



FFTs in Graphics and Vision

Representing Rotations



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- Math Review
 - Polynomials
 - Eigenvectors
 - Orthogonal Transformations
 - Classifying the 2D Orthogonal Transformations
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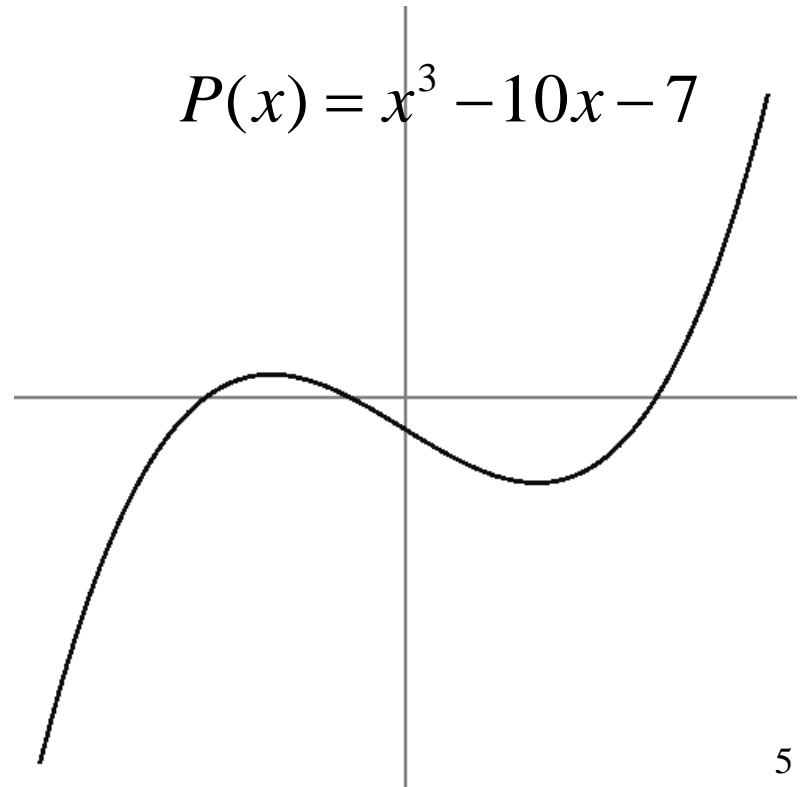
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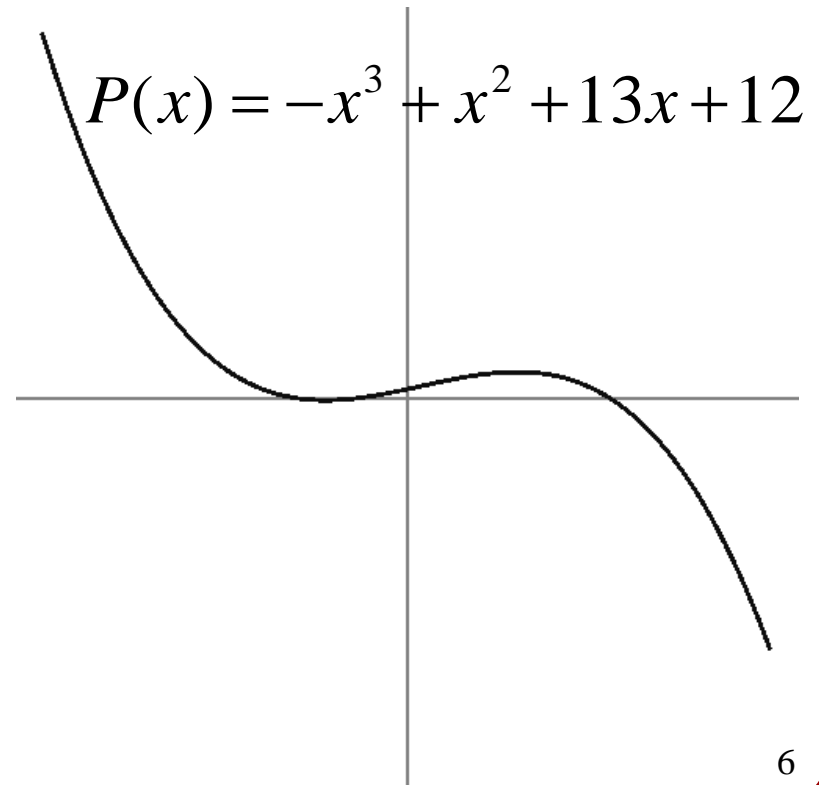
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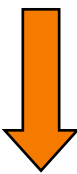


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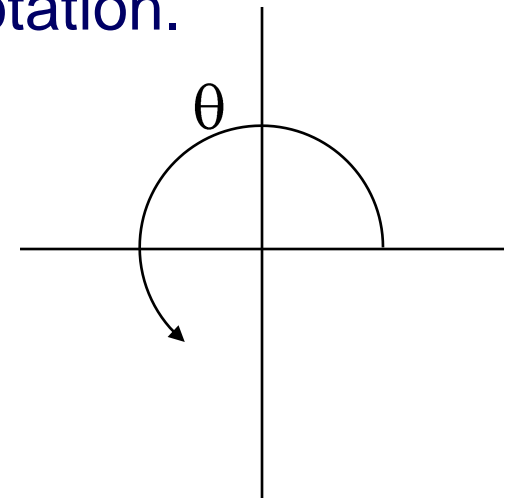
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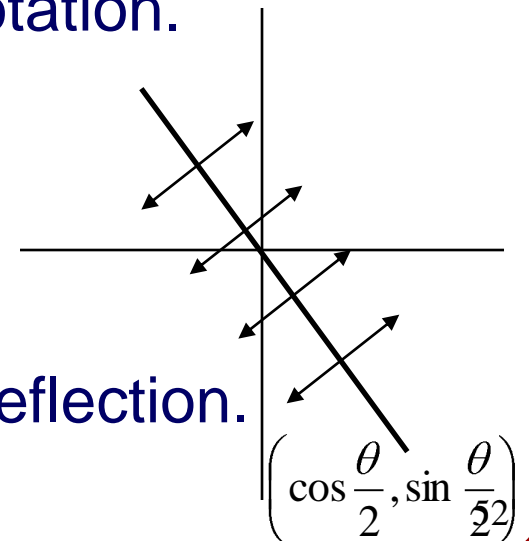
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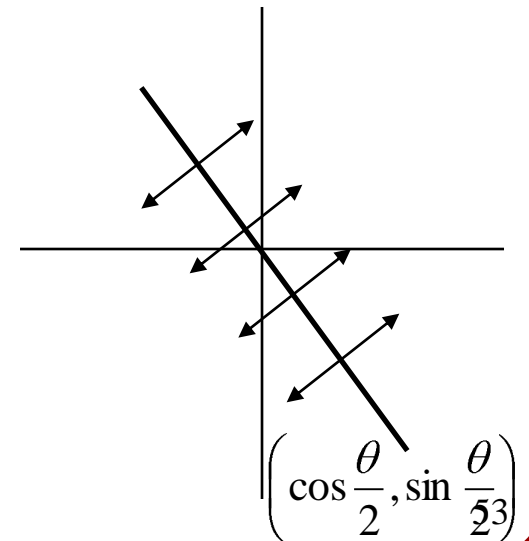


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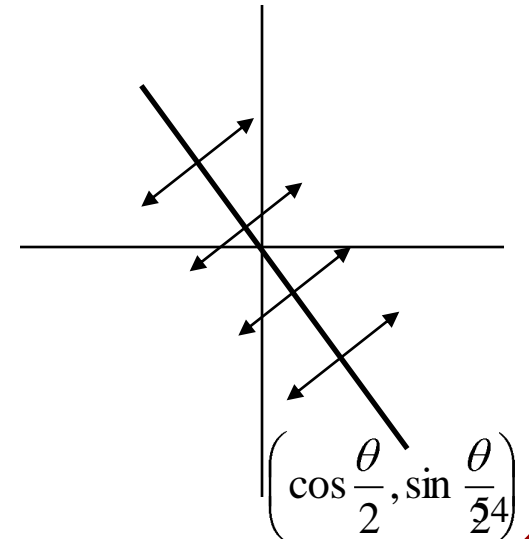
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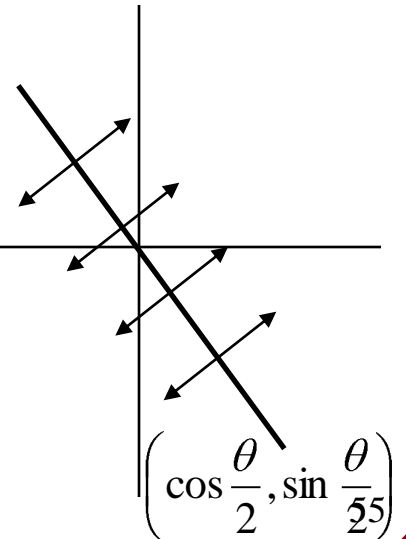
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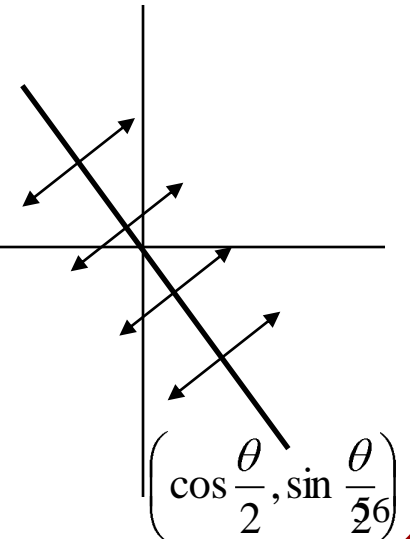
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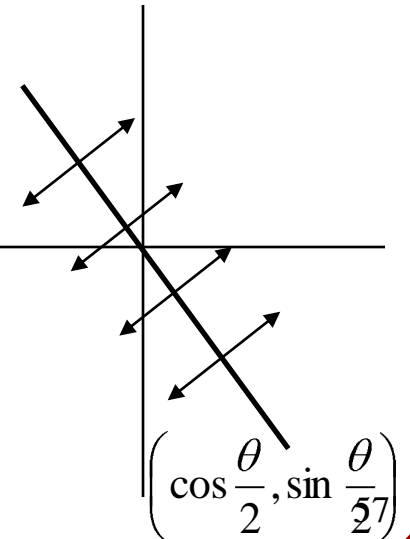
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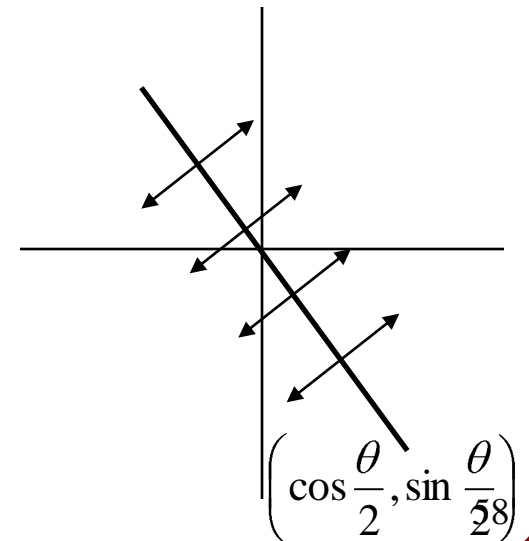
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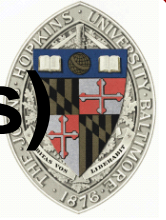




