

**Game Engineering**  
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***Orientation & Quaternions***

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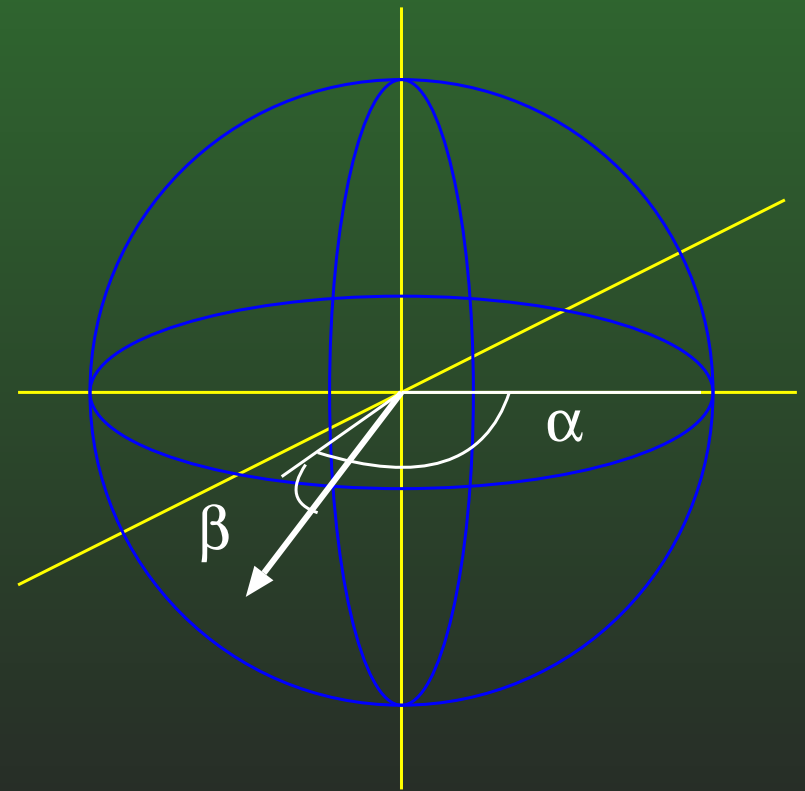
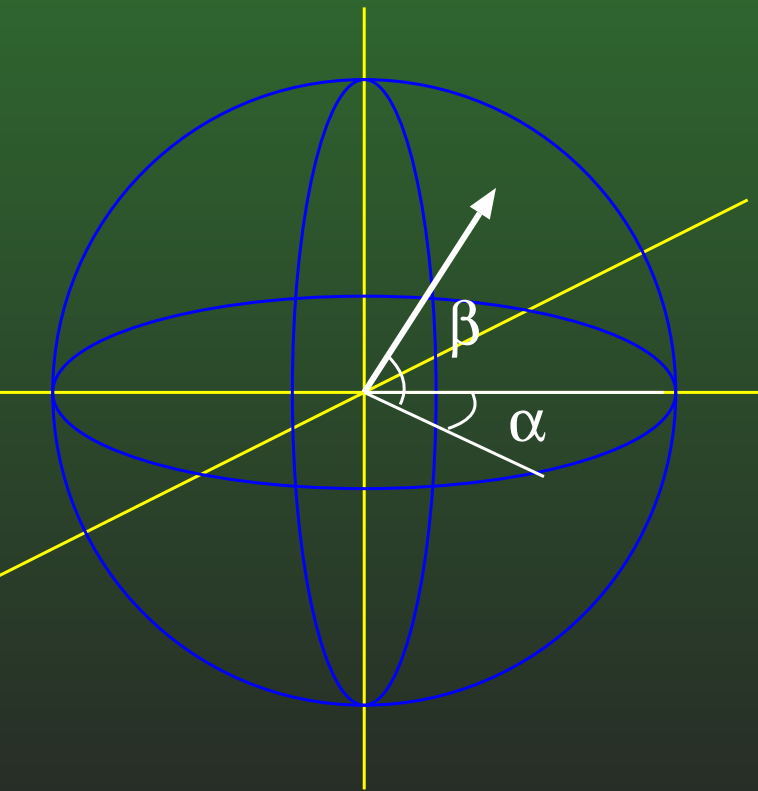
## 08-0: Orientation

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- Orientation is *almost* the direction that the model is pointing.
- We can describe the *direction* that a model is pointing using two numbers, polar coordinates

# 08-1: Direction in Polar Coordinates

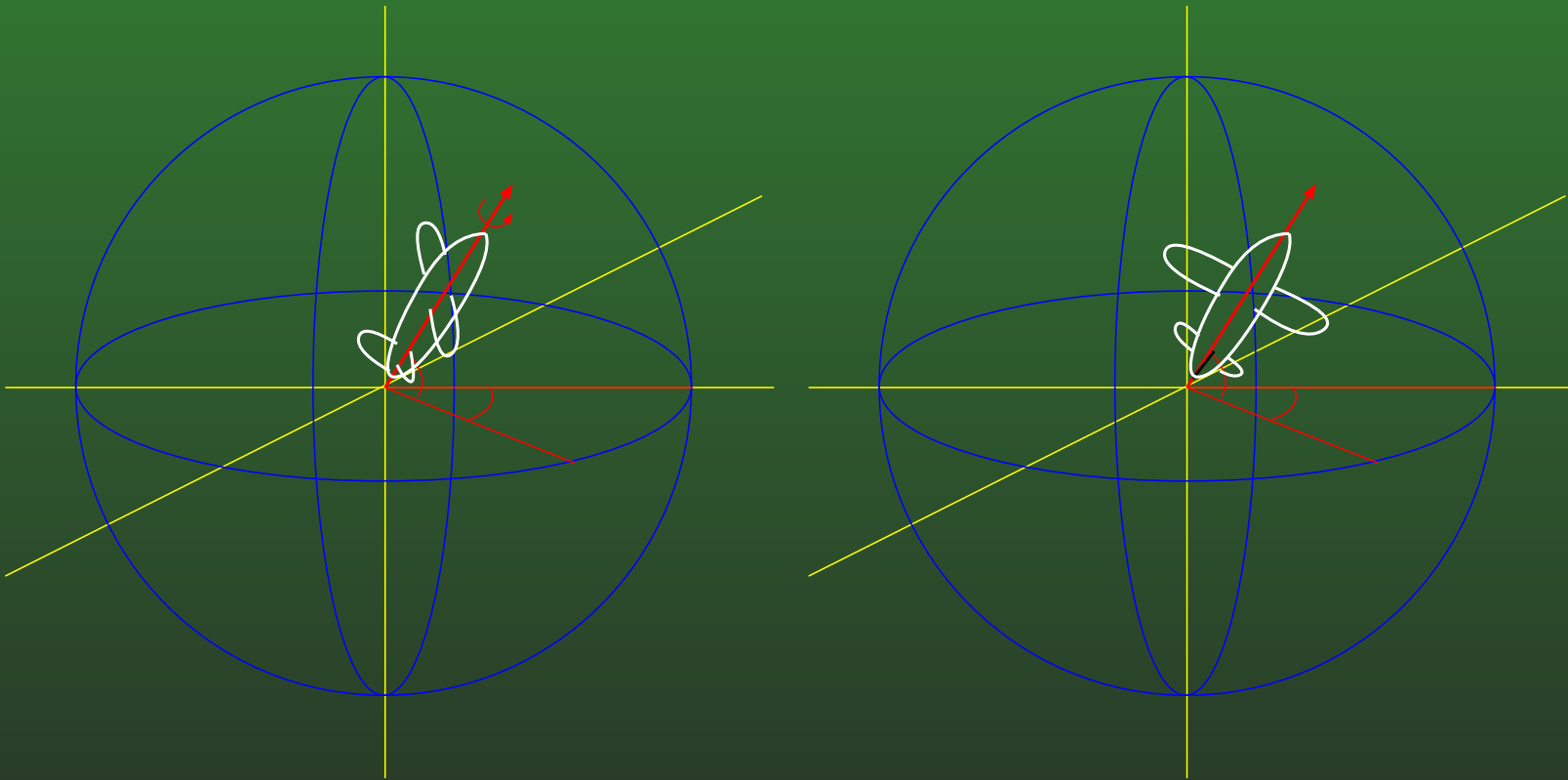
- We can describe *direction* using two values ( $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ )
- What's missing for orientation?



# 08-2: Orientation

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- Orientation needs at least 3 numbers to describe



## 08-3: Absolute Orientation?

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- Recall vectors are actually a displacement, not a position
  - Need a reference point (origin) to get a position
  - If we think in terms of displacement instead of absolute position, multiple reference frames easier to understand
- Orientation is the same way
  - Think of orientation as  $\Delta$ Orientation instead of absolute
  - Use  $\Delta$  from a fixed reference frame (like origin) to get absolute orientation

## 08-4: Absolute Orientation?

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- Of course, if our orientation is a  $\Delta$ , we need to be careful about what kind of change
  - Change from Object space to Inertial Space?
  - Change from Inertial Space to Object Space?
- If we use Matrices, then one is the inverse of the other
- Rotational matrices are orthogonal, finding inverse is easy – Transpose

## 08-5: Matrices as Orientation

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- We can represent orientation using 3x3 matrices
  - Delta from Object Space to Inertial Space

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Delta from Inertial Space to Object Space

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## 08-6: 4x4 Matrices

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- We can completely describe the position and orientation of an object using a 4x4 matrix
  - Alternately, a 3x3 matrix and a 1x3 (or 3x1) position vector
- When we use matrices, we are using  $\Delta$ orientation and  $\Delta$ position
- Easily combine two matrices – just a matrix multiplication



## 08-7: Matrix Problems

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- Matrices are great for describing orientation and position
  - Easy to combine
  - How orientation is described within most graphics engines, and by OpenGL and DirectX
- What are some drawbacks to using matrices for orientation?

