

Lecture 07

Skinning

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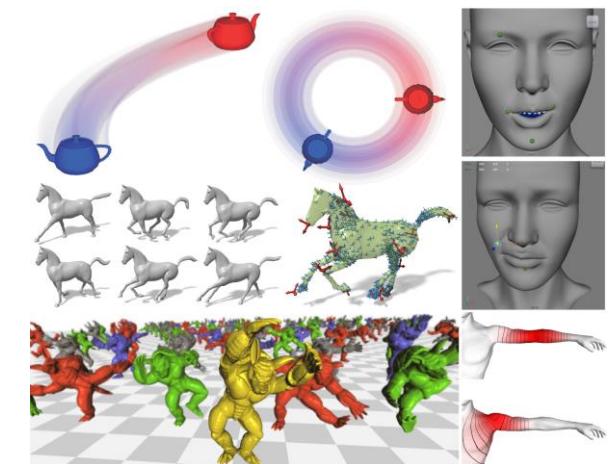
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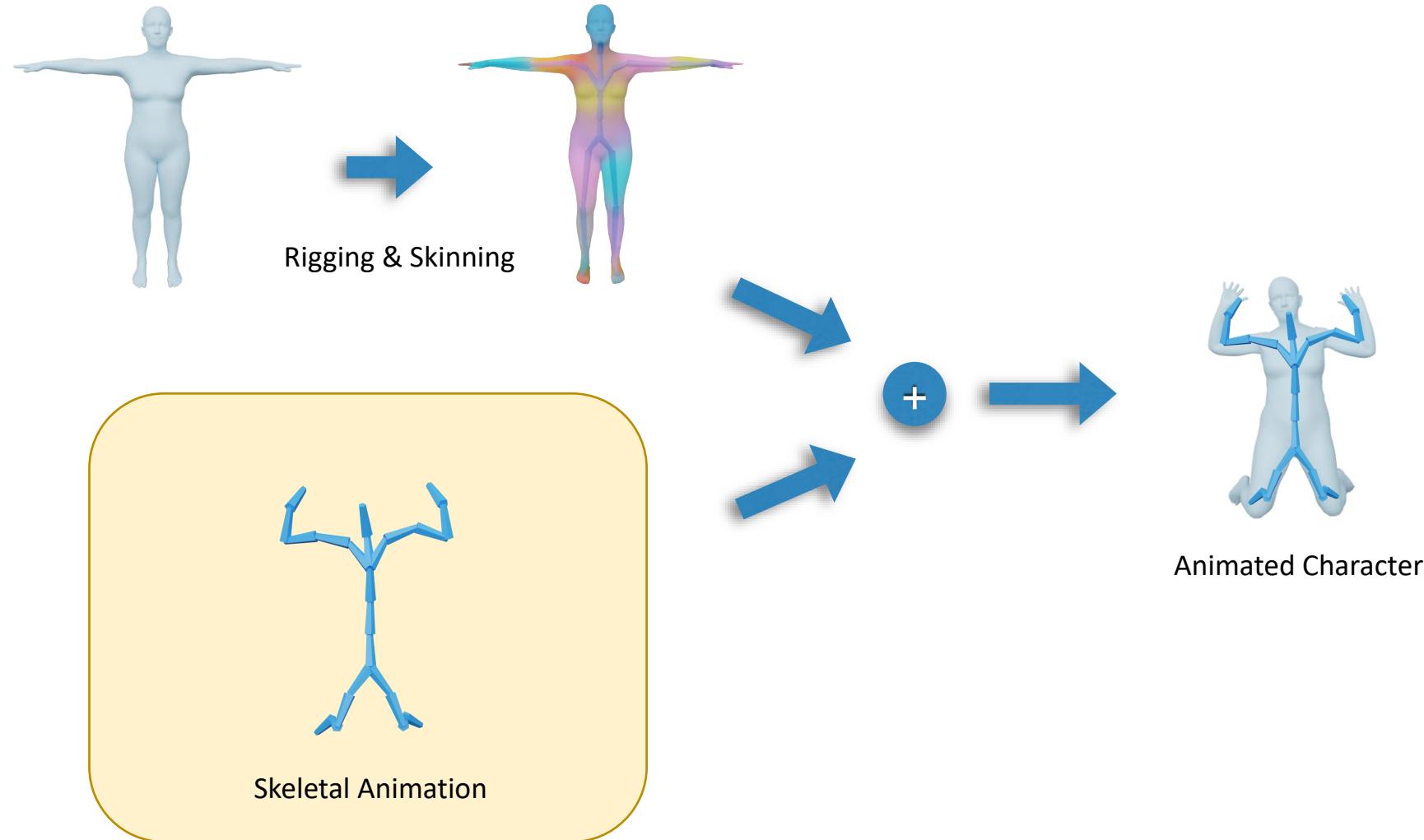
Outline

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

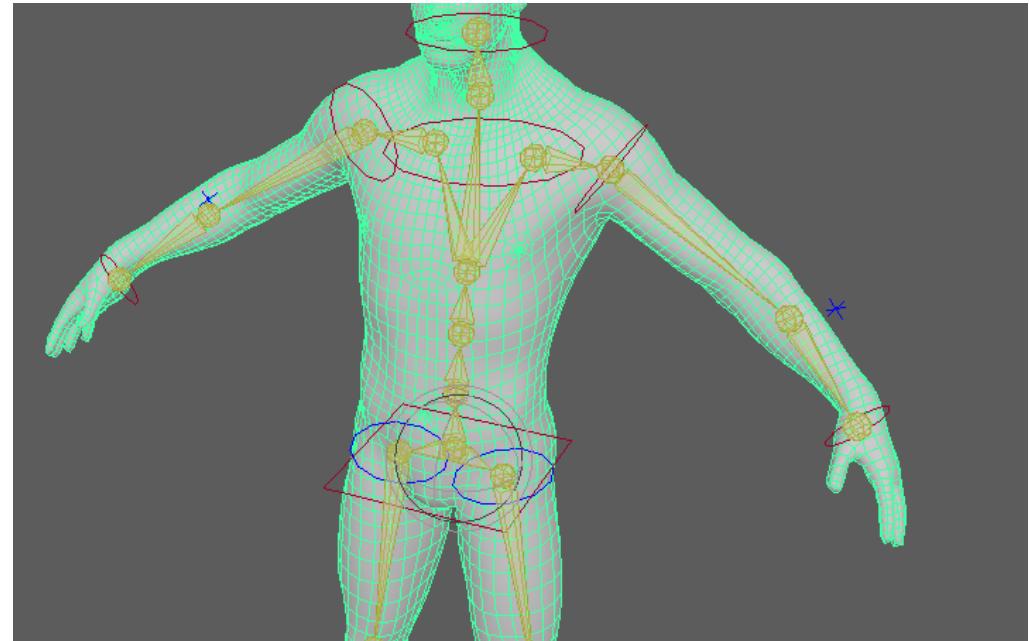
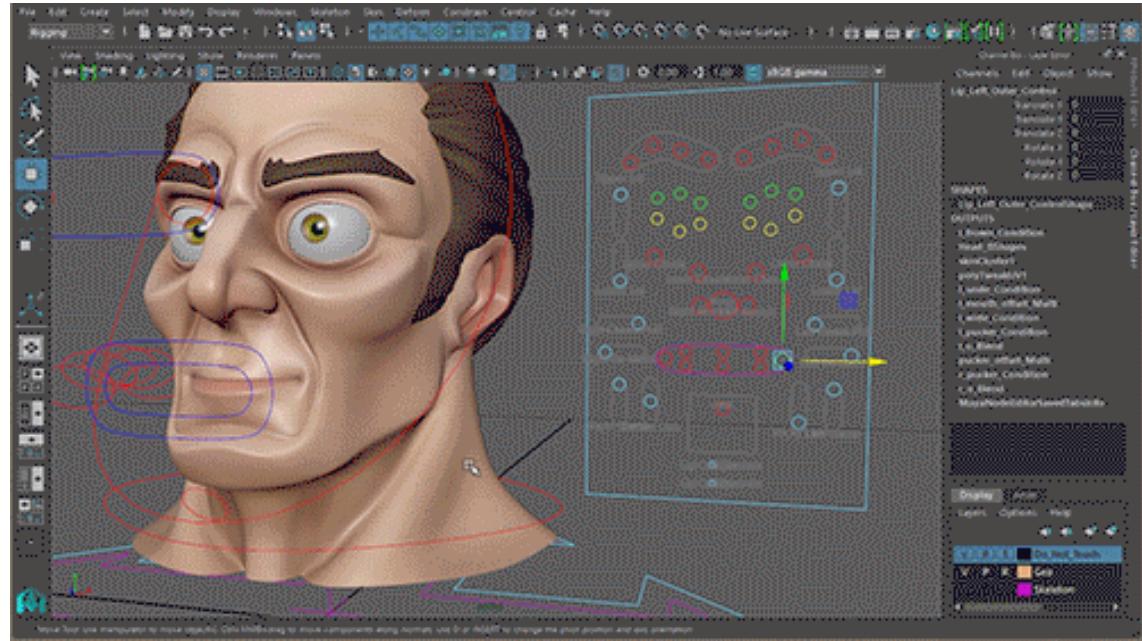


Many images are from: <https://skinning.org/>
Alec Jacobson, Zhigang Deng, Ladislav Kavan, and J. P. Lewis. 2014.
Skinning: real-time shape deformation.
In ACM SIGGRAPH 2014 Courses (SIGGRAPH '14)

