

Lecture 07

Skinning

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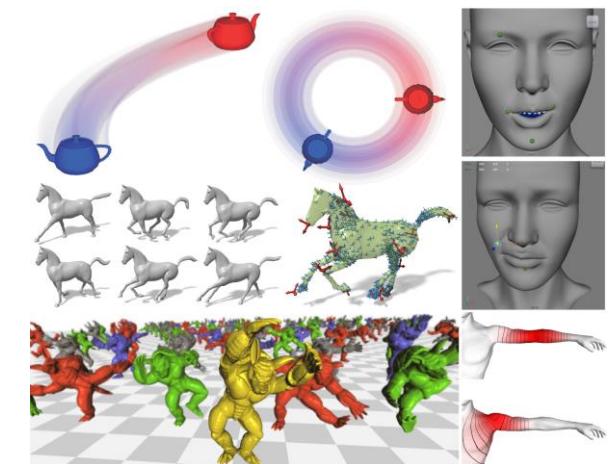
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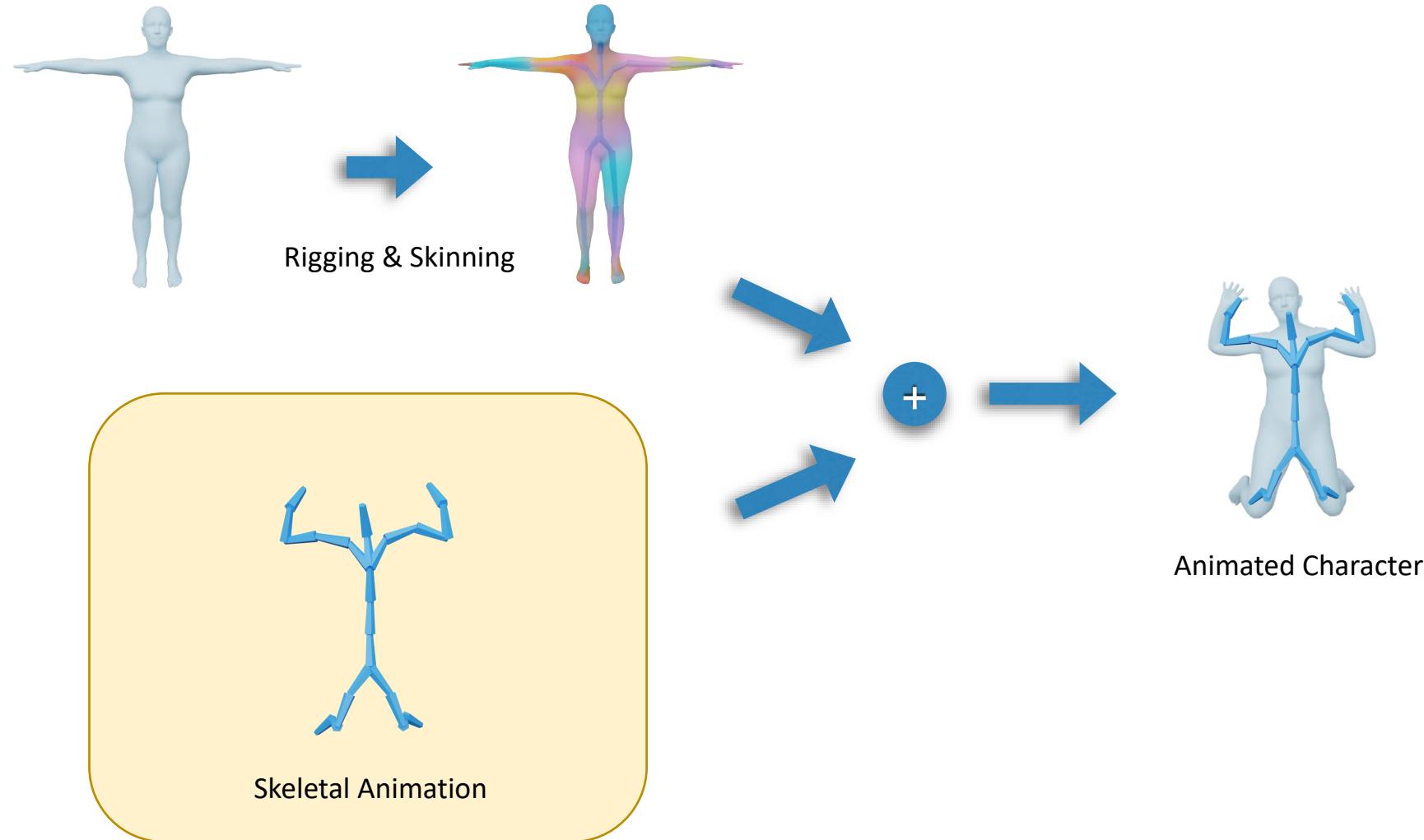
Outline

- Skinning
 - Linear Blend Skinning (LBS)
 - Dual Quaternion Skinning (DQS)
 - Blendshapes
- Examples:
 - The SMPL model
 - Facial Animation

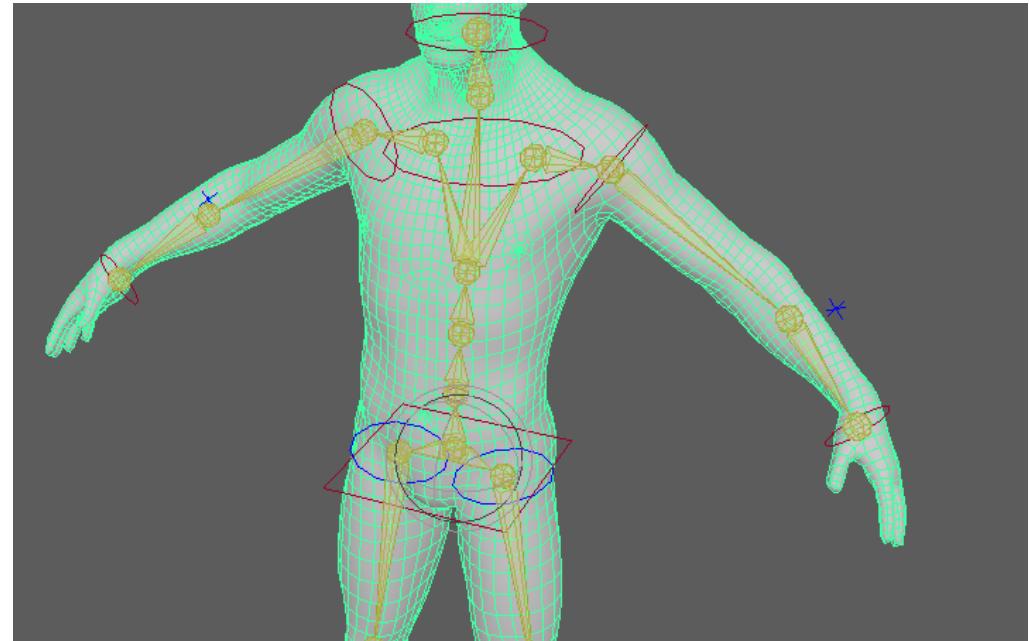
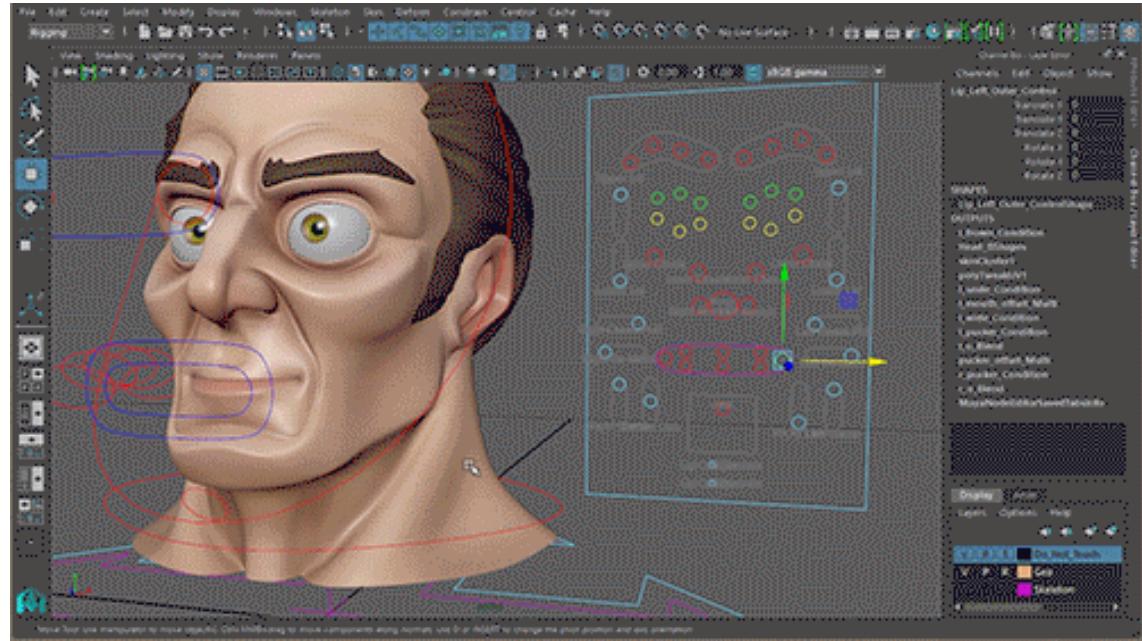


Many images are from: <https://skinning.org/>
Alec Jacobson, Zhigang Deng, Ladislav Kavan, and J. P. Lewis. 2014.
Skinning: real-time shape deformation.
In ACM SIGGRAPH 2014 Courses (SIGGRAPH '14)

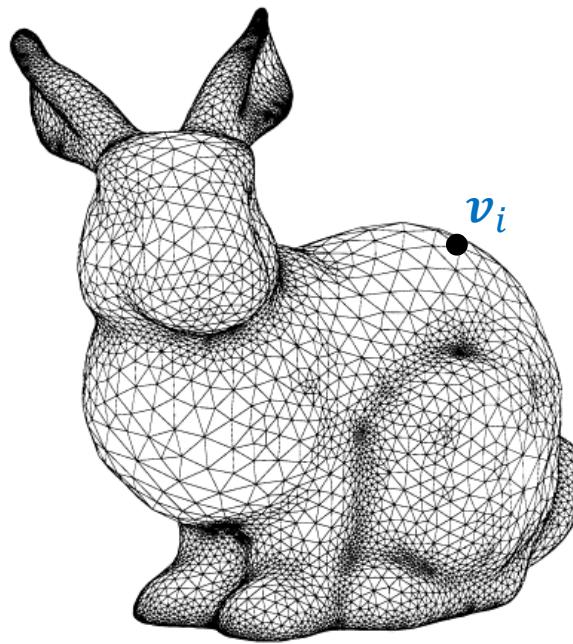
Character Animation Pipeline



Rigging & Skinning

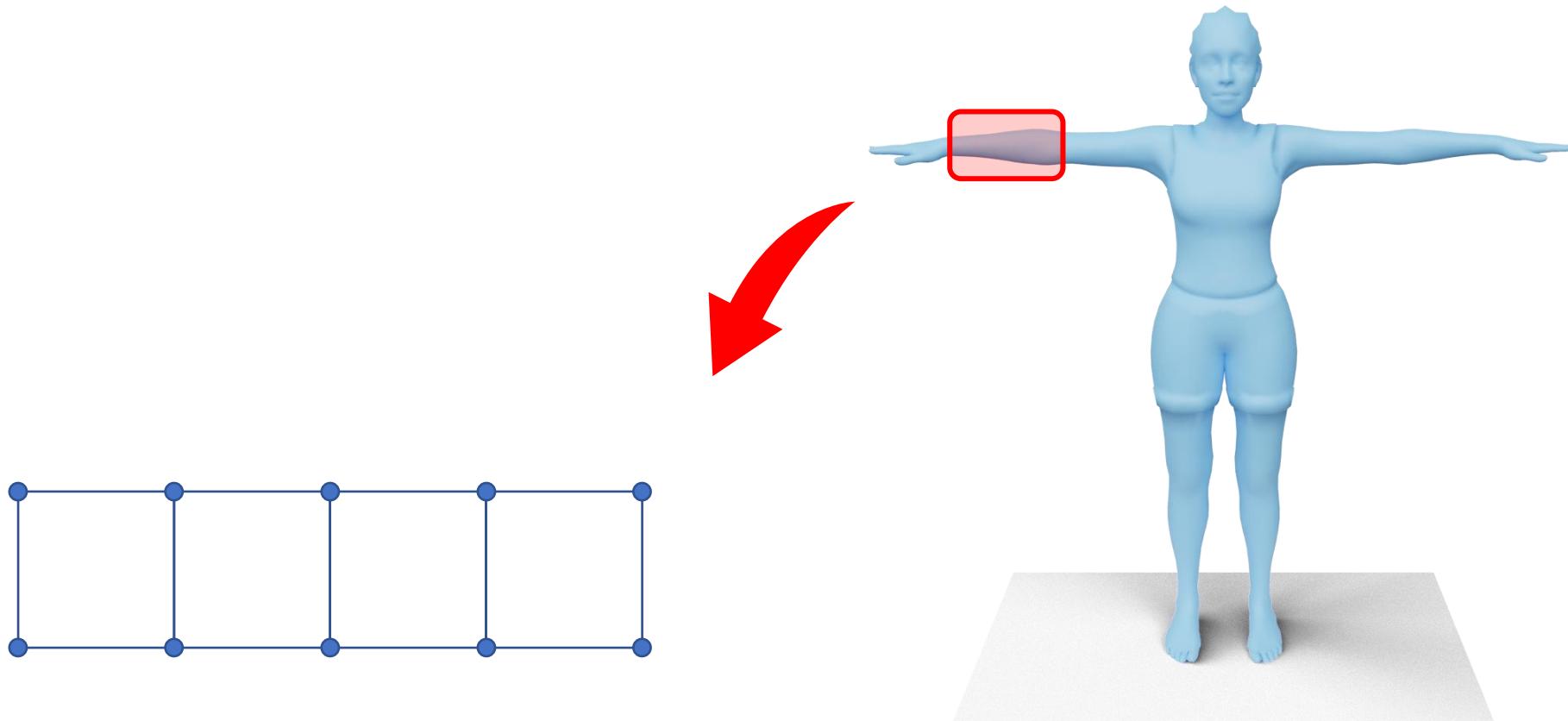


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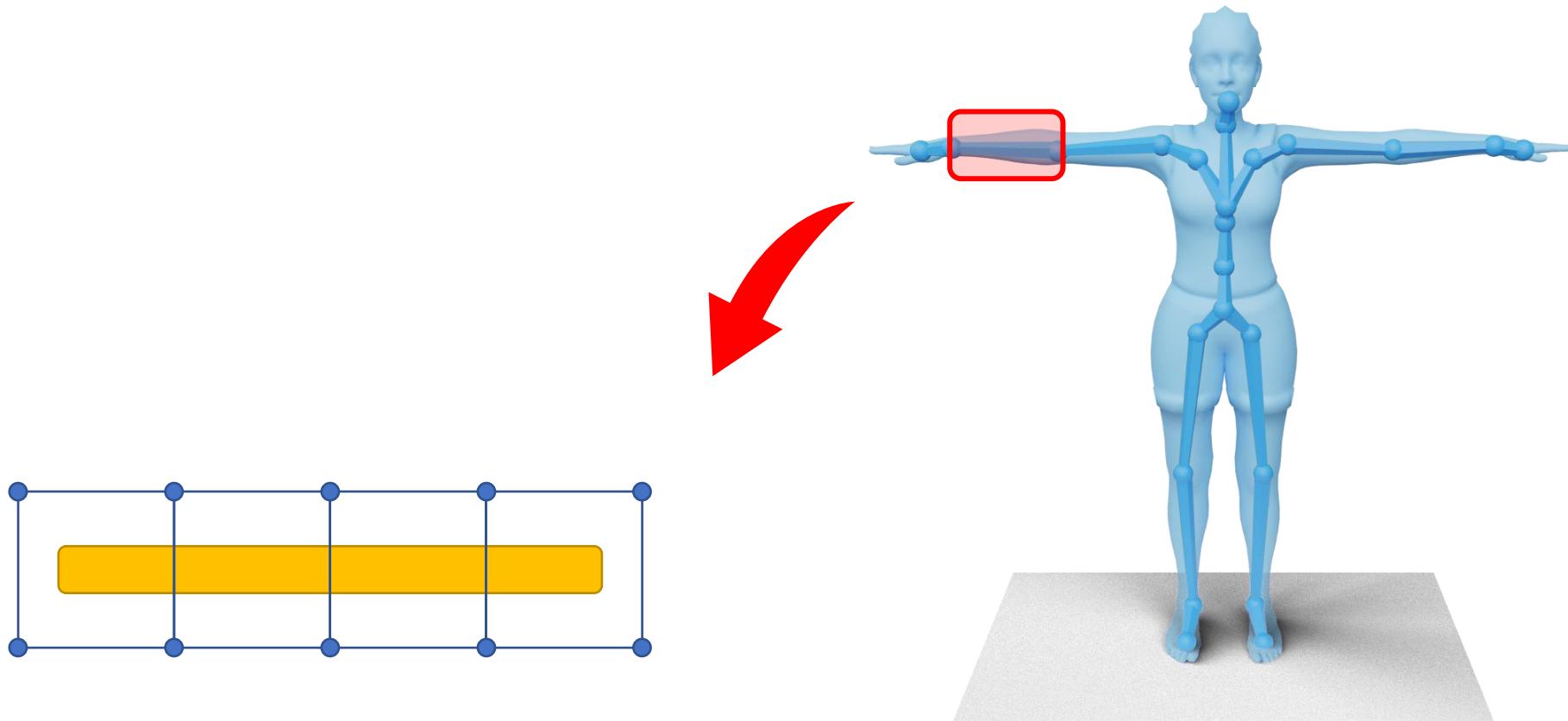


The “Stanford Bunny”

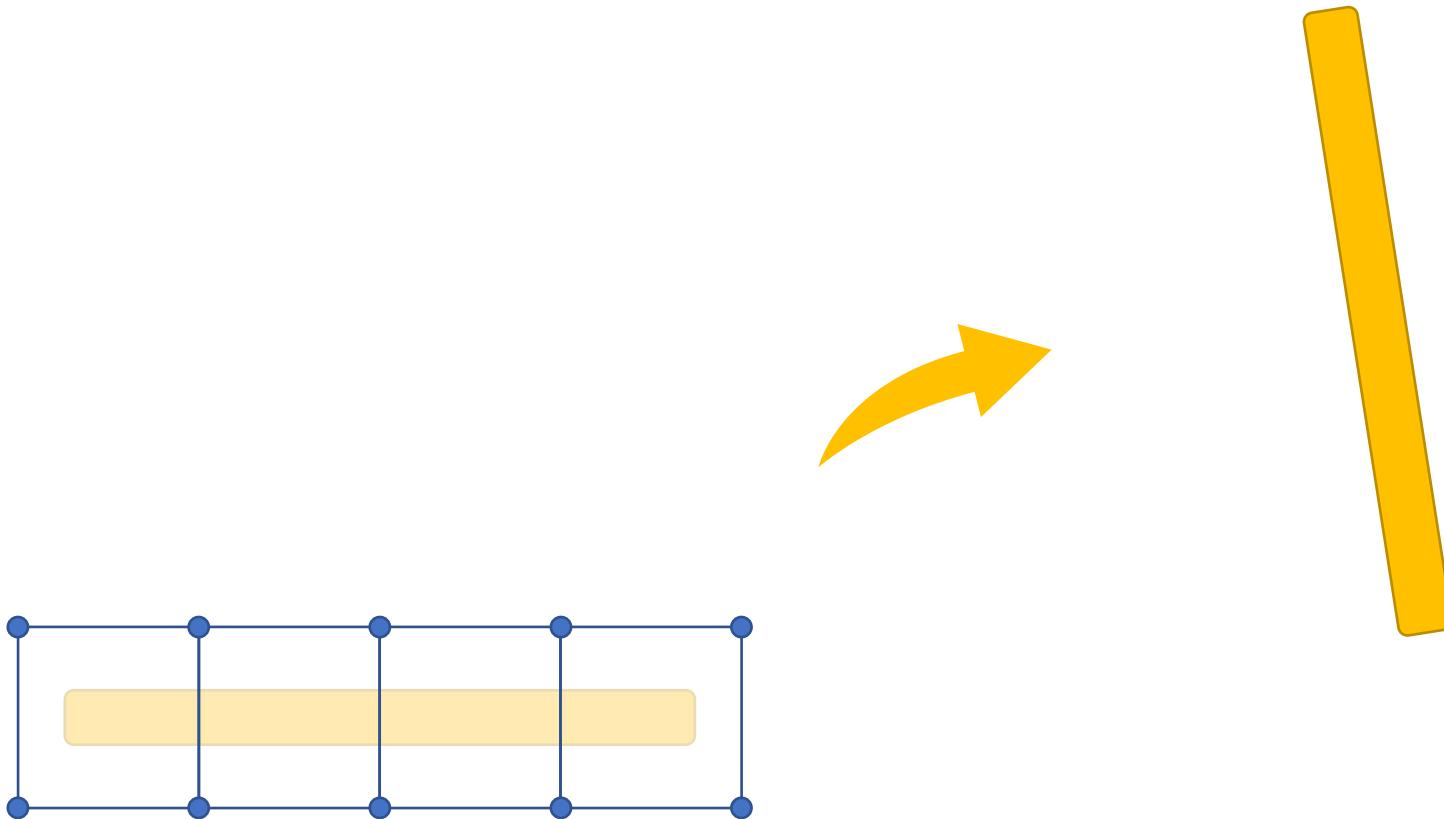
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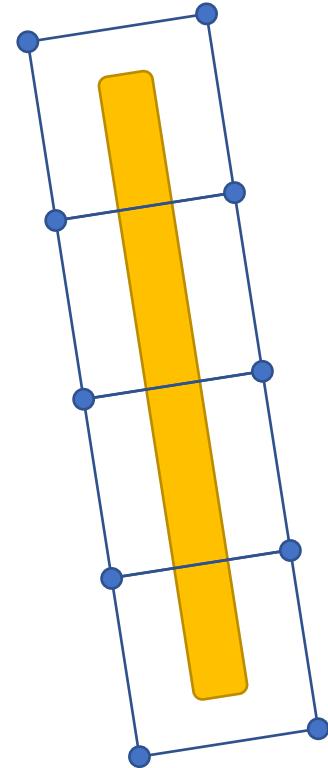
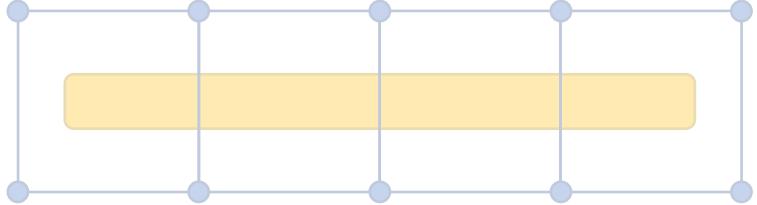
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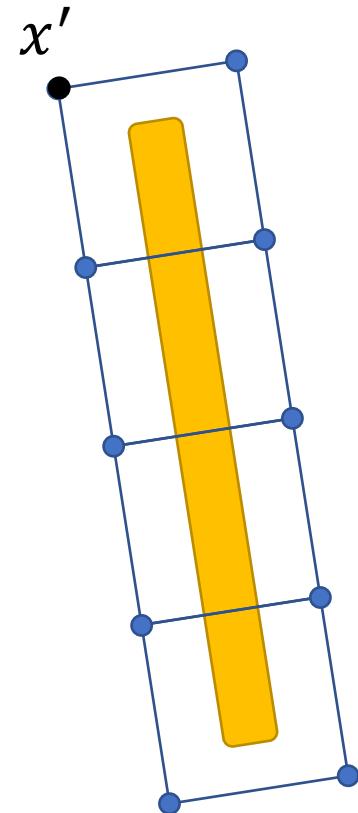
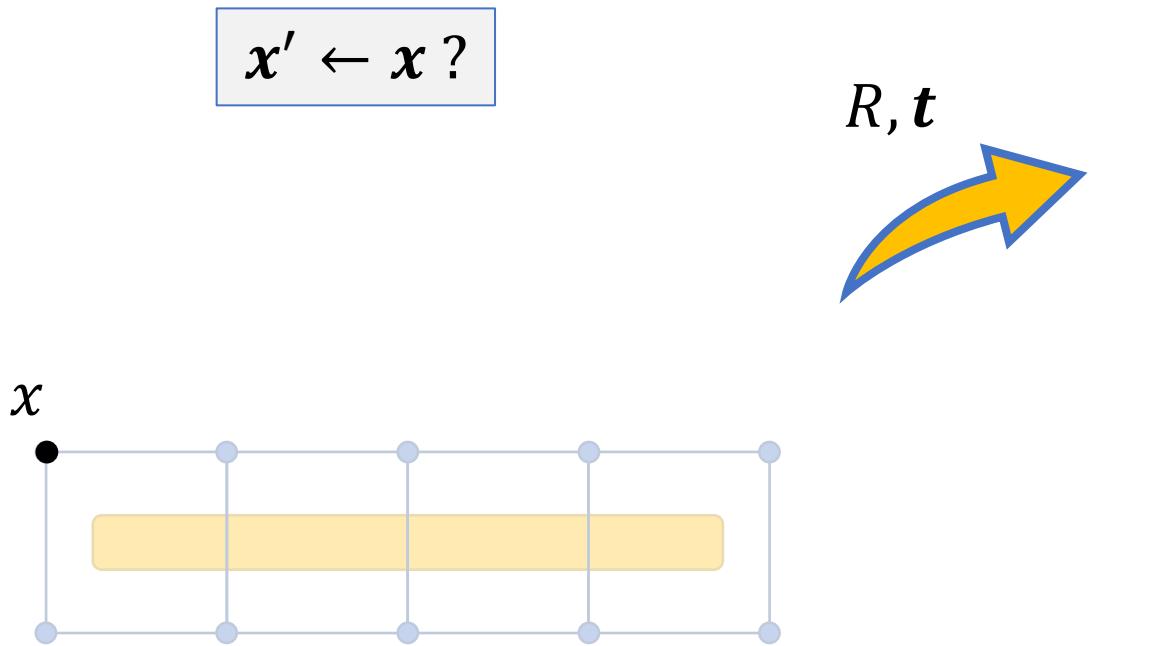
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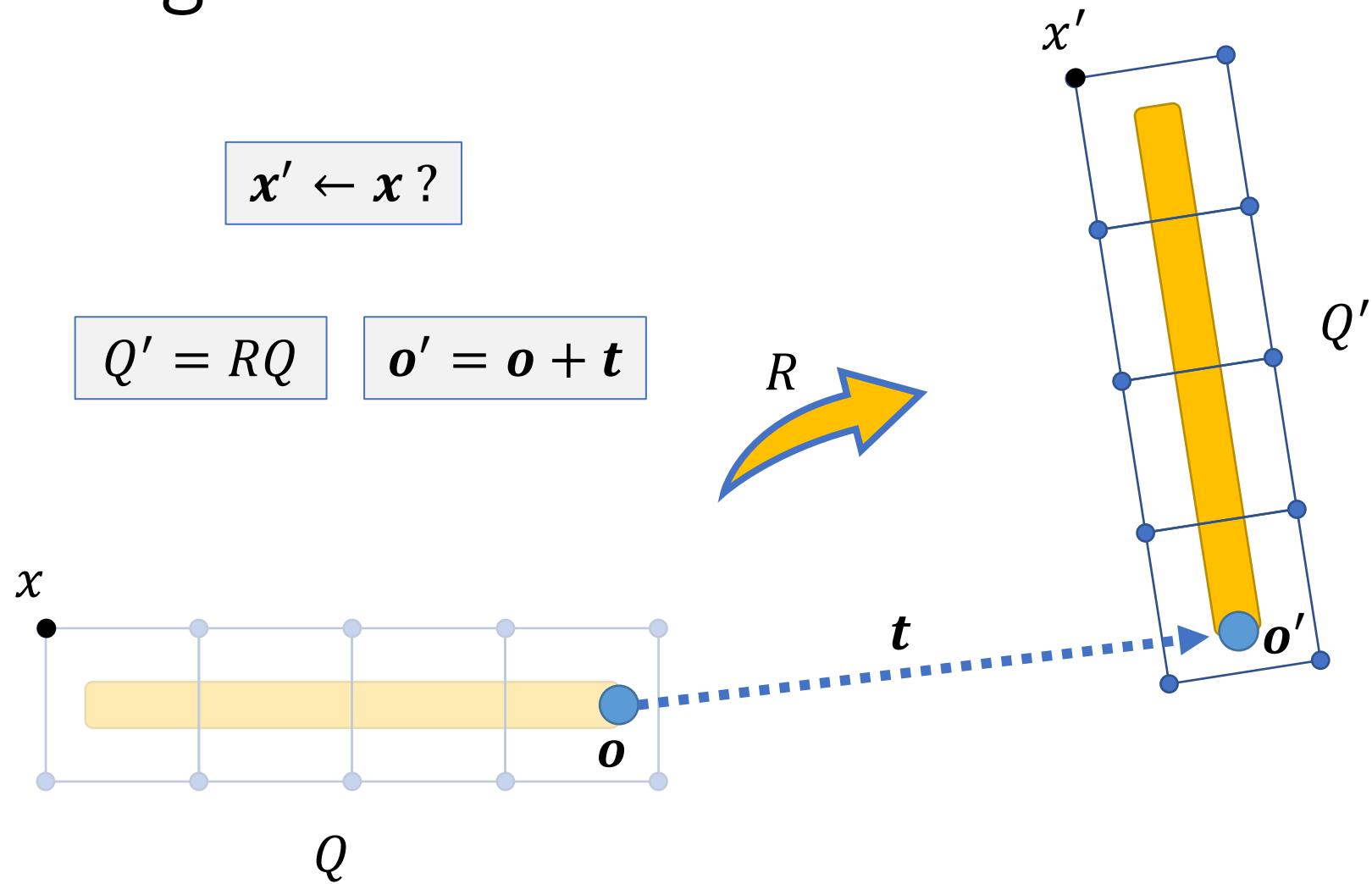
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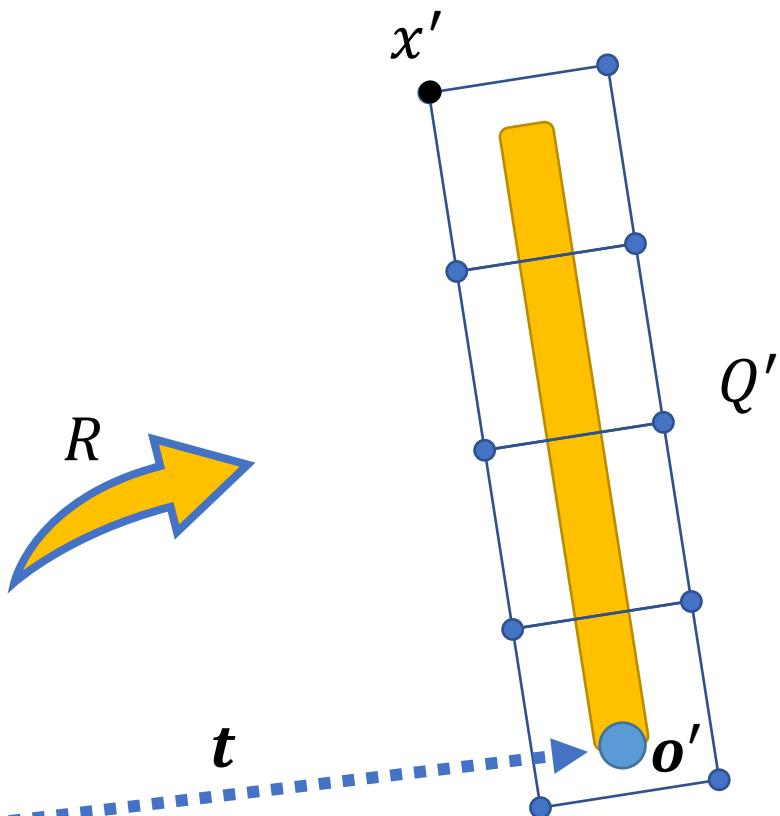
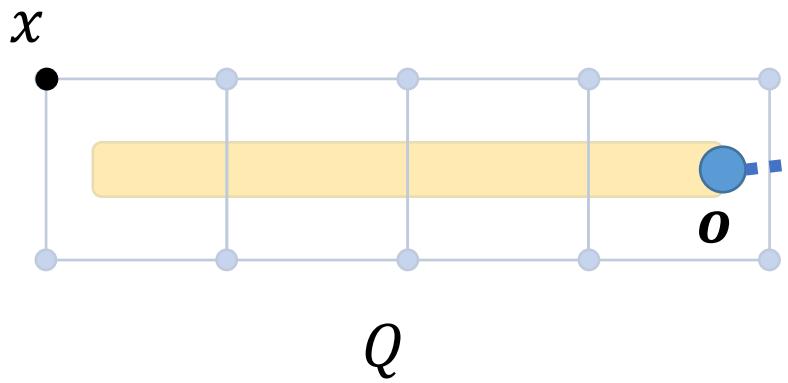