## 08-8: Matrix Problems

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- Requires 9 numbers instead of 3
  - Uses more space
  - Not all matrices are valid rotational matrices
    - What happens when you use more values than you have degrees of freedom
    - Overconstraint problems

## 08-9: Matrix Problems

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- Requires 9 numbers instead of 3
  - Consider a  $3 \times 3$  matrix
  - The  $z$  basis vector (3 numbers) gives the direction
  - $x$  basis vector needs to be parallel to  $z$  – we can describe the relative position of the  $x$  basis vector given the  $z$  basis vector with a single number (not 3!)
  - Once we have  $x$  and  $z$ ,  $y$  is completely determined!

## 08-10: Matrix Problems

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- Only orthogonal matrices are valid rotational matrices
  - Matrices can become non-orthogonal via matrix creep
  - Data can be a little off if not cleaned up properly (though the solution to that is to clean up your data!)
  - Can fix this problem by orthogonalizing matrices (as per last lecture)

# 08-11: Matrix Problems

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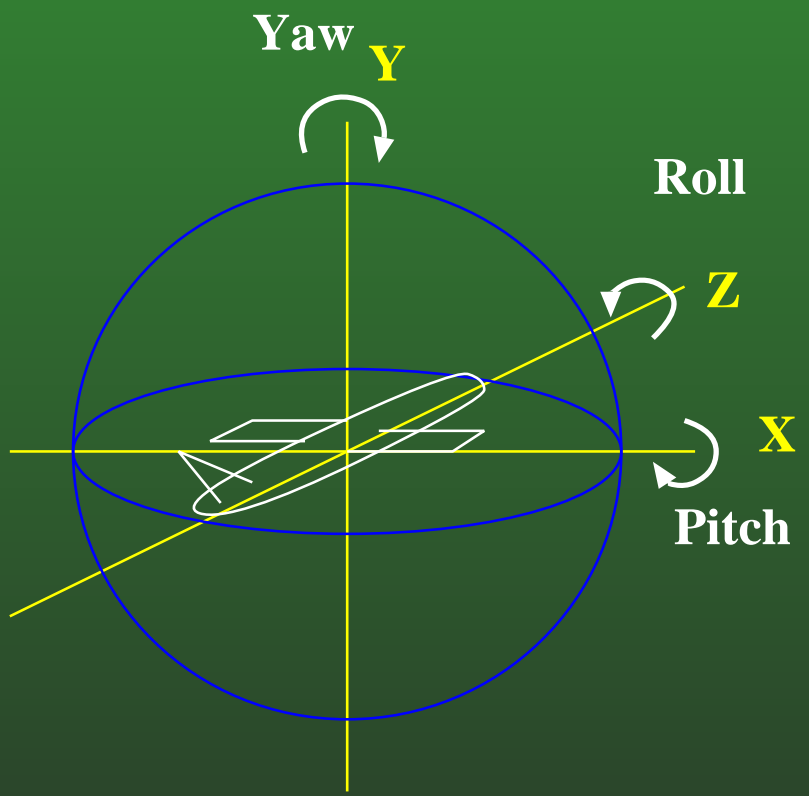
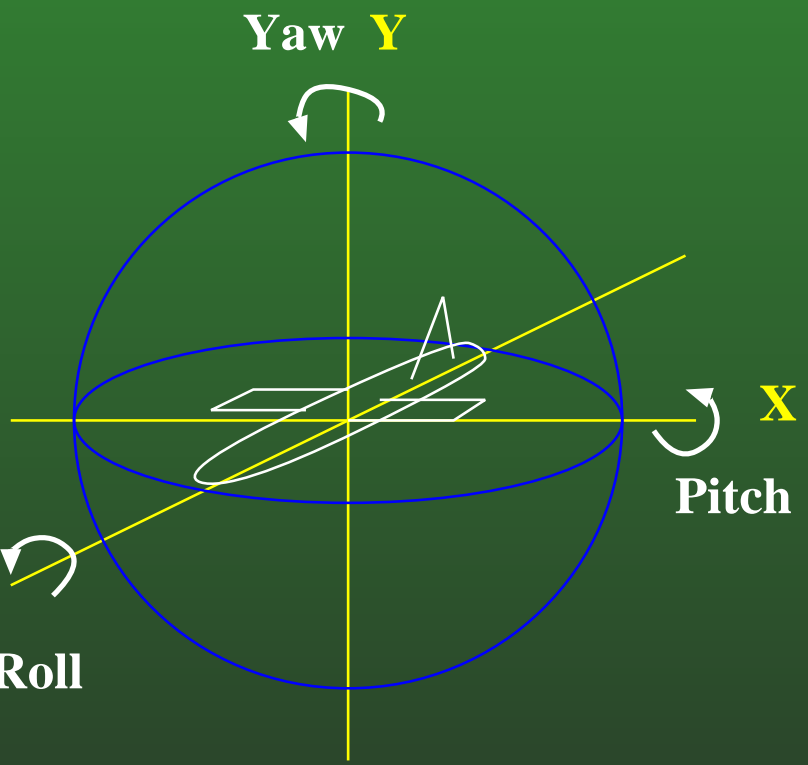
- Go to your artist / animator
- Tell him / her that all angles need to be described in terms of rotational matrices
- Duck as digitizing tablet is thrown at you
  - Matrices aren't exactly easily human readable

# 08-12: Euler Angles

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- Describe rotation in terms of *roll*, *pitch*, and *yaw*
  - Roll is rotation around the  $z$  axis
  - Pitch is rotation around the  $x$  axis
  - Yaw is rotation around the  $y$  axis

# 08-13: Euler Angles



## 08-14: Euler Angles

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- We can describe any orientation using Euler Angles
  - Order is important!
  - 30 degree roll followed by 10 degree pitch  $\neq$  10 degree pitch followed by 30 degree roll!



# 08-15: Euler Angles

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- Standard order is
  - Roll, pitch yaw
- Converting from object space to Inertial Space
- To convert from Inertial Space to Object space, go in reverse order

# 08-16: Euler Angles

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- Object Space vs. World Space
  - We can define roll/pitch/yaw in object space
    - Rotate around the object's z axis
    - Rotate around the object's x axis
    - Rotate around the object's y axis
  - Examples, using model

# 08-17: Euler Angles

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- Object Space vs. World Space
  - We can define roll/pitch/yaw in world space
    - Rotate around the world's z axis
    - Rotate around the world's x axis
    - Rotate around the world's y axis
  - Examples, using model

## 08-18: Euler Angles

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- So, what does Ogre use?
  - Both!
    - If we call roll/pitch/yaw functions with a single parameter, we rotate in object space (though we can do world space, too, using a second parameter)
    - If we ask for the euler angles, we get them in world space
      - RPY in world space is the same as YPR in object space

# 08-19: Euler Angle Problems

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- Some issues with Euler angles
  - Any triple of angles describes a unique orientation (given an order of application)
  - ... But the same orientation can be described with more than one set of Euler Angles!
    - Trivial example: Roll of 20 degrees is same as roll of 380 degrees
    - Can you think of a more complicated example?

# 08-20: Euler Angle Problems

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- Aliasing Issues
  - (Same orientation with different angles, using object space *or* world space)
- Roll 90 degrees, Pitch 90 degrees, Yaw 90 degrees
- Pitch -90 degrees

## 08-21: Gimbal Lock

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- When using Euler angles, we always rotate in a set order
  - Roll, pitch, yaw
- What happens when the 2nd parameter is 90 degrees?
  - Physical system
  - In game engine

## 08-22: Angle Interpolation

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- Given two angles, we want to interpolate between them
  - Camera pointing at one object
  - Want to rotate camera to point to another object
  - Want to rotate a *little* bit each frame
- Find the “delta” between the angles, move along it a little bit



