Computer Graphics

10 – Animation

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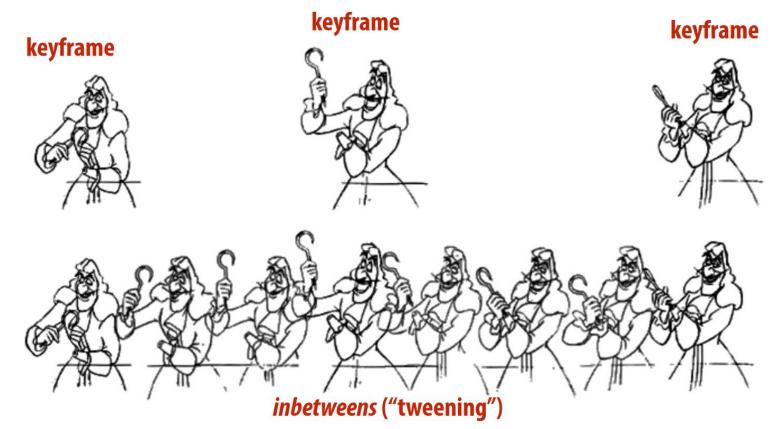
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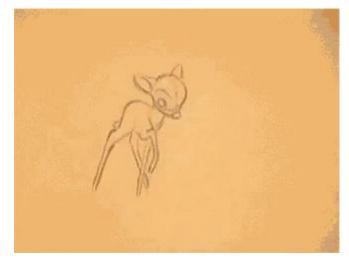
- Introduction to Computer Animation
- Interpolation
 - Linear Interpolation for Rotation
- Kinematics
 - Forward Kinematics
- BVH File Format (Motion capture data)

Introduction to Computer Animation

Traditional Hand-drawn Cel Animation

- Senior artist draws keyframes
- Assistant draws inbetweens
- Tedious / labor intensive (opportunity for technology!)





Animation by Milt Kahl (Walt Disney Studios)



Animation by Marc Davis (Walt Disney Studios)



Animation by Mark Henn (Walt Disney Studios)



Animation by Milt Kahl (Walt Disney Studios)

https://www.wnyc.org/story/sideshow-classic-disney-pencil-animations-come-life-gifs/

Computer Animation

- Computers are now widely replacing laborintensive animation processes.
 - More controllable than drawing images by hands or constructing miniatures.

Computer Animation: State-of-the-art

• Fluid



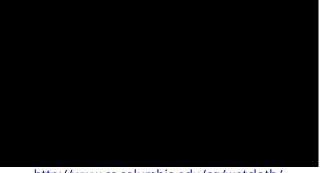
http://cvc.ucsb.edu/graphics/Papers/SIGGRAPH2018_EigenFluid/

Face



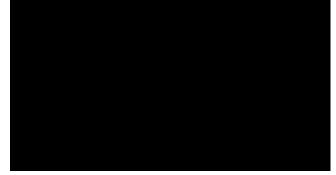
https://vml.kaist.ac.kr/main/international/individual/133

• Cloth



http://www.cs.columbia.edu/cg/wetcloth/

• Character



https://xbpeng.github.io/projects/DeepMimic/index.htm

Creating Computer Animation

• Keyframe Animation

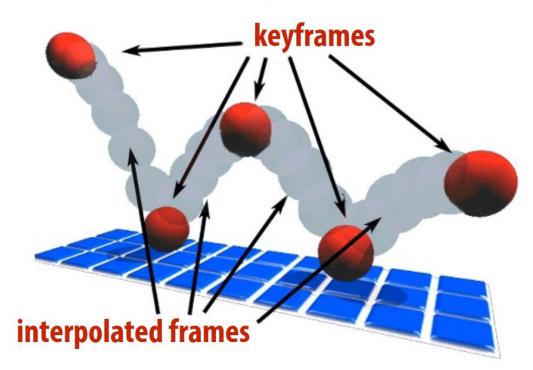
• Motion Capture

• Physically-Based Simulation

• (mainly focusing on character animation)

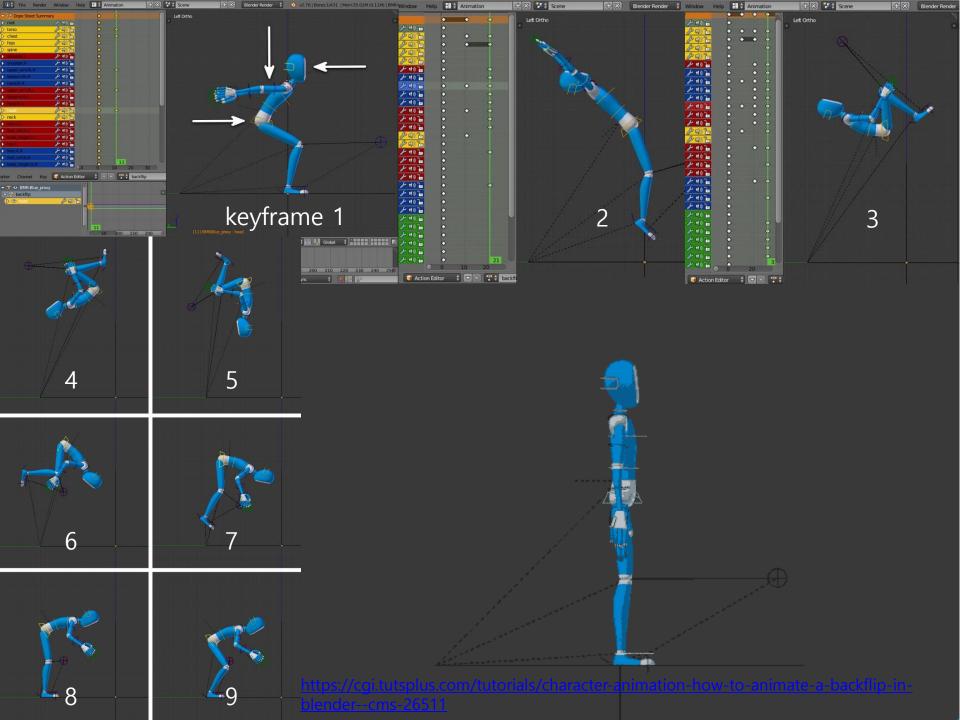
Keyframe Animation

- Basic idea:
 - specify important events only
 - computer fills in the rest via interpolation/approximation
- "Events" don't have to be position
- Could be color, light intensity, camera zoom, ...