Skinning Deformation

$$\mathbf{x}' = Q'Q^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{o}) + \mathbf{o}'$$

$$Q' = RQ$$

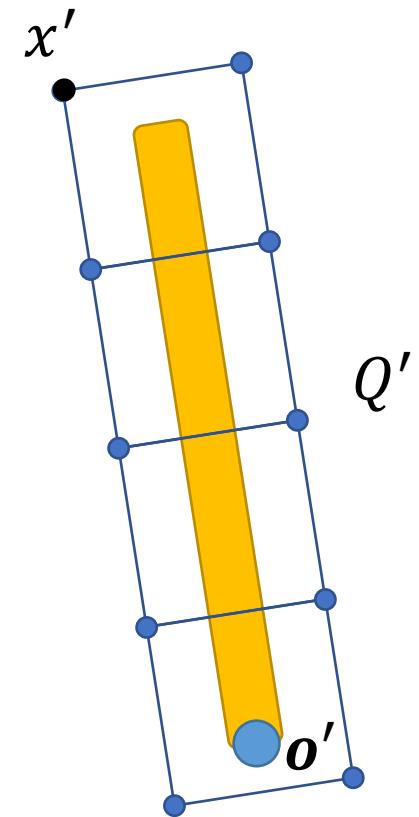
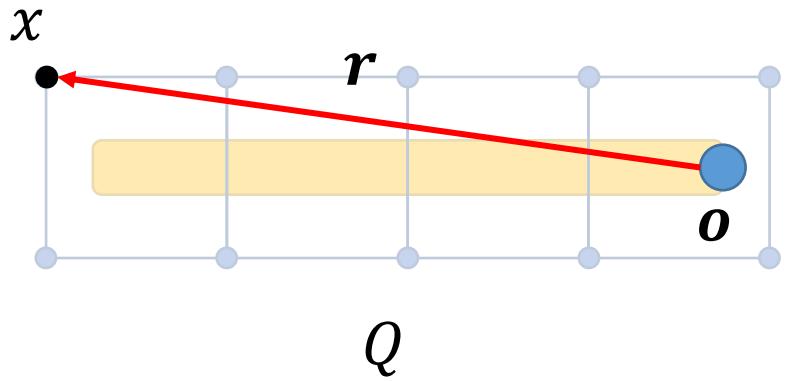
$$\mathbf{o}' = \mathbf{o} + \mathbf{t}$$



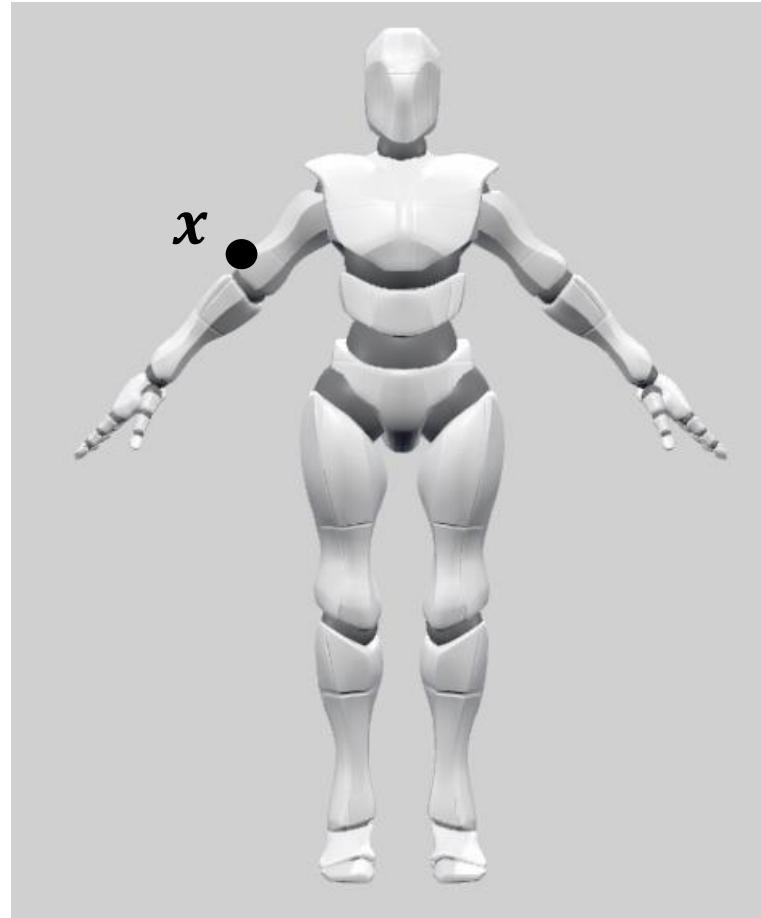
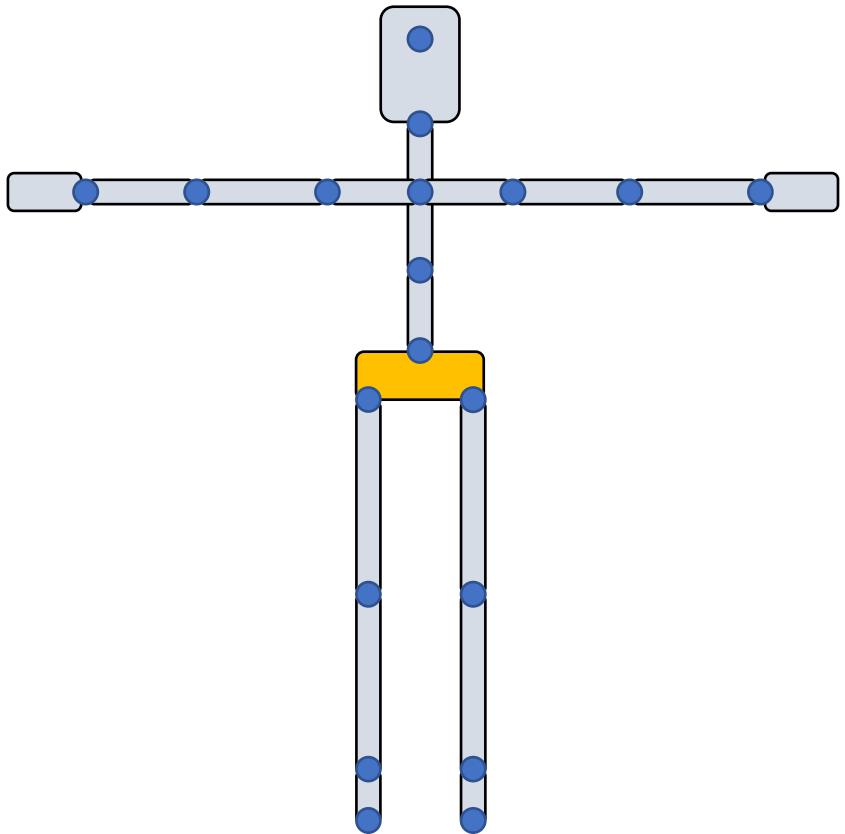
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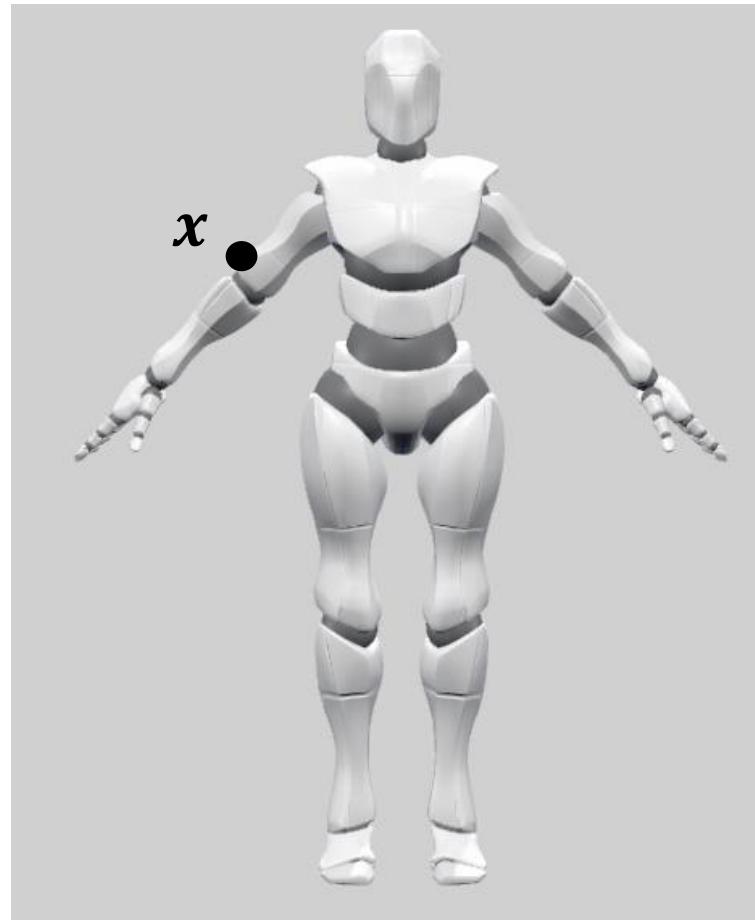
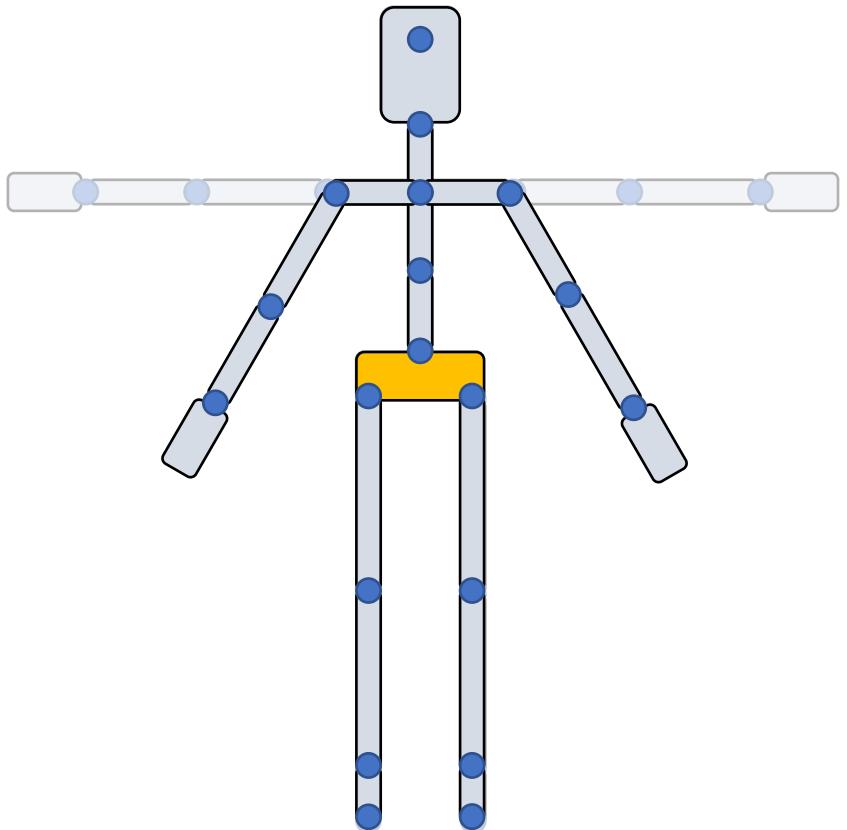
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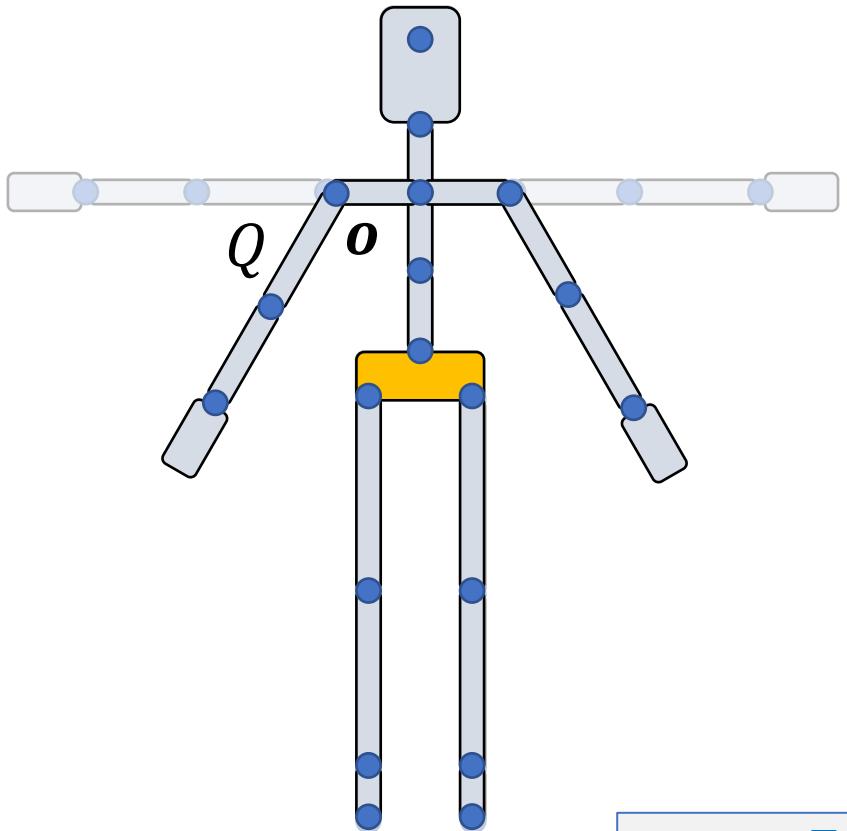
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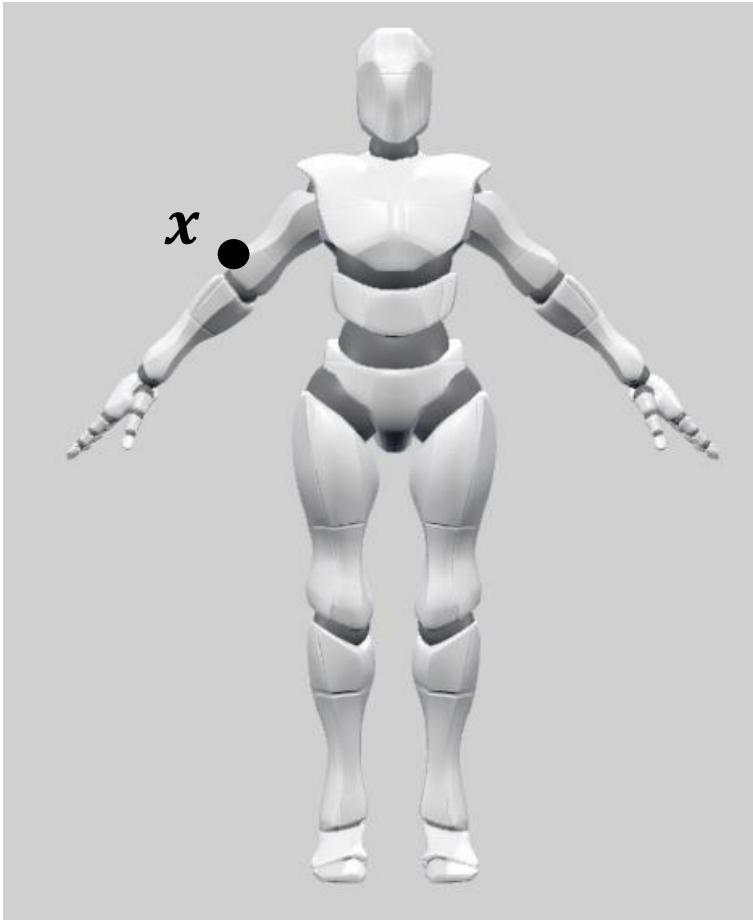
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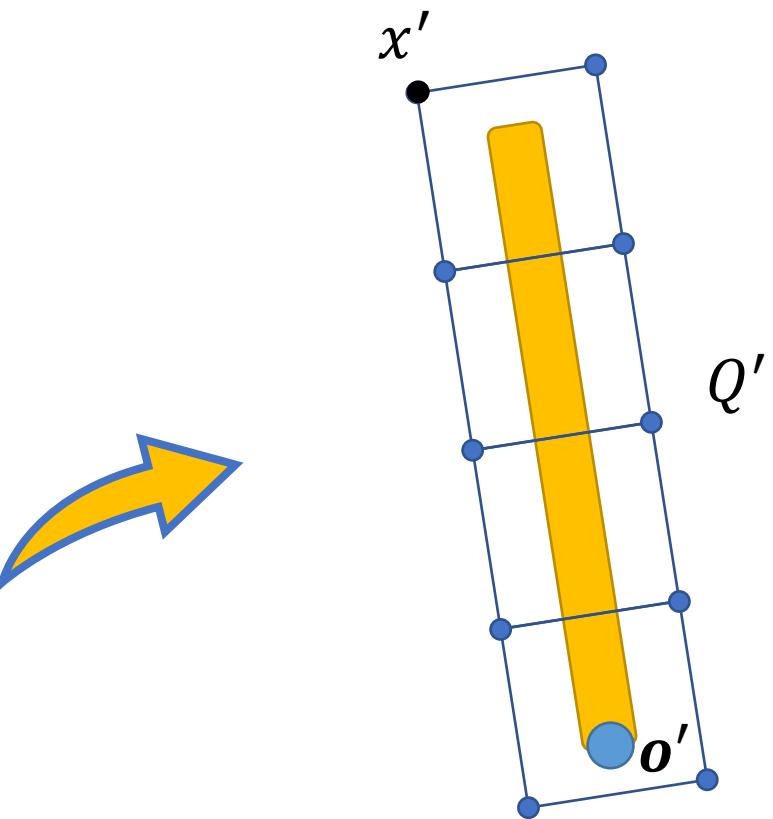
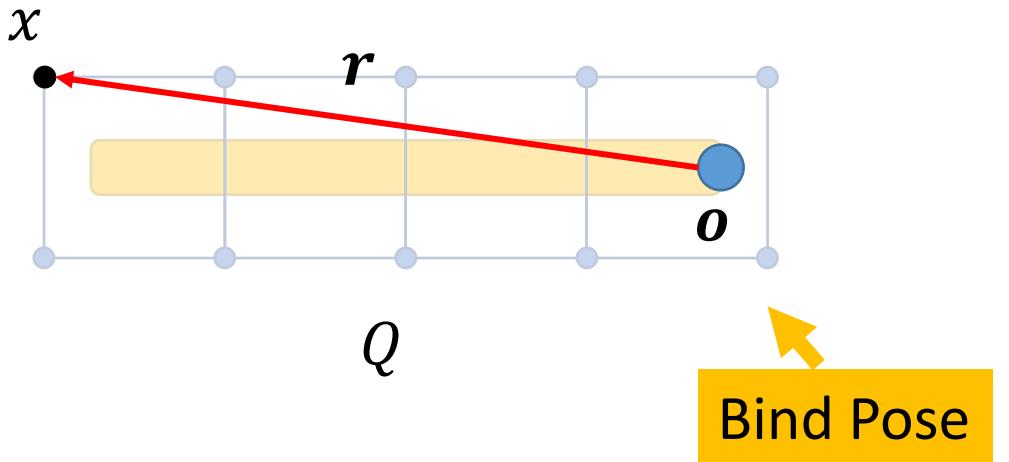
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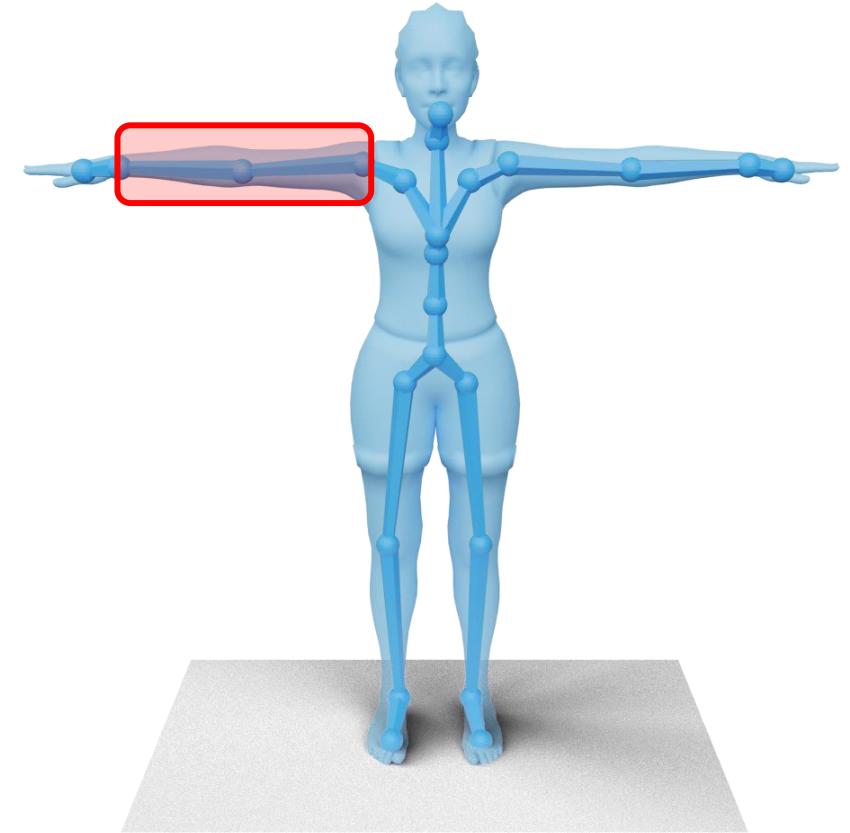
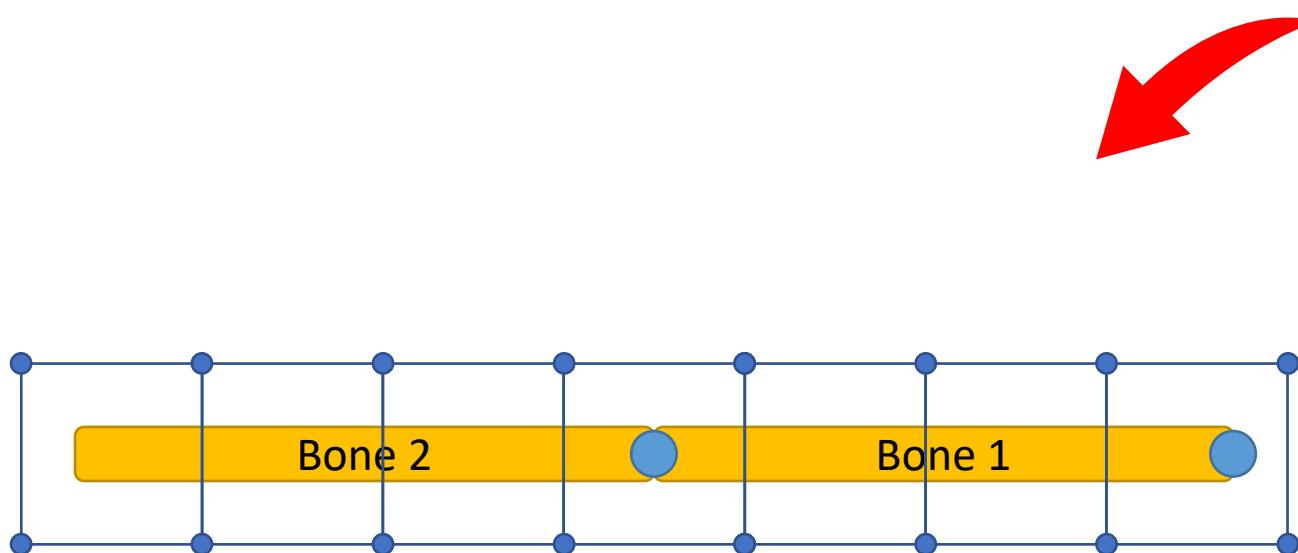
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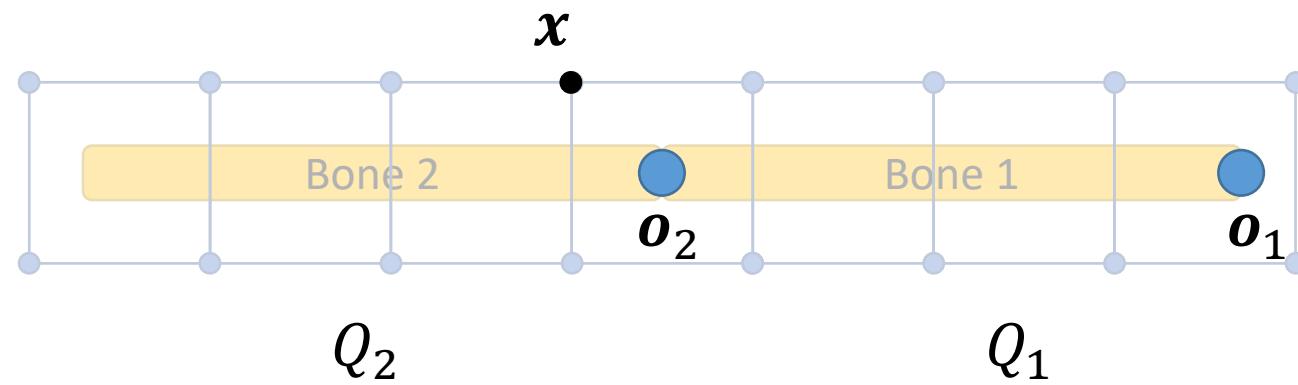
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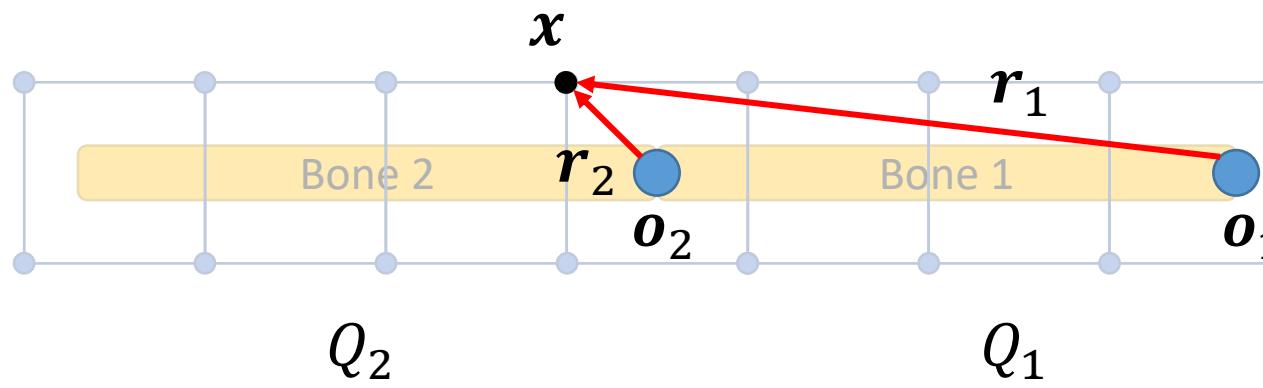
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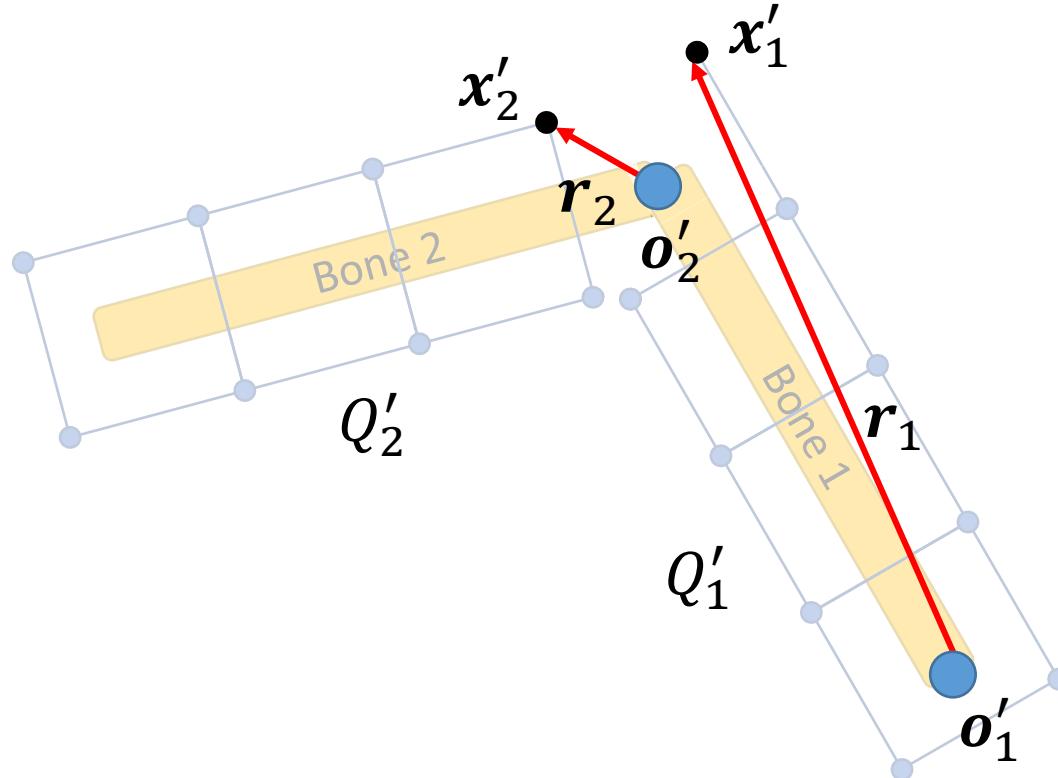
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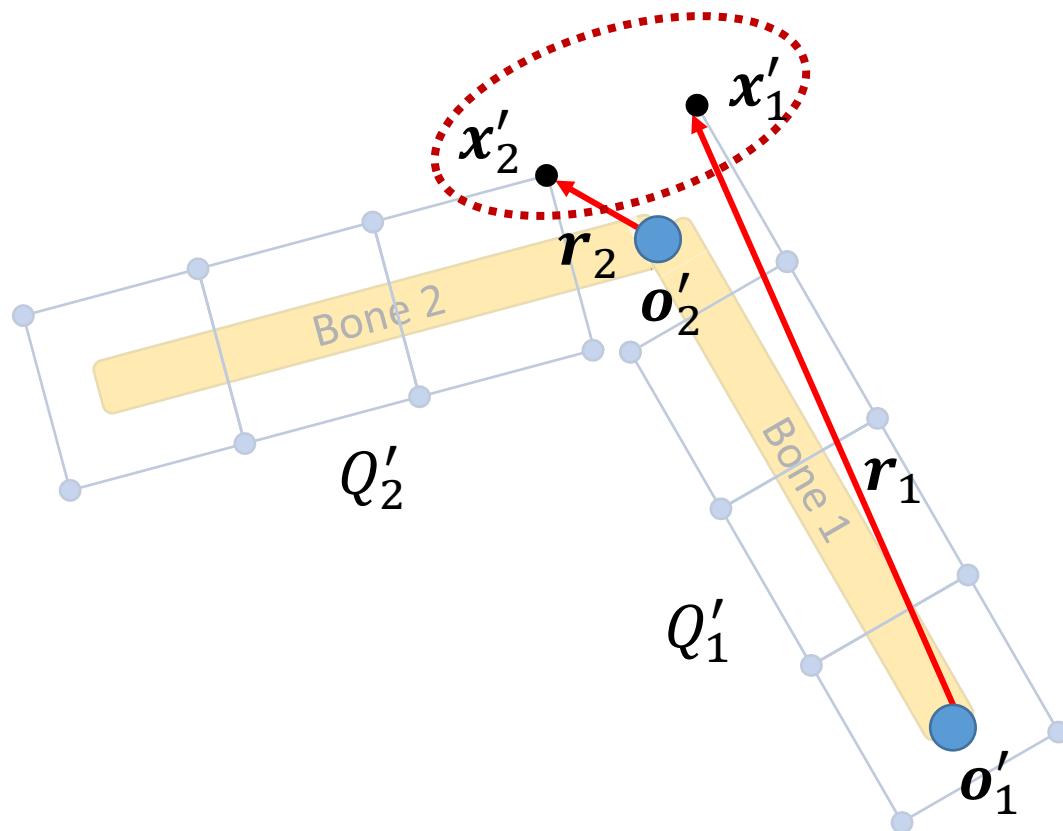
Skinning Deformation



