



Essentials of Tensor Transformation and Vectorization



General objective: Build a toolkit for tensor manipulation and inversion.

$$\vec{\beta}'^{new} = \mathbf{R}_\phi \cdot \vec{\beta}'^{old}$$

Specific Objectives:

1. Introduce several useful theorems for tensor manipulation
2. Derive an expression for the molecular tensor in a rotated reference frame.
3. Derive an expression for the vectorized molecular tensor in a rotated reference frame.

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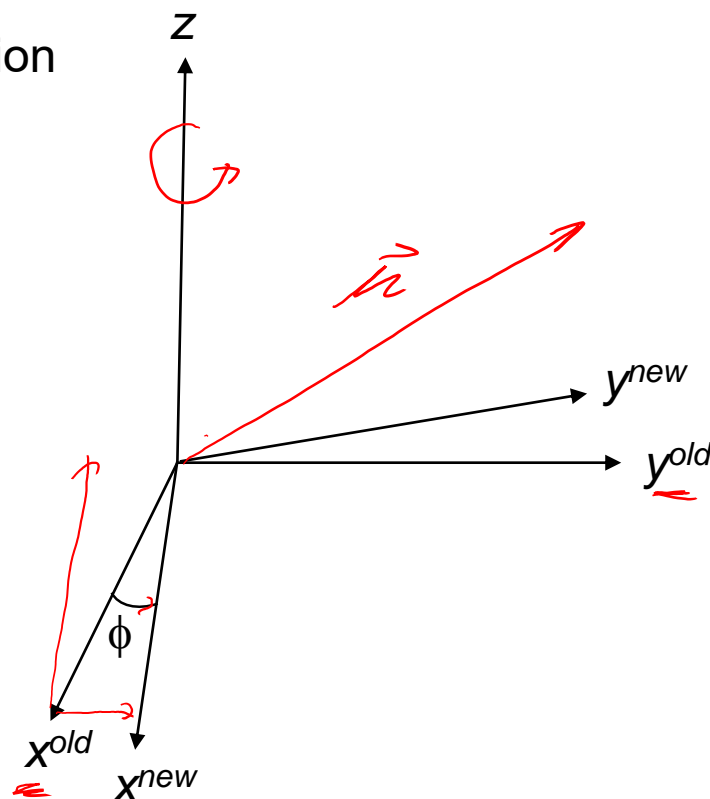
Simpson, Garth J. (2017) *Nonlinear Optical Polarization Analysis in Chemistry and Biology* (Cambridge University Press, ISBN 978-0-521-51908-3).

Let's introduce a general toolkit by considering a specific problem. How do we describe our molecular tensor in a new coordinate system?

We'll start by considering azimuthal rotation of a vector.*

$$\vec{\mu}^{new} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \vec{\mu}^{old}$$

$$\vec{\mu}^{new} = R_{\phi} \cdot \vec{\mu}^{old}$$

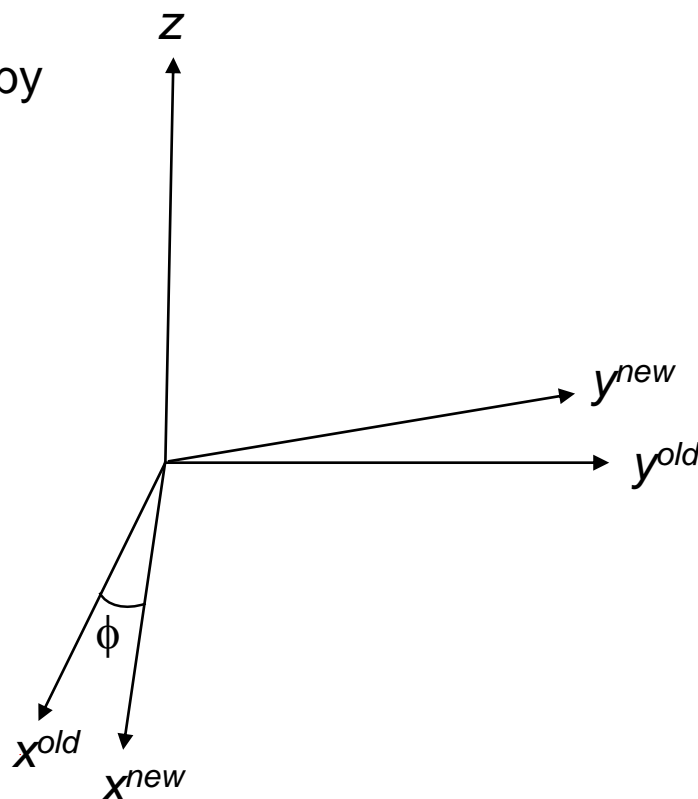


*Note – this particular selection of rotation matrices is consistent with an external rotation, corresponding to projection of the old coordinates onto the new ones.