Keyframe Animation

- For example, for positions and orientations:
- Affine transformations place things *at keyframes*.
- Time-varying affine transformations move things around by **interpolation** *at in-between frames*.
- How to interpolate affine transformations?
 We'll address this issue later in the lecture today.



Keyframe Animation

• One of the earliest methods used to produce computer animation.

- Difficult to create "realistic" and "physically plausible" motions.
 - The quality of the output largely depends on the skill of each artist.

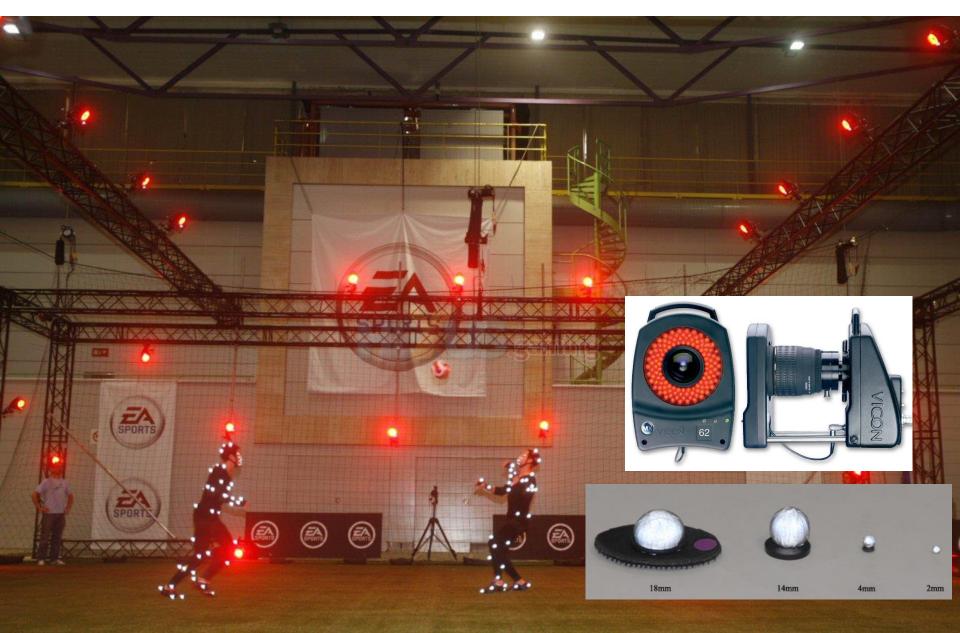
• Still used a lot.

Motion Capture

• Idea: Use "real" human motion to create realistic animation.

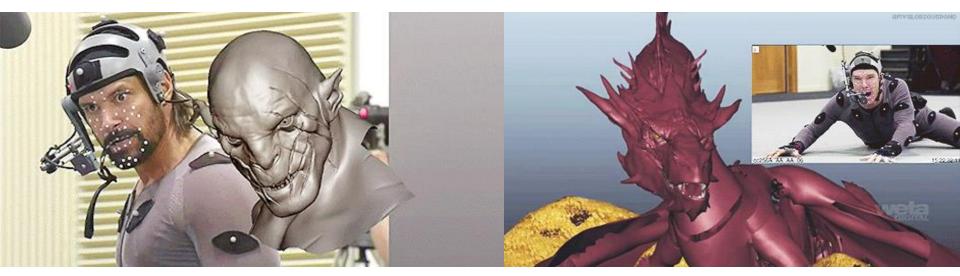
- Motion capture system "captures" movement of people or objects.
 - Position of each marker on the skin
 - Position and orientation of each body part (or joint)

An Example of Optical Passive Motion Capture System





The Last Of Us



The Hobbit

Motion Capture

- Currently, widely used in movies & games
 - by major companies
- Very costly
 - Expensive devices
 - High operating cost
- Motion captured data is very realistic **only** in the same virtual environment as capture environment.
 - What if a character is affected by unexpected external force? Capture again?

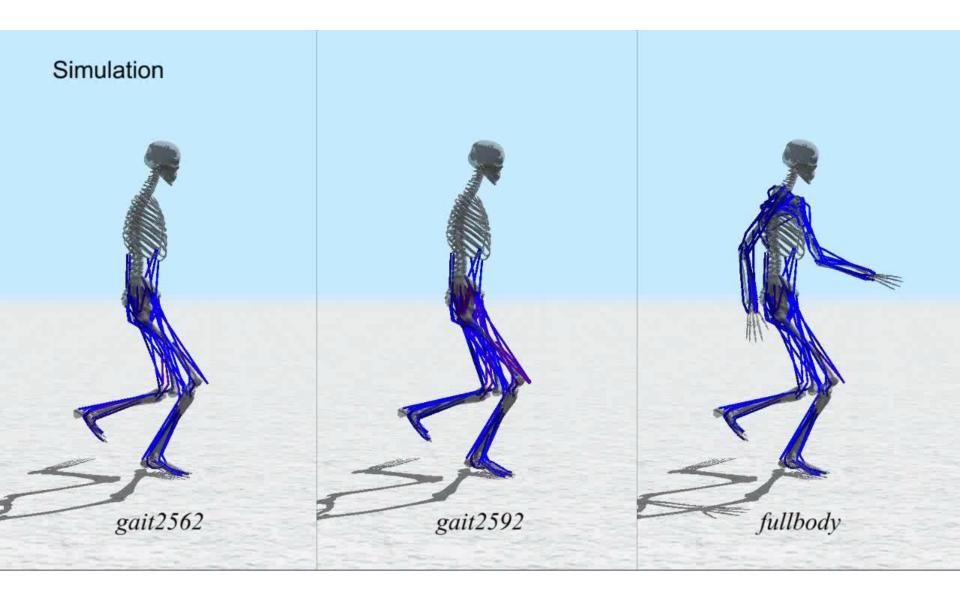
Physically-Based Simulation

- Idea: Use physics simulation to generate motion
 - Because physical reality plays a key role in creating highquality motion.
 - Resulting motion would be always physically plausible.
- For active character motion, it's currently being very actively studied by researchers.
- Not easy to find what joint torques are required to make desired output motion.
 - Maintaining balance is challenging.
 - This problem is similar to that of robotics.

