

Skeletal Animation

Outline

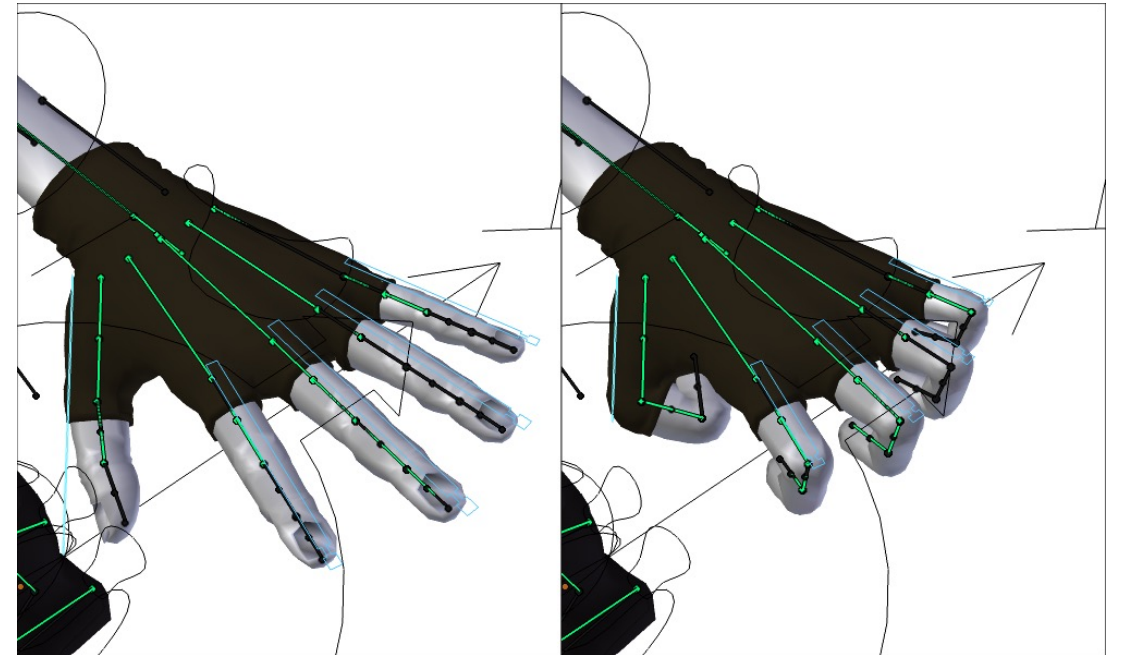
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 - Main Components
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 - Interpolation
- Skinning
 - How to bind skin vertices to bones?
 - How to compute vertex positions?
- References



Introduction

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- Animate a 3D model .
- Standard way to animate characters or mechanical objects.



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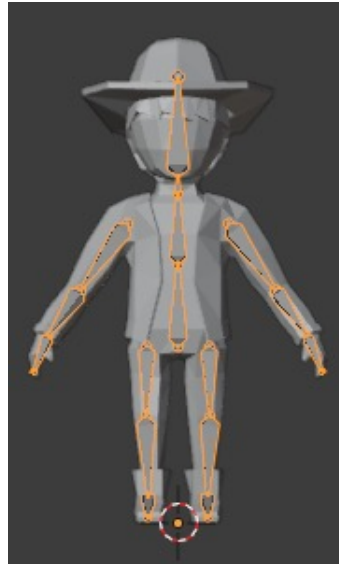
Introduction

