

# Last Time

## Chapter 2 Rigid Body Motion

### 1 Rigid Body Transformations

- Length Preserving:  $\|g(p) - g(q)\| = \|p - q\|$
- Orientation Preserving:  $g_*(v \times w) = g_*(v) \times g_*(w)$

### 2 Rotational motion in $\mathbb{R}^3$

- Rotation Matrix
  - Represents *configuration*
  - Represents (*rotational*) *transformation*
- Rotation Matrices with matrix multiplication form a *Group*
- Rotational Transformation is a *Rigid Body Transformation*

# Recap

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### 2 Rotational motion in $\mathbb{R}^3$

- *The Exponential Map*
- *Rodrigues Formula*
- *Euler Angles*
- *Quaternions*

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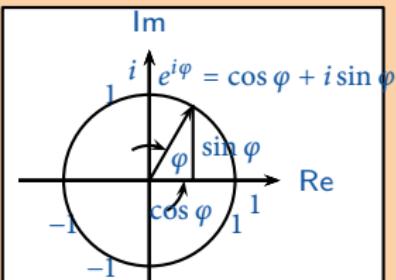


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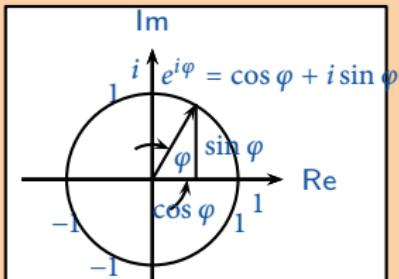
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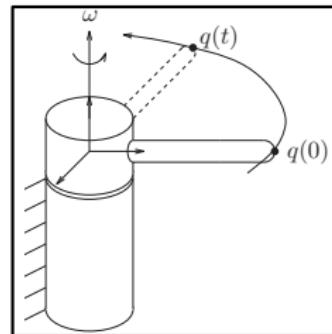


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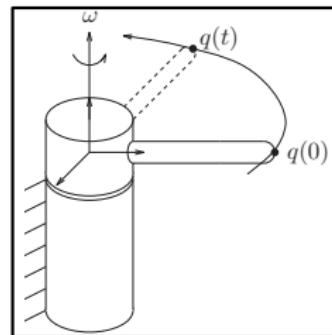


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By the definition of rigid transformation,  $R(\omega, \theta) = e^{\hat{\omega}\theta}$ . Let  $so(3) = \{\hat{\omega} | \omega \in \mathbb{R}^3\}$  or  $so(n) = \{S \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} | S^T = -S\}$  where  $\wedge : \mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto so(3) : \omega \mapsto \hat{\omega}$ , we have:

**Property 3:**  $\exp : so(3) \mapsto SO(3), \hat{\omega}\theta \mapsto e^{\hat{\omega}\theta}$

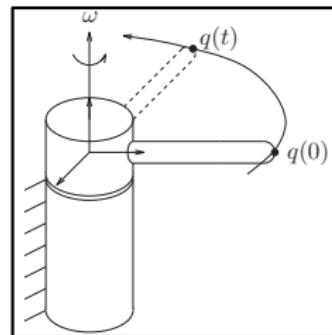


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**Proof :**

Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , write

$$a = \omega\theta, \omega = \frac{a}{\|a\|} \text{ (or } \|\omega\| = 1\text{), and } \theta = \|a\|$$

$$e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} = I + \hat{\omega}\theta + \frac{(\hat{\omega}\theta)^2}{2!} + \frac{(\hat{\omega}\theta)^3}{3!} + \dots$$

As

$$\hat{a}^2 = aa^T - \|a\|^2 I, \hat{a}^3 = -\|a\|^2 \hat{a}$$

we have:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} &= I + \left( \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^3}{5!} - \dots \right) \hat{\omega} + \left( \frac{\theta^2}{2!} - \frac{\theta^4}{4!} + \dots \right) \hat{\omega}^2 \\ &= I + \hat{\omega} \sin \theta + \hat{\omega}^2 (1 - \cos \theta) \end{aligned}$$

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Rodrigues' formula for  $\|\omega\| \neq 1$ :

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**Proof for Property 3:**

Let  $R \triangleq e^{\hat{\omega}\theta}$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned}(e^{\hat{\omega}\theta})^{-1} &= e^{-\hat{\omega}\theta} = e^{\hat{\omega}^T\theta} = (e^{\hat{\omega}\theta})^T \\ \Rightarrow R^{-1} &= R^T \Rightarrow R^T R = I \Rightarrow \det R = \pm 1\end{aligned}$$

From  $\det \exp(0) = 1$ , and the continuity of det function w.r.t.  $\theta$ , we have  $\det e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} = 1, \forall \theta \in \mathbb{R}$



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**Property 4:** The exponential map is onto.