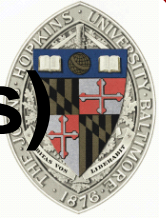
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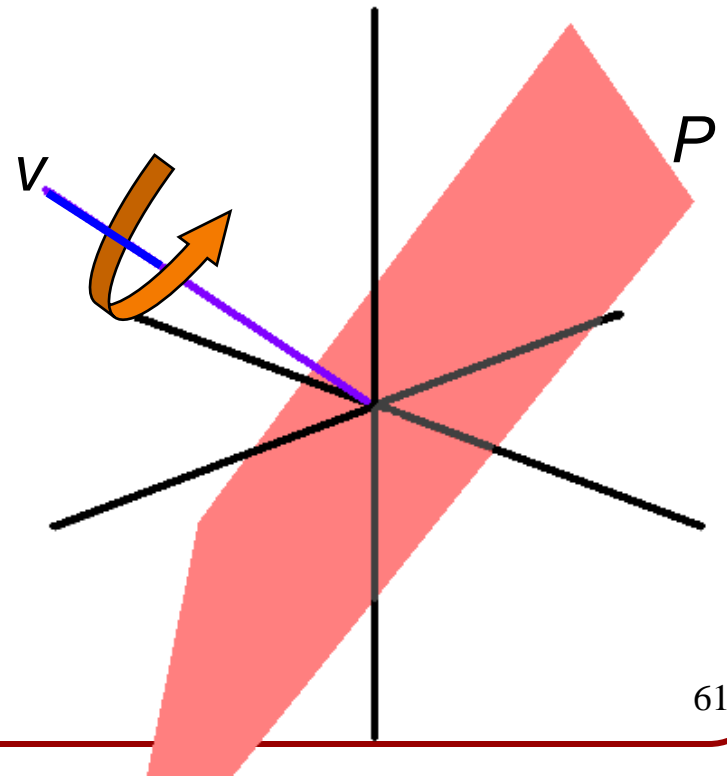
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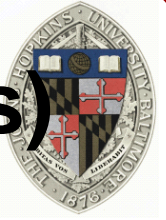


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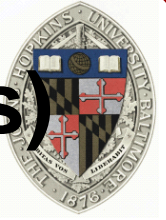
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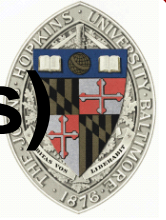
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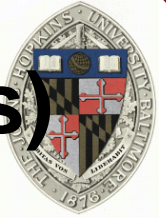


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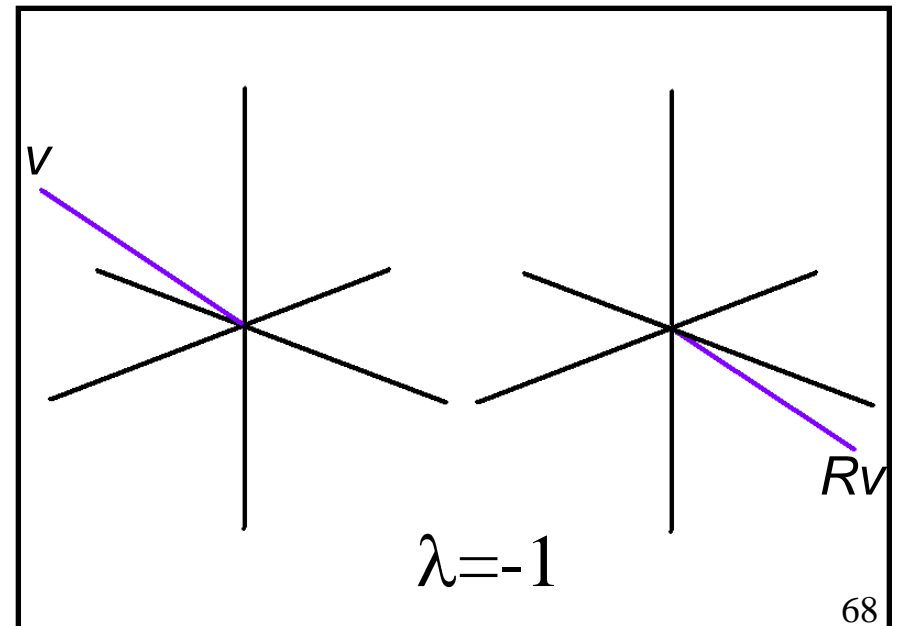
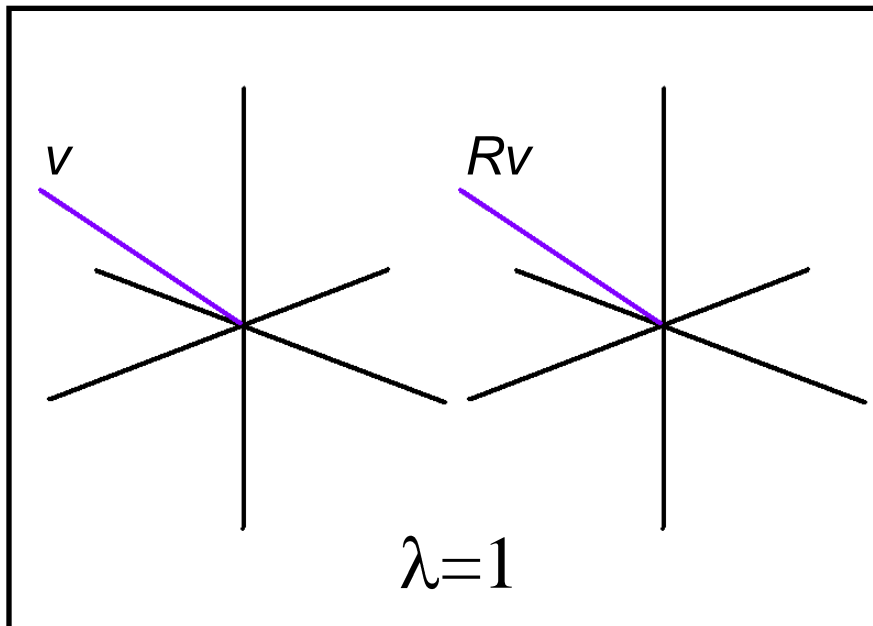
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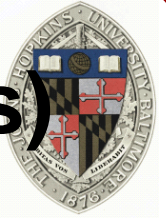
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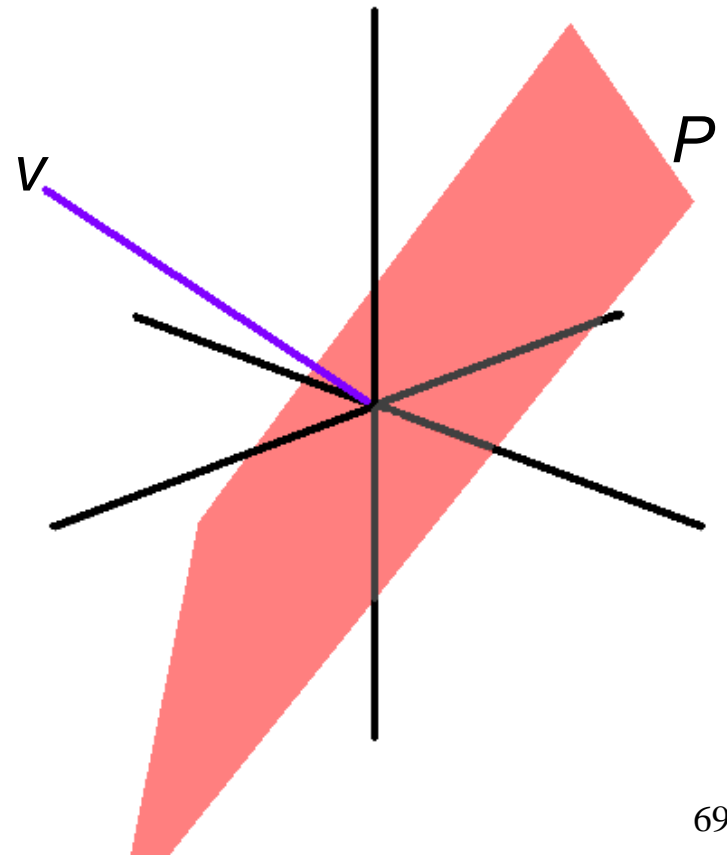
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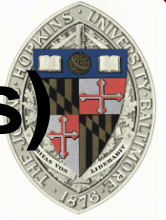




