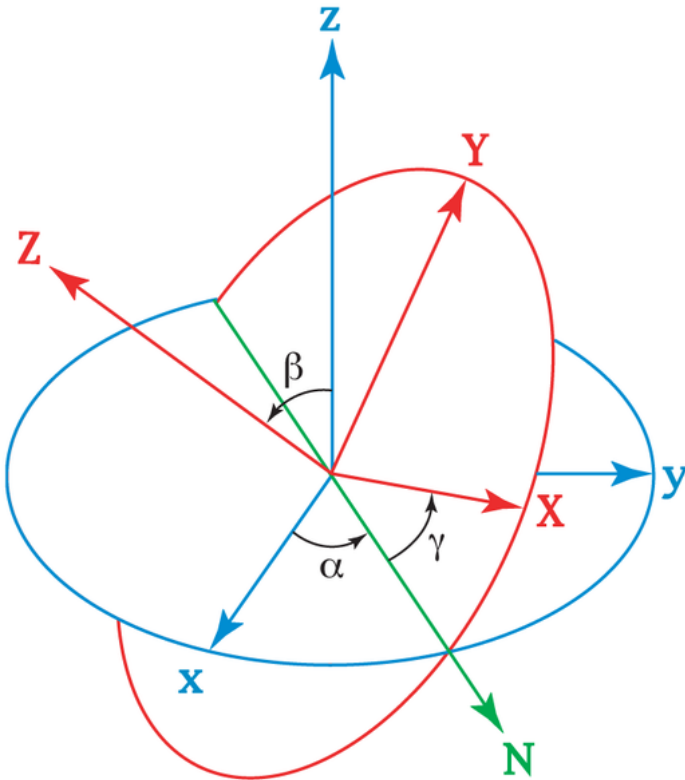


GEOMETRIC TOOLS FOR COMPUTER GRAPHICS (MIRI)

Computing Euler angles:
an example

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The old and the new frames

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \{1, 0, 0\};$$

$$\mathbf{e}_2 = \{0, 1, 0\};$$

$$\mathbf{e}_3 = \{0, 0, 1\};$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = \{1, 1, 1\}$$

$$\{1, 1, 1\}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{v}_3 / \text{Sqrt}[\mathbf{v}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3]$$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \text{Cross}[\mathbf{v}_3, \{1, 2, 4\}]$$

$$\{2, -3, 1\}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 / \text{Sqrt}[\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2]$$

$$\left\{ \sqrt{\frac{2}{7}}, -\frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \text{Cross}[\mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3]$$

$$\left\{ -2\sqrt{\frac{2}{21}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{42}}, \frac{5}{\sqrt{42}} \right\}$$

The line of nodes

$$\mathbf{n} = \text{Cross}[\mathbf{e}_3, \mathbf{u}_3]$$

$$\left\{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 0\right\}$$

$$\mathbf{nn} = \mathbf{n} / \text{Sqrt}[\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}]$$

$$\left\{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right\}$$

The angles

$$\cos\Gamma = \mathbf{nn} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{\frac{3}{7}}}{2}$$

$$\text{sign}\Gamma = \text{Sign}[\text{Det}[\{\mathbf{nn}, \mathbf{u}_1, \{0, 0, 1\}\}]]$$

$$1$$

$$\sin\Gamma = \text{sign}\Gamma \text{Sqrt}[1 - \cos\Gamma^2]$$

$$\frac{5}{2\sqrt{7}}$$

$$\cos\beta = \mathbf{e}_3 \cdot \mathbf{u}_3$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{sign}\beta = 1$$

$$1$$

$$\sin\beta = \text{sign}\beta \text{Sqrt}[1 - \cos\beta^2]$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\cos\alpha = \mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{nn}$$

$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{sign}\alpha = \text{Sign}[\text{Det}[\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{nn}, \{0, 0, 1\}\}]]$$

$$1$$

$$\sin\alpha = \text{sign}\alpha \text{Sqrt}[1 - \cos\alpha^2]$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

The rotations

`MatrixForm[RotOzGamma = {{cosGamma, -sinGamma, 0}, {sinGamma, cosGamma, 0}, {0, 0, 1}}]`

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{3}{7}}}{2} & -\frac{5}{2\sqrt{7}} & 0 \\ \frac{5}{2\sqrt{7}} & \frac{\sqrt{\frac{3}{7}}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

`MatrixForm[RotOxBeta = {{1, 0, 0}, {0, cosBeta, -sinBeta}, {0, sinBeta, cosBeta}}]`

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \\ 0 & \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

`MatrixForm[RotOzAlpha = {{cosAlpha, -sinAlpha, 0}, {sinAlpha, cosAlpha, 0}, {0, 0, 1}}]`

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The result

`MatrixForm[Result = Simplify[RotOzAlpha.RotOxBeta.RotOzGamma]]`

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2\sqrt{\frac{2}{21}} & \sqrt{\frac{2}{7}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{42}} & -\frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{5}{\sqrt{42}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

`MatrixForm[matrixA = Transpose[{u1, u2, u3}]]`

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2\sqrt{\frac{2}{21}} & \sqrt{\frac{2}{7}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{42}} & -\frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{5}{\sqrt{42}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

`MatrixForm[Simplify[Result - matrixA]]`

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$