

# Rodrigues' rotation formula

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## symbol table

SYMBOL	MEANING
$v$	vector original
$v'$	vector rotated
$z$	unit vector of rotation axis
$\theta$	rotation angle
$x, y$	unit vectors orthogonal
$x', y'$	unit vectors rotated

## analysis

Here we can write  $v, v'$  as:

$$\begin{aligned}v &= ax + by + cz \\v' &= ax' + by' + cz\end{aligned}$$

Relationship between unit vectors  $x', y'$  and  $x, y$ :

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= \cos \theta x + \sin \theta y \\y' &= -\sin \theta x + \cos \theta y\end{aligned}$$

Represent vector rotated  $v'$  with unit vectors  $x, y, z$ :

$$\begin{aligned}v' &= a(\cos \theta x + \sin \theta y) + b(-\sin \theta x + \cos \theta y) + cz \\&= \cos \theta(ax + by) + \sin \theta(ay - bx) + cz\end{aligned}$$

Represent  $(ax + by), (ay - bx), (cz)$ , with  $v, z$  respectively:

$$\begin{aligned}cz &= (v \cdot z)z \\ax + by &= v - cz = v - (v \cdot z)z \\ay - bx &= z \times (ax + by) = z \times (ax + by + cz) = z \times v\end{aligned}$$

Replace  $(ax + by)$ ,  $(ay - bx)$ ,  $(cz)$ ,  
with  $[v - (v \cdot z)z]$ ,  $[z \times v]$ ,  $(v \cdot z)z$  respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} v' &= \cos \theta [v - (v \cdot z)z] + \sin \theta [z \times v] + (v \cdot z)z \\ &= v + \sin \theta [z \times v] + (1 - \cos \theta)[-v + (v \cdot z)z] \end{aligned}$$

Write cross product  $\times$  as Antisymmetric Matrix  $[A^T = -A]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} z \times v &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -z_3 & z_2 \\ z_3 & 0 & -z_1 \\ -z_2 & z_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = Av \\ -v + (v \cdot z)z &= -(ax + by) \\ &= z \times (ay - bx) \\ &= z \times (z \times v) \\ &= A^2 v \end{aligned}$$

## formula

Eventually, replace  $[z \times v]$ ,  $[-v + (v \cdot z)z]$  with  $A, v$ :

$$\begin{aligned} v' &= [v] + \sin \theta [Av] + (1 - \cos \theta) [A^2 v] \\ &= [I + \sin \theta A + (1 - \cos \theta) A^2] v \end{aligned}$$

That means if we know  $\theta, z \Leftrightarrow \theta, A$ , we can calculate vector rotated  $v'$

## rotation matrix

Here define rotation matrix  $R$ , we have  $v' = Rv$ :

$$R \equiv I + \sin \theta A + (1 - \cos \theta) A^2$$

Consider  $A^2$  and  $z$ :

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 &= -A^T A = - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -z_3 & z_2 \\ z_3 & 0 & -z_1 \\ -z_2 & z_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -z_3 & z_2 \\ z_3 & 0 & -z_1 \\ -z_2 & z_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= - \begin{bmatrix} z_2^2 + z_3^2 & -z_1 z_2 & -z_1 z_3 \\ -z_1 z_2 & z_1^2 + z_3^2 & -z_2 z_3 \\ -z_1 z_3 & -z_2 z_3 & z_1^2 + z_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} z_1^2 - 1 & z_1 z_2 & z_1 z_3 \\ z_1 z_2 & z_2^2 - 1 & -z_2 z_3 \\ z_1 z_3 & z_2 z_3 & z_3^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= zz^T - I \end{aligned}$$

Replace  $A^2$  with  $zz^T - I$ :

$$\begin{aligned} R &\equiv I + \sin \theta A + (1 - \cos \theta)[zz^T - I] \\ &= \cos \theta I + \sin \theta A + (1 - \cos \theta)zz^T \end{aligned}$$

## Euler formula

notice  $Az = z \times z = \vec{0}$ ,  $z^T z = 1$ ,

and

$$\begin{aligned} (zz^T - I)^k &= \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} (zz^T)^i (-1)^{k-i} I^{k-i} \\ &= (-1)^k [I + (zz^T) \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k}{i} (-1)^i] \quad k \geq 1 \\ &= (-1)^k [I + (zz^T) [\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} (-1)^i - 1]] \quad k \geq 1 \\ &= (-1)^k [I - zz^T] \quad k \geq 1 \\ (zz^T - I)^k &= (-1)^k I \quad k = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So, with these

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(\theta A) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (\theta A)^n \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k)!} (\theta A)^{2k} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)!} (\theta A)^{2k+1} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k)!} \theta^{2k} (zz^T - I)^k + A \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)!} \theta^{2k+1} (zz^T - I)^k \\ &= zz^T + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} \theta^{2k} [I - zz^T] + A \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!} \theta^{2k+1} I \\ &= zz^T + \cos \theta [I - zz^T] + \sin \theta A \\ &= \cos \theta I + \sin \theta A + (1 - \cos \theta)zz^T \end{aligned}$$

