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## **Screw Theory**

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## **The Screw Theory**

### 1. Screw Theory?

- The representation of the movement of the rigid body
  - ✓ For intuitiveness and calculation speed, we need a different method more than the conventional method based on cartesian space (x, y, z)
  - ✓ Unlike the conventional transfer matrix-based method, the screw theory represents the movement of the rigid body
- The screw theory can be classified as :
  - ✓ Finite screw (Screw)
  - ✓ Instantaneous screw (Twist)



## **The Quaternion**

### 2. Quaternion?

- The number made of scalar and vector which made of an imaginary numbers
- $h = h_1 + h_2 i + h_3 j + h_4 k = (Re(h), Im(h))$ 
  - $\checkmark h$ : Quaternion, Re(h): Real number, Im(h): Imaginary numbers
  - ✓ Summation, subtraction, and conjugate act same as conventional realimaginary number
- Multiplicity acts like this :



$$\boldsymbol{h}^{mult} = \begin{bmatrix} h_0 & -h_1 & -h_2 & -h_3 \\ h_1 & h_0 & -h_3 & h_2 \\ h_2 & h_3 & h_0 & -h_1 \\ h_3 & -h_2 & h_1 & h_0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\boldsymbol{h} = \begin{bmatrix} h_0 & h_1 & h_2 & h_3 \end{bmatrix}^T$$
$$\boldsymbol{h}_1 \boldsymbol{h}_2 = \boldsymbol{h}_1^{mult} \boldsymbol{h}_2$$



# The Quaternion – can the transfer matrix be replaced?

- Quaternion
  - h = h<sub>1</sub> + h<sub>2</sub>i + h<sub>3</sub>j + h<sub>4</sub>k = (Re(h), Im(h))
     ✓ h: Quaternion, Re(h): Real number,
     ✓ Im(h): Imaginary numbers
  - How to rotate?  $\checkmark \hat{h} = rhr^*$

 $\succ r^*$  is conjugate quaternion

$$\checkmark r = \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right)n$$
  

$$\Rightarrow \phi \text{ is rotation angle}$$
  

$$\Rightarrow n \text{ is rotation axis vector}$$

➢ (form of imaginary vector)

✓ WHY 
$$\frac{\phi}{2}$$
 not just  $\phi$  ?  
➤ Check the video (The real part increases)

#### The number in middle of video is real part





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- Quaternion
  - $h = h_1 + h_2 i + h_3 j + h_4 k = (Re(h), Im(h))$ ✓ h: Quaternion, Re(h): Real number, ✓ Im(h): Imaginary numbers This video moves h to h  $\checkmark h = 0 + 2i + 0j + 0k$  $\hat{h} = 0 + 0i + 2j + 0k$ by n = [1, 1, 1]✓ First trajectory shows  $\blacktriangleright \hat{h_1} = rh$ , where  $r(\phi = [0, \frac{2\pi}{2}])$ ✓ Second trajectory shows  $\blacktriangleright \hat{h_2} = \hat{h_1}r^* \text{ , where } r(\phi = \left[0, \frac{2\pi}{2}\right])$ ✓ Last trajectory shows  $\succ$   $\hat{h} = rhr^*$ where  $r\left(\phi = \left[0, \frac{2\pi}{3}\right]\right)$ ,  $r^*\left(\phi = \left[0, \frac{2\pi}{3}\right]\right)$

#### The number in middle of video is real part





## So we need to use quarternion?

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Representing successive rotation using quaternion....

$$\acute{h} = \cdots r_3 r_2 r_1 h r_1^* r_2^* r_3^* \cdots$$

This makes the calculation complex, furthermore the position term is absent

By using screw theory, the calculation can be simple, including the motion of position.



## The Quaternion to the finite screw

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• Quaternion

• 
$$\boldsymbol{h} = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\boldsymbol{s_f}$$
  
 $\checkmark \boldsymbol{h}$ : Quaternion,

- $L_f$ : Rotation axis (Lie group finite motion), but with Plücker Coordinates  $\checkmark L_f = (s_f^T (r_f \times s_f)^T) <<$  which we want to use/express/calculate
- Quaternion to the Dual Quaternion

• 
$$D = cos\left(\frac{\check{\theta}}{2}\right) + sin\left(\frac{\check{\theta}}{2}\right)\check{S}$$
  
 $\checkmark\check{\theta} = (\theta + \varepsilon t)$   
 $\checkmark\check{S} = (s_f + \varepsilon(r_f \times s_f))$   
 $\checkmark\varepsilon$ : dual number  $(\varepsilon^2 = 0)$   
 $(\theta, t) \in \mathbb{R}, (s_f, r_f) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$ 



## The Quaternion to the finite screw





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• Finite screw 
$$S_f = 2\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \begin{bmatrix} s_f \\ (r_f \times s_f) + \frac{t}{2}\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)s_f \end{bmatrix} + t\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ s_f \end{bmatrix}$$

... So, where is the  $D_s$ ?  $D_s$  is still in somewhere, waiting for when calculate the successive finite screw



## Finite screw and Instantaneous screw

- Screw Theory represents the **shift of posture** from initial, contrast to DH parameter.
  - Can be categorized to the **Finite** and the **Instantaneous screw**.
- 1. Finite screw :  $S_f = S_f(\theta, t, s, r) = 2 \tan (\theta/2) [s, r \times s]^T + t [\mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3}, s]^T$ 
  - Represents the **shift** of the posture.
- 2. Instantaneous screw :  $S_i = S_i(\omega, \nu, s, r) = \omega[s, r \times s]^T + \nu[\mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3}, s]^T$ 
  - Assuming r and s doesn't change.
  - Represents the movement of posture.
  - $\omega = \dot{\theta}$
  - $\boldsymbol{v} = \dot{t}$
- 3. Relationship between the finite and instantaneous screw
  - $\dot{S}_f = \dot{S}_f (\dot{\theta}, \dot{t}, \dot{s} = 0, \dot{r} = 0)$ =  $\dot{\theta} / (\sec(\theta/2))^2 [\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{s}]^T + \dot{t} [\mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3}, \mathbf{s}]^T$
  - if θ = 0
  - $\dot{S}_f = S_i$





## Relationship between finite screw and transfer matrix (tip)

Finite screw :  $S_f = S_f(\theta, tr, s, r) = 2 \tan(\theta/2) [s, r \times s]^T + t [\mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3}, s]^T$ 

Transfer matrix :  $\begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

• 
$$R = E_3 + \sin(\theta) \tilde{s} + (1 - \cos(\theta))(\tilde{s})^2$$
  
 $\checkmark$  Rodrigues rotation formula  
•  $t = (E_2 - R)(r - s^T r s) + ts$ 



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## Characteristic features of Instantaneous Screw

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Instantaneous Screw :  $S_i = S_i(\omega, v, s, r) = \omega[s, r \times s]^T + v[\mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3}, s]^T$ 

- **Assuming** r and s doesn't change.
- Represents the movement of posture.

Mostly used for representing **movement of rigid body**, which **generated by successive active axes** 

Because it has LINEAR PROPERTY, additivity can be applied.