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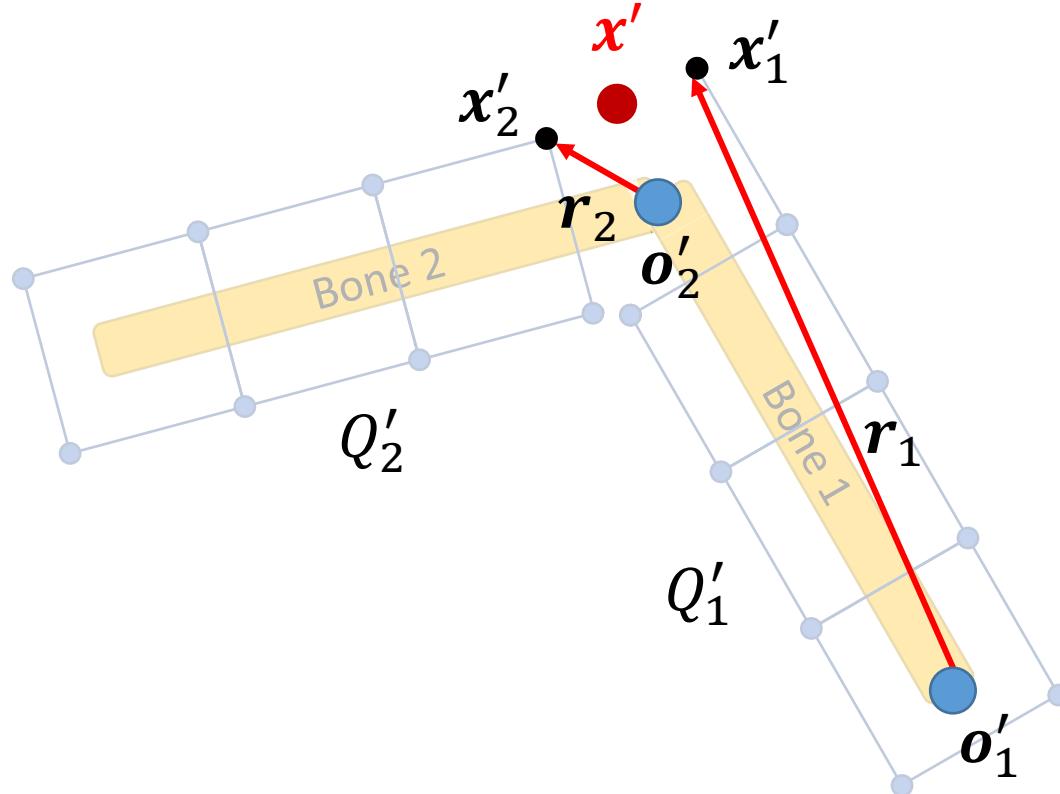
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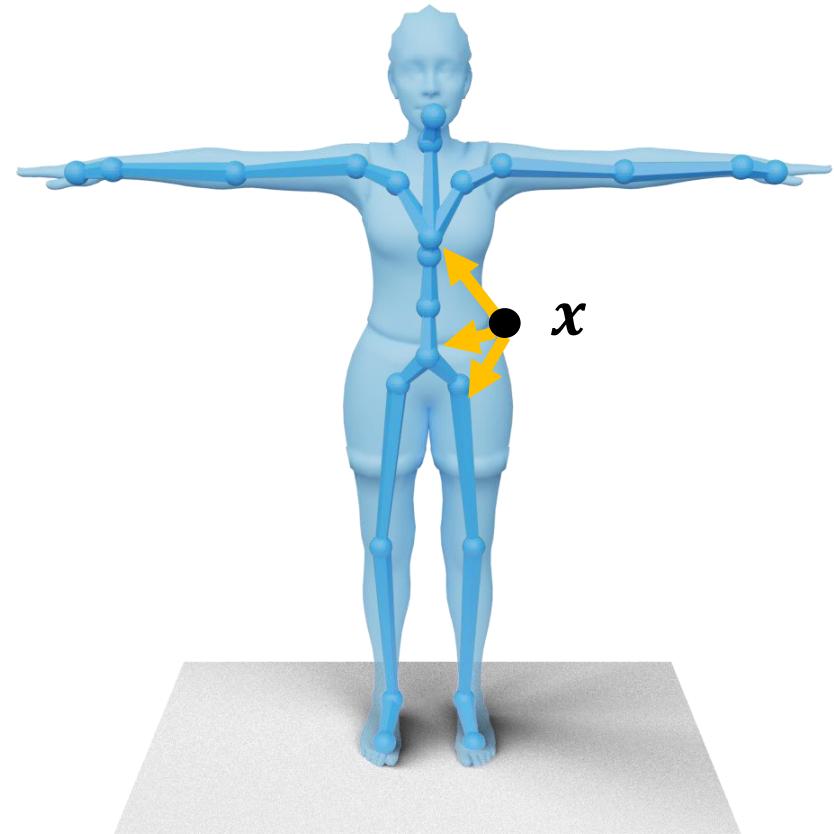


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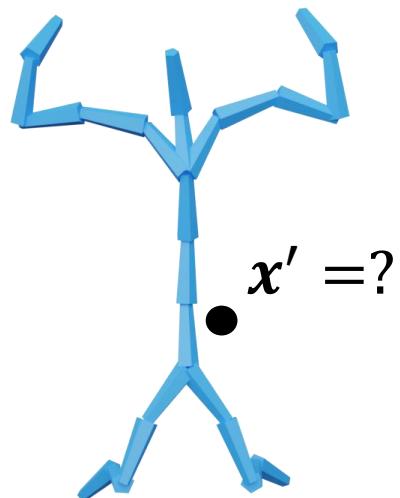
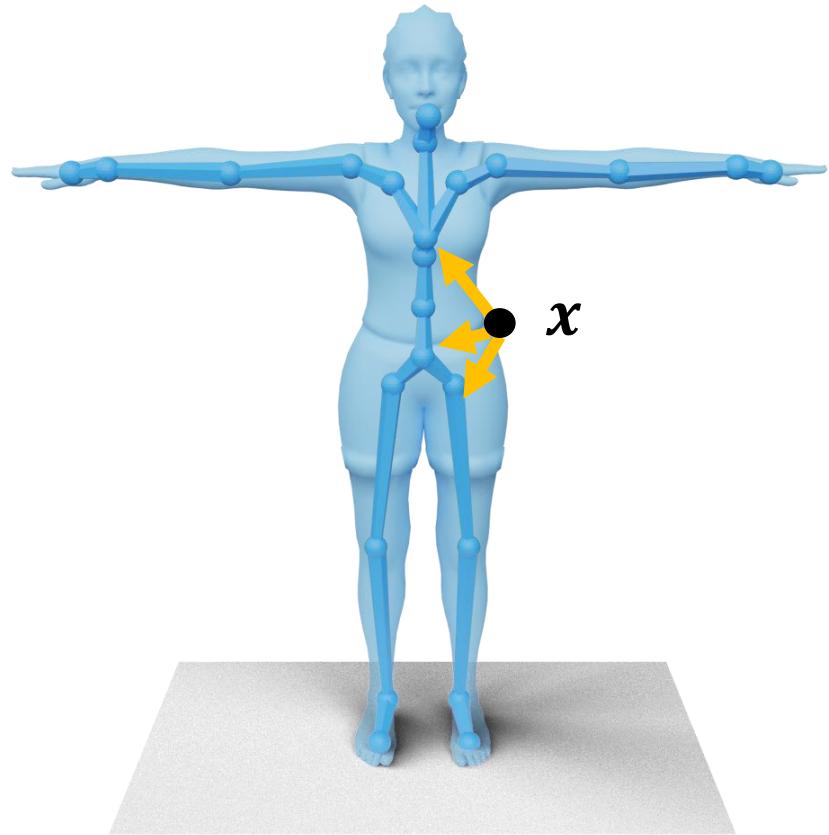
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$$\mathbf{x}' = w_1 x'_1 + w_2 x'_2$$

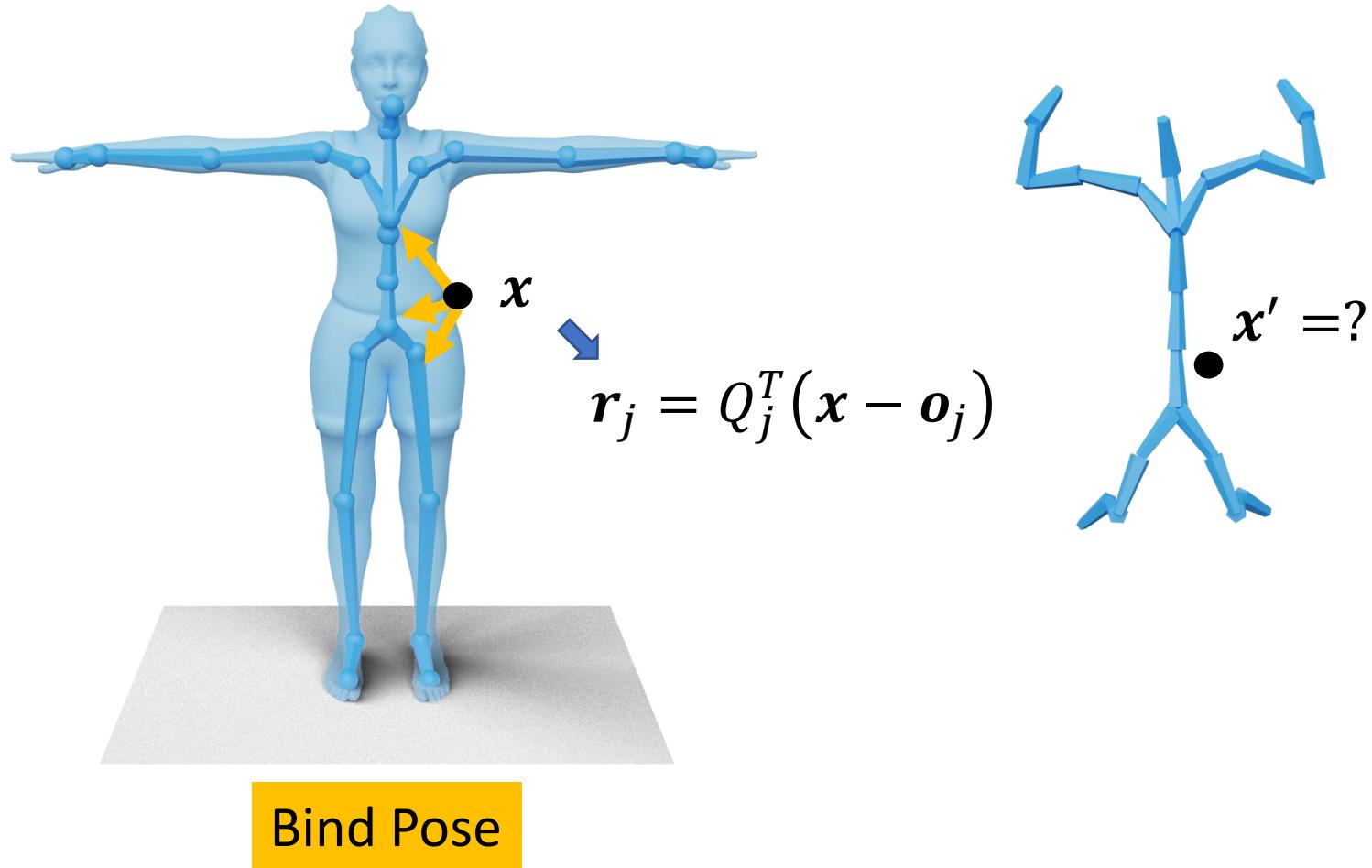
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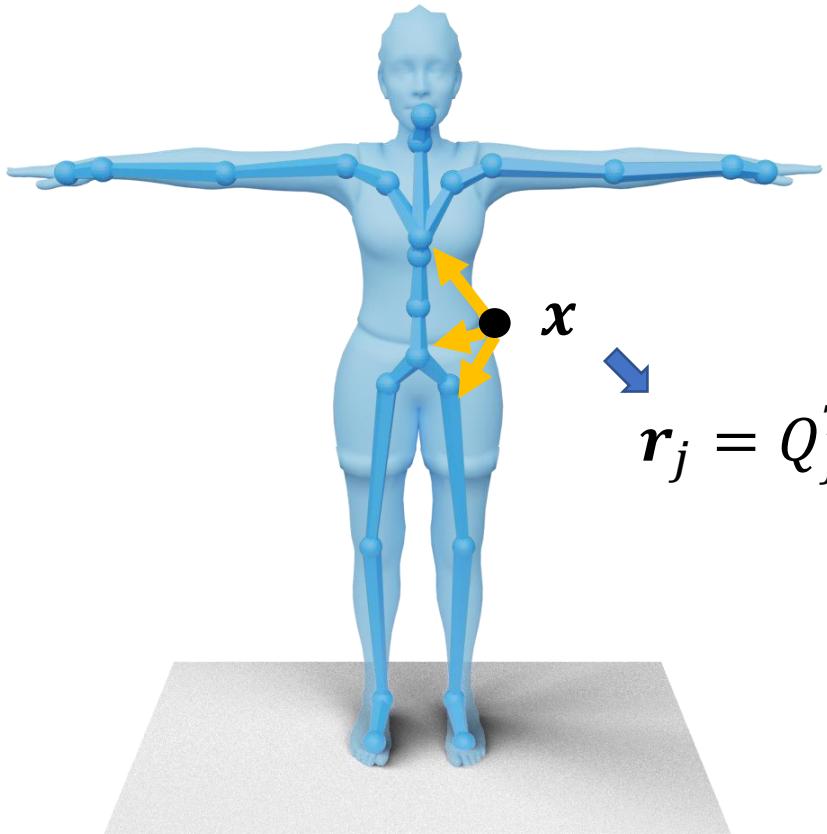
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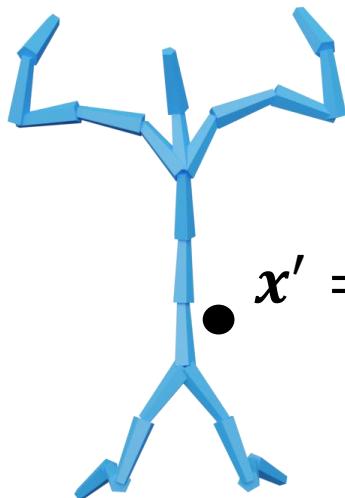
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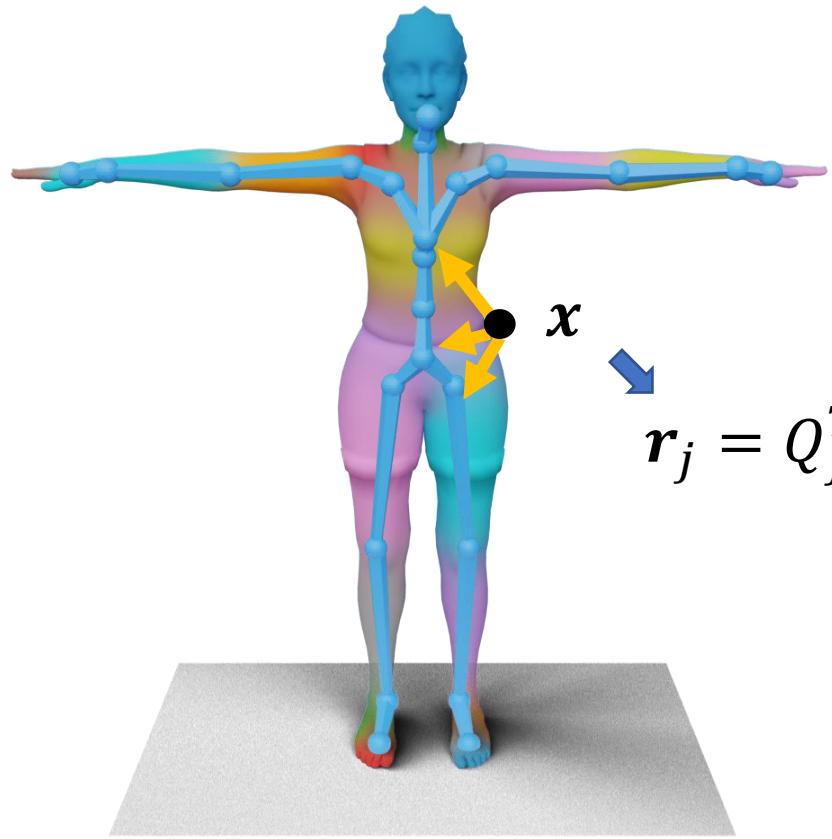
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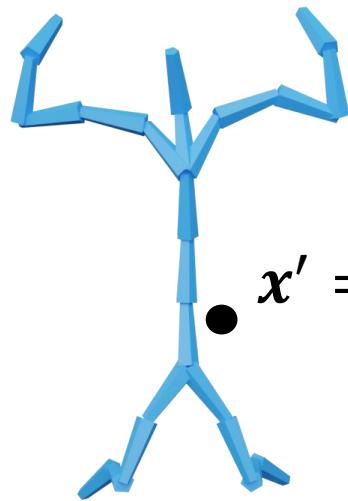
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Bind Pose

Skinning



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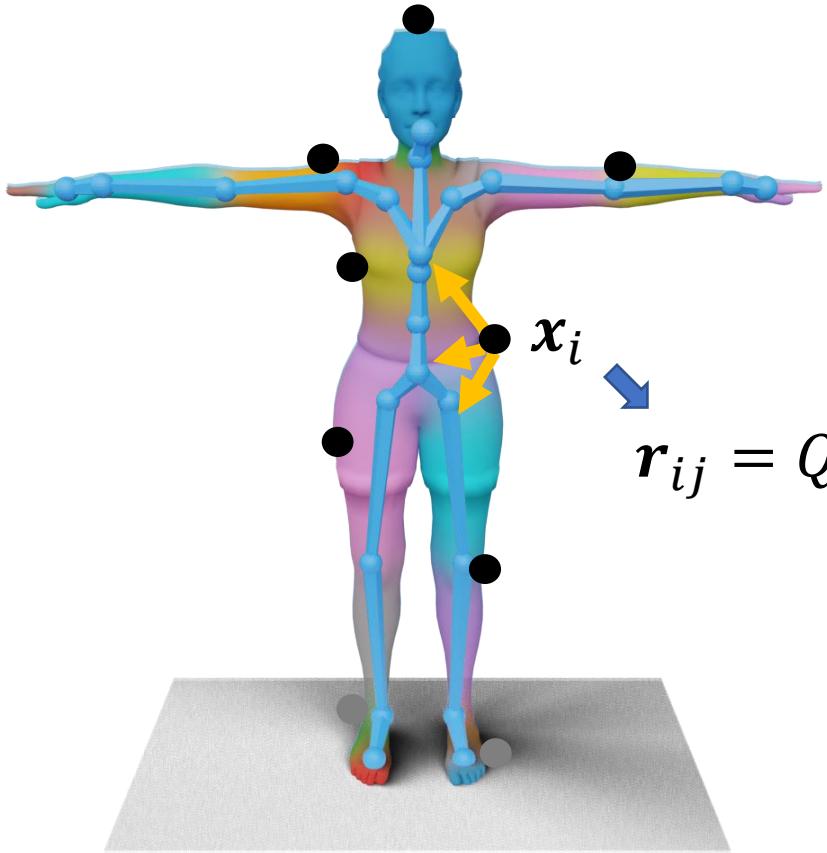


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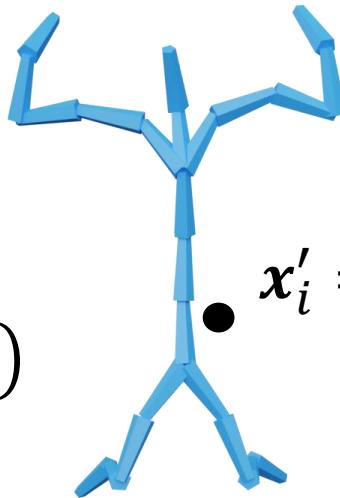
w_j : skinning weights

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Skinning



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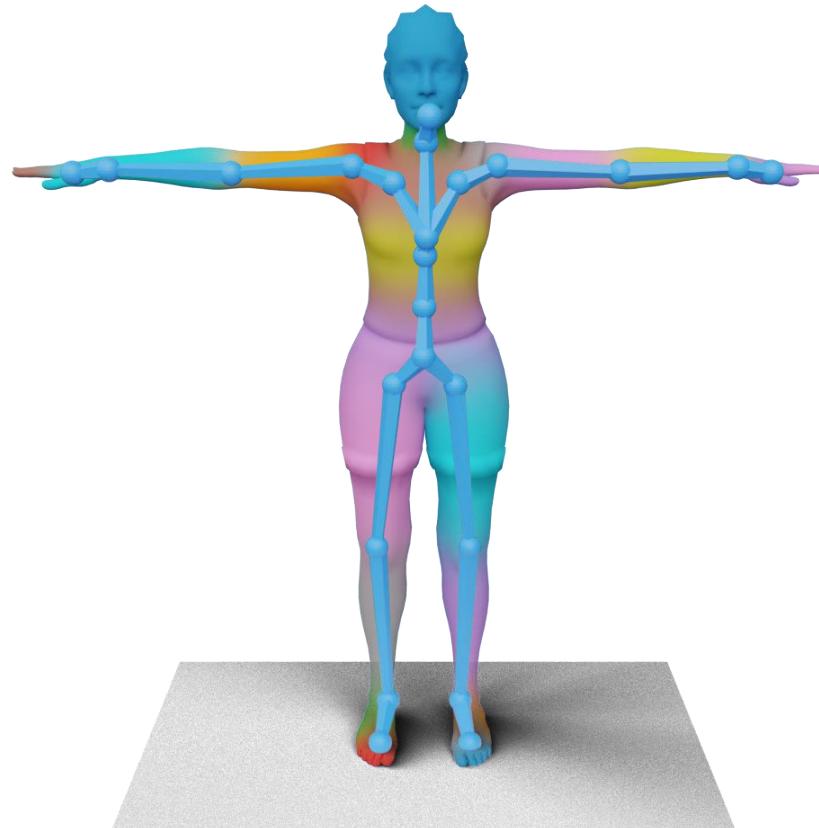


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Linear Blend Skinning (LBS)

- Bind pose / rest pose
- Skinning weights
- Skinning transformation

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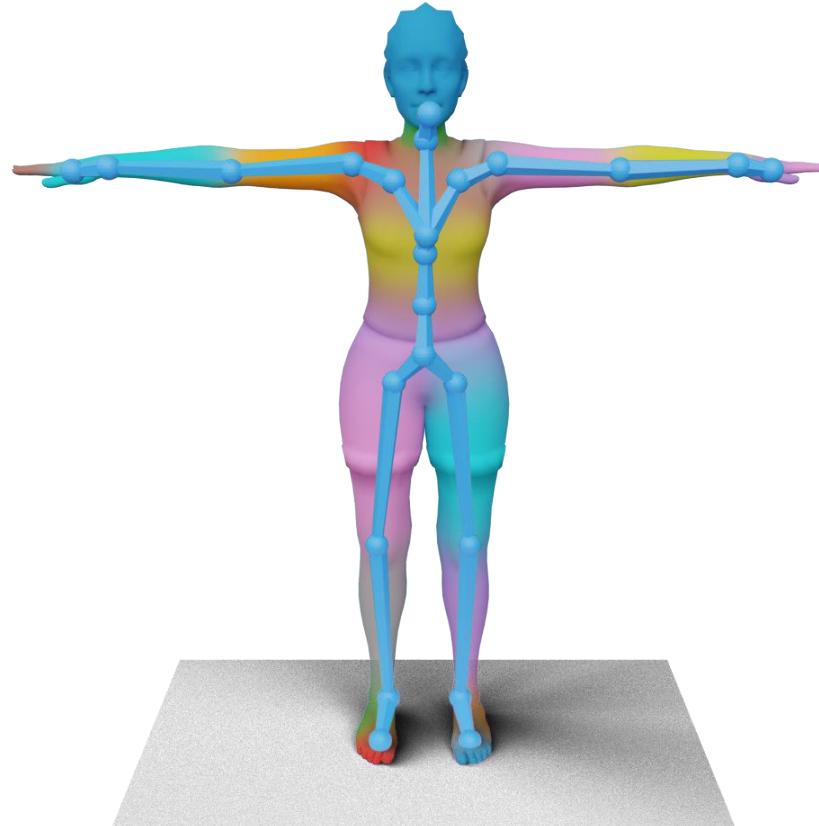


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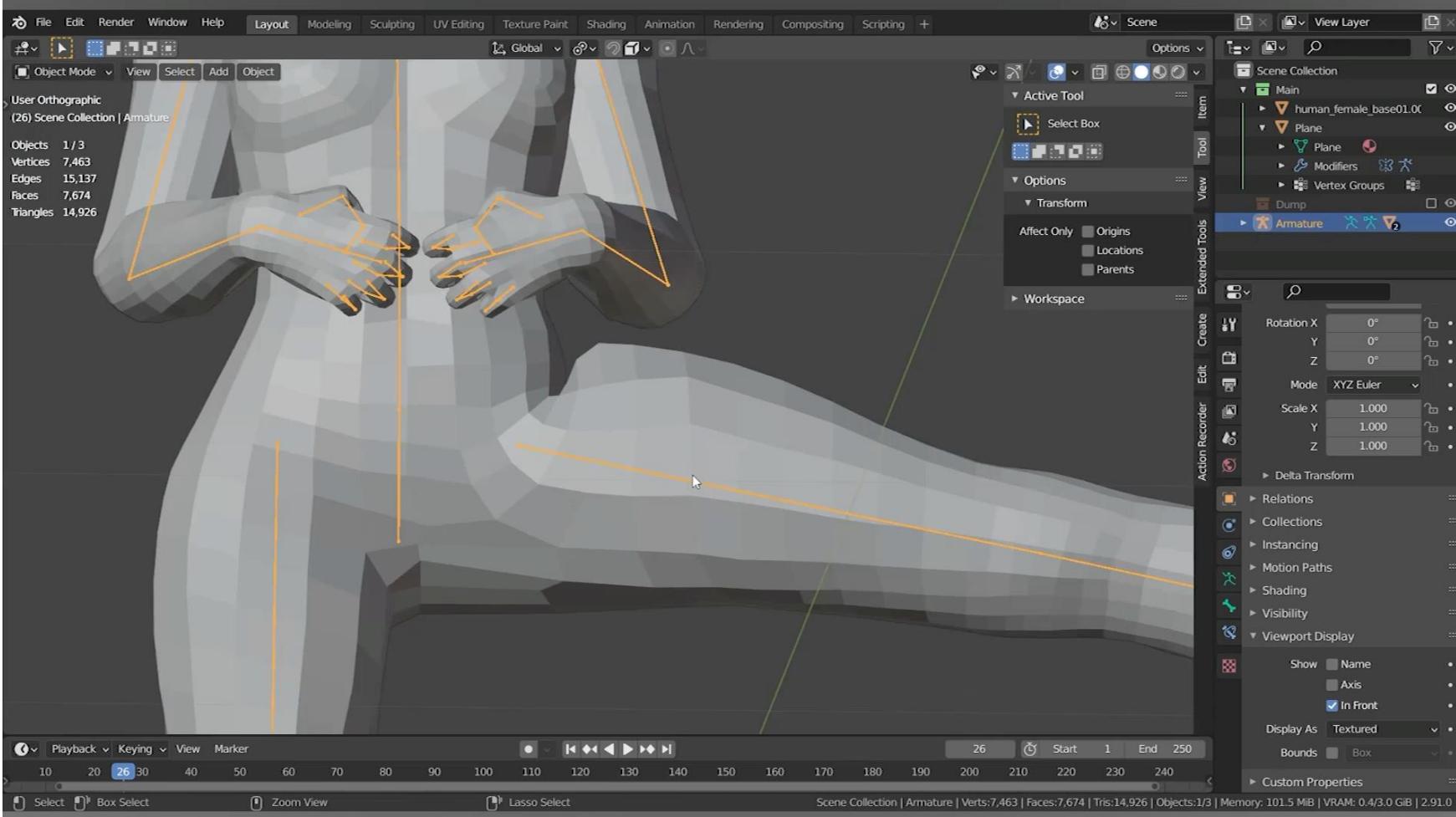
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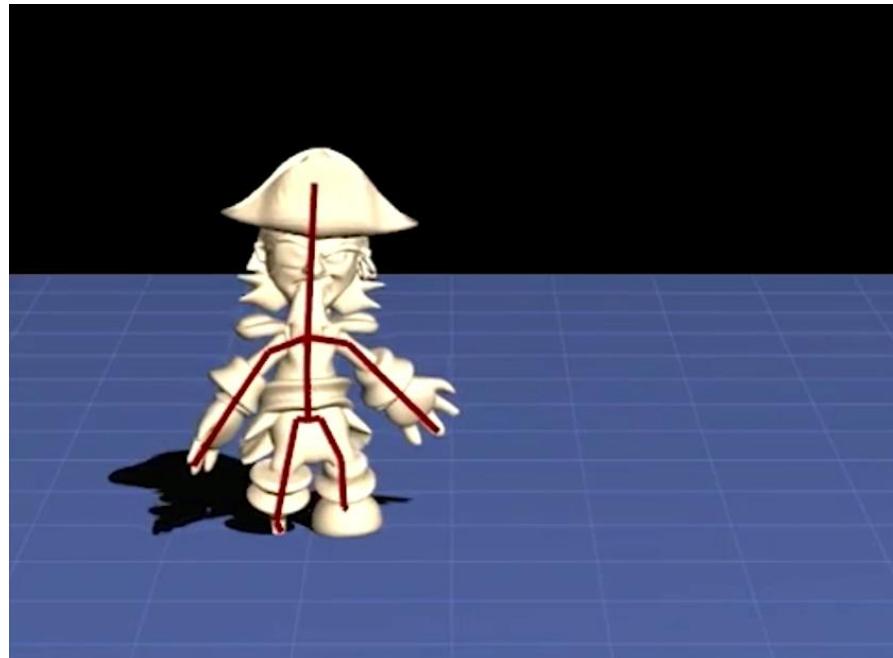
- Used widely in industry
- Efficient and GPU-friendly
 - Games like it



Skinning Weights



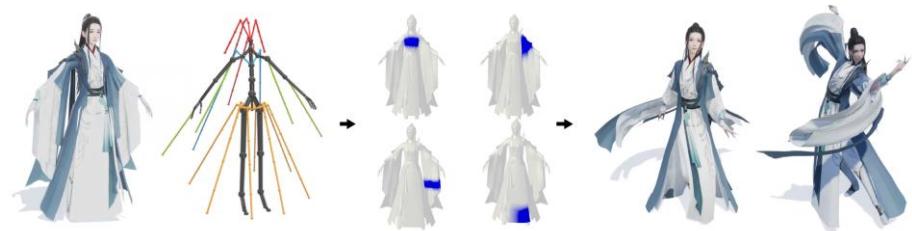
Automatic Skinning?



