

# 3D Kinematics

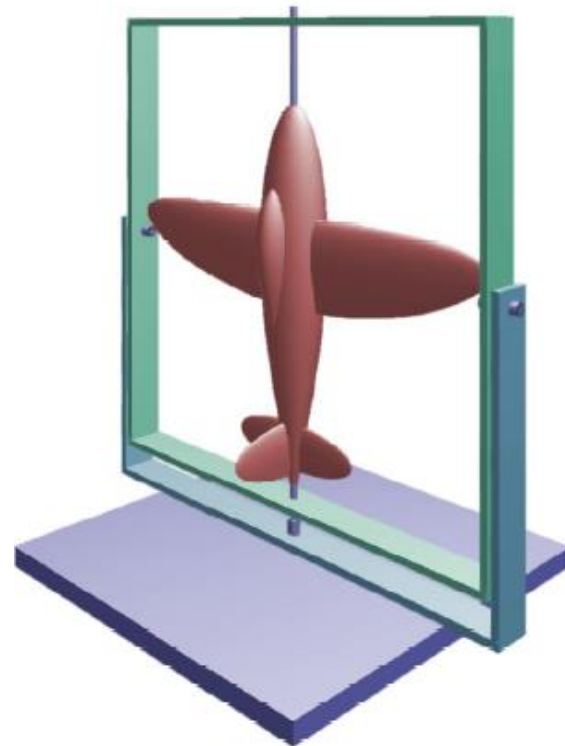
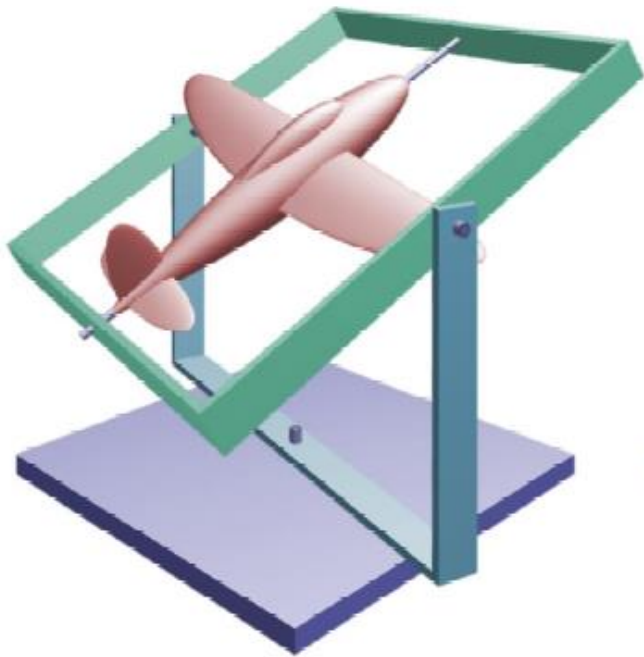
- Consists of two parts
  - 3D rotation
  - 3D translation
    - The same as 2D
- 3D rotation is more complicated than 2D rotation (restricted to z-axis)
- Next, we will discuss the treatment for spatial (3D) rotation

# 3D Rotation Representations

- Euler angles
  - Axis-angle
  - 3X3 rotation matrix
  - **Unit quaternion**
- **Learning Objectives**
    - Representation (uniqueness)
    - Perform rotation
    - Composition
    - Interpolation
    - Conversion among representations
    - ...

# Euler Angles and **GIMBAL LOCK**

- Roll, pitch, yaw
- **Gimbal lock**: reduced DOF due to overlapping axes



Ref: <http://www.fho-emden.de/~hoffmann/gimbal09082002.pdf>

# Axis-Angle Representation

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- $\text{Rot}(n, \theta)$ 
  - $n$ : rotation axis (global)
  - $\theta$ : rotation angle (rad. or deg.)
  - follow **right-handed rule**
- $\text{Rot}(n, \theta) = \text{Rot}(-n, -\theta)$
- Problem with null rotation:  $\text{rot}(n, 0)$ , any  $n$
- Perform rotation
  - **Rodrigues formula**
- Interpolation/Composition: *poor*
  - $\text{Rot}(n_2, \theta_2)\text{Rot}(n_1, \theta_1) = ? = \text{Rot}(n_3, \theta_3)$

We create matrix  
R for rotation



# Quaternions

# Quaternion - Brief History

- Invented in 1843 by Irish mathematician Sir **William Rowan Hamilton**
- Founded when attempting to extend complex numbers to the 3<sup>rd</sup> dimension
- Discovered on October 16 in the form of the equation:

$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1$$

# Quaternion – Brief History



William Rowan Hamilton



# Quaternion

- Definition

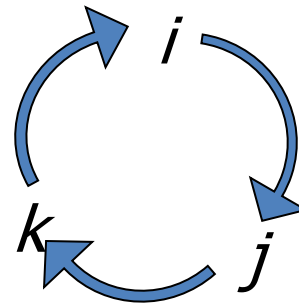
$$q = q_0 + q_1i + q_2j + q_3k = q_0 + \bar{q}$$

$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$$

$$ij = -ji = k$$

$$jk = -kj = i$$

$$ki = -ik = j$$



# Applications of Quaternions

- Used to represent rotations and orientations of objects in three-dimensional space in:
  - Computer graphics
  - Control theory
  - Signal processing
  - Attitude controls
  - Physics
  - Orbital mechanics
  - Quantum Computing, **quantum circuit design**

# Advantages of Quaternions

- Avoids *Gimbal Lock*
- **Faster multiplication** algorithms to combine successive rotations than using rotation matrices
- Easier to **normalize** than rotation matrices
- **Interpolation**
- Mathematically stable – suitable for **statistics**

# Operators on Quaternions

- **Operators**

- Addition  $p = p_0 + p_1i + p_2j + p_3k$

$$q = q_0 + q_1i + q_2j + q_3k$$

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

- Multiplication

$$pq \equiv p_0q_0 + p_0\vec{q} + q_0\vec{p} + \vec{p} \times \vec{q} - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}$$

- Conjugate

$$q^* \equiv q_0 - \vec{q} \quad (pq)^* \equiv q^* p^*$$

- Length

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

# Unit Quaternion

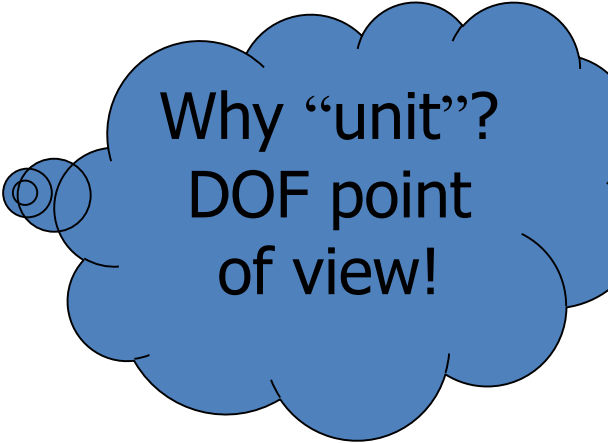
- Define unit quaternion as follows to **represent rotation**

$$\text{Rot}(\hat{n}, \theta) \Rightarrow q = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \hat{n} \quad |q| = 1$$

- Example

$$- \text{Rot}(z, 90^\circ) \Rightarrow q = \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)$$

- **q** and **-q** represent the same rotation



Why “unit”?  
DOF point  
of view!

# Quaternion – **scalar** and **vector** parts

$$q = w + xi + yj + zk$$

- $w, x, y, z$  are real numbers
- $w$  is scalar part
- $x, y, z$  are vector parts
- Thus it can also be represented as:

$$q = (w, \mathbf{v}(x,y,z)) \text{ or}$$

$$q = w + \mathbf{v}$$

# Quaternion – Dimension and Transformation

- Scalar & Vector
- 4 dimensions of a quaternion:
  - 3-dimensional space (vector)
  - Angle of rotation (scalar)
- Quaternion can be transformed to other geometric algorithm:
  - Rotation matrix  $\leftrightarrow$  quaternion
  - Rotation axis and angle  $\leftrightarrow$  quaternion
  - Spherical rotation angles  $\leftrightarrow$  quaternion
  - Euler rotation angles  $\leftrightarrow$  quaternion

*What are relations of quaternions to other topics in kinematics?*

# Details of Quaternion Operations



# Quaternion Operations

- Addition/subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division
- Conjugate
- Magnitude
- Normalization
- Transformations
- Concatenation

# Quaternion Operations

- **Addition:**

- Given two quaternions:

- $q_1 = q_1w + q_1xi + q_1yj + q_1zk$

- $q_2 = q_2w + q_2xi + q_2yj + q_2zk$

- The result quaternion  $q_3$  is:

$$q_3 = q_1 + q_2$$

$$q_3 = (q_1w + q_2w) + (q_1x + q_2x)i + (q_1y + q_2y)j + (q_1z + q_2z)k$$

# Quaternion Operations

- **Subtraction:**

- Given two quaternions:

- $q_1 = q_1w + q_1xi + q_1yj + q_1zk$

- $q_2 = q_2w + q_2xi + q_2yj + q_2zk$

- The result quaternion  $q_3$  is:

$$q_3 = q_1 - q_2$$

$$q_3 = (q_1w - q_2w) + (q_1x - q_2x)i + (q_1y - q_2y)j + (q_1z - q_2z)k$$

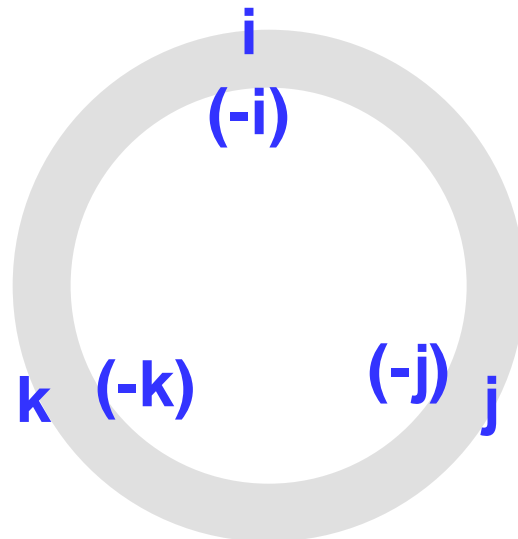
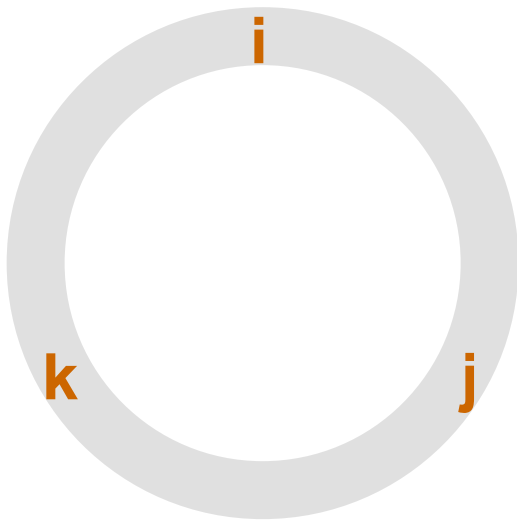
# Quaternion Operations

- **Multiplication**

- Distributive

- Associative

- Not commutative because of the  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$



# Quaternion Operations

- Multiplication

- Given two quaternions:

- $q_1 = q_1 w + q_1 xi + q_1 yj + q_1 zk$

- $q_2 = q_2 w + q_2 xi + q_2 yj + q_2 zk$

- The result quaternion  $q_3$  is:

$$q_3 = q_1 * q_2$$

$$q_3 = q_1 w * q_2 w + q_1 w * q_2 xi + q_1 w * q_2 yj + q_1 w * q_2 zk + q_1 xi * q_2 w + q_1 xi * q_2 xi + \dots$$

# Quaternion Operations

- **Multiplication**

- Resulting quaternion  $q_3$  is:

$$q_3 = (q_1 w q_2 w + q_1 x q_2 x + q_1 y q_2 y + q_1 z q_2 z) + \\ (q_1 w q_2 x + q_1 x q_2 w + q_1 y q_2 z - q_1 z q_2 y)i + \\ (q_1 w q_2 y + q_1 y q_2 w + q_1 z q_2 x - q_1 x q_2 z)j + \\ (q_1 w q_2 z + q_1 z q_2 w + q_1 x q_2 y - q_1 y q_2 x)k$$

# Quaternion Operations

- **Multiplication**

– Or, in scalar-vector format:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{q}_3 &= \mathbf{q}_1 \mathbf{q}_2 = (q_1 w, \mathbf{v}_1)(q_2 w, \mathbf{v}_2) \\ &= (\underbrace{q_1 w q_2 w - \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}_{\text{scalar}}, \underbrace{q_1 w \mathbf{v}_2 + q_2 \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2}_{\text{vector}}) \end{aligned}$$

Dot product Cross product

or

$$\mathbf{q}_3 = q_1 w q_2 w - \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 + q_1 w \mathbf{v}_2 + q_2 \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2$$

# Quaternion Operations

- **Magnitude**

- Also called *modulus*
- Is the length of the quaternion from the origin
- Given a quaternion:
  - $q = w + xi + yj + zk$
- The magnitude of quaternion  $q$  is  $|q|$ , where:

$$|q| = \sqrt{qq^*} = \sqrt{w^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$



# Quaternion Operations

*q*

- **Normalization**

- Normalization results in a *unit quaternion* where:

$$w^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$$

- Given a quaternion:

- $q = w + xi + yj + zk$

- To normalize quaternion  $q$ , divide it by its magnitude ( $|q|$ ):

$$\hat{q} = \frac{q}{|q|}$$

- Also referred to as *quaternion sign*:  $\text{sgn}(q)$

# Quaternion Operations

- **Conjugate:**
  - Given a quaternion:
    - $q = w + xi + yj + zk$
  - The conjugate of quaternion  $q$  is  $q^*$ , where:
    - $q^* = w - xi - yj - zk$

# Quaternion Operations

- Inverse

- Can be used for division

- Given a quaternion:

- $q = w + xi + yj + zk$

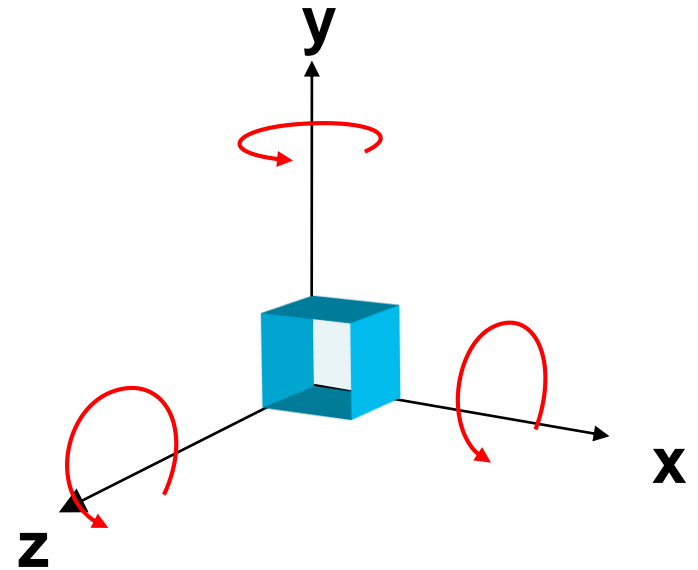
- The inverse of quaternion  $q$  is  $q^{-1}$ , where:

$$q^{-1} = \frac{q^*}{|q|^2}$$

# Quaternion Rotations

# Matrix Rotation

- Matrix Rotation is based on 3 rotations:
  - On axes: **x, y, z**
  - Or **yaw, pitch, roll** (which one corresponds to which axis, depends on the orientation to the axes)
  - **Sequence matters** (x-y may not equal y-x)



# Matrix Rotation

*x-axis rotation:*

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ 0 & -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ 0 & -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

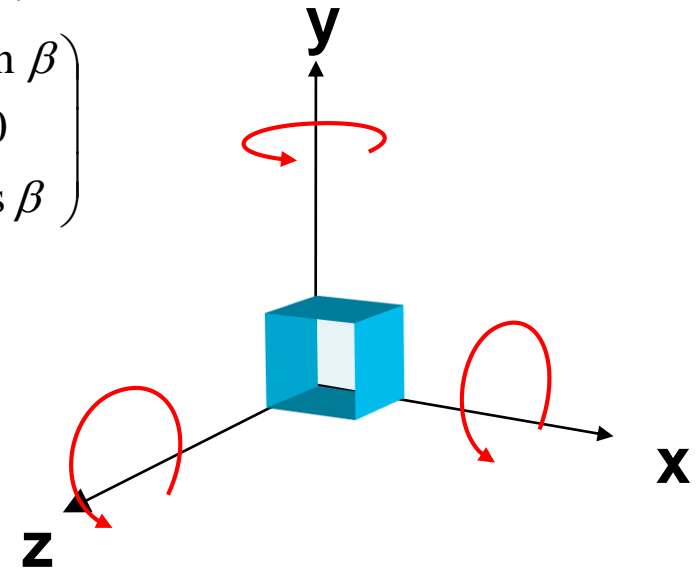
$x = 1$   
 $y = \cos \alpha + \sin \alpha$   
 $z = -\sin \alpha + \cos \alpha$

*y-axis rotation:*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & -\sin \beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

*z-axis rotation:*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \gamma & \sin \gamma & 0 \\ -\sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



*Final rotation matrix:*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta \cos \gamma & -\cos \beta \sin \gamma & \sin \beta \\ \sin \alpha \sin \beta \cos \gamma + \cos \alpha \sin \gamma & -\sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma + \cos \alpha \cos \gamma & -\sin \alpha \cos \beta \\ -\cos \alpha \sin \beta \cos \gamma + \sin \alpha \sin \gamma & \cos \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma + \sin \alpha \cos \gamma & \cos \alpha \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

# Quaternion Rotation

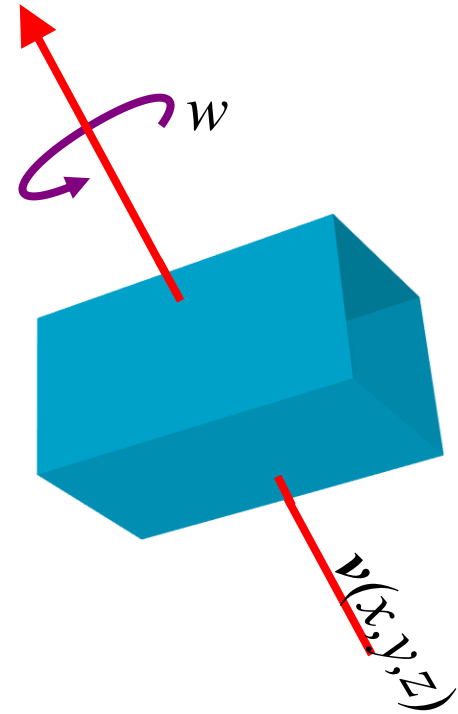
Parts of quaternion

- $w = \cos(\theta/2)$
- $v = \sin(\theta/2)\hat{u}$
- Where  $\hat{u}$  is a unit/normalized vector  $u$  (i, j, k)
- Quaternion can be represented as:

$$q = \cos(\theta/2) + \sin(\theta/2)(xi + yj + zk)$$

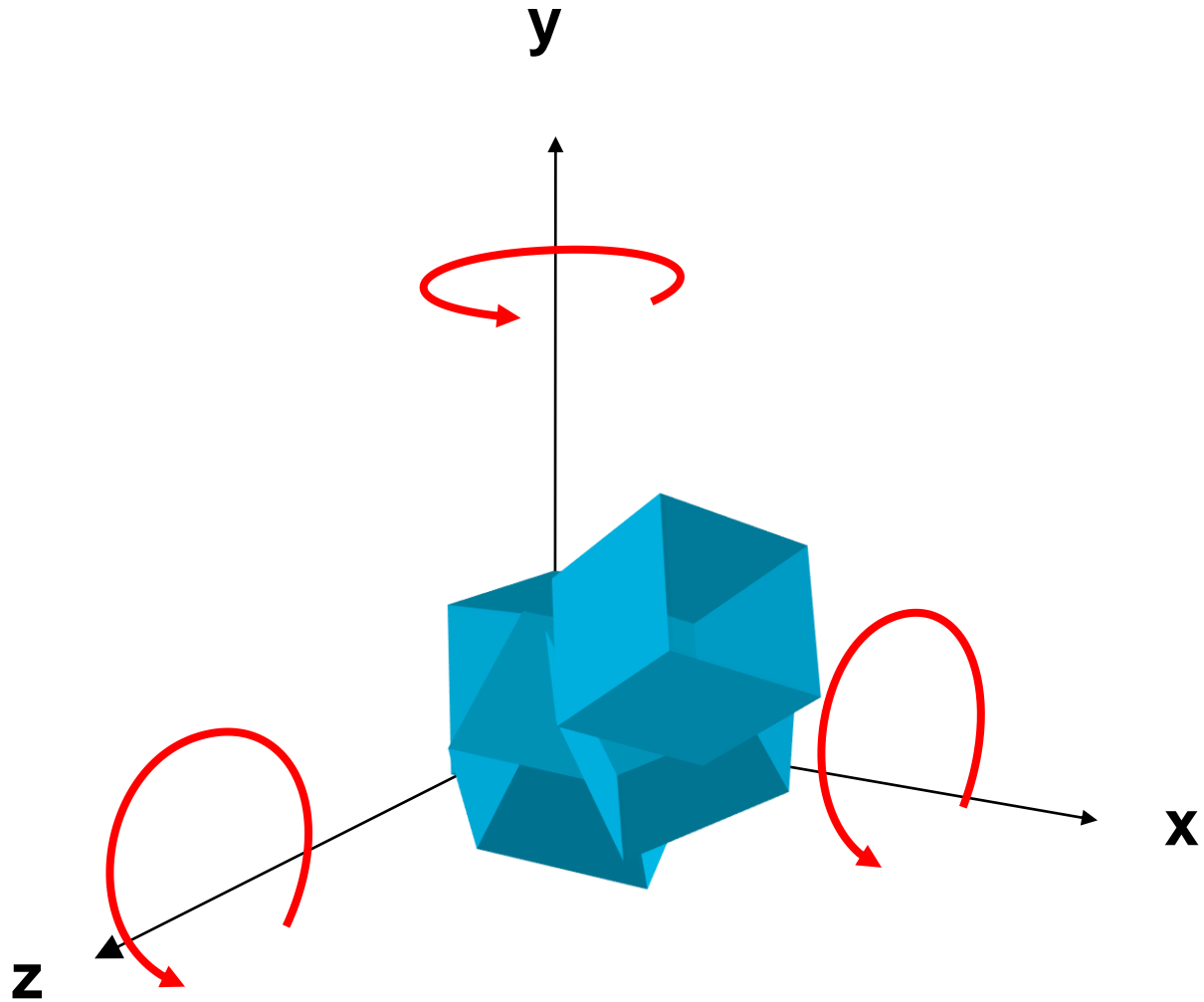
or

$$q = \cos(\theta/2) + \sin(\theta/2) \hat{u}$$



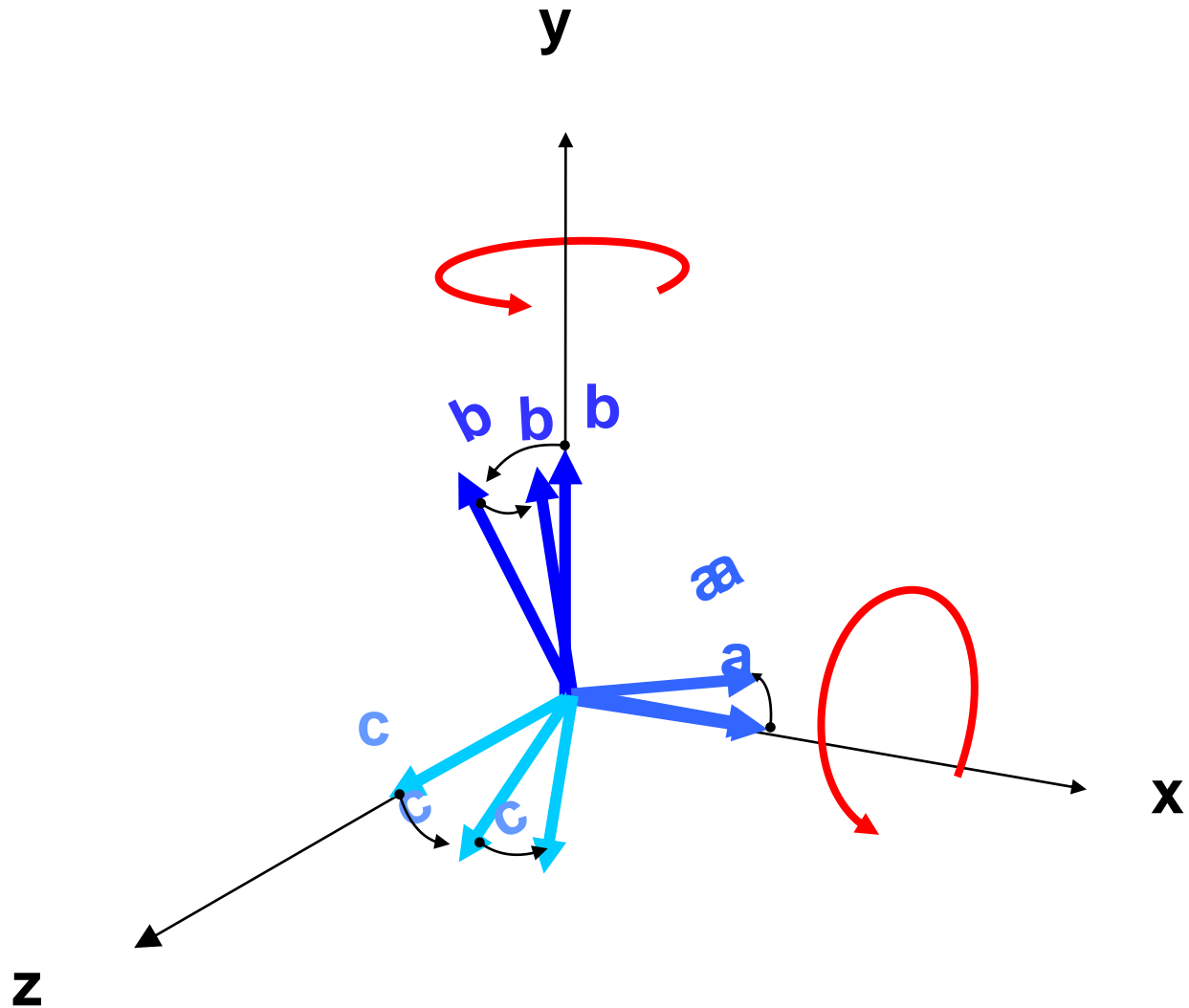
Matrix rotation versus quaternion rotation