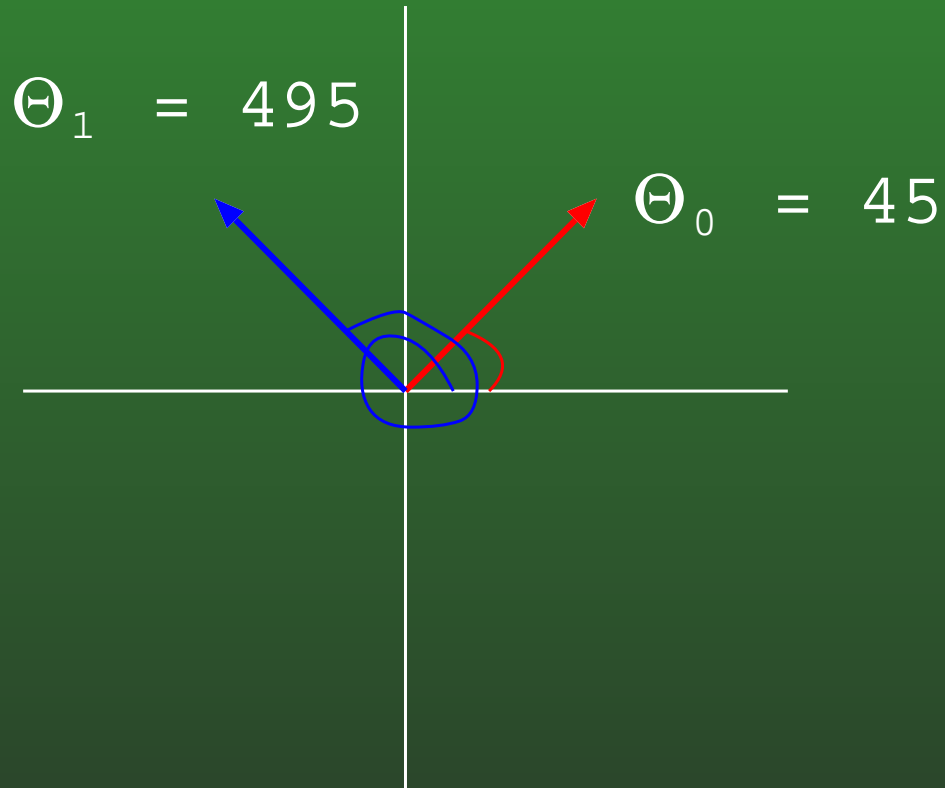
# 08-23: Angle Interpolation

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- Naive approach:
  - Initial Angle:  $\Theta_0$ , Final angle  $\Theta_1$
  - Want to interpolate from  $\Theta_0$  to  $\Theta_1$ : at time  $t = 0$  be at angle  $\Theta_0$ , at time  $t = 1$  be at angle  $\Theta_1$ 
    - $\Delta\Theta = \Theta_1 - \Theta_0$
    - $\Theta_t = \Theta_0 + t\Delta\Theta$
  - When does this not “work” (that is, when does it do what we don’t expect?)

# 08-24: Angle Interpolation

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- $\Delta\Theta = 495 - 45$
- $\Theta_t = 45 + 450t$

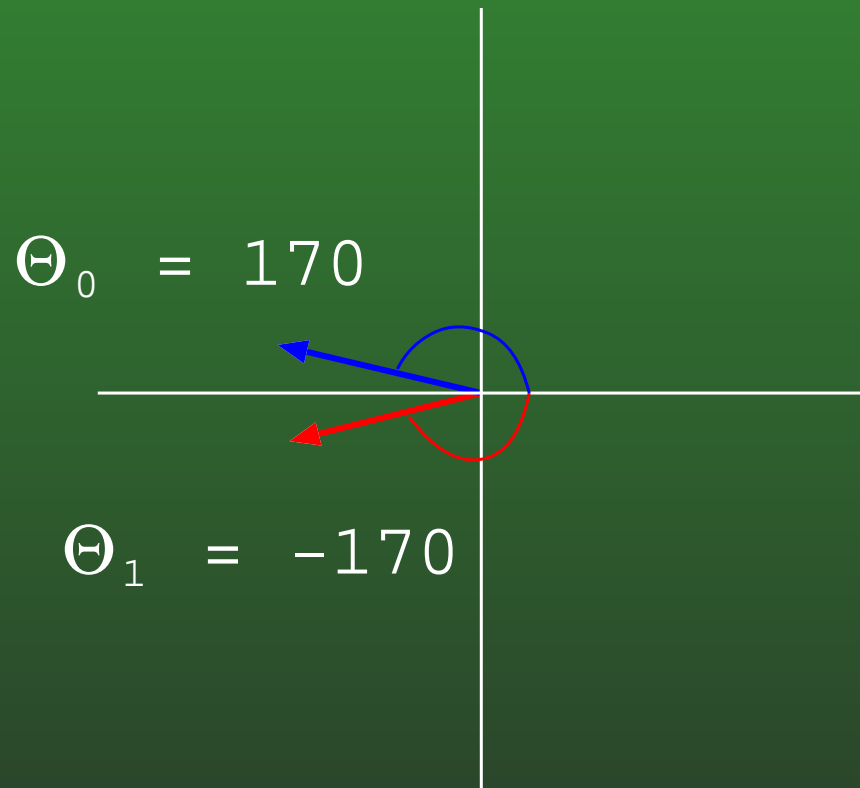
# 08-25: Angle Interpolation

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- The naive approach spins all the way around (450 degrees), instead of just moving 45 degrees
- This is an aliasing problem
  - We can fix it by insisting on canonical angles
    - $-180 \leq \text{roll} \leq 180$
    - $-90 \leq \text{pitch} \leq 90$
    - $-180 \leq \text{yaw} \leq 180$

# 08-26: Angle Interpolation

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- $\Delta\Theta = -170 - 170$
- $\Theta_t = 170 - 340t$

## 08-27: Angle Interpolation

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- We can fix this by forcing  $\Delta$ ,  $\Theta$  to be in the range  $-180 \dots 180$ 
  - $wrap(x) = x - 360 \lfloor (x + 180)/360 \rfloor$
  - $\Delta\Theta = wrap(\Theta_1 - \Theta_0)$
  - $\Theta_t = \Theta_0 + t\Delta\Theta$
- Gimbal lock is still a problem, though
- Gimbal lock (or something analogous) will *always* be a problem if we use 3 numbers to represent angles (exactly why this is so is beyond the scope of this course, however)

## 08-28: Euler Angle Advantages

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- Compact representation (3 numbers – matrices take 9, and Quaternions (up next!) take 4)
- Any set of 3 angles represents a valid orientation (not so with matrices – any 9 numbers are not a valid rotational matrix!)
- Conceptually easy to understand

# 08-29: Euler Angle Disadvantages

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- Can't combine rotations as easily as matrices
- Aliasing & Gimbal Lock

## 08-30: Quaternions

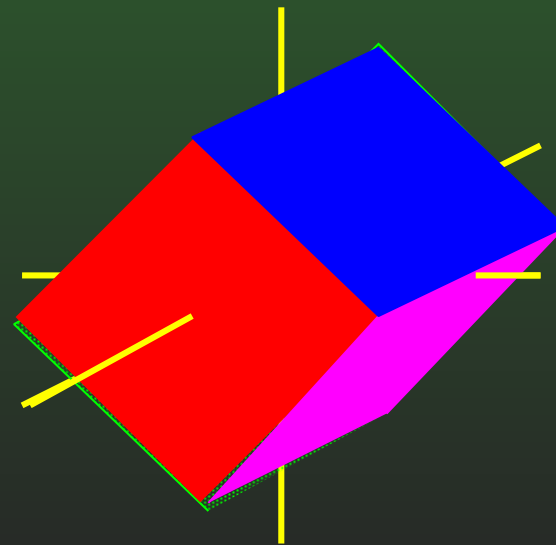
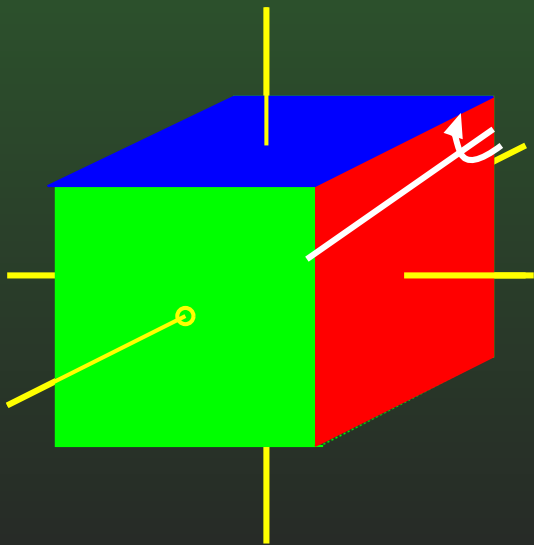
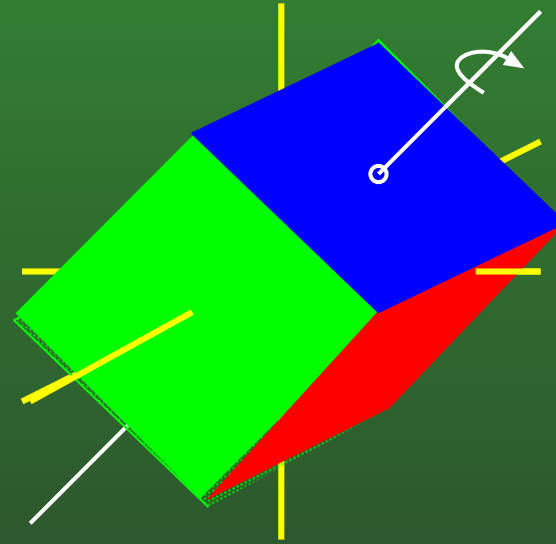
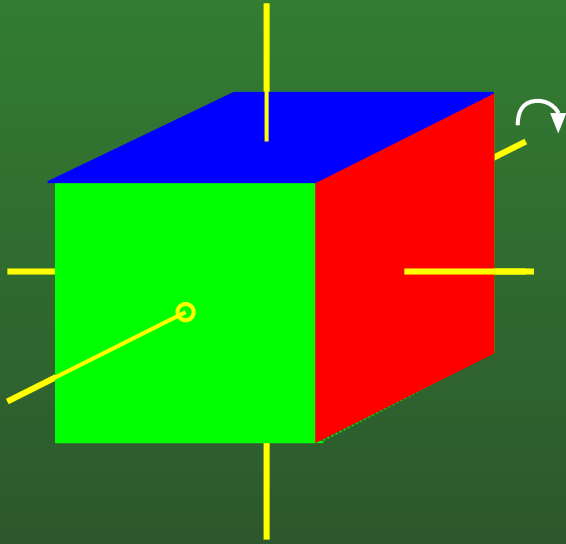
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- Rotating about any axis can be duplicated by rotations around the 3 cardinal axes
- Goes the other way as well –
  - Any set of rotations around  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  can be duplicated by a single rotation around an arbitrary axis



