

Introduction to Android Virtual Sensor

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Virtual sensor

Problem of using raw data

-Noise

- RF signals
- Electrical noise
- Magnetic anomalies
- Temperature variations
- Shock and vibration

-Signal processing

- Real-time tasks required
- Unreliable time stamps of sensor samples
- Low-pass filtering can discard useful information

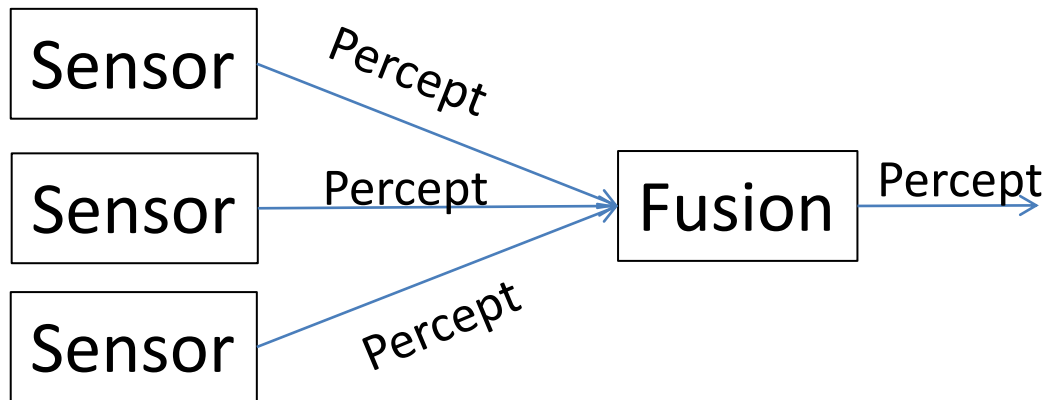
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The solution is Sensor fusion

Using data from multiple sensor to create new virtual sensor

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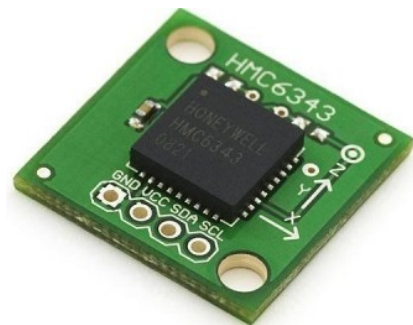
Virtual sensor is software that bridge what can be measured to what developers want to detect



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Sensor fusion can be implemented by

- Driver
- Kernel
- Co-processor



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TYPE_GRAVITY

TYPE_LINEAR_ACCELERATION

TYPE_ROTATION_VECTOR

TYPE_ORIENTATION

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Accelerometer = **Gravity**

Accelerometer - **Gravity** = **Linear Acceleration**

Compass + Accelerometer = **Orientation**

Compass + Accelerometer + Gyroscope = **Rotation**

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Gravity

Gravity sensor is de-noise version of accelerometer

Unit : m/s^2

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Linear Acceleration

Accelerometer- **Gravity** = **Linear Acceleration**

Unit : m/s^2

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Orientation

Compass + Accelerometer = **Orientation**

Output value based on **Euler Angles**

values[0]: Azimuth, angle between the magnetic north direction and the y-axis, around the **z-axis** (0 to 359). 0=North, 90=East, 180=South, 270=West

