

Transforms (cont.)

4x4 matrix transforms are called

homogeneous transformations because they operate on homogeneous coordinates

Notes: homogeneous transforms can be represented as 2x2 block matrices

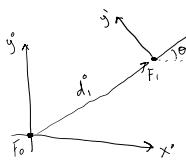
$$\begin{bmatrix} R & d \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

homogeneous coordinates can be represented as 2x1 block matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} p \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can combine these block representations the same as regular matrix & vector arithmetic

EX Consider our frame of reference from last class



The transformation T_1^0 which converts coordinates from frame 1 (F_1) to frame 0 (F_0) is

$$T_1^0 = \begin{bmatrix} R_1^0 & d_1^0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose $R_1^0 = R_2(45)$ and $d_1^0 = (5, 2, 0)^T$.

What is the location of the origin of F_1 w.r.t. F_0 ?

Aside: F_1 is an example of a local coordinate system

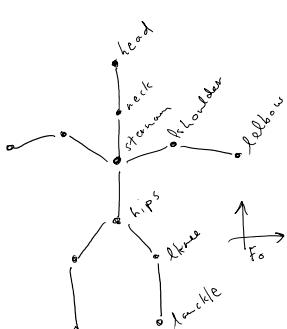
Let $p^1 = (0, 0, 0)^T$, then $p^0 = T_1^0 p^1$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} R_1^0 & d_1^0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p^1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1^0 p^1 + d_1^0 \\ 0 \cdot p^1 + 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1^0 p^1 + d_1^0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_2(45) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is the position of $p^1 = (1, 0, 0)^T$ w.r.t. F_0 ?

$$p^0 = T_1^0 p^1 = \begin{bmatrix} R_1^0 p^1 + d_1^0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_2(45) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5+5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Articulated Characters



→ Represented as a hierarchy of joints (aka bones)

→ hierarchy is called a skeleton

→ root of the hierarchy is user the hips

→ the root transform is usu. wrt. to the world transform

→ each joint stores a transform wrt to its parent

→ joints with no children are called end effectors

Degrees of freedom (DOF): the "ways" an object can move

EX the "hips" have 6 DOF: translation in XYZ rotation around X Y Z axes

EX the "lknee" might have 3 DOF : rotation around XYZ

Joints: Several types of joints
all joints in our class are these
(3 DOF, rotation around XYZ)

- ① Ball joint (ex. shoulder) ↪ 3 DOF (rotation around XYZ)
- ② Hinge joint (ex. elbow) ↪ 1 DOF joint (rotational)
- ③ Prismatic joint (ex. selfie stick) ↪ 1 DOF (translational)

Implementation details (base code):

Skeleton maintains tree of joints

Each joint stores

- 2 transforms:
- ① local2parent (F_i^j) converts from the joint's frame to its parent frame
 - ② local2global (F_i^0) converts from the joint's frame to the global frame

name (ex. "hips")

id (0, 1, 2, ..., numJoints-1)

ptr to parent

list of children ptrs.

Kinematics: refers to the motion of objects over time

Forward Kinematics: process of computing global positions of each joint given the current state of the skeleton.

The current state of a skeleton is called a "pose".

Idea: A pose contains a value for every DOF in the character.

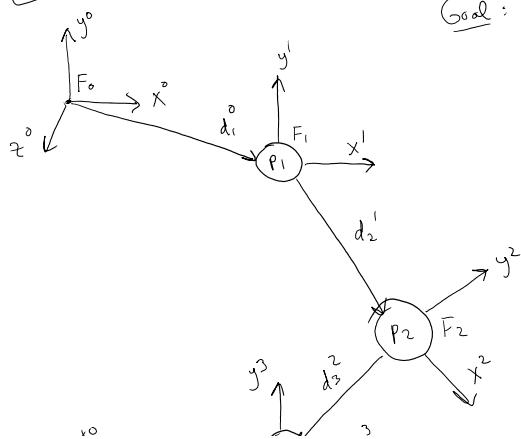
The above skeleton has $6 + 11 * 3$ DOFs (root + other joints)