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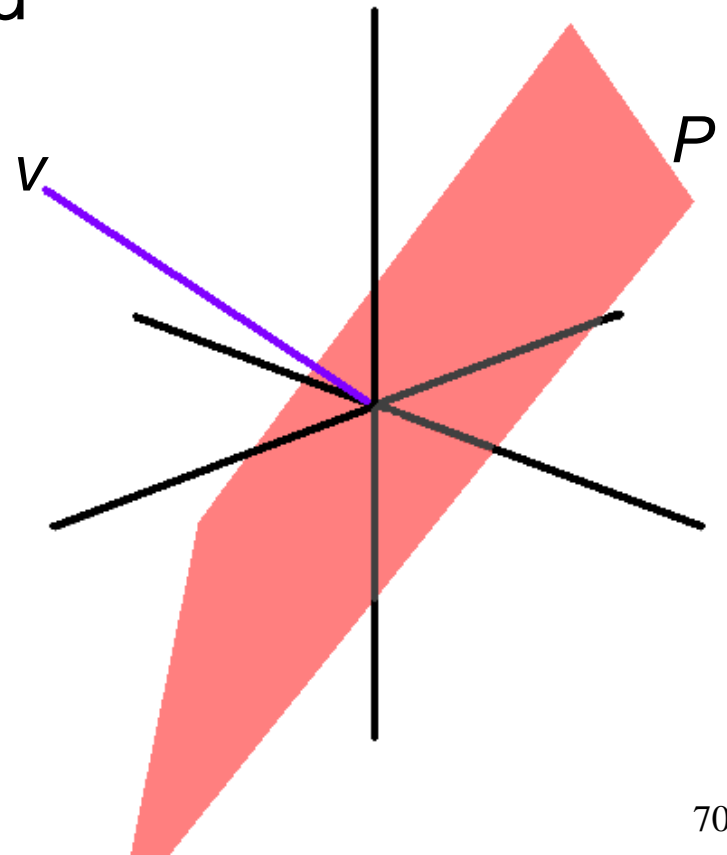


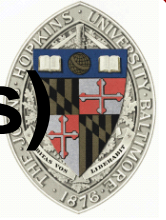


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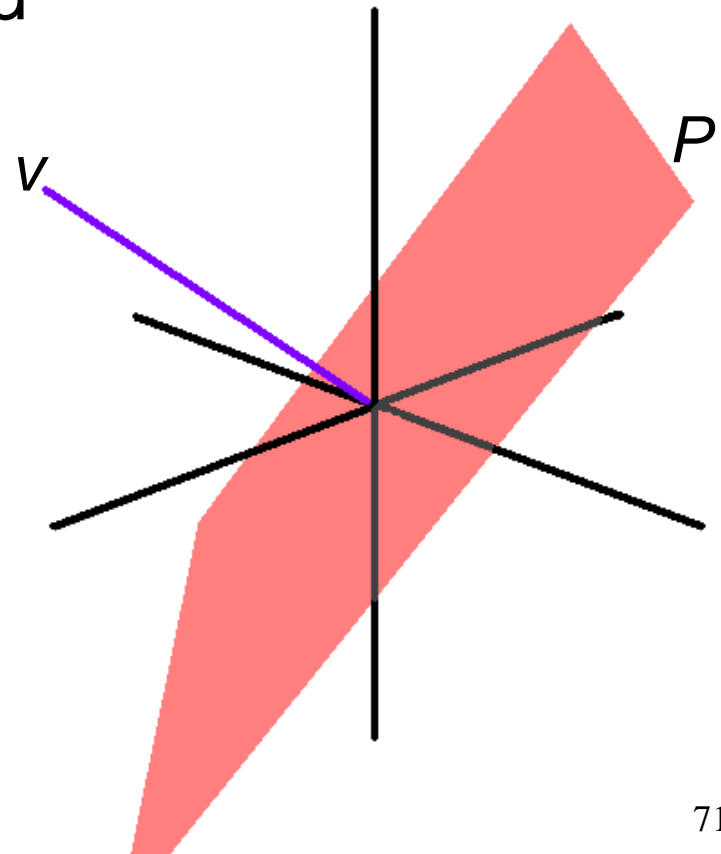


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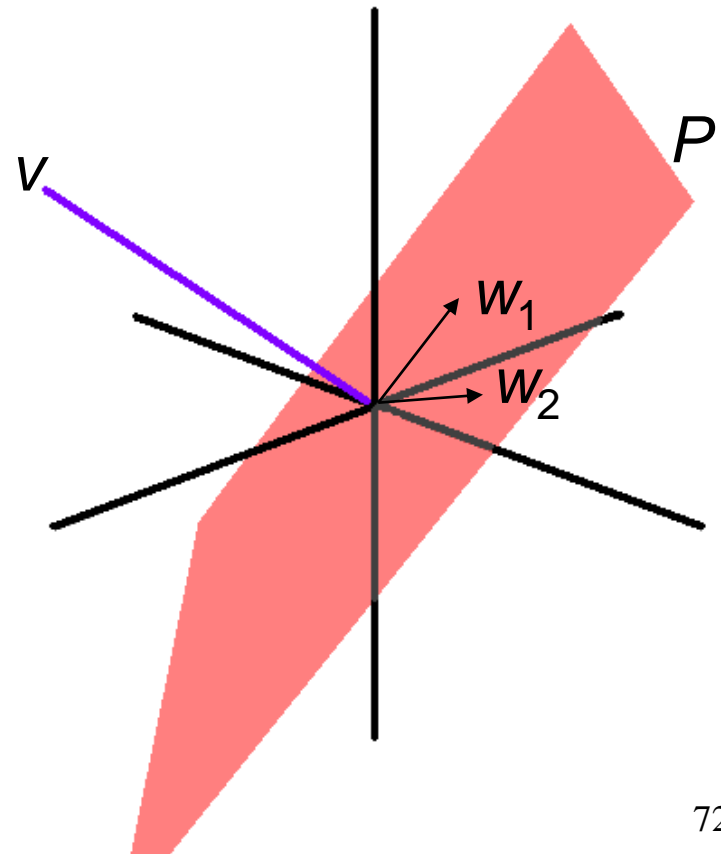
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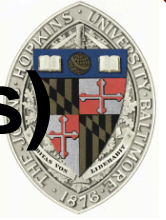
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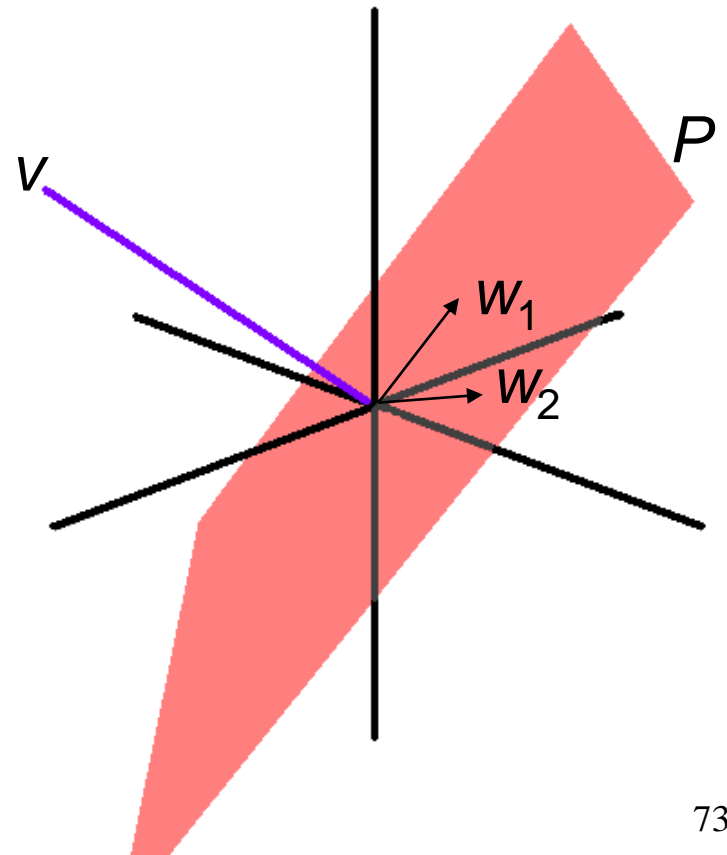
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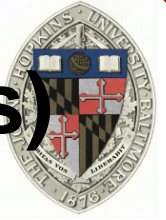