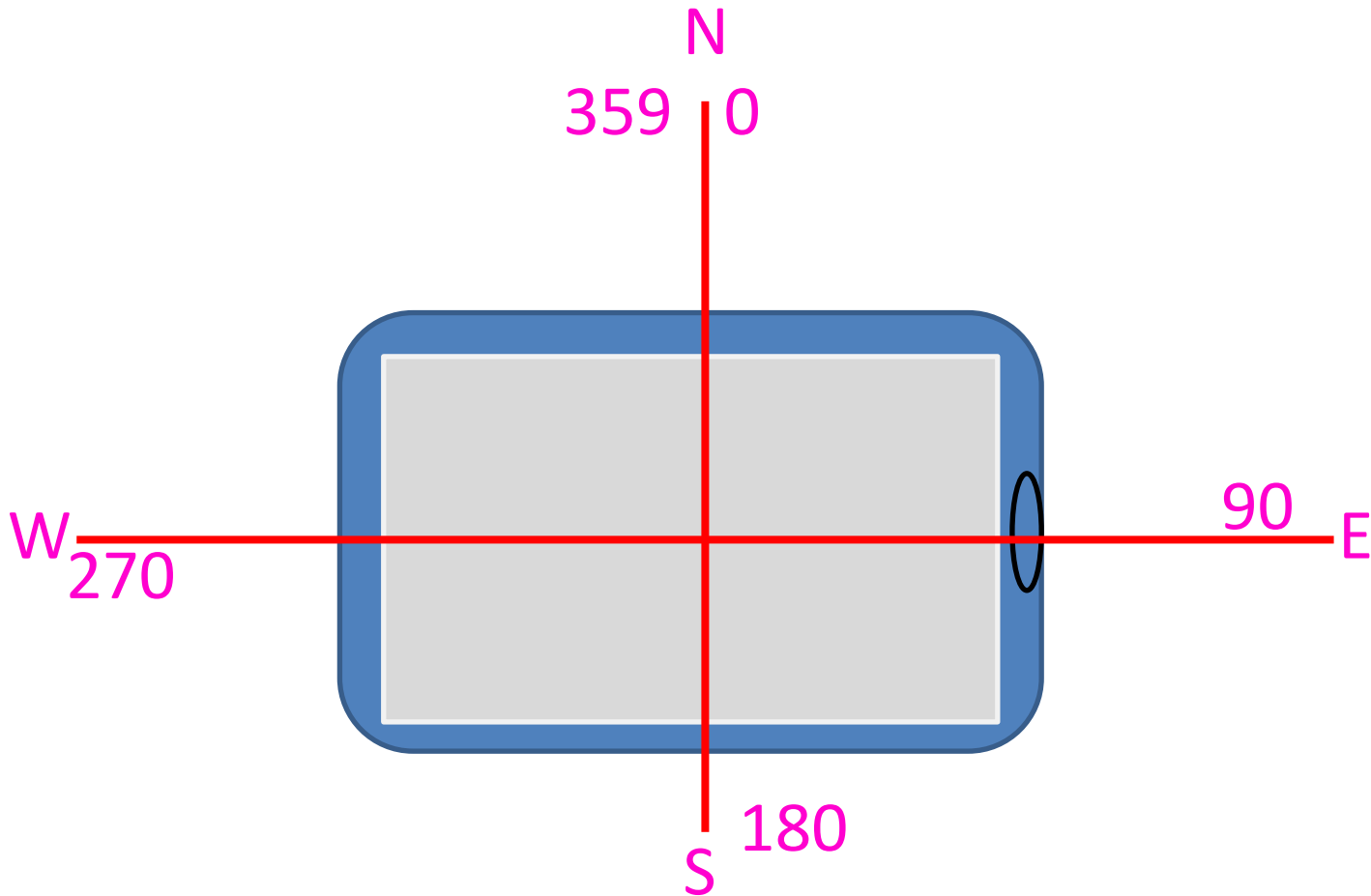
values[1]: Pitch, rotation around x-axis (-180 to 180), with positive values when the z-axis moves toward the **y-axis**.

values[2]: Roll, rotation around y-axis (-90 to 90), with positive values when the x-axis moves toward the **z-axis**.