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**Proof :**

Given  $R \in SO(3)$ , to show  $\exists \omega \in \mathbb{R}^3, \|\omega\| = 1$  and  $\theta$  s.t.  $R = e^{\hat{\omega}\theta}$

Let

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$v_\theta = 1 - \cos \theta, c_\theta = \cos \theta, s_\theta = \sin \theta$$

By Rodrigues' formula  $e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} = I + \hat{\omega} \sin \theta + \hat{\omega}^2 (1 - \cos \theta)$

$$e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^2 v_\theta + c_\theta & \omega_1 \omega_2 v_\theta - \omega_3 s_\theta & \omega_1 \omega_3 v_\theta + \omega_2 s_\theta \\ \omega_1 \omega_2 v_\theta + \omega_3 s_\theta & \omega_2^2 v_\theta + c_\theta & \omega_2 \omega_3 v_\theta - \omega_1 s_\theta \\ \omega_1 \omega_3 v_\theta - \omega_2 s_\theta & \omega_2 \omega_3 v_\theta + \omega_1 s_\theta & \omega_3^2 v_\theta + c_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

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Taking the trace of both sides,

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where  $\lambda_i$  is the eigenvalue of  $R$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$

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Following are 3 possibilities:

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

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Note that if  $\omega\theta$  is a solution, then  $\omega(\theta \pm n\pi)$ ,  $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$  is also a solution.



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## 2.2 Rotational Motion in $\mathbb{R}^3$

### Definition: Exponential coordinate

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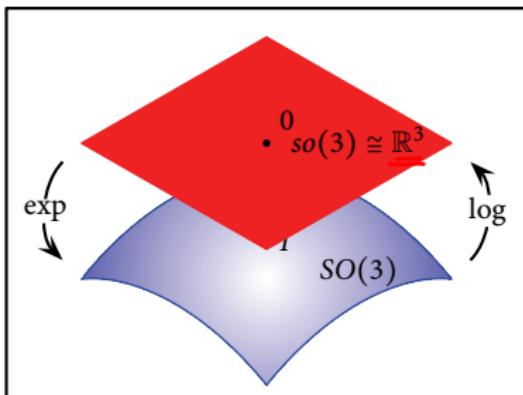


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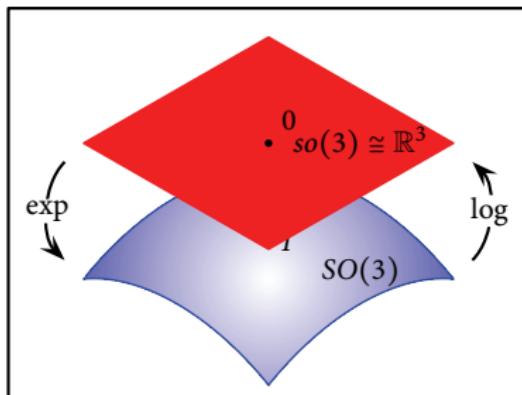


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**Property 5:**  $\exp$  is 1-1 when restricted to an open ball in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  of radius  $\pi$ .

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### Theorem 1 (Euler):

Any orientation is equivalent to a rotation about a fixed axis  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^3$  through an angle  $\theta \in [-\pi, \pi]$ .



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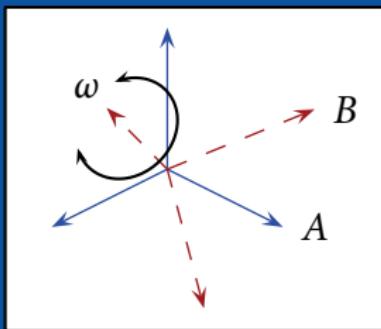


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$SO(3)$  can be visualized as a solid ball of radius  $\pi$ .

