

Quaternions

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$$\vec{i} \otimes (\vec{k} \otimes \vec{j}) \triangleq ikj = 1$$

$$\vec{i} \otimes (\vec{j} \otimes \vec{k}) \triangleq ijk = -1$$

$$(\vec{i} \otimes \vec{j}) = \vec{k}$$

$$(\vec{j} \otimes \vec{i}) = -\vec{k} = \vec{k}$$

$$(\vec{i} \otimes \vec{j}) + (\vec{i} \otimes \vec{j}) = \vec{k} - \vec{k} = \vec{k} + \vec{k} = \vec{0}$$

$$\vec{i} \otimes (\vec{j} \otimes \vec{k})$$

$$(\vec{j} \otimes \vec{k}) = \vec{l}$$

$$(\vec{k} \otimes \vec{j}) = -\vec{l} = \vec{l}$$

$$(\vec{j} \otimes \vec{k}) + (\vec{k} \otimes \vec{j}) = \vec{l} - \vec{l} = \vec{l} + \vec{l} = \vec{0}$$

$$(\psi_i) = r_i + \vec{i} \otimes (\vec{j} \otimes \vec{k})$$

$$(\psi_i)^* = r_i - \vec{i} \otimes (\vec{k} \otimes \vec{j})$$

$$(\psi_i)(\psi_i)^* = (r_i)^2 + r_i(\vec{i} \otimes (\vec{j} \otimes \vec{k})) - r_i(\vec{i} \otimes (\vec{j} \otimes \vec{k})) - (r_i)^2 [\vec{i} \otimes (\vec{j} \otimes \vec{k})]^2 = (r_i)^2 - [\vec{i} \otimes (\vec{j} \otimes \vec{k})]^2$$

$$(R_i)^2 \triangleq (\psi_i)(\psi_i)^* = (r_i)^2 - [\vec{i} \otimes (\vec{j} \otimes \vec{k})]^2$$

$$[(R_i)^2]^* \triangleq [(\psi_i)(\psi_i)^*]^* = (r_i)^2 - [\vec{i} \otimes (\vec{j} \otimes \vec{k})]^2$$

$$[(R_i)^2][(R_i)^2]^* = \left\{ (r_i)^2 + [\vec{i} \otimes (\vec{j} \otimes \vec{k})]^2 \right\} \left\{ (r_i)^2 - [\vec{i} \otimes (\vec{j} \otimes \vec{k})]^2 \right\} = [(r_i)^2]^2 \left\{ [\vec{i} \otimes (\vec{j} \otimes \vec{k})]^2 \right\}^2$$

$$= [(r_i)^2]^2 \left\{ [\vec{i} \otimes \vec{l}]^2 \right\}$$

$$\left[(r_i)^2 \right]^2 \left\{ \left[\vec{i} \otimes \vec{l} \right]^2 \right\}$$

$$\vec{i} \perp \vec{l} \Rightarrow \left[\vec{i} \otimes \vec{l} \right] = 0 \Rightarrow \cos(\theta_{il}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (R_i)^2 = (\psi_i)(\psi_i)^* = (r_i)^2$$

$$(R_{ijk})^2 = (r_i)^2 + (r_j)^2 + (r_k)^2$$

Quaternions eliminate the interaction between the imaginary axes in 3-space, leaving only the real radii.

For vectors then

$$\begin{vmatrix} r & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & j & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & k \end{vmatrix} \otimes \begin{vmatrix} r & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & j & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & k \end{vmatrix} = (R_{ijk})^2 = (r_i)^2 + (r_j)^2 + (r_k)^2 \Leftrightarrow r \text{ real (positive definite), } \vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k} \text{ imaginary}$$

$$\vec{i} \triangleq (\sqrt{-1})\vec{i}, \vec{j} \triangleq (\sqrt{-1})\vec{j}, \vec{k} \triangleq (\sqrt{-1})\vec{k}$$

$$\pi (R_{ijk})^2 = \pi (r_i)^2 + \pi (r_j)^2 + \pi (r_k)^2 = \pi \left((r_i)^2 + (r_j)^2 + (r_k)^2 \right)$$