[Lee et al. 2010]

https://youtu.be/hpeqxc_1vwo

[Lee et al. 2014]



https://youtu.be/O0zxRbZ_kNM

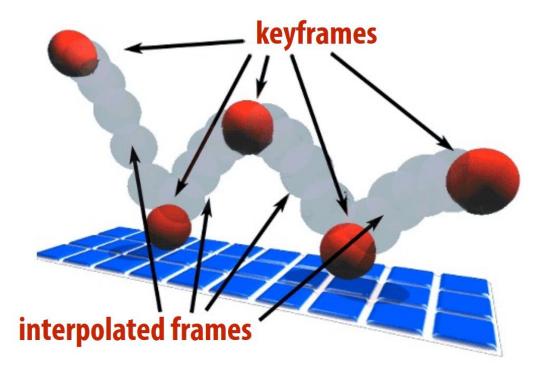
Physically-Based Simulation

- Promising approaches:
 - Combining with machine learning techniques (such as deep reinforcement learning)
 - Biomechanical simulation of musculoskeletal models
 - Control real-world robots

• A notable achievement can have a significant impact not only on computer graphics but also on related areas such as robotics and biomechanics!

Interpolation

Recall: Keyframe Animation



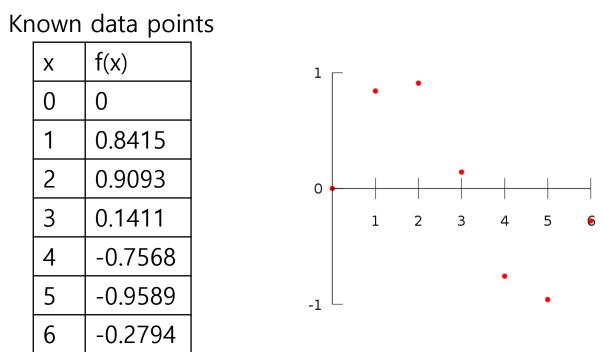
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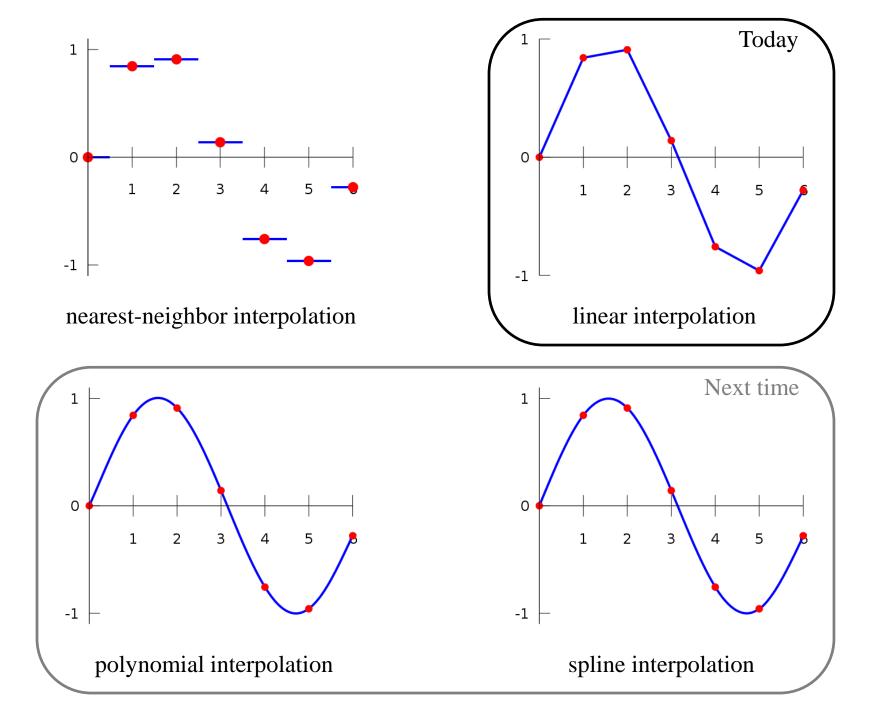
• How to "interpolate" keyframes?

Interpolation

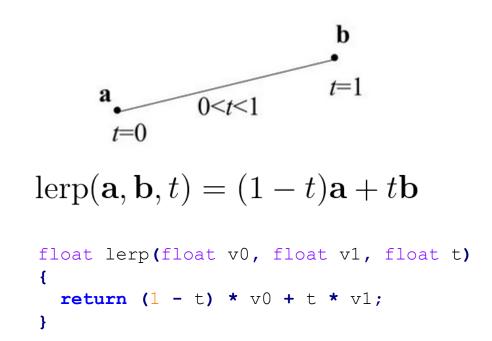
Ex)

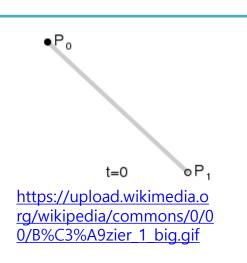
- A method of constructing new data points within the range of a discrete set of known data points.
- In other words, guessing unknown function f(x) from known data points (x_i, f(x_i)).





Linear Interpolation





- A straight line between two points
- This is fine for translations

Linear Interpolation for 3D Orientations?

- Recall: 3D orientation & rotation representation
 - Euler angles
 - Axis-angle (Rotation vector)
 - Rotation matrices
 - Unit quaternions

• How to linearly interpolate **orientations** in these representations?

Interpolating Each Element of Rotation Matrix?

Let's try to interpolate R₀(identity) and R₁(rotation by 90° about x-axis)

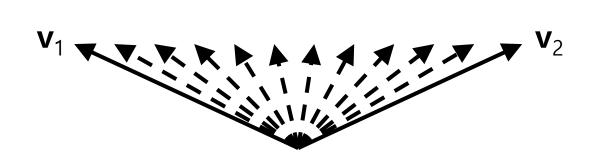
$$\operatorname{lerp}\left(\begin{bmatrix}1 & 0 & 0\\0 & 1 & 0\\0 & 0 & 1\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}1 & 0 & 0\\0 & 0 & -1\\0 & 1 & 0\end{bmatrix}, 0.5\right) = \begin{bmatrix}1 & 0 & 0\\0 & 0.5 & -0.5\\0 & 0.5 & 0.5\end{bmatrix}$$

is not a rotation matrix!
does not make sense at all!

• Similarly, interpolating each number (w, x, y, z) in ⊏ unit quaternions does not make sense.