# 08-31: Rotational Equivalence

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## 08-32: Quaternions

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- When using Quaternions for rotation:
  - Quaternion encodes an axis and an angle
  - Represents rotation about that axis by an amount specified by the angle
  - Encoded in a slightly odd way – to understand it, we need to talk about complex numbers

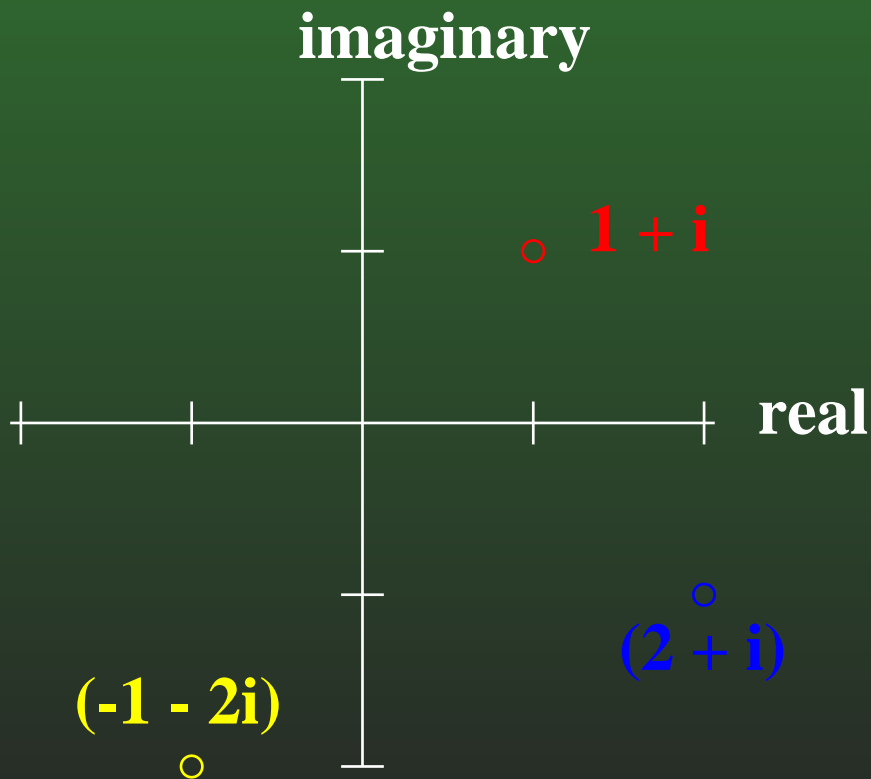
# 08-33: Imaginary Numbers

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- Define  $i = \sqrt{-1}$
- Imaginary number is  $k * i$  for some real number  $k$
- Complex number has a real and an imaginary component
  - $c = a + bi$

# 08-34: Complex Plane

- A complex number can be used to represent a point (or a vector) on the complex plane
- “Real” axis and “Imaginary” axis



# 08-35: Complex Numbers

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- Complex numbers can be added, subtracted and multiplied
  - $(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i$
  - $(a + bi) - (c + di) = (a - c) + (b - d)i$
  - $(a + bi)(c + di) = ac + adi + bci + bdi^2 = ac - bd + (ad + bc)i$
- (Dividing is a wee bit more tricky ...)

## 08-36: Complex Conjugate

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- Complex number  $p = a + bi$
- Conjugate of  $p$ ,  $p^* = a - bi$
- What happens when we multiply a number by its conjugate?
  - Think of the geometric interpretation ...

# 08-37: Complex Conjugate

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$$\begin{aligned}(a + bi)(a - bi) &= a^2 + abi - abi - b^2i^2 \\ &= a^2 + b^2\end{aligned}$$

## 08-38: Complex Conjugate

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- The magnitude of a complex number is the square root of the product of its conjugate
- $||p|| = \sqrt{pp^*}$
- What is the magnitude of a number with no imaginary part?



## 08-39: Complex Conjugate

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- The conjugate of a complex number is also handy because the product of a number and its conjugate has no imaginary part.
  - We can use this fact to do complex division

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{4 + 3i}{3 - 2i} &= \frac{(4 + 3i)(3 + 2i)}{(3 - 2i)(3 + 2i)} \\ &= \frac{12 + 12i - 6}{9 + 4} \\ &= \frac{6 + 12i}{13} \\ &= \frac{6}{13} + \frac{12}{13}i\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{a + bi}{c + di} &= \frac{(a + bi)(c - di)}{(c + di)(c - di)} \\ &= \frac{ac + bd + (bc - ad)i}{(c^2 + d^2)} \\ &= \frac{ac + bd}{c^2 + d^2} + \frac{bc - ad}{c^2 + d^2}i\end{aligned}$$

# 08-41: Complex Rotations

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- We can use complex numbers to represent rotations
  - We can create a “rotational” complex number  $r_{\Theta}$
  - Multiplying a complex number  $p$  by  $r_{\Theta}$  rotates  $p$   $\Theta$  degrees counter-clockwise
  - Similar to a rotational matrix in “standard” 2D space

# 08-42: Complex Rotations

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- We can use complex numbers to represent rotations

- $r_{\Theta} = \cos \Theta + (\sin \Theta)i$

- $p = (a + bi)$

$$\begin{aligned} pr_{\Theta} &= a \cos \Theta + (a \sin \Theta) + (b \cos \Theta)i - b \sin \Theta \\ &= (a \cos \Theta - b \sin \Theta) + (a \sin \Theta + b \cos \Theta)i \end{aligned}$$

- Does this look at all familiar?

## 08-43: Quaternions

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- So, we can use complex numbers to represent points in 2D space, and rotations in 2D space
  - How can we extend this to 3D space?
  - Add an extra imaginary component for the 3rd dimension?

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  - Add an extra imaginary component for the 3rd dimension?
    - Actually, we'll add *two* additional imaginary components

## 08-45: Quaternions

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- A quaternion is a number with a real part and 4 imaginary parts:
  - $p = a + bi + cj + dk$
- Where  $i$ ,  $j$  and  $k$  are all different imaginary numbers, with:
  - $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$
  - $i * j = k, j * i = -k$
  - $jk = i, kj = -i$
  - $ki = j, ik = -j$

## 08-46: Quaternions

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- Quaternions are often divided into a scalar part (real part of the number) and a vector (complex part of the number)
  - $p = w + xi + yj + zk$
  - $p = [w, (x, y, z)]$
  - $p = [w, \mathbf{v}]$



## 08-47: Geometric Quaternions

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- Complex numbers represent points/vectors in 2D space, and rotations in 2D space
- Quaternions only represent rotations in 3D space (Technically, you can use quaternions to represent scale as well, but we'll only do rotations in this class)
  - Can consider a quaternion to represent an orientation as an offset from some given orientation
  - Just like a vector can represent a point at an offset from the origin

## 08-48: Geometric Quaternions

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- Quaternions represent rotation about an arbitrary axis
- Let  $\mathbf{n}$  represent an arbitrary unit vector
- Rotation of  $\Theta$  degrees around  $\mathbf{n}$  (using the appropriate handedness rule) is represented by the quaternion:

$$\begin{aligned} q &= [\cos(\Theta/2), \sin(\Theta/2)\mathbf{n}] \\ &= [\cos(\Theta/2), (\sin(\Theta/2)n_x, \sin(\Theta/2)n_y, \sin(\Theta/2)n_z)] \end{aligned}$$

- So, we can represent the position and orientation of a model as a vector and a quaternion (displacement from the origin, and rotation from initial orientation)

## 08-49: Quaternion Negation

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- Negate quaternions by negating each component
  - $-\mathbf{q} = -[w, (x, y, z)] = [-w, (-x, -y, -z)]$
  - $-\mathbf{q} = -[w, \mathbf{v}] = [-w, -\mathbf{v}]$
- What is the geometric meaning of negating a quaternion?
- What happens to the orientation represented by a quaternion if it is negated?

## 08-50: Quaternion Negation

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- Recall: Rotation of  $\Theta$  degrees around  $\mathbf{n}$  is represented by
  - $q = [\cos(\Theta/2) + \sin(\Theta/2)\mathbf{n}]$
- What happens if we add 360 degrees to  $\Theta$ 
  - How does it change the rotation represented by  $q$ ?
  - How does it change  $q$ ?

# 08-51: Quaternion Negation

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- Each angular displacement has *two* different quaternion representations  $q, q'$
- $q = -q'$

## 08-52: Identity Quaternion

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- Identity Quaternion represents no angular displacement
  - $[1, \mathbf{0}] = [1, (0, 0, 0)]$
- Rotation of 0 degrees around a vector  $\mathbf{n}$ 
  - $q = [\cos 0, \sin 0 * \mathbf{v}] = [1, \mathbf{0}]$
- What about  $[-1, \mathbf{0}]$ ?

## 08-53: Identity Quaternion

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- What about  $[-1, 0]$ ?
  - Also represents no angular displacement (think rotation of 360 degrees)
  - Geometrically equivalent to identity quaternion
  - Not a *true* identity
    - $q$  and  $-q$  represent the same orientation, but are different quaternions.