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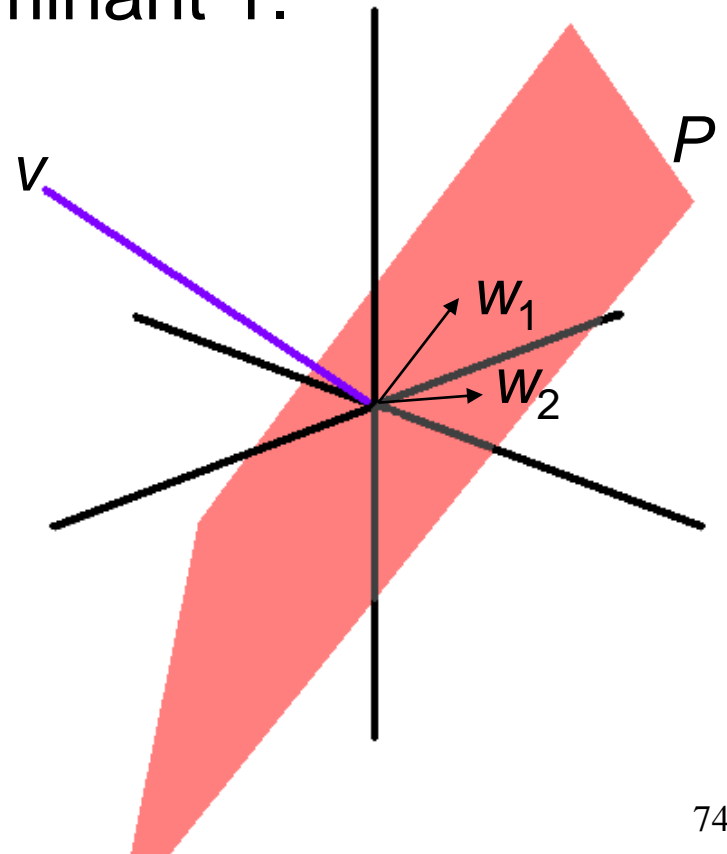


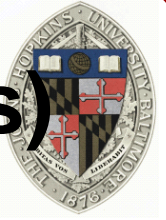


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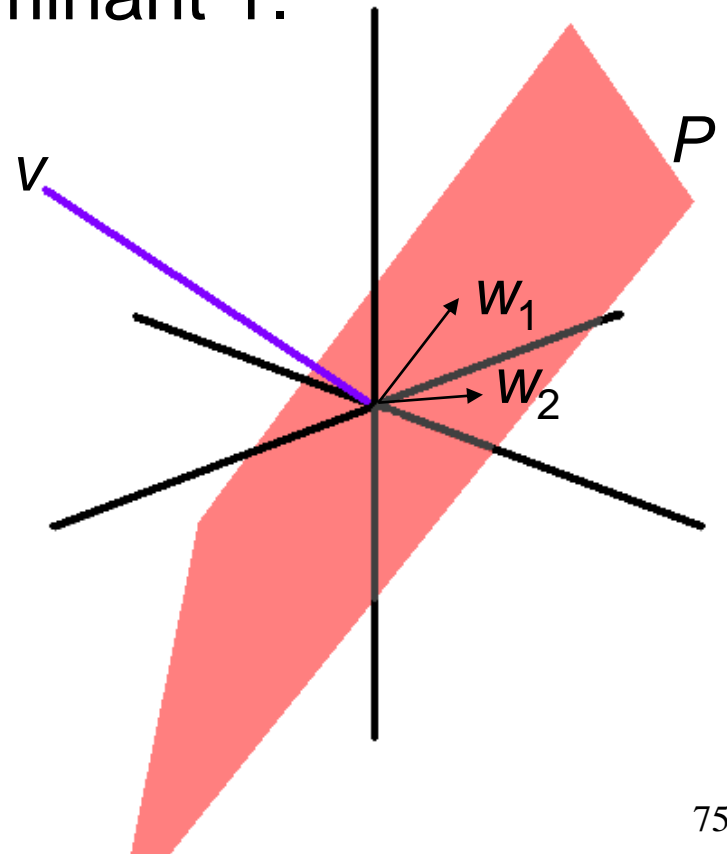
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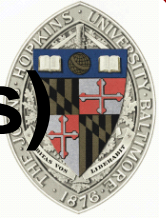
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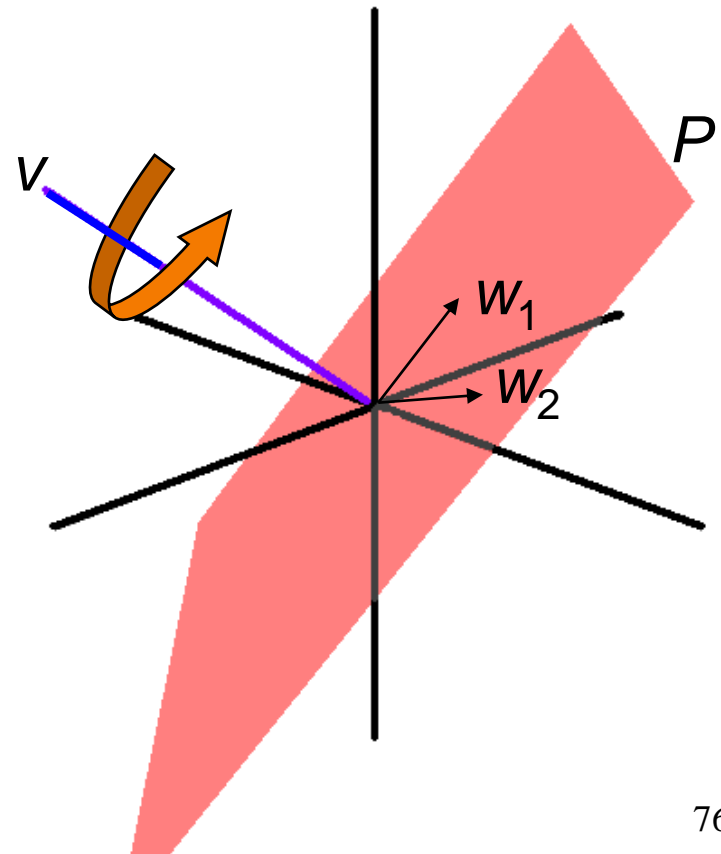
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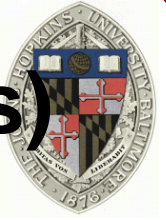
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Thus, if $\lambda=1$, we must have:

$$R \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

and R is a rotation in the plane P by angle θ .





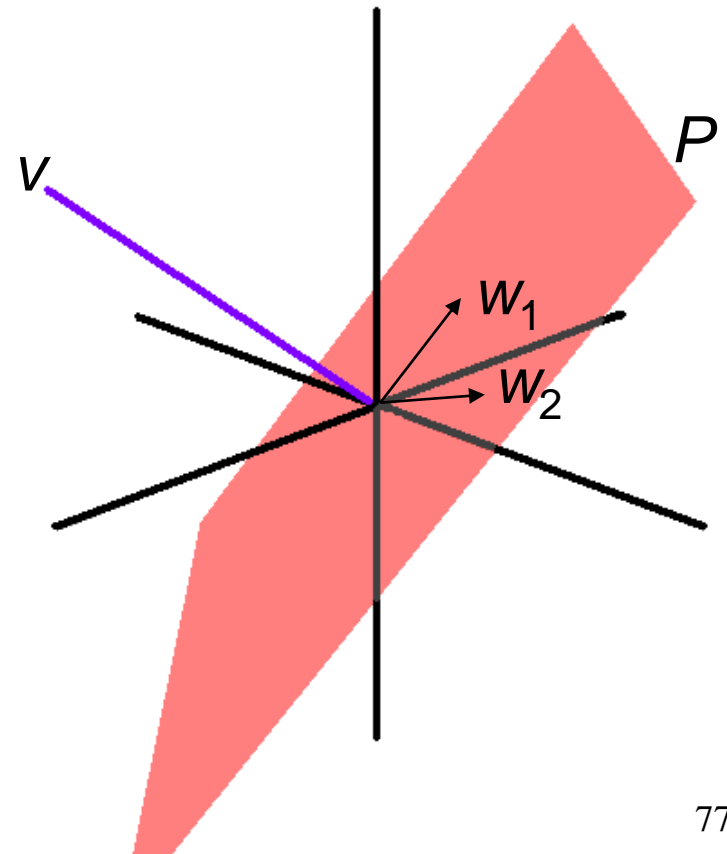
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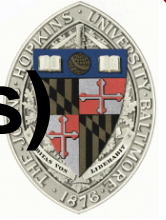
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On the other hand, if $\lambda = -1$, we get:

$$R \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

and R is the composition of a reflection in the plane P and a flip about the line spanned by v .





