Computer Graphics

10 - Kinematics & Animation

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Topics Covered

Forward Kinematics

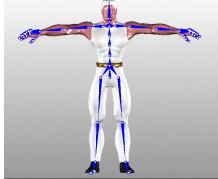
• Introduction to Character Animation

Motion Capture Data

Forward Kinematics

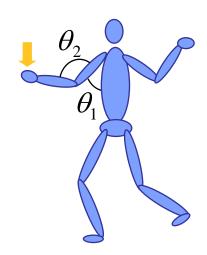
Kinematics

- 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

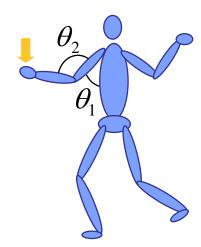
Kinematics



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

Forward Kinematics

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

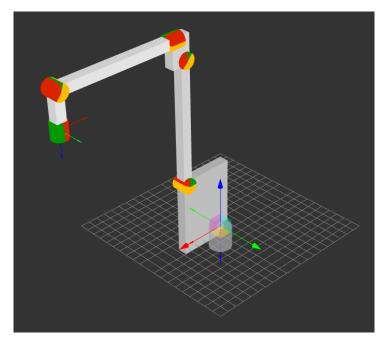


$$\theta_i = F^{-1}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$$

Inverse Kinematics

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

[Practice] FK / IK Online Demo

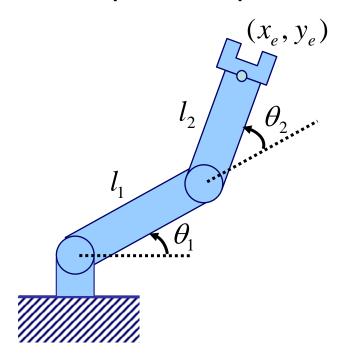


http://robot.glumb.de/

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

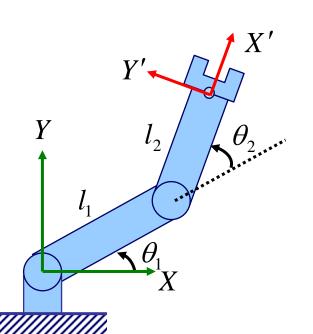
Forward Kinematics: A Simple Example

- 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



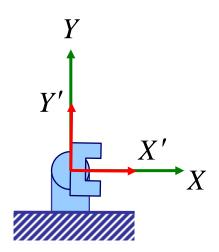
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_e \\ y_e \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} & & \\ & T & \\ & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

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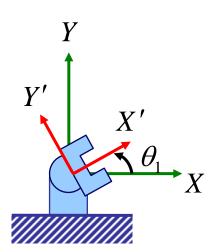
In a view of body-attached coordinate system

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



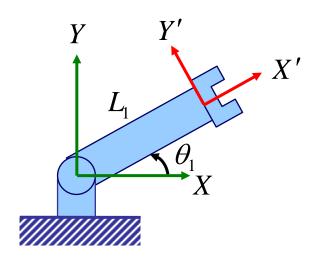
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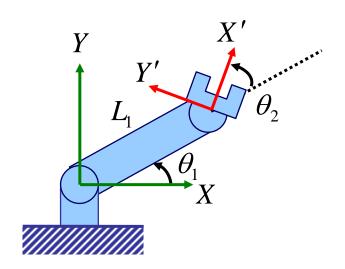


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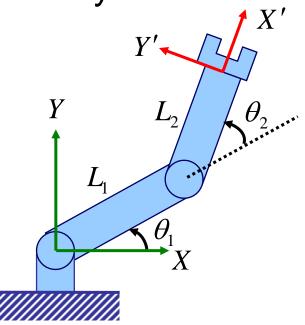
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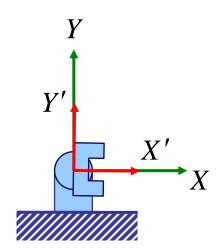