- Main components

- **Skin (Mesh)**



- **Bones (Skeleton)**



- **Keyframes**



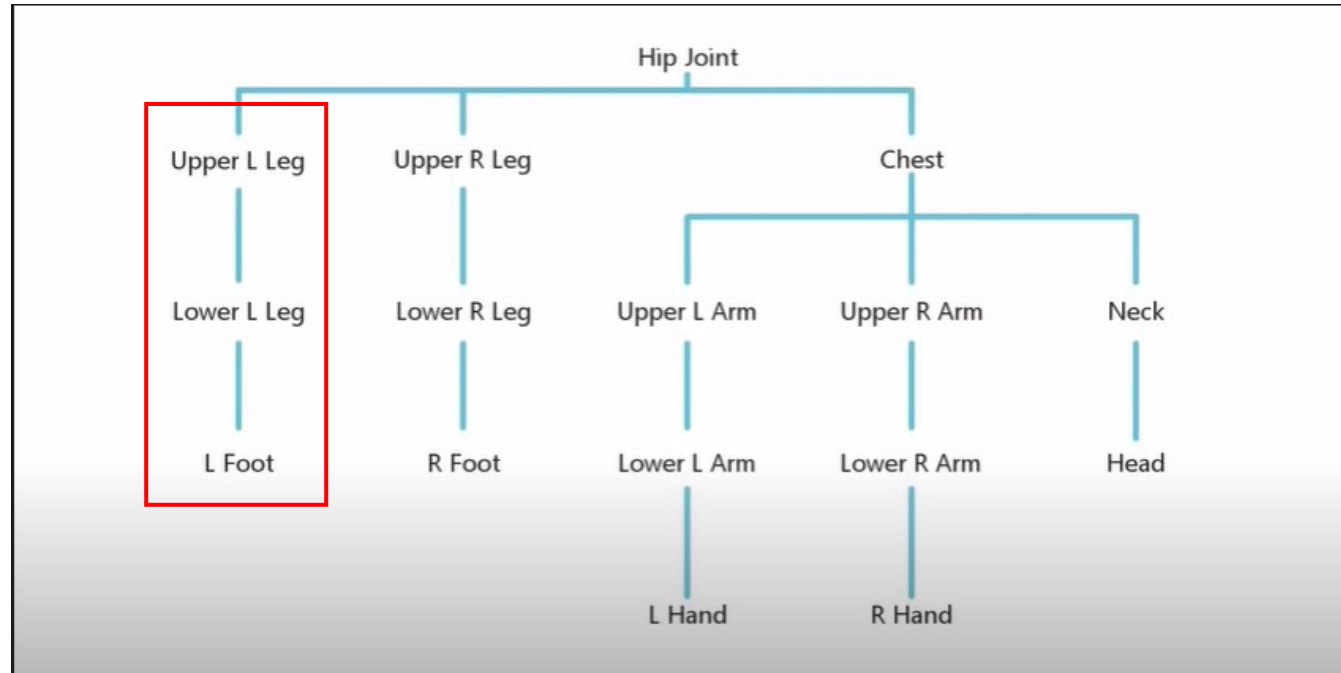
Pose1



Pose2

Introduction

- The skeleton follows the hierarchy





Animation



Animation

- Keyframes
- Determine the current pose between any two keyframes.
 - **Interpolation**

Animation



$\text{midwayLength} = \text{currentTime} - \text{LastKey.timeStamp}$

$\text{framesDiff} = \text{NextKey.timeStamp} - \text{LastKey.timeStamp}$

$\text{scaleFactor} = \text{midwayLength} / \text{framesDiff}$

Animation

Interpolated Pose



Current Time

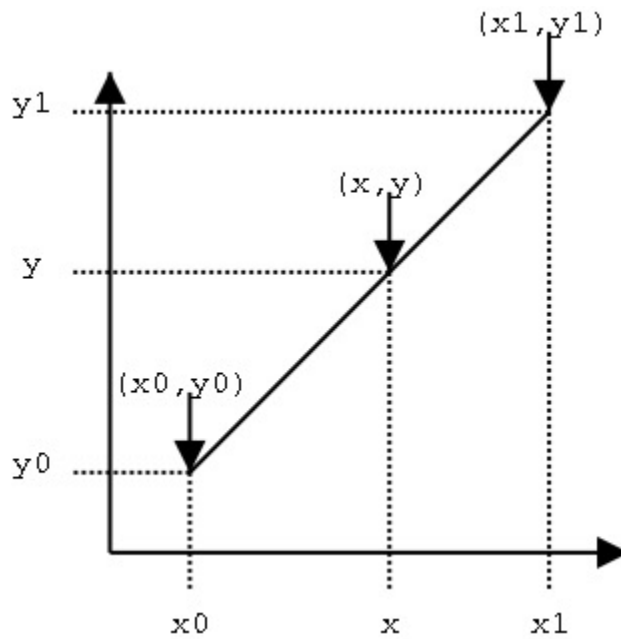


Animation

- How to get the interpolated pose?
 - Interpolating Positions & Scaling
 - Linear Interpolation
 - Interpolating **Rotations**
 - **Spherical Linear Interpolation (Slerp)**

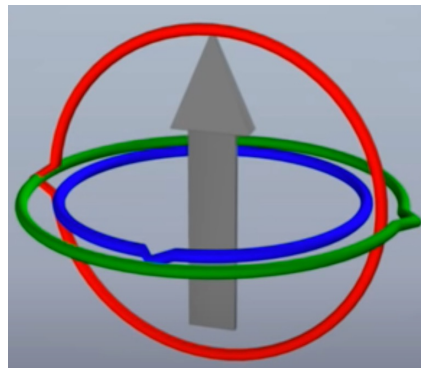
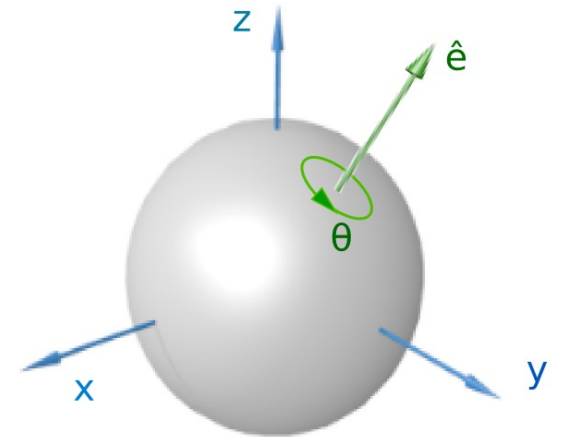
Animation