# Let's do rotation!

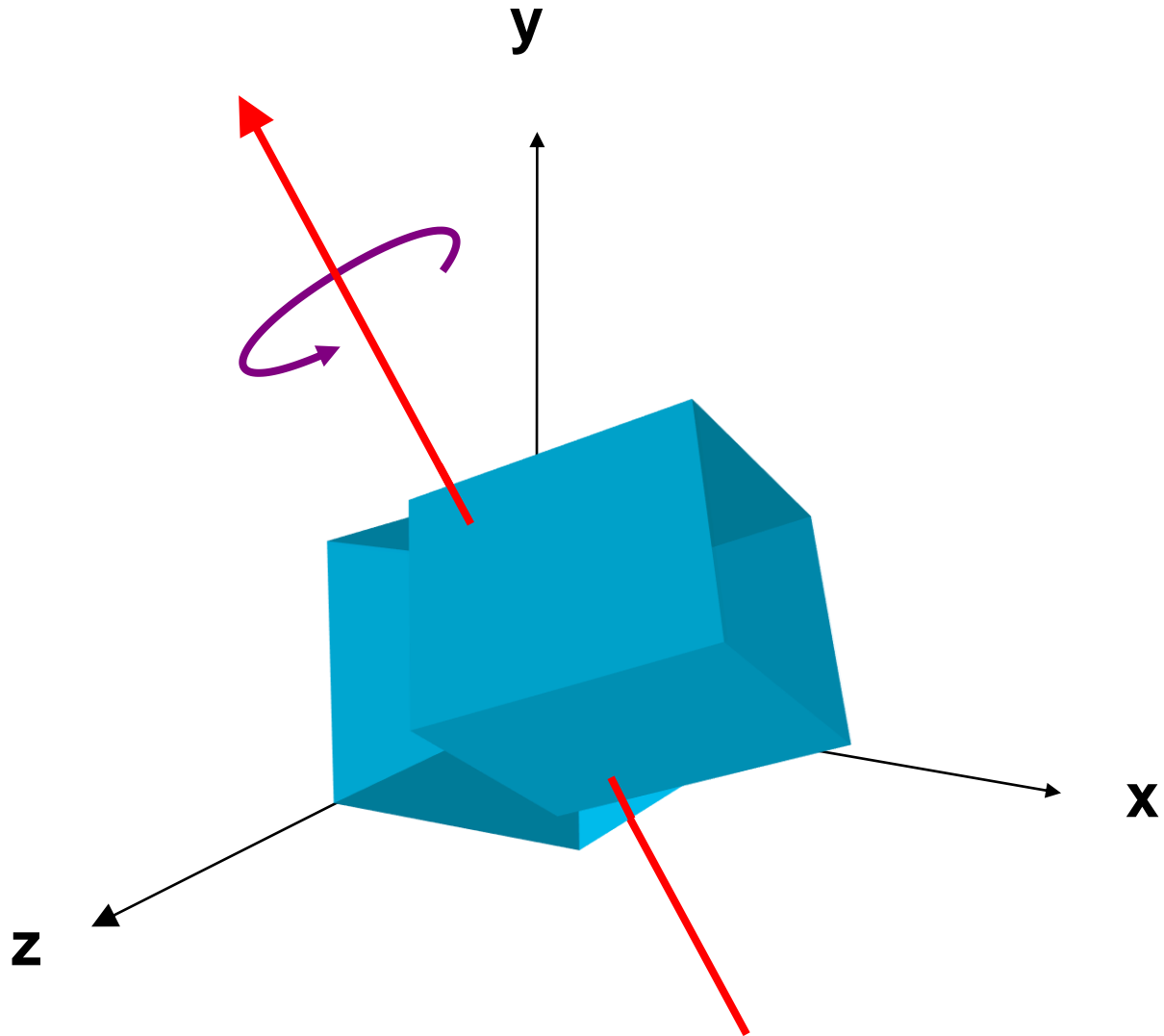




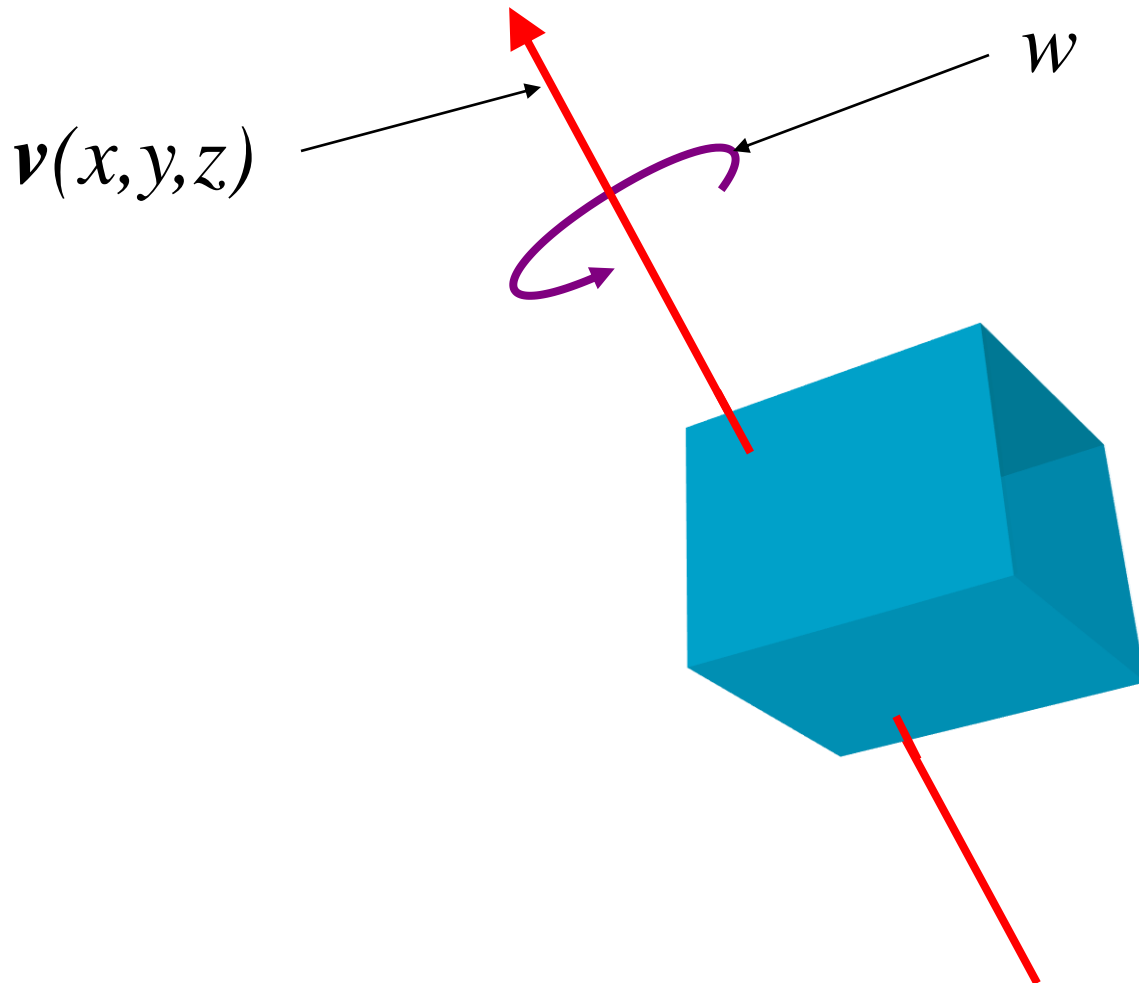
# Let's do rotation!



Let's do another one!



# Quaternion?



Can create rotation by using **arbitrary axis** ( $v(x, y, z)$ ) and rotate the object **by  $w$  amount**.

# Rotation of a Quaternion

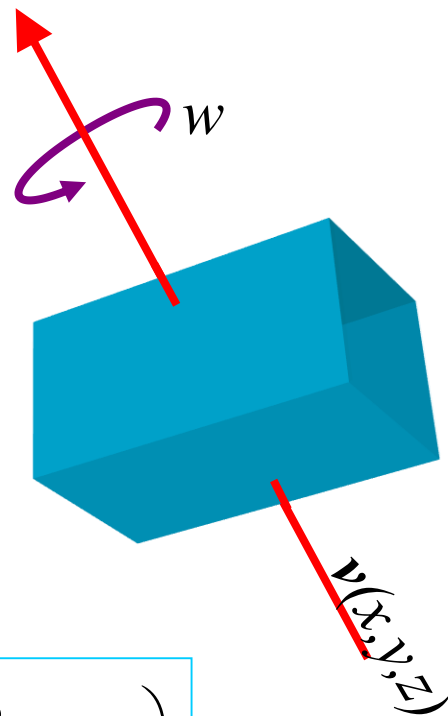
- Calculation is still done in matrix form

- Given a **quaternion**:

$$q = w + xi + yj + zk$$

- The **matrix form** of quaternion  $q$  is:

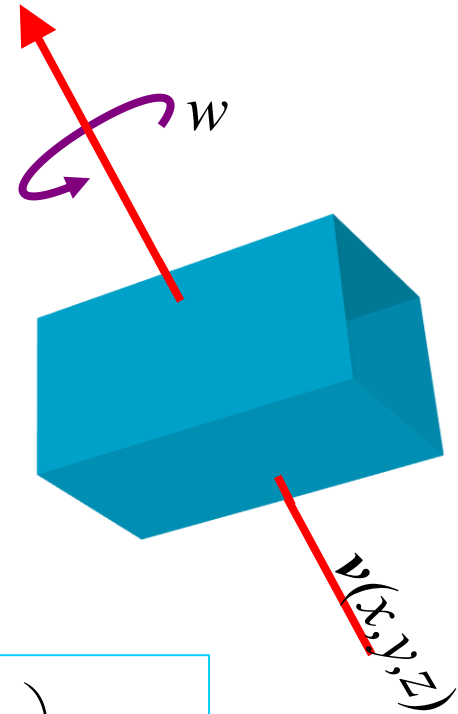
$$\begin{pmatrix} w^2 + x^2 - y^2 - z^2 & 2xy - 2wz & 2wy + 2xz \\ 2wz + 2xy & w^2 - x^2 + y^2 - z^2 & 2yz - 2wx \\ 2xz - 2wy & 2wx + 2yz & w^2 - x^2 - y^2 + z^2 \end{pmatrix}$$



Matrix entries are taken all from quaternion

# Quaternion Rotation

- When it is a **unit quaternion**:



$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2y^2 - 2z^2 & 2xy - 2wz & 2wy + 2xz \\ 2wz + 2xy & 1 - 2x^2 - 2z^2 & 2yz - 2wx \\ 2xz - 2wy & 2wx + 2yz & 1 - 2x^2 - 2y^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Quaternion matrix for unit quaternion: **w=1**

# Example of unit quaternion

Our notation:

- Rotation of vector  $\mathbf{v}$  is  $\mathbf{v}'$ 
  - Where  $\mathbf{v}$  is:  $\mathbf{v} = ai + bj + ck$
- By quaternion  $q = (w, \mathbf{u})$ 
  - Where  $w = 1$
- **Vector (axis):**  $\mathbf{u} = i + j + k$
- **Rotation angle:**  $120^\circ = (2\pi)/3$  radian ( $\theta$ )
- Length of  $\mathbf{u} = \sqrt{3}$
- If we rotate a vector, the result should be a vector.

quaternion

$$q = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \hat{u}$$

$$q = \cos \frac{2\pi/3}{2} + \sin \frac{2\pi/3}{2} \hat{u}$$

$$q = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} + \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \hat{u}$$

$$q = \cos 60^\circ + \sin 60^\circ \hat{u}$$

$$q = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{u}$$

$$q = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{(i + j + k)}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$q = \frac{1 + i + j + k}{2}$$