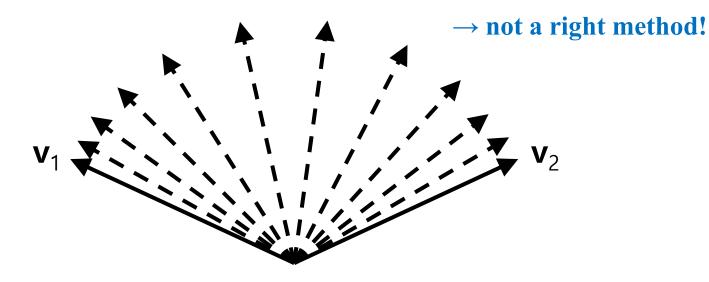
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- Linear interpolation of $\mathbf{v}_1 \& \mathbf{v}_2$ produces even spacing



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- Linear interpolation of $\mathbf{v}_1 \& \mathbf{v}_2$ produces even spacing
- But it's not evenly spaced in terms of orientation!

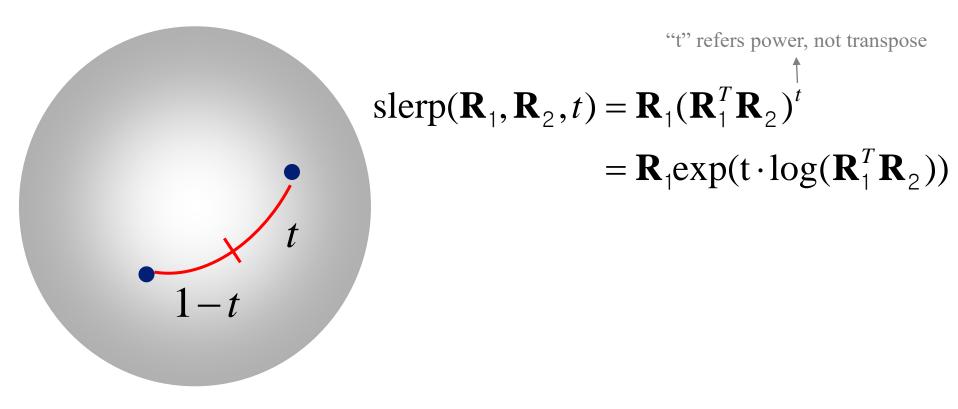


Interpolating Euler Angles?

- Interpolating two tuples of Euler angles does not make correct result
 - + angular velocity is not constant
 - + still suffer from gimbal lock: jerky movement occurs near gimbal lock configuration

Slerp

- The right answer: Slerp [Shoemake 1985]
 - Spherical linear interpolation
 - Linear interpolation of two orientations



Slerp

slerp($\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_2, t$) = $\mathbf{R}_1 (\mathbf{R}_1^T \mathbf{R}_2)^t$ = $\mathbf{R}_1 \exp(t \cdot \log(\mathbf{R}_1^T \mathbf{R}_2))$

- exp(): axis-angle (rotation vector) to rotation matrix
- log(): rotation matrix to axis-angle (rotation vector)
- Implication
 - $\mathbf{R}_1^{T}\mathbf{R}_2$: difference between orientation \mathbf{R}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 ($\mathbf{R}_2(-)\mathbf{R}_1$)
 - **R**^t : scaling rotation (scaling rotation angle)
 - $\mathbf{R}_{a}\mathbf{R}_{b}$: add rotation \mathbf{R}_{b} to orientation \mathbf{R}_{a} ($\mathbf{R}_{a}(+)\mathbf{R}_{b}$)

Exp & Log

Exp (exponential): axis-angle(rotation vector) to rotation matrix
 Given normalized rotation axis u=(u_x,u_y,u_z), rotation angle θ

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta + u_x^2 \left(1 - \cos\theta\right) & u_x u_y \left(1 - \cos\theta\right) - u_z \sin\theta & u_x u_z \left(1 - \cos\theta\right) + u_y \sin\theta \\ u_y u_x \left(1 - \cos\theta\right) + u_z \sin\theta & \cos\theta + u_y^2 \left(1 - \cos\theta\right) & u_y u_z \left(1 - \cos\theta\right) - u_x \sin\theta \\ u_z u_x \left(1 - \cos\theta\right) - u_y \sin\theta & u_z u_y \left(1 - \cos\theta\right) + u_x \sin\theta & \cos\theta + u_z^2 \left(1 - \cos\theta\right) \end{bmatrix}$$
(Rodrigues' rotation formula)

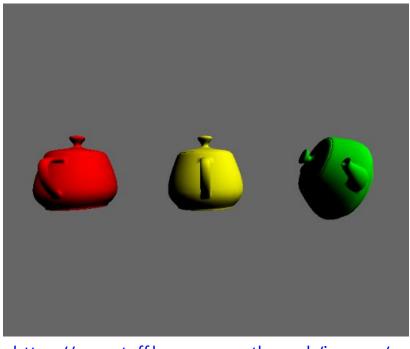
• Log (logarithm): rotation matrix to axis-angle(rotation vector) Given rotation matrix **R**, compute axis **v** and angle θ $\theta = \cos^{-1}((R_{11} + R_{22} + R_{33} - 1)/2)$ $v_1 = (R_{32} - R_{23})/(2\sin\theta)$

$$v_2 = (R_{13} - R_{31})/(2\sin\theta)$$

 $v_3 = (R_{21} - R_{12})/(2\sin\theta)$

See section 3.1.3 of INTRODUCTION TO ROBOTICS for more info about matrix exp & log: <u>http://robotics.snu.ac.kr/fcp/files/ pdf_files_publications/a_first_coruse_in_robot_mechanics.pdf</u>

[Practice] Slerp Online Demo



https://nccastaff.bournemouth.ac.uk/jmacey/ WebGL/QuatSlerp/

- Change "Start Rotation" & "End Rotation"
- Move "Interpolate" slider

Quiz #1

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Kinematics

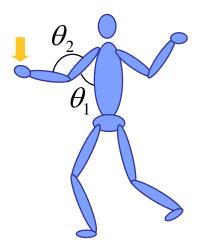
Kinematics

- *Kinematics* is
 - Study of motion of objects (or groups of objects), without considering mass or forces
 - In computer graphics, it's about how to move skeletons
 - Forward kinematics
 - Inverse kinematics



- By contrast, Dynamics (or Kinetics) is
 - Study of the relationship between motion and its causes, specifically, forces and mass

