Declaration

The entire code of this assignment is purely our own work and we have not taken any assistance from other students or copied the code from internet and at any point of time we both will be able to explain any part of the code that we have written.

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Rendered video link

Controls

Hierarchy controls

- Alt + Left/Right Move to the left or the right sibling of current node
- Alt + Up Move to the parent of the current node
- Alt + Down Move to the first children of the current node
- Numbers 1 through 6 Select a particular degree of freedom of the current node
- Left bracket ([) Increase the parameter of the selected degree of freedom
- Right bracket (]) Decrease the parameter of the selected degree of freedom
- Period (.) Move to the next animation entity (a parameterized hierarchy node)
- Comma (,) Move to the previous animation entity (a parameterized hierarchy node)

Rider and bike combined movements

- 7 Moving both rider and bike backward in the direction of rider's view
- 8 Moving both rider and bike forward in the direction of rider's view
- 9 Rotating both rider and bike anticlockwise along the selected dof axis
- 0 Rotating both rider and bike clockwise along the selected dof axis

Light controls

- F1 Toggle global light1 on/off
- F2 Toggle global light2 on/off
- F3 Toggle rider spotlight on/off
- F4 Toggle bike headlight on/off

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Camera controls

- b Selecting global camera
- n Selecting third person camera
- m Selecting first person camera
- Y/G/H/J/T/U Global camera movement

Modeling the rider

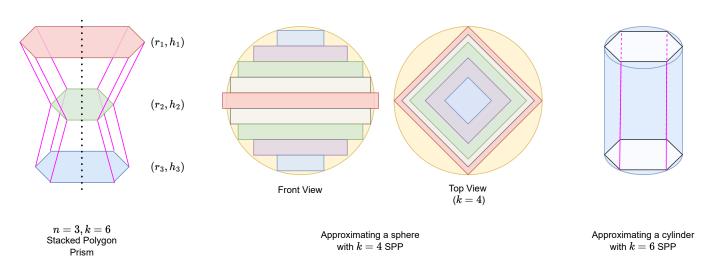


Figure 1: Our custom primitive called "StackedPolyPrism"

Everything in the body is rendered using a special primitive called "Stacked Polygon Prism" (SPP for short). This is simply a set of n concentric k-sided regular polygons stacked on top of each other. By varying the radii and heights of these polygons, we can model a variety of shapes. Figure 2 shows how SPP can be used to approximate spheres and cylinders for high enough n and k values. This primitive is implemented in spprism. hpp and spprism.cpp. SPP, given parameters like $n, k, < r_i >, < h_i >$ and colors at each level will automatically generate the triangle list to be drawn.

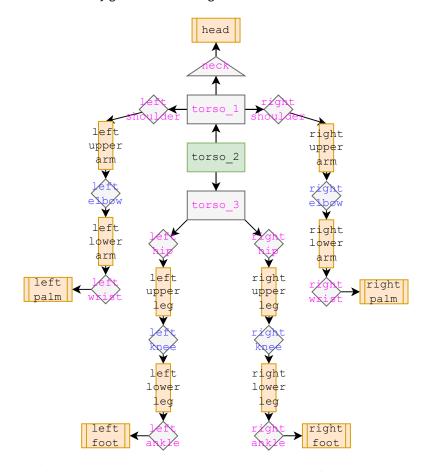


Figure 2: Hierarchical model of the rider. Green node is root. Orange nodes are "fixed". Blue text nodes have 1 degree of freedom while magenta text nodes have 3 degrees of freedom.

Hierarchy structure of the rider is shown in Figure 3. Each part here is an SPP that we manually set the parameters for. Each

node in the hierarchy is represented by a structure called HierarchyNode (implemented via hnode.hpp and hnode.cpp) and holds the list of triangles and lines to be drawn for that particular primitive. Triangle list is automatically obtained from SPP for modeling the rider and line list is always empty. We are using Triangle and Point datatypes from first assignment which have a lot of helper functions to make this job easy.

With the geometry defined as above, we store the relative transform of the current node with respect to its parent node in local_transform. This allows us to correctly place a particular node in the world using hierarchy. In addition to this local arrangement transform, we also store a private transform that will not be passed down the hierarchy for additional effects which can be useful during animation. Finally the degrees of freedom for this node are also stored in a fairly flexible manner using dof_params, n_dof, dof_deltas and dof_limits. This gives every node up to 3 arbitrary rotational and translational degrees of freedom. All these can be about any arbitrary axis and should be properly configured by the user according to node properties.

In our model of the rider, only the joints have degrees of freedom while every other node such as head, upper arm etc. has 0 degrees of freedom (n_dof = 0), these nodes only move with the joints. In our experiments, this enabled much more fluid and natural looking movement as opposed to merging these nodes with joints themselves. Notice that for successful execution, the generated executable a2-model-rider must be executed from the folder containing the parameters of various SPPs (i.e. folder containing body_parts directory) used for modeling the rider.

Modeling the bike

Modeling the bike body was challenging due to its irregular shape. We first drew left hand side view of the bike on a graph paper. Labeled each point and then manually generated triangles for this side. Then we ported these triangles into OpenGL and kept transforming it till we were happy with the overall shape of one side. Then we simply reflected the shape about Z-axis to get the complete body. Other parts of the bike were modeled using SPP. Figure 4 shows the overall hierarchy structure. Similar to rider, for successful execution, the generated executable a2-model-bike must be executed from the folder containing the parameters of various SPPs (i.e. folder containing bike_parts directory) used for modeling the bike.

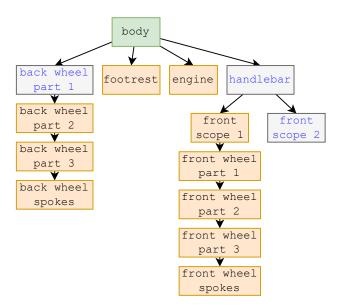


Figure 3: Hierarchical model of the bike. Green node is root. Orange nodes are "fixed". Blue text nodes have 1 degree of freedom.

Modeling the track

Similar to bike body, we drew obstacles on graph paper, labeled each point and generated triangles foe each side. Then we ported them to OpenGL and applied transformations to get the final track. We have roughly scaled the obstacles to be sensible

with respect to bike and the rider, however, we will finetune the scale of bike + rider combo a bit before next assignment depending on how it looks through the camera. A lot more detail in the arena – such as the actual path that bike follows, roughness of the surfaces etc. will be brought via textures and lighting in the next assignment.

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