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Orientation

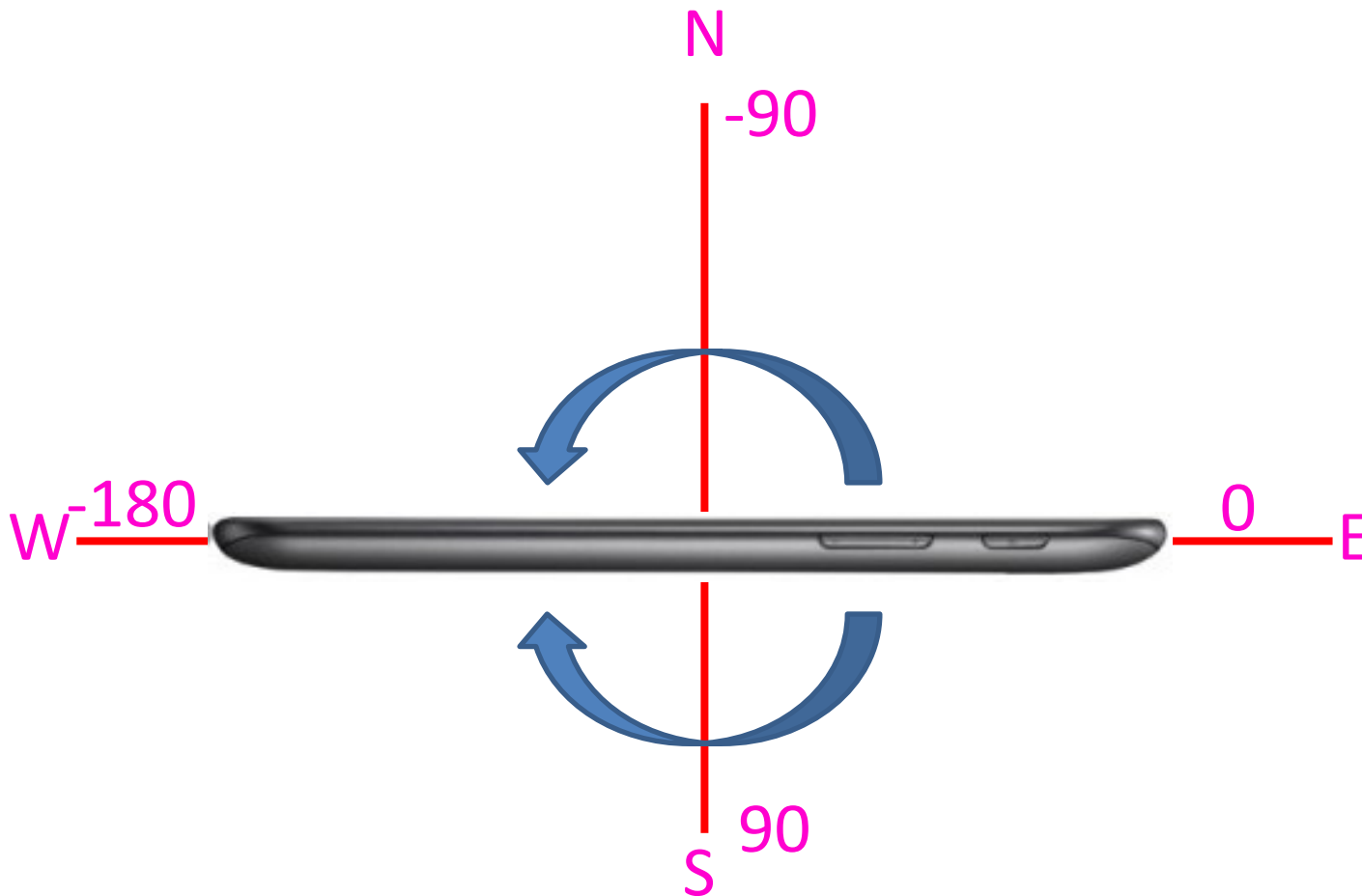
values[0]: Azimuth



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Orientation

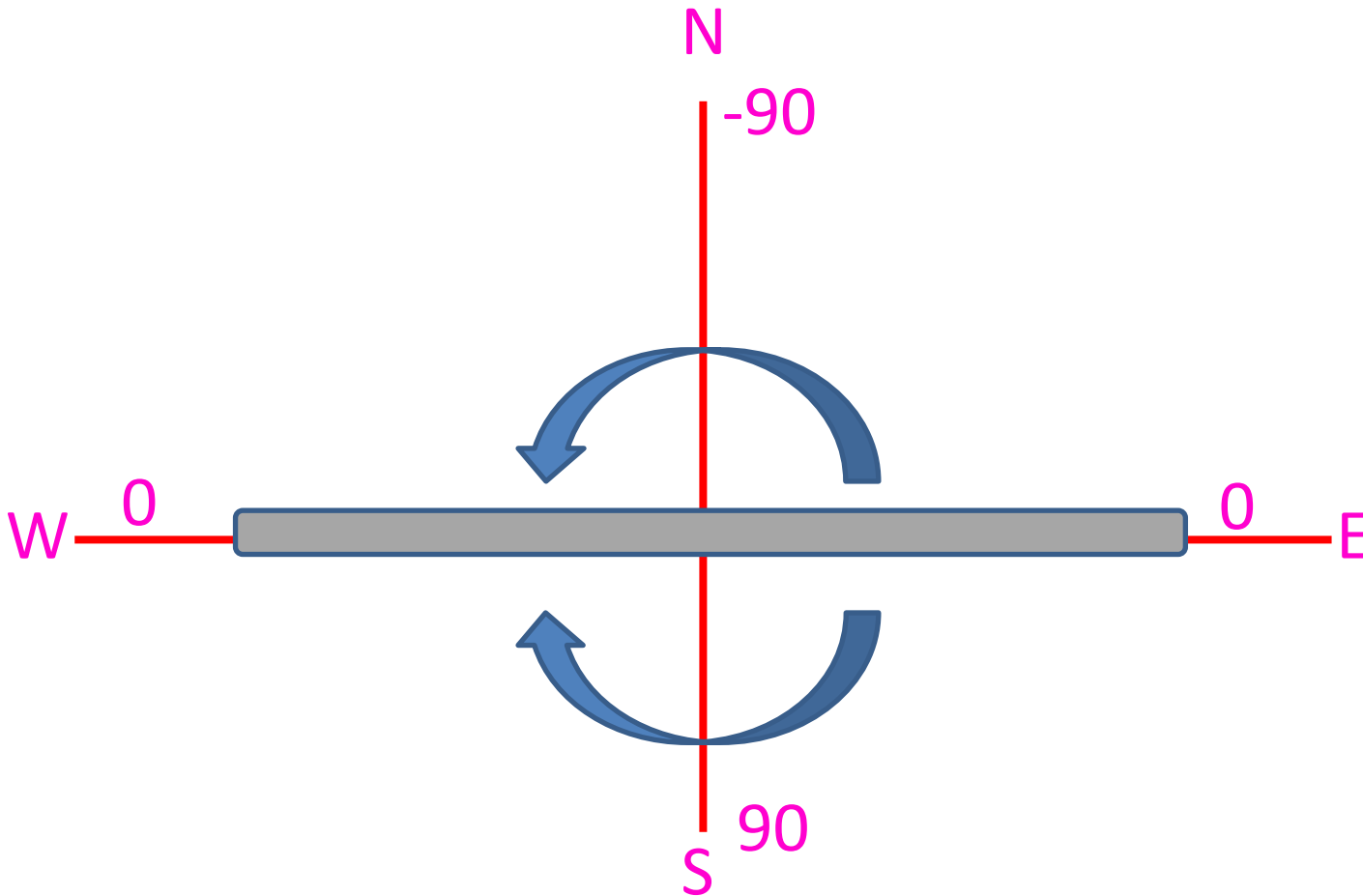
values[1]: Pitch



