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# Mechanizing Rings in PVS

## The case of Quaternions

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# Motivation

- Ring theory has a wide range of applications in several fields of knowledge:
  - ▶ combinatorics, algebraic cryptography and coding theory apply finite commutative rings [1];
  - ▶ ring theory forms the basis for algebraic geometry, which has applications in engineering systems, statistics, modeling of biological processes, and computer algebra [3].

A formalization of the main results of ring theory would make possible the formal verification of more complex theories involving rings in their scope.

- Fully formalizing the theory of rings contributes to the enrichment of libraries of mathematics in PVS;

`https://github.com/nasa/pvslib/tree/master/algebra`

- Formalizing properties of abstract algebraic structures allows us to reuse such results in multiple contexts.

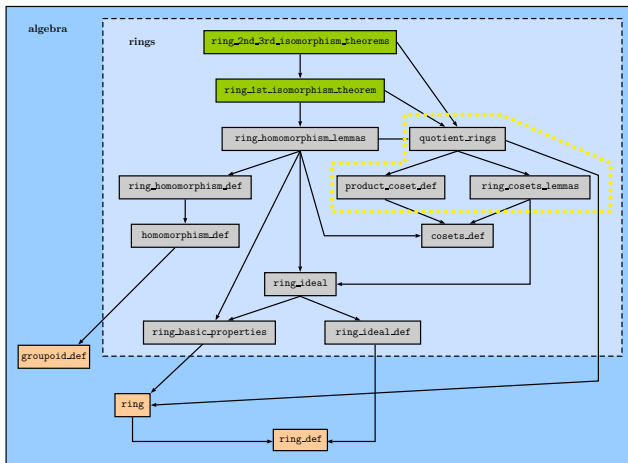


Figure: Hierarchy of the sub-theories for the three isomorphism theorems for rings: `ring_1st_isomorphism_theorem` and `ring_2nd_3rd_isomorphism_theorems` (Taken from [4])

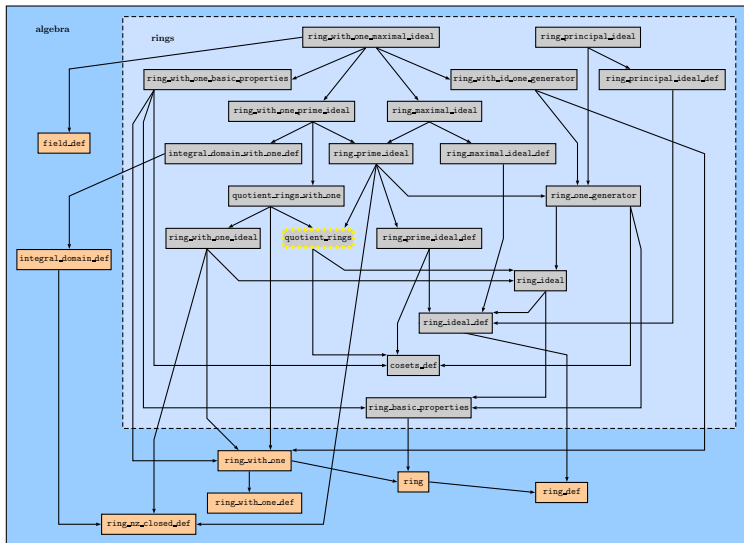


Figure: Hierarchy of the sub-theories related with principal, prime and maximal ideals (Taken from [4])



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For about ten years, Sir William Rowan Hamilton had tried to model three-dimensional space with a structure like "complex numbers", equipped with and closed under addition and multiplication.

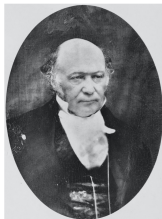
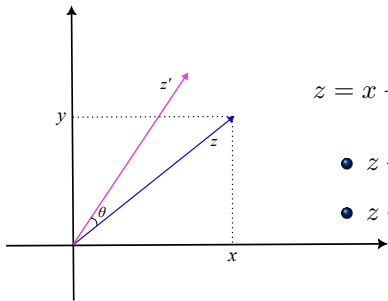


Figure: Sir William Rowan Hamilton, picture taken from [2]

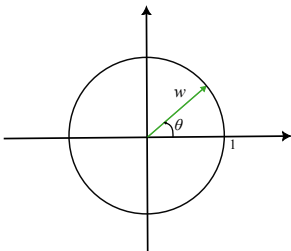


# Complex numbers and bi-dimensional real space



$$z = x + yi \quad w = c + di$$

- $z + w = (x + c) + (y + d)i$
- $z \cdot w = (xc - yd) + (xd + yc)i$



$$z' = x \cos(\theta) - y \sin(\theta) + (x \sin(\theta) + y \cos(\theta))i$$

$$z' = z \cdot w$$

On October 16, 1843, Hamilton realized he needed a structure containing four dimensions to model the three-dimensional real space.

It provided some peculiar/special results...

- The advent of an algebraic structure at the intersection of many mathematical topics such as non-commutative ring theory, number theory, geometric topology, etc.