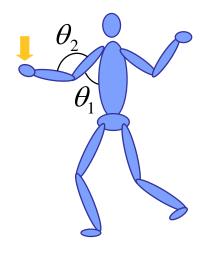
Kinematics



$(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{F}(\theta_i)$

Forward Kinematics

: Given joint angles, compute the position & orientation of end-effector

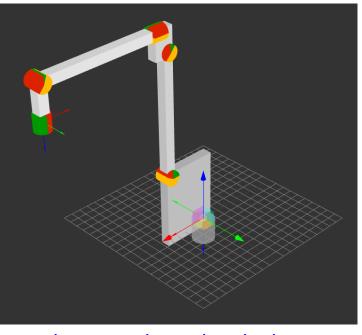


$\boldsymbol{\theta}_i = \mathbf{F}^{-1}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$

Inverse Kinematics

: Given the position & orientation of end-effector, compute joint angles

[Practice] FK / IK Online Demo

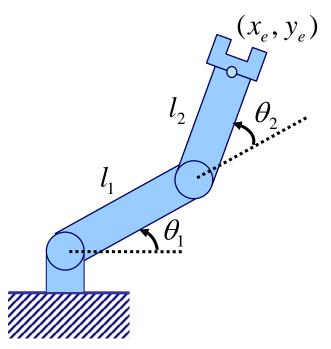


http://robot.glumb.de/

- Forward kinematics : Open "angles" menu and change values
- Inverse kinematics : Move the end-effector position by mouse dragging

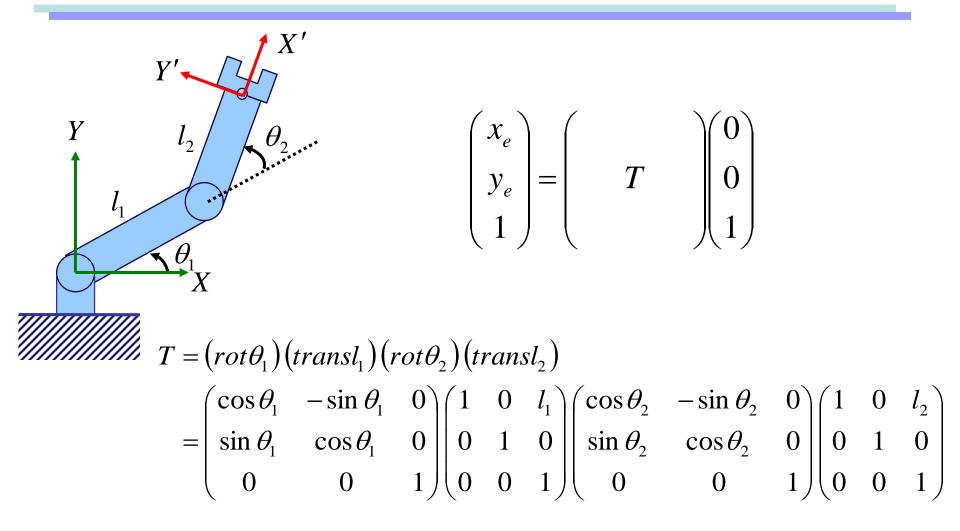
Forward Kinematics: A Simple Example

- A simple robot arm in 2-dimensional space
 - 2 revolute joints
 - Joint angles are known
 - Compute the position of the end-effector



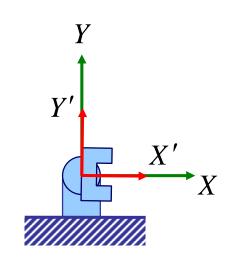
$$x_e = l_1 \cos \theta_1 + l_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$
$$y_e = l_1 \sin \theta_1 + l_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

A Chain of Transformations



• In a view of body-attached coordinate system

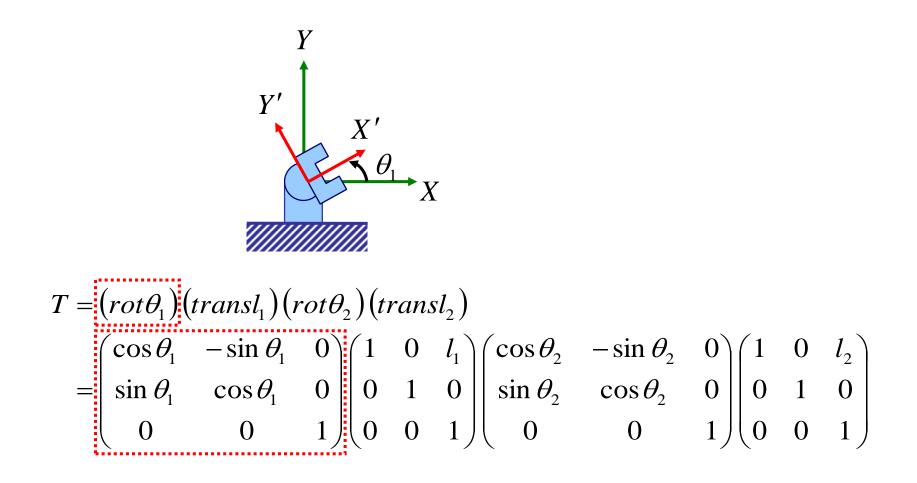
(=local coordinate system of the end-effector body)



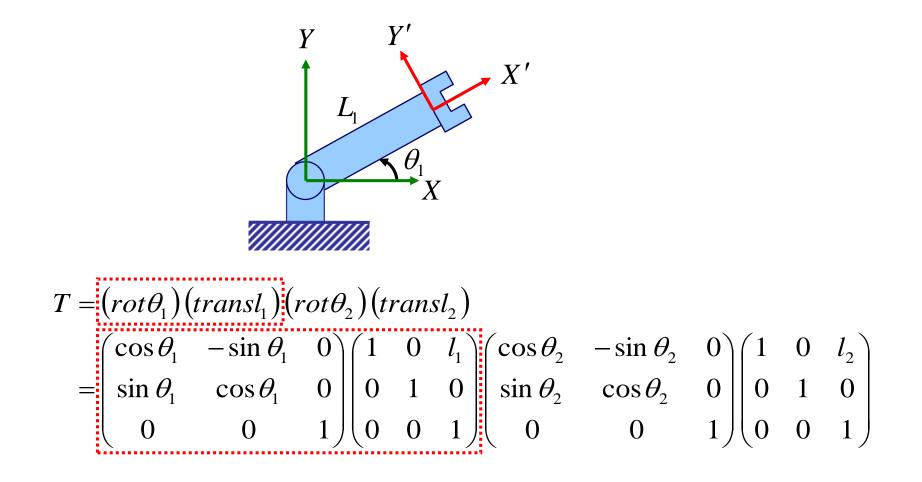
$$T = (rot\theta_1)(transl_1)(rot\theta_2)(transl_2)$$

