

Begin with $c_i = \sum_{j,k} \epsilon_{ijk} b_j c_k$. Suppose that

$$a'_i = \sum_j R_{ij} a_j \quad b'_i = \sum_j R_{ij} b_j \quad c'_i = \sum_{j,k} \epsilon_{ijk} a'_j b'_k$$

Show that $c'_i = (\det R) \sum_j R_{ij} c_j$

Proof: We can verify this result for:

(a) inversion in origin

$$R = -I \quad \therefore a'_i = -a_i \quad b'_i = -b_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} c'_i &= \sum_{j,k} \epsilon_{ijk} a'_j b'_k = \sum_{j,k} \epsilon_{ijk} (-a_j) (-b_k) = \sum_{j,k} \epsilon_{ijk} a_j b_k \\ &= c_i \end{aligned}$$

Now, look at $c'_i \stackrel{?}{=} (\det R) \sum_j R_{ij} c_j$

$$\det R = \det(-I) = -1 \quad \sum_j R_{ij} c_j = -c_i$$

$$\therefore (\det R) \sum_j R_{ij} c_j = (-1) (-c_i) = c_i = c'_i$$

(b) Rotation about x_3 axis.

$$(R_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a'_i = \sum_j R_{ij} a_j$$

$$a'_1 = a_1 \cos \theta - a_2 \sin \theta$$

$$a'_2 = a_1 \sin \theta + a_2 \cos \theta$$

$$a'_3 = a_3$$

$$b'_i = \sum_j R_{ij} b_j$$

$$b'_1 = b_1 \cos \theta - b_2 \sin \theta$$

$$b'_2 = b_1 \sin \theta + b_2 \cos \theta$$

$$b'_3 = b_3$$