# Example of quaternion rotation (cont'd)

- So to rotate  $v$ :

$$v' = q v q^*$$

- Where  $q^*$  is **conjugate** of  $q$ :

$$q^* = \frac{(1 - i - j - k)}{2}$$

So now we can substitute  $q v q^*$   
to matrix form of quaternion

# Example of quaternion rotation (cont'd)

Quaternion matrix

$$qvq^* = \begin{pmatrix} w^2 + x^2 - y^2 - z^2 & 2xy - 2wz & 2wy + 2xz \\ 2wz + 2xy & w^2 - x^2 + y^2 - z^2 & 2yz - 2wx \\ 2xz - 2wy & 2wx + 2yz & w^2 - x^2 - y^2 + z^2 \end{pmatrix} v$$

$$qvq^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1+1-1-1 & 2-2 & 2+2 \\ 2+2 & 1-1+1-1 & 2-2 \\ 2-2 & 2+2 & 1-1-1+1 \end{pmatrix} v$$

$$qvq^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} v$$

$$q = q_0 + q_1i + q_2j + q_3k = q_0 + \bar{q}$$

$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$$

$$ij = -ji = k$$

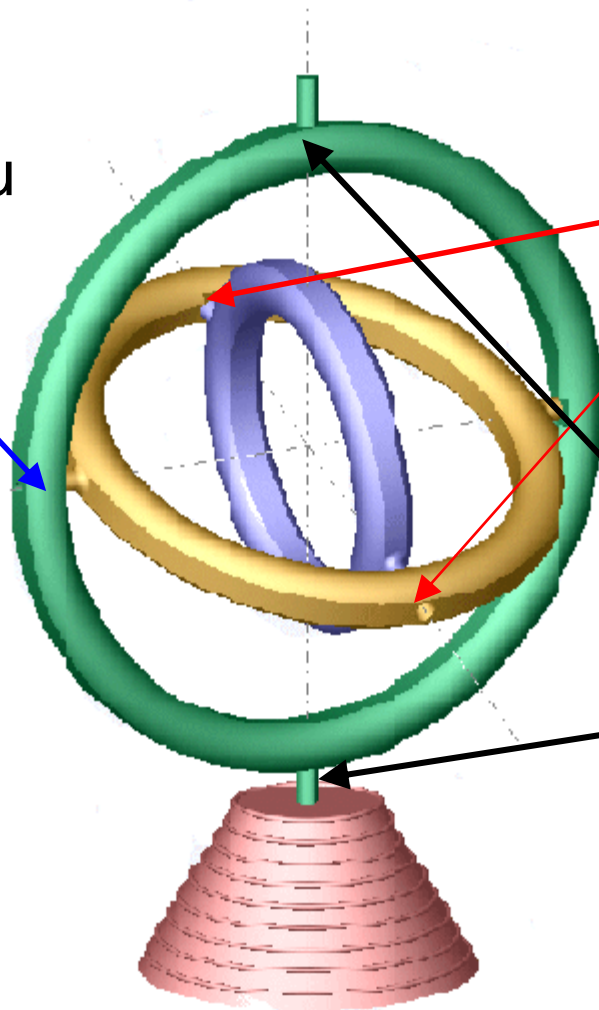
$$jk = -kj = i$$

$$ki = -ik = j$$



# Gimbal Lock

It happens when you turn this axis far enough...



...until this axis ...

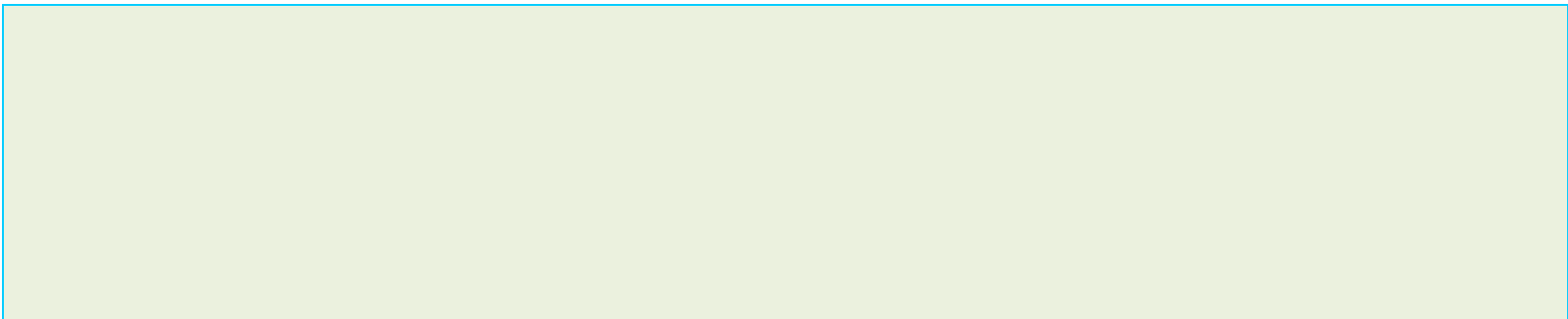
...aligns with this axis.

# Gimbal Lock

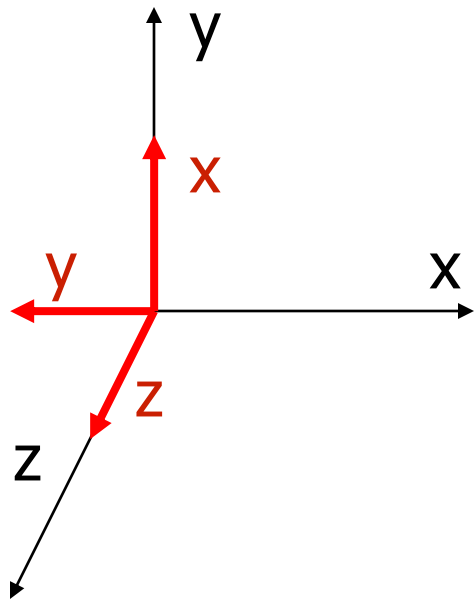
*Final rotation matrix :*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta \cos \gamma & -\cos \beta \sin \gamma & \sin \beta \\ \sin \alpha \sin \beta \cos \gamma + \cos \alpha \sin \gamma & -\sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma + \cos \alpha \cos \gamma & -\sin \alpha \cos \beta \\ -\cos \alpha \sin \beta \cos \gamma + \sin \alpha \sin \gamma & \cos \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma + \sin \alpha \cos \gamma & \cos \alpha \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

- Gimbal lock occurs when **rotated  $-90^\circ$  or  $90^\circ$  on y-axis**
- **Remember that:**
  - $\alpha$  = rotation on x-axis
  - $\beta$  = rotation on y-axis
  - $\gamma$  = rotation on z-axis



# Example 1 of using quaternions in robotics: *quaternion representing a rotation*



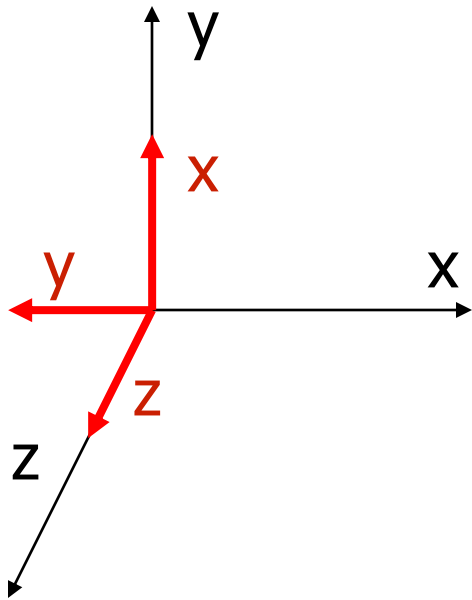
Rot(z,90°)

$$q = \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rot (90, 0,0,1) OR Rot (-90,0,0,-1)

# Example of using quaternions in robotics



Rot(z, 90°)

How to represent rotation?

$$q = \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)$$

Represented as quaternion

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

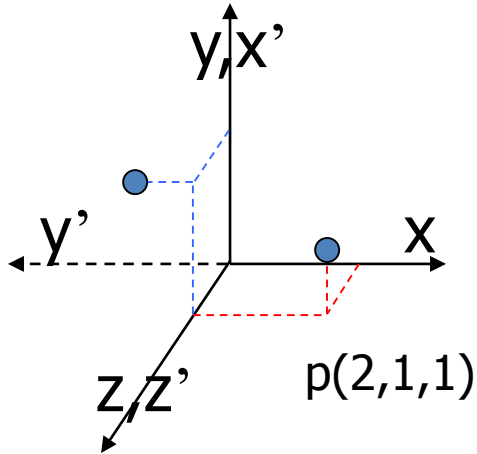
Represented as matrix

Rot (90, 0,0,1) OR Rot (-90,0,0,-1)

# Operations on Unit Quaternions

- Perform **Rotation**  $x' = qxq^* = \dots$   
$$= (q_0^2 - \vec{q} \cdot \vec{q})x + 2q_0\vec{q} \times x + 2\vec{q}(\vec{q} \cdot x)$$
- **Composition of rotations**  $x' = pxp^*$   
 $x'' = qx'q^* = q(pxp^*)q^* = (qp)x(qp)^*$
- **Interpolation**
  - Linear  $p(t) = (1-t)p^1 + tp^2, p = \frac{p(t)}{|p(t)|}$
  - Spherical linear (more later)