Pinocchio [Baran et al., 2007]

NeuroSkinning: Automatic Skin Binding for Production Characters with Deep Graph Networks

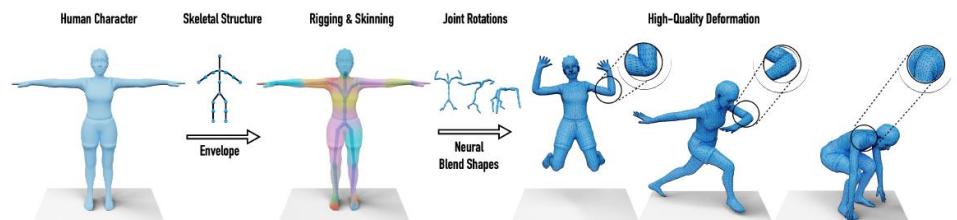
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Learning Skeletal Articulations with Neural Blend Shapes

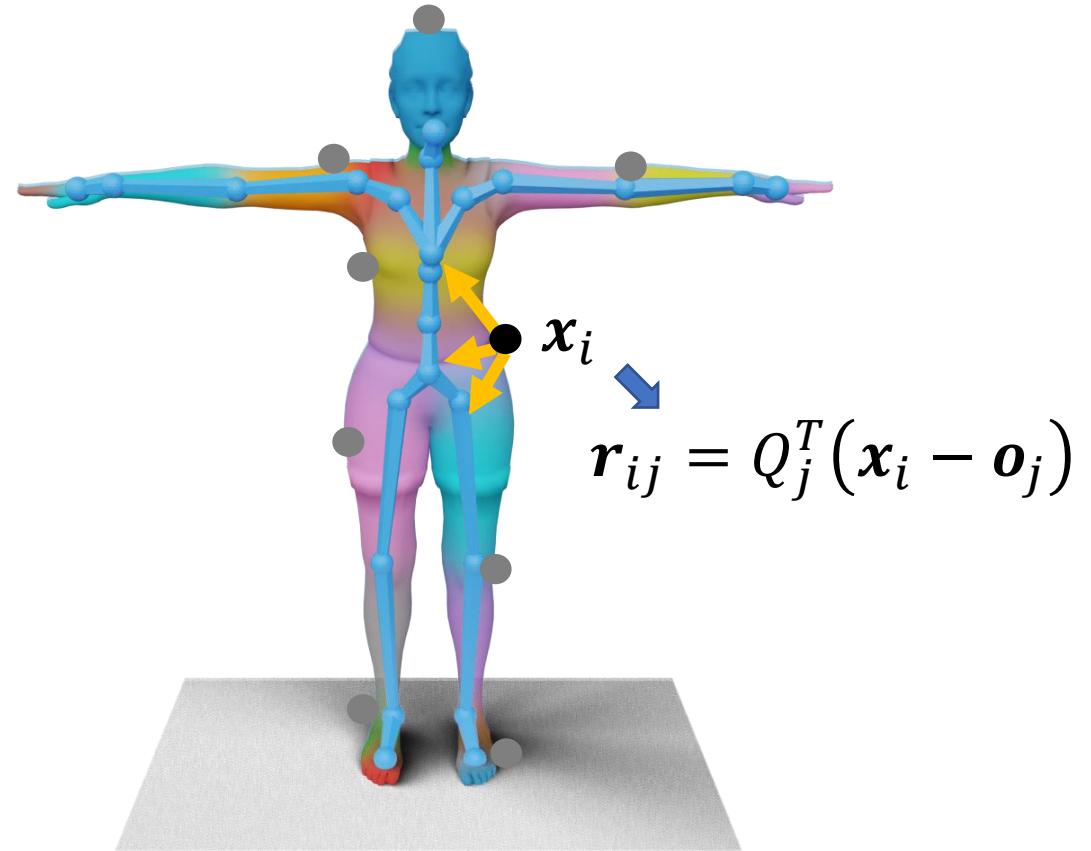
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Skinning Transformation

$$\mathbf{x}'_i = \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbf{w}_{ij} (Q'_j \mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{o}'_j)$$



Bind Pose

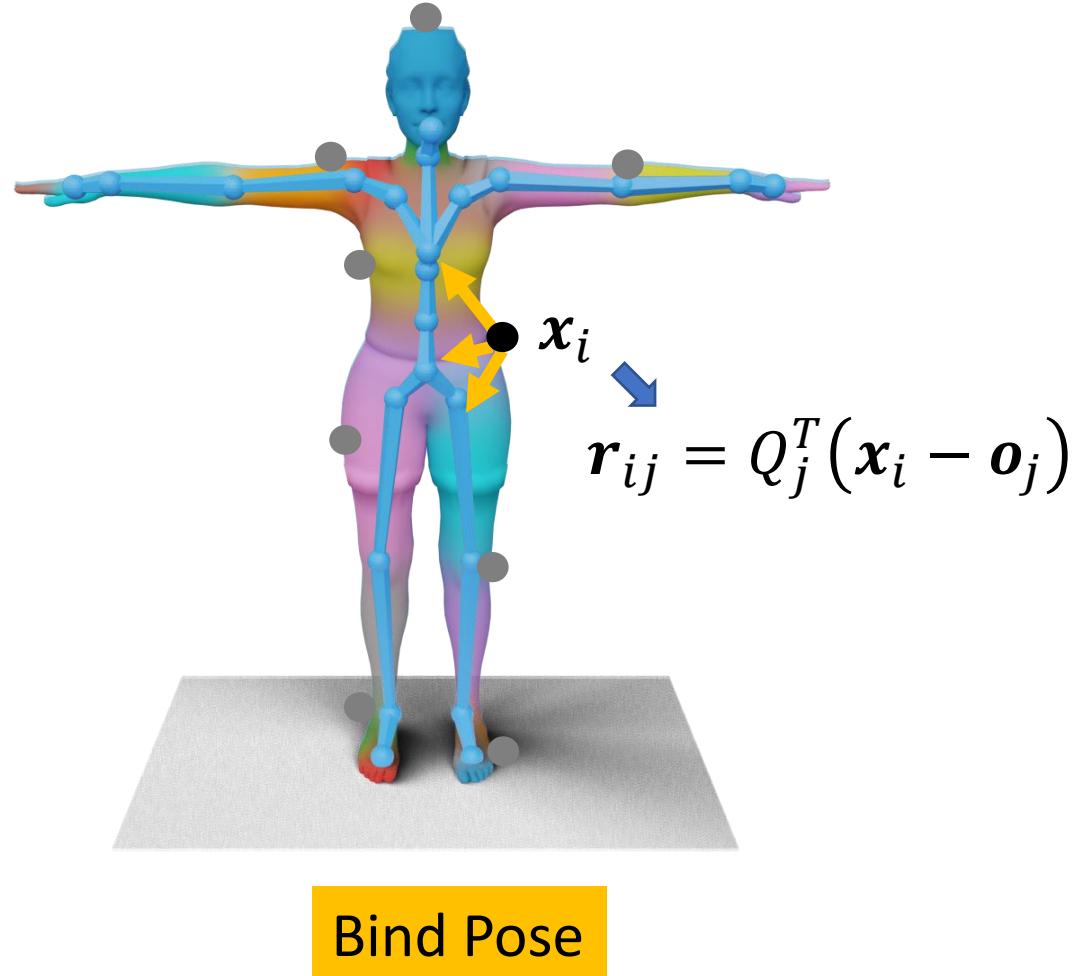
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$$= \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbf{w}_{ij} (Q'_j Q_j^T \mathbf{x}_i + (\mathbf{o}'_j - Q'_j Q_j^T \mathbf{o}_j))$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbf{w}_{ij} (R_j \mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{t}_j)$$

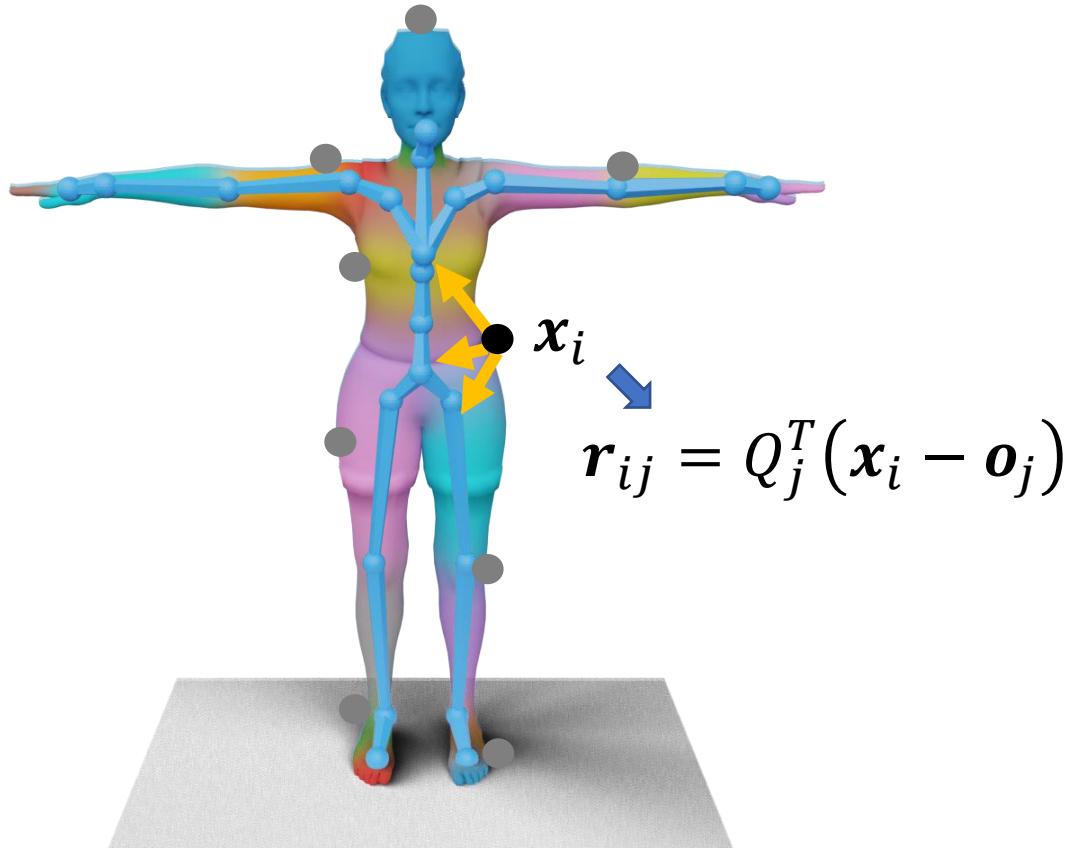


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$$= \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} R_j \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} \mathbf{t}_j$$

$$= \left(\sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} R_j \right) \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} \mathbf{t}_j$$



Bind Pose

Linear Blend Skinning (LBS)

$$\boldsymbol{x}'_i = \left(\sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} R_j \right) \boldsymbol{x}_i + \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} \boldsymbol{t}_j$$

transformation
w.r.t. bend pose

global position
in bind pose

The diagram illustrates the LBS formula. It shows the transformation of a global position in a bind pose (\boldsymbol{x}_i) into a local position relative to a bend pose (\boldsymbol{x}'_i). The formula consists of two terms: one where the global position is transformed by a weighted sum of local frames ($\sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} R_j$) and another where it is transformed by a weighted sum of tangents ($\sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} \boldsymbol{t}_j$). A blue bracket groups the first term, which is further divided into a summation and a transformation by R_j . Blue arrows point from the text labels "transformation w.r.t. bend pose" and "global position in bind pose" to the respective parts of the formula.

Candy-Wrapper Artifact

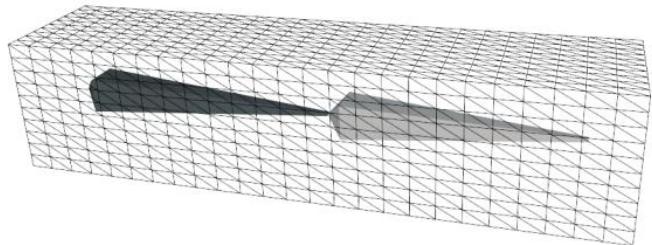


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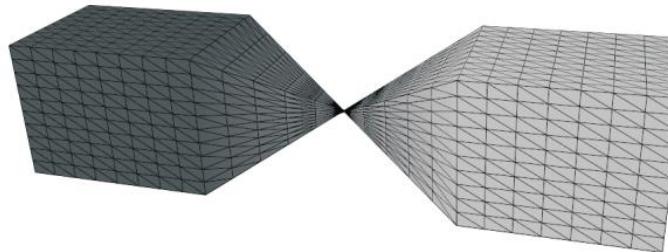
Consider

$$\mathbf{R}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{R}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Candy-Wrapper Artifact



Rest pose

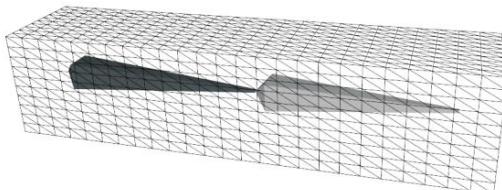


Linear blend skinning

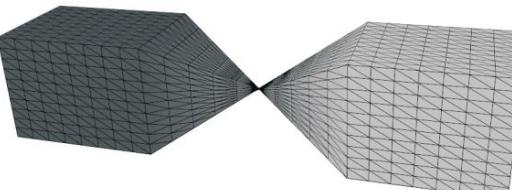


Advanced Skinning Methods

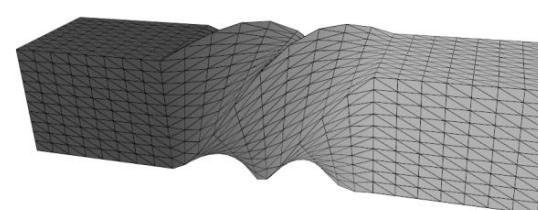
- Multi-linear Skinning (we will not cover this)
 - Multi-weight enveloping [Wang and Phillips 2002]
 - Animation Space [Merry et al. 2006]
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- Nonlinear Skinning
 - Dual-quaternion Skinning (DQS)



Rest pose



Linear blend skinning



Dual quaternion skinning

Non-linear Skinning

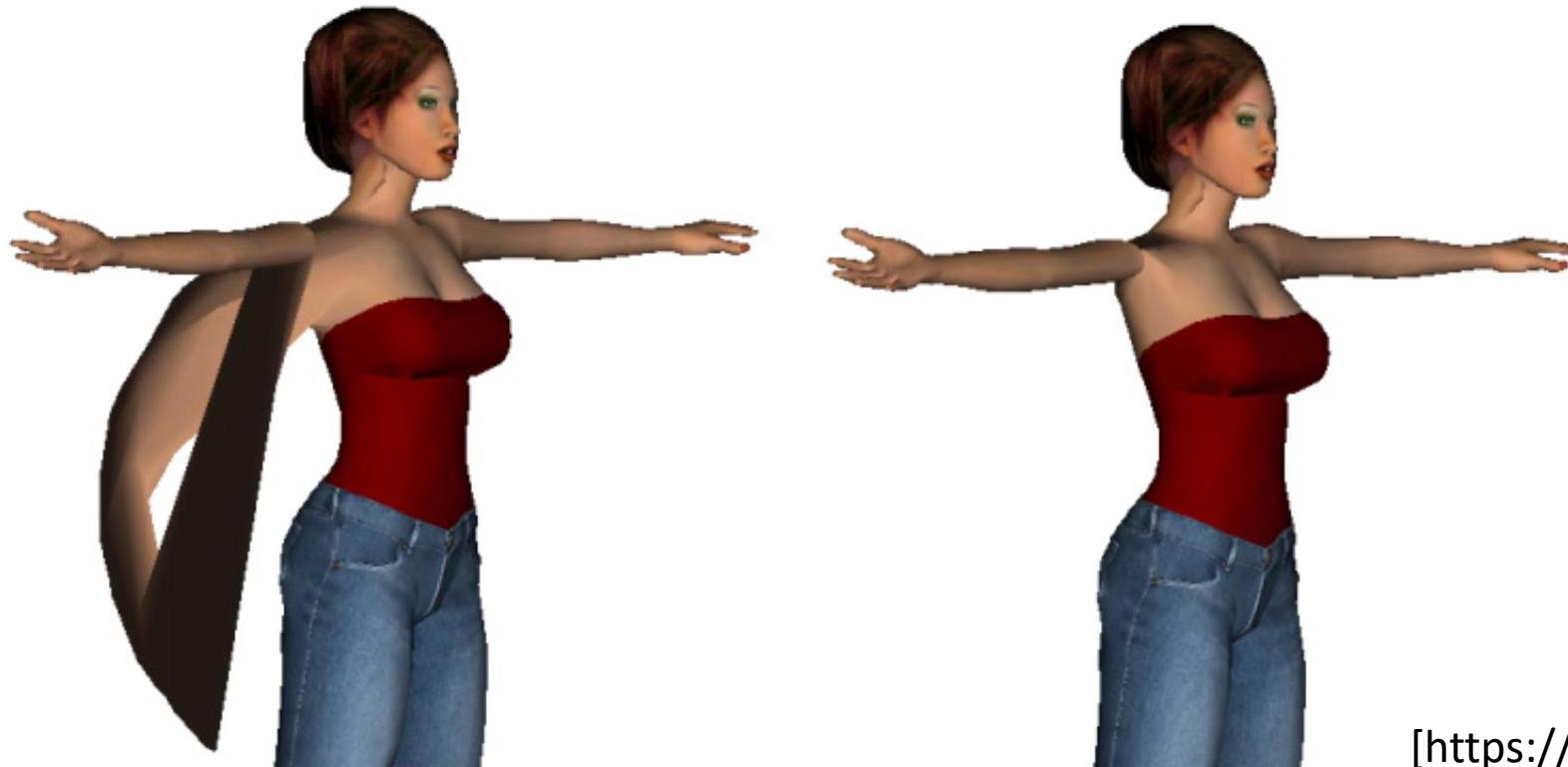
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Linear blending causes problems...

→ Can we use quaternions and SLERP?

Non-linear Skinning



[<https://skinning.org/>]

blending rotations with
spherical interpolations

LBS

Non-linear Skinning

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$$R \in SO(3)$$

$$T_j = \begin{bmatrix} R_j & \boldsymbol{t}_j \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in SE(3)$$

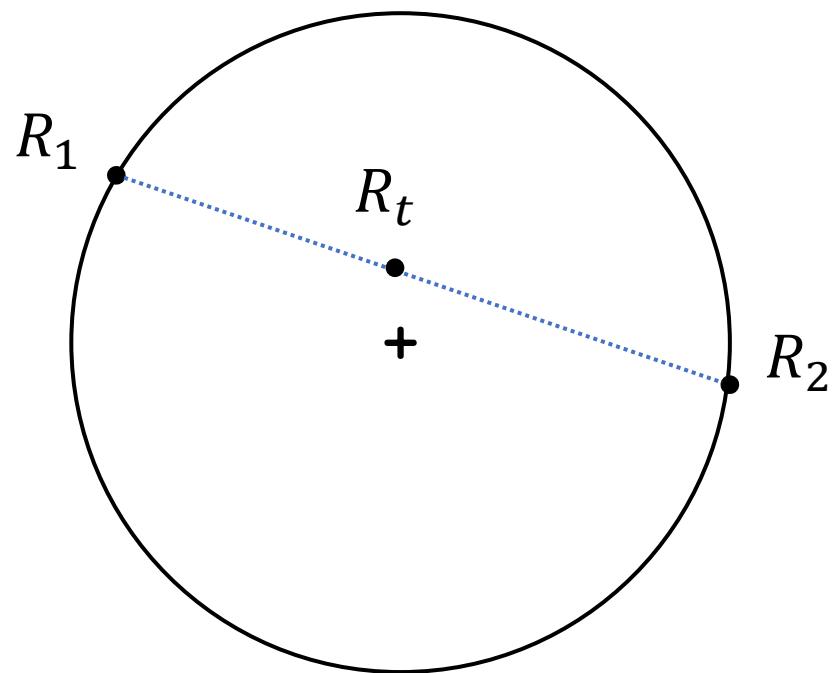
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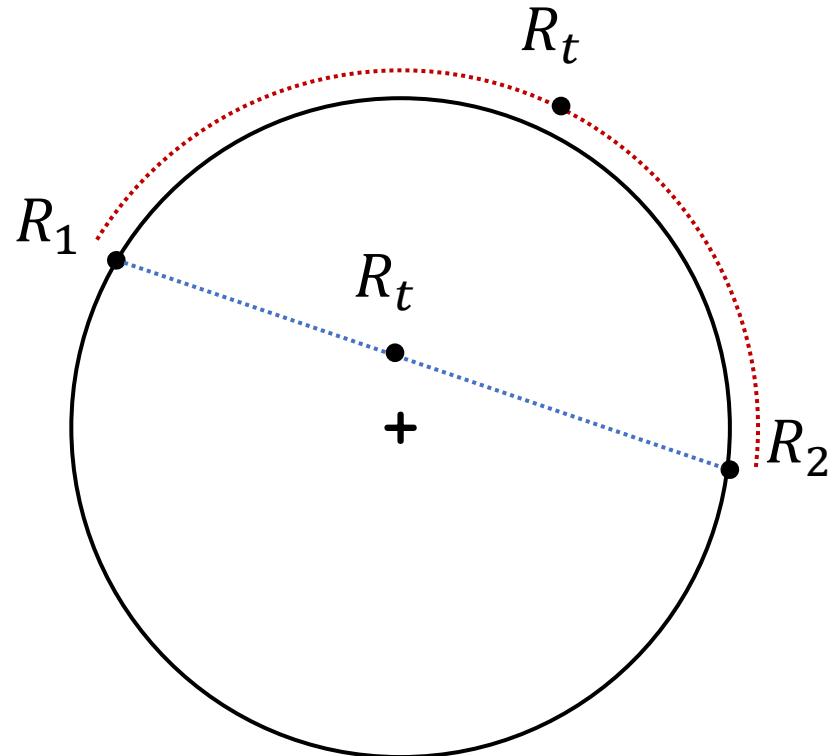
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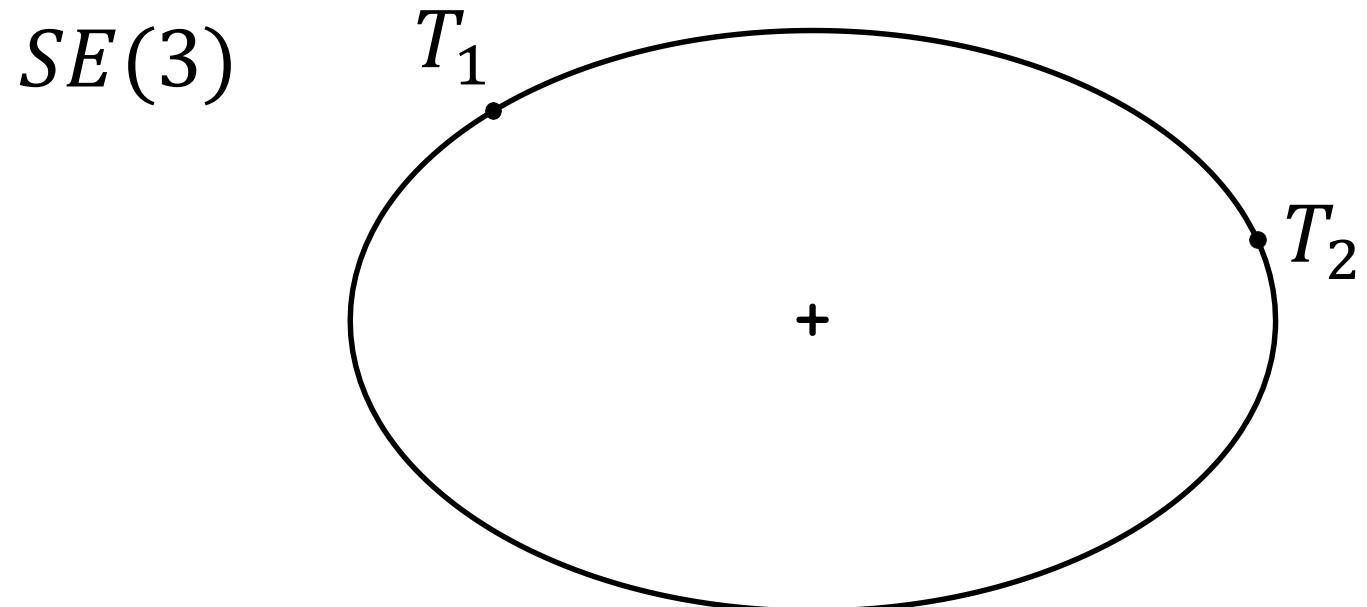
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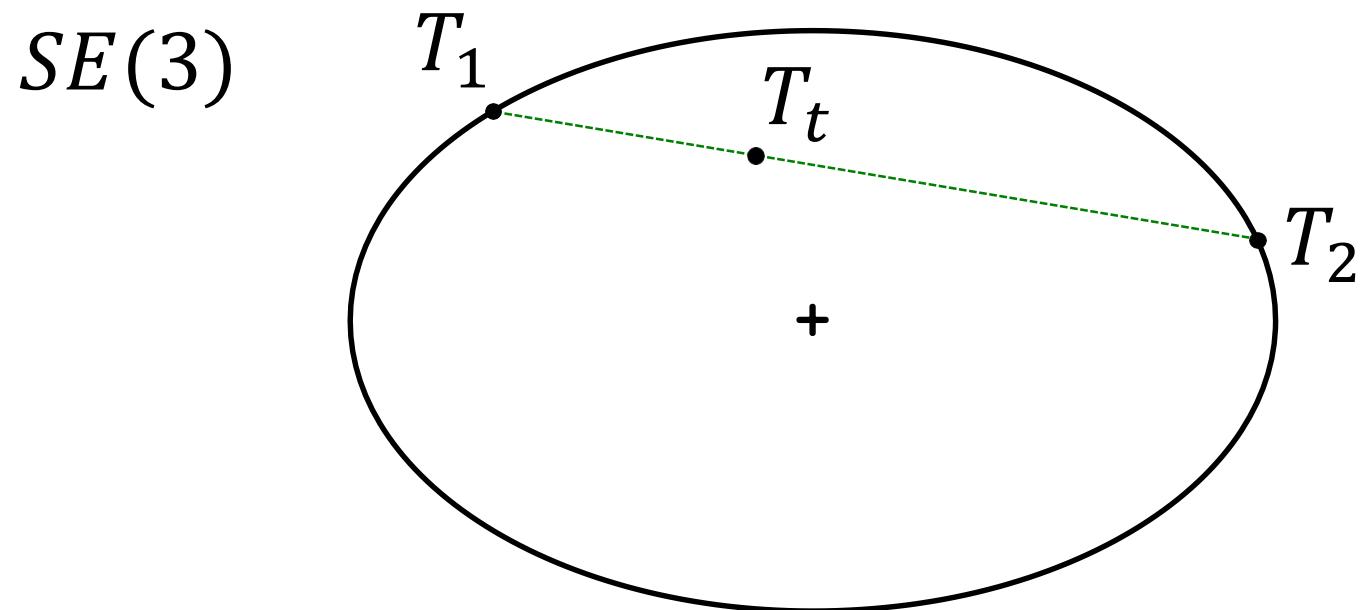
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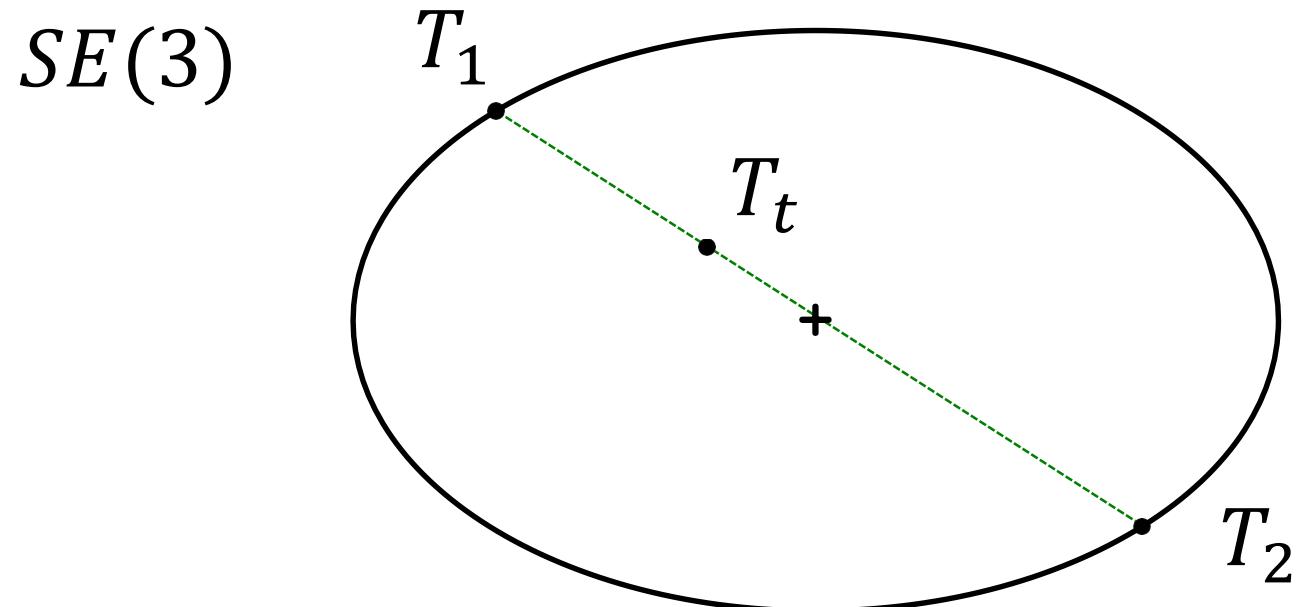
Interpolation in $SE(3)$