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Orientation

values[2]: Roll



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Orientation

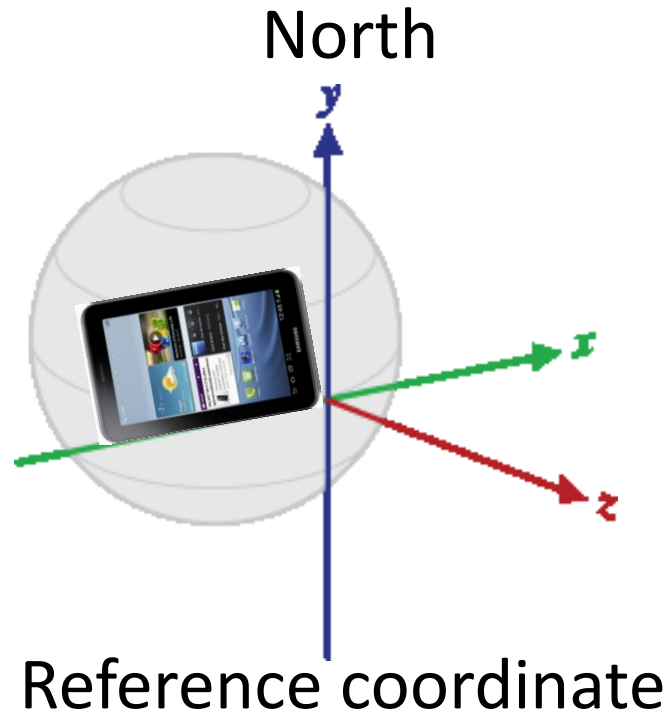
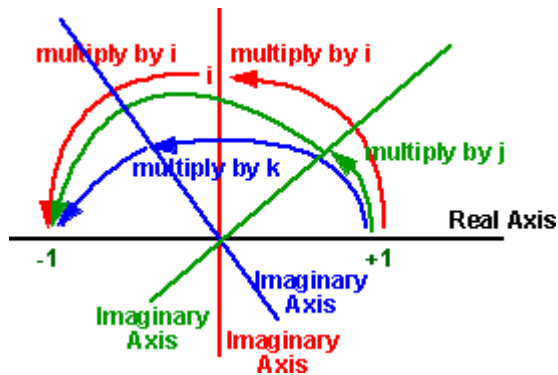
- This sensor type exists for legacy reasons
- For historical reasons the roll angle is positive in the clockwise direction

