 & \mapsto i \\ i & \mapsto -1 \\ j & \mapsto -k \\ k & \mapsto j \end{cases}$$

$$_{--}i \mapsto \left(\frac{1 + x_1 x_0}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{1 + x_2 x_3}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$j_{--} = \begin{cases} 1 & \mapsto j \\ j & \mapsto -1 \\ i & \mapsto k \\ k & \mapsto -i \end{cases}$$

$$_{--}j = \begin{cases} 1 & \mapsto j \\ j & \mapsto -1 \\ i & \mapsto -k \\ k & \mapsto i \end{cases}$$

$$k_{--} = \begin{cases} 1 & \mapsto k \\ k & \mapsto -1 \\ i & \mapsto j \\ j & \mapsto -i \end{cases}$$

$$_{--}k = \begin{cases} 1 & \mapsto k \\ k & \mapsto -1 \\ i & \mapsto -j \\ j & \mapsto i \end{cases}$$