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Derivation of angular velocity components (pqr) in body coordinates. This derivation applies to Euler angles relative to the right handed coordinate system defined by a set of axes fixed to the Earth. Yaw is the first rotation about the z axis, pitch is the second rotation about the y axis that formed following yaw, and roll is the third rotation about the x axis that was formed following pitch.

Yaw is the first rotation about the Earth's  $\hat{Z}_E$  Axis. This gives,  $\hat{X}_1$ ,  $\hat{Y}_1$ , and  $\hat{Z}_1$  body axes in Earth coordinates:

$$\begin{matrix} \hat{X}_1 \\ \hat{Y}_1 \\ \hat{Z}_1 \end{matrix} = |A| \cdot \begin{matrix} \hat{X}_E \\ \hat{Y}_E \\ \hat{Z}_E \end{matrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \cos \psi & \sin \psi & 0 \\ -\sin \psi & \cos \psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{matrix} \hat{X}_E \\ \hat{Y}_E \\ \hat{Z}_E \end{matrix} \quad 1$$

The  $|A|$  matrix is the direction cosine matrix and defines the axes components after the yaw rotation. The  $|B|$  and  $|C|$  matrices will define the axes components after the pitch and roll rotations. The Earth axes in  $\hat{X}_1$ ,  $\hat{Y}_1$ , and  $\hat{Z}_1$  body coordinates are given by transposing the A matrix:

$$\begin{matrix} \hat{X}_E \\ \hat{Y}_E \\ \hat{Z}_E \end{matrix} = |A^T| \cdot \begin{matrix} \hat{X}_1 \\ \hat{Y}_1 \\ \hat{Z}_1 \end{matrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \cos \psi & -\sin \psi & 0 \\ \sin \psi & \cos \psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{matrix} \hat{X}_1 \\ \hat{Y}_1 \\ \hat{Z}_1 \end{matrix} \quad 2$$

This says that:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{X}_E &= \hat{X}_1 \cos \psi - \hat{Y}_1 \sin \psi \\ \hat{Y}_E &= \hat{X}_1 \sin \psi + \hat{Y}_1 \cos \psi \\ \hat{Z}_E &= \hat{Z}_1 \end{aligned} \quad 3$$

Pitch is defined as the rotation about the new  $\hat{Y}_1$  axis that was created when we yawed about the  $\hat{Z}_E$  axis. We pitch about the  $\hat{Y}_1$  axis to get  $\hat{X}_2$ ,  $\hat{Y}_2$ ,  $\hat{Z}_2$  body axes.

$$\begin{matrix} \hat{X}_2 \\ \hat{Y}_2 \\ \hat{Z}_2 \end{matrix} = |B| \cdot \begin{matrix} \hat{X}_1 \\ \hat{Y}_1 \\ \hat{Z}_1 \end{matrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{matrix} \hat{X}_1 \\ \hat{Y}_1 \\ \hat{Z}_1 \end{matrix} \quad 4$$

Body  $\hat{X}_1$ ,  $\hat{Y}_1$ ,  $\hat{Z}_1$  axes in  $\hat{X}_2$ ,  $\hat{Y}_2$ ,  $\hat{Z}_2$  coordinates are given by:

$$\begin{matrix} \hat{X}_1 \\ \hat{Y}_1 \\ \hat{Z}_1 \end{matrix} = |B^T| \cdot \begin{matrix} \hat{X}_2 \\ \hat{Y}_2 \\ \hat{Z}_2 \end{matrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{matrix} \hat{X}_2 \\ \hat{Y}_2 \\ \hat{Z}_2 \end{matrix} \quad 5$$

This says that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{X}_1 &= \hat{X}_2 \cos \theta + \hat{Z}_2 \sin \theta \\ \hat{Y}_1 &= \hat{Y}_2 \\ \hat{Z}_1 &= -\hat{X}_2 \sin \theta + \hat{Z}_2 \cos \theta \end{aligned} \quad 6$$

Roll is defined as the rotation about the new  $\hat{X}_2$  axis that was created when we pitched. We roll about the  $\hat{X}_2$  axis to give us the final  $\hat{X}_T, \hat{Y}_T, \hat{Z}_T$  body axes in Earth coordinates.

$$\begin{matrix} \hat{X}_T \\ \hat{Y}_T \\ \hat{Z}_T \end{matrix} = |C| \cdot \begin{matrix} \hat{X}_2 \\ \hat{Y}_2 \\ \hat{Z}_2 \end{matrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ 0 & -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{matrix} \hat{X}_2 \\ \hat{Y}_2 \\ \hat{Z}_2 \end{matrix} \quad 7$$