# “The most famous act of mathematical vandalism”



Figure: Sand sculpture by Daniel Doyle, picture taken from [2]

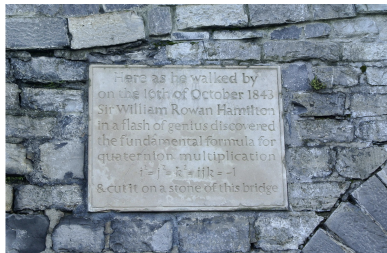


Figure: Broom bridge plaque in Dublin, picture taken from [8]

## Hamilton's Quaternions

The structure  $\langle \mathbb{H}, +, \cdot, \text{one}_q, i, j, k \rangle$ , where:

- $\mathbb{H} = \{q_0 \text{one}_q + q_1 i + q_2 j + q_3 k = q_0 + q_1 i + q_2 j + q_3 k; q_\ell \in \mathbb{R}, 0 \leq \ell \leq 3\}$ ;
- $i^2 = j^2 = i \cdot j \cdot k = -1 + 0i + 0j + 0k = -1$ ;

If  $p = p_0 + p_1 i + p_2 j + p_3 k$  and  $q = q_0 + q_1 i + q_2 j + q_3 k$  then:

- $p + q = (p_0 + q_0) + (p_1 + q_1)i + (p_2 + q_2)j + (p_3 + q_3)k$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 p \cdot q &= (p_0 q_0 - p_1 q_1 - p_2 q_2 - p_3 q_3) \\
 &\quad + (p_0 q_1 + p_1 q_0 + p_2 q_3 - p_3 q_2) i \\
 &\quad + (p_0 q_2 - p_1 q_3 + p_2 q_0 + p_3 q_1) j \\
 &\quad + (p_0 q_3 + p_1 q_2 - p_2 q_1 + p_3 q_0) k
 \end{aligned}$$

# Hamilton's Quaternions

Hamilton's Quaternions can be seen as a four dimensional vector space over the field of real numbers.

Identifying ...

- $one_q \leftrightarrow (1, 0, 0, 0)$
- $i \leftrightarrow (0, 1, 0, 0)$
- $j \leftrightarrow (0, 0, 1, 0)$
- $k \leftrightarrow (0, 0, 0, 1)$

$$\mathbb{H} \cong \mathbb{R}^4$$

Considering...

- $\mathbb{H}^0 = \{q = 0 + q_1i + q_2j + q_3k\} \subset \mathbb{H};$

$$\mathbb{H}^0 \cong \mathbb{R}^3$$

# Conjugate and norm

Define:

- The conjugate of a quaternion  $q$  as

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{q} &= q_0 - q_1i - q_2j - q_3k \\ &= q_0 - \mathbf{q}\end{aligned}$$

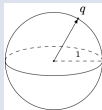
where  $\mathbf{q}$  denotes  $q_1i + q_2j + q_3k$

- The norm of  $q$  as

$$|q| = \sqrt{q_0^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2}$$

Denote

- $\mathbb{H}^1 = \{q \in \mathbb{H} ; |q| = 1\}$



# A special function

Let  $q$  be a quaternion. Consider the function

$$\begin{aligned} T_q : \mathbb{H}^0 &\rightarrow \mathbb{H} \\ v &\mapsto q \cdot v \cdot \bar{q} \end{aligned}$$

One can prove that:



$$\begin{aligned} T_q : \mathbb{H}^0 &\rightarrow \mathbb{H}^0, \text{ or equivalently} \\ T_q : \mathbb{R}^3 &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \end{aligned}$$

## Some properties of $T_q$

- $T_q$  is linear:

$$T_q(av + bu) = aT_q(v) + bT_q(u), \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } v, u \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

- If  $q \in \mathbb{H}^1$  then  $T_q$  preserves norm of  $v$ :

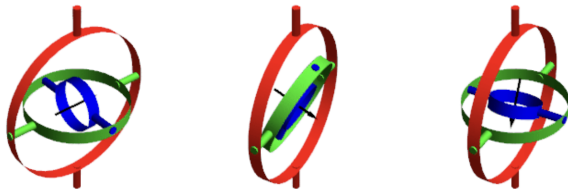
$$|T_q(v)| = |q \cdot v \cdot \bar{q}| = |q| \cdot |v| \cdot |\bar{q}| = |v|$$

- If  $q \in \mathbb{H}^1$  then  $T_q(kq) = kq$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ ;

In fact, one can prove that  $T_q$  is a rotation of an angle  $\theta = 2 \arccos(q_0)$ , whose axis has the same direction as  $q$ .



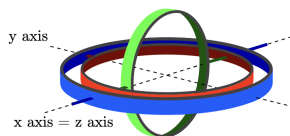
# Benefits of rotating using Quaternions



Taken from [6]

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) \\ 0 & \sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\beta) & 0 & \sin(\beta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin(\beta) & 0 & \cos(\beta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\gamma) & -\sin(\gamma) & 0 \\ \sin(\gamma) & \cos(\gamma) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Benefits of rotating using Quaternions - Avoiding Gimbal Lock



$$\text{For } \beta = \frac{\pi}{2}, R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \sin(\alpha + \gamma) & \cos(\alpha + \gamma) & 0 \\ -\cos(\alpha + \gamma) & \sin(\alpha + \gamma) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Figure: **Gimbal Lock**: taken from [7]

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# Formalization of Quaternion Algebras - Related Work



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<https://isa-afp.org/entries/Quaternions.html>, Formal proof development

Both of them are restricted to Hamilton's Quaternions.

# Formalization of Quaternion Algebras

Our formalization follows the principles established in previous works: formalize abstract structures and obtain particular cases as instantiation of the general case.

## (Near) Future work

- Formalizing characterization of Quaternion Algebras as Division Rings;
- Formalizing Hamilton's Quaternions as an instance of a Quaternion Algebras;
- Formalizing the connection between Quaternions Algebra as a four-dimensional space vs an  $F$ -algebra.

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