



Advanced Electromagnetics:  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Electromagnetics

## Tensor Math



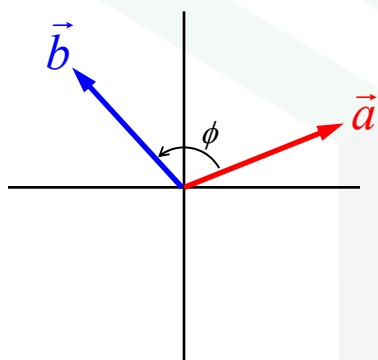
## Lecture Outline

- Rotation matrices
- Tensor rotation
- Tensor diagonalization (i.e. “unrotation”)
- More on rotation matrices
  - Rotation matrix for rotating  $\vec{a}$  onto  $\vec{b}$
  - Rotation matrix for rotating  $(\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c})$  onto  $(\vec{a}', \vec{b}', \vec{c}')$ .

# Rotation Matrices

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## Definition of a Rotation Matrix



Rotation matrix  $[R]$  is defined as

$$\vec{b} = [R(\phi)] \vec{a}$$

The rotation matrix should not change the amplitude. This implies that  $[R]$  is *unitary*.

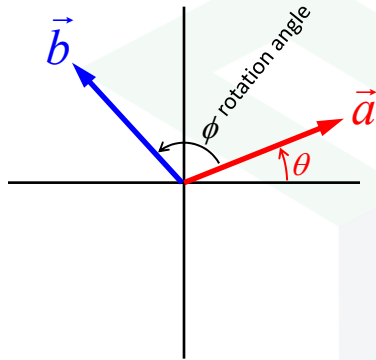
$$|\vec{b}| = |\vec{a}|$$

$$[R]^H = [R]^{-1}$$

$$[R][R]^H = [R]^H [R] = \mathbf{I}$$

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## Derivation of a 2D Rotation Matrix



Start with vector  $\vec{a}$  at angle  $\theta$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a} &= a_x \hat{x} + a_y \hat{y} \\ &= a [\cos \theta \hat{x} + \sin \theta \hat{y}]\end{aligned}$$

Add angle  $\phi$  to rotate the vector

$$\vec{b} = a [\cos(\theta + \phi) \hat{x} + \sin(\theta + \phi) \hat{y}]$$

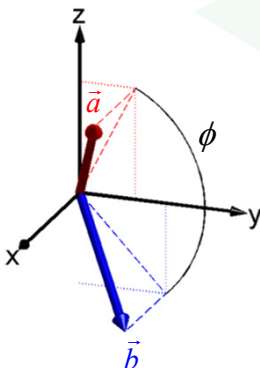
Apply trig identities

$$\vec{b} = a \left[ \begin{aligned} &(\cos \theta \cos \phi - \sin \theta \sin \phi) \hat{x} \\ &+ (\sin \theta \cos \phi + \cos \theta \sin \phi) \hat{y} \end{aligned} \right]$$

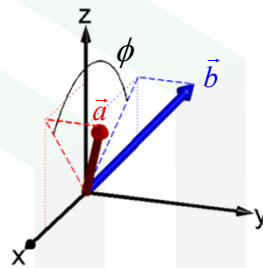
$$\begin{bmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}}_{[R(\phi)]} \begin{bmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \end{bmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \quad = \begin{bmatrix} (a_x \cos \phi - a_y \sin \phi) \hat{x} \\ + (a_y \cos \phi + a_x \sin \phi) \hat{y} \end{bmatrix}$$

## 3D Rotation Matrices

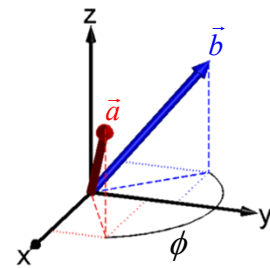
Rotation matrices for 3D coordinates can be written directly from the previous result.