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Extension to a 3×3 matrix α can be done by sandwiching.

$$\alpha^{new} = R_{\phi} \cdot \alpha^{old} \cdot R_{-\phi}$$

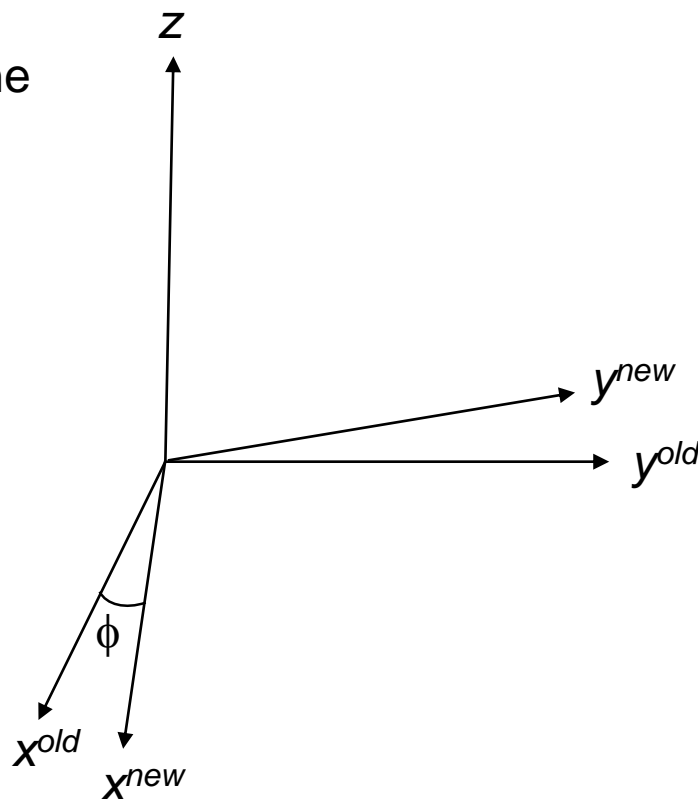


Let's introduce a general toolkit by considering a specific problem. How do we describe our molecular tensor in a new coordinate system?

Extension to a $3 \times 3 \times 3$ tensor β can be done by generalizing the approach taken for matrices.*

$$\beta^{new} = R_{\phi} \cdot \beta^{old} : R_{-\phi} R_{-\phi}$$

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Matrix Properties - Revisited



In practice, it is often more convenient to use vectorized tensors.

$$\text{vec}(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{xx} \\ \alpha_{yx} \\ \alpha_{zx} \\ \alpha_{xy} \\ \alpha_{yy} \\ \alpha_{zy} \\ \alpha_{xz} \\ \alpha_{yz} \\ \alpha_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\bar{\alpha} = \underline{\text{asc}}(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{xx} \\ \alpha_{xy} \\ \alpha_{xz} \\ \alpha_{yx} \\ \alpha_{yy} \\ \alpha_{yz} \\ \alpha_{zx} \\ \alpha_{zy} \\ \alpha_{zz} \end{bmatrix} = \text{vec}(\alpha^T)$$

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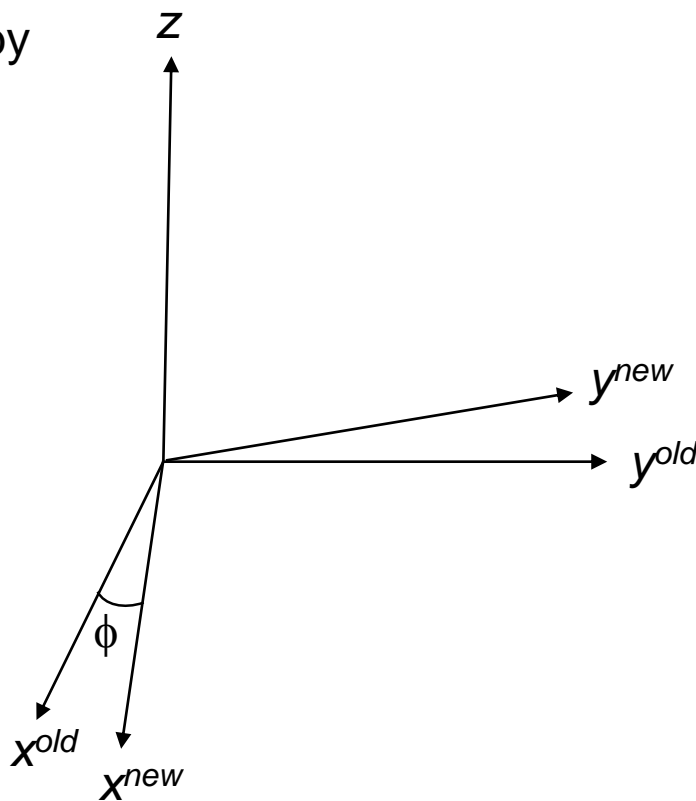
Extension to a 3×3 matrix α can be done by vectorization.