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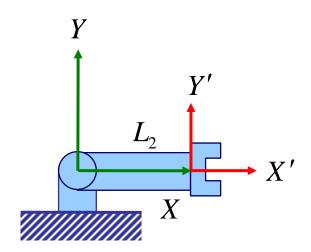
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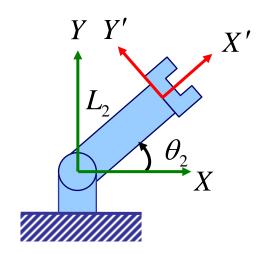
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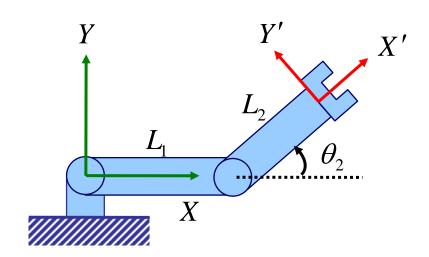
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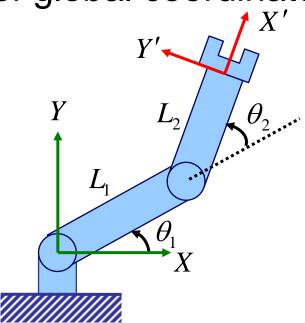