To sum up

$$\begin{aligned} R &\equiv I + \sin \theta A + (1 - \cos \theta)A^2 \\ &= I + \sin \theta A + (1 - \cos \theta)[zz^T - I] \\ &= \cos \theta I + \sin \theta A + (1 - \cos \theta)zz^T \\ &= \exp(\theta A) \end{aligned}$$

# quaternion

Think about the quaternion  $q$ :

$$q = s + u = \begin{bmatrix} s \\ u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s \\ u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = s \mathbf{1} + (u_1 i + u_2 j + u_3 k)$$

Rules of quaternion computation are

$$ijk = i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$$

$$ij = k, jk = i, ki = j$$

Product of any  $q_1, q_2$ , notice here  $u_1, u_2$  are vectors,  $s_1, s_2$  are scalars and notice  $u_1 u_2 = -(u_1^T u_2) + u_1 \times u_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} q_1 q_2 &= (s_1 + u_1)(s_2 + u_2) = (s_1 s_2 + u_1 u_2) + s_1 u_1 + s_2 u_2 \\ &= (s_1 s_2 - u_1^T u_2) + [s_1 u_2 + s_2 u_1] + u_1 \times u_2 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} s_1 s_2 - u_1^T u_2 \\ [s_1 u_2 + s_2 u_1] + u_1 \times u_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Then think about the quaternion of vector  $p = [0; v]$ ,

and normal quaternion  $q$  ( $|q|^2 = s^2 + |u|^2 = 1$ ),

notice that  $-(u \times v) \times u = u \times (u \times v) = -[v(u^T u) - u(u^T v)]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} q' &\equiv qpq^* = \begin{bmatrix} s \\ u \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s \\ -u \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -u^T v \\ sv + u \times v \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s \\ -u \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -su^T v + su^T v \\ uu^T v + s^2 v + su \times v - sv \times u - u \times v \times u \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ v(s^2 + uu^T) + 2su \times v - (u \times v) \times u \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ v(s^2 + uu^T) + 2su \times v - v(u^T u) + u(u^T v) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ v(s^2 - u^T u + 2uu^T) + 2su \times v \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ [(s^2 - u^T u)I + 2su \times + 2uu^T]v \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Compare with rotation matrix  $R$ :

$$R \equiv \cos \theta I + \sin \theta A + (1 - \cos \theta)zz^T$$

$$= \cos \theta I + \sin \theta (z \times) + (1 - \cos \theta)zz^T$$

Try to make

$$\begin{aligned} |q|^2 &= s^2 + u^T u = 1 \\ (s^2 - u^T u) &= \cos \theta \\ 2s u &= \sin \theta z \\ 2uu^T &= (1 - \cos \theta)zz^T \end{aligned}$$

Set parameter  $\lambda$ , to make  $u = \lambda z$ , notice  $z^T z = 1$  then:

$$\begin{aligned} s^2 &= 1 - \lambda^2 \\ (1 - 2\lambda^2) &= \cos \theta \\ 2 \pm \sqrt{1 - \lambda^2} \lambda &= \sin \theta \\ 2\lambda^2 &= 1 - \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

So when we select  $\lambda = \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$ , notice  $z$  is unit vector of rotation axis, must have:

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ u &= (\sin \frac{\theta}{2})z \\ q &= \begin{bmatrix} s \\ u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ (\sin \frac{\theta}{2})z \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

quaternion can implement rotation,  $z$  is unit vector of rotation axis,  $\theta$  is rotation angle:

$$\begin{aligned} p' &\equiv qpq^* = \begin{bmatrix} s \\ u \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s \\ -u \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ (\sin \frac{\theta}{2})z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ -(\sin \frac{\theta}{2})z \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ [(s^2 - u^T u)I + 2su \times + 2uu^T]v \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ [\cos \theta I + \sin \theta(z \times) + (1 - \cos \theta)zz^T]v \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ [\cos \theta I + \sin \theta A + (1 - \cos \theta)zz^T]v \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ v' \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## Euler formula of quaterion

Consider the Euler formula of quaterion,

notice that  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ z \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 - z^T z \\ 0z + 0z + z \times z \end{bmatrix} = -1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\exp\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ (\frac{\theta}{2})z \end{bmatrix}\right) &\equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\frac{\theta}{2})^n}{n!} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ z \end{bmatrix}^n \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\frac{\theta}{2})^{2k}}{(2k)!} (-1)^k + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ z \end{bmatrix} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\frac{\theta}{2})^{2k+1}}{(2k)!} (-1)^k \\
&= \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ z \end{bmatrix} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ (\sin \frac{\theta}{2})z \end{bmatrix} \\
&= q
\end{aligned}$$