

1. Let $\mathbb{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ be a skew-symmetric matrix

$$\mathbb{A} =_{\text{def}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ -A_{12} & 0 & A_{23} \\ -A_{13} & -A_{23} & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

such that $A_{12}^2 + A_{13}^2 + A_{23}^2 = 1$, and let $\varphi \in [0, 2\pi)$ be an arbitrary number. Show that

$$e^{\varphi \mathbb{A}} = \mathbb{1} + (\sin \varphi) \mathbb{A} + (1 - \cos \varphi) \mathbb{A}^2.$$

(Cayley–Hamilton theorem might be useful.) Note the striking similarity of the result with our formula for the determination of the rotation matrix from the axis/angle data. This is not a coincidence. (Skew-symmetric matrices are infinitesimal generators of the group of rotations in \mathbb{R}^3 .)

2. Show that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 I_1(\mathbb{A})}{\partial \mathbb{A}^2} [\mathbb{B}, \mathbb{C}] &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial^2 I_2(\mathbb{A})}{\partial \mathbb{A}^2} [\mathbb{B}, \mathbb{C}] &= (\text{Tr } \mathbb{C}) (\text{Tr } \mathbb{B}) - \text{Tr} (\mathbb{C} \mathbb{B}), \\ \frac{\partial^2 I_3(\mathbb{A})}{\partial \mathbb{A}^2} [\mathbb{B}, \mathbb{C}] &= (\det \mathbb{A}) (\text{Tr} (\mathbb{A}^{-1} \mathbb{B}) \text{Tr} (\mathbb{A}^{-1} \mathbb{C}) - \text{Tr} (\mathbb{A}^{-1} \mathbb{B} \mathbb{A}^{-1} \mathbb{C})), \end{aligned}$$

where $I_1(\mathbb{A})$, $I_2(\mathbb{A})$ and $I_3(\mathbb{A})$ denote the principal invariants of matrix \mathbb{A} , that is

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(\mathbb{A}) &=_{\text{def}} \text{Tr } \mathbb{A}, \\ I_2(\mathbb{A}) &=_{\text{def}} \frac{1}{2} \left((\text{Tr } \mathbb{A})^2 - \text{Tr} (\mathbb{A}^2) \right), \\ I_3(\mathbb{A}) &=_{\text{def}} \det \mathbb{A}. \end{aligned}$$

Please note that $\frac{\partial f(\mathbb{A})}{\partial \mathbb{A}} [\mathbb{B}]$ is just another notation for Gâteaux derivative, that is

$$\frac{\partial f(\mathbb{A})}{\partial \mathbb{A}} [\mathbb{B}] =_{\text{def}} D_f(\mathbb{A}) [\mathbb{B}].$$