# Example of rotation using unit quaternions



For comparison we first use matrices

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rot(z, 90°)

$$p' = Rp = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example (cont)

$$p = (0 \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad 1)$$

$$q = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$$

For comparison we use  
quaternions

$$p' = (q_0^2 - \vec{q} \cdot \vec{q})p + 2q_0\vec{q} \times p + 2\vec{q}(\vec{q} \cdot p)$$

Next we convert  
to matrices

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} i & j & k \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$$

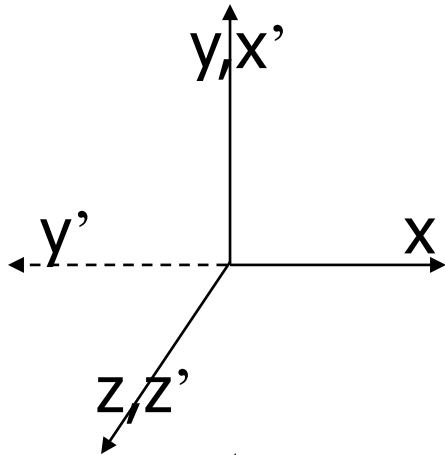
$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We get the  
same result

# New Example: multiplication of quaternions

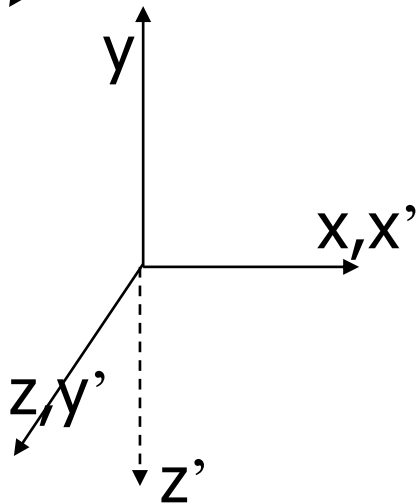
$$q_1 = \cos \frac{90}{2} + \sin \frac{90}{2} (0 \ 0 \ 1) = \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \ 0 \ 0 \ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)$$

$$q_2 = \cos \frac{90}{2} + \sin \frac{90}{2} (1 \ 0 \ 0) = \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \ 0 \ 0 \right)$$



Composition :

$$\begin{aligned} q_2 q_1 &= \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \ 0 \ 0 \right) \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \ 0 \ 0 \ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \ 0 \ 0 \right) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \left( 0 \ 0 \ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \\ &\quad + \begin{bmatrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} - \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \ 0 \ 0 \right) \cdot \left( 0 \ 0 \ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2} \ \frac{1}{2} \ \frac{-1}{2} \ \frac{1}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$





# Example: Conversion of quaternion matrix to rotation matrix R

Matrix R represented with quaternions

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} q_0^2 + q_1^2 - q_2^2 - q_3^2 & 2(q_1q_2 - q_0q_3) & 2(q_1q_3 + q_0q_2) \\ 2(q_1q_2 + q_0q_3) & q_0^2 - q_1^2 + q_2^2 - q_3^2 & 2(q_2q_3 - q_0q_1) \\ 2(q_1q_3 - q_0q_2) & 2(q_2q_3 + q_0q_1) & q_0^2 - q_1^2 - q_2^2 + q_3^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We substitute values of  $\mathbf{q}$   $\longrightarrow q = (q_0 \quad q_1 \quad q_2 \quad q_3) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

And we get  $R$   $\longrightarrow R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

# Matrix Conversion Formulas

## *Relations between $q_j$ and $r_{ij}$*

$$q_0^2 = \frac{1}{4}(1 + r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33})$$

$$q_1^2 = \frac{1}{4}(1 + r_{11} - r_{22} - r_{33})$$

$$q_2^2 = \frac{1}{4}(1 - r_{11} + r_{22} - r_{33})$$

$$q_3^2 = \frac{1}{4}(1 - r_{11} - r_{22} + r_{33})$$

$$q_0 q_1 = \frac{1}{4}(r_{32} - r_{23})$$

$$q_0 q_2 = \frac{1}{4}(r_{13} - r_{31})$$

$$q_0 q_3 = \frac{1}{4}(r_{21} - r_{12})$$

$$q_1 q_2 = \frac{1}{4}(r_{12} + r_{21})$$

$$q_1 q_3 = \frac{1}{4}(r_{13} + r_{31})$$

$$q_2 q_3 = \frac{1}{4}(r_{23} + r_{32})$$

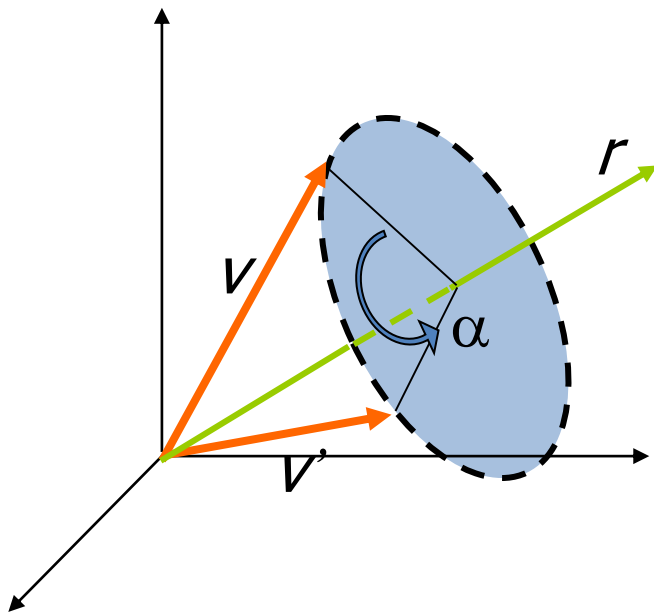
# Rodrigues Formula

$$R = c I + (1 - c) r r^t + s r^\Lambda$$

$$c = \cos(\alpha), s = \sin(\alpha)$$

$$r^\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -r_z & r_y \\ r_z & 0 & -r_x \\ -r_y & r_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v' = R v$$



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<http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/~ug/slide/pipeline/assignments/as5/rotation.html>

# Rotation Matrix

- Meaning of three columns
- Perform rotation: **linear algebra**
- Composition: **trivial**
  - **orthogonalization** might be required due to floating point errors
- Interpolation: ?

$$A = [a_{ij}] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} \hat{u}'_1 & \hat{u}'_2 & \hat{u}'_3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x_1 \hat{u}'_1 + x_2 \hat{u}'_2 + x_3 \hat{u}'_3 \\ &= x_1 A \hat{u}_1 + x_2 A \hat{u}_2 + x_3 A \hat{u}_3 \\ &= Ax \end{aligned}$$

$$x' = R_1 x$$

$$x'' = R_2 x' = R_2 R_1 x = (R_2 R_1) x$$

# Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization

- If 3x3 rotation matrix no longer orthonormal, metric properties might change!

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} \hat{u}_1 & \hat{u}_2 & \hat{u}_3 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} \hat{v}_1 & \hat{v}_2 & \hat{v}_3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\hat{v}_1 = \hat{u}_1$$

$$\hat{v}_2 = \hat{u}_2 - \frac{\hat{u}_2 \cdot \hat{v}_1}{\hat{v}_1 \cdot \hat{v}_1} \hat{v}_1$$

$$\hat{v}_3 = \hat{u}_3 - \frac{\hat{u}_3 \cdot \hat{v}_1}{\hat{v}_1 \cdot \hat{v}_1} \hat{v}_1 - \frac{\hat{u}_3 \cdot \hat{v}_2}{\hat{v}_2 \cdot \hat{v}_2} \hat{v}_2$$

Verify!

# Spatial Displacement

- Any displacement can be decomposed into a rotation followed by a translation
- Matrix

$$x' = Rx + d$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, T = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R & d \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow x' = Tx$$

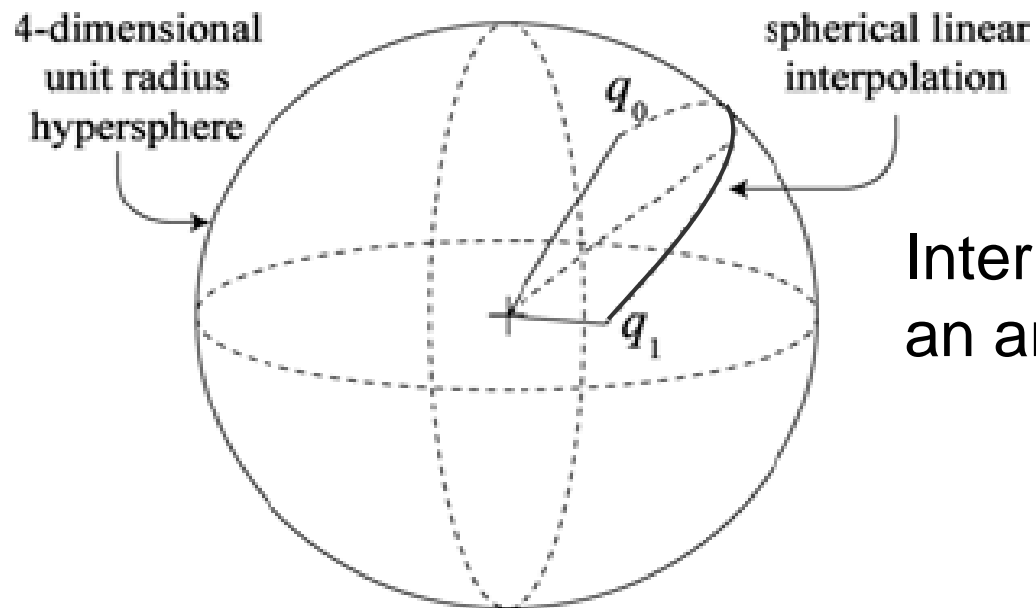
- Quaternion

$$x' = qxq^* + d$$

# Spherical Linear Interpolation

# Interpolation

## Spherical Linear Interpolation



Interpolation produces an arc instead of a line

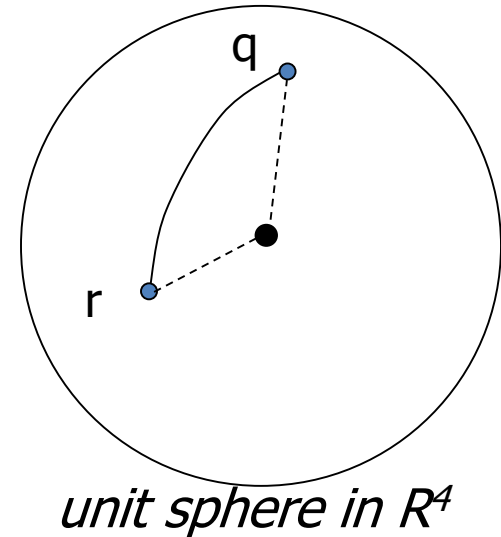


# Spherical Linear Interpolation

$$s(t) = \frac{\sin \phi(1-t)}{\sin \phi} q + \frac{\sin \phi t}{\sin \phi} r$$

$$\cos \phi \equiv q_0 r_0 + q_1 r_1 + q_2 r_2 + q_3 r_3$$

quaternion



The computed **rotation quaternion** rotates about a fixed axis at constant speed

