

Optimization on Manifolds
(How to deal with rotations in SLAM)

Robot Localization and Mapping
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Group

Set of elements G and operation \cdot satisfying:

- Closure: $\forall a, b \in G: a \cdot b \in G$
- Associativity: $\forall a, b, c \in G: (a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$
- Identity: $\exists e \in G: \forall a \in G: a \cdot e = e \cdot a = a$
- Invertibility: $\forall a \in G: \exists b \in G: a \cdot b = b \cdot a = e$

Manifold

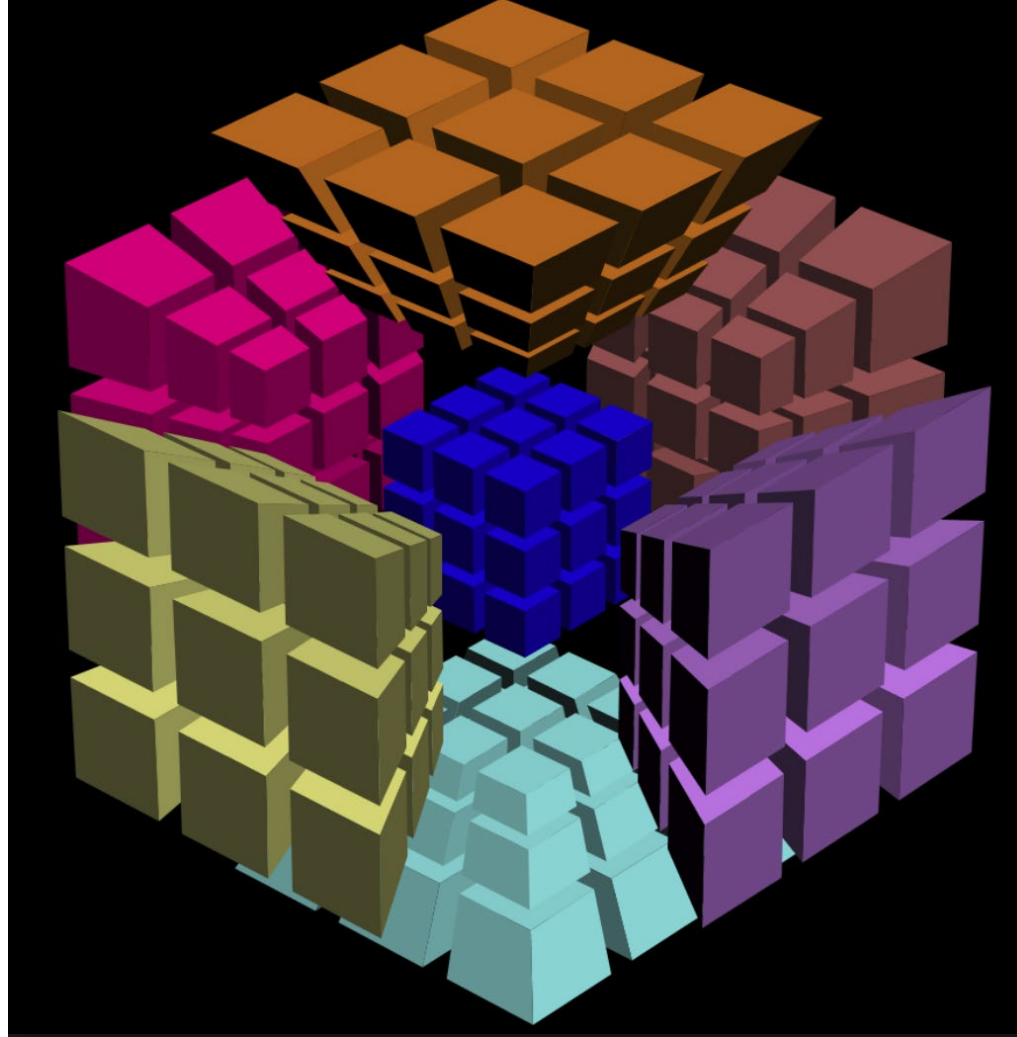
N-dimensional manifold:

Each point on the manifold has a neighborhood that is homeomorphic to the Euclidean space of dimension n

Homeomorphism:

Continuous function between topological spaces that has a continuous inverse

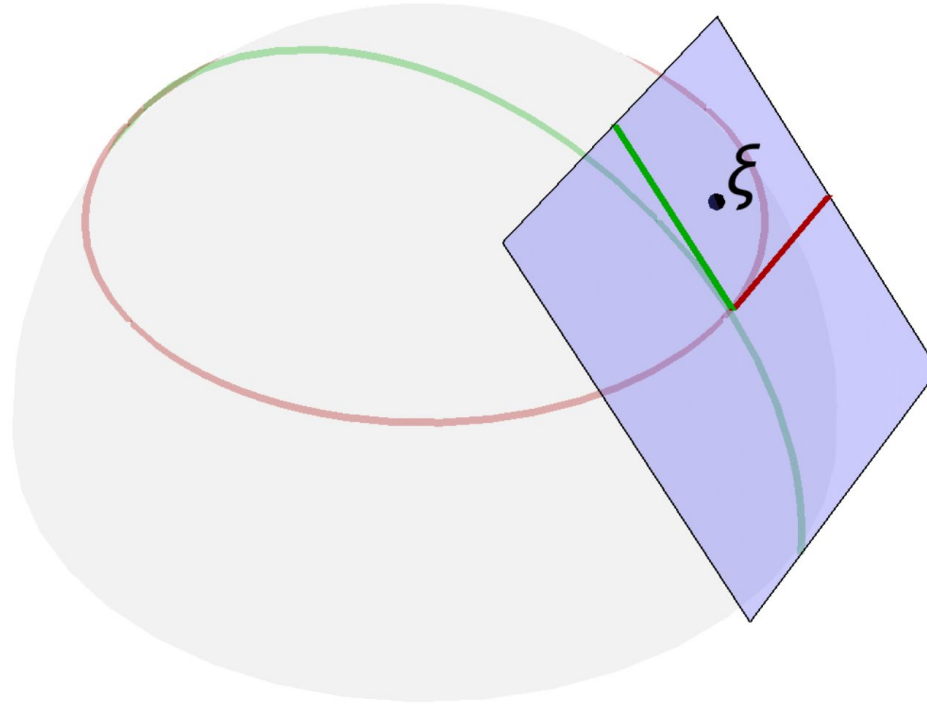
Visualizing 4D (Rubik's Cube)