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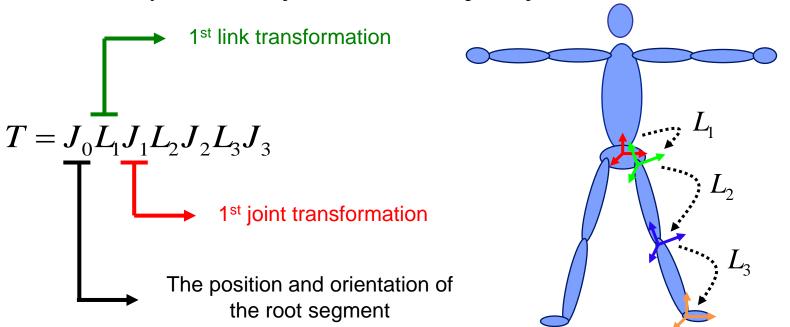
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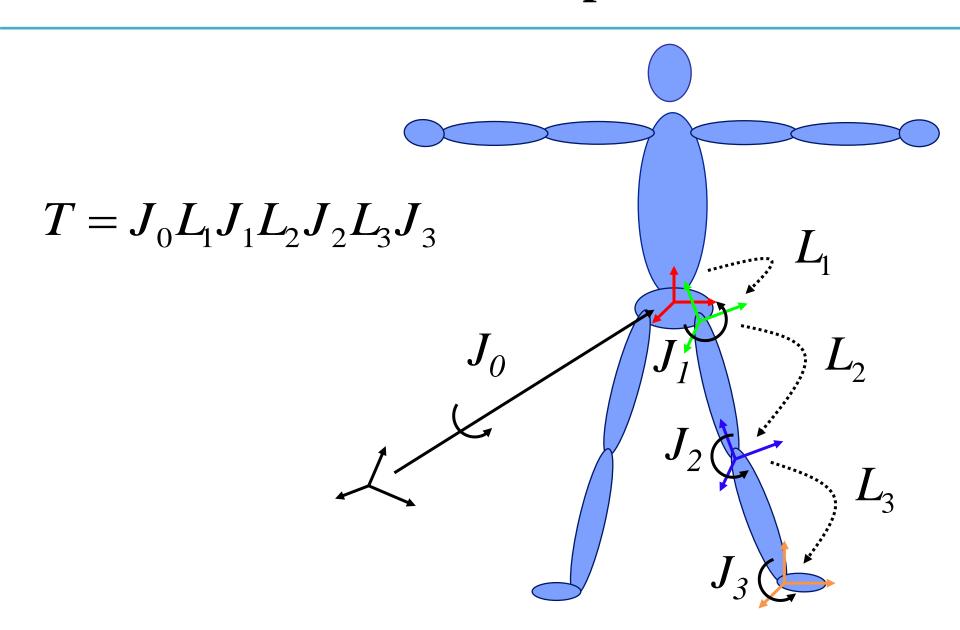
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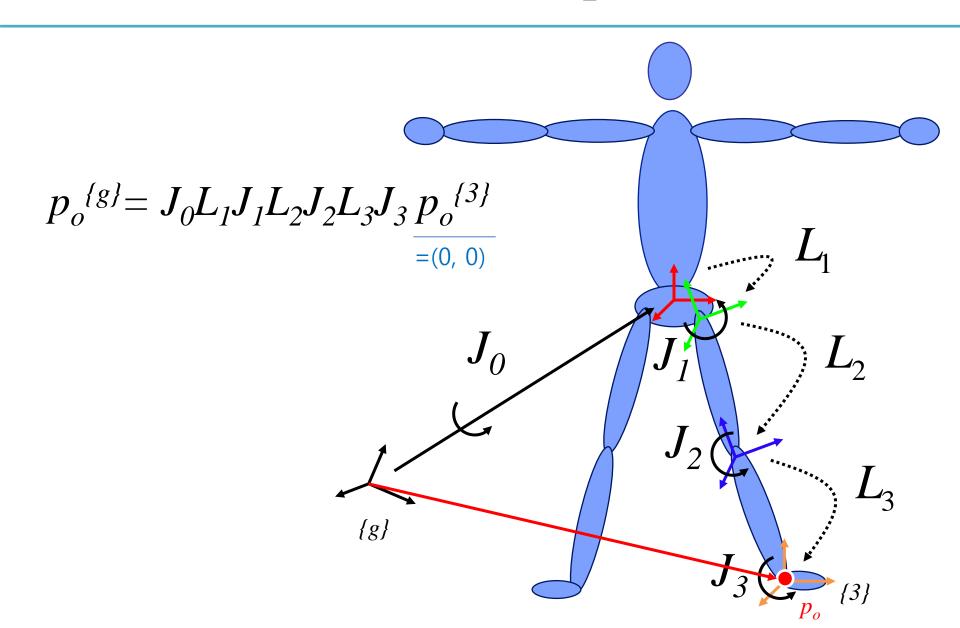
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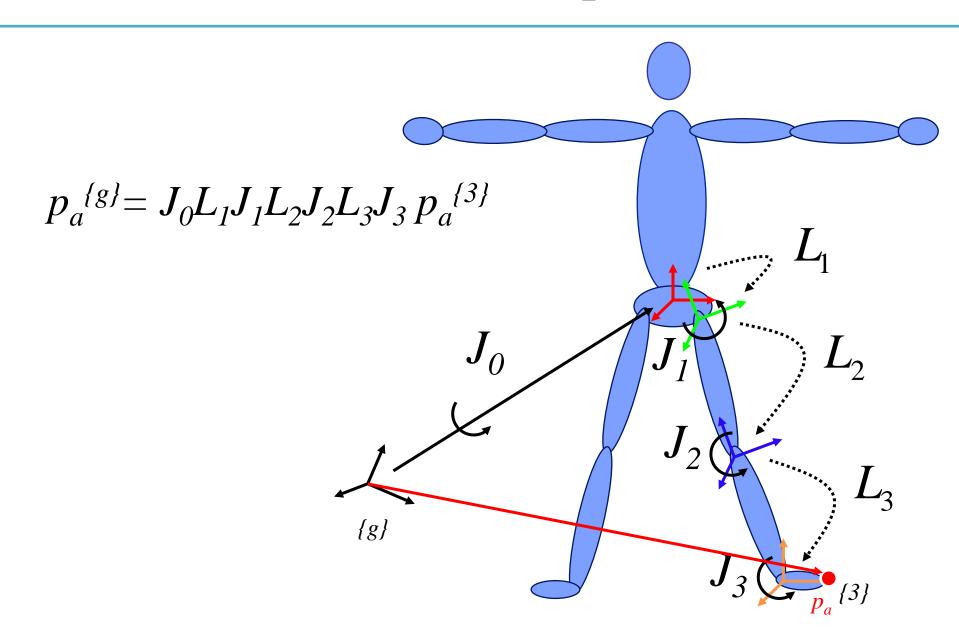
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 - Student ID: Your answer
 - e.g. 2017123456: 4)
- Note that you must submit all quiz answers in the above format to be checked for "attendance".