Therefore, our pose have 39 values in it

$$\textcircled{H} = \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{root}_x, \text{root}_y, \text{root}_z, \text{root}_\theta_x, \text{root}_\theta_y, \text{root}_\theta_z, \text{lknee}_\theta_x, \text{lknee}_\theta_y, \dots \\ \text{root} \quad \text{root} \quad \text{root} \quad \text{root rot} \quad \text{root rot} \quad \text{root rot} \end{array} \right]$$

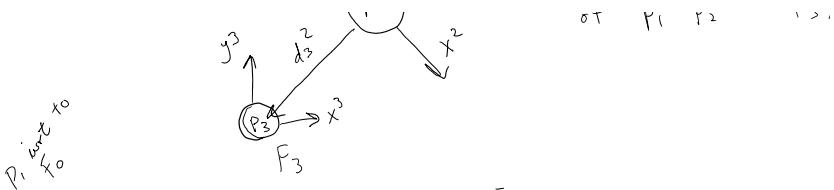
↑
all values
in local
coordinates

EX Kinematic Chain



Goal: Compute the global positions of P_1, P_2, P_3 given the local transforms at P_1, P_2, P_3 , e.g.
 T_1^0, T_2^1, T_3^2

Approach: Compute T_1^0, T_2^1 , and T_3^2 to get the global positions of P_1, P_2 & P_3 .



$$P_1^0 = T_1^0 P_1^1, \text{ where } P_1^1 = (0, 0, 0, 1)^T$$

$$P_2^0 = T_2^0 P_2^1 = T_1^0 T_2^1 P_2^2 \leftarrow P_2^2 = (0, 0, 0, 1)^T$$

$$P_3^0 = T_3^0 P_3^3 = T_1^0 T_2^1 T_3^2 P_3^3$$

EX Suppose

$d_1^0 = (1, -1, 1)^T$	$R_1^0 = R_2(-45)$
$d_2^0 = (2, 0, 0)^T$	$R_2^1 = R_2(-30)$
$d_3^0 = (2, -1, 0)^T$	$R_3^2 = I$

$$\begin{aligned} P_3^0 &= T_3^0 P_3^3 = T_1^0 T_2^1 T_3^2 P_3^3 \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{c|c} R_1^0 & d_1^0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c|c} R_2^1 & d_2^1 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c|c} R_3^2 & d_3^2 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{c|c} R_1^0 R_2^1 & R_1^0 d_2^1 + d_1^0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c|c} R_3^2 & d_3^2 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{c|c} R_1^0 R_2^1 R_3^2 & R_1^0 R_2^1 d_3^2 + R_1^0 d_2^1 + d_1^0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &= \phi \quad \text{later} \end{aligned}$$

(FK)
Forward Kinematics Alg: generalizes process we just did w/ the kinematic chain to any skeleton

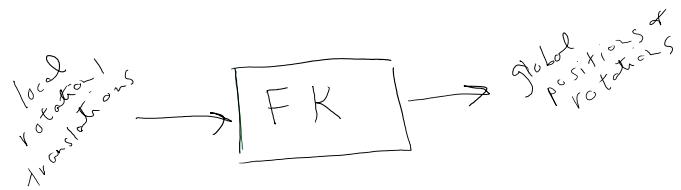
FK: Recursively compute local2global F_j^0 for each joint j
Idea: Do a tree traversal on each joint. Start at root

Joint :: fk()

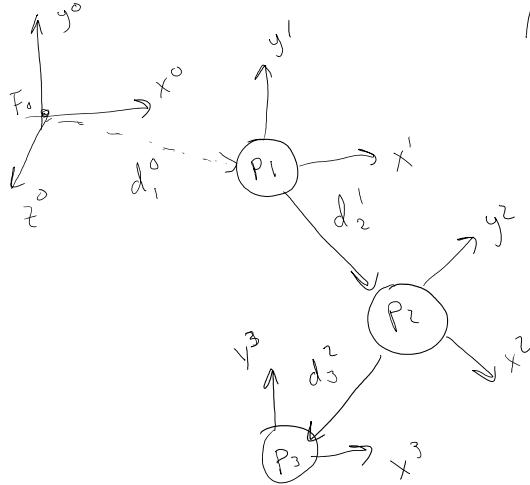
if (mParent != NULL)
 $\text{local2global} = (\underbrace{\text{mParent} \rightarrow \text{local2global}}_{\text{local2parent}}) * \underbrace{\text{local2global}}_{\text{local2parent}}$

else
 $\text{local2global} = \text{local2parent}; // \text{root}$

for each child
child $\rightarrow f_k()$



Kinematic Chain Revisited



Assume we are given local displacements & rotations at each joint e.g.