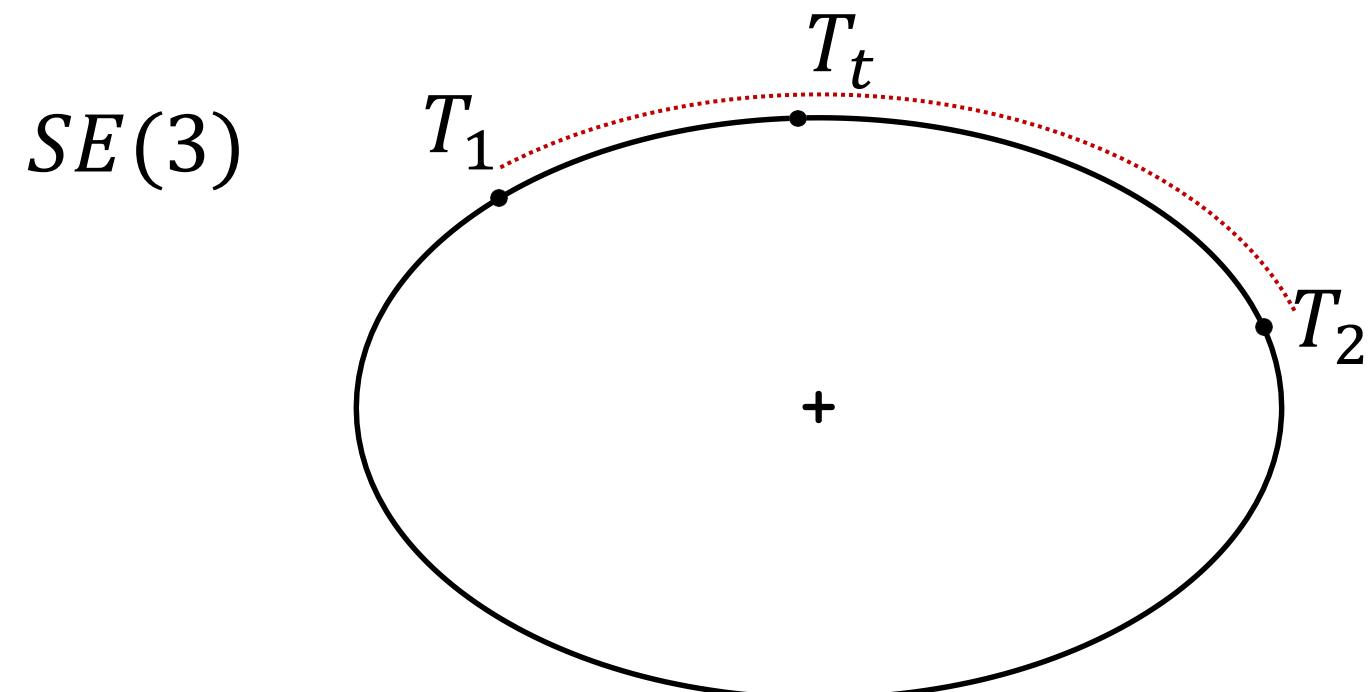
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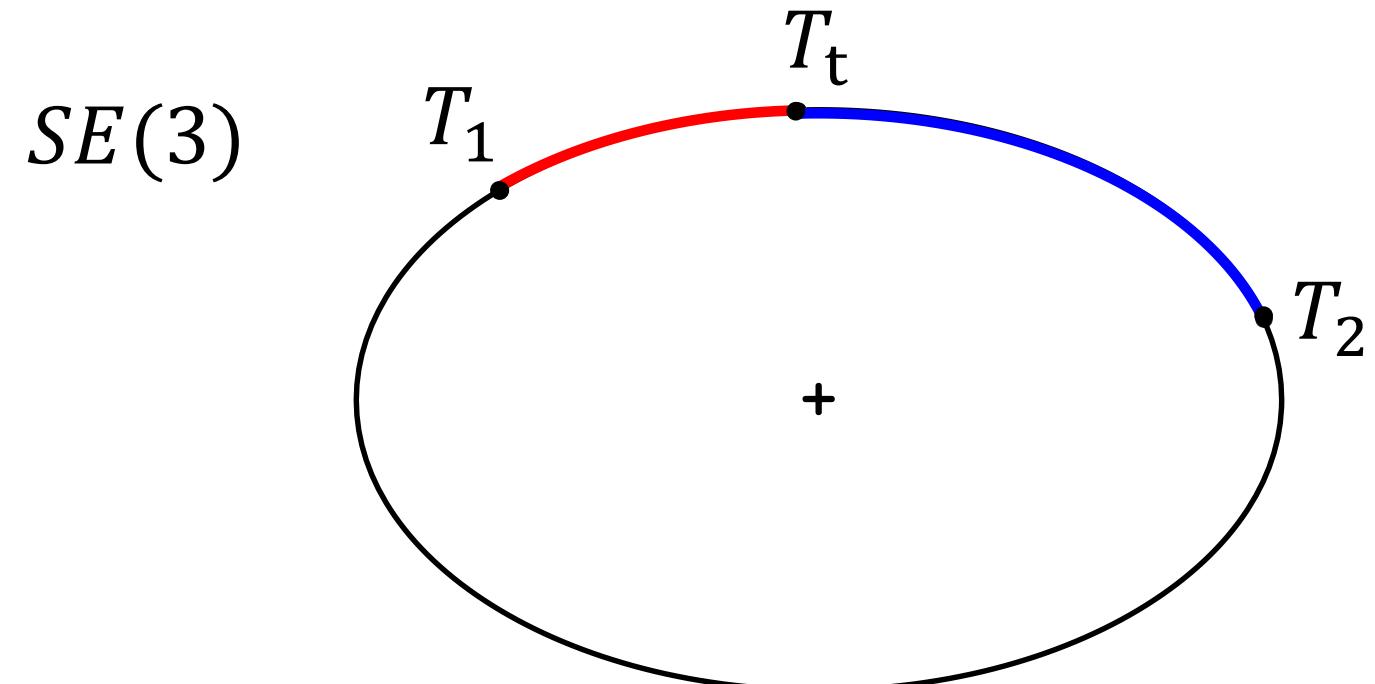
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Intrinsic Blending

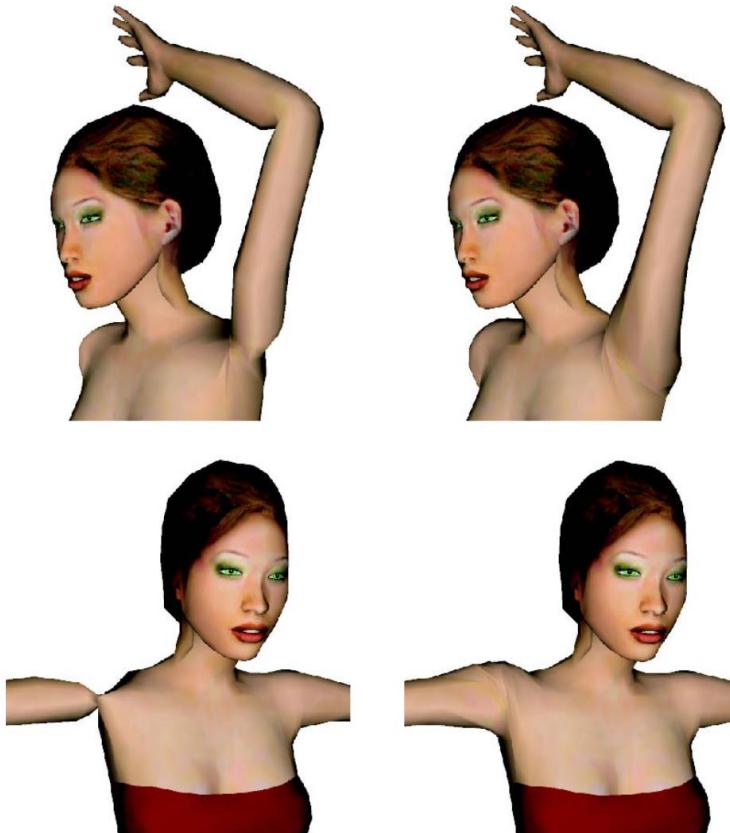


Intrinsic Blending



Dual-Quaternion Skinning (DQS)

- Approximation of intrinsic averages in $SE(3)$



Ladislav Kavan, Steven Collins, Jiri Zara, Carol O'Sullivan. ***Geometric Skinning with Approximate Dual Quaternion Blending***, ACM Transaction on Graphics, 27(4), 2008.

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where $\epsilon^2 = 0$

Recall: complex number: $x = a + bi$

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- Multiplication

$$\begin{aligned}(a + bi)(c + di) \\ = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i\end{aligned}$$

Dual Quaternion

- Dual quaternion

$$\hat{q} = q_0 + \varepsilon q_\varepsilon$$

where $\varepsilon^2 = 0$

A good note of dual-quaternion:

<https://faculty.sites.iastate.edu/jia/files/inline-files/dual-quaternion.pdf>

Dual Quaternion

- Scalar Multiplication

$$s\hat{\mathbf{q}} = s\mathbf{q}_r + s\mathbf{q}_\varepsilon\varepsilon$$

- Addition

$$\hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 + \hat{\mathbf{q}}_2 = \mathbf{q}_{r1} + \mathbf{q}_{r2} + \varepsilon(\mathbf{q}_{\varepsilon 1} + \mathbf{q}_{\varepsilon 2})$$

- Multiplication

$$\hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 \hat{\mathbf{q}}_2 = \mathbf{q}_{r1}\mathbf{q}_{r2} + \varepsilon(\mathbf{q}_{r1}\mathbf{q}_{\varepsilon 2} + \mathbf{q}_{r2}\mathbf{q}_{\varepsilon 1})$$

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$$\text{I: } \hat{\mathbf{q}}^* = \mathbf{q}_0^* + \varepsilon \mathbf{q}_\varepsilon^*$$

$$\text{II: } \hat{\mathbf{q}}^\circ = \mathbf{q}_0 - \varepsilon \mathbf{q}_\varepsilon$$

$$\text{III: } \hat{\mathbf{q}}^\star = \mathbf{q}_0^* - \varepsilon \mathbf{q}_\varepsilon^*$$

$$= (\hat{\mathbf{q}}^*)^\circ = (\hat{\mathbf{q}}^\circ)^*$$

$$(\hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 \hat{\mathbf{q}}_2)^\times = \color{red}{\hat{\mathbf{q}}_1^\times} \color{blue}{\hat{\mathbf{q}}_2^\times}$$

- Norm

$$\|\hat{\mathbf{q}}\| = \sqrt{\hat{\mathbf{q}}^* \hat{\mathbf{q}}} = \|\mathbf{q}_0\| + \frac{\varepsilon (\mathbf{q}_0 \cdot \mathbf{q}_\varepsilon)}{\|\mathbf{q}_0\|}$$

Dual Quaternion

- Norm

$$\|\hat{q}\| = \sqrt{\hat{q}^* \hat{q}} = \|q_0\| + \frac{\varepsilon (q_0 \cdot q_\varepsilon)}{\|q_0\|}$$

- Unit dual quaternion: $\|\hat{q}\| = 1$, which requires:

$$\|q_0\| = 1$$

$$q_0 \cdot q_\varepsilon = 0$$

Dual Quaternion \Leftrightarrow Rigid Transformation

- Like quaternion, any rigid transformation $T \in SE(3)$ can be converted into a **unit dual quaternion**

$$T\mathbf{x} = R\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{t}$$

$$T = [R \mid \mathbf{t}] \rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{q}_0 + \varepsilon \mathbf{q}_\varepsilon$$

$\mathbf{q}_0 = \mathbf{r}$ quaternion of R

$\mathbf{q}_\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{t}\mathbf{r}$ pure quaternion $\mathbf{t} = (0, \mathbf{t})$

Dual Quaternion \Leftrightarrow Rigid Transformation

- Transform a vector v using unit dual quaternion

$$\hat{v}' = \hat{q}\hat{v}\hat{q}^*$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{v} &= 1 + \varepsilon(0, v) \\ &= (1, 0, 0, 0) + \varepsilon(0, v_x, v_y, v_z)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{III: } \hat{q}^* &= q_0^* - \varepsilon q_\varepsilon^* \\ &= (\hat{q}^*)^\circ = (\hat{q}^\circ)^*\end{aligned}$$

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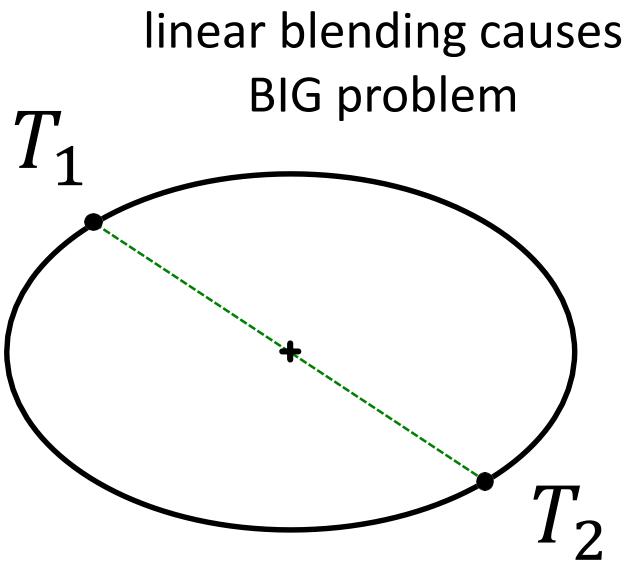
$$\mathbf{q}_0 = \mathbf{r}$$

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$\hat{\mathbf{q}}$ and $-\hat{\mathbf{q}}$ represent the same transformation

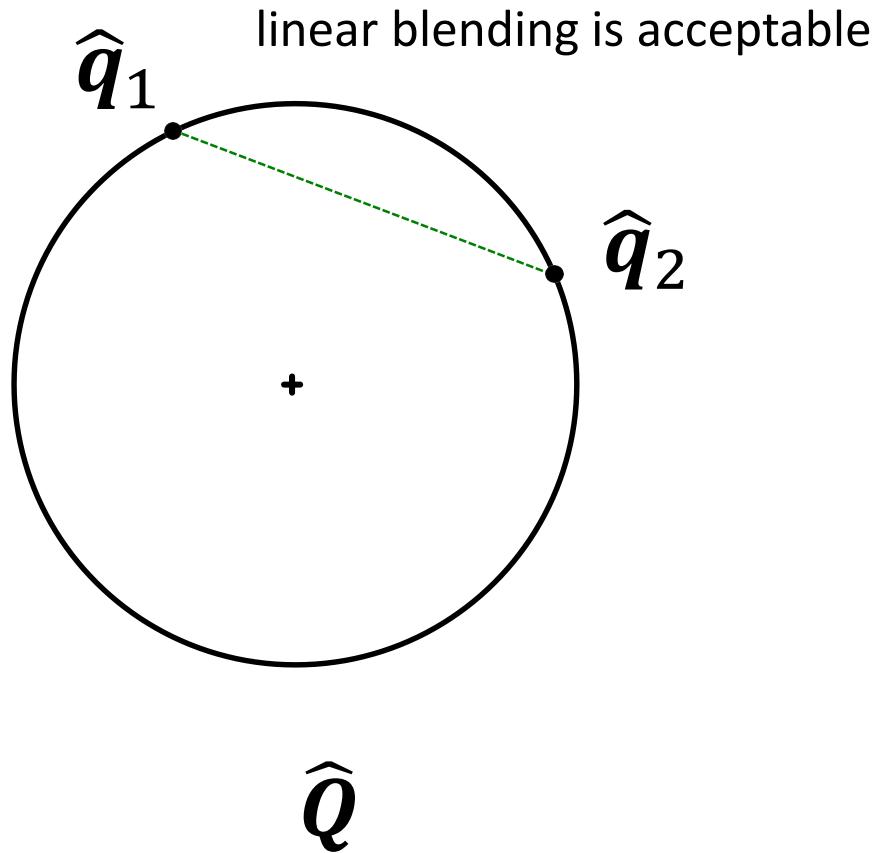
\widehat{Q} is a **double cover** of $SE(3)$

Double Cover Visualized



linear blending causes
BIG problem

$SE(3)$



linear blending is acceptable

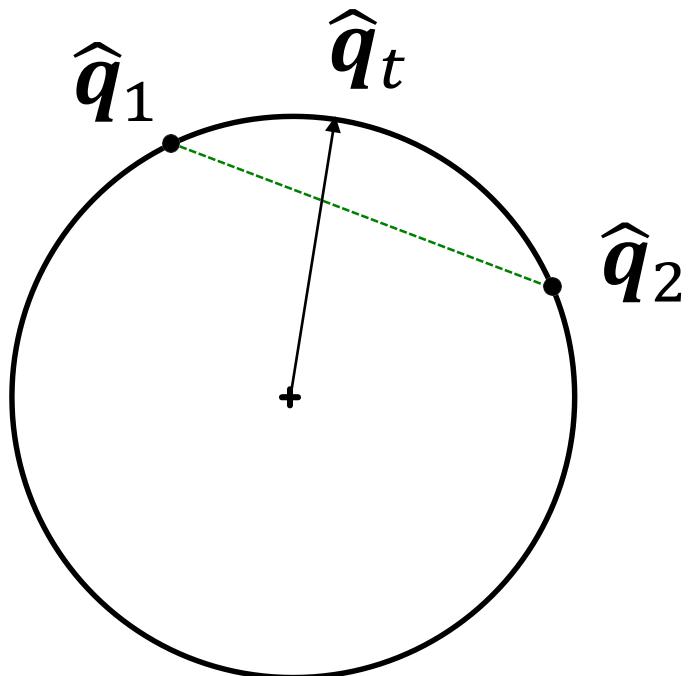
\hat{Q}

Interpolating Dual-Quaternion

$$\hat{q}_t = (1 - t)\hat{q}_0 + t\hat{q}_1$$



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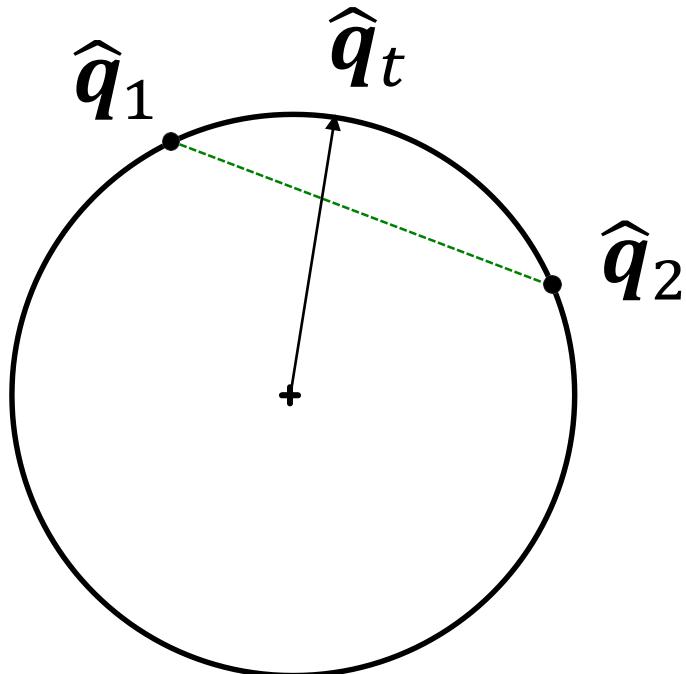


Dual-Quaternion Linear Blending (DLB)

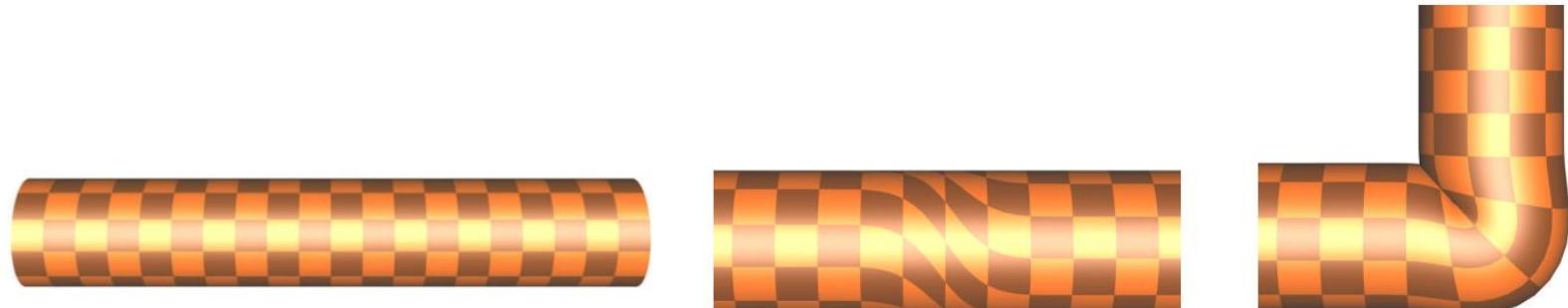
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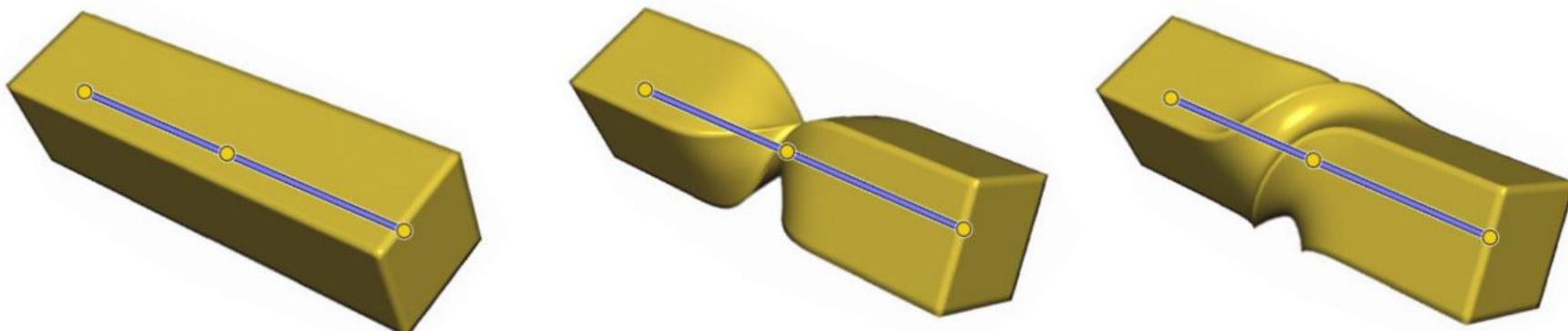
Dual-Quaternion Skinning (DQS)



Rest pose

Dual quaternions: twist

Dual quaternions: bend

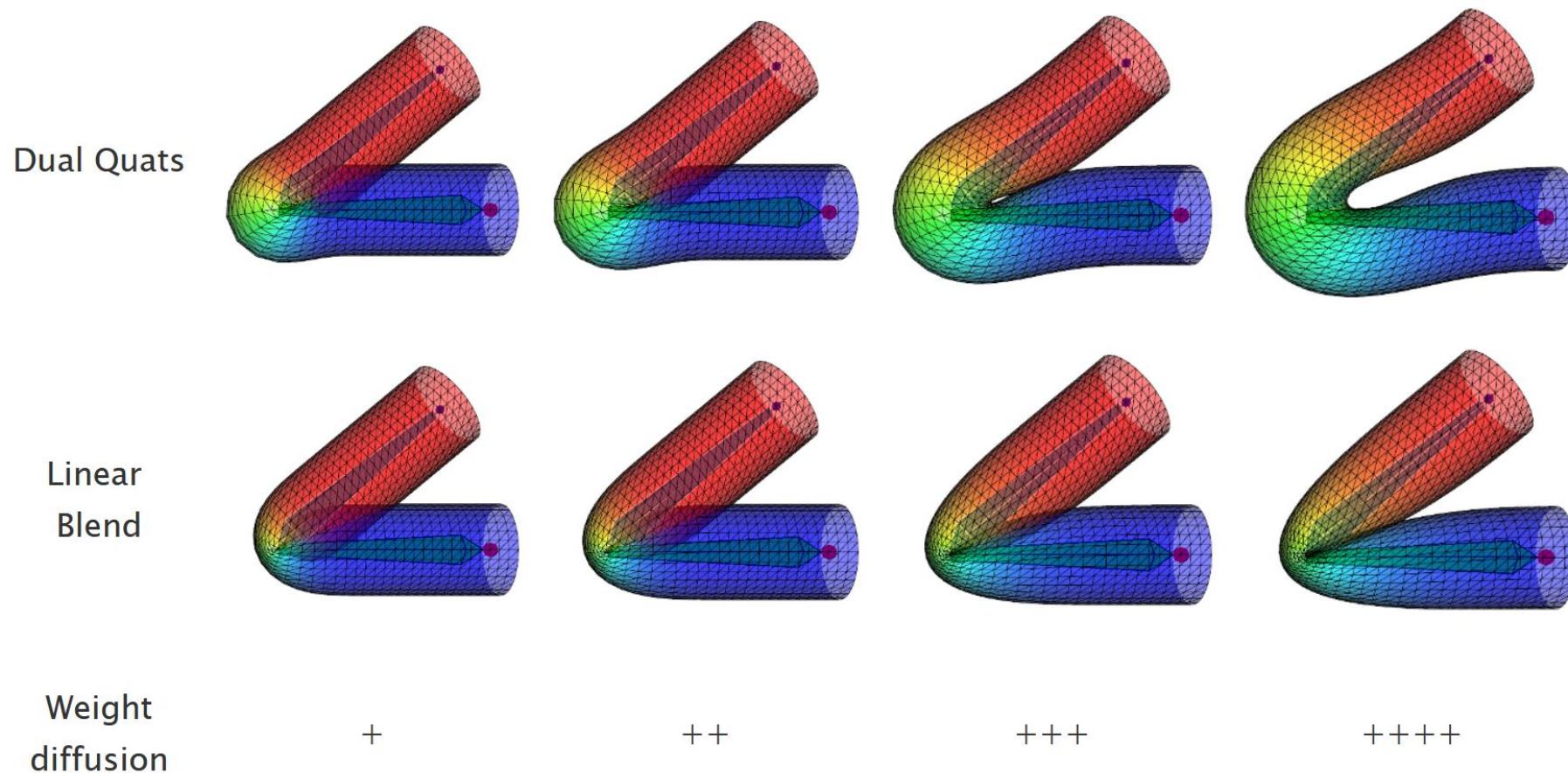


Rest pose

Linear blend skinning

Dual quaternion skinning

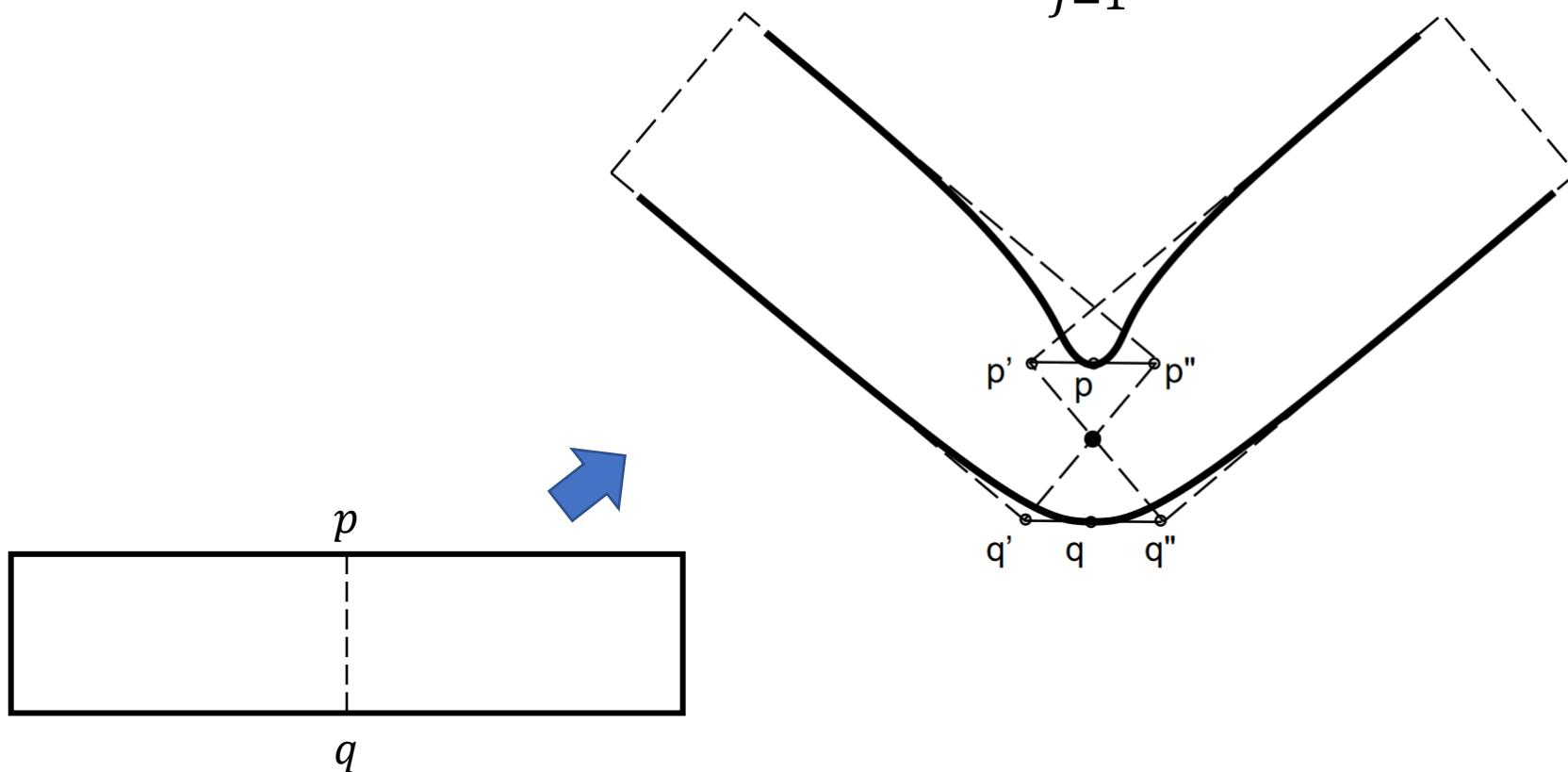
Budging Artifact of DQS



<http://rodolphe-vaillant.fr/entry/29/dual-quaternions-skinning-tutorial-and-c-codes>

