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Rotations and quaternions: $Q \cong \mathbb{R}^4$ as a real vector space.

Prove that if $r_1, r_2 \in Q$, then $\overline{r_1 r_2} = \overline{r_2} \overline{r_1}$.

$\alpha = r(x_i + y_j + z_k)\overline{r}$ with $|r|=1$ is a pure quaternion:

$\overline{\alpha} = r(-x_i - y_j - z_k)\overline{r} = -\alpha$. i.e., $\alpha + \overline{\alpha} = 0$. Hence α is a pure quaternion.

Theorem: Suppose $r = a + bi + cj + dk$ with $r \neq 0$ and $|r|=1$. Then, R_r is a rotation about the axis determined by the vector (b, c, d) with angle of rotation $\theta = 2\cos^{-1}a = 2\sin^{-1}\sqrt{b^2 + c^2 + d^2}$.

Proof: Step 1: R_r preserves norm: $|R_r(x)| = |x|$.

Step 2: R_r has eigenvector (b, c, d) with eigenvalue 1.

$$R_r(bi + cj + dk) = r(bi + cj + dk)\overline{r} = bi + cj + dk \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Since $\textcircled{1}$ holds iff r commutes with $(bi + cj + dk)$ but this holds as $a \in Z(Q)$ and $\pm(bi + cj + dk)$ commutes with $bi + cj + dk$.

Step 3: Compute angle of rotation

Case 1: at least one of $b, c \neq 0$.

Let $\vec{w} = ci - bj + ok$. Then, $\vec{w} \perp (b, c, d)$.

Case 2: If $b = c = 0$ (and $d \neq 0$). Note if $b = c = d = 0$, then $a = \pm 1$, in which case $R_r = \text{identity}$.

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{w} \cdot R_r \vec{w}}{|\vec{w}|^2} \quad (\text{due to step 1})$$

$$= a^2 - b^2 - c^2 - d^2 = 2a^2 - 1. \Rightarrow a^2 = \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2} = \cos^2(\theta/2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(\theta/2) = a$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 2\cos^{-1}a.$$

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Remark: $S^3 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$ with the operation of quaternion multiplication satisfies the axioms of a group. Let $SO(3)$ denote the set of rotations on 3-space $\mathbb{R}^3$. $\varphi: S^3 \rightarrow SO(3)$ has kernel = $\{1, -1\}$, and hence $S^3 / \{1, -1\} \cong SO(3)$ since φ is surjective.

S^3 is a double cover of $SO(3)$.

The Hopf map / Hopf fibration: $h: S^3 \rightarrow S^2$
 $(a, b, c, d) \mapsto (a^2 + b^2 - c^2 - d^2, 2(ad + bc), 2(bd - ac))$
 $r \mapsto R_r(1, 0, 0)$

Exercise: Show that the two descriptions are the same.

Hopf map is the generator of the 3rd homotopy gp of S^2 .

Question: What is the pre-image of $(1, 0, 0)$ under h ?

Ans: $(\cos \theta, \sin \theta, 0, 0)$.

Exercise: Show that pre-image of any point in S^2 under h is a unit circle on S^3 .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x \mapsto (1, x) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & S^1 \times S^2 \\ & \searrow \pi & \\ S^2 & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & S^2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} q ?? & \xrightarrow{\quad} & S^3 \\ & \searrow h & \\ S^2 & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & S^2 \end{array}$$

$$H_k(S^n) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=n \\ 0 & k \neq n \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_1(\mathbb{C}^2) & \xrightarrow[h]{\text{Hopf map}} & \text{Gr}_1(\mathbb{C}^2) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \text{looks like } S^3 & & \text{looks like } S^2 \end{array}$$

S^2 is homeomorphic to $\text{Gr}_1(\mathbb{C}^2)$. $x = (z, \theta) \in S^2$ (in cylindrical coordinates)

$$-1 \leq z \leq 1, \theta \in S^1$$

$$i(z, \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1+z & \theta(1-z^2)^{1/2} \\ \bar{\theta}(1-z^2) & 1-z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^3 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & V_1(\mathbb{C}^2) \\ \downarrow h & & \downarrow h \\ S^2 & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & S^2 \end{array}$$

X - Hausdorff topological space.

$X = S^2 \rightarrow i(z, \theta)$ is a rank 1 projection matrix

(1) No multiplicity obstruction

(2) No covering space obstruction.

Singular Value Decomposition:

Theorem: If A is a real $m \times n$ matrix, then there exist orthogonal matrices $U = [u_1 | \dots | u_m] \in O_m(\mathbb{R})$ and $V = [v_1 | \dots | v_n] \in O_n(\mathbb{R})$ s.t. $U^T A V = \Sigma$, $\text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_p)$ where $p = \min\{m, n\}$, and $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_p \geq 0$.
 $\hookrightarrow$ (max matrix)

Proof: $A^T A$ is positive semidefinite $n \times n$ matrix. So $\exists V \in O_n(\mathbb{R})$ s.t. $V^T (A^T A) V = \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \sigma_n^2 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\Rightarrow (A^T A) [v_1 | \dots | v_n] = [v_1 | \dots | v_n] \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \sigma_n^2 \end{pmatrix} = [\sigma_1^2 v_1 | \dots | \sigma_n^2 v_n]$
 $\Rightarrow (A^T A) v_i = \sigma_i^2 v_i$.

Consider $A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ Let $u_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} A v_i$.

Then, $\langle u_i, u_i \rangle = \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \langle A v_i, A v_i \rangle = \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \langle A^T A v_i, v_i \rangle = 1$.

$\langle u_i, u_r \rangle = \frac{1}{\sigma_i \sigma_r} \langle A^T A v_i, v_r \rangle = \frac{1}{\sigma_r} \langle v_i, v_r \rangle = 0$. Since $V \in O_n(\mathbb{R})$

ie, $A v_i = \sigma_i u_i$. Hence, $AV = U \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_p)$.

$\Rightarrow U^T A V = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_p)$ where $\sigma_1^2 =$ largest eigen value of $A^T A$
 $\sigma_2^2 = 2^{\text{nd}}$ largest eigen value of $A^T A$.
and if $m \geq k > n$, $\sigma_k^2 = 0$.

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Some applications: $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $\tau_a: L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, translation.

• differentiation is the infinitesimal generator of translation.

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \frac{\tau_{-h} f - f}{h}.$$

Theorem: (Eckhart - Young, 1936) Let $A = U \Sigma V^T$ be the SVD of A .

$\Sigma_i = \text{diag}(0, 0, \dots, \sigma_i, 0, \dots, 0)$ where σ_i is in the i^{th} position. Then,

(1) $U \Sigma_1 V^T$ is the best rank 1 approximation of A .

ie, $\|A - U \Sigma_1 V^T\| \leq \|A - X\| \quad \forall X \text{ of rank } 1$.

(2) $U \Sigma_1 V^T + \dots + U \Sigma_r V^T$ ($1 \leq r \leq \text{rank}(A)$) is the best rank r approximation of A . ie, $\|A - U \Sigma_1 V^T - \dots - U \Sigma_r V^T\| \leq \|A - X\| \quad \forall X \text{ of rank } r$.