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$$(a) \quad A \underline{a} = \underline{a} \times \underline{a} = \underline{0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^3 &= AA^2 = A(\underline{a}\underline{a}^T - I) = (A\underline{a})\underline{a}^T - A \\ &= \underline{0} - A = -A \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \quad (-A^2)(-A^2) = A^2A^2 = (\underline{a}\underline{a}^T - I)(\underline{a}\underline{a}^T - I)$$

$$= \underline{a}(\underline{a}^T\underline{a})\underline{a}^T - \underline{a}\underline{a}^T - \underline{a}\underline{a}^T + I$$

$$= \underline{a} \mid \underline{a}^T - 2\underline{a}\underline{a}^T + I$$

$$= I - \underline{a}\underline{a}^T = -(\underline{a}\underline{a}^T - I)$$

$$= -A^2 \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

→ Idempotent → projection matrix

$$(c) \quad Q(\underline{a}, 180^\circ) = I + S_{180^\circ} A + (1 - c_{180^\circ}) A^2$$

$$= I + 0A + (1 - (-1)) A^2$$

$$= I + 2A^2 = I + 2(\underline{a}\underline{a}^T - I)$$

$$= 2\underline{a}\underline{a}^T - I \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

H through \underline{a}

$$= 2P - I \quad \text{where } P = \underline{a}\underline{a}^T$$

$$= 2\underline{a}\underline{a}^T - I \quad \checkmark$$

← same

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$$(d) \quad Q = I + s_0 A + (1-c_0) A^2$$

$$\text{tr}(Q) = \text{tr}(I) + s_0 \text{tr}(A) + (1-c_0) \text{tr}(A^2)$$

$$\text{but } \text{tr}(I) = 3, \quad \text{tr}(A) = 0$$

$$\text{tr}(A^2) = \text{tr}(aa^T - I)$$

$$= \text{tr}(aa^T) - \text{tr}(I)$$

$$= a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 - 3$$

$$= 1 - 3 = -2$$

$$\text{tr}(Q) = 3 + 0 + (1-c_0)(-2)$$

$$= 3 - 2 + 2c_0 = 1 + 2c_0$$

$$c_0 = \frac{\text{tr}(Q) - 1}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$Q - Q^T = I + s_0 A + (1-c_0) A^2$$

$$-I - s_0(-A) - (1-c_0) A^2$$

$$= 2s_0 A$$

$$A = \frac{Q - Q^T}{2s_0} \quad \checkmark$$

More complex than necessary.

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$$(d) \text{tr}(Q) = \frac{8}{4} = 2$$

$$c_\theta = \frac{2-1}{2}, \quad \theta = 60^\circ \checkmark$$

$$\frac{Q-Q^T}{2s_\theta} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2\sqrt{6} & 0 \\ 2\sqrt{6} & 0 & -2\sqrt{6} \\ 0 & 2\sqrt{6} & 0 \end{bmatrix} / \sqrt{\frac{13}{7}}$$

$$\underline{a} = \frac{2}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 2\sqrt{6} \\ 0 \\ 2\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ \sqrt{3}\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$

Alternatively, you could write

$$\underline{a}_{\text{unnorm}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\sqrt{6} \\ 0 \\ 2\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\text{scaled}}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{a}_{\text{normalised}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$