- Usually, the *forward kinematics map* T is an alternating multiple of ...
 - (mapping from joint values to end effector position & orientation)
- **Joint transformations** that represents joint movement (**time-varying**)
 - Usually rotations
- Link transformations that defines a frame relative to its parent (static)
 - Usually translations (joint offset from its parent joint)









Quiz #2

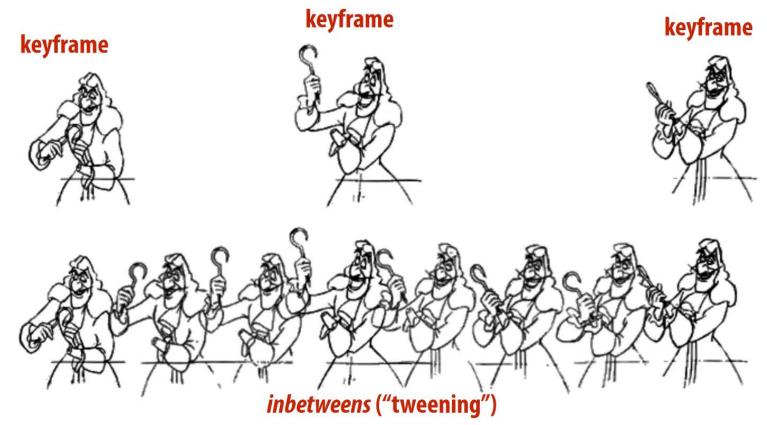
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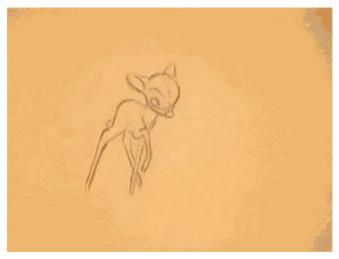
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Introduction to Character Animation

Traditional Hand-drawn Cel Animation

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

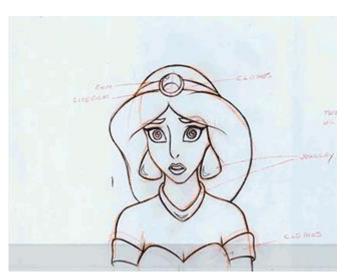




Animation by Milt Kahl (Walt Disney Studios)



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.

Character Animation Approaches

Keyframe Animation

Motion Capture

• Data-Driven Animation

Physics-Based Animation

Keyframe Animation

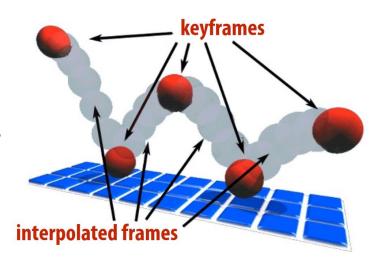
• Idea:

- Animators specifies important events at key frames.
- Computer fills inbetween frames using interpolation.

• Events can be

- Positions & orientation of objects
- Colors
- Light intensities
- Camera parameters







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.

