

# GEOMETRIC TOOLS FOR COMPUTER GRAPHICS (MIRI)

Comparing Foley - Van Dam's and  
the quaternions methods:  
Rotating about the line through the  
origin with direction  $(1,1,1)$

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## Foley - Van Dam' s method

`point = {x, y, z};`

`u = {1, 1, 1};`

`e = u / Sqrt[u.u]`

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

`MatrixForm[RotationOxBeta = {`  
    `{1, 0, 0},`  
    `{0, e[[3]], -e[[2]]} / Sqrt[e[[2]]^2 + e[[3]]^2],`  
    `{0, e[[2]], e[[3]]} / Sqrt[e[[2]]^2 + e[[3]]^2]`  
    `}]`

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

`RotationOxBetaNeg = Transpose[RotationOxBeta];`

`ee = RotationOxBeta.e`

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 0, \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \right\}$$

`MatrixForm[RotationOyGamma = {`  
    `{ee[[3]], 0, ee[[1]]} / Sqrt[ee[[1]]^2 + ee[[3]]^2],`  
    `{0, 1, 0},`  
    `{-ee[[1]], 0, ee[[3]]} / Sqrt[ee[[1]]^2 + ee[[3]]^2]`  
    `}]`

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

`RotationOyGammaNeg = Transpose[RotationOyGamma];`

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MatrixForm[RotationOzAlpha = {
  {Cos[a], -Sin[a], 0},
  {Sin[a], Cos[a], 0},
  {0, 0, 1}
}]

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos[a] & -\sin[a] & 0 \\ \sin[a] & \cos[a] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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RotationU = RotationOxBetaNeg.RotationOyGamma.
  RotationOzAlpha.RotationOyGammaNeg.RotationOxBeta;

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rotatedPoint = Simplify[RotationU.point]

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$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{3} \left( x + y + z + (2x - y - z) \cos[a] - \sqrt{3} (y - z) \sin[a] \right), \\ &\frac{1}{3} \left( x + y + z - (x - 2y + z) \cos[a] + \sqrt{3} (x - z) \sin[a] \right), \\ &\frac{1}{3} \left( x + y + z - (x + y - 2z) \cos[a] - \sqrt{3} (x - y) \sin[a] \right) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

## The quaternions method

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Needs["Quaternions`"]

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pointQ = Quaternion[0, x, y, z];

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RotationQ = Quaternion[Cos[a/2], Sin[a/2] e[[1]],
  Sin[a/2] e[[2]], Sin[a/2] e[[3]]];

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RotationQConj = Conjugate[RotationQ];

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rotatedPointQ =

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  Simplify[RotationQ ** pointQ ** RotationQConj]

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$$\text{Quaternion}\left[0, \frac{1}{3} \left( x + y + z + (2x - y - z) \cos[a] - \sqrt{3} (y - z) \sin[a] \right), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{3} \left( x + y + z - (x - 2y + z) \cos[a] + \sqrt{3} (x - z) \sin[a] \right), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{3} \left( x + y + z - (x + y - 2z) \cos[a] - \sqrt{3} (x - y) \sin[a] \right) \right]$$

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## Comparing the two results

`rotatedPointQ[[1]]`

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`Table[rotatedPointQ[[i]], {i, 2, 4}]`

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{3} \left( x + y + z + (2x - y - z) \cos[a] - \sqrt{3} (y - z) \sin[a] \right), \\ &\frac{1}{3} \left( x + y + z - (x - 2y + z) \cos[a] + \sqrt{3} (x - z) \sin[a] \right), \\ &\frac{1}{3} \left( x + y + z - (x + y - 2z) \cos[a] - \sqrt{3} (x - y) \sin[a] \right) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

`rotatedPoint`

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{3} \left( x + y + z + (2x - y - z) \cos[a] - \sqrt{3} (y - z) \sin[a] \right), \\ &\frac{1}{3} \left( x + y + z - (x - 2y + z) \cos[a] + \sqrt{3} (x - z) \sin[a] \right), \\ &\frac{1}{3} \left( x + y + z - (x + y - 2z) \cos[a] - \sqrt{3} (x - y) \sin[a] \right) \end{aligned} \right\}$$