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Rotation

Compass + Accelerometer+Gyroscope = **Rotation**

Return result as **Quaternion**



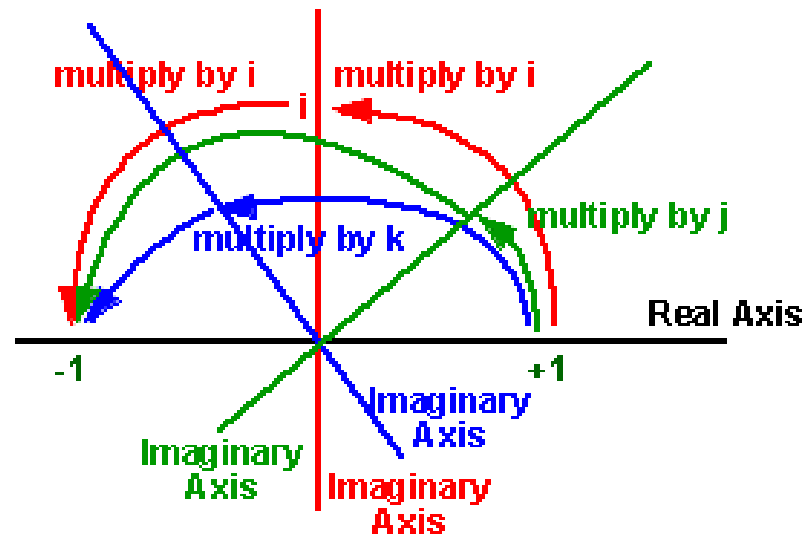
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Rotation

