

1. We show that $\begin{pmatrix} p^2 q^3 \\ p^3 q^1 \\ p^1 q^2 \end{pmatrix}$ is not a vector. A vector is an object which transforms under rotation such that each component becomes a linear combination of other components

$$(x^i)' = R^{ij} x^j.$$

We look at the first component under transformation:

$$\begin{aligned} (p^2)' (q^3)' &= R^{2j} p^j R^{3k} q^k = \\ &R^{21} R^{31} p^1 q^1 + R^{21} R^{32} p^1 q^2 + R^{21} R^{33} p^1 q^3 + \\ &R^{22} R^{31} p^2 q^1 + R^{22} R^{32} p^2 q^2 + R^{22} R^{33} p^2 q^3 + \\ &R^{23} R^{31} p^3 q^1 + R^{23} R^{32} p^3 q^2 + R^{23} R^{33} p^3 q^3 \end{aligned}$$

This sum contains terms, like $p^i q^i$, which are not components of the original array, and hence the array cannot be a vector.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By contrast, } p^2 q^3 - p^3 q^2 &\mapsto A(p^2 q^3 - p^3 q^2) + B(p^3 q^1 - p^1 q^3) \\ &+ C(p^1 q^2 - p^2 q^1), \text{ where } A, B, \text{ and } C \end{aligned}$$

can be written in terms of the components of \mathbb{R} . So it is a vector. \square

2.1

We show that $\delta(x) \delta(y)$ is invariant under rotation around the origin. We consider the rotated coordinates

$$x' = \cos\theta x + \sin\theta y, \quad y' = -\sin\theta x + \cos\theta y.$$

We know that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x') \delta(y') dx' dy' = 1$$

We now express this integral in terms of the un-primed variables.

$$dx' dy' = d(x \cos\theta + y \sin\theta) d(-\sin\theta x + \cos\theta y) =$$

$$(\cos\theta dx + \sin\theta dy)(-\sin\theta dx + \cos\theta dy) =$$

$$-\sin\theta \cos\theta dx^2 + \cos^2\theta dx dy - \sin^2\theta dy dx + \sin\theta \cos\theta dy^2$$

$$= (\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta) dx dy = dx dy,$$

Where we have used $dx dy = -dy dx$ and thrown away terms like dx^2, dy^2 . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x') \delta(y') dx' dy' = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x') \delta(y') dx dy = \\
 &= \iint \delta(\cos\theta x + \sin\theta y) \delta(-\sin\theta x + \cos\theta y) dx dy = \\
 &\iint \delta(\cos\theta (x + \tan\theta y)) \delta(-\sin\theta x + \cos\theta y) dx dy = \\
 &\frac{1}{|\cos\theta|} \iint \delta(x + \tan\theta y) \delta(-\sin\theta x + \cos\theta y) dx dy = \\
 &\frac{1}{|\cos\theta|} \int dy \delta(-\sin\theta (-\tan\theta y) + \cos\theta y) = \\
 &\frac{1}{|\cos\theta|} \int dy \delta\left(\frac{y}{\cos\theta} (\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta)\right) = \\
 &\frac{1}{|\cos\theta|} \int dy \delta\left(y \cdot \frac{1}{\cos\theta}\right) = \frac{|\cos\theta|}{|\cos\theta|} \int dy \delta(y) = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \iint dx dy \delta(x) \delta(y).$$

Thus, we have shown $\delta(x) \delta(y) = \delta(x') \delta(y')$

for any rotation about the origin.



3.1

Find matrix for rotation about x-axis by θ_x .

$$R_x(\theta_x) = e^{\theta_x \mathcal{J}_x}, \quad \mathcal{J}_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can simply find this in Mathematica:

$$R_x(\theta_x) = \text{MatrixExp}[\theta_x \mathcal{J}_x] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_x & \sin \theta_x \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_x & \cos \theta_x \end{pmatrix} \quad \square$$

Similarly

$$R_y(\theta_y) = \exp \theta_y \mathcal{J}_y = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_y & 0 & -\sin \theta_y \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \theta_y & 0 & \cos \theta_y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_x(\theta_x) R_y(\theta_y) - R_y(\theta_y) R_x(\theta_x) =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\sin \theta_x \sin \theta_y & -\sin \theta_y + \cos \theta_x \sin \theta_y \\ \sin \theta_x \sin \theta_y & 0 & -\sin \theta_x + \cos \theta_y \sin \theta_x \\ -\sin \theta_y + \cos \theta_x \sin \theta_y & -\sin \theta_x + \cos \theta_y \sin \theta_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\neq 0$. Thus, we have shown that $[R_x(\theta_x), R_y(\theta_y)] \neq 0$.

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4. Like a coward, I opted to skip this problem. I will return to it.

5.

We show that $\langle \vec{p}^i \vec{p}^i \rangle$ over the direction of \vec{p} is given by $\frac{1}{4\pi} \int \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \vec{p}^i \vec{p}^i = \frac{1}{3} \vec{p}^2 \delta^{ij}$.

We do this exhaustively.

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In[4]:= Table[ $\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi (\vec{p}^i) (\vec{p}^j) \sin[\theta] d\theta d\phi$ ,  
  {p i, {p Sin[θ] Cos[φ], p Sin[θ] Sin[φ], p Cos[θ]}},  
  {p j, {p Sin[θ] Cos[φ], p Sin[θ] Sin[φ], p Cos[θ]}}] //  
  MatrixForm  
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$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{p^2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{p^2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{3} \vec{p}^2 \delta^{ij}$$

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