

## Problem 5:

5. We want to demonstrate that the 3x3 and 2x2 representation of rotations are identical for infinitesimal rotations on a vector  $v=\{x,y,z\}$ .  
 The 3x3 rotations can be represented as  $\text{Exp}[\theta n \cdot M]$  where  $n$  is the axis vector, and  $M$  are the matrix generators of the rotation, and the rotated vector is  $\text{Exp}[\theta n \cdot M] \cdot v$ .  
 The 2x2 rotations can be represented as  $\text{Exp}[-I \theta/2 n \cdot \sigma]$  where  $n$  is the axis vector, and  $\sigma$  are the matrix generators of the rotation, and the rotated vector is  $\text{Exp}[-I \theta/2 n \cdot \sigma] \cdot v$ .
- a) Perform an infinitesimal rotation about the x-axis with both representations, and show the components transform identically.
  - b) Repeat for the y-axis.
  - c) Repeat for the z-axis.

### 3 - D rotations :

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In[ = J:= m0 = DiagonalMatrix [{1, 1, 1}];

m1 = {{0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, -1}, {0, 1, 0}};
m2 = {{0, 0, 1}, {0, 0, 0}, {-1, 0, 0}};
m3 = {{0, -1, 0}, {1, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}};

MatrixForm /@ {m0, m1, m2, m3}

Out[ = J]=
{{1, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 1}}, {{0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, -1}, {0, 0, 0}}, {{0, 0, 1}, {0, 1, 0}, {-1, 0, 0}}, {{0, -1, 0}, {1, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}}}

In[ = J:= series = Series[Exp[-I \theta m] - 1, {\theta, 0, 2}] // Normal
Out[ = J]= -I m \theta - \frac{m^2 \theta^2}{2}

In[ = J:= tmp1 = series /. {m^2 \rightarrow m1.m1, m \rightarrow m1};
tmp1 // MatrixForm

Out[ = J]/MatrixForm=
{{0, 0, 0}, {0, \frac{\theta^2}{2}, I \theta}, {0, -I \theta, \frac{\theta^2}{2}}}

In[ = J:= tmp2 = tmp1 + m0;
tmp2 // MatrixForm

Out[ = J]/MatrixForm=
{{1, 0, 0}, {0, 1 + \frac{\theta^2}{2}, I \theta}, {0, -I \theta, 1 + \frac{\theta^2}{2}}}

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In[ = ]:= rotx = tmp2 /. {1 +  $\frac{\theta^2}{2} \rightarrow \text{Cos}[\theta]$ ,  $i\theta \rightarrow \text{Sin}[\theta]$ ,  $-i\theta \rightarrow -\text{Sin}[\theta]$ };

rotx // MatrixForm

Out[ = ]//MatrixForm=
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \text{Cos}[\theta] & \text{Sin}[\theta] \\ 0 & -\text{Sin}[\theta] & \text{Cos}[\theta] \end{pmatrix}$$

### 3 - D rotations : commutator

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In[ = ]:= comm[x_, y_] := x.y - y.x
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In[ = ]:= comm[m1, m2] = m3
Out[ = ]= {{0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}}

In[ = ]:= comm[m2, m3] = m1
Out[ = ]= {{0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}}

In[ = ]:= comm[m3, m1] = m2
Out[ = ]= {{0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}}
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### 3 - D rotations : Rotate about x-axis:

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In[ = ]:= vec = {x, y, z};
          rotx.vec

Out[ = ]= {x, y Cos[\theta] + z Sin[\theta], z Cos[\theta] - y Sin[\theta]}

In[ = ]:= Series[rotx.vec, {\theta, 0, 1}] // Normal
Out[ = ]= {x, y + z \theta, z - y \theta}
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## 3 - D Rotations: 2x2

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In[ = ]:= s0 = {{1, 0}, {0, 1}};
           s1 = {{0, 1}, {1, 0}};
           s2 = {{0, -I}, {I, 0}};
           s3 = {{1, 0}, {0, -1}};
           MatrixForm /@ {s0, s1, s2, s3}
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Out[ = ]= {{(1, 0), (0, 1)}, {{0, 1}, {1, 0}}, {{0, -I}, {I, 0}}, {{1, 0}, {0, -1}}}
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## 2 - D rotations : generator

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In[ = tmp1 = Series[Exp[+ I θ/2 s] - 1, {θ, 0, 2}] // Normal
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$$\frac{i s \theta}{2} - \frac{s^2 \theta^2}{8}$$

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In[ = tmp2 = tmp1 /. {s^2 → s1.s1, s → s1};  
tmp3 = s0 + tmp2;  
tmp3 // MatrixForm
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Out[ = ]//MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{8} & \frac{i \theta}{2} \\ \frac{i \theta}{2} & 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{8} \end{pmatrix}$$

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In[ = rules = {θ^2 → 8 (1 - Cos[θ/2]), θ → 2 Sin[θ/2]};
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In[ = srotx = tmp3 /. rules;  
srotx // MatrixForm
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Out[ = ]//MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos[\frac{\theta}{2}] & i \sin[\frac{\theta}{2}] \\ i \sin[\frac{\theta}{2}] & \cos[\frac{\theta}{2}] \end{pmatrix}$$

## 2 - D rotations : commutator

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In[ = 1/2 comm[s1, s2] - I s3
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Out[ = ]= {{0, 0}, {0, 0}}

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In[ = 1/2 comm[s2, s3] - I s1
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Out[ = ]= {{0, 0}, {0, 0}}

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In[ = 1/2 comm[s3, s1] - I s1
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Out[ = ]= {{0, 1 - i}, {-1 - i, 0}}

### 3 - D rotations : Rotate about x-axis:

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In[ 0]:= vec2 = x s1 + y s2 + z s3;
vec2 // MatrixForm

Out[ 0]= J/MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} z & x - iy \\ x + iy & -z \end{pmatrix}$$


In[ 1]:= srotx // MatrixForm

Out[ 1]= J/MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos[\frac{\theta}{2}] & i \sin[\frac{\theta}{2}] \\ i \sin[\frac{\theta}{2}] & \cos[\frac{\theta}{2}] \end{pmatrix}$$


In[ 2]:= Clear[conjugate]
conjugate[mat_] := mat /. Complex[a_, b_] \[Implies] Complex[a, -b]

In[ 3]:= srotxCT = srotx // conjugate // Transpose ;
srotxCT // MatrixForm

Out[ 3]= J/MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos[\frac{\theta}{2}] & -i \sin[\frac{\theta}{2}] \\ -i \sin[\frac{\theta}{2}] & \cos[\frac{\theta}{2}] \end{pmatrix}$$


In[ 4]:= output = srotx.vec2.srotxCT // Simplify ;
output // MatrixForm

Out[ 4]= J/MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} z \cos[\theta] - y \sin[\theta] & x - iy \cos[\theta] - iz \sin[\theta] \\ x + iy \cos[\theta] + iz \sin[\theta] & -z \cos[\theta] + y \sin[\theta] \end{pmatrix}$$


In[ 5]:= vec2 // MatrixForm

Out[ 5]= J/MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} z & x - iy \\ x + iy & -z \end{pmatrix}$$

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### Compare

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In[ 0]:= vec = {x, y, z};
rotx.vec

Out[ 0]= {x, y Cos[\theta] + z Sin[\theta], z Cos[\theta] - y Sin[\theta]}
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