$$[R_x(\phi)] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ 0 & \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}$$



$$[R_y(\phi)] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & 0 & \sin \phi \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & 0 & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}$$



$$[R_z(\phi)] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

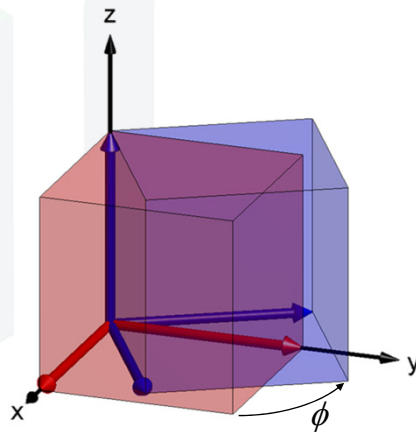
# Tensor Rotation

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## Tensor Rotation

Tensors are rotated using the same rotation matrices, but in a slightly different manner than vectors.

$$[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{(R)}] = [R_z(\phi)][\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}][R_z(\phi)]^{-1}$$



## Combinations of Rotations

Suppose it is desired to first rotate about the  $x$ -axis by some angle, second rotate about the  $y$ -axis by some angle, and third rotate about the  $z$ -axis by some angle.

For vectors, this would be done as...

$$\vec{b} = [R_z][R_y][R_x]\vec{a}$$

For tensors, this would be done as...

$$[\epsilon^{(R)}] = [R_z][R_y][R_x][\epsilon][R_x]^{-1}[R_y]^{-1}[R_z]^{-1}$$



## Composite Rotation Matrix

Multiple rotation matrices can be combined into a single composite rotation matrix  $[R]$ .

$$[R] = [R_y][R_z][R_x]$$

This equation implies we will rotate first about the  $x$ -axis, second about the  $z$ -axis, and third about the  $y$ -axis.

Vector rotation using the composite rotation matrix is

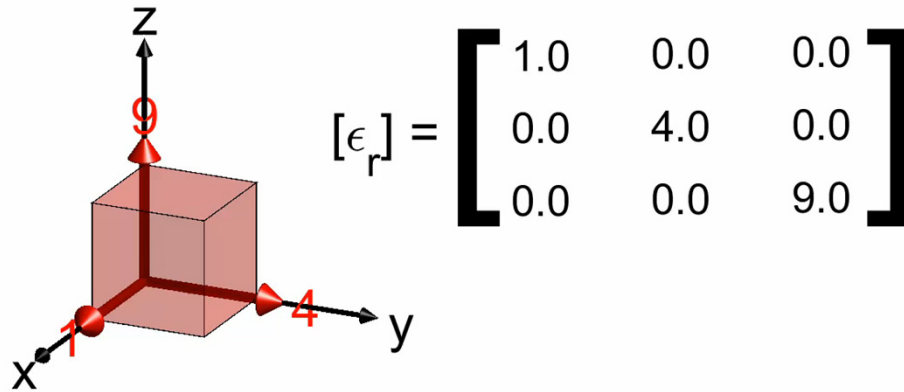
$$\vec{b} = [R]\vec{a}$$

Tensor rotation using the composite rotation matrix is

$$[\epsilon^{(R)}] = [R][\epsilon][R]^{-1}$$



## Animation of Tensor Rotation



## Order of Rotations Matter

The order that the rotation matrices are multiplied controls the order that the rotations are performed.

$$\vec{b} = [R_z(-45^\circ)][R_y(220^\circ)][R_x(10^\circ)]\vec{a}$$

1. First rotates about the  $x$ -axis by  $10^\circ$ .
2. Second rotates about the  $y$ -axis by  $220^\circ$ .
3. Third rotates about the  $z$ -axis by  $-45^\circ$ .

In general, different results are obtained when the order of rotation is changed.

$$[R_y][R_x] \neq [R_x][R_y]$$

## Numerical Examples (1 of 2)

$$\text{Given: } [\varepsilon_r] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotate about x-axis by 20°

$$[R_x(20^\circ)] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.9397 & -0.3420 \\ 0 & 0.3420 & 0.9397 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[R_x(20^\circ)][\varepsilon_r] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.1170 & -0.3214 \\ 0 & -0.3214 & 2.8830 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotate about y-axis by 45°

$$[R_y(45^\circ)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7071 & 0 & 0.7071 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -0.7071 & 0 & 0.7071 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[R_y(45^\circ)][\varepsilon_r] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: the tensor element along the axis of rotation remains unchanged.

