

$$R_n(\alpha) = \exp\left(-i\frac{\alpha}{2}\vec{n}\cdot\vec{\sigma}\right) \equiv \exp\left(-i\frac{\alpha}{2}C\right)$$

$$C = (n_x\sigma_x + n_y\sigma_y + n_z\sigma_z)$$

$$\sigma_x\sigma_y =$$

$$i\sigma_z$$

$$C^2 = (n_x\sigma_x + n_y\sigma_y + n_z\sigma_z)^2$$

$$= n_x^2 I + i n_x n_y \sigma_z - i n_x n_z \sigma_y$$

$$+ n_y^2 I - i n_y n_x \sigma_z + i n_y n_z \sigma_x$$

$$+ n_z^2 I + i n_z n_x \sigma_y - i n_z n_y \sigma_x$$

$$= (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2) I = n^2 I = I$$

$$C^3 = I \cdot C = C$$

$$C^4 = C \cdot C^3 = C^2 = I$$

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$$R_n(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) & -i \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \cos\theta \\ -i \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \sin\theta & \cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_n(\alpha) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \left(-i\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^k C^k$$

$$= I + \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^2 (-i)^2 I + \dots + \frac{\alpha}{2} (-i) C + \frac{1}{3!} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^3 (-i)^2 (-i) C + \dots$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{4!} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^4 + \dots\right) I$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{1}{3!} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{5!} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^5 + \dots\right) (-i) C$$

$$= \cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) I + \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) (-i) C$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) & -i \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \sin\theta e^{-i\varphi} \\ -i \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \cos\theta + \cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C = \vec{n}\cdot\vec{\sigma}$$

$$= \sin\theta \cos\varphi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$+ \sin\theta \sin\varphi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$+ \cos\theta \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta e^{-i\varphi} \\ \sin\theta (\cos\varphi + i\sin\varphi) & -\cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$