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# Spherical Linear Interpolation – Slerp for unit-length quaternions

$$\text{slerp}(t; q_0, q_1) = \frac{\sin((1-t)\theta)q_0 + \sin(t\theta)q_1}{\sin \theta}$$

- $q_0$  and  $q_1$  are unit-length quaternions
- $\theta$  = angle between  $q_0$  and  $q_1$
- $t$  is interval  $[0, 1]$
- *“if  $q_0$  and  $q_1$  are the same quaternion, then  $\theta = 0$ , but in this case,  $q(t) = q_0$  for all  $t$ .”*

# Spherical Linear Interpolation - Slerp

$$\text{slerp}(t; q_0, q_1) = \frac{\sin((1-t)\theta)q_0 + \sin(t\theta)q_1}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\text{slerp}(t; q_0, q_1) = \begin{cases} \sin(\pi(\frac{1}{2}-t))q_0 + \sin(\pi t)p & t \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ \sin(\pi(1-t))p + \sin(\pi(t-\frac{1}{2}))q_1 & t \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \end{cases}$$

- if  $q_1 = -q_0$  then  $\theta = \pi$
- use a third quaternion  $p$  perpendicular to  $q_0$  (which could be infinite number of vectors)
- interpolation is done from  $q_0$  to  $p$  for  $t \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$   
and from  $p$  to  $q_1$  for  $t \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$

# Spherical Linear Interpolation - Slerp

1. Used in joint **animation** by **storing starting and ending joint position as quaternions**.
2. Allows **smooth rotations** in keyframe animations.
3. *“Spherical Linear interpolation supports the animation of joints when starting and ending joint positions are stored as quaternions that represent the joint rotations from canonical positions”* – Rob Saunders, *Advanced Games Design, Theory and Practice*, March 2005, City University London

1. The concept of **canonical** (or conjugate) **variables** is of major importance.
2. They always occur in complementary pairs, such as spatial location  $\mathbf{x}$  and linear momentum  $\mathbf{p}$ , angle  $\varphi$  and angular momentum  $L$ , and energy  $E$  and time  $t$ .
3. They can be defined as any coordinates whose Poisson brackets give a Kronecker delta (or a Dirac delta in case of discrete variables).

# Quaternion in Multi-Sensor Robot Navigation System

(by S. Persa, P. Jonker, Technical University Delft, Netherlands)

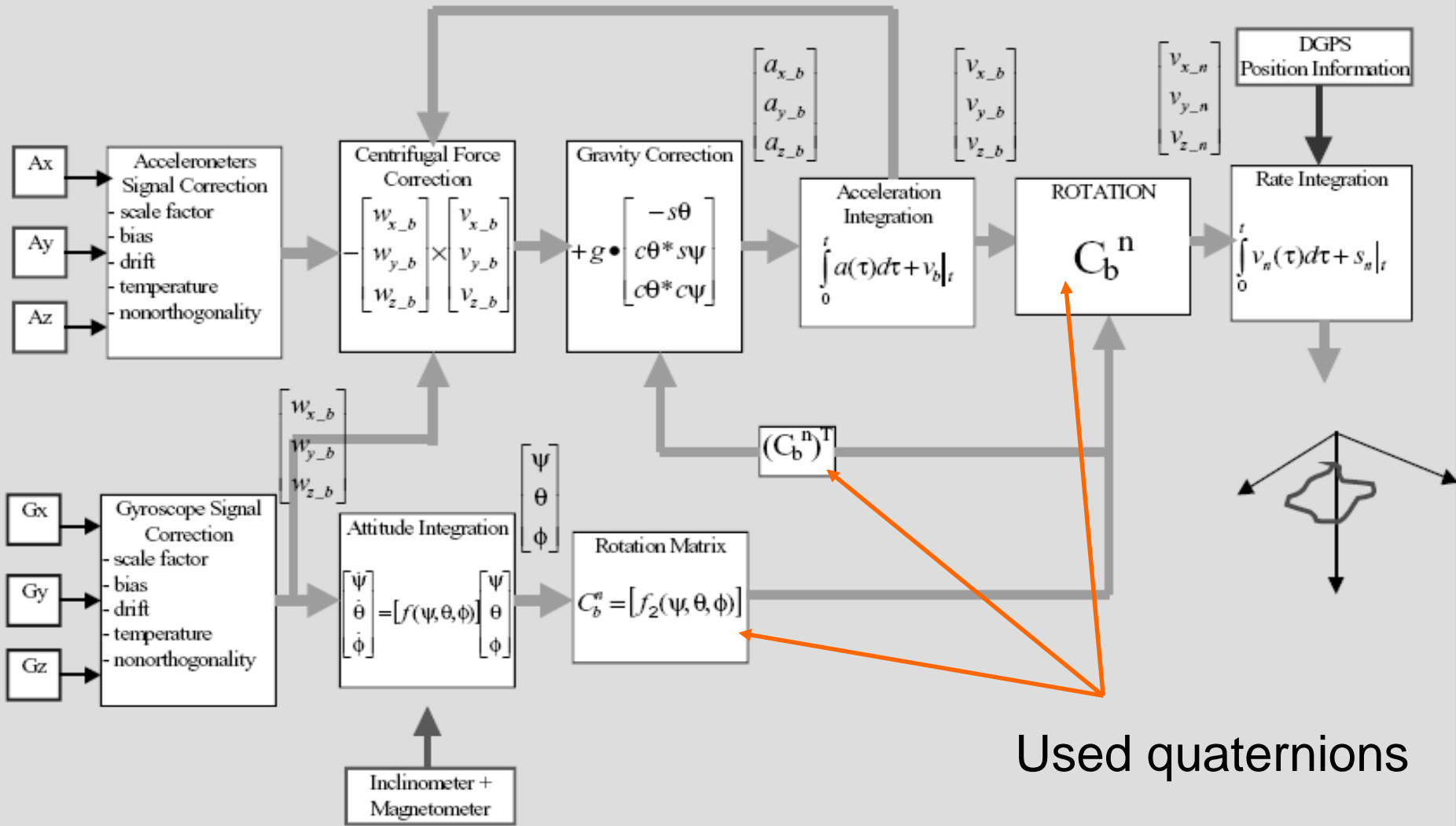
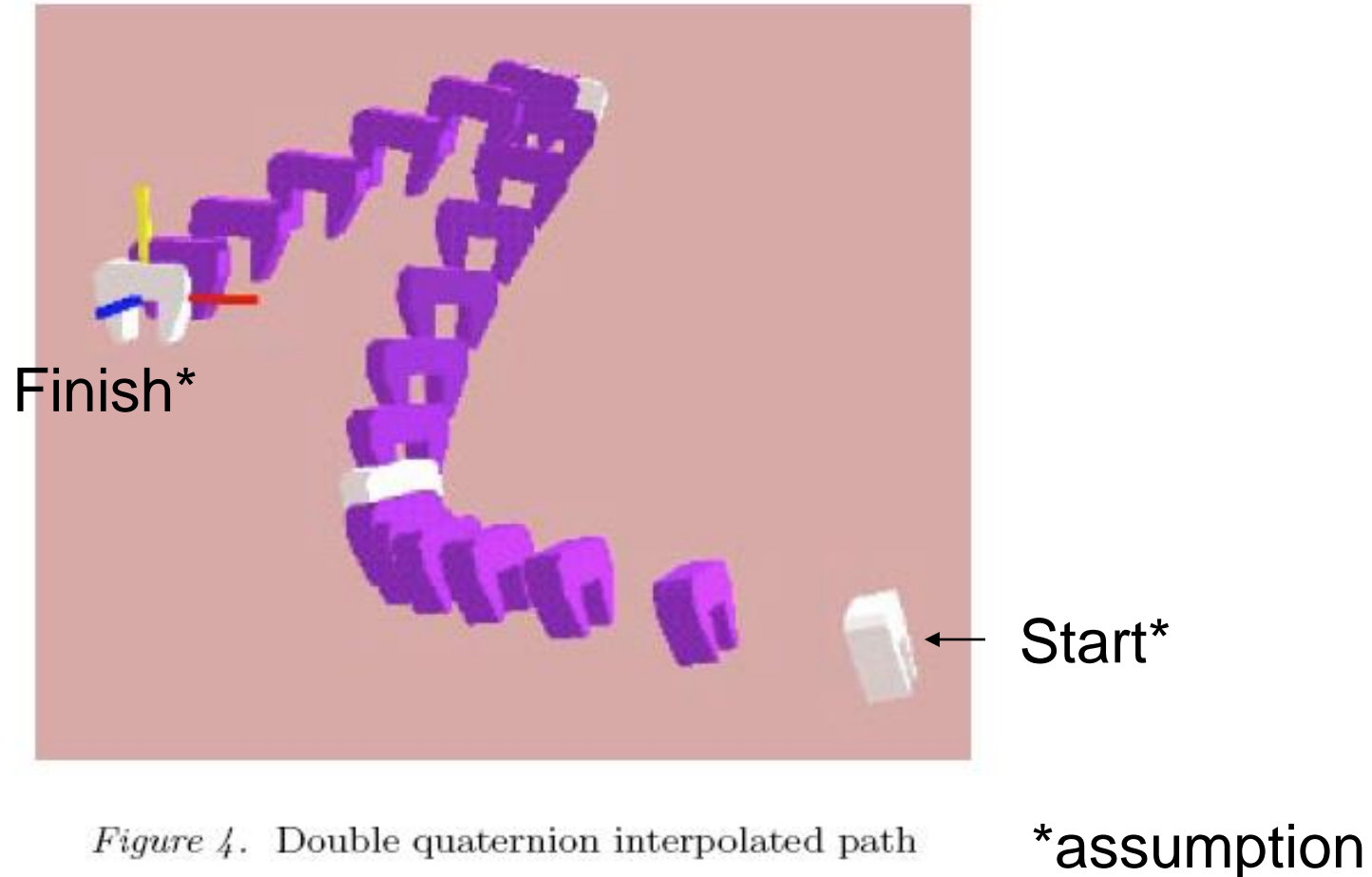