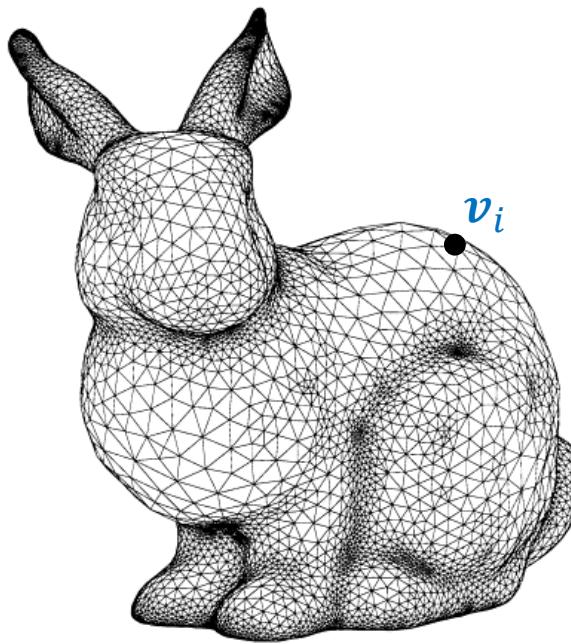
Character Animation Pipeline



Rigging & Skinning

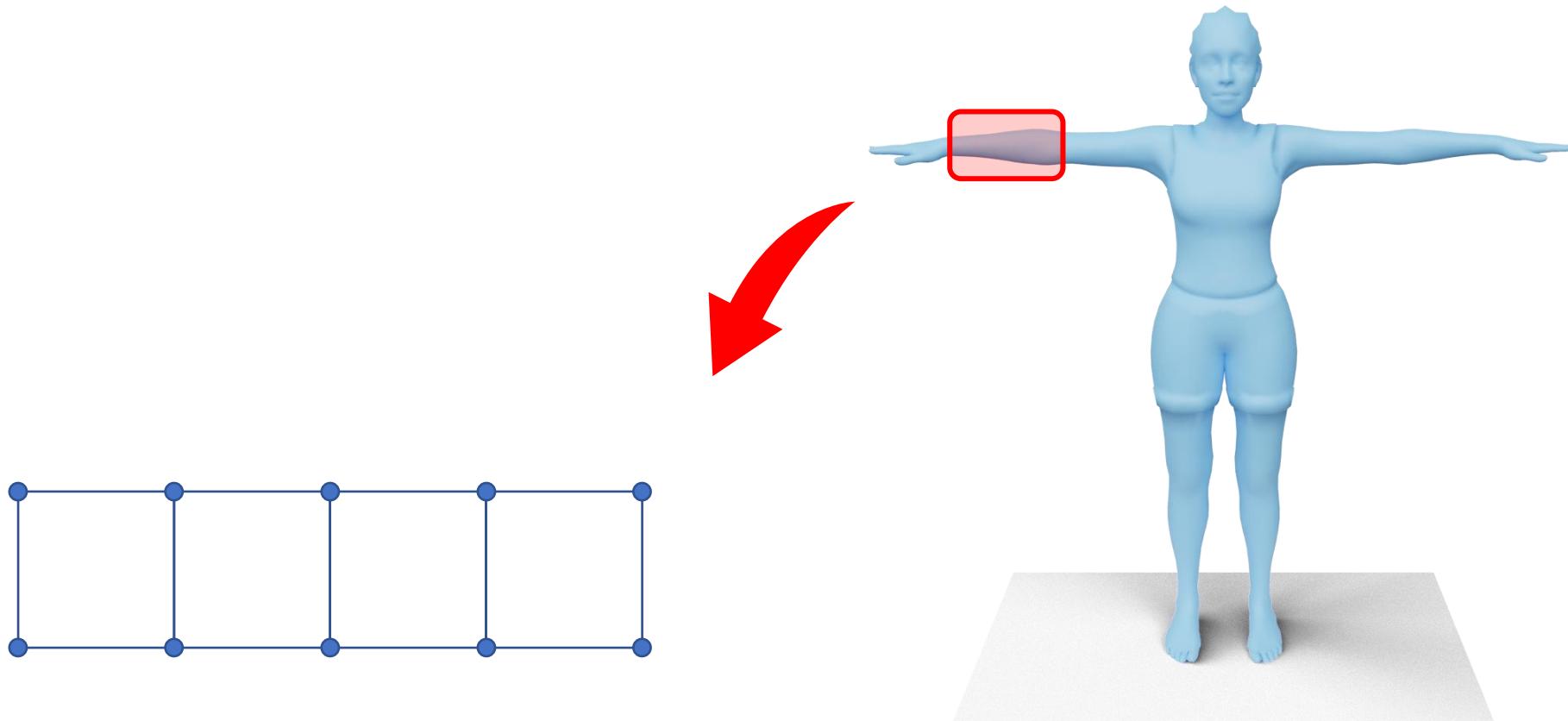


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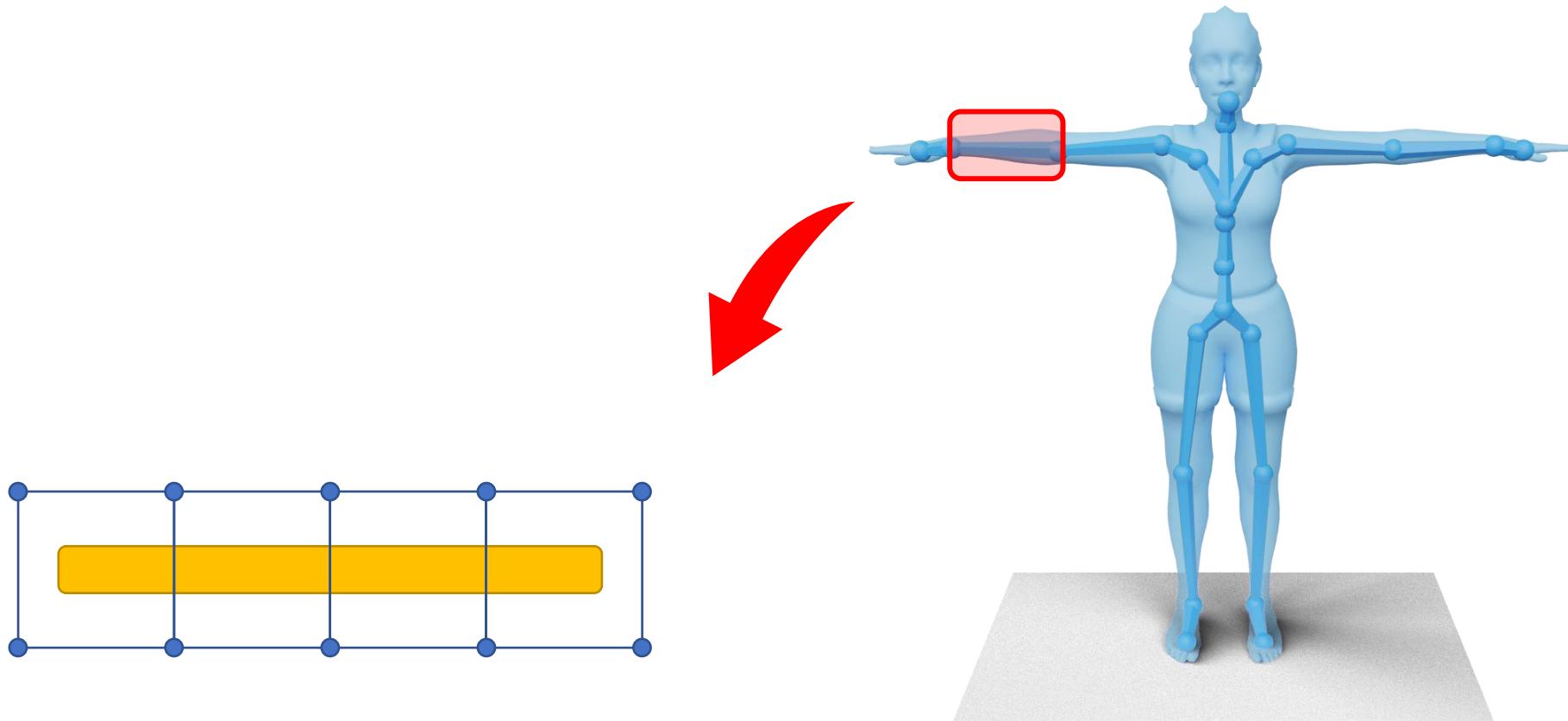


The “Stanford Bunny”