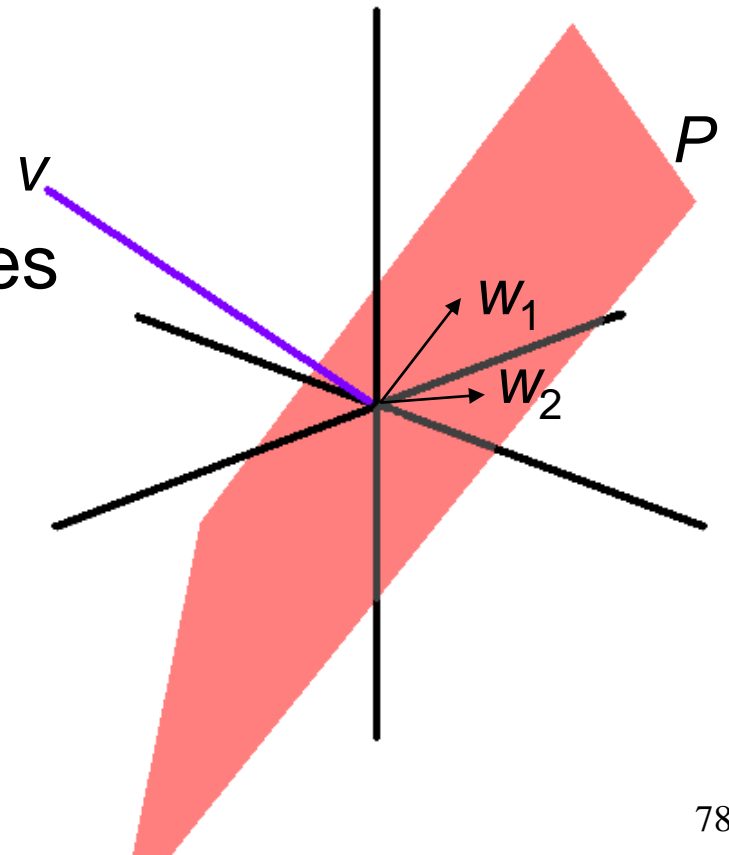
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Restricting R to the plane P , we get:

$$R_P \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

which we know has eigenvalues
-1 and 1.



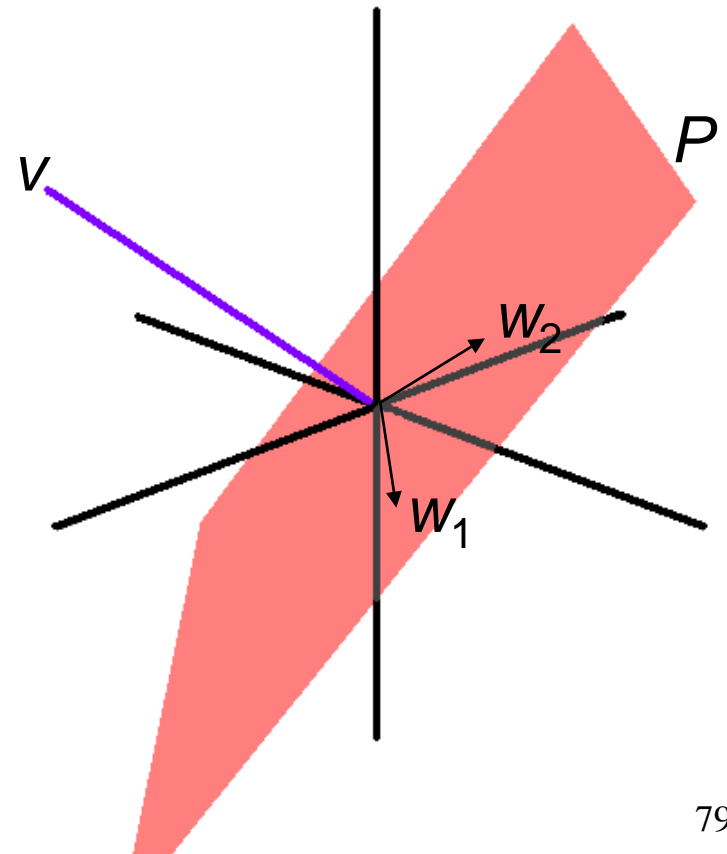


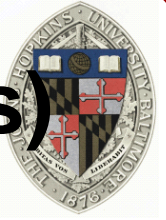
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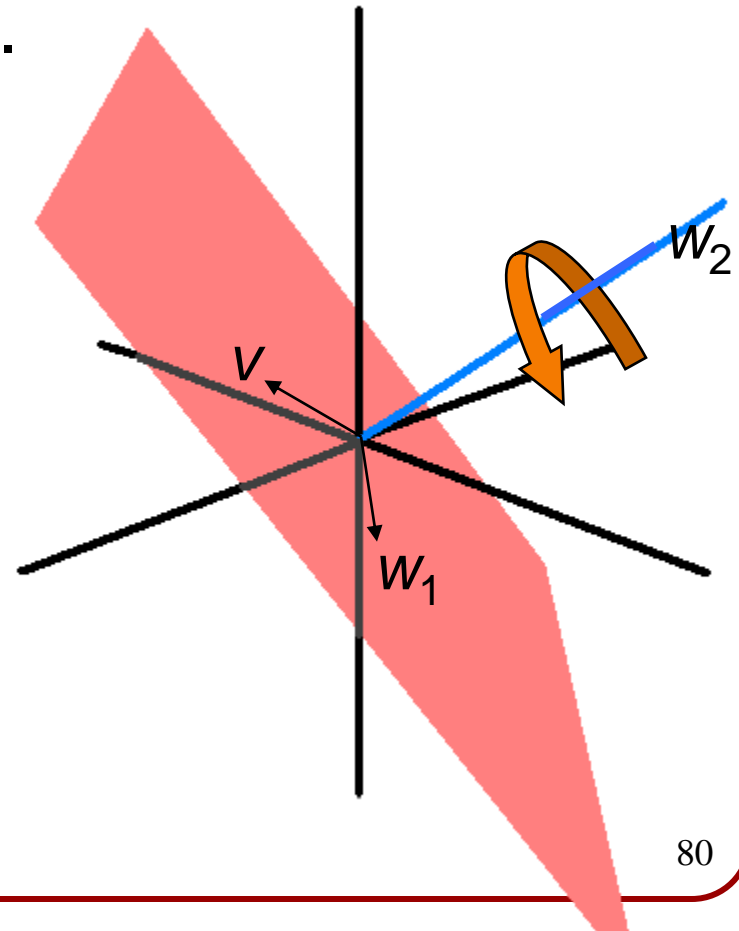


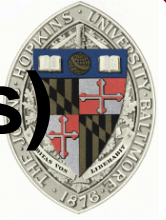


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This implies that R must be a rotation by 180° in the plane spanned by v and w_1 .

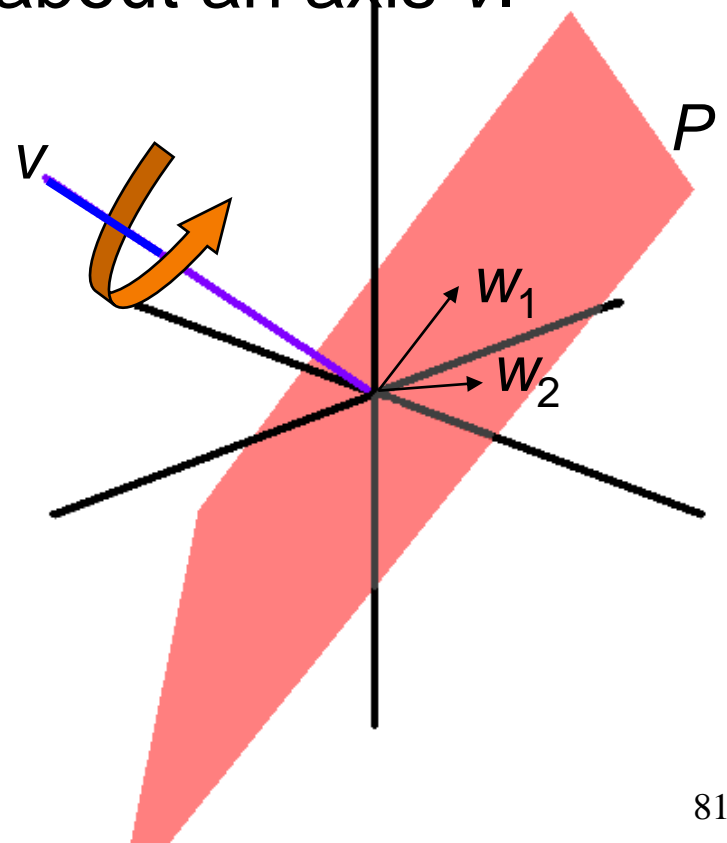


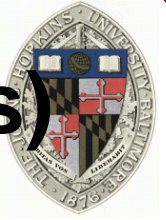


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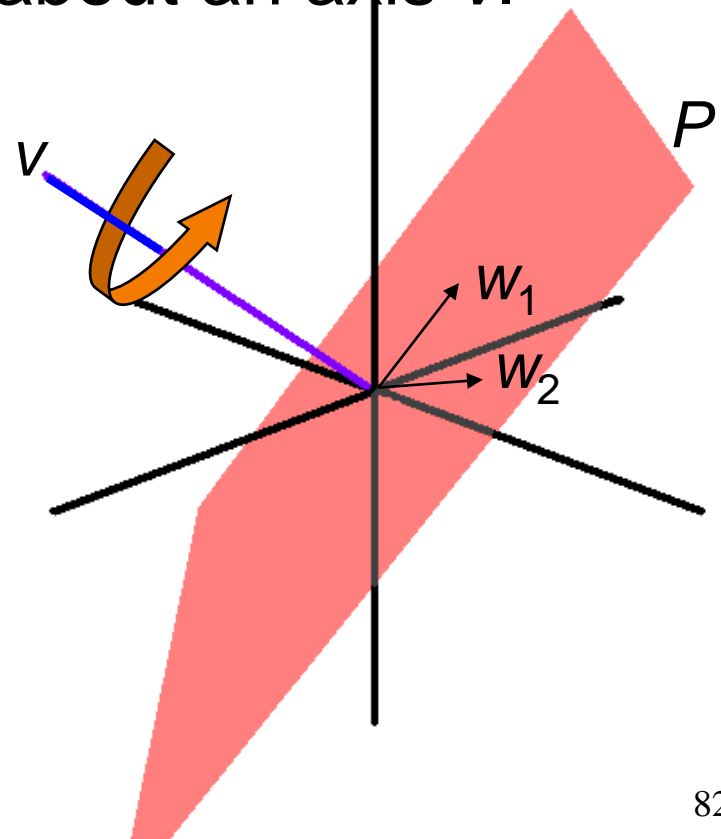