Rotate about z-axis by 60°

$$[R_z(60^\circ)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5000 & -0.8660 & 0 \\ 0.8660 & 0.5000 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[R_z(60^\circ)][\varepsilon_r] = \begin{bmatrix} 1.7500 & -0.4330 & 0 \\ -0.4330 & 1.2500 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Numerical Examples (2 of 2)

$$\text{Given: } [\varepsilon_r] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotate first about x-axis by 20° and second about the y-axis by 45°

$$[R_y(45^\circ)R_x(20^\circ)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7071 & 0.2418 & 0.6645 \\ 0 & 0.9397 & -0.3420 \\ -0.7071 & 0.2418 & 0.6645 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[R_y(45^\circ)R_x(20^\circ)][\varepsilon_r] = \begin{bmatrix} 1.9415 & -0.2273 & 0.9415 \\ -0.2273 & 2.1170 & -0.2273 \\ 0.9415 & -0.2273 & 1.9415 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotate first about z-axis by 60° and second about the y-axis by 45°

$$[R_y(45^\circ)R_z(60^\circ)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3536 & -0.6124 & 0.7071 \\ 0.8660 & 0.5000 & 0 \\ -0.3536 & 0.6124 & 0.7071 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[R_y(45^\circ)R_z(60^\circ)][\varepsilon_r] = \begin{bmatrix} 2.3750 & -0.3062 & 0.6250 \\ -0.3062 & 1.2500 & 0.3062 \\ 0.6250 & 0.3062 & 2.3750 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotate first about x-axis by 20°, second about the y-axis by 45°, and third about the z-axis by 60°

$$[R_z(60^\circ)R_y(45^\circ)R_x(20^\circ)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3536 & -0.6929 & 0.6284 \\ 0.6124 & 0.6793 & 0.4044 \\ -0.7071 & 0.2418 & 0.6645 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[R_z(60^\circ)R_y(45^\circ)R_x(20^\circ)][\varepsilon_r] = \begin{bmatrix} 2.2699 & 0.0377 & 0.6676 \\ 0.0377 & 1.7886 & 0.7017 \\ 0.6676 & 0.7017 & 1.9415 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Tensor Diagonalization ("Unrotation")

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## Tensor Diagonalization (1 of 2)

A tensor can always be diagonalized along its principle axes  $\hat{a}$ ,  $\hat{b}$ , and  $\hat{c}$ .

$$[\mathcal{E}] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{E}_a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{E}_b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathcal{E}_c \end{bmatrix}$$

Principle Axes:

$\mathcal{E}_a$  is along  $\hat{a}$

$\mathcal{E}_b$  is along  $\hat{b}$

$\mathcal{E}_c$  is along  $\hat{c}$

Convention:

$$\mathcal{E}_a \leq \mathcal{E}_b \leq \mathcal{E}_c$$

But suppose a general nine-element tensor is given.

$$[\mathcal{E}_{\text{rot}}] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{E}_{xx} & \mathcal{E}_{xy} & \mathcal{E}_{xz} \\ \mathcal{E}_{yx} & \mathcal{E}_{yy} & \mathcal{E}_{yz} \\ \mathcal{E}_{zx} & \mathcal{E}_{zy} & \mathcal{E}_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

How are the diagonal elements  $\mathcal{E}_a$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_b$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_c$  and the principle axes  $\hat{a}$ ,  $\hat{b}$ , and  $\hat{c}$  determined?



## Tensor Diagonalization (2 of 2)

The diagonalized tensor  $[\mathcal{E}]$  is related to the rotated tensor  $[\mathcal{E}_{\text{rot}}]$  through the composite rotation matrix  $[R]$ .

$$[\mathcal{E}_{\text{rot}}] = [R][\mathcal{E}][R]^{-1}$$

Calculate the eigen-vectors and eigen-values of  $[\mathcal{E}_{\text{rot}}]$ .

$$[\mathcal{E}_{\text{rot}}] \rightarrow \begin{cases} [R] \text{ is the eigen-vector matrix of } [\mathcal{E}_{\text{rot}}] \\ [\mathcal{E}] \text{ is the eigen-value matrix of } [\mathcal{E}_{\text{rot}}] \end{cases}$$

## Determining Principle Axes (1 of 2)

What are the principle axes of  $[\mathcal{E}_{\text{rot}}]$ ?