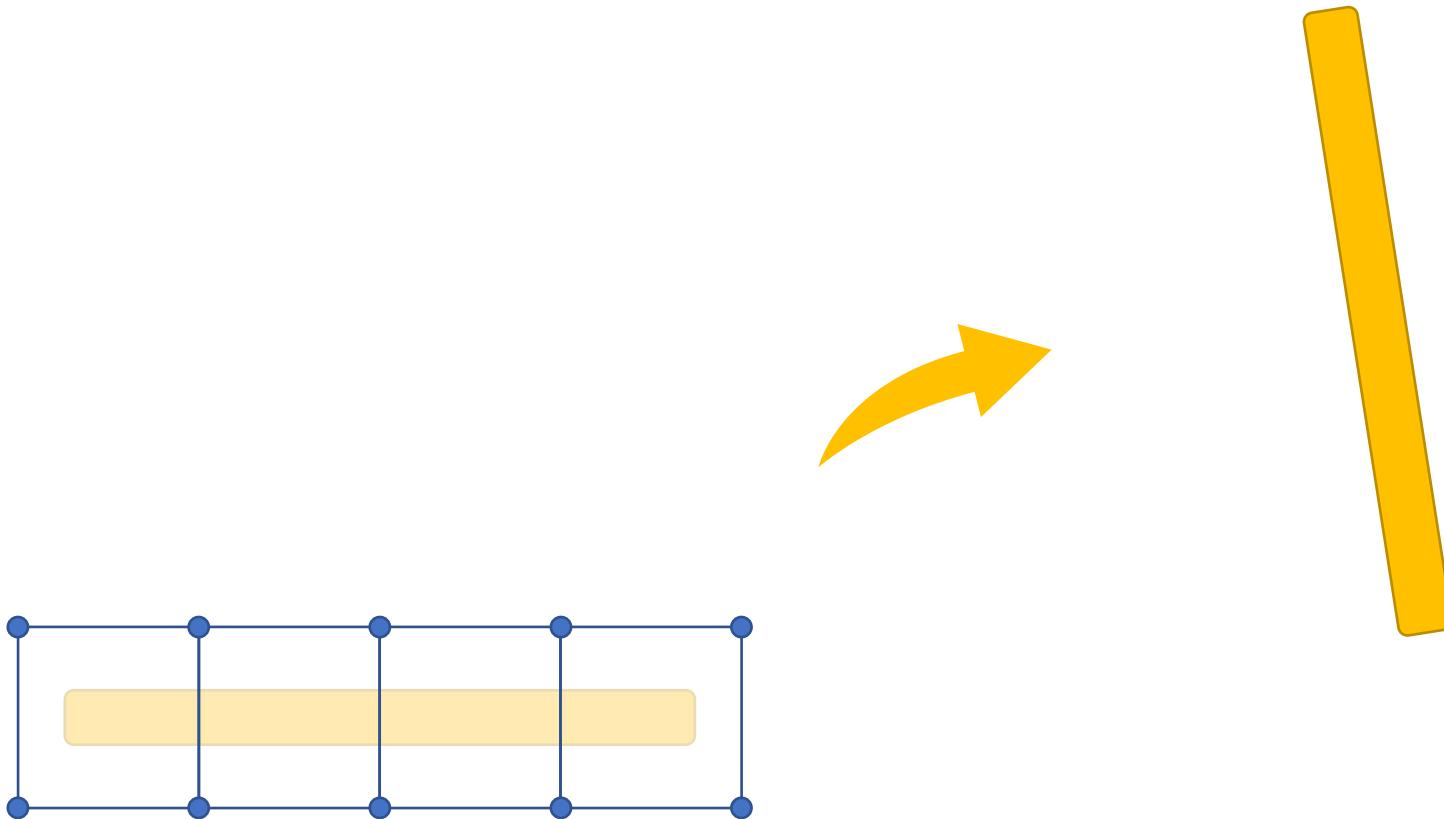
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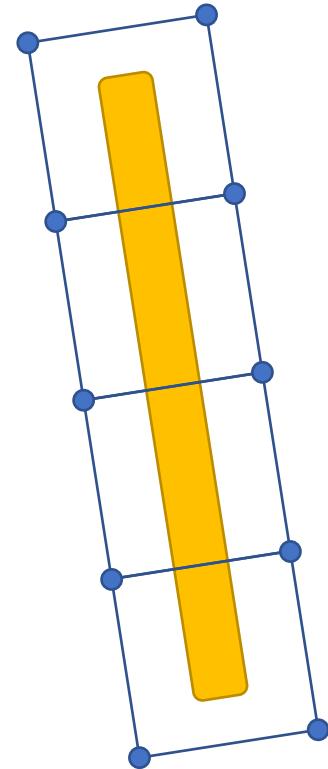
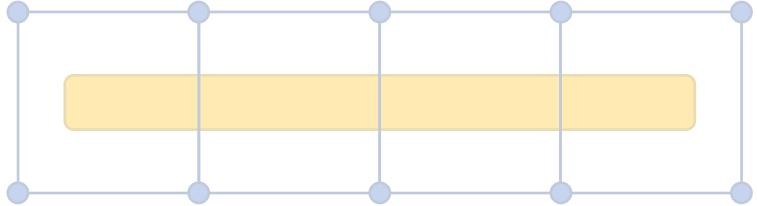
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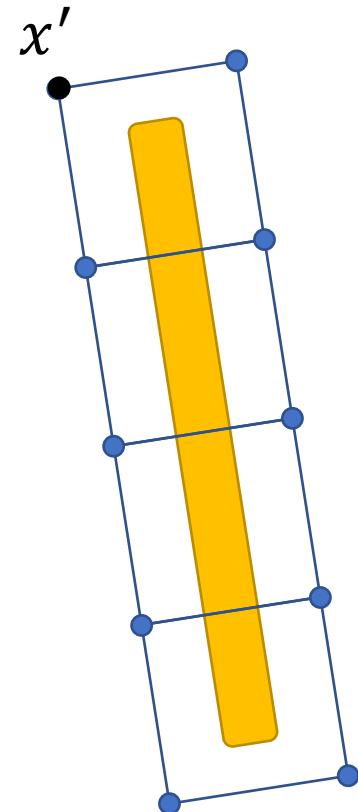
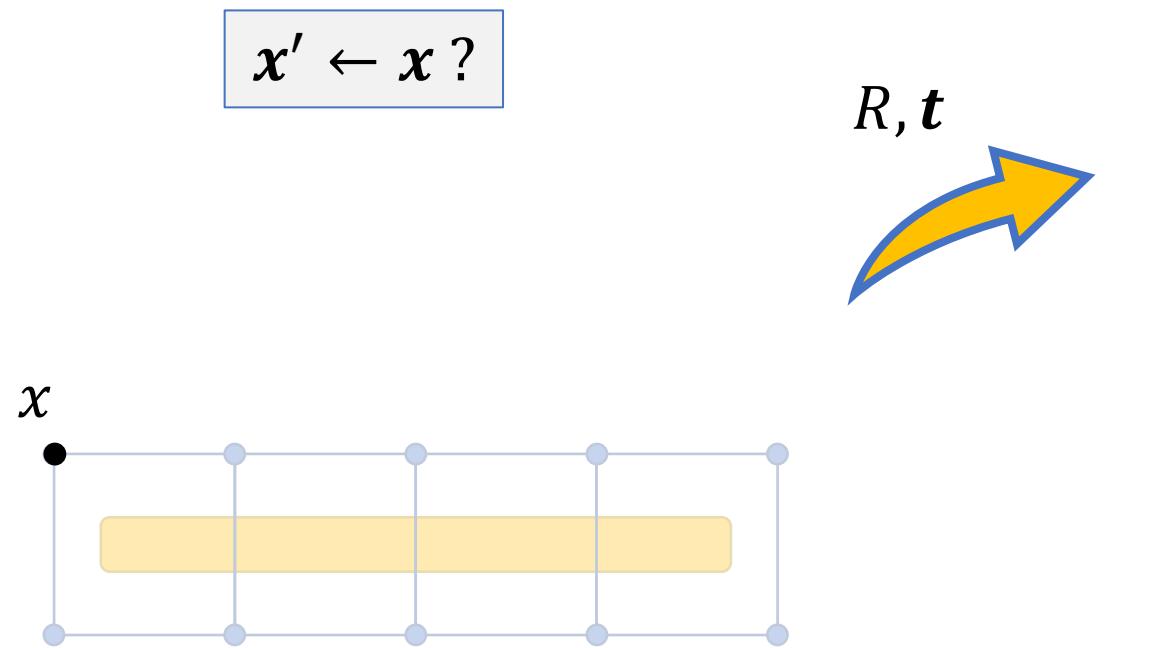
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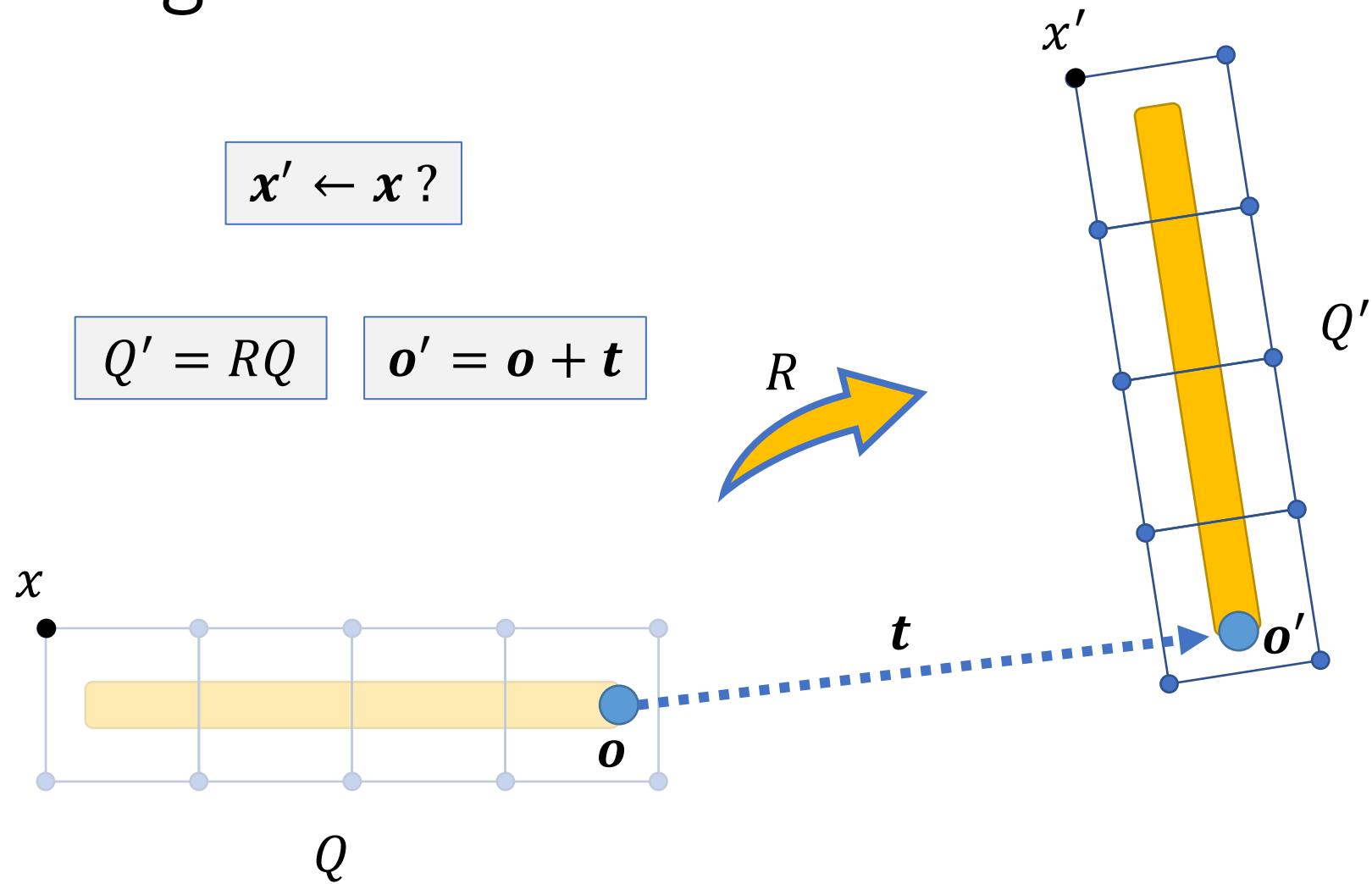
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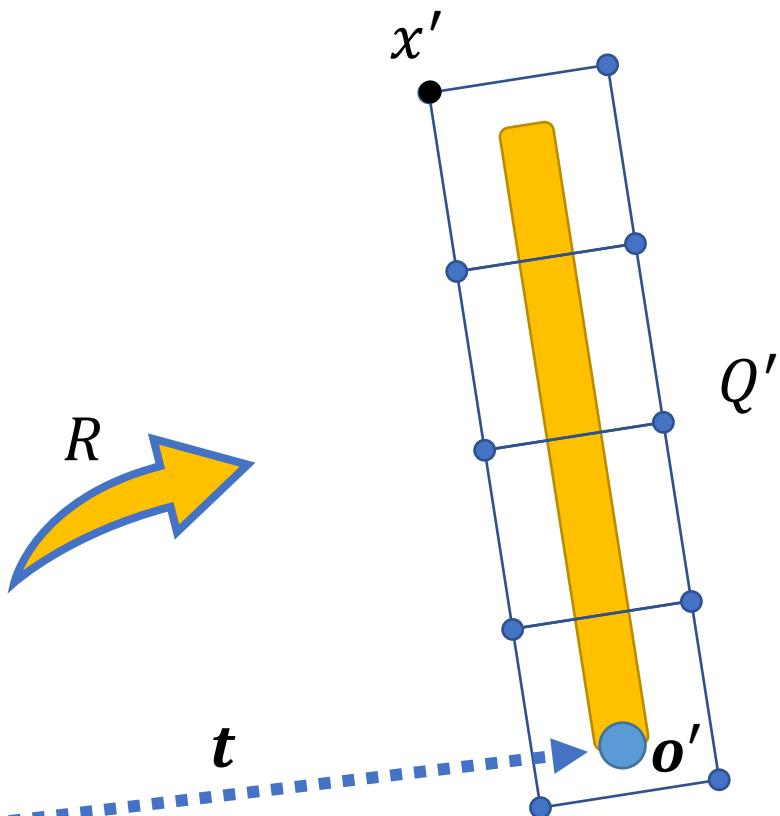
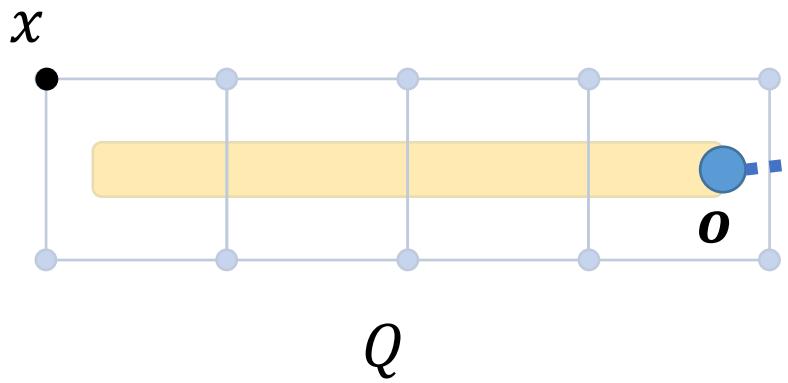