# 08-54: Quaternion Magnitude

- Magnitude of a quaternion is defined as:

- $||\mathbf{q}|| = ||[w, (x, y, z)]|| = \sqrt{w^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

- $||\mathbf{q}|| = ||[w, \mathbf{v}]|| = \sqrt{w^2 + ||\mathbf{v}||^2}$

- Let's take a look a geometric interpretation:

$$||[w, \mathbf{v}]|| = \sqrt{w^2 + ||\mathbf{v}||^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\cos^2(\Theta/2) + (\sin(\Theta/2)||\mathbf{n}||)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\cos^2(\Theta/2) + \sin^2(\Theta/2)||\mathbf{n}||^2}$$

- If we restrict  $\mathbf{n}$  to be a unit vector ...



# 08-55: Quaternion Magnitude

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$$\begin{aligned}\|[w, \mathbf{v}]\| &= \sqrt{w^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\cos^2(\Theta/2) + (\sin^2(\Theta/2)\|\mathbf{n}\|)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\cos^2(\Theta/2) + \sin^2(\Theta/2)\|\mathbf{n}\|^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\cos^2(\Theta/2) + \sin^2(\Theta/2)} \\ &= \sqrt{1} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

- All quaternions that represent orientation (using normalized  $\mathbf{n}$ ) are *unit quaternions*

## 08-56: Conjugate & Inverse

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- The conjugate of a quaternion is very similar to the complex conjugate
  - $\mathbf{q} = [w, \mathbf{v}] = [w, (x, y, z)]$
  - $\mathbf{q}^* = [w, -\mathbf{v}] = [w, (-x, -y, -z)]$
- The *inverse* of a quaternion is defined in terms of the conjugate
  - $\mathbf{q}^{-1} = \frac{\mathbf{q}^*}{\|\mathbf{q}\|} = q^*$  (for unit quaternions)

# 08-57: Quaternion Multiplication

- Quaternion Multiplication is just like complex multiplication:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{q}_1 \mathbf{q}_2 &= (w_1 + x_1 i + y_1 j + z_1 k)(w_2 + x_2 i + y_2 j + z_2 k) \\ &= w_1 w_2 + w_1 x_2 i + w_1 y_2 j + w_1 z_2 k + \\ &\quad x_1 w_2 i + x_1 x_2 i^2 + x_1 y_2 i j + x_1 z_2 i k + \\ &\quad y_1 w_2 j + y_1 x_2 j i + y_1 y_2 j^2 + y_1 z_2 j k + \\ &\quad z_1 w_2 k + z_1 x_2 k i + z_1 y_2 k j + z_1 z_2 k^2 + \\ &= w_1 w_2 + w_1 x_2 i + w_1 y_2 j + w_1 z_2 k + \\ &\quad x_1 w_2 i + x_1 x_2 (-1) + x_1 y_2 (k) + x_1 z_2 (-j) + \\ &\quad y_1 w_2 j + y_1 x_2 (-k) + y_1 y_2 (-1) + y_1 z_2 i + \\ &\quad z_1 w_2 k + z_1 x_2 j + z_1 y_2 (-i) + z_1 z_2 (-1) + \end{aligned}$$

# 08-58: Quaternion Multiplication

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{q}_1 \mathbf{q}_2 &= (w_1 + x_1 i + y_1 j + z_1 k)(w_2 + x_2 i + y_2 j + z_2 k) \\ &= \dots \\ &= w_1 w_2 + w_1 x_2 i + w_1 y_2 j + w_1 z_2 k + \\ &\quad x_1 w_2 i + x_1 x_2 (-1) + x_1 y_2 (k) + x_1 z_2 (-j) + \\ &\quad y_1 w_2 j + y_1 x_2 (-k) + y_1 y_2 (-1) + y_1 z_2 i + \\ &\quad z_1 w_2 k + z_1 x_2 j + z_1 y_2 (-i) + z_1 z_2 (-1) + \\ &= w_1 w_2 - x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2 - z_1 z_2 + \\ &\quad (w_1 x_2 + x_1 w_2 + y_1 z_2 - z_1 y_2) i + \\ &\quad (w_1 y_2 + y_1 w_2 + z_1 x_2 + x_1 z_2) j + \\ &\quad (w_1 z_2 + z_1 w_2 + x_1 y_2 + y_1 x_2) k \end{aligned}$$

# 08-59: Quaternion Multiplication

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- Quaternion Multiplication is associative, but not commutative
  - $(q_1 q_2) q_3 = q_1 (q_2 q_3)$
  - $q_1 q_2 \neq q_2 q_1$
- Magnitude of product = product of magnitude
  - $\|q_1 q_2\| = \|q_1\| \|q_2\|$ 
    - Result of multiplying two unit quaternions is a unit quaternion

# 08-60: Quaternion Multiplication

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- Given any two quaternions  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ :
  - $(q_1 q_2)^{-1} = q_2^{-1} q_1^{-1}$

## 08-61: Quaternion Rotation

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- We can use quaternions to rotate a vector around an axis  $\mathbf{n}$  by angle  $\Theta$ 
  - Let  $q$  be a quaternion  $[w, (x, y, z)]$  that represents rotation about  $\mathbf{n}$  by  $\Theta$
  - Let  $\mathbf{v}$  be a “quaternion” version of the vector (same vector part, real part zero)
  - Rotated vector is:  $q\mathbf{v}q^{-1}$

# 08-62: Quaternion Rotation

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- How can we prove that the rotated version of  $\mathbf{v}$  is  $\mathbf{q}\mathbf{v}\mathbf{q}^{-1}$ ? Do the multiplication!
- Given  $\mathbf{n}$ ,  $\Theta$ , and  $\mathbf{v} = [v_x, v_y, v_z]$ :
- Create:
  - $\mathbf{q} = [\cos(\Theta/2), \sin(\Theta/2)(n_x, n_y, n_z)]$
  - $\mathbf{q}^{-1} = [\cos(\Theta/2), -\sin(\Theta/2)(n_x, n_y, n_z)]$
  - $\mathbf{v} = [0, (v_x, v_y, v_z)]$
- Calculate  $\mathbf{q}\mathbf{v}\mathbf{q}^{-1}$



# 08-63: Quaternion Rotation

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- Calculate  $v' = qvq^{-1}$ 
  - ... Much ugly algebra later ...
  - Vector portion of  $v'$  is:

$$v' = \cos \Theta(v - (v \cdot n)n) + \sin \Theta(n \times v) + (v \cdot n)n$$

Which is what we calculated earlier for rotation of  $\Theta$  degrees around an arbitrary axis  $n$

## 08-64: Quaternion Rotation

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- What if we wanted to do more than one rotation?
  - First rotate by  $q_1$ , and then rotate by  $q_2$
- First, rotate by  $q_1$ :  $q_1 v q_1^{-1}$
- Next, rotate that quantity by  $q_2$ :  $q_2 (q_1 v q_1^{-1}) q_2^{-1}$
- $q_2 q_1 v q_1^{-1} q_2^{-1} = (q_2 q_1) v (q_2 q_1)^{-1}$

## 08-65: Quaternion “Difference”

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- Given two quaternions  $p$  and  $q$ , find the rotation required to get from  $p$  to  $q$
- That is, given  $p$  and  $q$ , find a  $d$  such that
  - $dp = q$
  - $d = qp^{-1}$
- Given two orientations  $p$  and  $q$ , we can generate the angular displacement from one to another

## 08-66: Quaternion Log and Exp

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- We'll now define a few “helper” functions, that aren't useful in and of themselves, but they will allow us to do a slerp, which is *very* useful
  - Quaternion Log
  - Quaternion Exp (“Anti-log”)

# 08-67: Quaternion Log and Exp

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- Define  $\alpha = \Theta/2$  (as a notational convenience)
  - $\mathbf{q} = [\cos \alpha, (\sin \alpha)\mathbf{n}]$
  - $\mathbf{q} = [\cos \alpha, (\sin \alpha n_x, \sin \alpha n_y, \sin \alpha n_z)]$
- $\log \mathbf{q} = \log([\cos \alpha, (\sin \alpha)\mathbf{n}] \equiv [0, \alpha\mathbf{n}]$

# 08-68: Quaternion Log and Exp

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- Given a quaternion  $p$  of the form:
  - $\mathbf{q} = [0, \alpha \mathbf{n}] = [0, (\alpha n_x, \alpha n_y, \alpha n_z)]$
- $\exp(p) = \exp([0, \mathbf{n}]) \equiv [\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha \mathbf{n}]$
- Note that  $\exp(\log(\mathbf{q})) = \mathbf{q}$

# 08-69: Scalar Multiplication

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- Given any quaternion  $\mathbf{q} = [w, (x, y, z)]$  and scalar  $a$
- $a\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q}a = [aw, (ax, ay, az)]$

# 08-70: Quaternion Exponentiation

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- $q$  is a quaternion that represents a rotation about an axis
- Define  $q^t$  such that:
  - $q^0$  = identity quaternion
  - $q^1 = q$
  - $q^{1/2}$  = half the rotation around the axis defined by  $q$
  - $q^{-1/2}$  = half the rotation around the axis defined by  $q$ , in the opposite direction



# 08-71: Quaternion Exponentiation

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- $q^0$  = identity quaternion
- $q^1 = q$
- $q^2$  = twice half the rotation around the axis defined by  $q$ 
  - Well, sort of.
  - Displacement using the shortest possible arc
  - Can't use exponentiation to represent multiple spins around the axis
  - Compare  $(q^4)^{1/2}$  to  $q^2$ , when  $q$  represents 90 degrees ...