= $\begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_1 & -\sin\theta_1 & 0\\ \sin\theta_1 & \cos\theta_1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & l_1\\ 0 & 1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_2 & -\sin\theta_2 & 0\\ \sin\theta_2 & \cos\theta_2 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & l_2\\ 0 & 1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

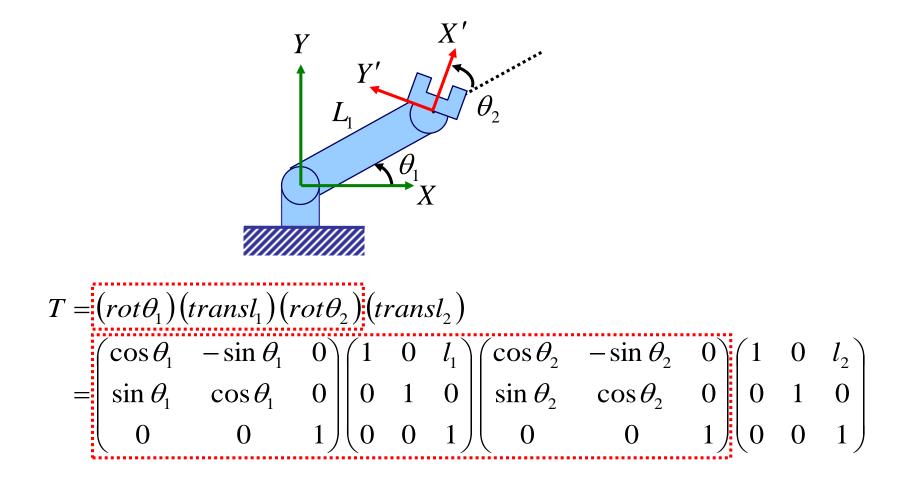
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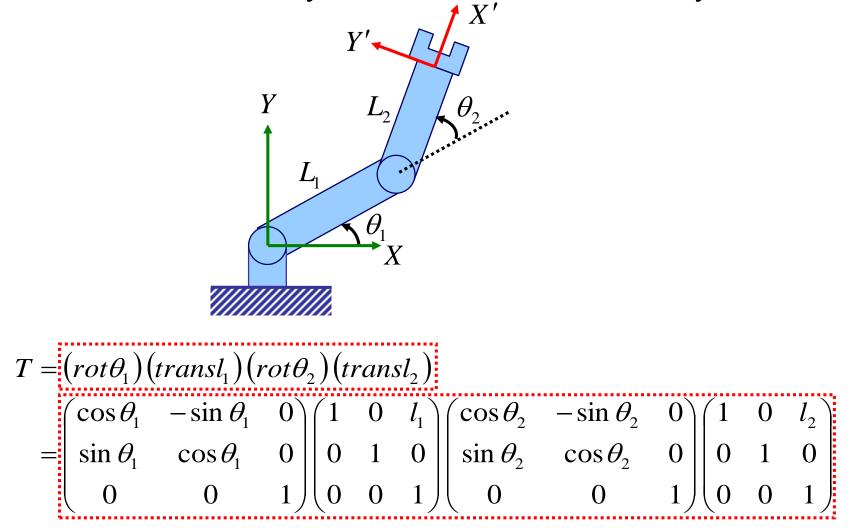
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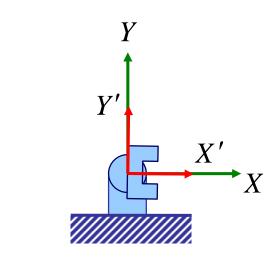


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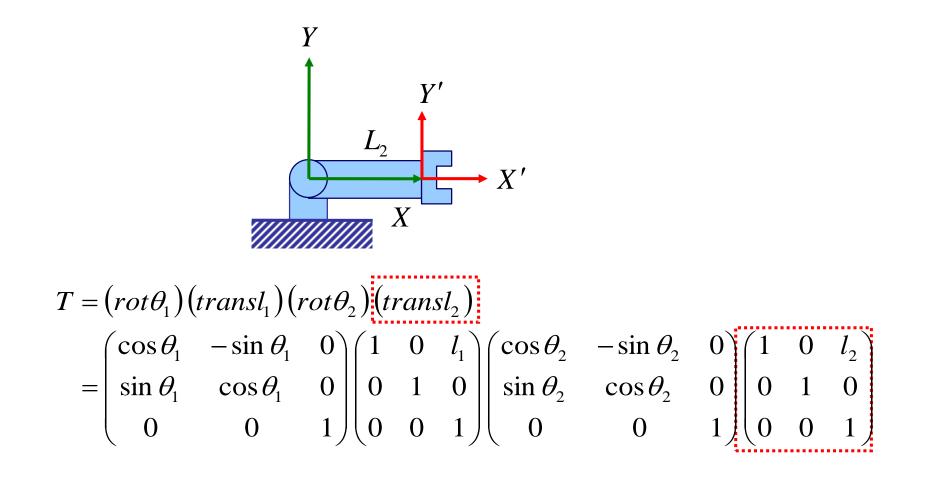
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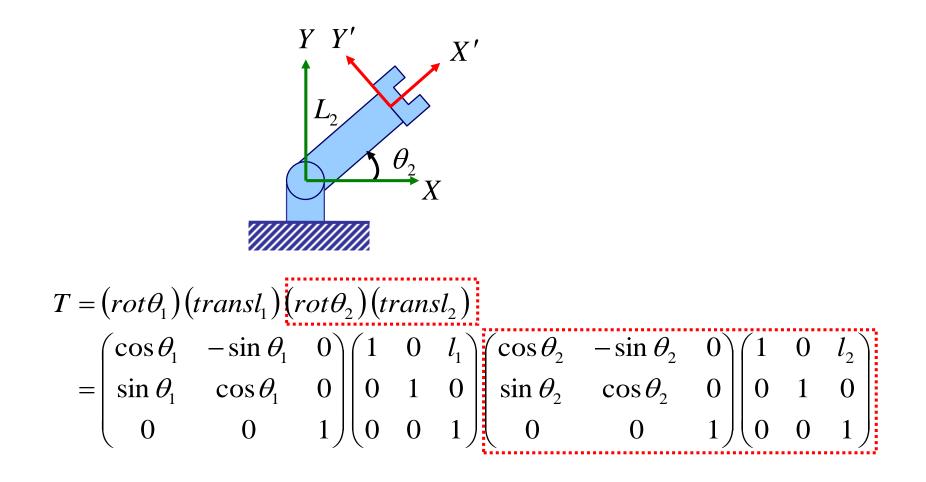