Skinning Deformation

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

$$Q' = RQ$$

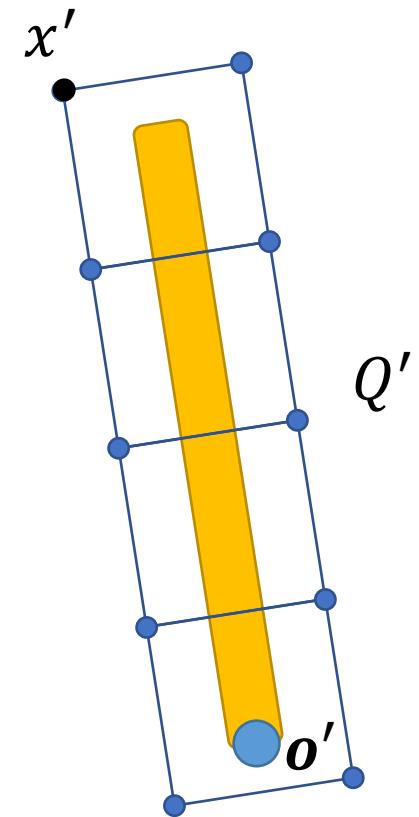
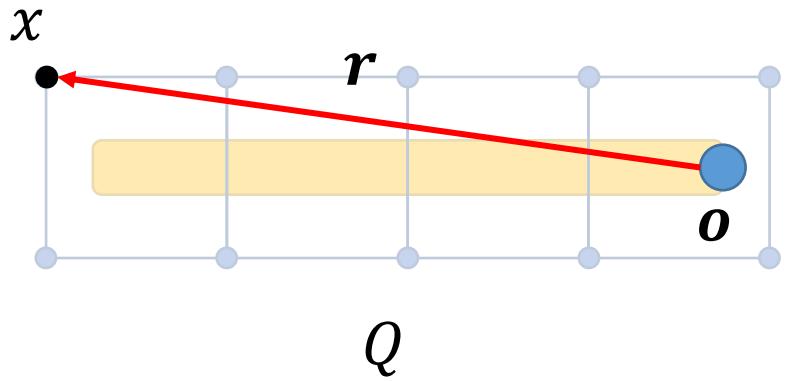
$$\mathbf{o}' = \mathbf{o} + \mathbf{t}$$