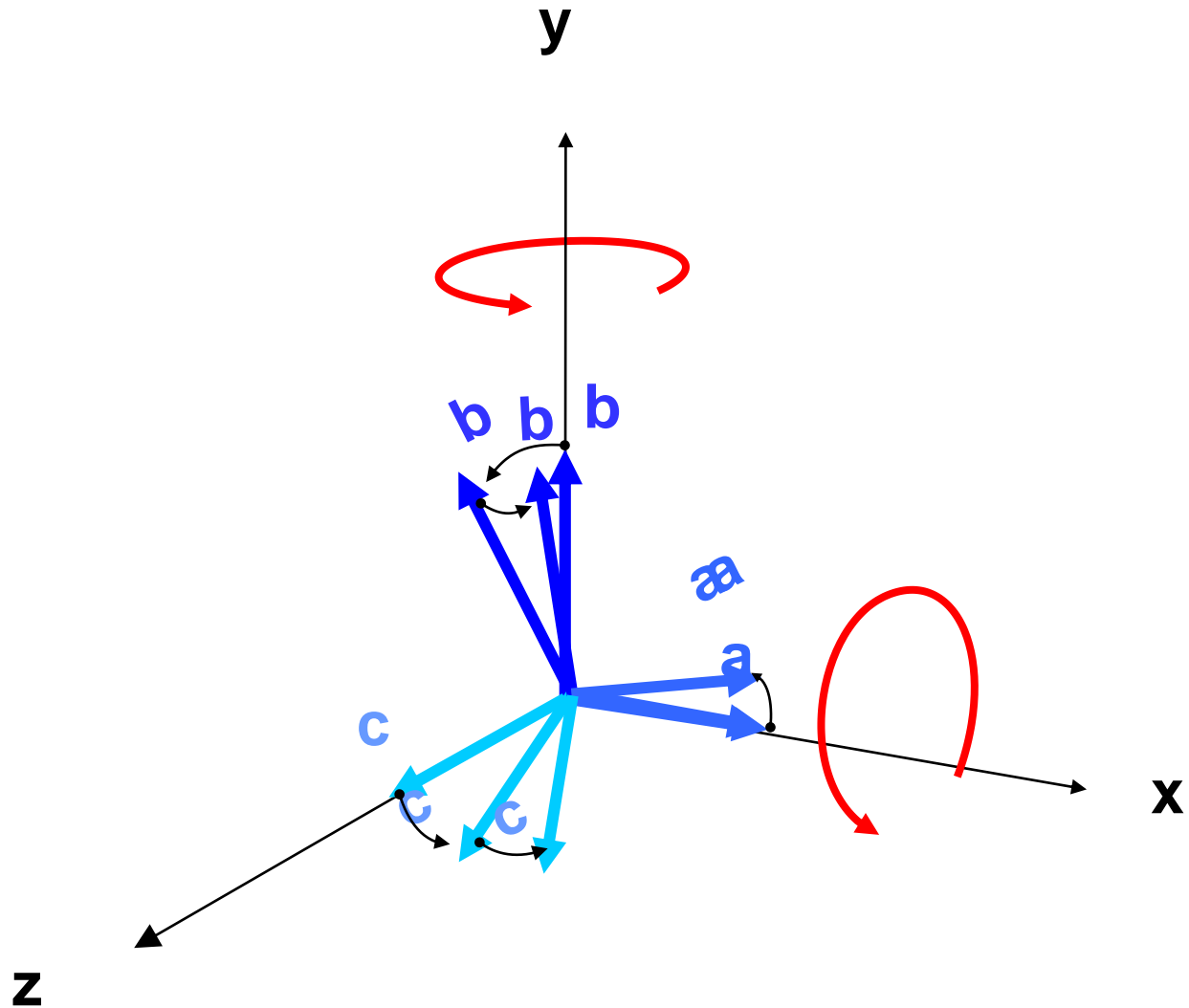
Figure 2. Flow-chart of the strapdown mechanization

# Dimensional Synthesis of Spatial RR Robots

(A. Perez, J.M. McCarthy, University of California, Irvine)



# Let's do rotation!





# Visualization of quaternions

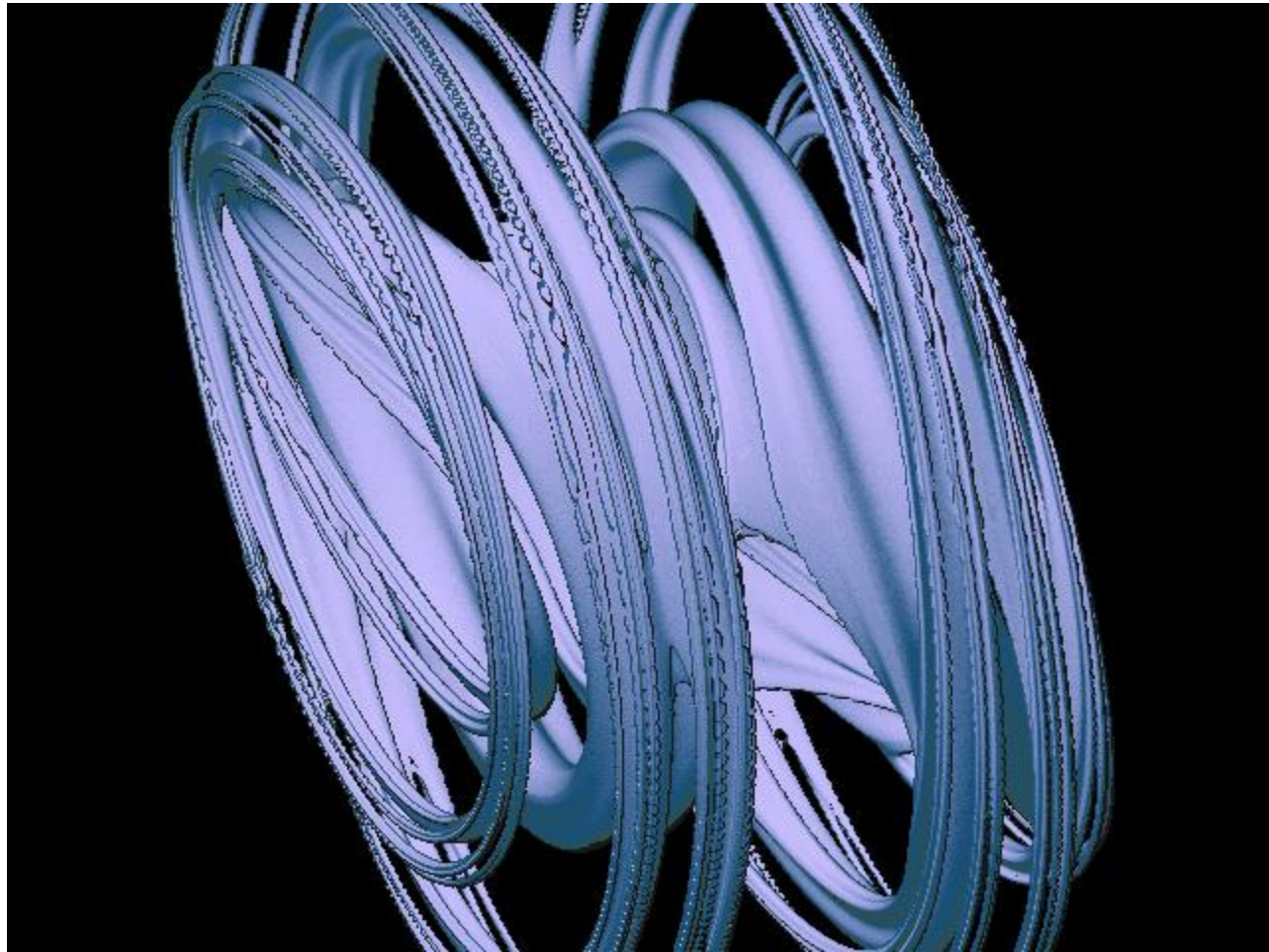
- Difficult to visualize
- Not for the weak-on-math

# Visualizing Quaternion Rotation

Removing 720  
degree  
twist without  
moving either  
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# Quaternion Explained!

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