$$\vec{\alpha}^{new} = \left[R_{\phi} \otimes (R_{-\phi})^T \right] \cdot \vec{\alpha}^{old}$$

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vs.

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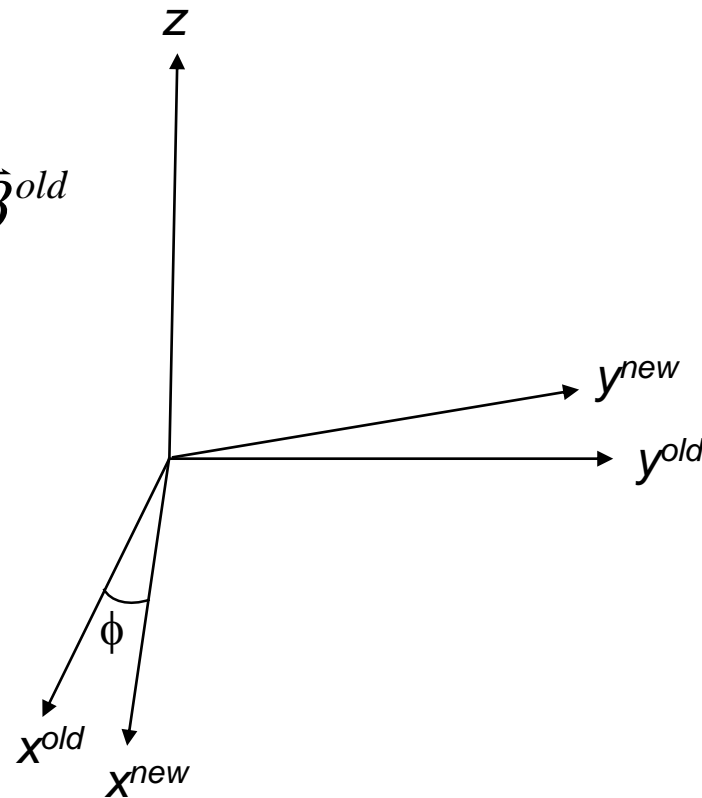
Extension to a $3 \times 3 \times 3$ tensor by vectorization.

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$$\beta^{new} = R_\phi \cdot \beta^{old} : R_{-\phi} R_{-\phi}$$

vs.





Matrices

$$vec(A \cdot B \cdot C) = (C^T \otimes A) vec(B)$$

$$asc(A \cdot B \cdot C) = (A \otimes C^T) asc(B)$$

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 $R_{\phi} \alpha(R_{-\phi})$

$$vec(A \cdot B) = [I_n \otimes A] \cdot vec(B)$$

$$= [B^T \otimes I_k] \cdot vec(A)$$

$$asc(AB) = (I_m \otimes B^T) \cdot asc(A)$$

$$= (A \otimes I_k) \cdot asc(B)$$

$$asc(A \cdot B \cdot C) = [I_n \otimes (C^T \cdot B^T)] \cdot asc(A)$$

$$= [(A^T \cdot B^T) \otimes I_k] \cdot asc(C)$$

$$vec(A \cdot B \cdot C) = [I_n \otimes (A \cdot B)] \cdot vec(C)$$

$$= [(C^T \cdot B^T) \otimes I_k] \cdot vec(A)$$

Tensors

$$asc(A \cdot B^{(2)} : CD) = (A \otimes C^T \otimes D^T) \cdot asc(B^{(2)})$$

$$asc(B^{(2)} : CD) = (I_m \otimes C^T \otimes D^T) \cdot asc(B^{(2)})$$

$$B^{(2)} : (C \cdot D)(E \cdot F) = (B^{(2)} : CE)^{(2)} : DF$$

$$(B^{(2)} : CD) \otimes (E^{(2)} : FG) = (B^{(2)} \otimes E^{(2)}) : (C \otimes F)(D \otimes G)$$