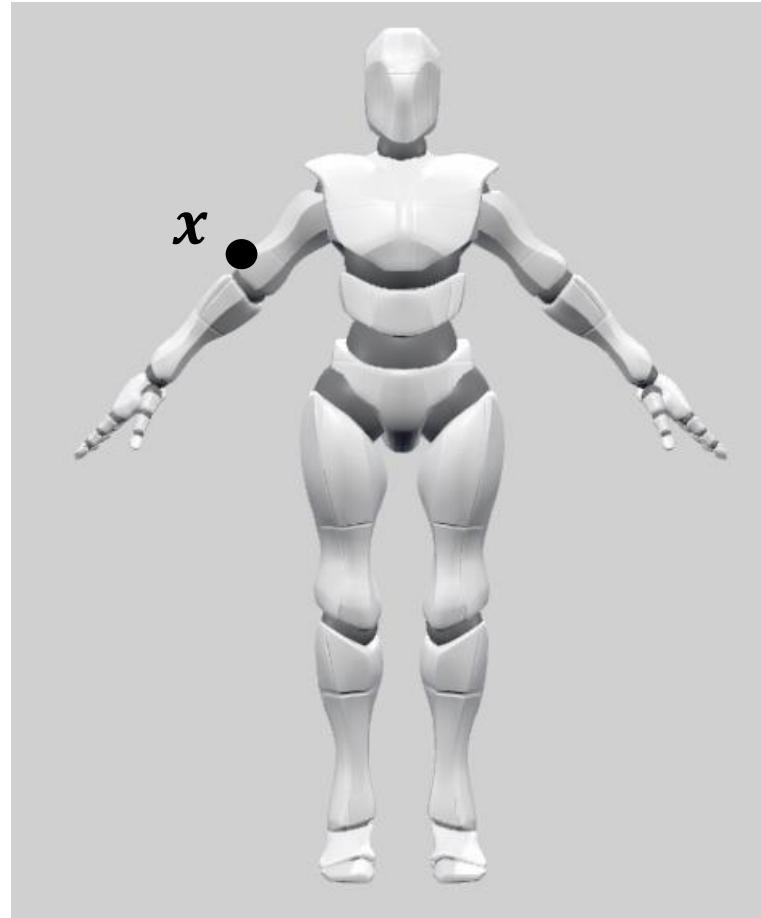
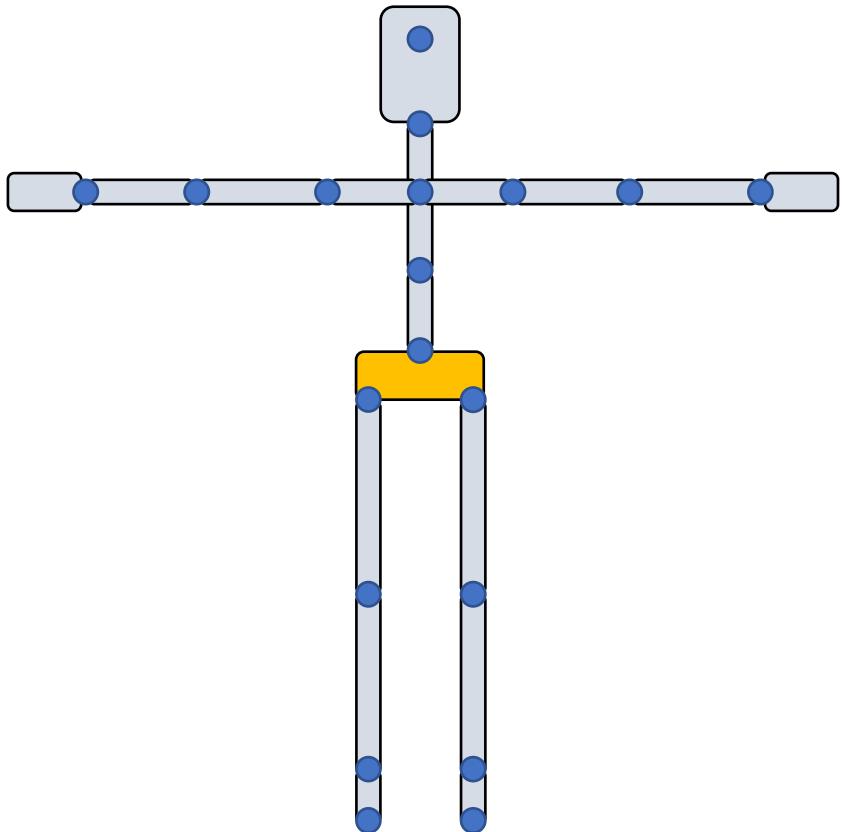
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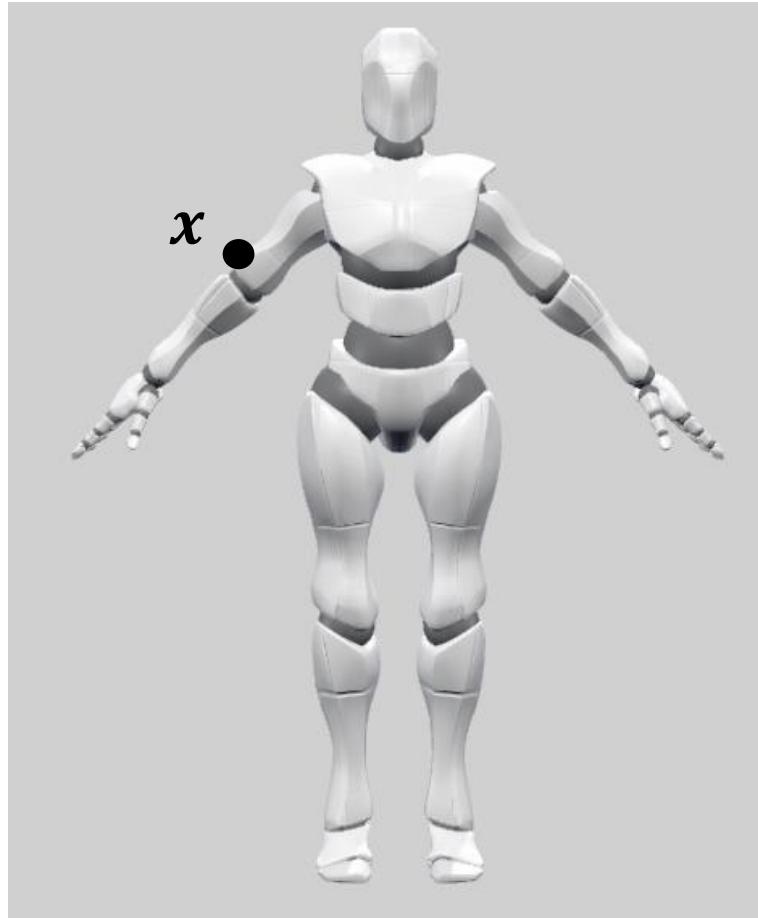
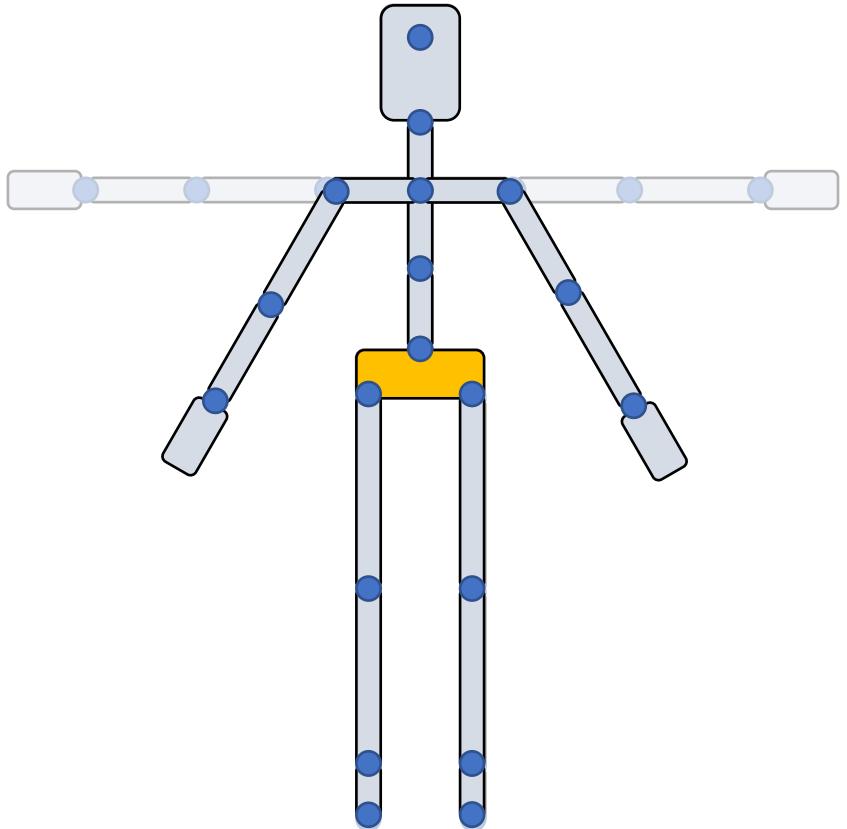
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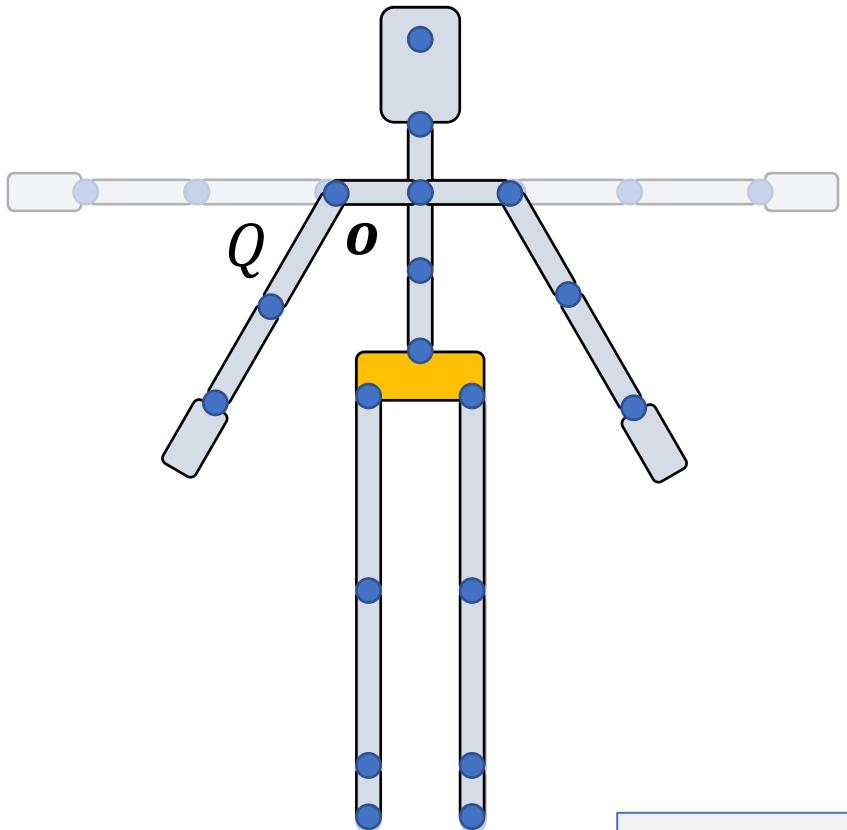
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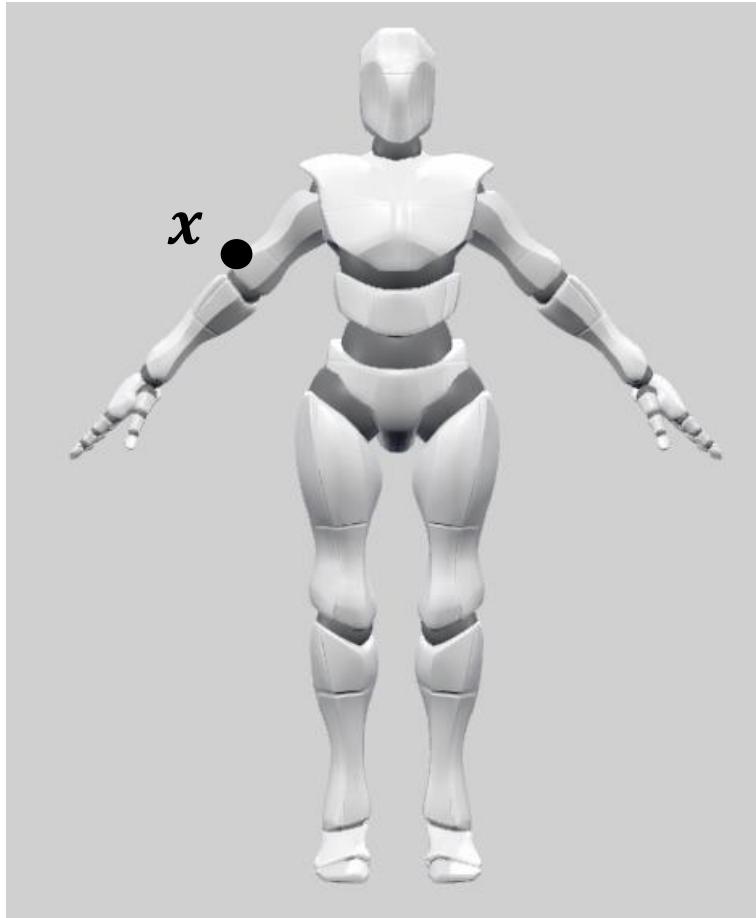
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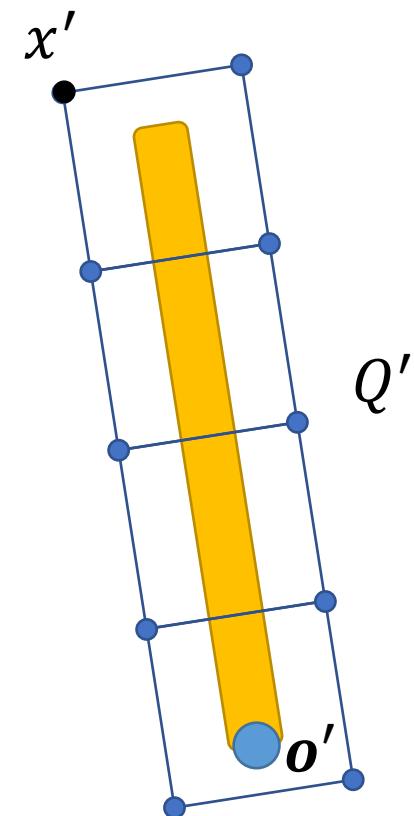
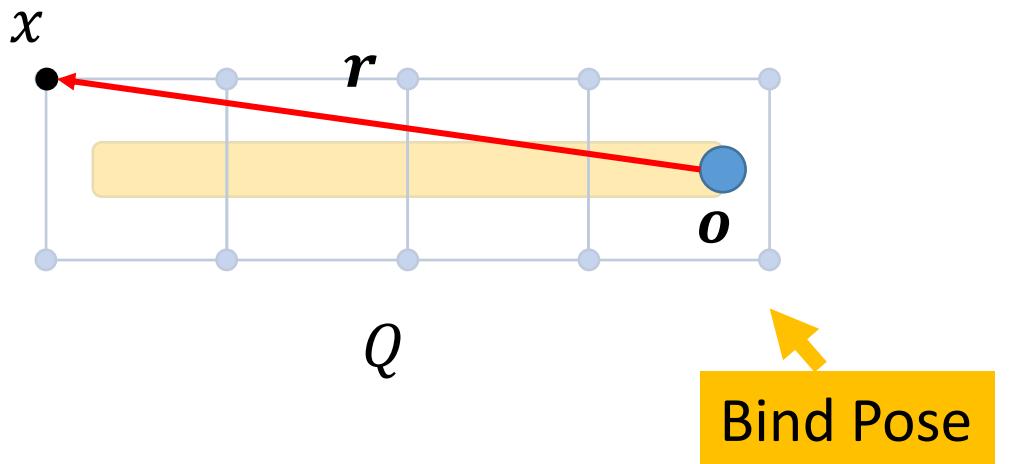
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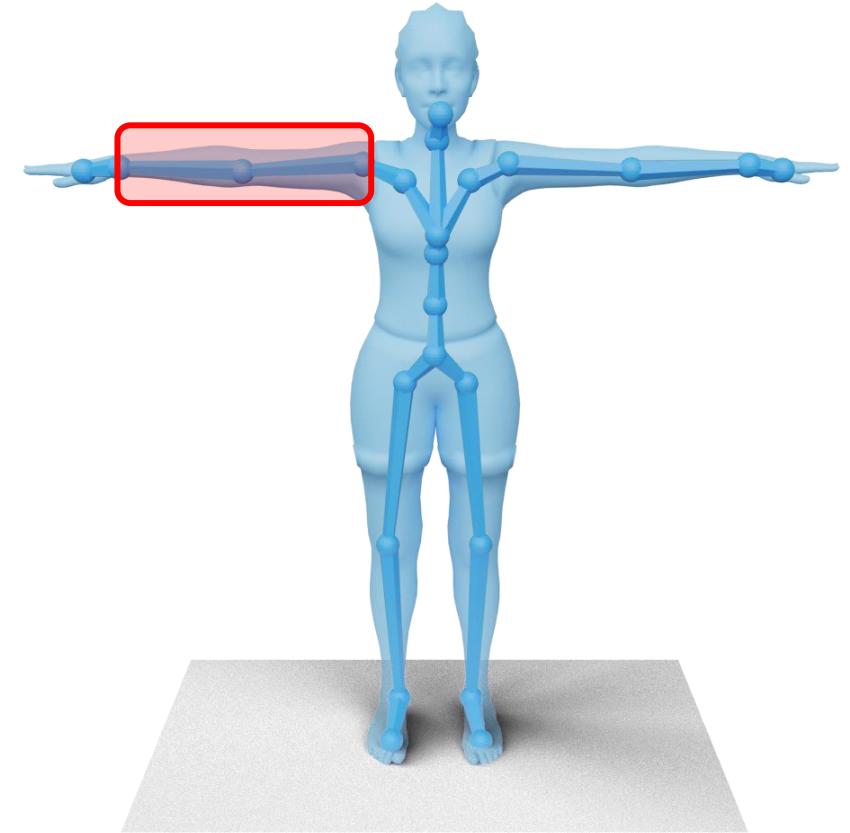