To find out, put the original principal axes  $\hat{a}$ ,  $\hat{b}$ , and  $\hat{c}$  into a matrix.

$$[\vec{P}] = \begin{bmatrix} a_x & b_x & c_x \\ a_y & b_y & c_y \\ a_z & b_z & c_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
 $\hat{a} \quad \hat{b} \quad \hat{c}$

Now rotate them according to  $[R]$  so they correspond to that of  $[\mathcal{E}_{\text{rot}}]$ .

$$[\vec{P}_{\text{rot}}] = [R][\vec{P}]$$

A tensor is not being rotated here so rotation is not performed as  $[R][P][R]^{-1}$ .

## Determining Principle Axes (2 of 2)

For the special case of cubic symmetry, the principle axes start off as

$$[\vec{P}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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 $\hat{a} \quad \hat{b} \quad \hat{c}$

$[\vec{P}]$  is just the identity matrix here. The principle axes of the rotated tensor are then

$$[\vec{P}_{\text{rot}}] = [R][I] = [R]$$

Here is a second interpretation of the eigen-vector matrix  $[R]$ . These are the principle axes of the rotated tensor.

## Directly Setting the Principle Axes

The orientation may be directly known in terms of the desired crystal axes  $\hat{a}$ ,  $\hat{b}$ , and  $\hat{c}$ .

Place these principal directions into a matrix and interpret it as the composite rotation matrix.

$$[R] = \begin{bmatrix} a_x & b_x & c_x \\ a_y & b_y & c_y \\ a_z & b_z & c_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
 $\hat{a} \quad \hat{b} \quad \hat{c}$

The rotated tensor can be directly calculated from  $[R]$ .

$$[\epsilon_{\text{rot}}] = [R][\epsilon][R]^{-1}$$

# More on Rotation Matrices

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## Rotation Matrix $[R]$ that Rotates $\vec{a}$ Onto $\vec{b}$

Normalize Vectors

$$\hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} \quad \hat{b} = \frac{\vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|}$$

Algorithm

$$\vec{v} = \hat{a} \times \hat{b}$$

$$s = |\vec{v}| \quad \text{i.e. } \sin\theta_{ab}$$

$$c = \hat{a} \cdot \hat{b} \quad \text{i.e. } \cos\theta_{ab}$$

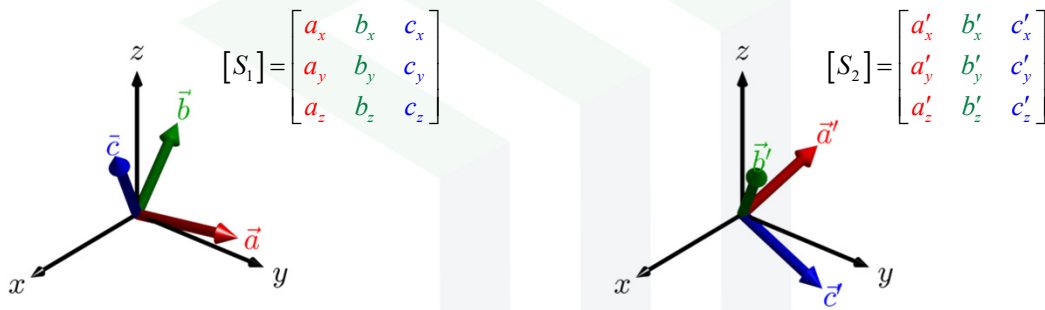
$$[\vec{v} \times] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -v_3 & v_2 \\ v_3 & 0 & -v_1 \\ -v_2 & v_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[R] = [I] - [\vec{v} \times] - \left( \frac{1-c}{s^2} \right) [\vec{v} \times]^2$$

$[R]$  is such that

$$[R]\hat{a} = \hat{b}$$

Rotation Matrix  $[R]$  that Rotates  $(\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c})$  Onto  $(\vec{a}', \vec{b}', \vec{c}')$



$$[R] = [S_2][S_1]^{-1}$$