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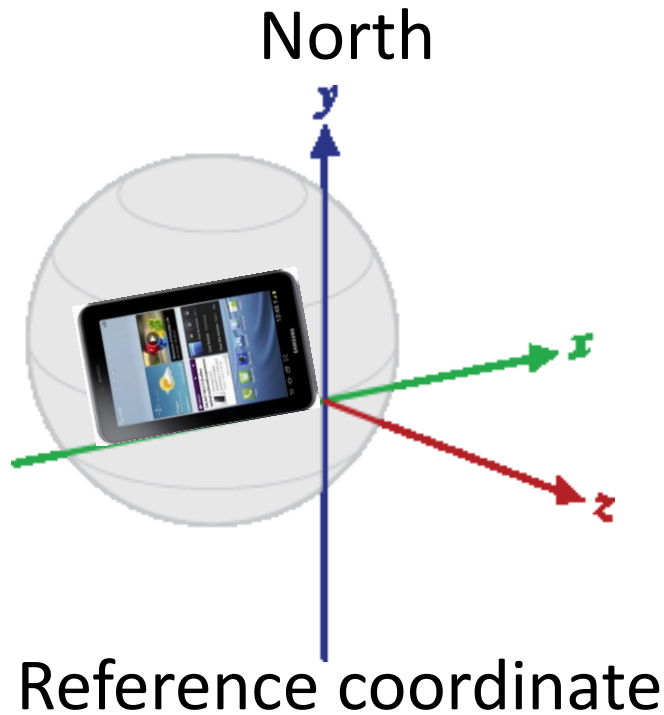
Return result as **Quaternion**

$$[w + i b + j c + k d]$$



$$[\cos(\theta/2), x*\sin(\theta/2), y*\sin(\theta/2), z*\sin(\theta/2)]$$

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$$\Theta_x=0$$

$$\Theta_y=0$$

$$\Theta_z=0$$

$$w = \cos(\theta/2) = 1$$

$$x = x^* \sin(\theta/2) = 0$$

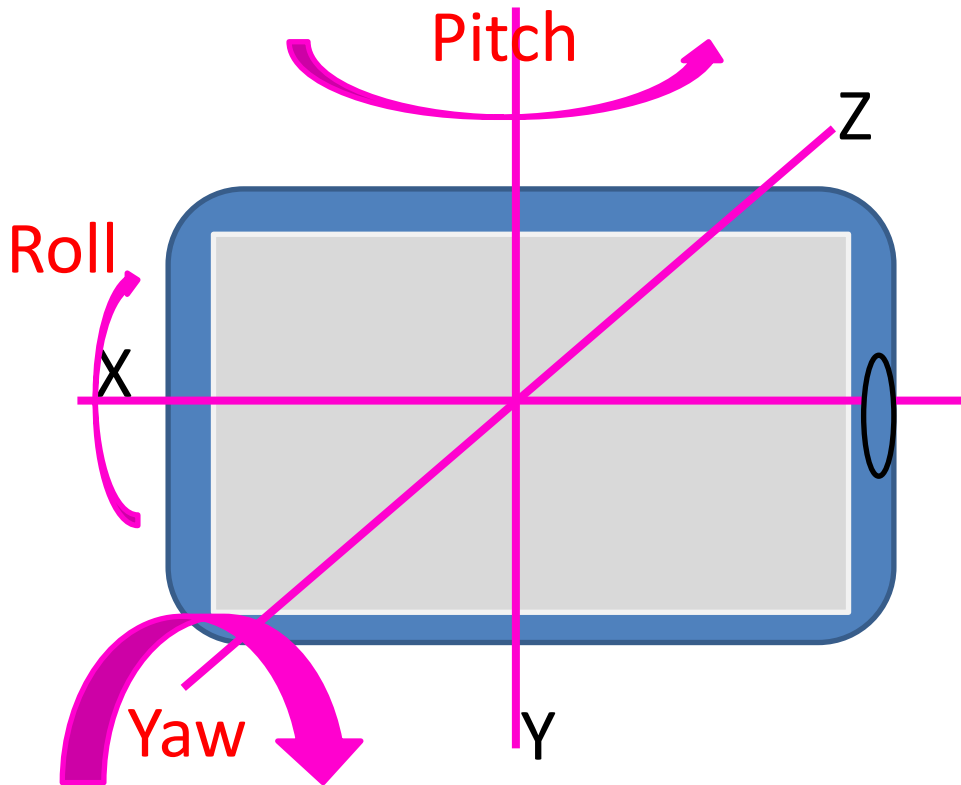
$$y = y^* \sin(\theta/2) = 0$$

$$z = z^* \sin(\theta/2) = 0$$

$$Q = [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$$

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Euler angle to Quaternion conversion



