

Are 3D rotations commutative?

Commutative law

$$x * y = y * x$$

$$2 + 5 = 5 + 2 = 7$$

Addition is commutative.

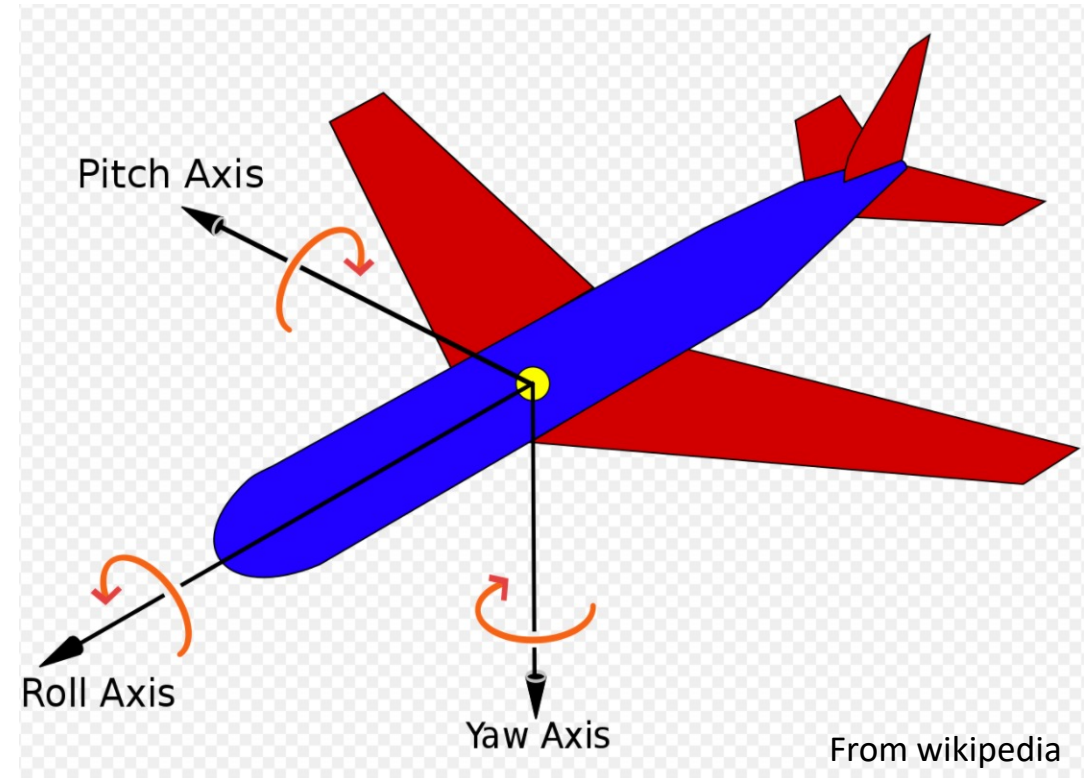
Question

Does it matter what order one implements rotations? i.e. Are rotations commutative?

Try it with 2 airplanes

Airplane 1: 90 degree roll, pitch, yaw

Airplane 2: 90 degree yaw, pitch, roll



From wikipedia

Aircraft principal axes