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### □ Other Parametrizations of $SO(3)$ :

- XYZ fixed angles (or Roll-Pitch-Yaw angle)

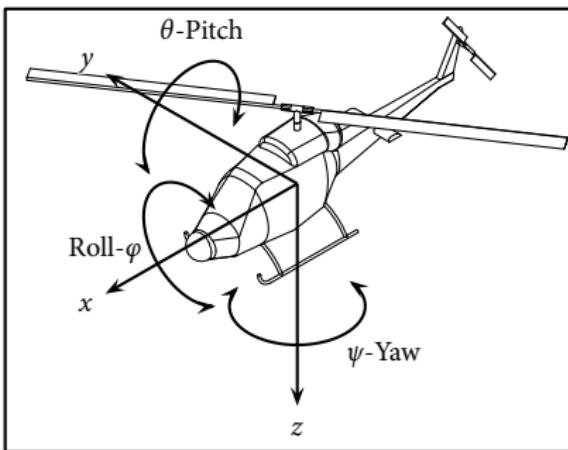


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### ■ XYZ fixed angles (or Roll-Pitch-Yaw angle) Continued

$$R_x(\varphi) := e^{\hat{x}\varphi} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi \\ 0 & \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_y(\theta) := e^{\hat{y}\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_z(\psi) := e^{\hat{z}\psi} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \psi & -\sin \psi & 0 \\ \sin \psi & \cos \psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_{ab} = R_x(\varphi)R_y(\theta)R_z(\psi)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c_\theta c_\psi & -c_\theta s_\psi & s_\theta \\ s_\varphi s_\theta c_\psi + c_\varphi s_\psi & -s_\varphi s_\theta s_\psi + c_\varphi c_\psi & -s_\varphi c_\theta \\ -c_\varphi s_\theta c_\psi + s_\varphi s_\psi & c_\varphi s_\theta s_\psi + s_\varphi c_\psi & c_\varphi c_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

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### ■ ZYX Euler angle



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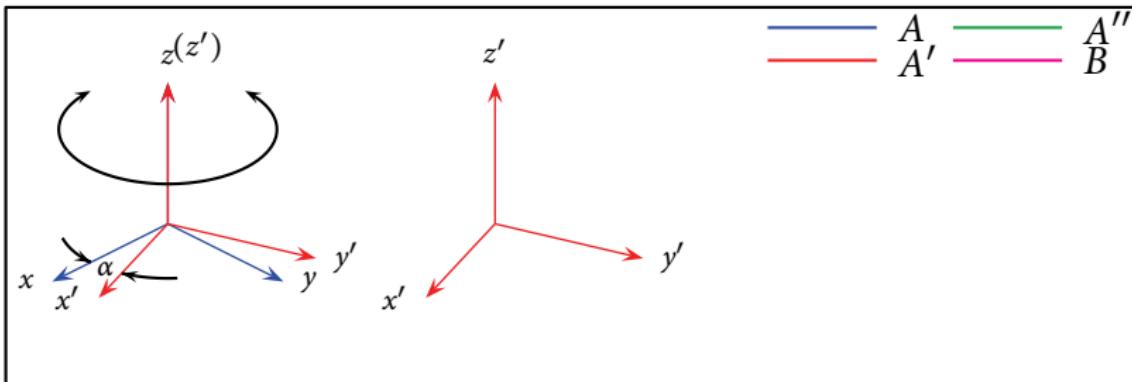