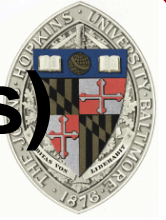
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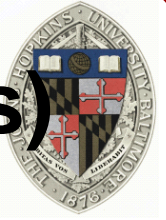




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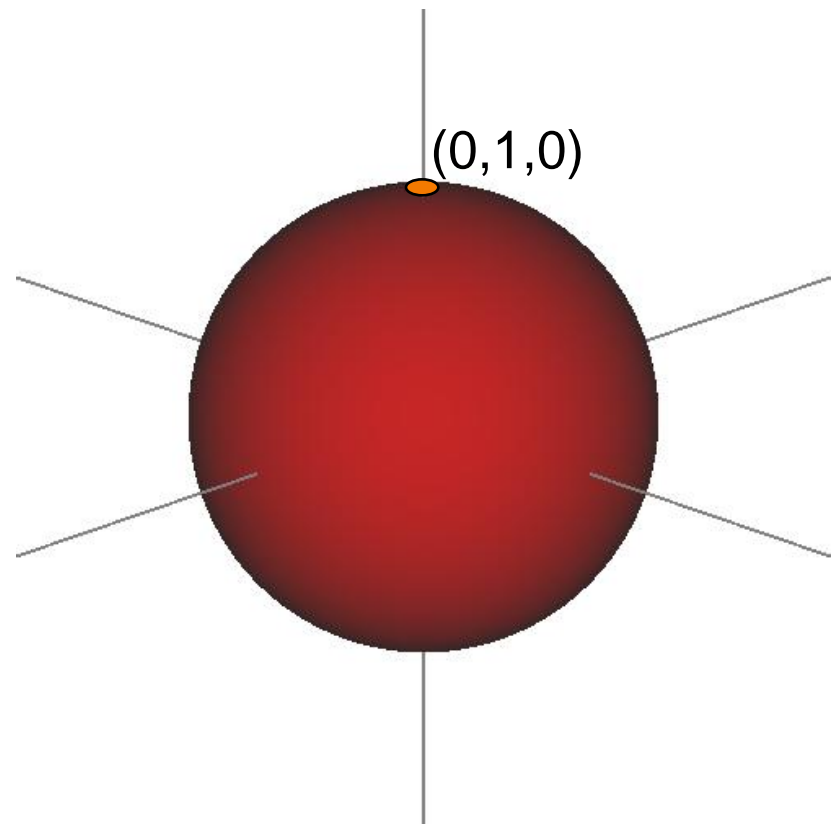
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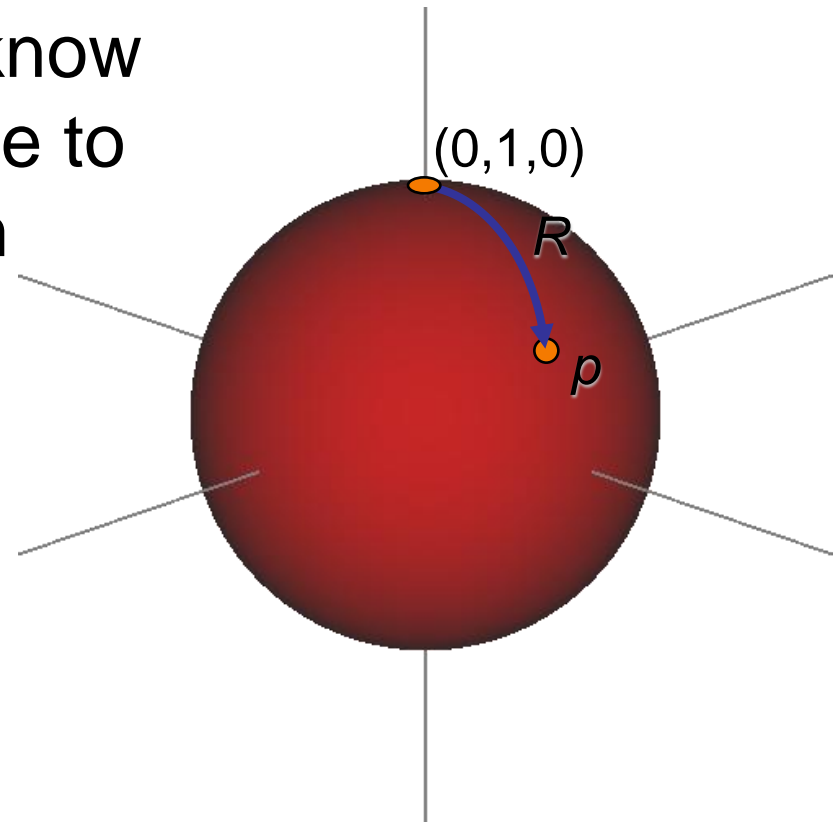


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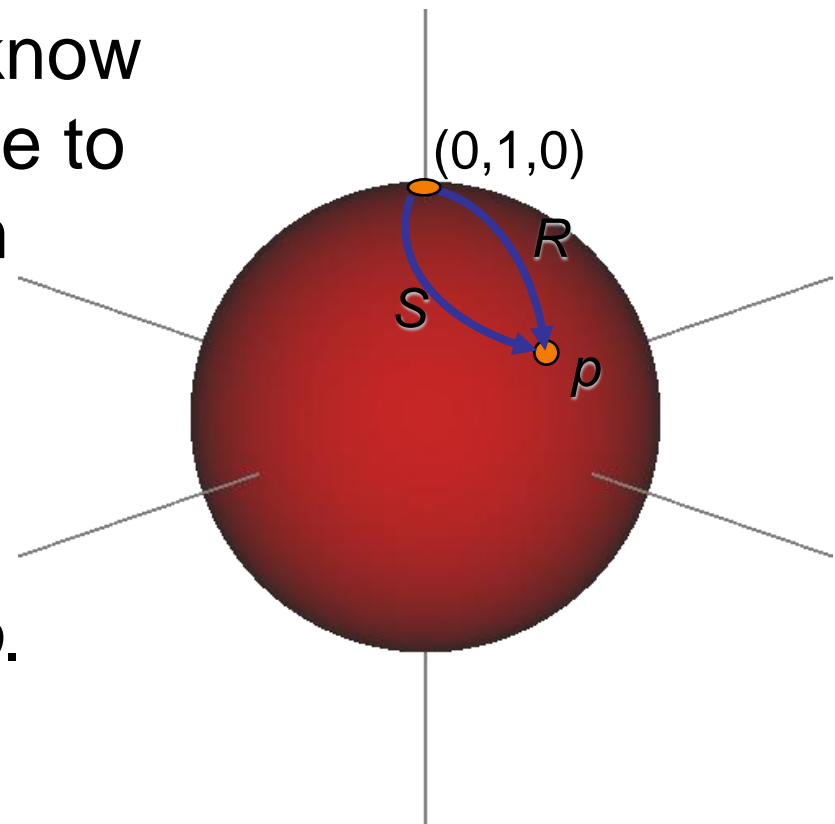
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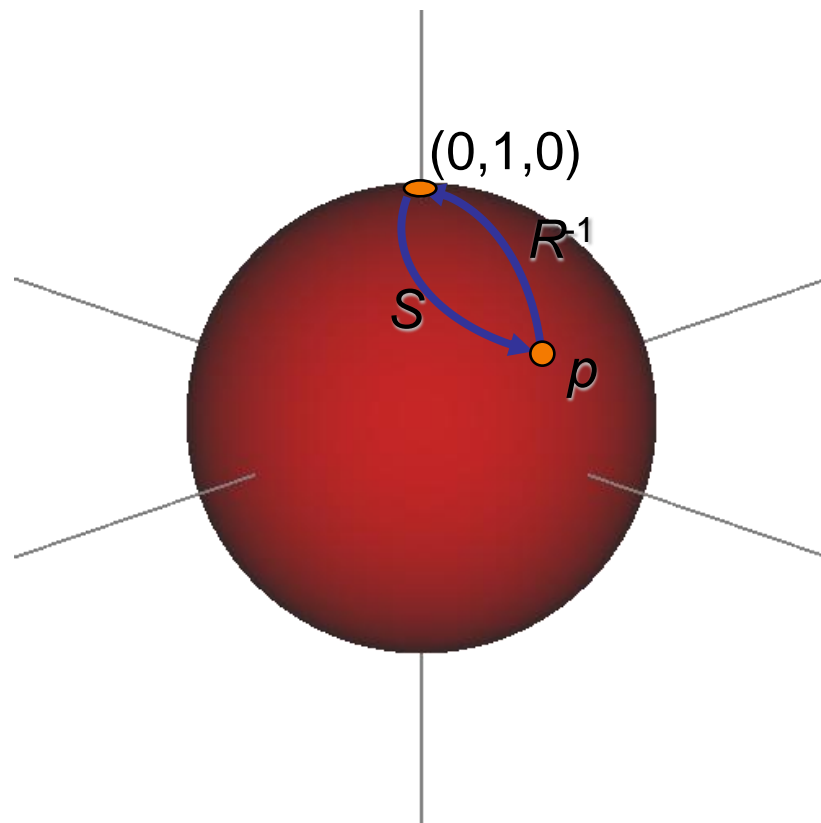
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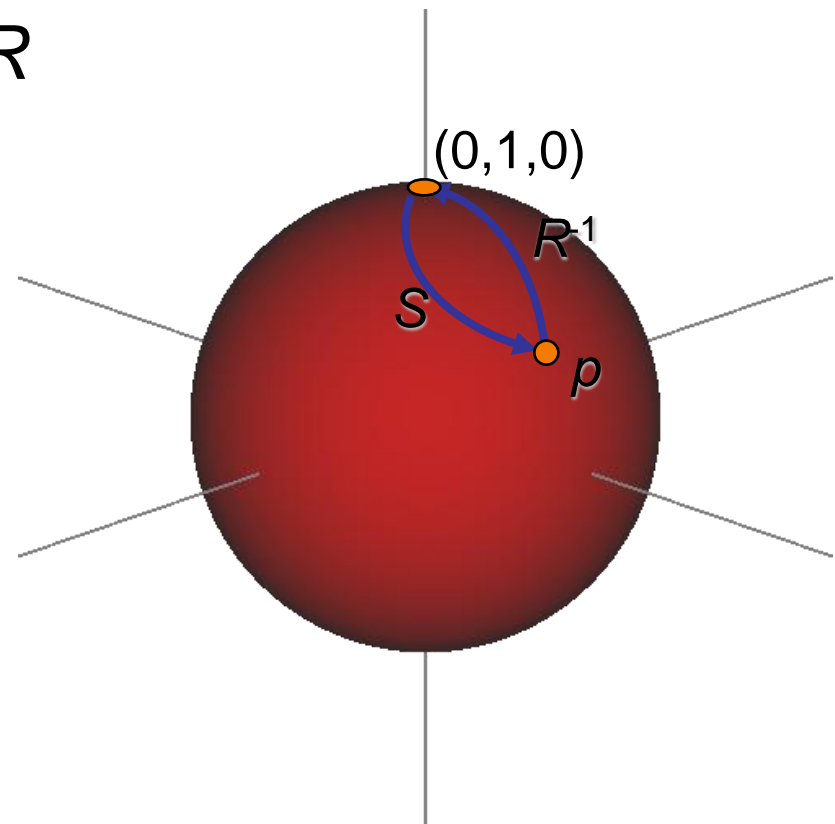


