

05E: Quaternions

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http://cyberneticzoo.com/man-amplifiers/1966-69-g-e-hardiman-i-ralph-mosher-american/



The HAL Lumbar by Cyberdyne, Inc., 2017

https://roboticsandautomationnews.com/2017/10/02/cyb erdyne-launches-new-version-of-its-exoskeleton/14360/



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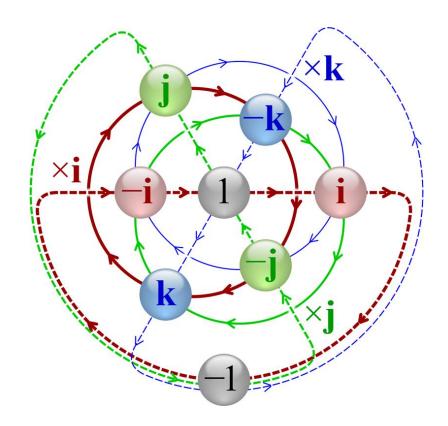
Here as he walked by on the 16th of October 1843 Sir William Rowan Hamilton in a flash of genius discovered the fundamental formula for quaternion multiplication  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1$  & cut it on a stone of this bridge.

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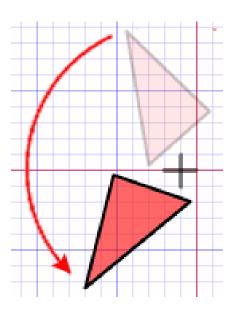
#### 3D Orientation Representations Comparison

	Singularities	Successive Rotations	Interpolation Extrapolation	Computation Time	Physical Meaning
Quaternion	<u>No</u>	<u>Easy</u>	<u>Easy</u>	<u>Fast</u>	No
Rotation Matrices	No	Easy	Difficult	Slow	Yes
Angle-Axis	No	Difficult	Difficult	Fast	Yes
Euler Angles	Yes	Difficult	Difficult	Fast	Yes





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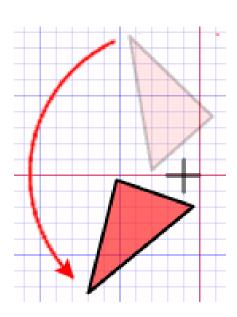
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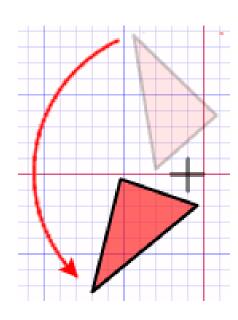
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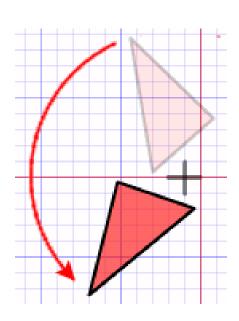
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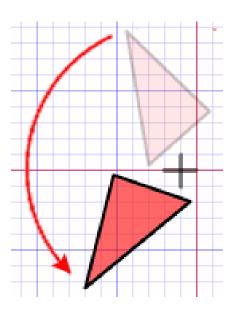
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$$\mathbf{q}_1 \mathbf{q}_2 = (s_1, \ \overrightarrow{v_1})(s_2, \ \overrightarrow{v_2})$$

$$= (s_1 s_2 - \overrightarrow{v_1} \cdot \overrightarrow{v_2}, \ s_1 \overrightarrow{v_2} + s_2 \overrightarrow{v_1} + \overrightarrow{v_1} \times \overrightarrow{v_2})$$

Cross-product makes it non-commutative

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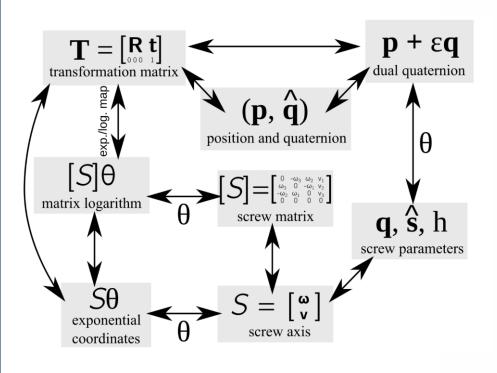
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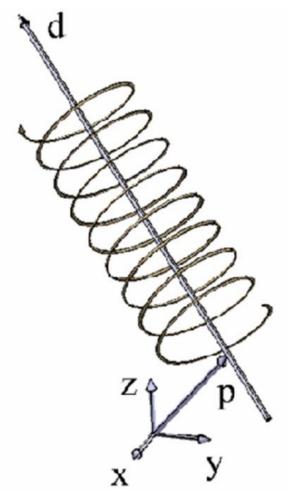
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- Singularity-free
- Un-ambiguous
- Shortest path interpolation
- Most efficient and compact form for representing rigid transforms [SCHI11] - (3x4 matrix 12 floats compared to a dual-quaternion 8 floats)
- Unified representation of translation and rotation
- Can be integrated into a current system with little coding effort
- The individual translation and rotational information is combined to produce a single invariant coordinate frame [GVMC98]

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$$p' = qpq^*$$