Tangent Plane to S^2

S^2 : Orientations in 3D (i.e. all unit vectors)

(Note: S^2 is not a Lie group)



3D Rotation Representations

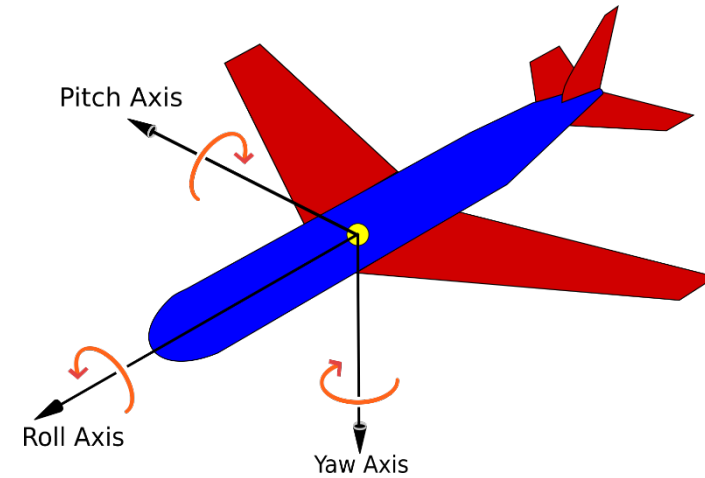
Rotation matrices

Quaternions

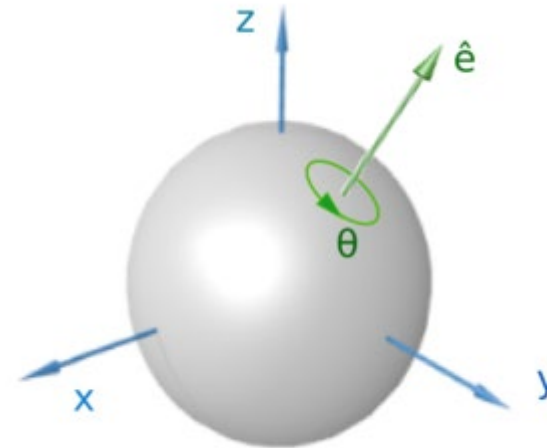
Euler Angles

Axis-Angle

Compressed axis-angle



[Wikipedia]



Lie Algebra Elements for SO(2) and SO(3)

$$\hat{\cdot}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{so}(2) : \xi \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\xi \\ \xi & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \exp \hat{\xi} &\triangleq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \hat{\xi}^k = I + \hat{\xi} + \frac{\hat{\xi}^2}{2!} + \frac{\hat{\xi}^3}{3!} + \dots \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \xi^2/2 \dots & -\xi + \xi^3/6 \dots \\ \xi - \xi^3/6 \dots & 1 - \xi^2/2 \dots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \xi & -\sin \xi \\ \sin \xi & \cos \xi \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\cdot}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathfrak{so}(3) : \xi \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\xi_z & \xi_y \\ \xi_z & 0 & -\xi_x \\ -\xi_y & \xi_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\exp(\hat{\xi}) = I + \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \hat{\xi} + \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\theta^2} \hat{\xi}^2 \quad \theta = \|\xi\|$$

(Rodrigues' formula)

2D Rotation (and Translation)

$$T \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_1 T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 & t_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_2 & t_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 R_2 & R_1 t_2 + t_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} q^g \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_i & t_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p^i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_i p^i + t_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{C}} \leftrightarrow SO(2)$$

$$\theta \rightarrow \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$S^2 \times \mathbb{R} \leftrightarrow \bar{\mathbb{Q}} \Rightarrow SO(3) \leftarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$(\bar{\omega}, \theta) \leftrightarrow \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + (\bar{\omega}_x i + \bar{\omega}_y j + \bar{\omega}_z k) \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \Rightarrow R \leftarrow \phi, \theta, \psi$$

Lie Algebra Elements for SE(2) and SE(3)

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$$\hat{\cdot}: \mathbb{R}^6 \rightarrow \mathfrak{se}(3) : \xi \mapsto \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & -\omega_z & \omega_y & v_x \\ \omega_z & 0 & -\omega_x & v_y \\ -\omega_y & \omega_x & 0 & v_z \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Delta\tau$$