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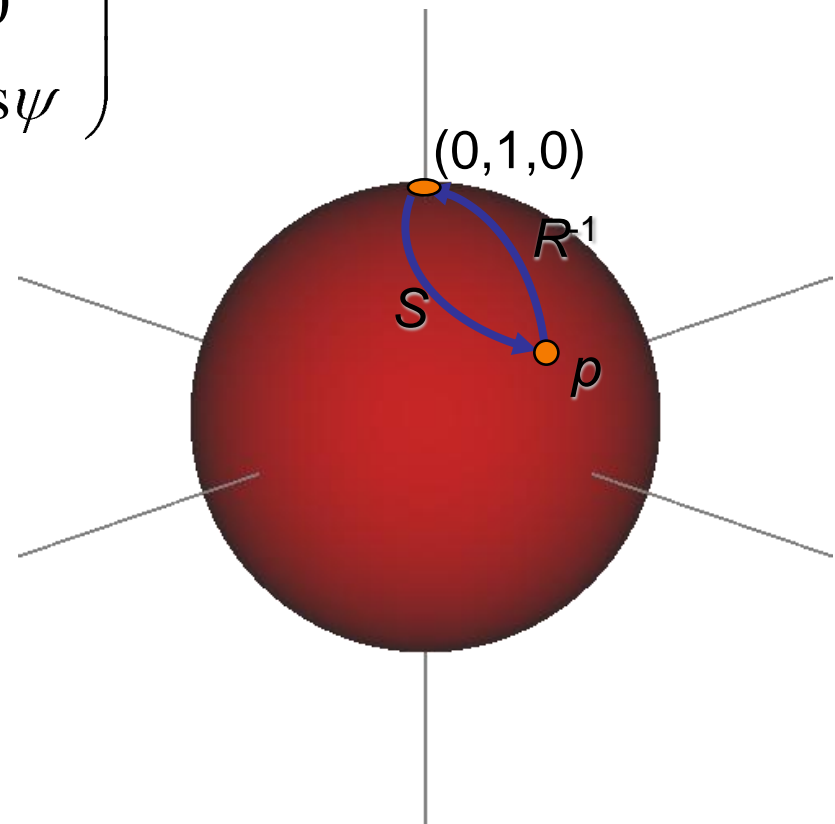
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Thus, if we denote by $R_y(\psi)$ a rotation about the y -axis (North pole) by ψ degrees:

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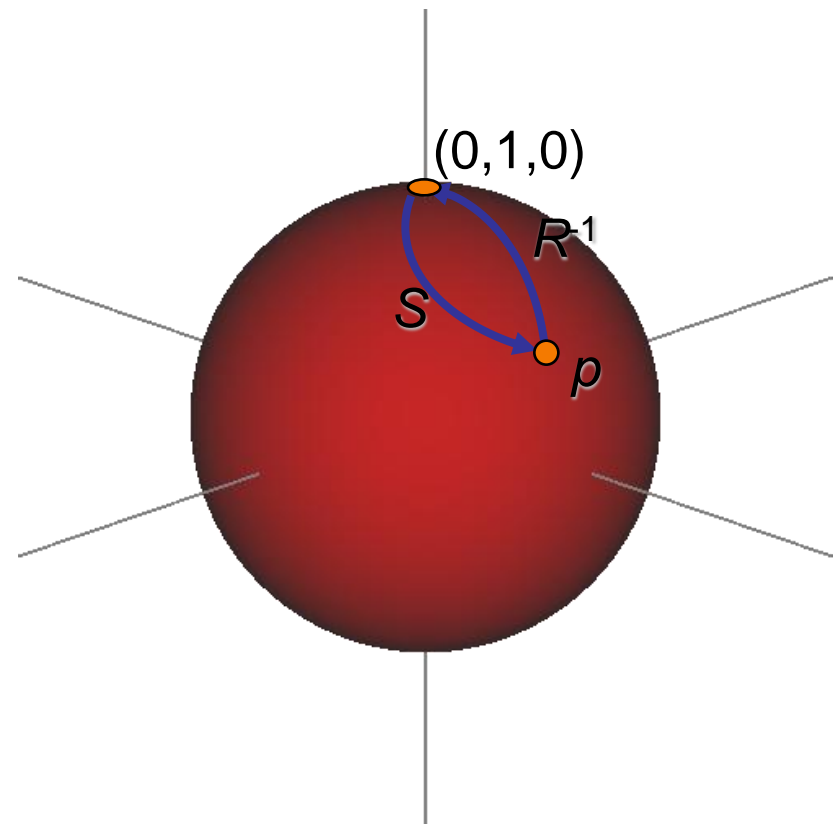


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$$S = R \cdot R_y(\psi)$$



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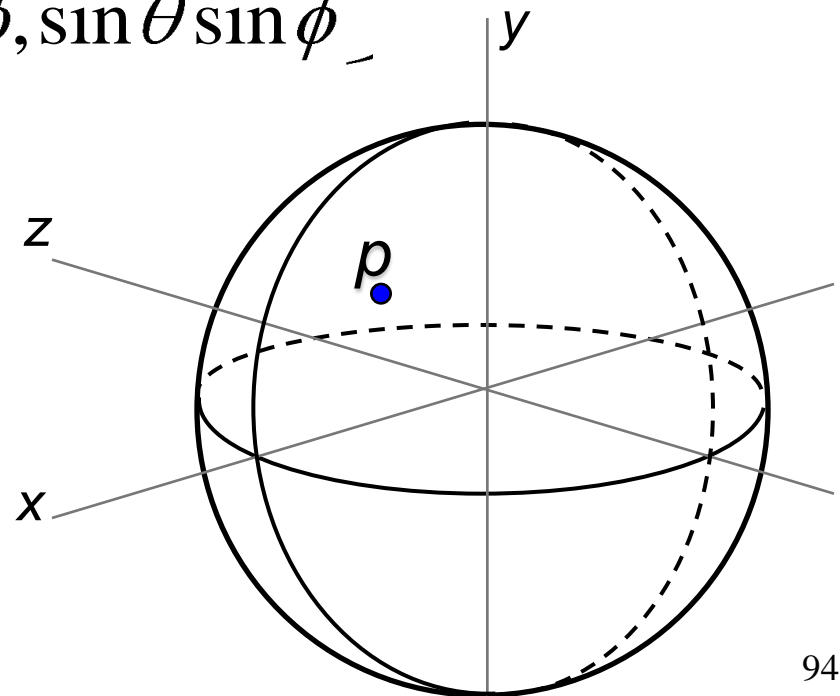
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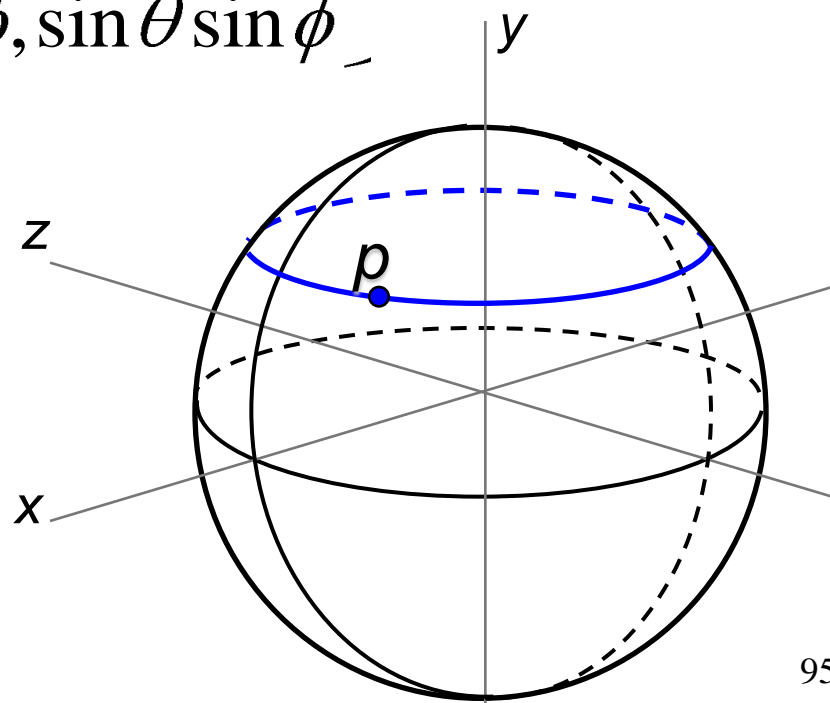