# 08-72: Quaternion Exponentiation

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- We can define quaternion exponentiation mathematically:
  - $q^t = \exp(t \log q)$
- Why does this work?
  - Log function extracts  $\mathbf{n}$  and  $\Theta$  from  $q$
  - Multiply  $\Theta$  by  $t$
  - “Undo” log operation

## 08-73: Slerp

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- Spherical Linear Interpolation
- Input: Two orientations (quaternions)  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ , and a value  $0 \leq t \leq 1$
- Output: An orientation that is between  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ 
  - If  $t = 0$ , result is  $q_1$
  - If  $t = 1$ , result is  $q_2$
  - if  $t = 1/2$ , result is 1/2 way between them

# 08-74: Slerp

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- $\text{slerp}(q_1, q_2, t)$ :
  - Start with orientation  $q_1$
  - Find the difference between  $q_1$  and  $q_2$
  - Calculate portion  $t$  of the difference
- $\text{slerp}(q_1, q_2, t) = q_1 (q_1^{-1} q_2)^t$

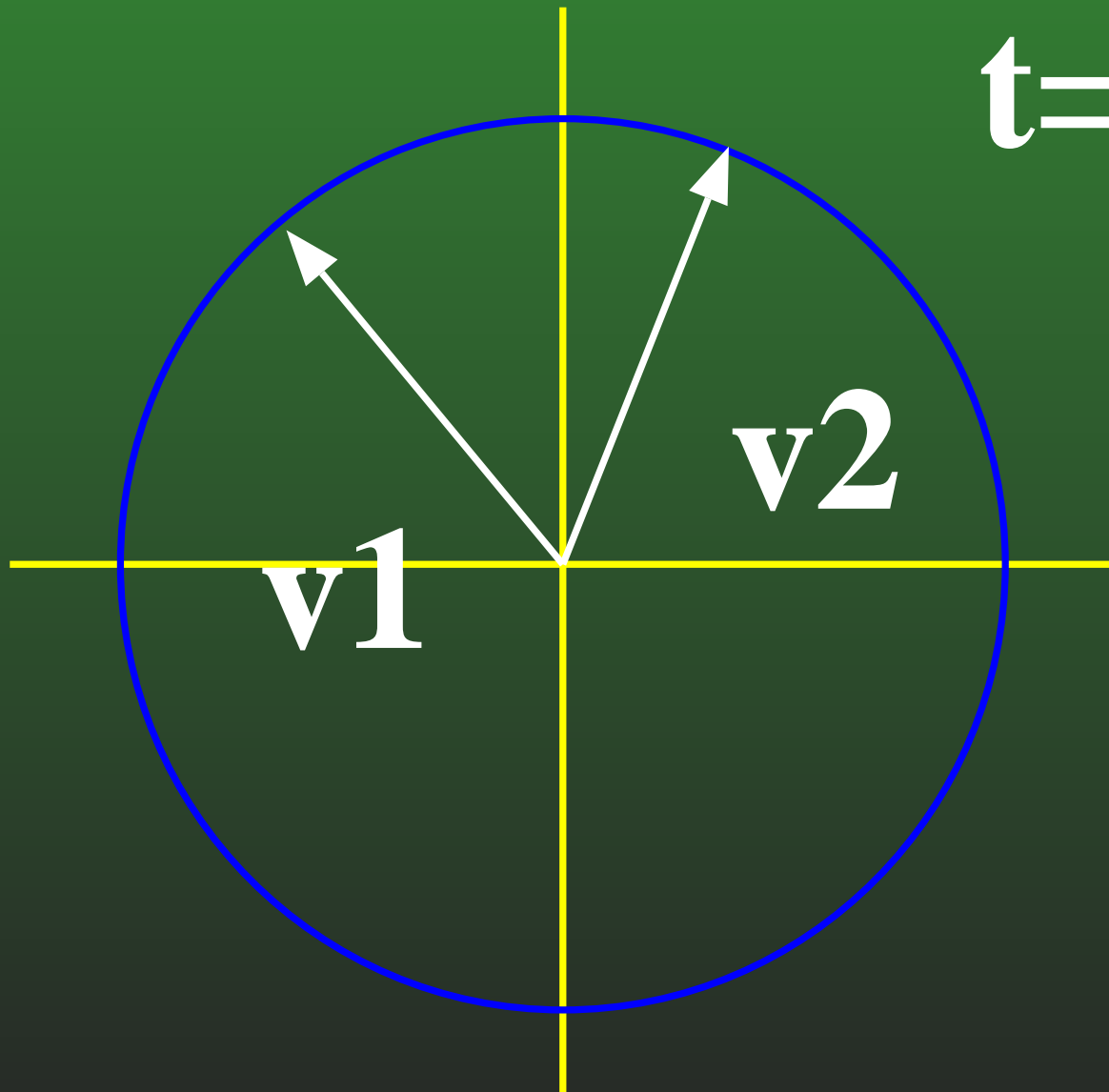
# 08-75: Slerp

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- Finding Slerp, version II
  - Let's say we had two 2-dimensional unit vectors, and we wanted to interpolate between them.
  - All 2-dimensional unit vectors live on a circle
  - To interpolate 30% between  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ , go 30% of the way along the arc between them

# 08-76: Slerp

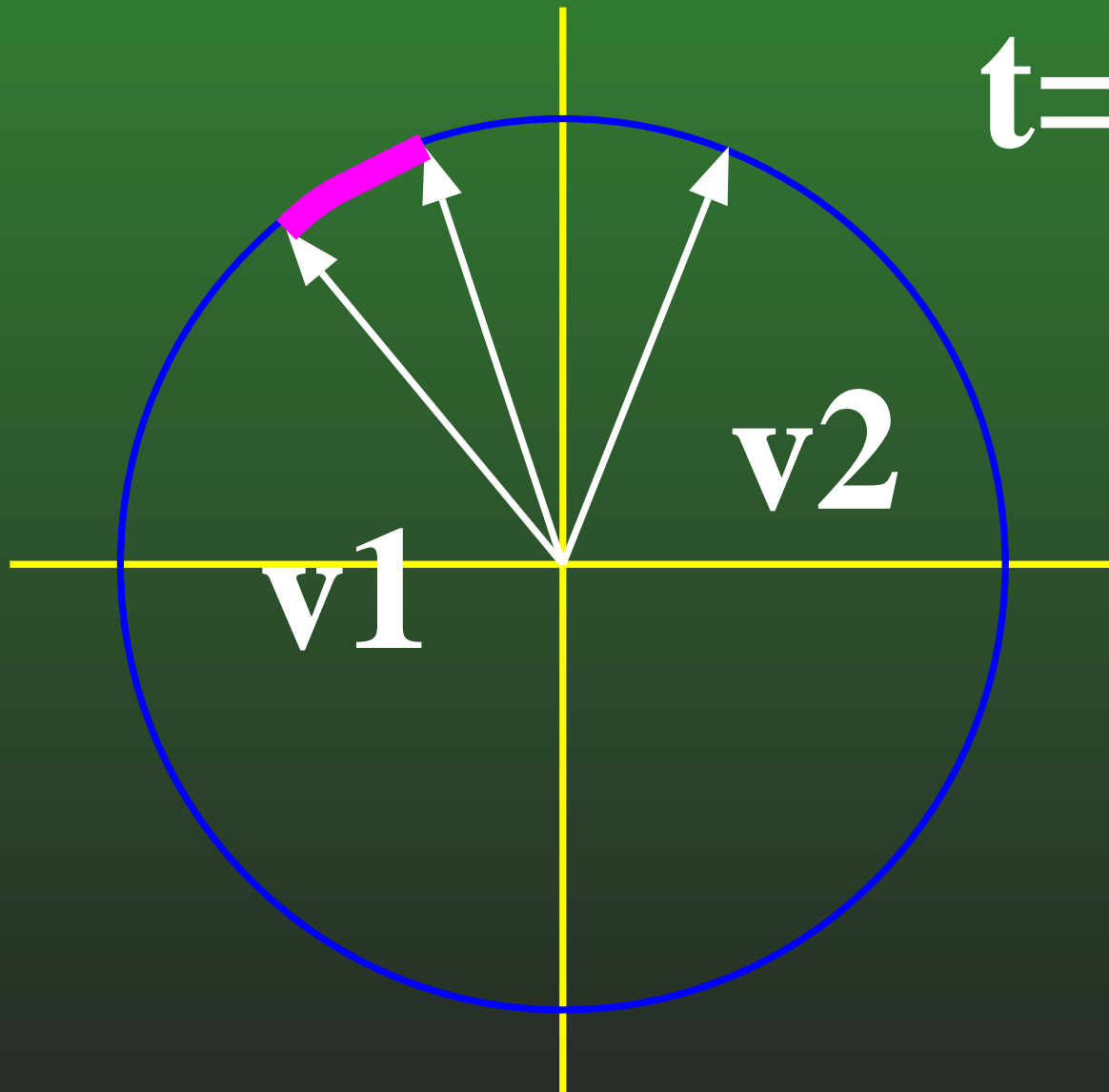
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$t = 0.3$