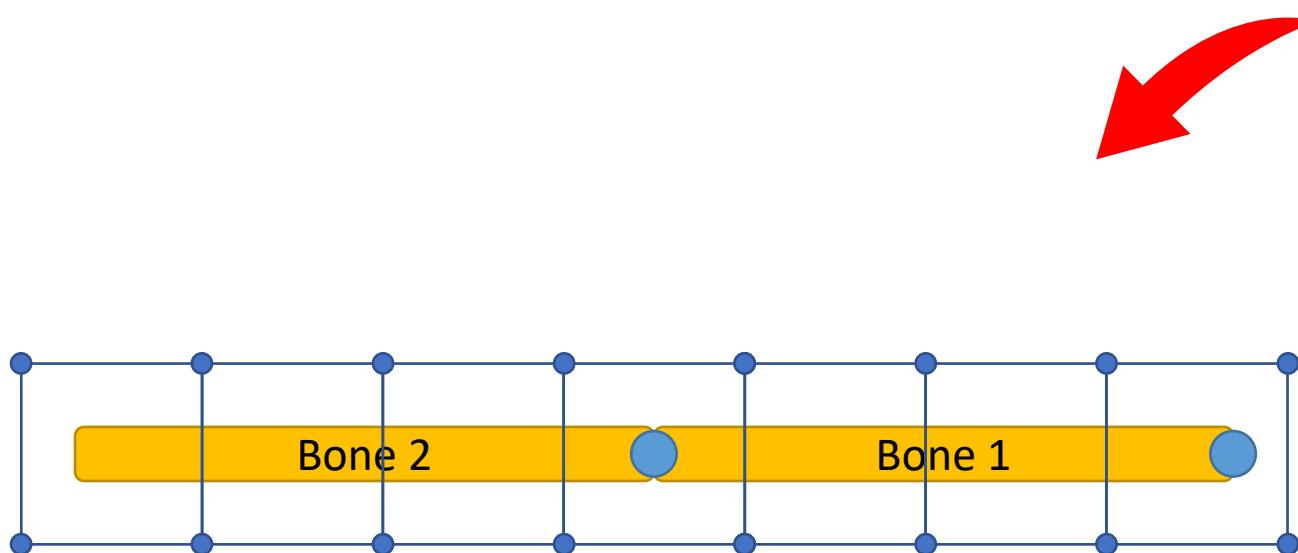
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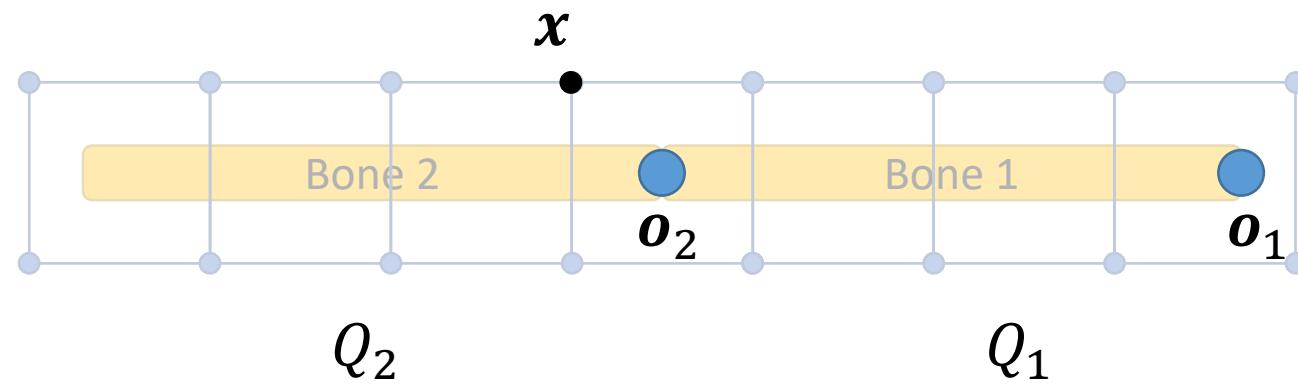
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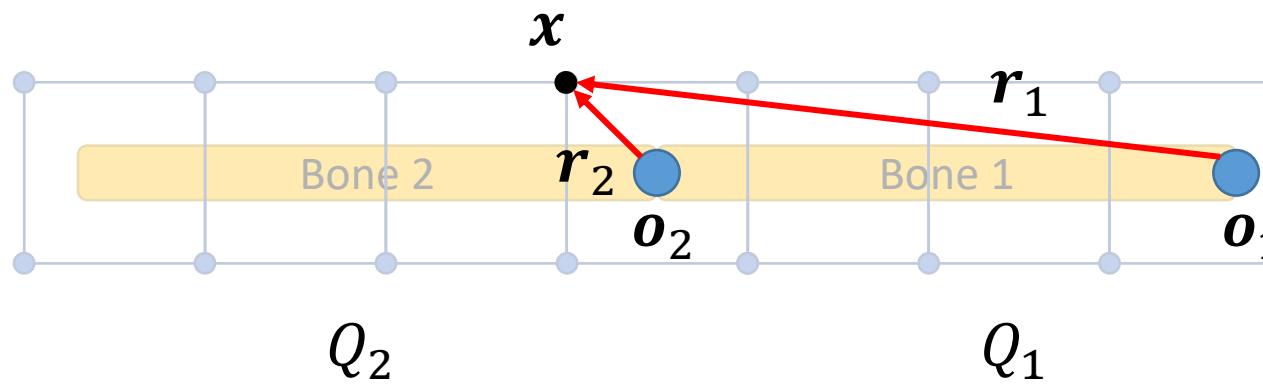
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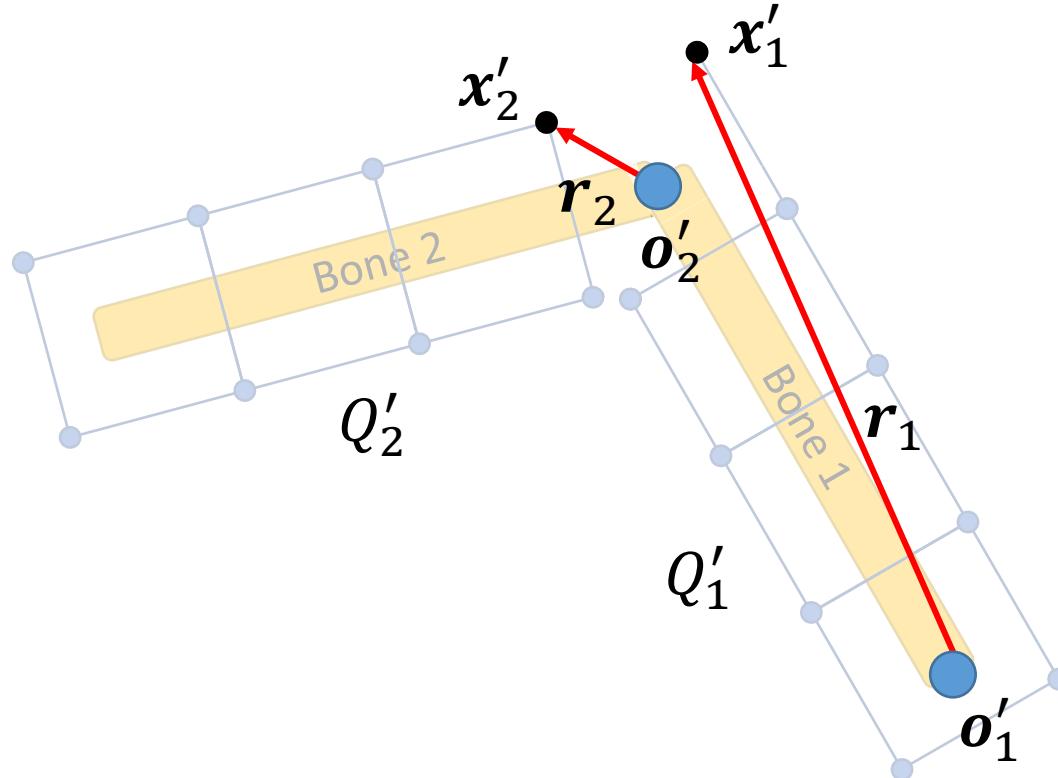
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$$\mathbf{r}_2 = Q_2^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{o}_2)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = Q_1^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{o}_1)$$