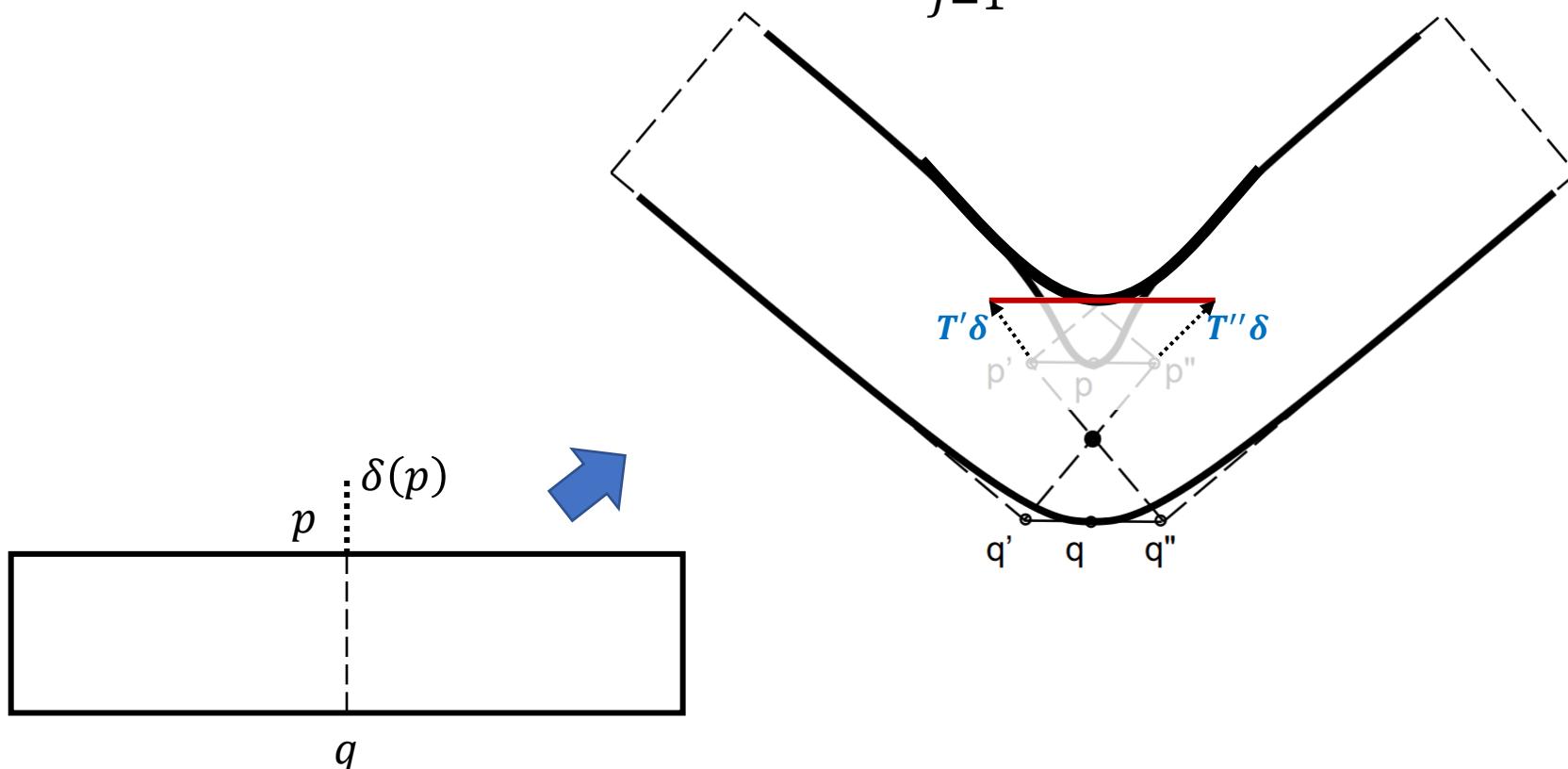
How to Correct LBS?

$$x' = \sum_{j=1}^m \omega_j T_j x$$



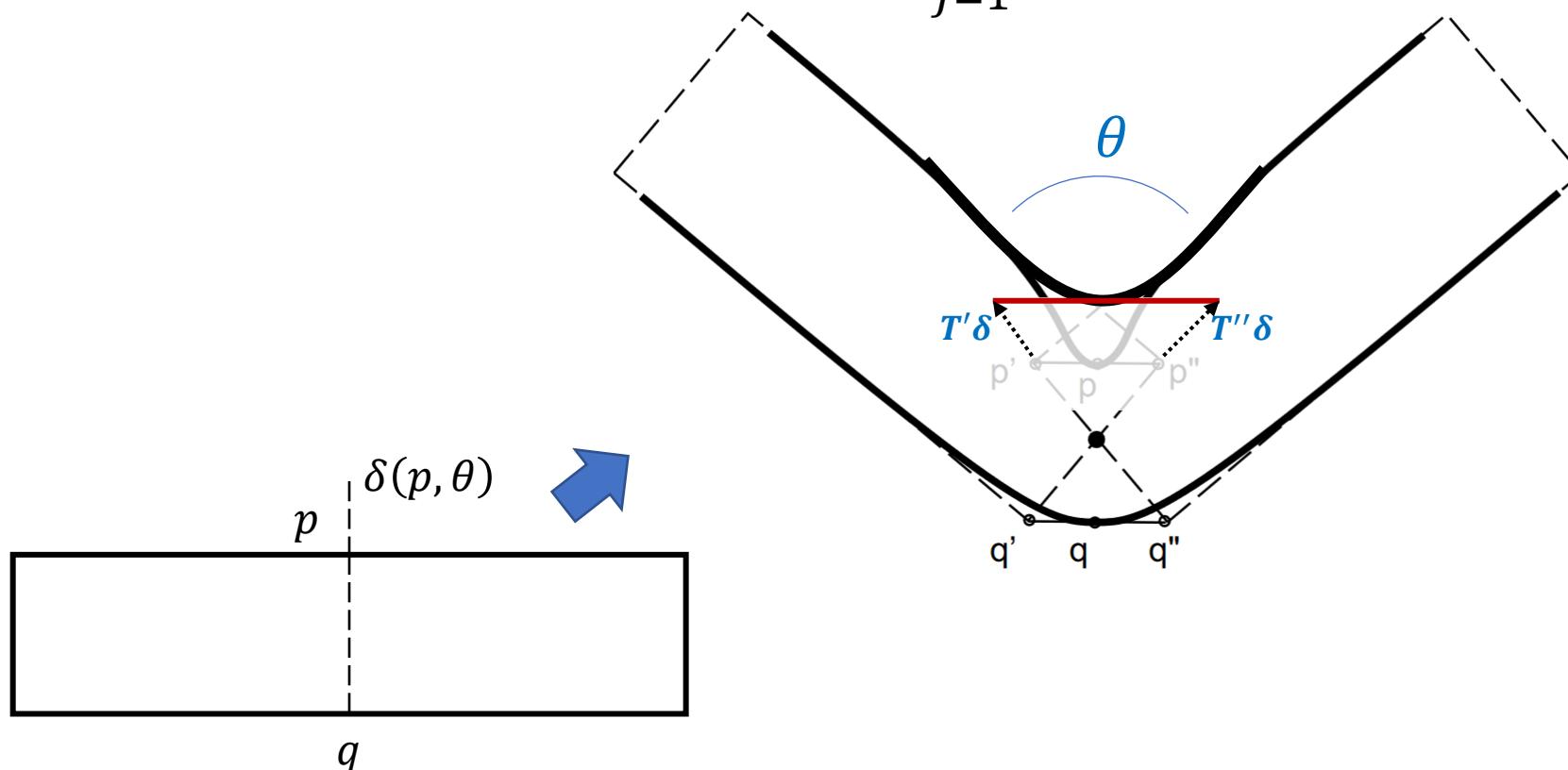
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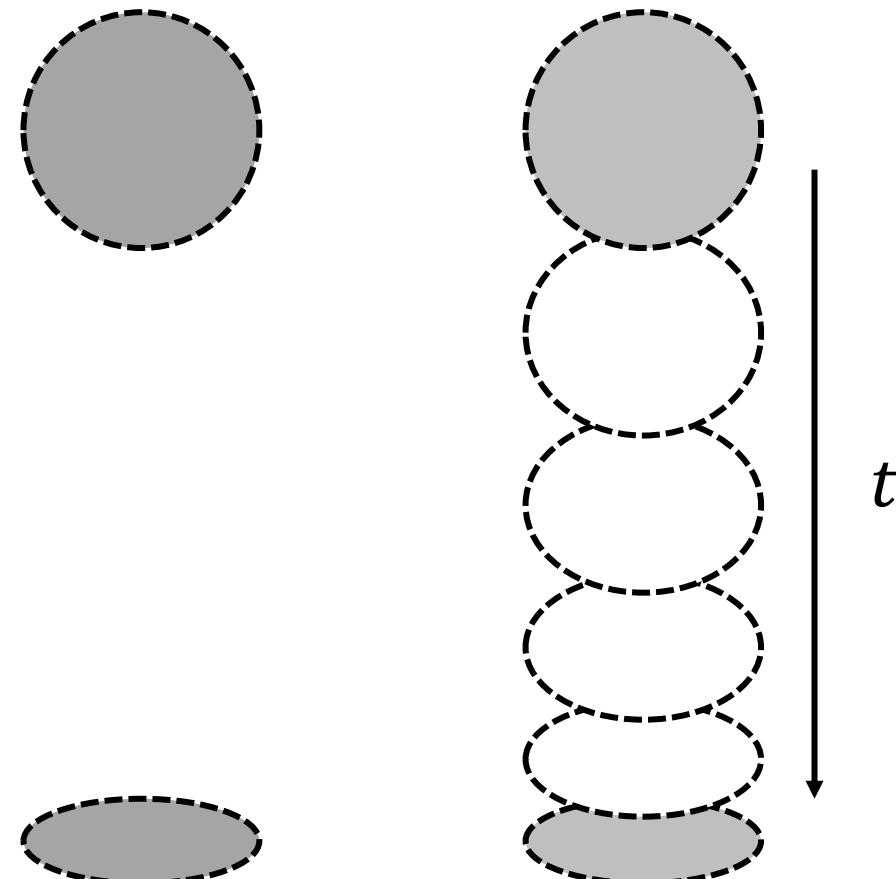


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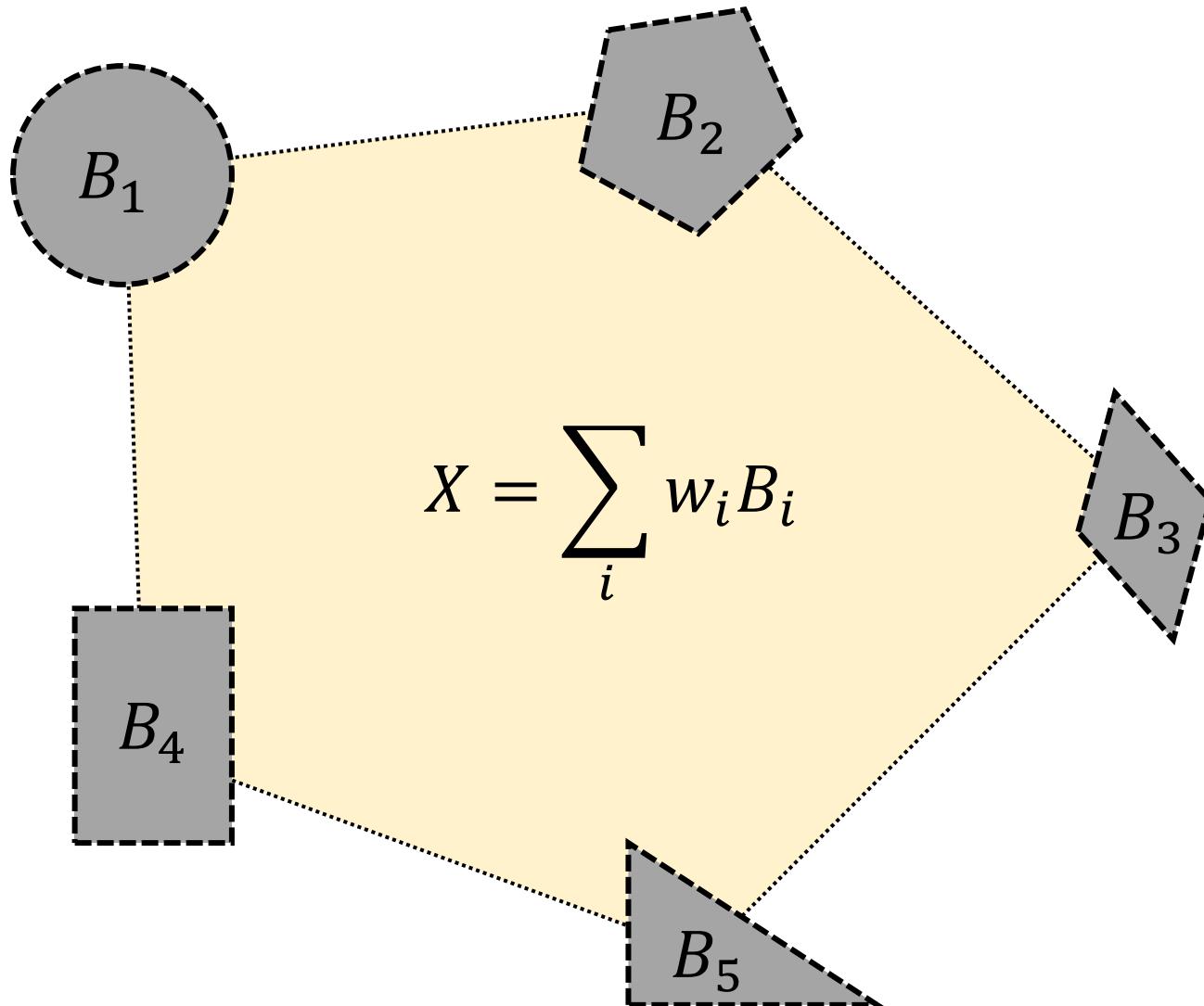
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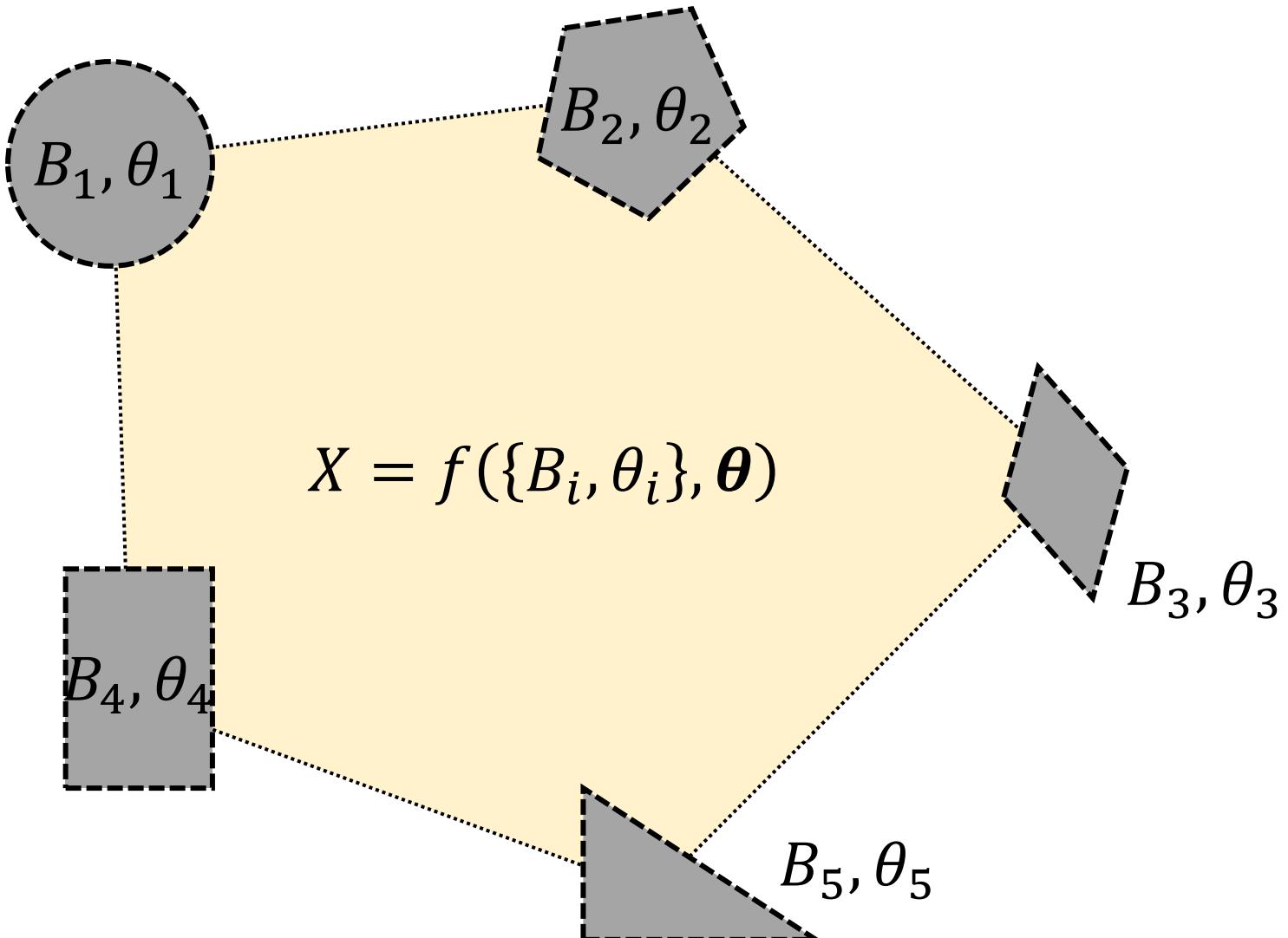
Example-based Shape Deformation



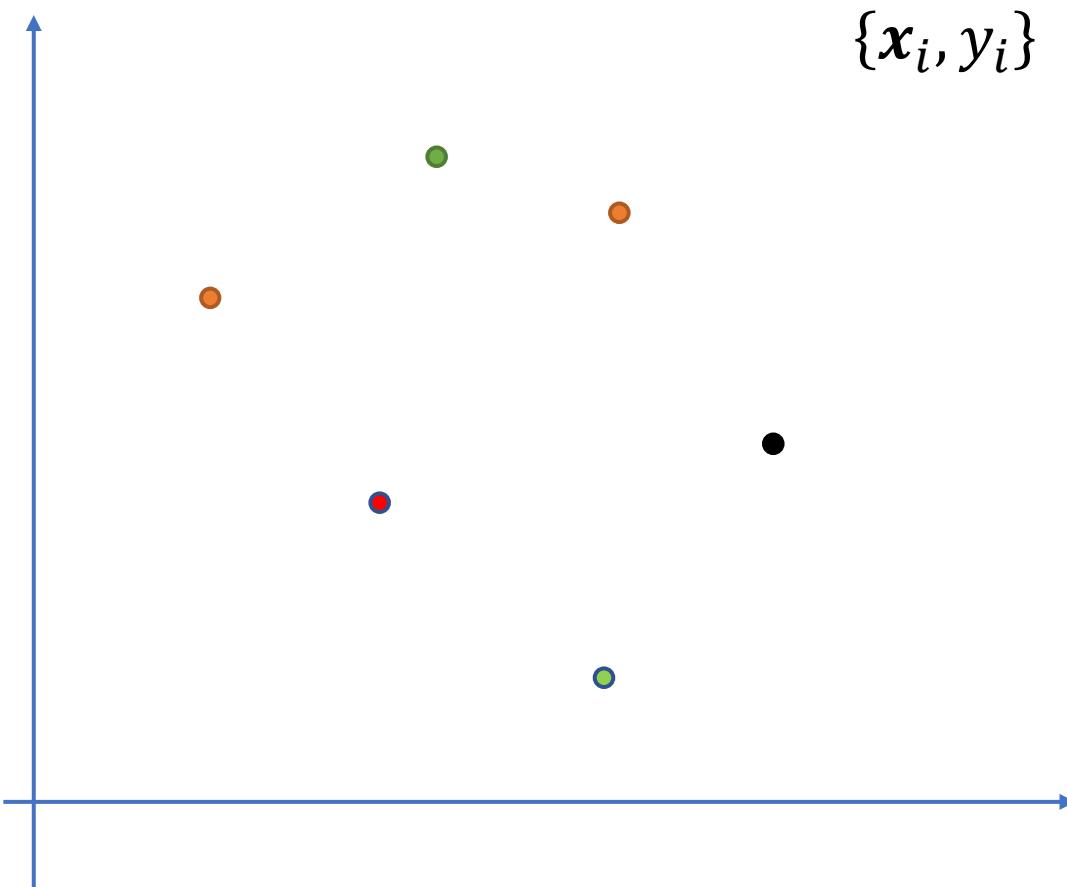
Blendshapes / Blend Space



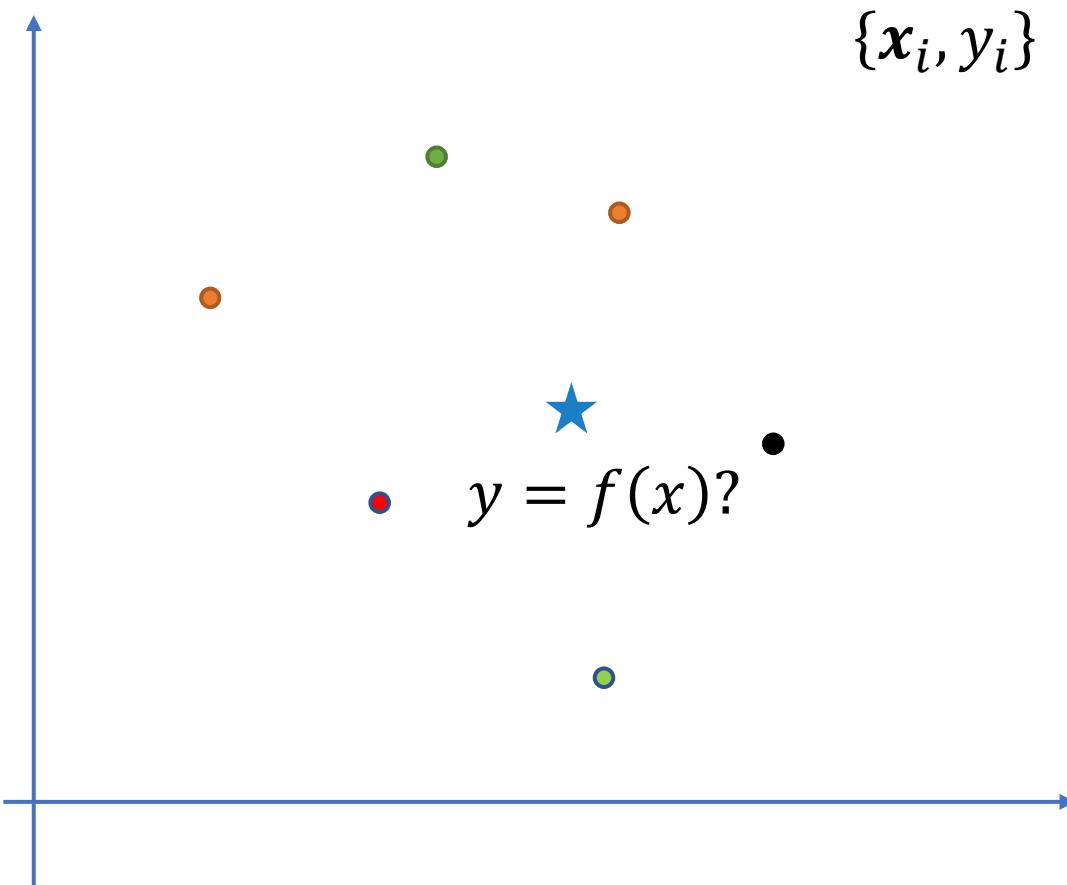
Pose Space Deformation



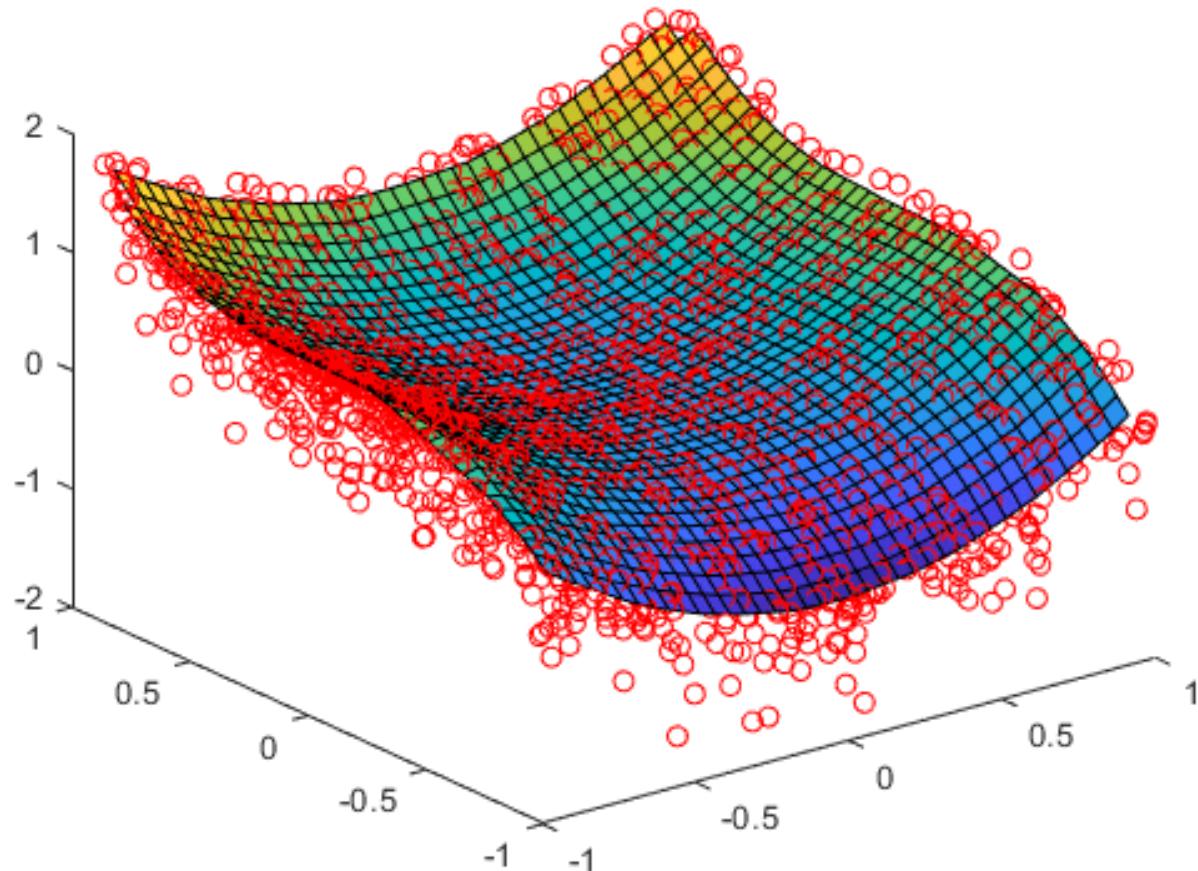
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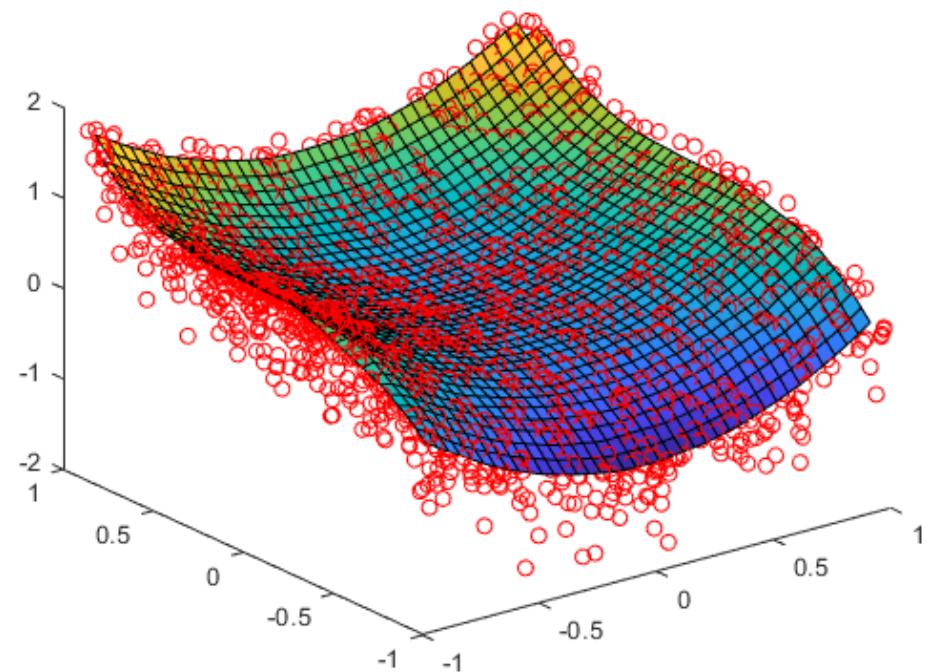
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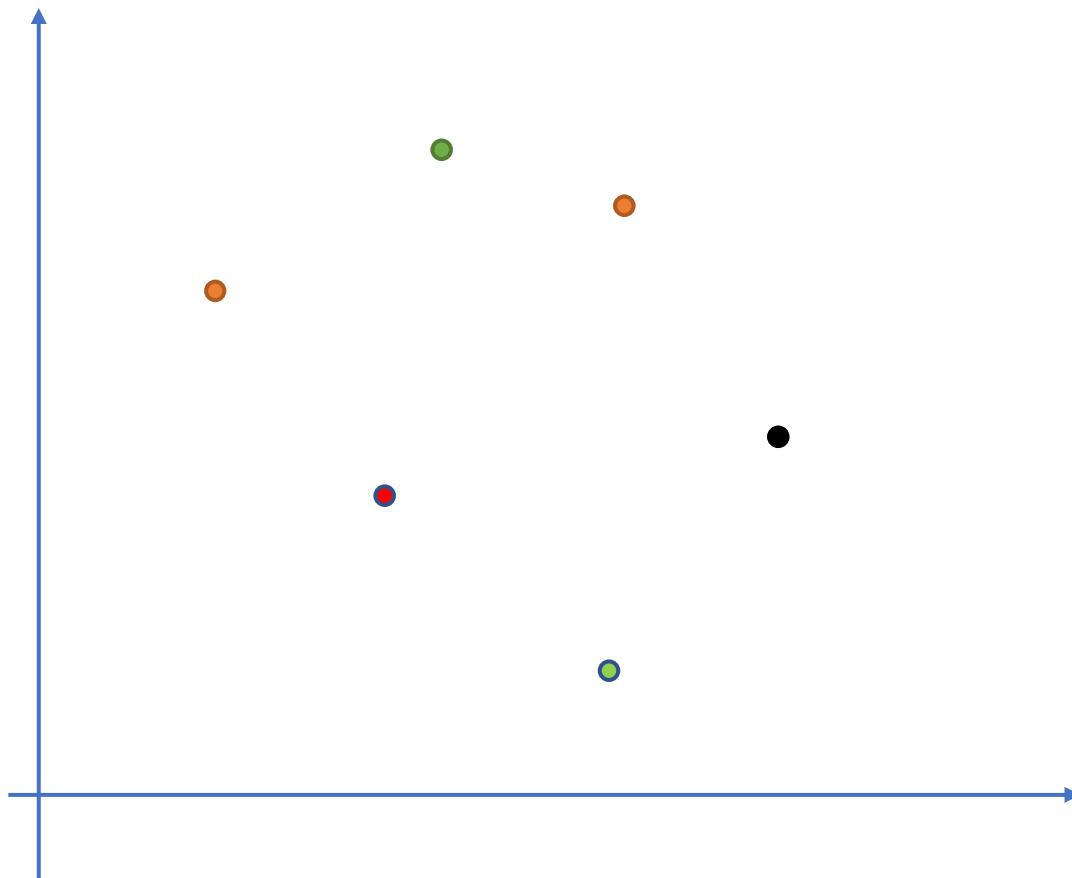
Scattered Data Interpolation