# 08-77: Slerp

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$t = 0.3$

$v_2$

$v_1$

## 08-78: Slerp

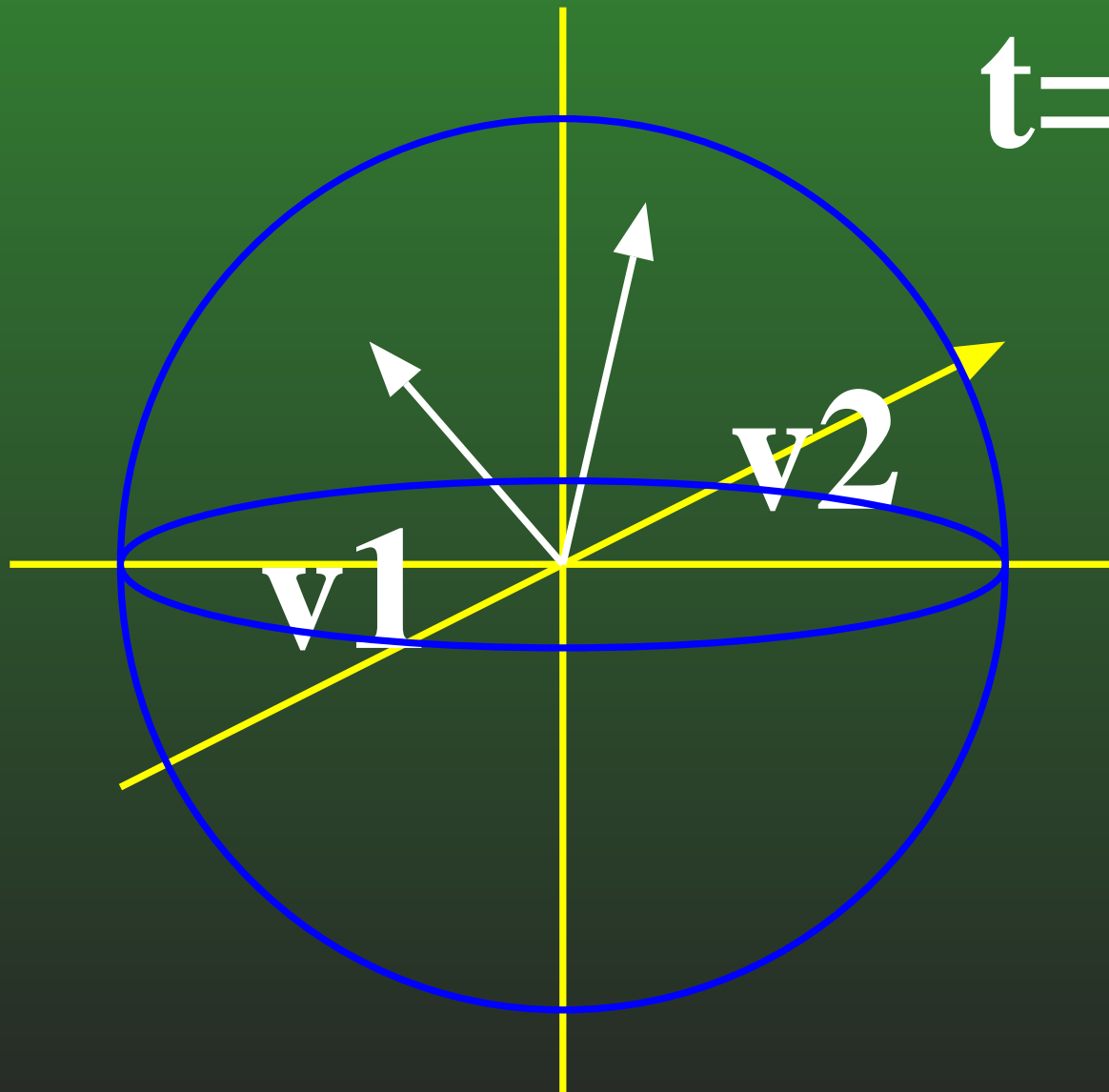
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- Finding Slerp, version II
  - Let's say we had two 3-dimensional unit vectors, and we wanted to interpolate between them.
  - All 3-dimensional unit vectors live on a sphere
  - To interpolate 30% between  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ , go 30% of the way along the arc between them



# 08-79: Slerp

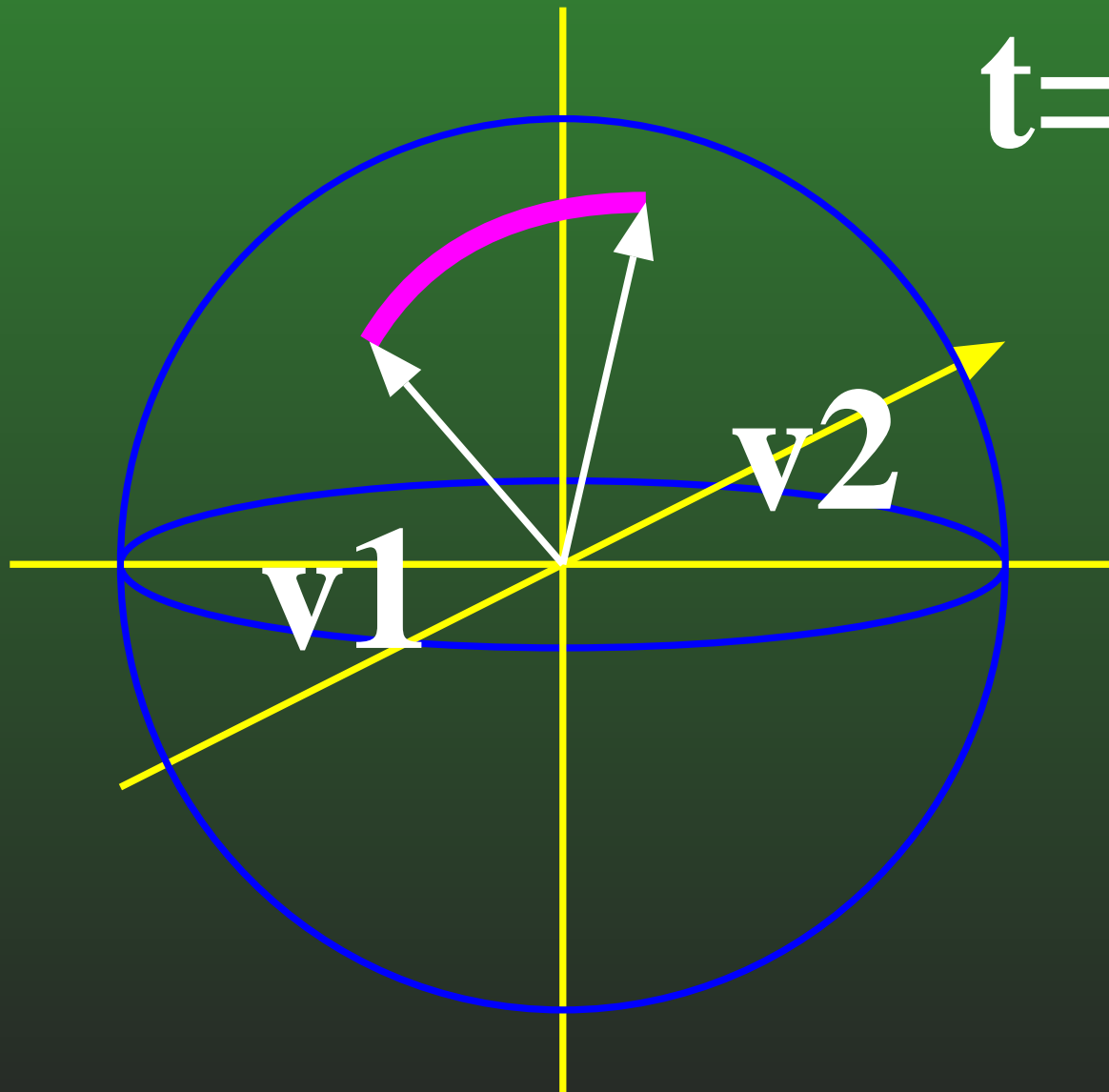
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$t=0.3$