$d_1^0, d_2^1, d_3^2 \leftarrow$ displacement / offset / translation

$R_1^0, R_2^1, R_3^2 \leftarrow$ orientations (usu euler angles, or quats, but 3×3 matrices here)

Q: What is the local 2 global transform, T_1^0 , for joint 1?

$$T_1^0 = \begin{bmatrix} R_1^0 & | d_1^0 \\ \hline 0 & | 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q: What is the local 2 global transform of joint 3?

$$T_3^0 = T_1^0 \quad T_2^1 \quad T_3^2 = \begin{bmatrix} R_1^0 & | d_1^0 \\ \hline 0 & | 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_2^1 & | d_2^1 \\ \hline 0 & | 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_3^2 & | d_3^2 \\ \hline 0 & | 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q: What is the coordinate of P_3^3 in joint 2's frame?

$$P_3^3 = T_3^2 \quad P_3^3$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} R_3^2 & | d_3^2 \\ \hline 0 & | 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \hline 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_3^2 \cdot \phi + d_3^2 \\ \hline 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_3^2 \\ \hline 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

position of joint 3 w.r.t frame 3

Q: What is the coordinate P_2^2 in joint 3's frame?

$$P_2^2 = T_3^3 \quad P_2^2 = (T_3^2)^{-1} \quad P_2^2$$

$$\overset{3}{p}_2 = \underset{\substack{\text{d.o.f. this} \\ \text{have leave} \\ \text{by } T_3^2}}{\cancel{T_2^3}} p_2 = (T_3^2)^{-1} p_2$$

where $(T_3^2)^{-1} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} R_3^2 & d_3^2 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)^{-1}$

$$= \left(\begin{array}{c|c} (R_3^2)^T & -(R_3^2)^T d_3^2 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c} R_3^2 & d_3^2 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c|c} A & b \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{c|c} R_3^2 A & R_3^2 b + d_3^2 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Let } A = (R_3^2)^T$$

$$R_3^2 b + d_3^2 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow R_3^2 b = -d_3^2$$

$$\rightarrow b = (R_3^2)^T (-d_3^2)$$

Q: What is the world origin w.r.t. joint 3's frame?

$$\overset{3}{p}_0 = \underset{\substack{\text{d.o.f. this} \\ \text{have leave} \\ \text{by } T_3^2}}{\cancel{T_0^3}} p_0 = (T_0^3)^{-1} p_0$$

$$= \left[\begin{array}{c|c} (R_0^3 R_1^1 R_2^2)^{-1} & (R_0^3 R_1^1 R_2^2)^{-1} (R_1^0 R_2^1 d_3^2 - R_1^0 d_2^1 - d_1^0) \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \left[\begin{array}{c|c} R_2^3 R_1^2 R_0^1 & R_2^3 d_3^2 - R_2^3 R_1^2 d_2^1 - R_2^3 R_1^2 R_0^1 d_1^0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Skeletons & Joints Revisited

Recall: A pose Θ is a vector of values corresponding to the DOF of the skeleton.

Ex] A biped w 6 DOF at the root & 3 at all other joints

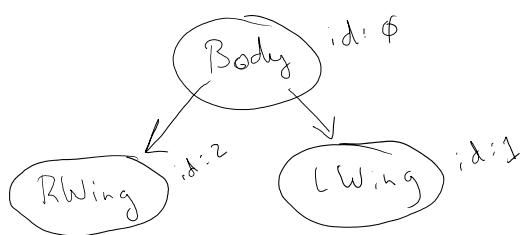
$$\Theta = (\underbrace{x_0^0, y_0^0, z_0^0}, \underbrace{\theta_{0x}^0, \theta_{0y}^0, \theta_{0z}^0}, \underbrace{\theta_{1x}, \theta_{1y}, \theta_{1z}}, \dots, \underbrace{\theta_{Nx}, \theta_{Ny}, \theta_{Nz}})$$

$$\text{Transform} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 & y_0 & z_0 & \theta_{0x} & \theta_{0y} & \theta_{0z} \\ \text{translation} & \text{rotation} & \text{rotation joints} & & & \\ \text{joint 0,} & \text{joint } \phi & \text{joints 1...N} & & & \\ \text{wrt to} & \text{wrt world} & & & & \\ \text{world} & & & & & \text{joint N} \end{pmatrix}$$

