

1 Quaternion: a 4D complex numbers

The general form of a Quaternion number is:

$$q = aw + (bi + cj + dk)$$

which could be rewrite as a format of angle:

$$q = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)(u_b i + u_c j + u_d k)$$

where, $[u_b, u_c, u_d]^T$ is a vector of rotation axis.

2 Hamilton Product

To compute resultant point(p') of certain coordinate(p), given the Quaternion number(q) use Hamilton Product:

$$p' = qpq'$$

where, q' is conjugate number of q , which is, for example:

$$q' = aw - (bi + cj + dk)$$