- Linear Interpolation



Animation

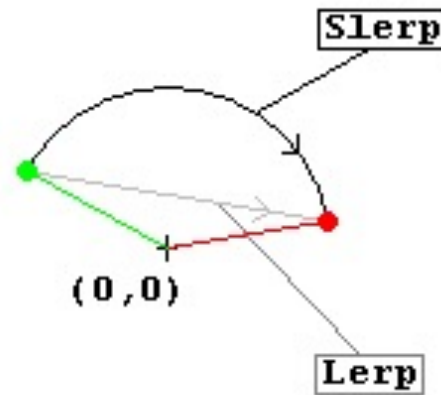
- Spherical Linear Interpolation (Slerp)
 - Quaternion
 - $a + bi + cj + dk$
 - representing spatial orientations and rotations of elements in 3-d space
 - Prevent from **Gimbal lock** problem of Euler Rotation
 - Good for rotation interpolation in 3-d space



Gimbal Lock

Animation

- Spherical Linear Interpolation (Slerp)



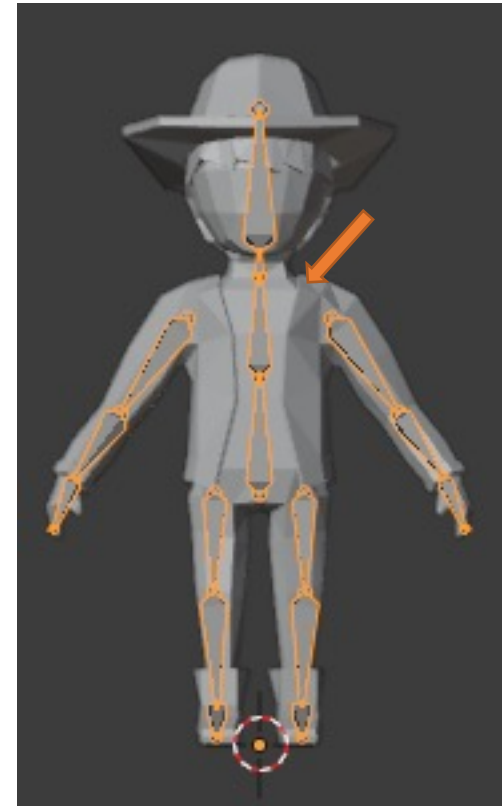
```
glm::quat finalRotation = glm::slerp(m_Rotations[p0Index].orientation,  
m_Rotations[p1Index].orientation, scaleFactor);
```



Skinning

Skinning

- How to bind skin vertices to bones?
 - Assign a weight for each vertex for each bone.
 - Limit the number of bones that influences a vertex.



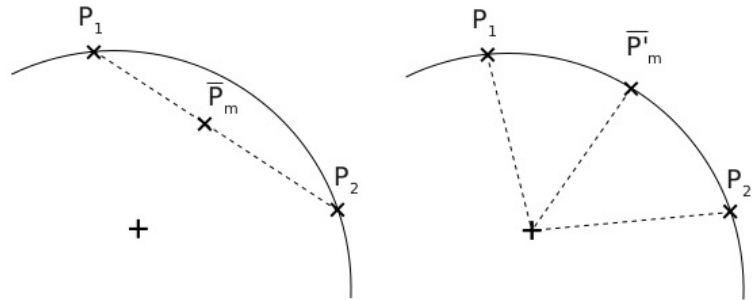
Skinning

- How to compute vertex positions?
 - Linear blending skinning

```
vec3 skinned =  
    BoneWeights.x * ( bones[ BoneIndices.x ] * Position)  
  + BoneWeights.y * ( bones[ BoneIndices.y ] * Position)  
  + BoneWeights.z * ( bones[ BoneIndices.z ] * Position)  
  + BoneWeights.w * ( bones[ BoneIndices.w ] * Position);  
gl Position =.mvp * vec4(skinned, 1.0);
```

Skinning

- How to compute vertex positions?
 - Dual quaternion skinning



$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \dot{\mathbf{q}}_i}{\|\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \dot{\mathbf{q}}_i\|}$$

linear blending skinning



Dual Quaternion Skinning





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