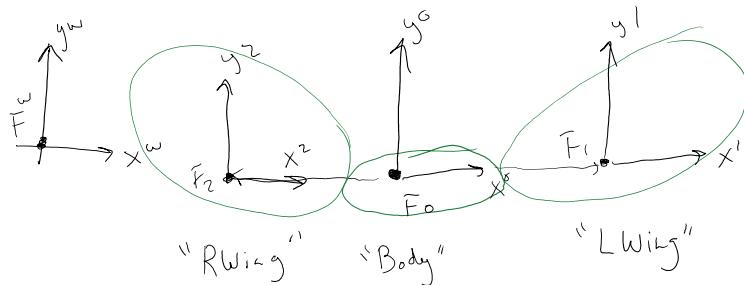
To animate an articulated character (e.g. one w/ poseable limbs), we copy the pose into the transform of each joint + call FK

Example Butterfly

Skeleton Hierarchy:



Define how each body part relates to the other



Goal: Associate geometry w/ each transform.

Common Approach: Scene Graph

- a tree data structure that represents an entire scene,
- nodes represent scene objects (light, primitives, etc.)
- each node has a transform
- edges represent parent-child frame relationships

Matrix Stack:

EX

push()
 translate(vec3(4, 4, 0)); ← translate by (4, 4, 0)
 rotate(45°, vec3(0, 0, 1)); ← rotate 45° around z
 scale(vec3(2, 0.5, 1)); ← scale x by 2 + y by 1/2
 drawSquare(...); ← draw square
 pop();

→ init square
 → points: ... -1|2|0|1|

→ 2x3 code

`pop()`

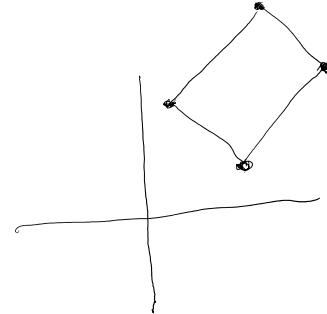
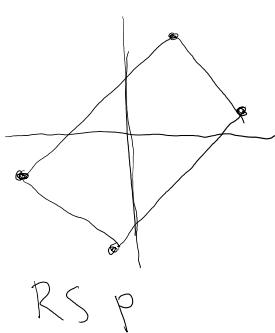
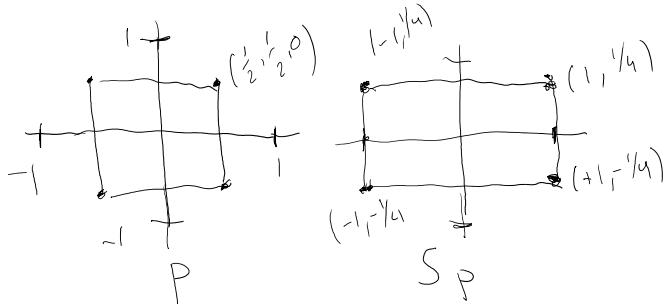
Math Perspective:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_z(45) & | & 0 \\ 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} P$$

T R S

points: $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
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Visualization Perspective



(local)

`push()` ← pushes the current product of transforms to a stack

`pop()` ← pops the top transform from the stack

① current Transform = T_{body}

EX ① `transform(body)`

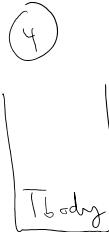
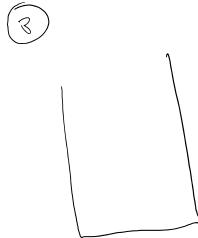
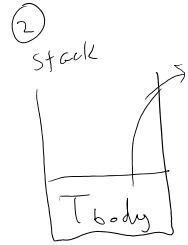
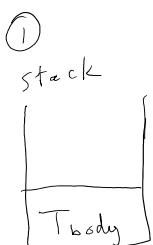
② `push()`