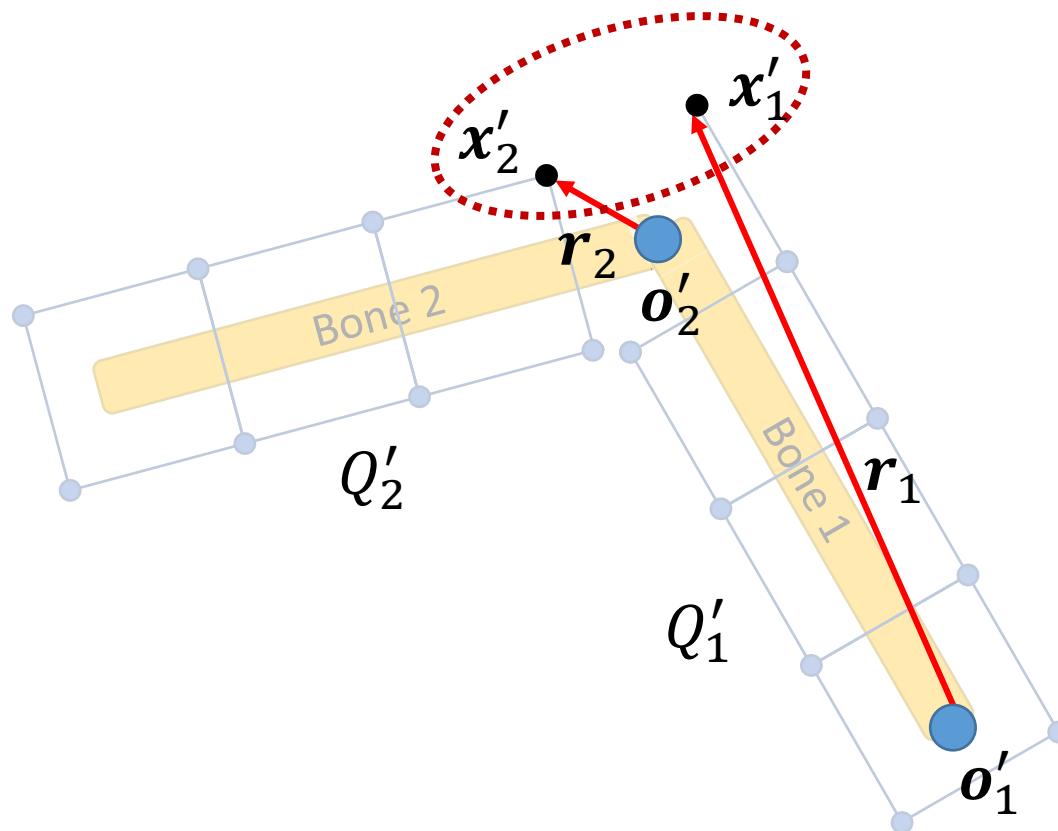
Skinning Deformation



$$\mathbf{x}'_1 = Q'_1 \mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{o}'_1$$