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$$R_{aa'} = R_z(\alpha)$$

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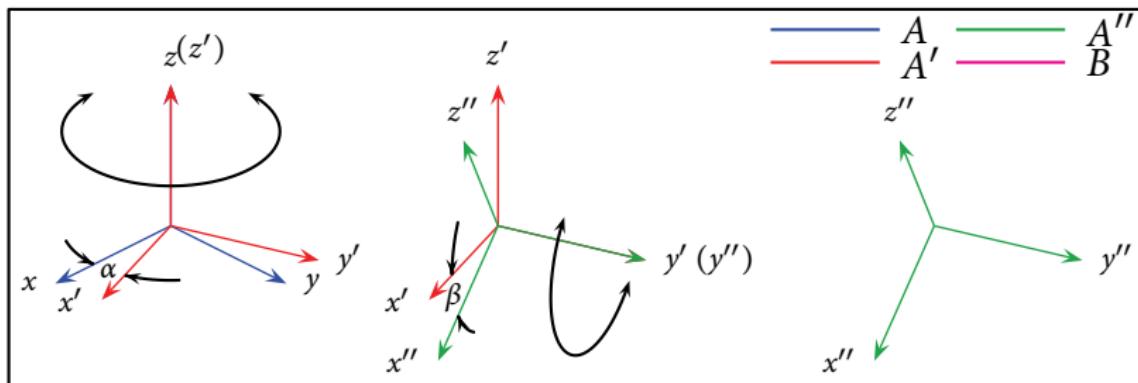


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$$R_{a'a''} = R_y(\beta)$$

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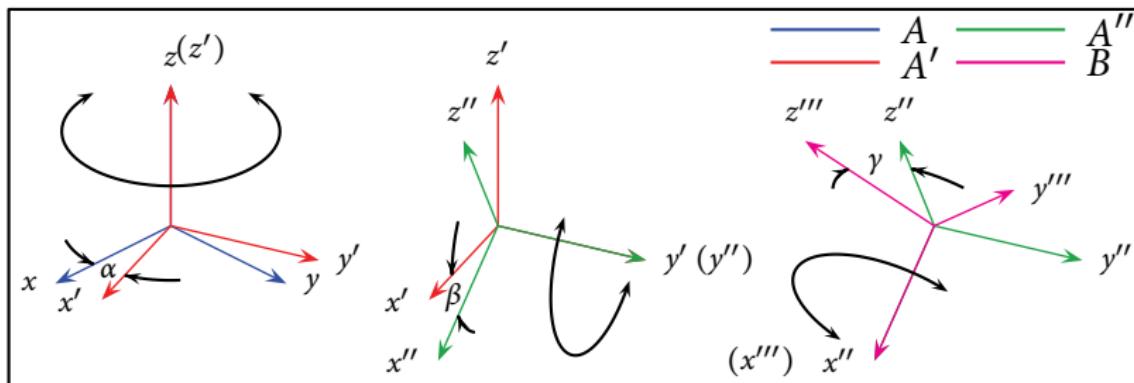


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$$R_{aa'} = R_z(\alpha)$$

$$R_{a'a''} = R_y(\beta)$$

$$R_{a''b} = R_x(\gamma)$$

$$R_{ab} = R_z(\alpha)R_y(\beta)R_x(\gamma)$$

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### ■ ZYX Euler angle (continued)

$$R_{ab}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} c_\alpha c_\beta & -s_\alpha c_\gamma + c_\alpha s_\beta s_\gamma & s_\alpha s_\gamma + c_\alpha s_\beta c_\gamma \\ s_\alpha c_\beta & c_\alpha c_\gamma + s_\alpha s_\beta s_\gamma & -c_\alpha s_\gamma + s_\alpha s_\beta c_\gamma \\ -s_\beta & c_\beta s_\gamma & c_\beta c_\gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

**Note:** When  $\beta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\cos \beta = 0$ ,  $\alpha + \gamma = \text{const} \Rightarrow$  singularity!