Body  $\hat{X}_2, \hat{Y}_2, \hat{Z}_2$  axes in  $\hat{X}_T, \hat{Y}_T, \hat{Z}_T$  coordinates are given by:

$$\begin{matrix} \hat{X}_2 \\ \hat{Y}_2 \\ \hat{Z}_2 \end{matrix} = |C^T| \cdot \begin{matrix} \hat{X}_T \\ \hat{Y}_T \\ \hat{Z}_T \end{matrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ 0 & \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{matrix} \hat{X}_T \\ \hat{Y}_T \\ \hat{Z}_T \end{matrix} \quad 8$$

This says that:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{X}_2 &= \hat{X}_T \\ \hat{Y}_2 &= \hat{Y}_T \cos \phi - \hat{Z}_T \sin \phi \\ \hat{Z}_2 &= \hat{Y}_T \sin \phi + \hat{Z}_T \cos \phi \end{aligned} \quad 9$$

And

$$\begin{matrix} \hat{X}_T \\ \hat{Y}_T \\ \hat{Z}_T \end{matrix} = |C| \cdot |B| \cdot |A| \cdot \begin{matrix} X_E \\ Y_E \\ Z_E \end{matrix} \quad 10$$

Each rotation can be considered independently about the  $\hat{Z}_E, \hat{Y}_1, \hat{X}_2$  axes respectively. Therefore, their rates can be summed to derive an angular velocity vector.

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \dot{\psi} \hat{Z}_E + \dot{\theta} \hat{Y}_1 + \dot{\phi} \hat{X}_2 \quad 11$$

Where  $\dot{\psi}$  is the yaw rate,  $\dot{\theta}$  is the pitch rate, and  $\dot{\phi}$  is the roll rate.

To create a velocity vector in body coordinates, we need to express the angular velocity components in Equation 11 in body coordinates ( $\hat{X}_T, \hat{Y}_T, \hat{Z}_T$ ) to create the angular velocity (pqr) vector. Consider Equations 3 and 6:

$$\hat{Z}_E = \hat{Z}_1 = -\hat{X}_2 \sin \theta + \hat{Z}_2 \cos \theta \quad 12$$

Substitute  $\hat{X}_2$  and  $\hat{Z}_2$  from Equations 9, you get

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{Z}_E &= \hat{Z}_1 = -\hat{X}_T \sin \theta + (\hat{Y}_T \sin \phi + \hat{Z}_T \cos \phi) \cos \theta \\ \hat{Z}_E &= -\hat{X}_T \sin \theta + \hat{Y}_T \sin \phi \cos \theta + \hat{Z}_T \cos \phi \cos \theta \end{aligned} \quad 13$$

Now, we have  $\hat{Z}_E$  in terms of body coordinates. Now consider the second component of Equation 11. Substitute the  $\hat{Y}_1$  using Equations 6 and 9:

$$\hat{Y}_1 = \hat{Y}_2 = \hat{Y}_T \cos \phi - \hat{Z}_T \sin \phi \quad 14$$

Now, we have  $\hat{Y}_1$  in terms of body coordinates. And finally consider the third component of Equation 11. Substitute the  $\hat{X}_2$  with  $\hat{X}_T$  from Equation 9:

$$\hat{X}_2 = \hat{X}_T \quad 15$$

Substitute the unit vectors in equation 10 with equations 13, 14, and 15.

$$\omega = \dot{\psi}(-\hat{X}_T \sin \theta + \hat{Y}_T \sin \phi \cos \theta + \hat{Z}_T \cos \phi \cos \theta) + \dot{\theta}(\hat{Y}_T \cos \phi - \hat{Z}_T \sin \phi) + \dot{\phi}(\hat{X}_T) \quad 16$$

Now rearrange Equation 16 to combine the  $\hat{X}_T$ ,  $\hat{Y}_T$ ,  $\hat{Z}_T$  components so

$$\omega = \hat{X}_T(\dot{\phi} - \dot{\psi} \sin \theta) + \hat{Y}_T(\dot{\theta} \cos \phi + \dot{\psi} \sin \phi \cos \theta) + \hat{Z}_T(-\dot{\theta} \sin \phi + \dot{\psi} \cos \phi \cos \theta) \quad 17$$

Angular velocity is a vector with components that are functions of pitch, roll, yaw rate, pitch rate, and roll rate. The resulting components agree with the  $\omega_x$ ,  $\omega_y$ , and  $\omega_z$  values given in the IEEE std. P1278.1/d8.