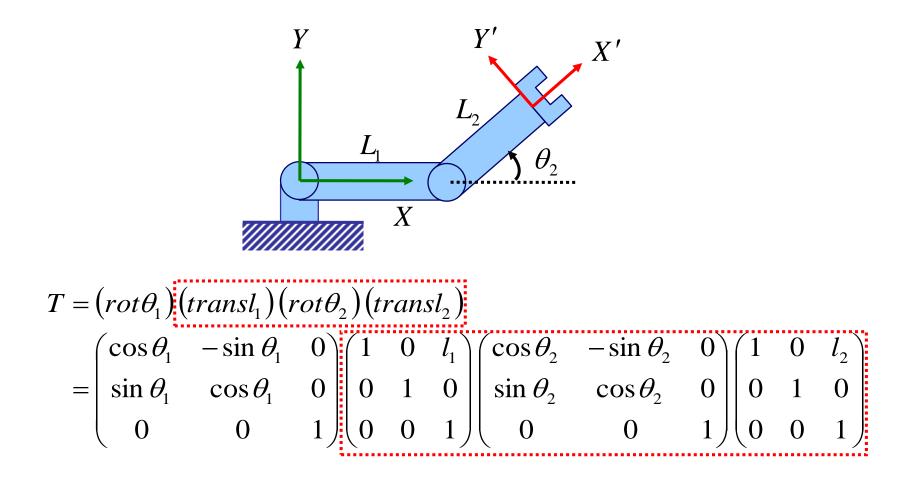


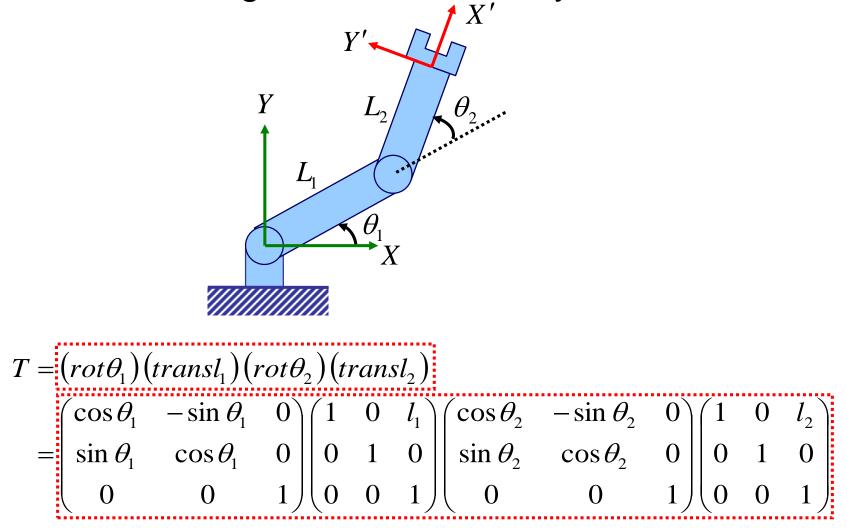
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Floating Base

• The position and orientation of the root segment are added I_{root} , θ_{root} Y A X θ_3

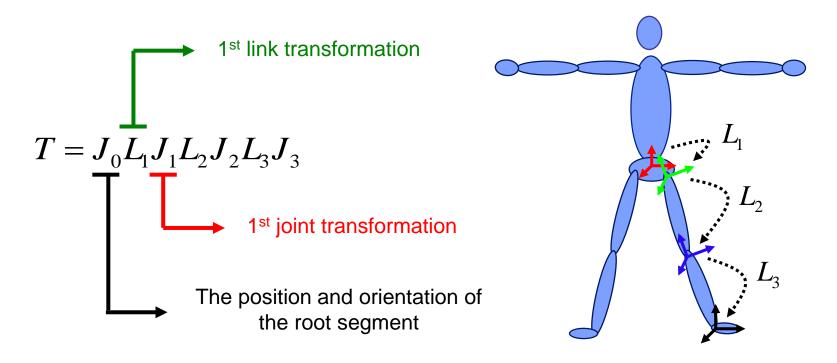
 $T_{2} = (transl_{root})(rot\theta_{root})(transl_{1})(rot\theta_{1})(transl_{2})(rot\theta_{2})$

Motion Data

- Contains two types of data:
- Time-varying data
 - Joint angles
 - "Motion"
- Static data
 - Bone lengths (parent-child joint relationship without any motion)
 - "Structure"

Joint & Link Transformations

- Forward kinematics map is an alternating multiple of
 - Joint transformations : represents joint movement (time-varying)
 - Usually rotations
 - Link transformations : defines a frame relative to its parent (static)
 - Usually translations (bone-length)



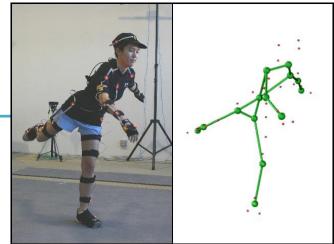
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BVH File Format

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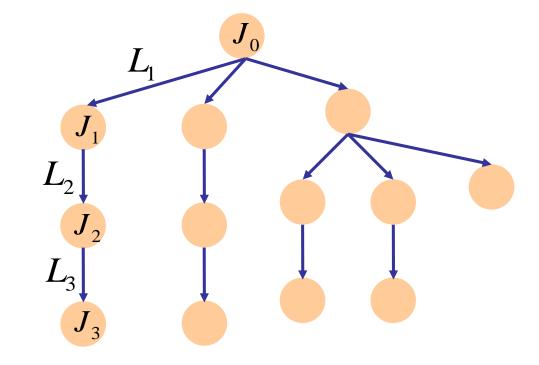
- BVH (BioVision Hierarchical data)
- Developed by Biovision, a motion capture company
- Has two parts:
- Hierarchy section
 - Describes the hierarchy and initial pose of the skeleton
- Motion section
 - Contains motion data
- Text file format



Hierarchy Section

- The hierarchy is a joint tree.
- Each joint has an offset and a channel list.
- Joint 1:
 - Offset: L1
 - Channel list :

 a sequence
 of transformations
 of J1 w.r.t. J0



Biovision BVH

Hierarchy section "HIERARCHY"

- "ROOT"
 - followed by the name of the root
 - "{" and "}" pair
 - "OFFSET"
 - » X,Y and Z offset of the segment from its parent
 - "CHANNELS"
 - » the number of channels
 - » the type of each channel

"JOINT"

identical to the root definition except for the number of channels

...