# 08-80: Slerp

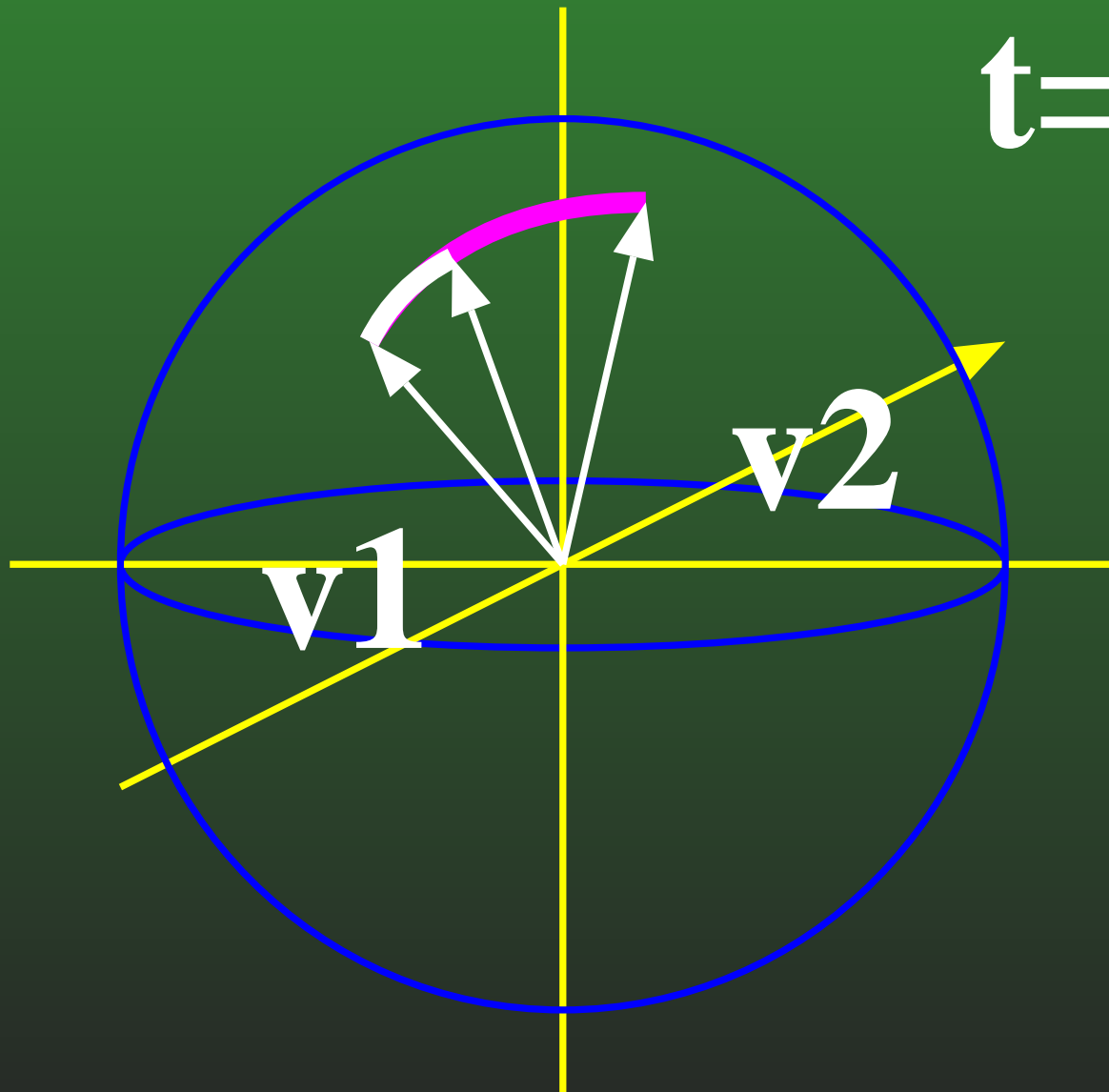
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$t = 0.3$

# 08-81: Slerp

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$t = 0.3$

## 08-82: Slerp

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- Finding Slerp, version II
  - Let's say we had two 4-dimensional unit vectors, and we wanted to interpolate between them.
  - All 4-dimensional unit vectors live on a hypersphere
  - To interpolate 30% between  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ , go 30% of the way along the arc between them

# 08-83: Slerp

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(Sorry, no 4D diagram)

- $\text{slerp}(q_1, q_2, t) = \frac{\sin(1-t)\omega}{\sin \omega} q_1 + \frac{\sin t\omega}{\sin \omega} q_2$
- $\omega$  is the angle between  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ , can get it using a dot product
  - We can get  $\cos \omega$  easily using the dot product, and can then get  $\sin \omega$  from that

## 08-84: Using Quaternions

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- Orientations in Ogre use quaternions
- Multiplication operator for multiplying a quaternion and a vector is overloaded to do the “right thing”
  - `Ogre::Quaternion q`
  - `Ogre::Vector v;`
  - `q*v` returns `v` rotated by `q`

# 08-85: Using Quaternions

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- Tank example:
  - Quaternion & Position vector for tank
  - Quaternion & Position vector for barrel
  - End of barrel is 3 units down barrel's z axis
- Where is the end of the barrel in world space

# 08-86: Using Quaternions

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- Tank: Orientation  $\mathbf{q}_t$ , Position  $\mathbf{p}_t$
- Barrel: Orientation  $\mathbf{q}_b$ , Position  $\mathbf{p}_b$
- End of barrel in world space:

$$\mathbf{q}_t(\mathbf{q}_b[0, 0, 3] + \mathbf{p}_b) + \mathbf{p}_t$$



# 08-87: Change Representations

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- We are not restricted to using just matrices, or just euler angles, or just quaternions to represent orientation
  - We can go back and forth between representations
  - Given a set of Euler Angles, create a Rotational Matrix
  - Given a Rotational Matrix, create a quaternion
  - ... etc

# 08-88: Euler Angles -> Matrix

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- Given Euler angles in world space (as opposed to object space), it is easy to create an equivalent rotational matrix
- How?

# 08-89: Euler Angles -> Matrix

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- Euler angles in world space represent a rotation around each axis
- We can create a matrix for each rotation, and combine them
  - Creating a rotational matrix for the cardinal axes is easy

# 08-90: Euler Angles -> Matrix

- For the euler angles  $r, p, y$ , the matrix would be:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos(r) & \sin(r) & 0 \\ -\sin(r) & \cos(r) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(p) & \sin(p) \\ 0 & -\sin(p) & \cos(p) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(y) & 0 & -\sin(y) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin(y) & 0 & \cos(y) \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos r \cos y + \sin r \sin p \sin y & \sin r \cos p & \sin r \sin p \cos y - \cos r \sin y \\ \cos r \sin p \sin y - \sin r \cos y & \cos r \cos p & \cos r \sin p \cos y + \sin r \sin y \\ \cos p \sin y & -\sin p & \cos p \cos y \end{bmatrix}$$

# 08-91: Euler Angles -> Matrix

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- What if your euler angles are in object space, and not world space?
- Then how do you create the appropriate matrix?

## 08-92: Euler Angles -> Matrix

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- What if your euler angles are in object space, and not world space?
- Then how do you create the appropriate matrix?
  - Create the RPY matrices as before
  - Multiply them in the reverse order

# 08-93: Matrix -> Euler Angle

- What if we have a matrix, and we want to create a world-relative euler angle triple?
- Little more complicated than the other direction – recall the definition of a matrix from euler angles (we'll work backwards, kind of like a sudoku puzzle)

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos r \cos y + \sin r \sin p \sin y & \sin r \cos p & \sin r \sin p \cos y - \cos r \sin y \\ \cos r \sin p \sin y - \sin r \cos y & \cos r \cos p & \cos r \sin p \cos y + \sin b \sin y \\ \cos p \sin y & -\sin p & \cos p \cos y \end{bmatrix}$$

# 08-94: Matrix -> Euler Angle

- From the previous equation:
  - $m_{32} = -\sin p$
  - $p = \arcsin(-m_{32})$
- So we have  $p$  – next up is  $y$  – once we have  $p$ , how can we get  $y$ ?

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos r \cos y + \sin r \sin p \sin y & \sin r \cos p & \sin r \sin p \cos y - \cos r \sin y \\ \cos r \sin p \sin y - \sin r \cos y & \cos r \cos p & \cos r \sin p \cos y + \sin r \sin y \\ \cos p \sin y & -\sin p & \cos p \cos y \end{bmatrix}$$



# 08-95: Matrix -> Euler Angle

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- Assume that  $\cos p \neq 0$  for the moment:
  - $m_{31} = \cos p \sin y$
  - $\sin y = m_{31} / \cos p$
  - $y = \arcsin(m_{31} / \cos p)$
  - (can do this a little more efficiently with `atan2`)

# 08-96: Matrix -> Euler Angle

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- Once we have  $p$  and  $y$  (again assuming  $\cos p \neq 0$ ) it is relatively easy to get  $r$ :
  - $m_{12} = \sin r \cos p$
  - $r = \arcsin(m_{12} / \cos p)$

# 08-97: Matrix -> Euler Angle

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- What if  $\cos p = 0$ ?
  - That means that  $p = 90$  degrees
  - Gimbal lock case!
  - Yaw, roll do the same operation!
  - We need to make some assumptions about how much to roll and yaw

# 08-98: Matrix -> Euler Angle

- What if  $\cos p = 0$ ?
  - $p = 90$  degrees
  - Assume no yaw (since roll does the same thing)
  - $\cos p = 0, \sin p = 1, y = 0 \sin y = 0, \cos y = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos r \cos y + \sin r \sin p \sin y & \sin r \cos p & \sin r \sin p \cos y - \cos r \sin y \\ \cos r \sin p \sin y - \sin r \sin y & \cos r \cos p & \cos r \sin p \cos y + \sin p \sin y \\ \cos p \sin y & -\sin p & \cos p \cos y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos r & 0 & \sin r \\ -1 \sin r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# 08-99: Matrix -> Euler Angle

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- $m_{11} = \cos r$ , and we're set!
  - (We can use  $m_{12} = \sin r$  and  $\text{atan2}$  for some more efficiency)

# 08-100: Quaternion $\rightarrow$ Matrix

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- Since we can use quaternions to rotate vectors, going from a quaternion to a matrix is easy.
- How?

# 08-101: Quaternion -> Matrix

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- Rotational matrix == position of x, y, and z axes after rotation
- So, all we need to do is rotate basis vectors  $[1, 0, 0]$ ,  $[0, 1, 0]$  and  $[0, 0, 1]$  by the quaternion!
  - $\mathbf{x}_{new} = q[0, (1, 0, 0)]q^{-1}$  (just  $q[1, 0, 0]$  in ogre)
  - $\mathbf{y}_{new} = q[0, (0, 1, 0)]q^{-1}$  (just  $q[0, 1, 0]$  in ogre)
  - $\mathbf{z}_{new} = q[0, (0, 0, 1)]q^{-1}$  (just  $q[0, 0, 1]$  in ogre)
- Combine these 3 vectors into a matrix

## 08-102: Other conversions

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- We can do other conversions as well
  - Matrix->Quaternion
  - Euler->Quaternion
  - Quaternion->Matrix
  - ... etc
- Basic approach is the same, some of the math is a little uglier