$$c1 = \cos(\text{pitch} / 2);$$

$$c2 = \cos(\text{yaw} / 2);$$

$$c3 = \cos(\text{roll} / 2);$$

$$s1 = \sin(\text{pitch} / 2);$$

$$s2 = \sin(\text{yaw} / 2);$$

$$s3 = \sin(\text{roll} / 2);$$

$$w = (c1 * c2 * c3) - (s1 * s2 * s3);$$

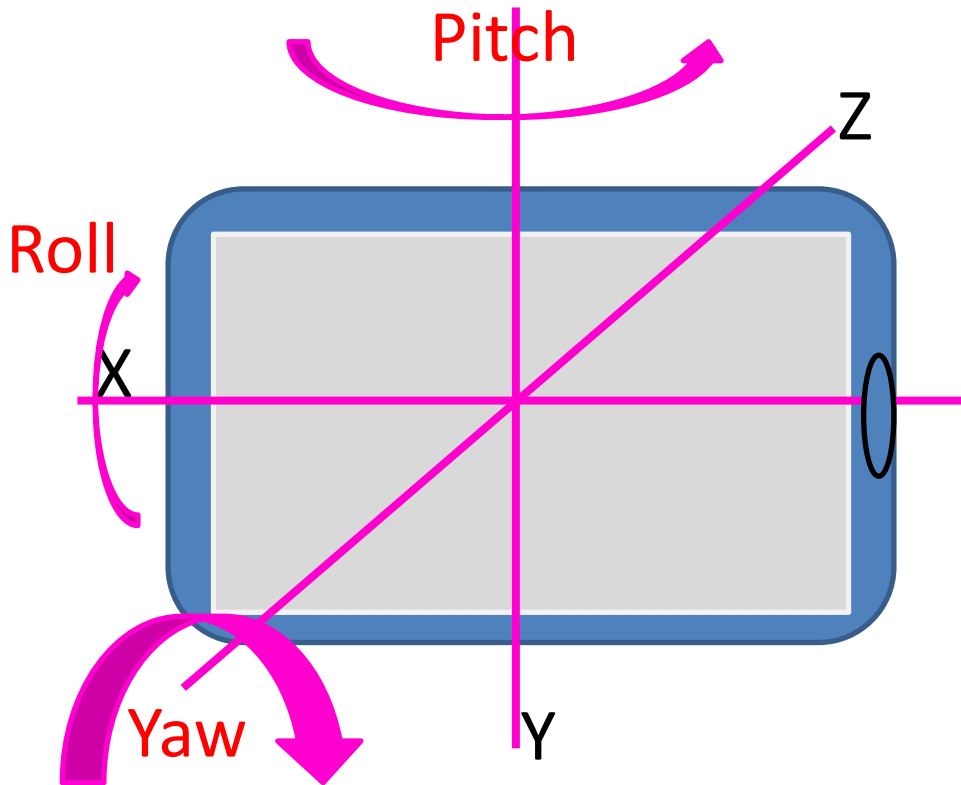
$$x = (s1 * s2 * c3) + (c1 * c2 * s3);$$

$$y = (s1 * c2 * c3) + (c1 * s2 * s3);$$

$$z = (c1 * s2 * c3) - (s1 * c2 * s3);$$

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Quaternion to Euler angle conversion