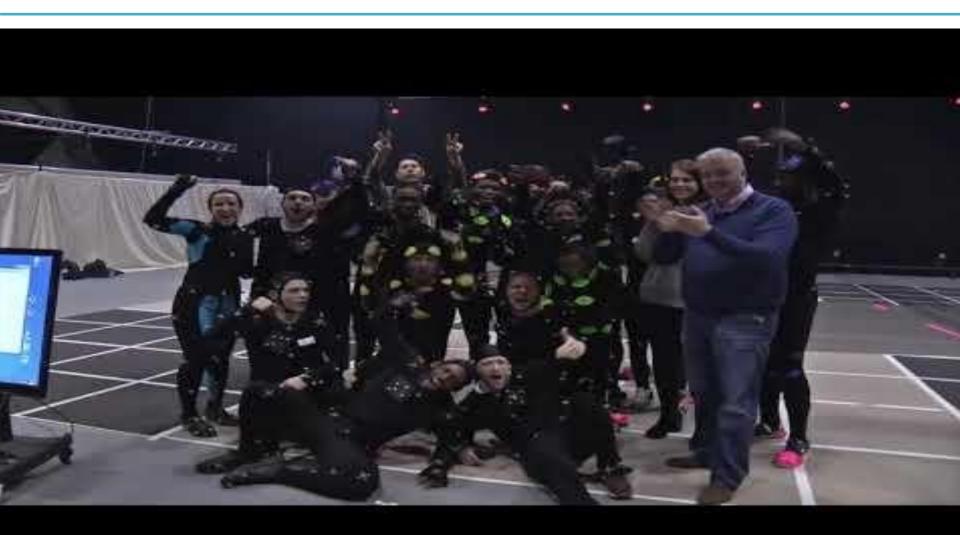
Still used a lot.

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)

Motion Capture



Motion Capture

- Currently, widely used in movies & games
 - by major companies
- Very costly
 - Expensive devices
 - High operating cost
- Limitation: Motion captured data is very realistic **only** in the same virtual environment as capture environment.

Data-Driven Animation

- Idea: Make the most of the captured motion data by
 - reusing captured motion data with motion editing techniques
 - or learning the distribution of captured motions
- to generate new motions.

• Recently, deep learning techniques are used a lot.

State-of-the-Art Research Example, Joutube / FTV75XqO6ig

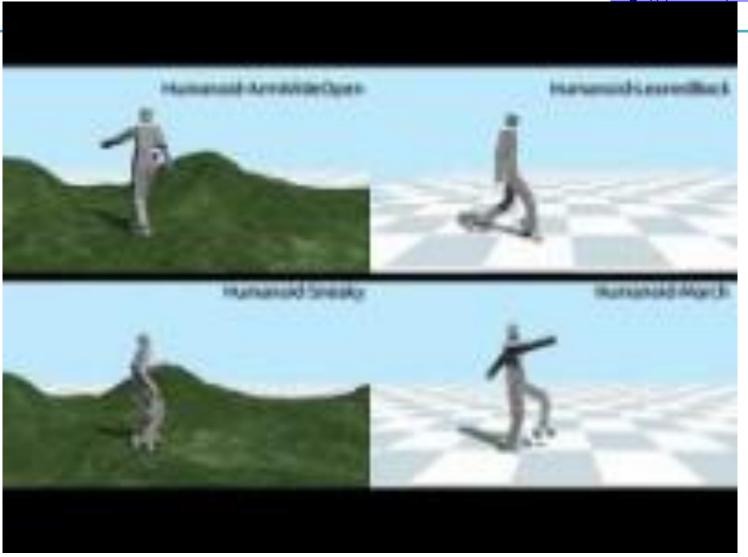


Harvey, Félix G., Mike Yurick, Derek Nowrouzezahrai, and Christopher Pal. "Robust Motion In-Betweening." ACM Transactions on Graphics 39, no. 4 (SIGGRAPH 2020)

Physics-Based Animation

- Idea: Use physics simulation to generate motion
 - Because physical reality plays a key role in creating high-quality motion.
 - Physic simulation generates a motion that is always physically plausible.
- For passive character motion, it's already in widespread use.
 - e.g. Ragdoll effect in games
- For active character motion, it requires a "controller".
 - Determines joint torques at each timestep to perform desired action while maintaining balance.
 - This problem is similar to that of robotics.
- Recently, deep learning techniques (such as deep reinforcement learning) are used a lot.