- Linear
 - Least squares
- Splines
- Inverse distance weighting
- Gaussian process
- Radial Basis Function
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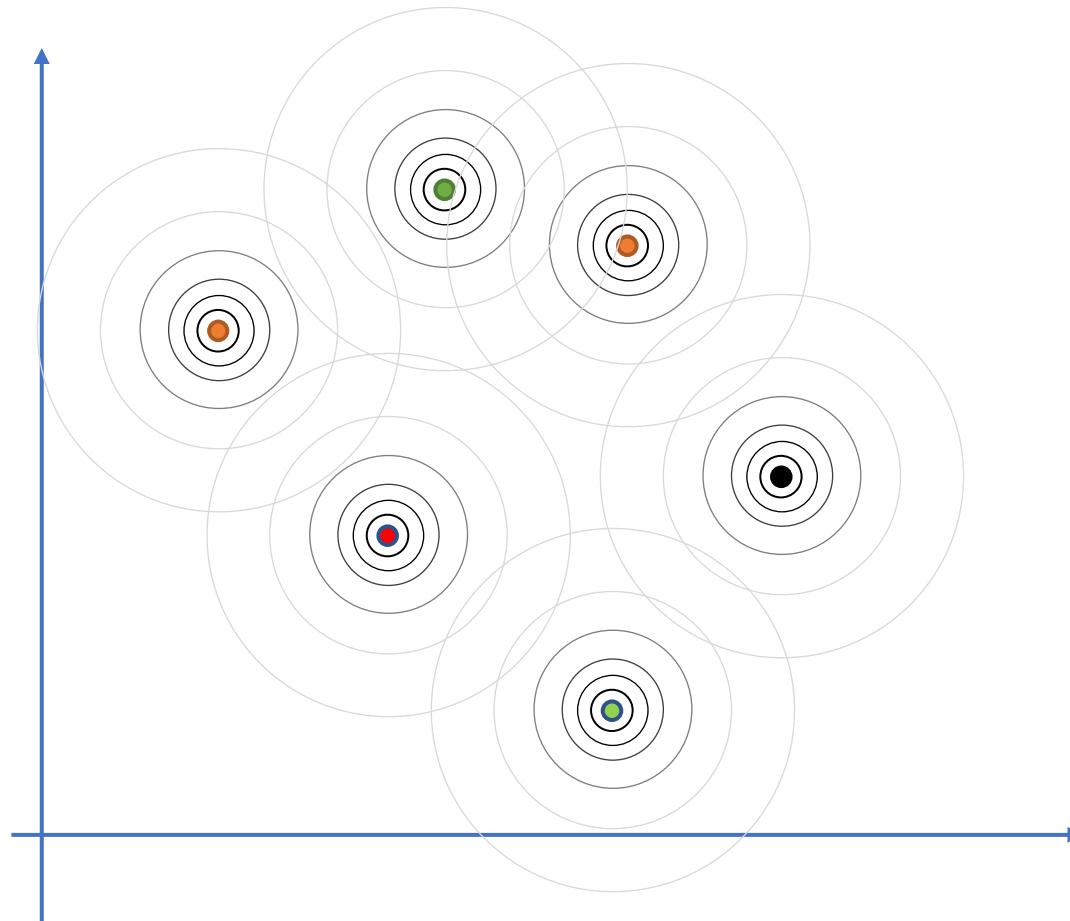


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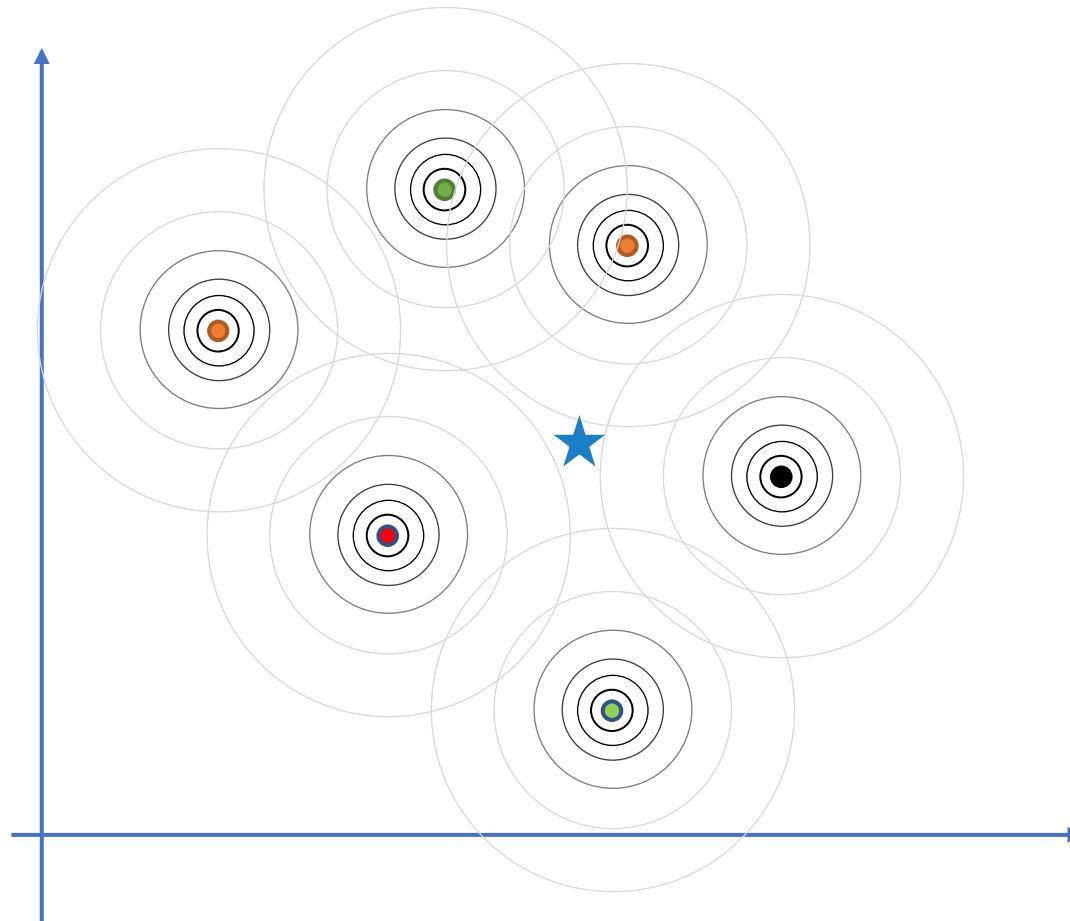
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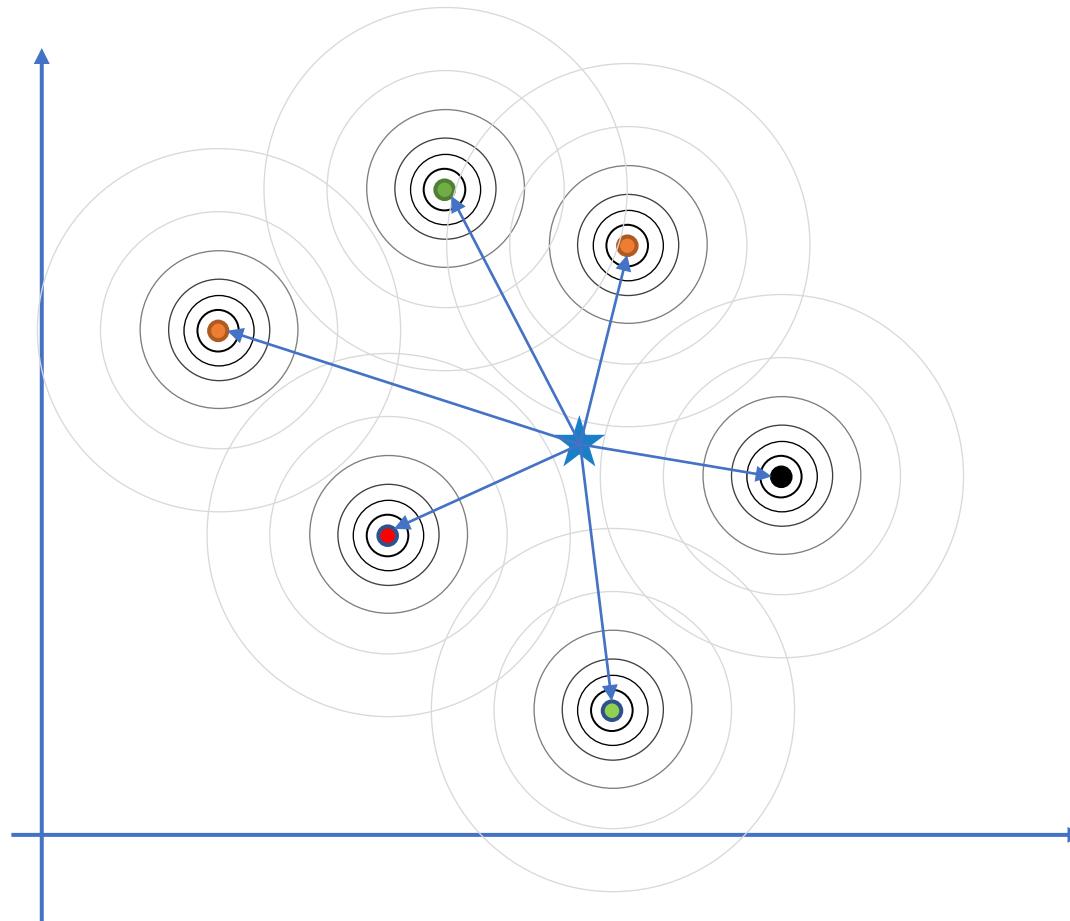
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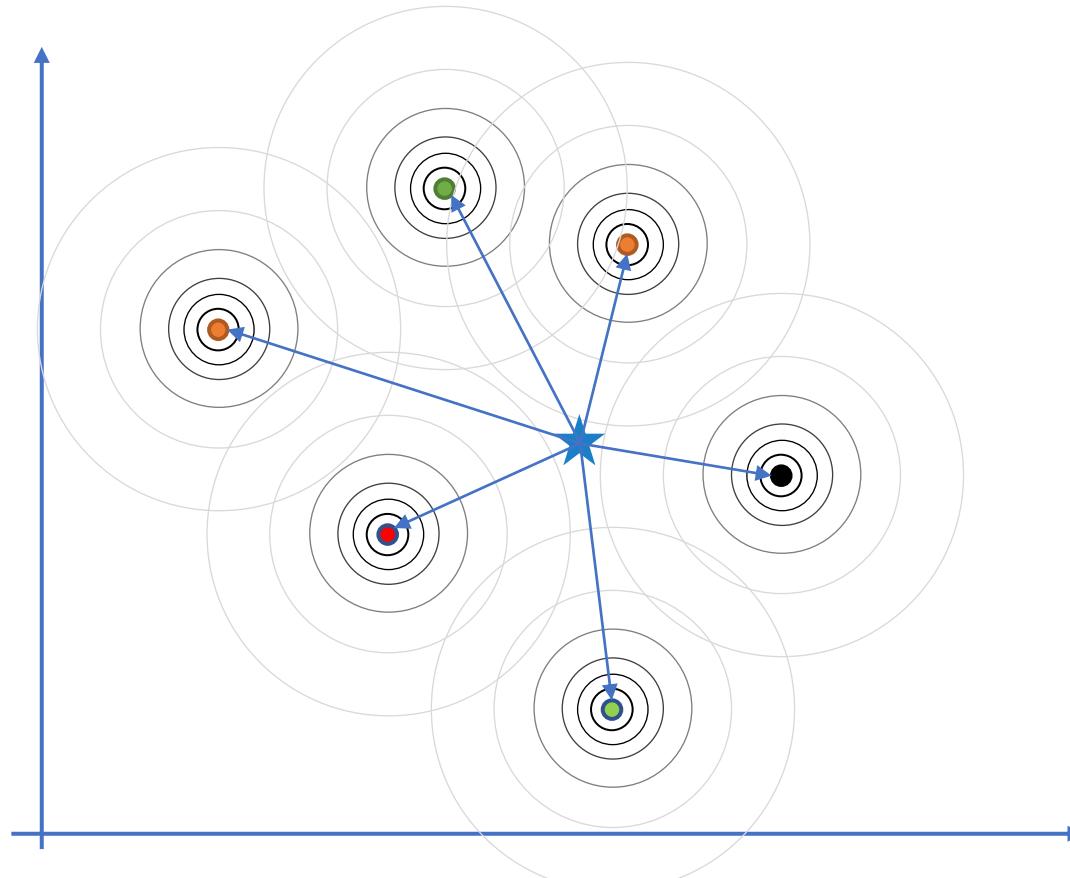


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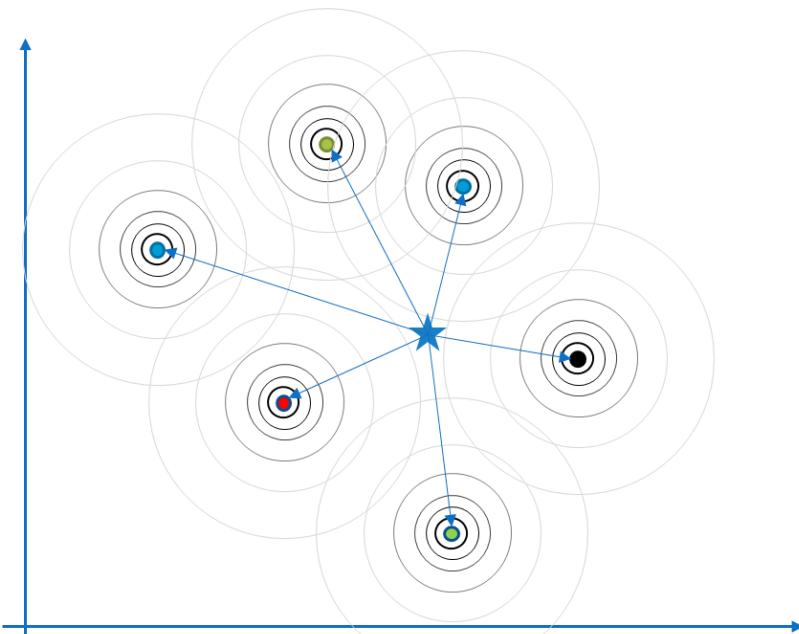
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How to compute w_i ?

Radial Basis Function (RBF) Interpolation

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How to compute w_i ? We need $f(x_i) = y_i$



$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{1,1} & R_{1,2} & \cdots & R_{1,K} \\ R_{2,1} & R_{2,2} & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ R_{K,1} & \cdots & \cdots & R_{K,K} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_K \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_K \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_{i,j} = \varphi(\|x_i - x_j\|)$$

Radial Basis Function (RBF)

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^K \textcolor{blue}{w}_i \varphi(\|\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{x}_i\|)$$

- Gaussian: $\varphi(r) = e^{-(r/c)^2}$
- Inverse multiquadric: $\varphi(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2+c^2}}$
- Thin plate spline: $\varphi(r) = r^2 \log r$
- Polyharmonic splines: $\varphi(r) = \begin{cases} r^k, & k = 2n + 1 \\ r^k \log r, & k = 2n \end{cases}$

Pose Space Deformation

$$\mathbf{x}' = \sum_{j=1}^m \omega_j T_j(\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\delta}(\mathbf{x}, \theta))$$

- $\mathbf{x}' = SKIN(PSD(\mathbf{x}))$
- PSD is implemented as RBF interpolation
- Example shapes can be created manually
 - Or by 3D scanning real people → the SMPL model

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Pose Space Deformation

PSD



LBS



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Issues

- Per-shape or per-vertex interpolation
 - Should we interpolate a shape as a whole?
- Local or global interpolation?
 - Should a vertex be affected by all joints?
- Interpolation algorithm?
 - Is RBF the only choice?

Example-based Skinning (EBS) vs. Skeleton Subspace Deformation (SSD)

*EBS: PSD

- **Good:** Easy to control
- **Good:** Good quality
- **Good:** Pose-dependent details (e.g. bulging muscle and extruding veins)
- **Bad:** Creating examples can be cumbersome
- **Bad:** Extra storage for examples
- **Bad:** Interpolation needs careful tuning

*SSD: LBS, DQS, etc.

- **Good:** Easy to implement
- **Good:** Fast and GPU friendly
- **Bad:** Various artifacts
- **Bad:** Skinning weights needs careful tuning
- **Bad:** Hard to create pose-dependent details

Example: SMPL Model

- A widely adopted human model in ML/CV
- Learned on real scan data
- Combines SSD and EBS techniques

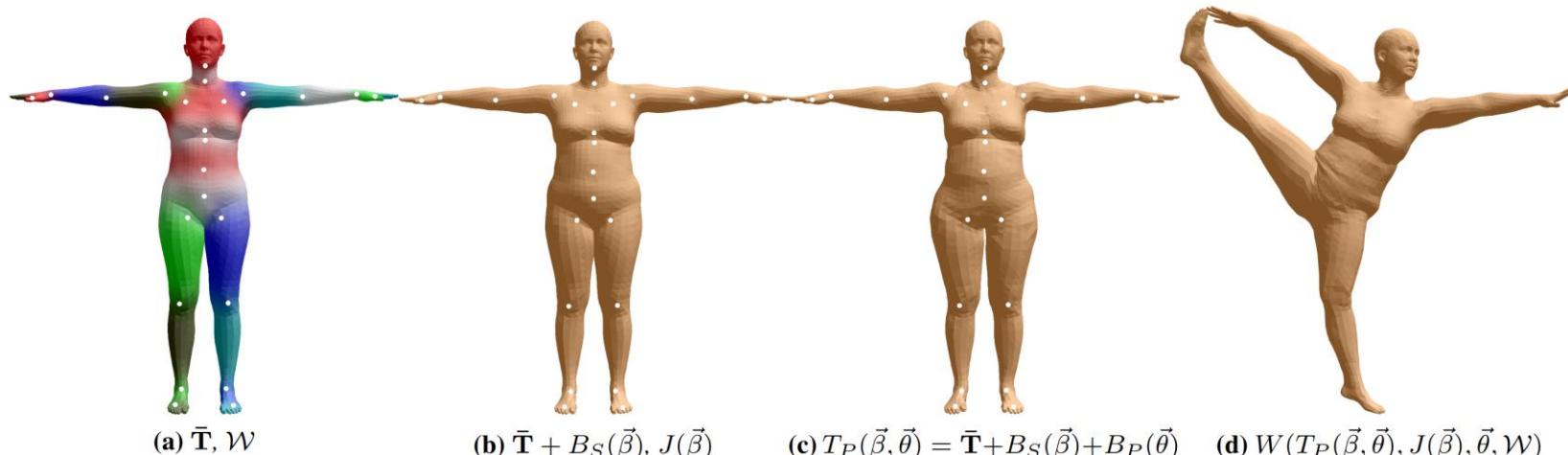
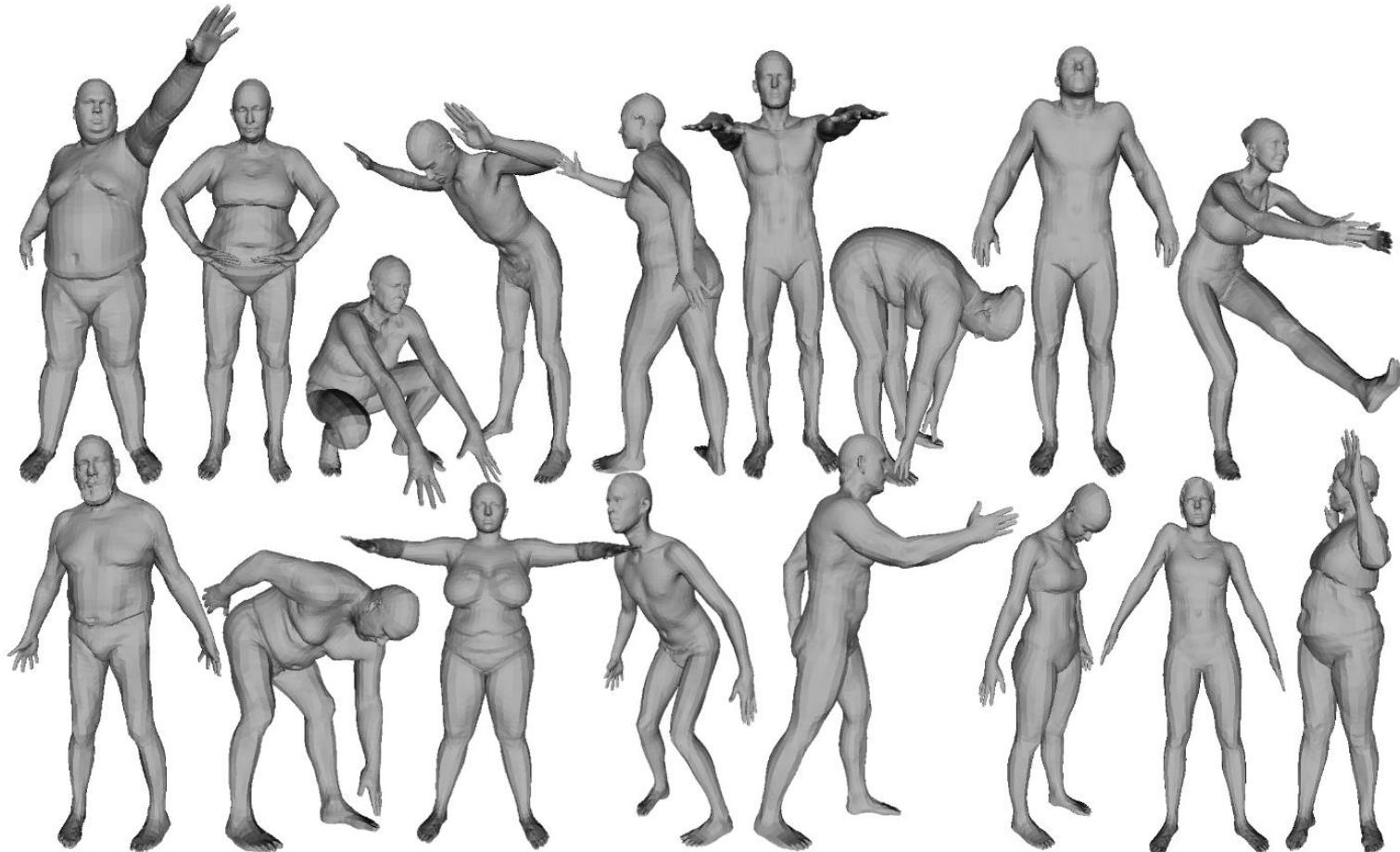


Figure 3: SMPL model. (a) Template mesh with blend weights indicated by color and joints shown in white. (b) With identity-driven blendshape contribution only; vertex and joint locations are linear in shape vector $\vec{\beta}$. (c) With the addition of pose blend shapes in preparation for the split pose; note the expansion of the hips. (d) Deformed vertices reposed by dual quaternion skinning for the split pose.

[SMPL: A Skinned Multi-Person Linear Model]

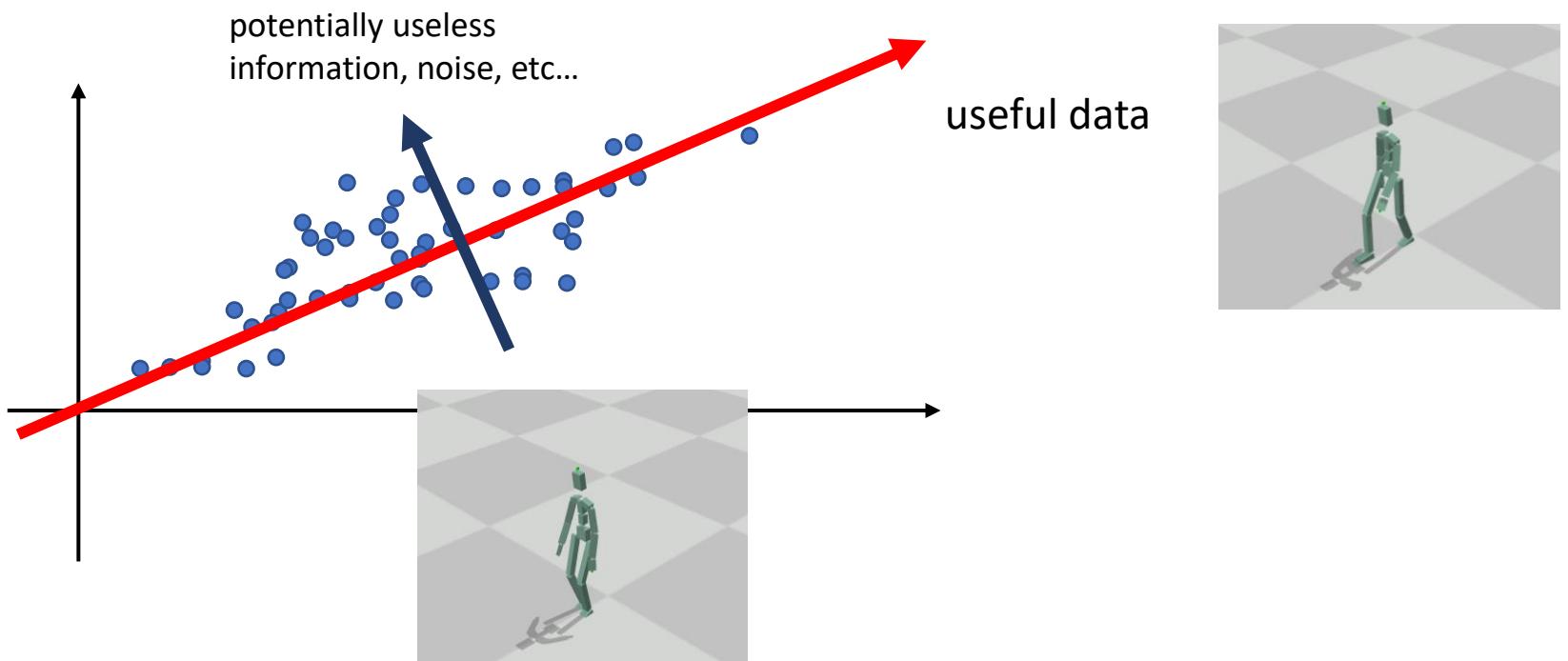
How to deal with massive examples?



[SMPL: A Skinned Multi-Person Linear Model]

Recall: Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- A technique for
 - finding out the correlations among dimensions
 - dimensionality reduction



Recall: Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- Given a dataset $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}, \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$, then PCA gives

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \sum_{k=1}^n w_{i,k} \mathbf{u}_k$$

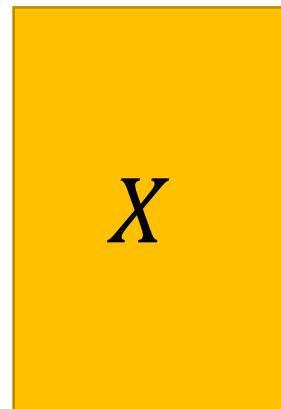
- \mathbf{u}_k is the *k*-th principal component
 - A direction in \mathbb{R}^N along which the projection of $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}$ has the *k*-th maximal variance
- $w_{i,k} = (\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \cdot \mathbf{u}_k$ is the score of \mathbf{x}_i on \mathbf{u}_k

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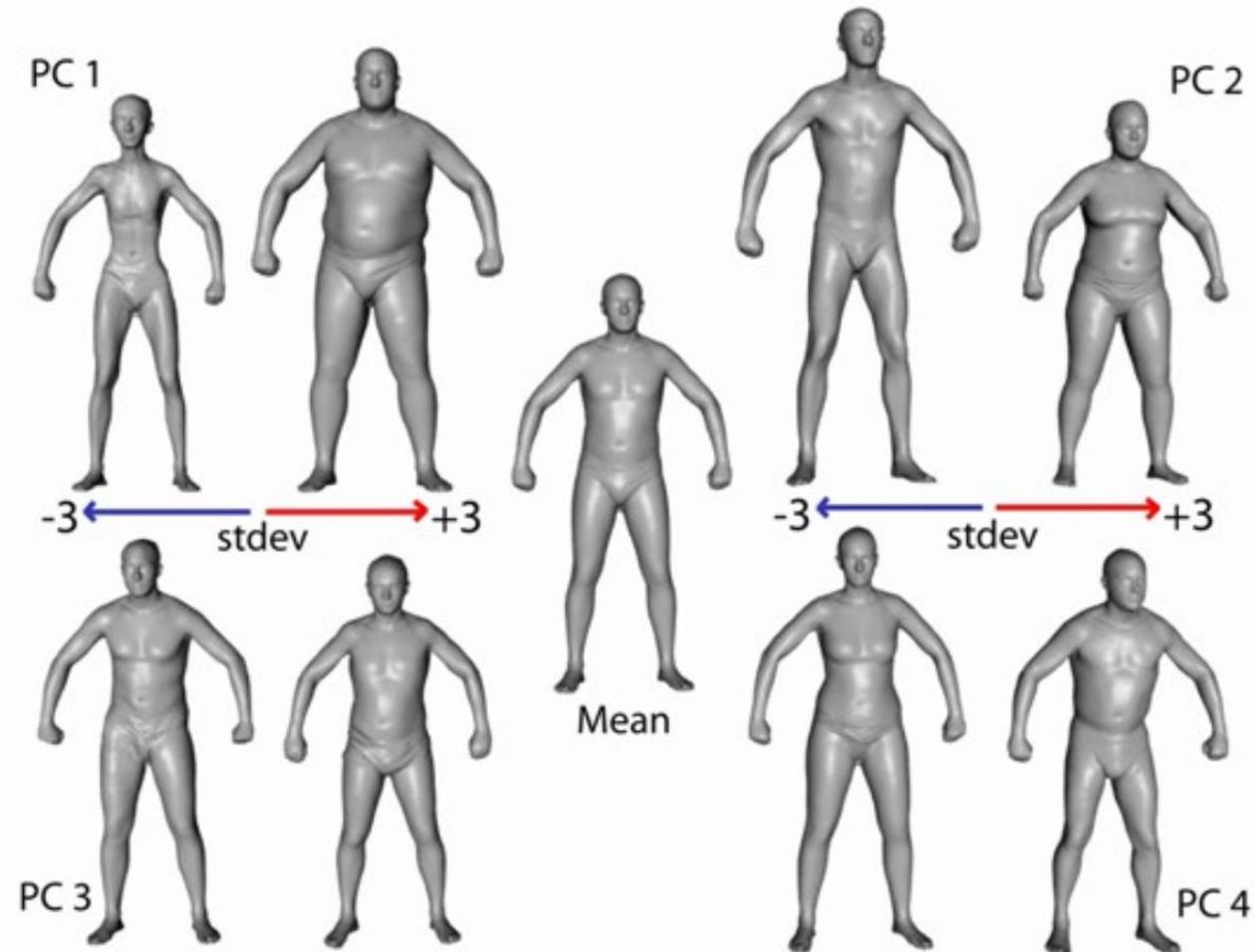
- Given a dataset $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}, \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$, the PCA can be computed by apply **eigen decomposition** on the **covariance matrix**

$$\Sigma = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & & \\ & \sigma_2^2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \sigma_N^2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}^T$$

- $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_0 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{x}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N - \bar{\mathbf{x}}]^T$
- $\sigma_i \geq \sigma_j \geq 0$ when $i < j$, corresponds to the **Explained Variance**
- $\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N]$

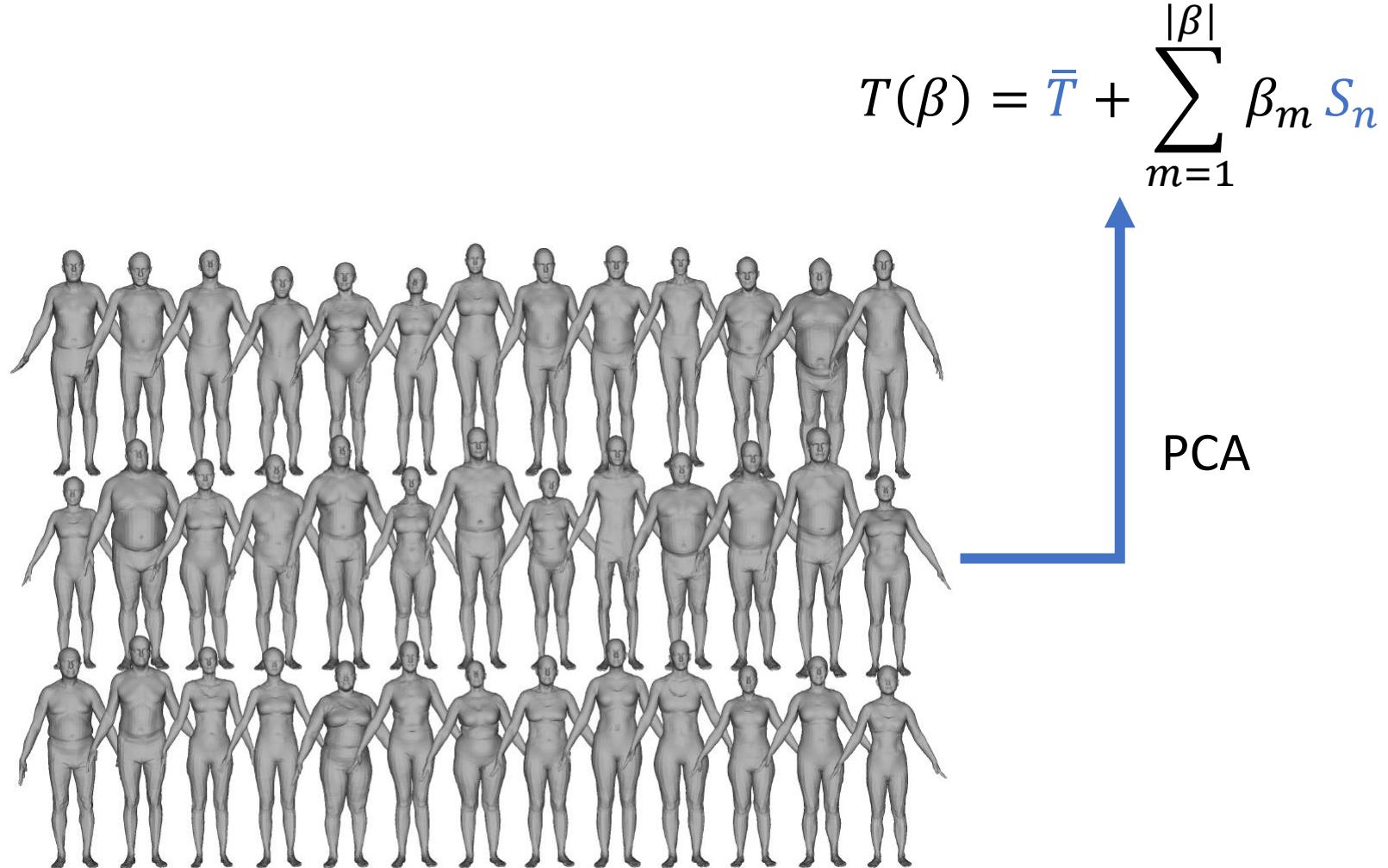


PCA over Body Shapes



Dragomir Anguelov, Praveen Srinivasan, Daphne Koller, Sebastian Thrun, Jim Rodgers, and James Davis. 2005. **SCAPE: shape completion and animation of people**. ACM Trans. Graph. 24, 3 (July 2005), 408–416.