- "OFFSET ", "CHANNELS"
- "End Site"
 - indicates that the current segment is an end effector (no children)
 - "OFFSET"

- 6 channels for the root (Tx Ty Tz Rz Rx Ry)

- 3 channels for every other object (Rz Rx Ry)

HTERARCHY ROOT Hips OFFSET 0.00 0.00 0.00 CHANNELS 6 Iposition Yposition Zposition Zrotation Irotation Trotation JUINT LeftHip 0FFSET 3,430000 0.000000 0.000000 CHANNELS 3 Zrotation Irotation Yrotation JOINT LeftKnee DFFSET 0.000000 -18.469999 0.000000 CHANNELS 3 Zrotation Irotation Yrotation JOINT LeftAnkle DEFE 0.000000 -17.950001 0.000000 CHANNELS 3 Zrotation Irotation Yrotation End Site OFFSET 0.000000 -3.119999 0.000000 }

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HIERARCHY
ROOT Hips
 OFFSET 0.0 0.0 0.0
 CHANNELS 6 XPOSITION YPOSITION ZPOSITION ZROTATION XROTATION YROTA
   JOINT chest
   {
           OFFSET 0.096536 3.475309 -0.289609
           CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation
           JOINT neck
           {
                   OFFSET -0.096536 13.901242 -2.027265
                   CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation
                   JOINT head
                   {
                           OFFSET _0.166775 1.448045 0.482682
                           CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation
                           JOINT leftEye
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HIERARCHY
ROOT Hips
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 OFFSET 0.0 0.0 0.0
 CHANNELS 6 XPOSITION YPOSITION ZPOSITION ZROTATION XROTATION YROTA
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           CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation J1 channels
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                    CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation J2 channels
                    JOINT head
                    {
                            OFFSET _0.166775 1.448045 0.482682 L3
                            CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation
                            JOINT leftEye
                                                          J3 channels
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HIERARCHY
ROOT Hips
           Root Hips Joint
 OFFSET 0.0 0.0 0.0 Root offset is generally zero (or ignored even if it's not zero)
 CHANNELS 6 XPOSITION YPOSITION ZPOSITION ZROTATION XROTATION YROTA
   JOINT chest Chest Joint
   ſ
            OFFSET 0.096536 3.475309 -0.289609
            CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation
            JOINT neck Neck Joint
            ſ
                    OFFSET _0.096536 13.901242 _2.027265
                    CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation
                    JOINT head
                                     -0.166775 \.448045 0.482682
                            OFFSET
 Neck's offset from chest
                            CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation
                            JOINT leftEye
                                          Channel list:
                              Transformation from chest coordinate
                                 system to neck coordinate system
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Biovision BVH

MOTION				
Frames	: 20	0		
Frame Time: 0.033333				
0.00	39.68	0.00	0.65	

Motion Section

- > "MOTION"
 - · followed by a line indicating the number of frames
 - "Frames:"
 - the number of frames
 - "Frame Time:"
 - the sampling rate of the data
 - Ex) 0.033333 → 30 frames a second
 - · The rest of the file contains the actual motion data
 - The numbers appear in the order of the channel specifications as the skeleton hierarchy was parsed
 - Each line has motion data for a single frame
 - Each number in a line is a value for a single channel
 - The unit of rotation channel values is degree

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HIERARCHY
ROOT Hips
 OFFSET 0.0 0.0 0.0
 CHANNELS 6 XPOSITION YPOSITION ZPOSITION ZROTATION XROTATION YROTATION
    JUINT chest Column 1 Column 2 Column 3
                                                 Column 4
                                                            Column 5
                                                                        Column 6
   {
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            CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation
            JOINT neck Column 7 Column 8
                                                Column 9
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                     CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation
                     JOINT head
                                  Column 10 Column 11
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                              CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation
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MOTION
Frames: 199
Frame Time: 0.033333
1.95769 0.989769479321 0.039193 -4.11275998891 -0.490682977769 -91.3519974695 0.45458697547 ...
1.95769 0.989769479321 0.0392908 -4.11760985011 -0.48626597981 -91.3734989051 0.513819016282 ...
1.95769 0.989769479321 0.039424 -4.12004011679 -0.488125979059 -91.387002189 0.592700017233 ...
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 $\begin{array}{c} 1.95709 & 0.969709479321 & 0.039424 & 4.12004011079 & 0.400123979039 & 91.307002109 & 0.392700017235 & \ldots \\ 1.95771 & 0.989769479321 & 0.0395518 & -4.0961698863 & -0.500940000911 & -91.3840993586 & 0.61126399115 & \ldots \\ 1.95779 & 0.989759479321 & 0.0396999 & -4.05799980101 & -0.510696019006 & -91.3839969058 & 0.58299101005 & \ldots \\ 1.9579 & 0.989719479321 & 0.0398625 & -4.0423300664 & -0.503295989288 & -91.3842018115 & 0.57718001317 & \ldots \end{array}$

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Interpreting the data

- To calculate the position of a segment
 - Translation information
 - For any joint segment
 - » the translation information will simply be the offset as defined in the hierarchy section
 - For the root object
 - » The translation data will be the sum of the offset data and the translation data from the motion section
 - Rotation information
 - comes from the motion section
 - If the order is "ZROTATION XROTATION YROTATION"
 - Apply transformation in order of rotation about z, rotation about x, rotation about y w.r.t. local frame
 - → ZXY Euler angles
 - Usually ZXY order is used, but other orders can be used

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- Select other motions from the list.
- Download corresponding BVH files and open them in a text editor.

Next Time

- Lab in this week:
 - Lab assignment 10
- Next lecture:
 - 11 Curve

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