$$\beta = \text{atan2}(-r_{31}, \sqrt{r_{32}^2 + r_{33}^2})$$

$$\alpha = \text{atan2}(r_{21}/c_\beta, r_{11}/c_\beta)$$

$$\gamma = \text{atan2}(r_{32}/c_\beta, r_{33}/c_\beta)$$

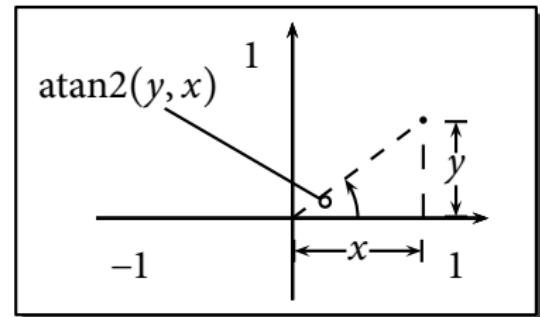


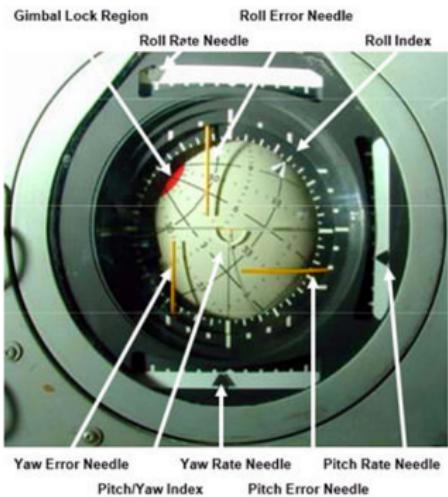
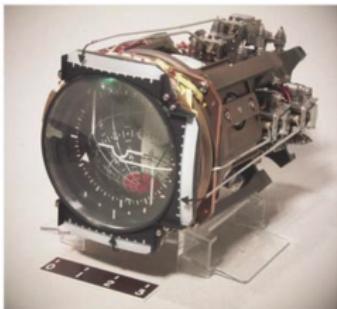
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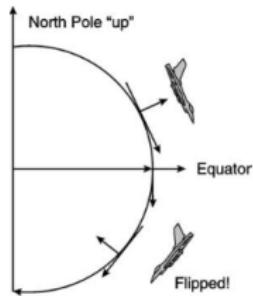


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# Hamilton's Walk



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  
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& cut it on a stone of this bridge

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**Property 3:** (a) The set of unit quaternions forms a group  
(b) If  $R = e^{\hat{\omega}\theta}$ , then  $Q = (\cos \frac{\theta}{2}, \omega \sin \frac{\theta}{2})$   
(c)  $Q$  acts on  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$  by  $QXQ^*$ , where  $X = (0, x)$

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### □ Unit Quaternions:

Given  $Q = (q_0, \mathbf{q})$ ,  $q_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , the vector part of  $QXQ^*$  is given by  $R(Q)x$ , recall that

$$q_0 = \cos \frac{\theta}{2}, \mathbf{q} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$$

and the Rodrigues' formula:

$$e^{\hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}\theta} = I + \hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \sin \theta + \hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}^2(1 - \cos \theta)$$

then

$$R(Q) = I + 2q_0\hat{\mathbf{q}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{q}}^2$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2(q_2^2 + q_3^2) & -2q_0q_3 + 2q_1q_2 & 2q_0q_2 + 2q_1q_3 \\ 2q_0q_3 + 2q_1q_2 & 1 - 2(q_1^2 + q_3^2) & -2q_0q_1 + 2q_2q_3 \\ -2q_0q_2 + 2q_1q_3 & 2q_0q_1 + 2q_2q_3 & 1 - 2(q_1^2 + q_2^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\|Q\| \triangleq q_0^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2 = 1$

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### □ Quaternions (continued):

Conversion from Roll-Pitch-Yaw angle to unit quaternions:

$$Q = \left( \cos \frac{\varphi}{2}, x \sin \frac{\varphi}{2} \right) \left( \cos \frac{\theta}{2}, y \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \left( \cos \frac{\psi}{2}, z \sin \frac{\psi}{2} \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$q_0 = \cos \frac{\varphi}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\psi}{2} - \sin \frac{\varphi}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\psi}{2}$$

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\varphi}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\psi}{2} + \sin \frac{\varphi}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\psi}{2} \\ \cos \frac{\varphi}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\psi}{2} - \sin \frac{\varphi}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\psi}{2} \\ \cos \frac{\varphi}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\psi}{2} + \sin \frac{\varphi}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\psi}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Conversion from unit quaternions to roll-pitch-yaw angles (?)

† End of Section †

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## Chapter 2 Rigid Body Motion

### 2 Rotational motion in $\mathbb{R}^3$

- The *Exponential Map*
- Rodrigues *Formula*
- *Euler Angles*
- *Quaternions*