

Worksheet: L11 – Rotations

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<http://www.neil.dantam.name/rpm/B11-rotation.pdf>



1. **Euler's Formula:** Prove that $e^{\pi\sqrt{-1}} = -1$

2. **Multiplication of Quaternion Units:** Simplify multiplication of pairs of quaternion units:

(a) $\hat{i}\hat{j}$

$$\hat{i}\hat{j}\hat{k} = -1 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \hat{i}\hat{j}\hat{k}^2 = -\hat{k} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad -\hat{i}\hat{j} = -\hat{k} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \hat{i}\hat{j} = \hat{k}$$

(b) $\hat{j}\hat{k}$

(c) $\hat{i}\hat{k}$

(d) $\hat{j}\hat{i}$

(e) $\hat{k}\hat{j}$

(f) $\hat{k}\hat{i}$

3. **Quaternion Multiplication:** Simplify $(a_w + a_x\hat{i} + a_y\hat{j} + a_z\hat{k}) \otimes (b_w + b_x\hat{i} + b_y\hat{j} + b_z\hat{k})$

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4. **Quaternion Multiplication Commutativity:** Is quaternion multiplication commutative? Prove yes or no.

5. **Quaternion Rotations:** Convert the following axis-angle forms to unit quaternions:

(a) $\theta = \pi$ and $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \hat{\mathbf{i}}$
 $\exp\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\hat{\mathbf{i}}\right) \rightsquigarrow \sin\frac{\pi}{2}\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \cos\frac{\pi}{2} \rightsquigarrow \hat{\mathbf{i}}$

(b) $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \hat{\mathbf{k}}$

(c) $\theta = -\frac{3\pi}{2}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \hat{\mathbf{k}}$

(d) $\theta = 0$ and $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \hat{\mathbf{i}}$