Visualizing Quaternions

Conclusion

Can You See Quaternions Now??

Final Exam

Can you apply quaternion visualization?

• Situation: Rotate a palmed coffee cup.

• Task: Write down a quaternion description.

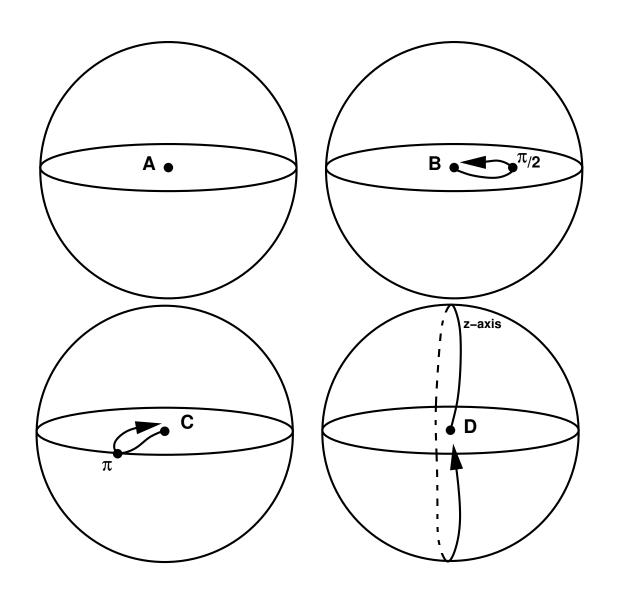
First, pick some angles...

- 0 degrees:
- 90 degrees:
- 180 degrees:
- 360 degrees:
- 540 degrees:
- 720 degrees:

Break into pieces...

- A = Collarbone: ⇒ FIXED.
- Upper arm: ⇒ INTERPOLATES Collarbone to Elbow.
- B = Elbow: ⇒ ROTATES 90 degrees CCW and Back.
- Lower arm: ⇒ INTERPOLATES Elbow to Wrist.
- C = Wrist: ⇒ ROTATES 180 degrees relative to Elbow and back.
- D = Palm: ⇒ ROTATES 720 degrees.

Quaternion plots for Collar, Elbow, Wrist, Palm



Connect them all together...

 You have a physical example of a rotation connecting Identity = Collarbone to the 720 degree rotation Palm of Hand.

Go Forth and See Quaternions Hidden Everywhere!