② `transform(arm)`
draw Arm()

③ `pop()`

④ `push()`
⑤ `transform(leg)`
draw Leg()

⑥ `pop()`



current Transform
= T_{body}

current Transform
= $T_{body} T_{arm}$

current Transform
= T_{body}
(`pop()` sets
current Transform
to top of the
stack)

Motion:

Character Motion is a series of poses over time

recall: poses denoted Θ

Keyframed Motion: $\langle t_0, \Theta_0 \rangle, \langle t_1, \Theta_1 \rangle, \dots \langle t_n, \Theta_n \rangle$

* times may not be uniformly spaced

* relies on artist typically to create each pose Θ

* use splines to interpolate poses

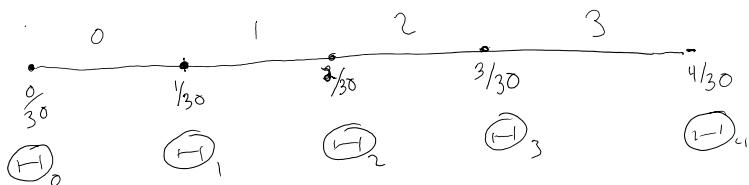
Fixed framerate Motion: $[\Theta_0, \Theta_1, \Theta_2, \dots, \Theta_n]$

* don't store time because the time between each key is known

* motion capture produced fixed framerate motion

[EX] Motion Capture systems usu. capture poses at either 24, 30, 120 fps.
 \Rightarrow If the fps = 24, the time between each frame is $\frac{1}{24}$ s

[EX] Suppose we have a 30 fps motion that is 2s long.
 What is the pose at time 0.1s?



Step 1: Find segment containing time

\rightarrow Each segment corresponds to $\frac{1}{30}$ seconds

$$\Rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{1}{30}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Segment} = \text{floor}\left(\frac{0.1}{\Delta t}\right) = \text{floor}(3) = 3$$

Step 2: Compute normalized time, u

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$$\text{StartTime for segment} = \text{segment ID} * \Delta t = 3 \left(\frac{1}{30}\right) = \frac{3}{30} = 0.1$$

$$\text{Segment end time} = (\text{segment} + 1) * \Delta t = 4 \left(\frac{1}{30}\right) = \frac{4}{30}$$

$$\text{normalizedTime} = \frac{\text{time} - \text{segmentStartTime}}{\text{segmentEndTime} - \text{segmentStartTime}} = \frac{0.1 - 0.1}{\Delta t} = 0$$

Step 3: Interpolate

$$(\text{H}) = \text{Interpolate}((\text{H}_3), (\text{H}_4), 0)$$

[EX] How can I play a motion twice as fast?

Approach 1: Resample a motion to have a duration, or change fps

Approach 2: During playback, you can use a "time scale" to play at different speeds w/out changing the motion, e.g.

$\begin{cases} \text{update}() \\ \text{time} = \text{elapsedTime}(); \\ (\text{H}) = \text{motion.get Value}(time); \end{cases}$] play at recorded speed

$\begin{cases} \text{update}() \\ \text{time} = \text{elapsedTime}() * \text{time Scale}; \\ (\text{H}) = \text{motion.get Value}(time); \end{cases}$] scaled time

Motion Editing:

In practice, we have motion clips for walk, stand, anything we want our character to do.

Problem: We can't create motion clips for every possibility

→ too labor intensive

→ often impossible: needs special equipment / knowledge about environments / context where motions would be used

C.ii: ① Generate new motions from existing ones

- ex. Greeting motion + Sad motion = Sad greeting
ex. blending between motion clips to create transitions

② Adopt motion clips to new settings

- ex. a walk motion can be modified for uneven terrain
ex. holding a cup / opening a door

Approach: To edit a motion, we only need to edit its keys

Editing poses:

Technique 1: Freezing a joint. (setting a constant value for a joint)

EX Zombie Arms.

→ replace the rotation curve for the shoulders to have a constant value

Technique 2: Splicing

→ Copy upper body joints from one motion & paste them onto another motion

EX Splicing a "drink water" motion onto the upper body of a walk motion