State-of-the-Art Research Example dtu.be/fGwMrRoC5bw

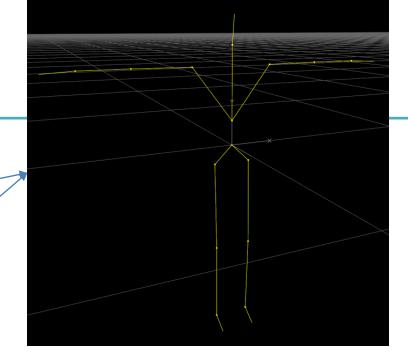


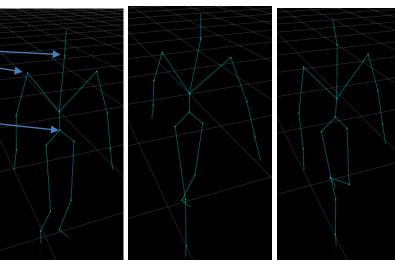
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Motion Capture Data

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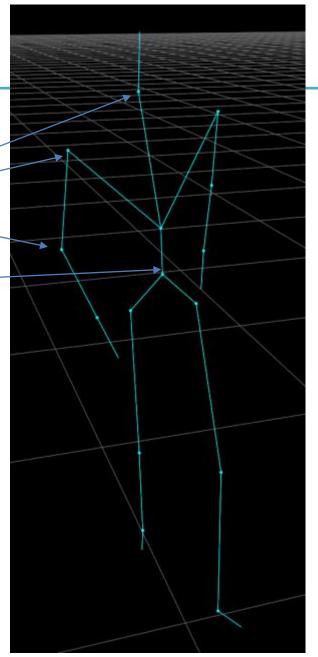
- Motion capture data includes:
 - "Skeleton": static data
 - joint hierarchy
 - joint offset from its parent joint
 - "Motion": time-varying data
 - internal joint orientation (w.r.t. default frame of each joint - the frame after applying link transformation for that joint)
 - position and orientation of skeletal root (w.r.t. global frame)
- *Posture* (*pose*): "motion" at a single frame
- *T pose*: a pose where all joint orientations are "zero" (identity matrix)





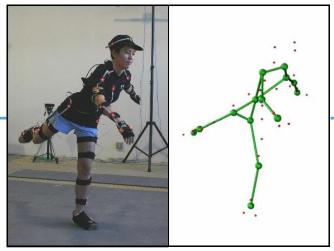
Motion Capture Data

- Generally, in motion capture data,
 - Internal joint has 3 DOFs
 - rotation only
 - Root joint has 6 DOFs
 - rotation and translation



BVH File Format

• BVH (BioVision Hierarchical data)

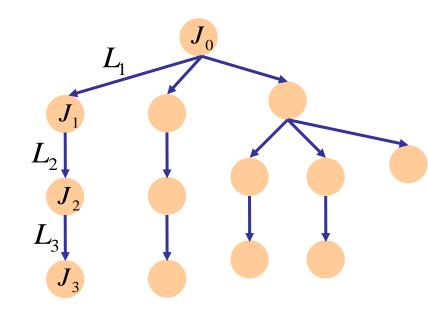


- Developed by Biovision, a motion capture company
- Has two parts:
- Hierarchy section
 - Describes the hierarchy and initial pose of the skeleton
- Motion section
 - Contains motion data
- Text file format

Hierarchy Section

• The hierarchy is a joint tree.