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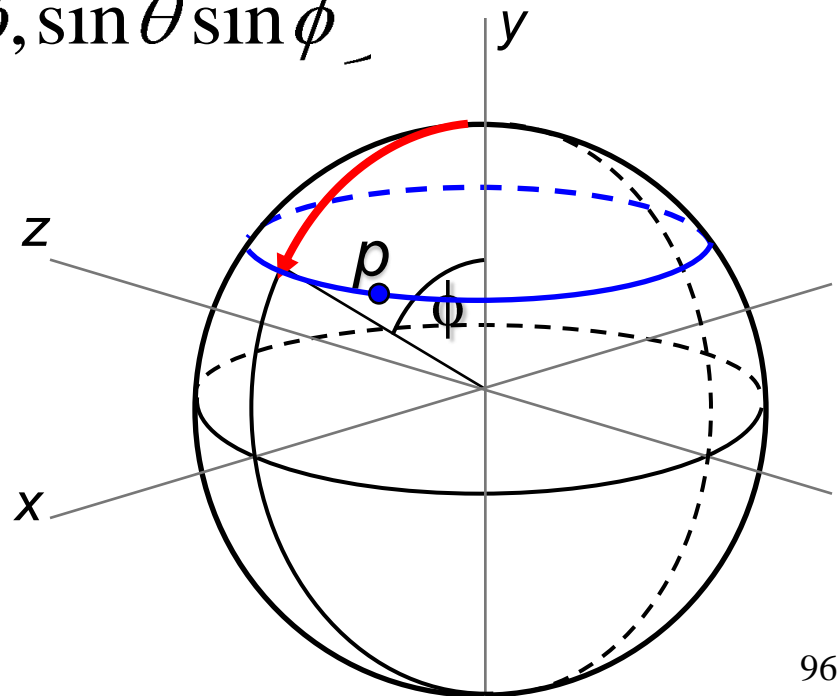
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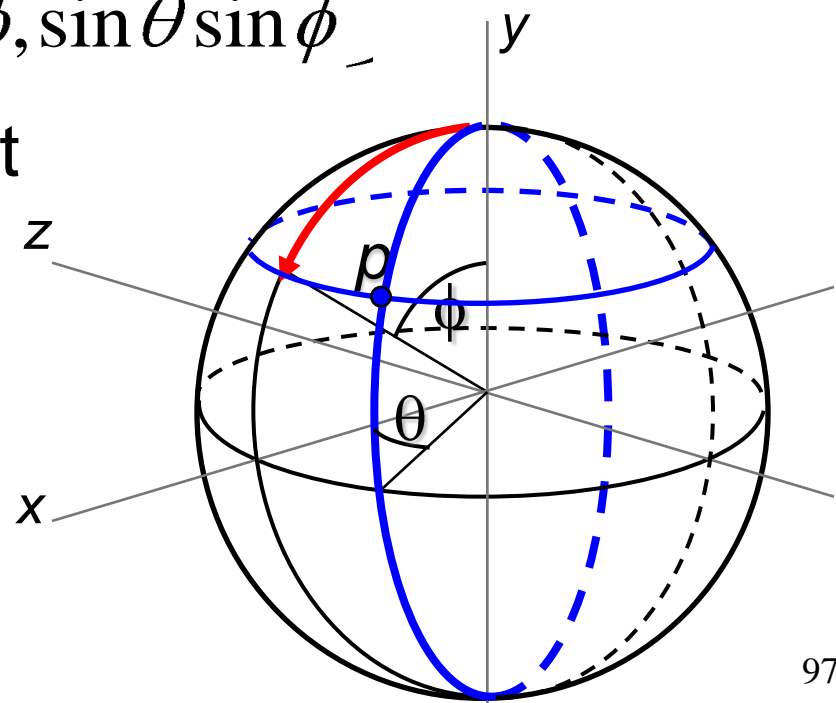


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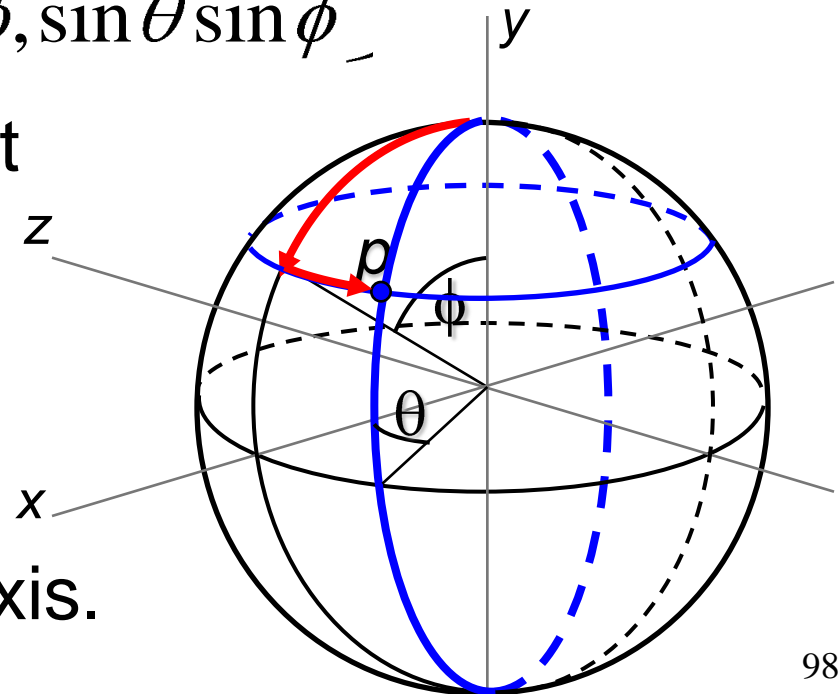
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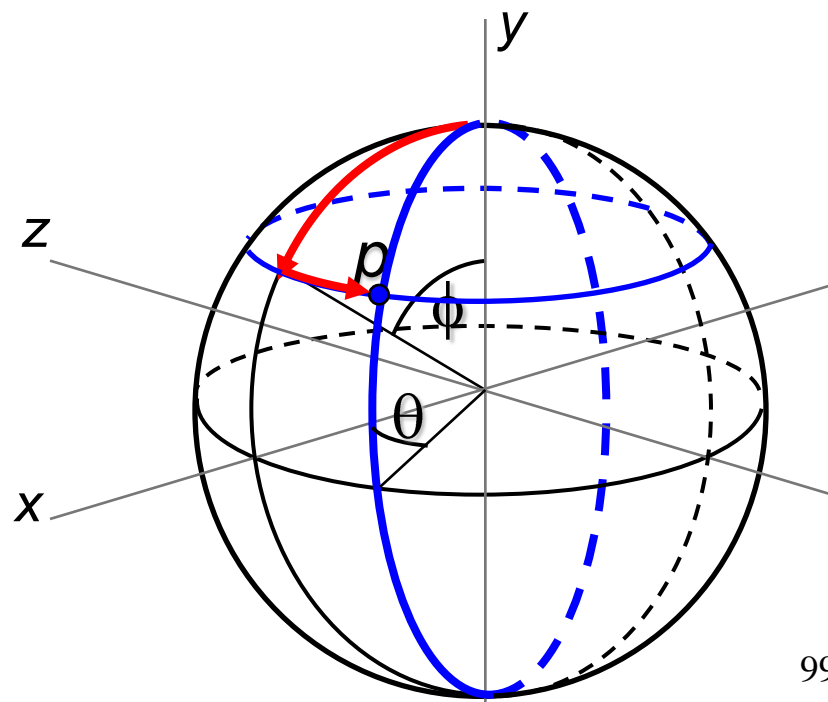


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Thus, when the spherical coordinates of the point p are (θ, ϕ) , we can rotate $(0,1,0)$ to p by:

- First rotating by ϕ degrees about the z -axis, and
- Then rotating by θ degrees about the y -axis.



Representing 3D Rotations (Euler)



Since a rotation R can be described by a rotation about the y -axis, followed by a rotation that maps $(0,1,0)$ to $R(0,1,0)$, we can represent rotations by:

$$R = R_y(\theta) \cdot R_z(\phi) \cdot R_y(\psi)$$

where $R_y(\alpha)$ is the rotation about the y -axis by α , and $R_z(\beta)$ is the rotation about the z -axis by β .

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This is the Euler Angle parameterization of 3D rotations.