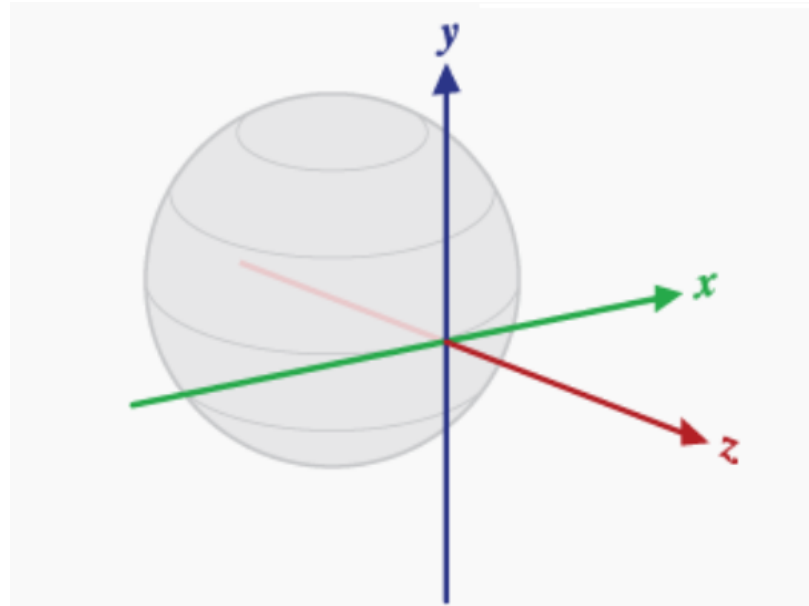


$$\begin{aligned}r_{11} &= -2*(y*z - w*x) ; \\r_{12} &= w^2 - x^2 - y^2 + z^2 ; \\r_{21} &= 2*(x*z + w*y) ; \\r_{31} &= -2*(x*y - w*z) ; \\r_{32} &= w^2 + x^2 - y^2 - z^2 ;\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \text{atan2}(r_{11}, r_{12}) ; \\y &= \text{asin}(r_{21}) ; \\z &= \text{atan2}(r_{31}, r_{32}) ;\end{aligned}$$

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However w is optional value



values[0]: $x \cdot \sin(\theta/2)$

values[1]: $y \cdot \sin(\theta/2)$

values[2]: $z \cdot \sin(\theta/2)$

values[3]: $\cos(\theta/2)$ (optional: only if value.length = 4)

Virtual sensor w estimation

$$w = (1 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2)$$

If $w > 0$ then $w = \text{sqrt}(w)$

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How to get orientation from rotation vector

- Quaternion to Euler angle conversion formula(**bad**)
- Rotation matrix (**recommend**)



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How to get orientation from rotation vector

Device flat on a table, top facing north:

1 0 0

0 1 0

0 0 1

Tilted up 30 degrees (rotated about X axis)

1 0 0

0 0.86 -0.5

0 0.5 0.86

Device vertical (rotated about X axis), facing north:

1 0 0

0 0 -1

0 1 0

Device flat on a table, top facing west:

0 -1 0

1 0 0

0 0 1

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How to get orientation from rotation vector

```
private final float[] mRotationMatrix = new float[9];  
private final float[] mRotationMatrix_world = new float[9];  
float[] degree=new float[3] ;
```

```
Arrays.fill(mRotationMatrix_world, 0);  
mRotationMatrix_world[ 0] = 1;  
mRotationMatrix_world[ 4] = 1;  
mRotationMatrix_world[ 8] = 1;
```

Point north rotation

```
SensorManager.getRotationMatrixFromVector(mRotationMatrix ,  
event.values); // Create rotation matrix from sensor data  
SensorManager.getAngleChange(degree, mRotationMatrix_world,  
mRotationMatrix); // Calculate angle difference
```

Where degree is store in **[z x y]** in radian format

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Why we use Quaternion ?

- Handle the problem of the singularities(gimbal lock)
- Easy to interpolate between two quaternion
- Fewer rounding defects
- Faster computation

<http://www.phy.ntnu.edu.tw/ntnujava/index.php?topic=2237.0>

Thank you 😊