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1. Matrices of rotation are easy to write in \mathbb{R}^2 and \mathbb{R}^3 , but it becomes difficult to express such matrices in higher dimensions. Therefore, to understand rotations in higher dimensions, Sir William Hamilton constructed Quaternions and Quaternion multiplication (An alternative operation on \mathbb{R}^4 resembling complex multiplication).
2. Hamilton's Discovery of Quaternions (Article).
3. Definition of a Quaternion, Quaternion addition and multiplication in \mathbb{R}^3 .
4. Verifying properties of Associativity, Distributivity, Conjugation, Length rule etc. over Quaternion addition and multiplication in \mathbb{R}^3 .
5. Extension of Quaternions to \mathbb{R}^4 . Definition of Quaternion multiplication $*$ in \mathbb{R}^4 .
6. Quaternion Algebra: Space \mathbb{R}^4 equipped with $*$ is called Quaternion Algebra.
7. Description of all Quaternions of unit length.
8. Sums of squares over fields - Brahmagupta (628 A.D.) – Product of sums of two squares is again a sum of squares. i.e. $(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) = (ac - bd)^2 + (ad + bc)^2$. The statement is equivalent to multiplicativity of complex norms : $\|z_1 z_2\| = \|z_1\| \|z_2\|$
9. Example to show that Product of sums of three squares may not be equal to sums of 3 squares.
10. Lagrange (1770): Product of sums of four squares is again a sum of four squares.
11. Hurwitz Theorem (Multiplication of norms happens in dimension 2, 4, 8)
12. Fibonacci sequence and other similar iterative processes.
13. If F_n denotes the n^{th} element of Fibonacci sequence, then: $\cot^{-1}(F_3) + \cot^{-1}(F_5) + \cot^{-1}(F_7) + \dots = \frac{\pi}{4}$.
14. Finding a formula for F_n in matrix form.
15. Lucas sequence and finding a formula for L_n in matrix form.
16. From Linear algebra to Google: Google's ranking algorithm, Page rank of websites.
17. Application of linear Algebra to Facebook: Number of mutual friends problem- If A is adjacency matrix of a graph, then entries of A^2, A^3 tell us the number of paths from vertex v_i to v_j of degrees 2 and 3 respectively.
18. Least squares approximation problem: To find line of best fit into given data using linear algebra techniques.