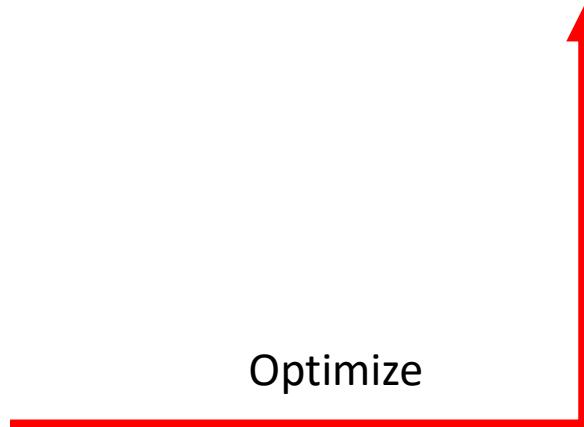
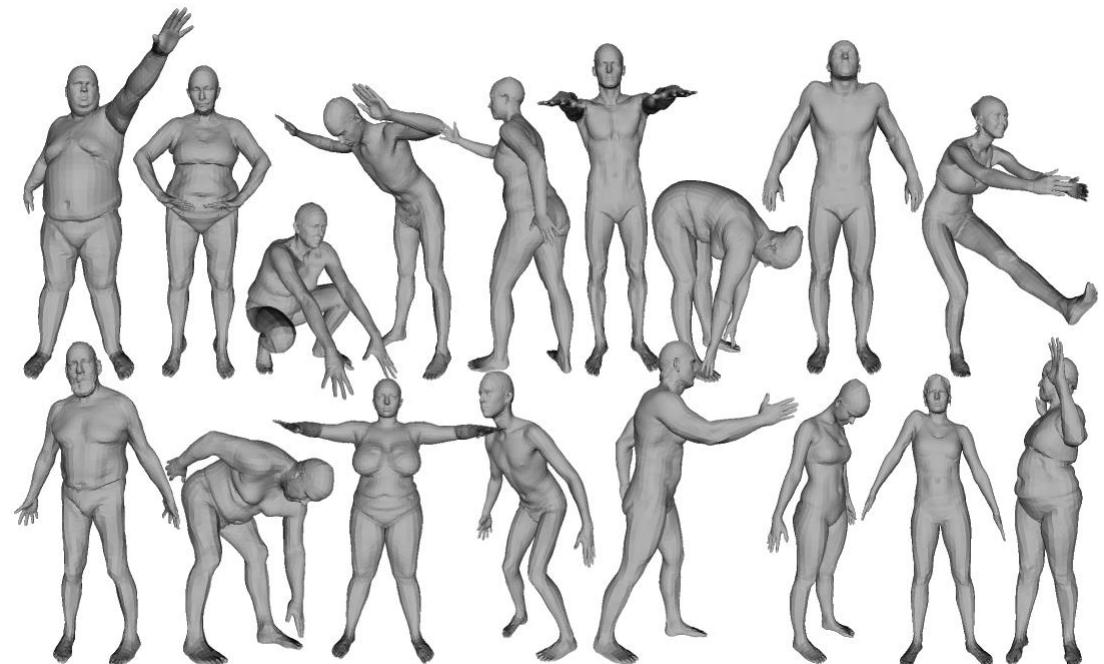
SMPL Model: Body Shape



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SMPL Model: Pose Blend Shapes

$$T(\beta, \theta) = \bar{T} + \sum_{m=1}^{|\beta|} \beta_m S_n + \sum_{n=1}^{|\theta|} \theta_n p_n$$



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SMPL Model: Deformation

$$T(\beta, \theta) = \bar{T} + \sum_{m=1}^{|\beta|} \beta_m S_n + \sum_{n=1}^{|\theta|} \theta_n p_n$$



$$x = \text{SKIN}(T(\beta, \theta), \theta, \mathcal{W})$$

SKIN: LBS, DQS, etc...

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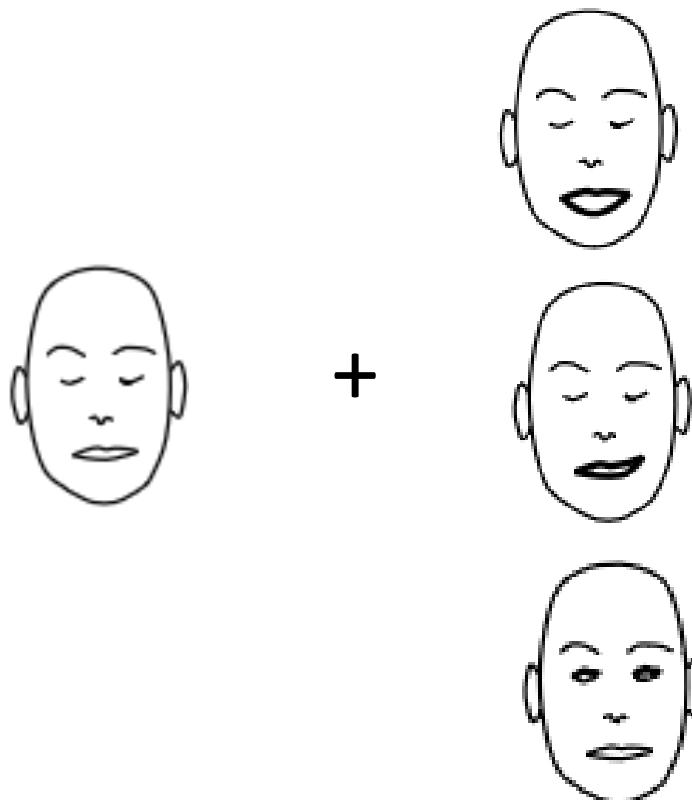
Example: Facial Animation



[UnrealEngine]

Facial Animation

Facial Animation = Identity + Expression



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$$X = X_0 + \sum_i \beta_i B_i^{\text{ID}} + \sum_j \theta_j B_j^{\text{Exp}}$$

Facial Animation

Facial Animation = Identity + Expression

The “Average Face”

Facial Expression

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Face Customization

Facial Blendshapes

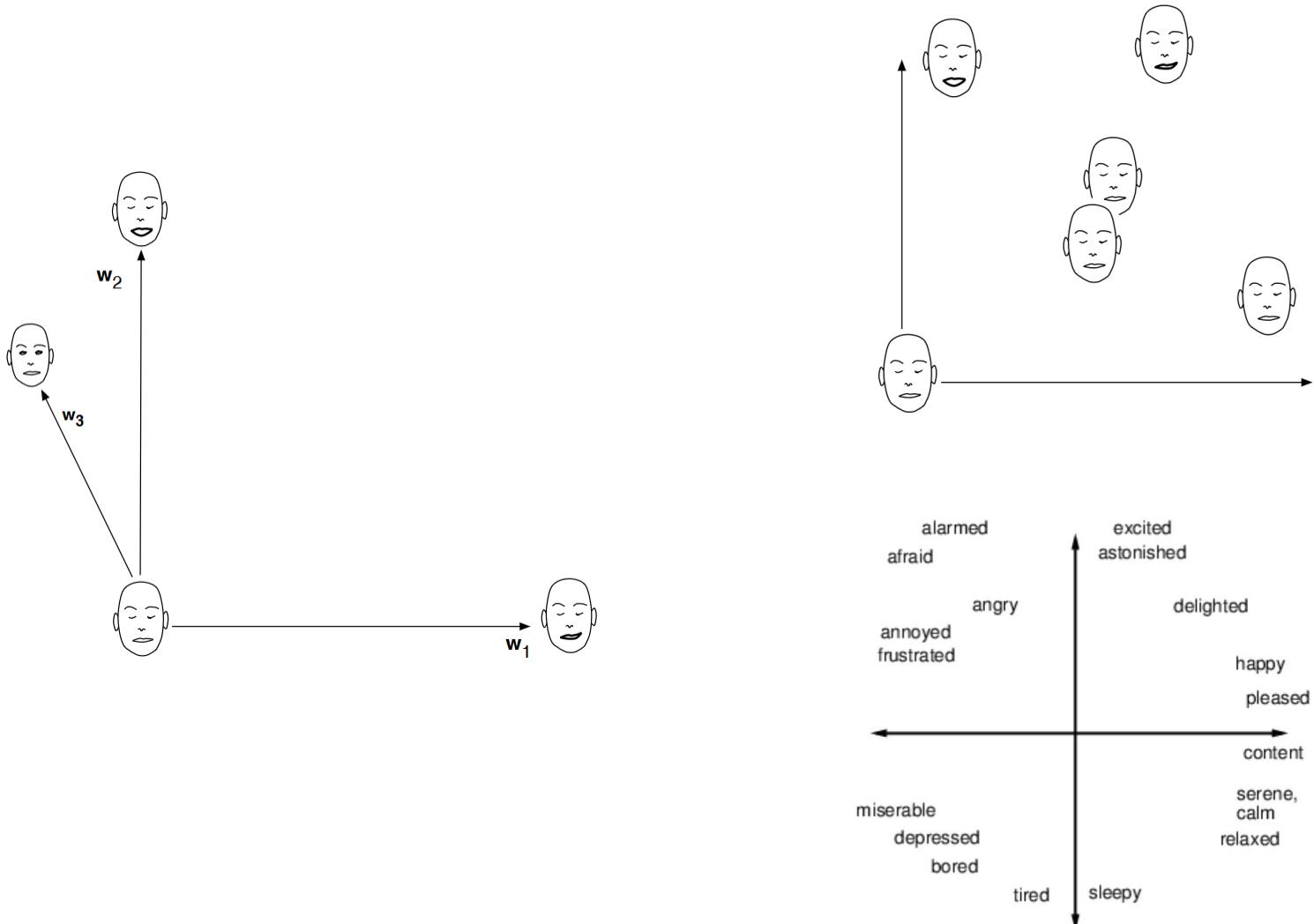


<http://www.santhoshkoneru.com/facial-blendshapes>

A Typical Set of Blendshapes (ARKit)

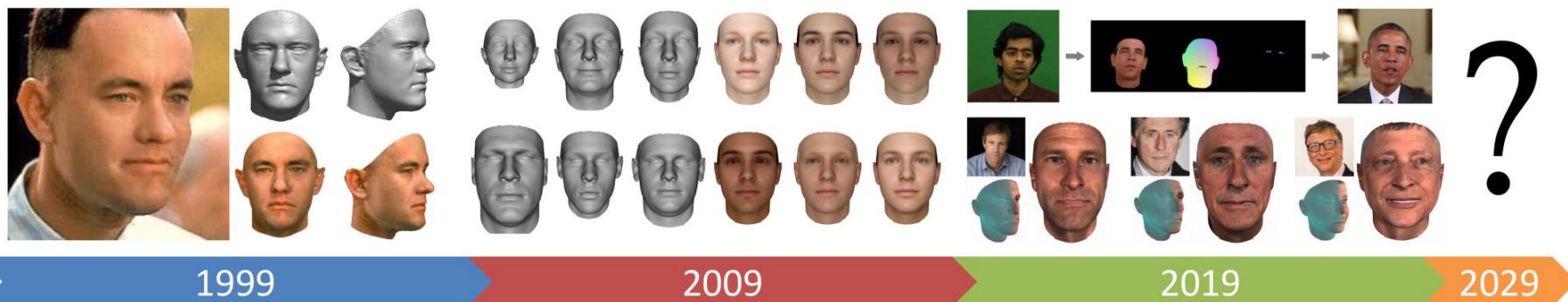
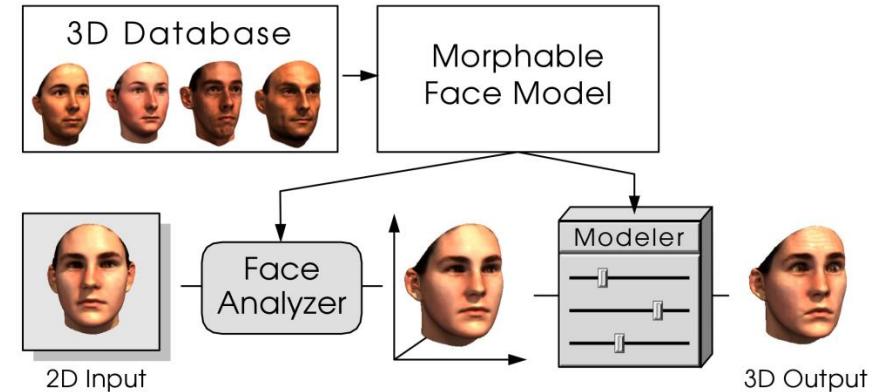
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- eyeWideLeft
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- eyeLookInRight
- eyeLookOutRight
- eyeLookUpRight
- eyeSquintRight
- eyeWideRight
- jawForward
- jawLeft
- jawRight
- jawOpen
- mouthClose
- mouthFunnel
- mouthPucker
- mouthRight
- mouthLeft
- mouthSmileLeft
- mouthSmileRight
- mouthFrownRight
- mouthFrownLeft
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- mouthStretchLeft
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- mouthRollLower
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- mouthShrugLower
- mouthShrugUpper
- mouthPressLeft
- mouthPressRight
- mouthLowerDownLeft
- mouthLowerDownRight
- mouthUpperUpLeft
- mouthUpperUpRight
- browDownLeft
- browDownRight
- browInnerUp
- browOuterUpLeft
- browOuterUpRight
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- noseSneerLeft
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- tongueOut
- gemfield

Blendshapes vs. Example-based Skinning



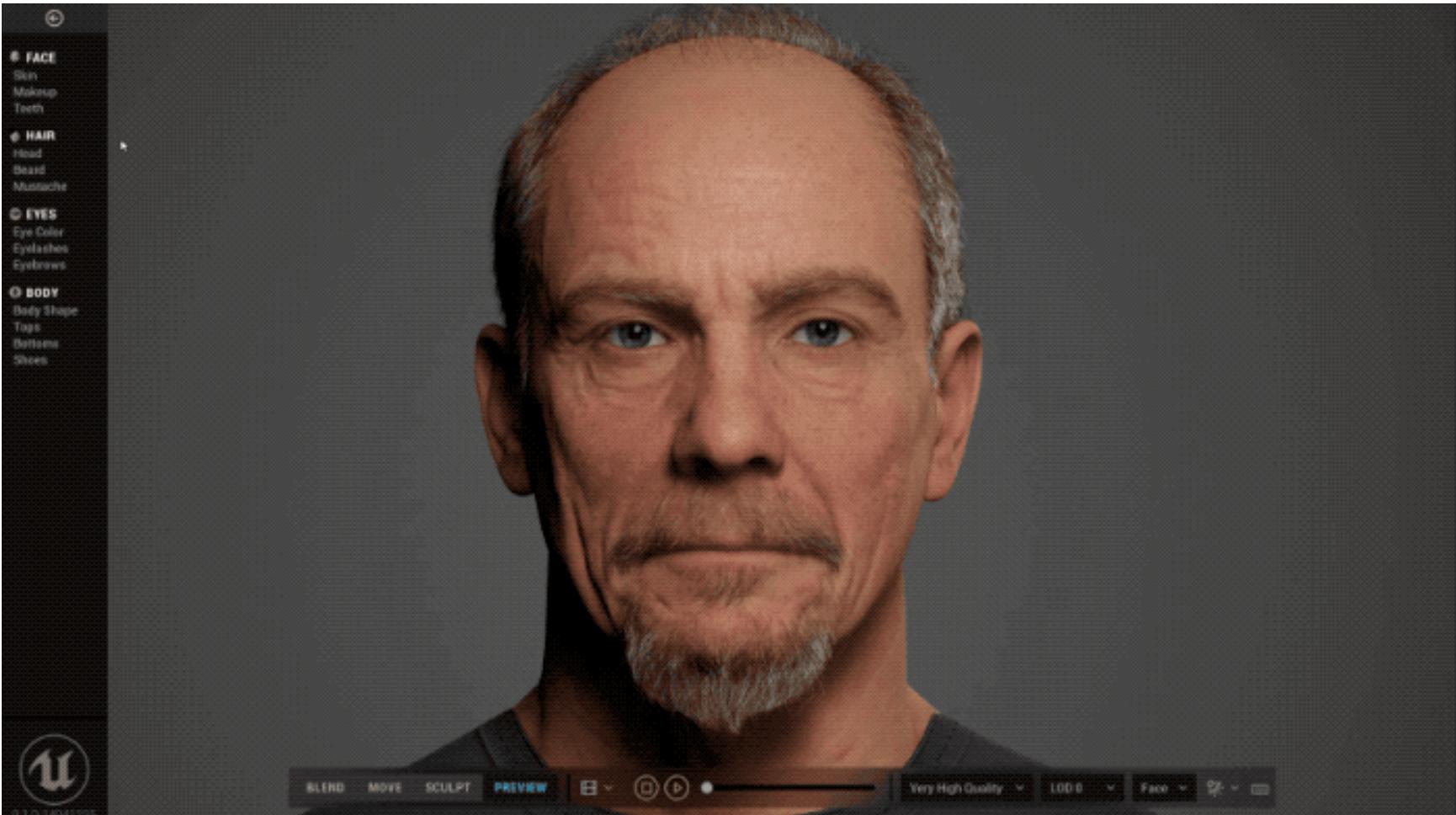
Morphable Face Models

$$X = X_0 + \sum_i \beta_i B_i^{\text{ID}} + \sum_j \theta_j B_j^{\text{Exp}}$$



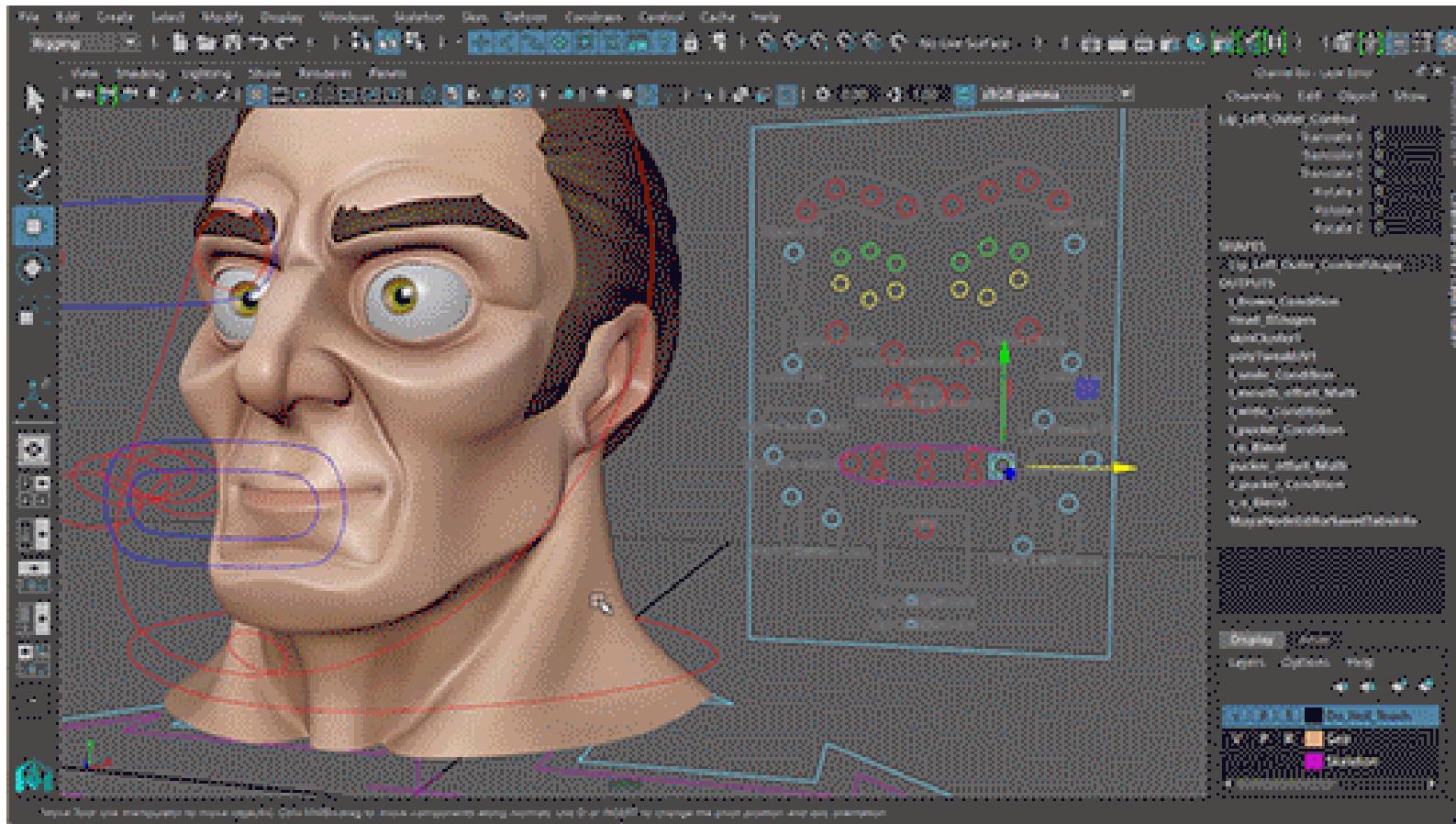
Egger et al. 2020. **3D Morphable Face Models - Past, Present, and Future.** ACM Trans. Graph. 39, 5 (June 2020), 157:1-157:38.

Morphable Face Models



Meta Human - UnrealEngine

How to Animate a Face?

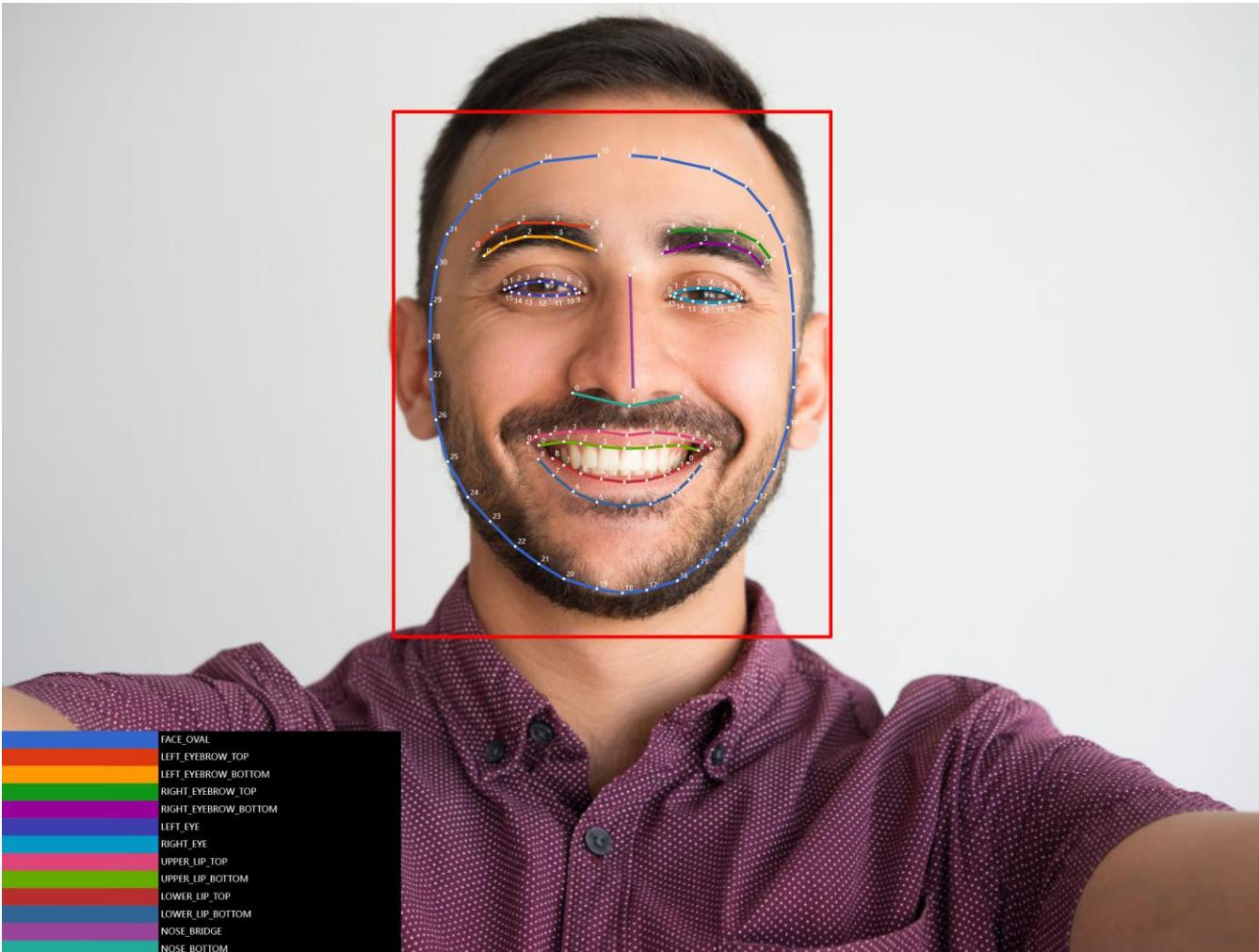


Face Tracking



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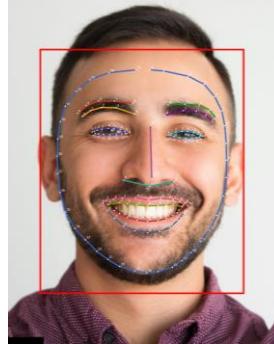
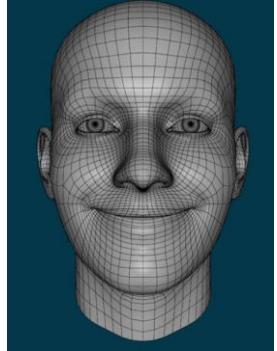
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Face Tracking

$$\min_{\beta_i, \theta_j} \left\| X_0 + \sum_i \beta_i B_i^{\text{ID}} + \sum_j \theta_j B_j^{\text{Exp}} - Y \right\| + E(\beta_i, \theta_j)$$

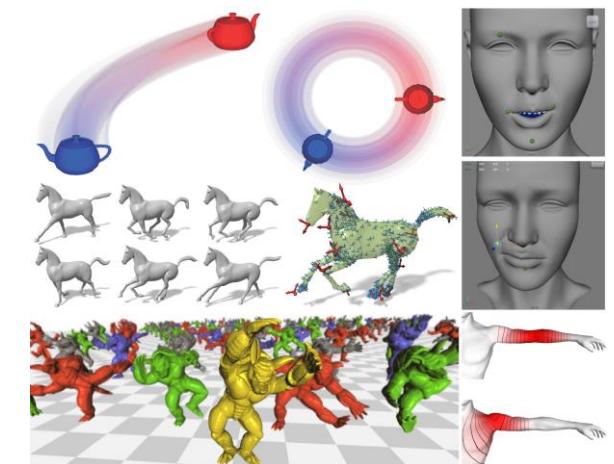


Speech-driven



Outline

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- Examples:
 - The SMPL model
 - Facial Animation



Many images are from: <https://skinning.org/>
Alec Jacobson, Zhigang Deng, Ladislav Kavan, and J. P. Lewis. 2014.
Skinning: real-time shape deformation.
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Questions?

