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Subject: Re: Quaternions to Euler Angles

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Fri, 14 May 2004 06:00:07 GMT

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"Rick Towler" <tsehai@comcast.net> writes:

> "Graham" wrote...

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>> I was trying to use Rick's quaternion code which pitch about x, yaw  
>> about y, and roll about z but x and z are swapped. My naive was to  
>> simply swap the pitch and roll on input/output but I cannot seem to  
>> reproduce the given tables:

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> Hi Graham,

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> Yeah, my quaternion code was written specifically for my camera and I'm not  
> too surprised it didn't work out. :(

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> Have you tried Craig Markwardt's quaternion routines?

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> <http://astrog.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/idl.html>

Thanks for the plug. However, I don't have any specialized routines for roll pitch and yaw. In fact, these are defined so many ways, and with so many sign conventions, that I believe it's nearly impossible get the one that Graham is interested in. Unfortunately I have the forward transformation (QTEULER) but not the inverse.

One possibility is is for Graham to make a direction cosine matrix (with QTMAT) and then decide how to decompose it from there.

Good luck!

Craig

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