- Each joint has an offset and a channel list.
- For example, for Joint 1:
 - Offset: L₁
 - Channel list :a sequence of transformation types of Joint 1 motion (w.r.t. default frame of Joint 1)



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"

```
ROOT Hips
     OFFSET 0.00
                    0.00 0.00
     CHANNELS 6 Iposition Yposition Zposition Zrotation Irotation Trotation
     JOINT LeftHip
             DFFSET 3,430000
                                                     0.000000
             CHANNELS 3 Zrotation Irotation Yrotation
             JOINT LeftKnee
                     DFFSET 0.000000 -18.469999 0.000000
                     CHANNELS 3 Zrotation Irotation Yrotation
                     JOINT LeftAnkle
                            DEFSET
                                         0.000000 -17.950001 0.000000
                            CHANNELS 3 Zrotation Irotation Yrotation
                            End Site
                                        DFFSET
                                                     0.000000 -3.119999 0.000000
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- 6 channels for the root (Tx Ty Tz Rz Rx Ry)

HITERARCHY

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

```
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
           JOINI 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

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ROOT Hips
                                                    JO channels
 OFFSET 0.0 0.0 0.0
 CHANNELS 6 XPOSITION YPOSITION ZPOSITION ZROTATION XROTATION YROTA
   JOINI chest
   {
           OFFSET 0.096536 3.475309 -0.289609 L1
           CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation J1 channels
           JOINT neck
           \{
                    OFFSET -0.096536 13.901242 -2.027265 L2
                    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

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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
   \{
            OFFSET 0.096536 3.475309 -0.289609
            CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation
            JOINT neck Neck Joint
            €
                    OFFSET -0.096536 13.901242 -2.027265
                    CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation
                    JOINT head
                                     -0.166775 \.448045 0.482682
 Neck's offset from chest
                             CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation
                             JOINT LeftEye
                                           Channel list:
                              Transformation from chest coordinate
                                 system to neck coordinate system
```

Biovision BVH

```
MOTION
Frames: 20
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

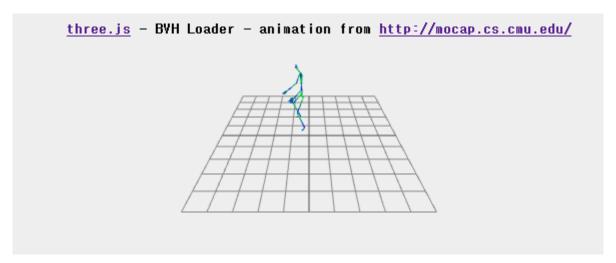
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HIERARCHY
ROOT Hips
 OFFSET 0.0 0.0 0.0
 CHANNELS 6 XPOSITION YPOSITION ZPOSITION ZROTATION XROTATION YROTATION
    JOINT chest Column 1 Column 2 Column 3
                                                   Column 4
                                                               Column 5
                                                                           Column 6
    {
             OFFSET 0.096536 3.475309 -0.289609
             CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation
             JOINT neck Column 7 Column 8
                                                  Column 9
             €
                      OFFSET -0.096536 13.901242 -2.027265
                      CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation
                      JOINT head
                                    Column 10 Column 11
                                                           Column 12
                      {
                                        -0.166775 1.448045 0.482682
                               NEFSET
                               CHANNELS 3 Xrotation Zrotation Yrotation
                                          Column 13
                                                       Column 14
                                                                   Column 15
MOTION
Frames: 199
Frame Time: 0.033333
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Biovision BVH

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

[Practice] BVH Online Demo



http://motion.hahasoha.net/

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

Quiz #3

- Go to https://www.slido.com/
- Join #cg-ys
- Click "Polls"

- Submit your answer in the following format:
 - Student ID: Your answer
 - e.g. 2017123456: 4)
- Note that you must submit all quiz answers in the above format to be checked for "attendance".

Next Time

- Lab in this week:
 - Lab assignment 10
- Next lecture:
 - 11 Curve
- Class Assignment #3
 - Due: 23:59, May 30, 2021
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