$$\mathbf{x}'_2 = Q'_2 \mathbf{r}_2 + \mathbf{o}'_2$$

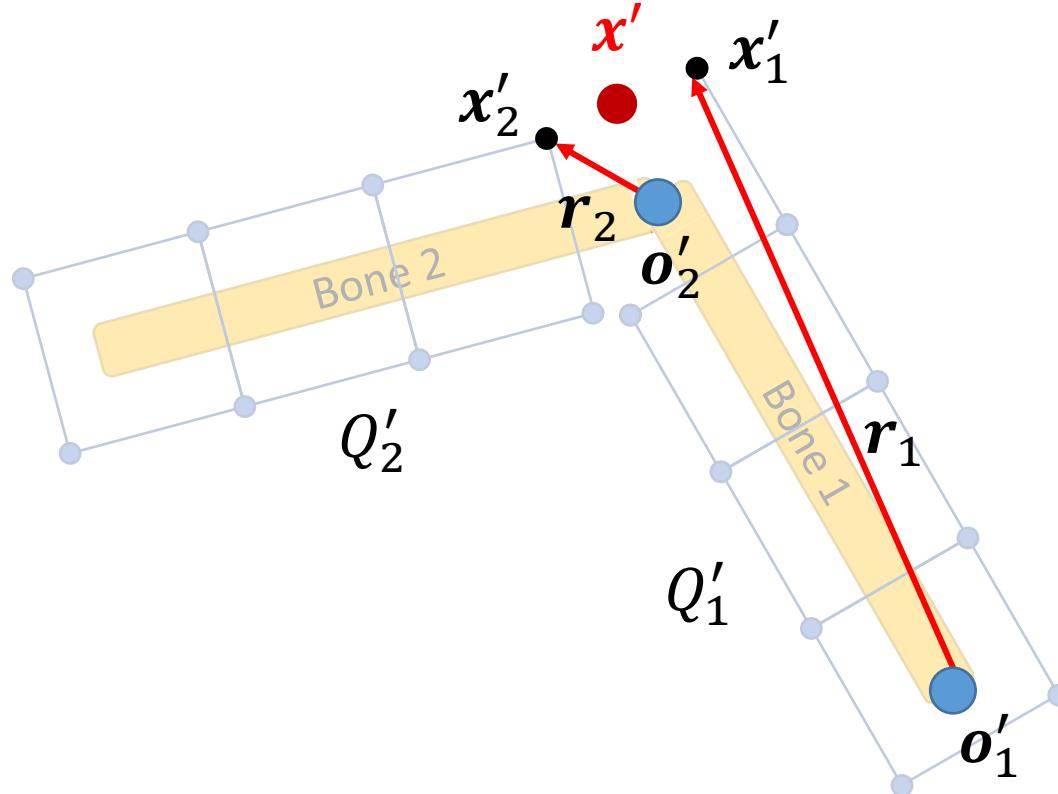
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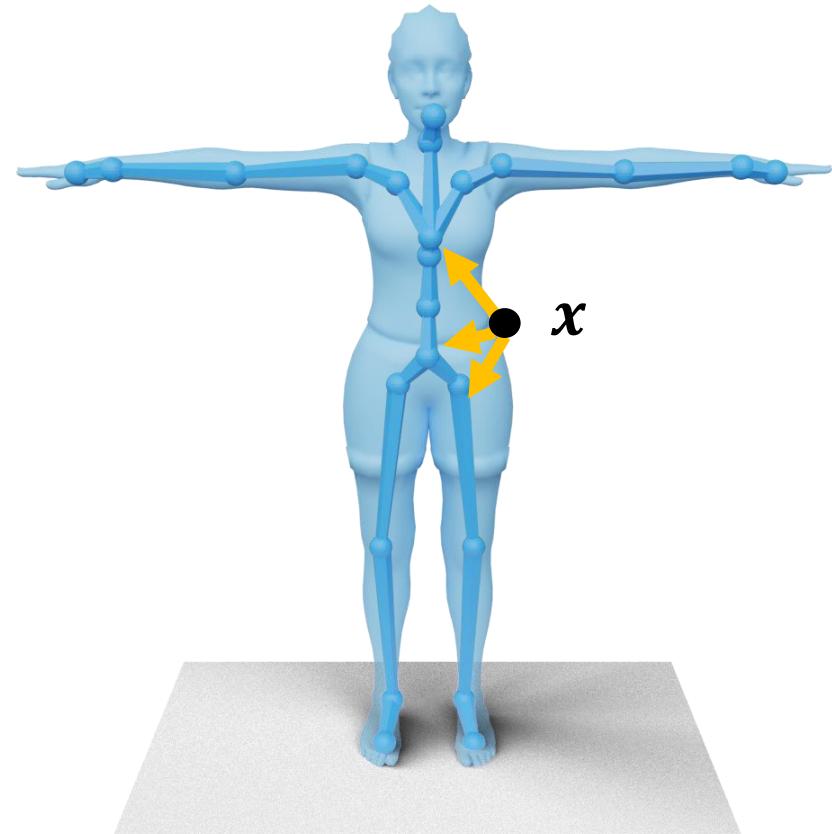


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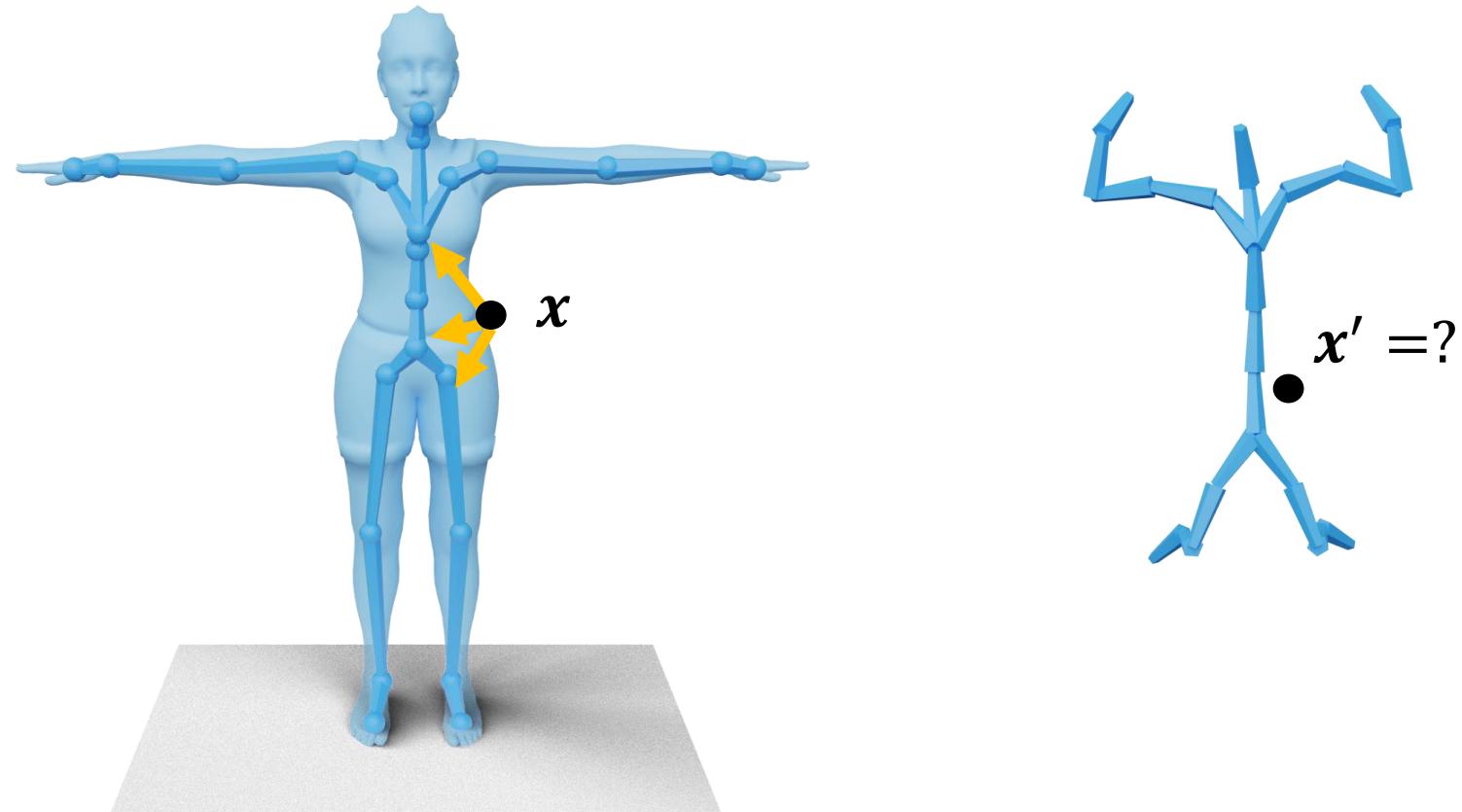
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$$x' = w_1 x'_1 + w_2 x'_2$$

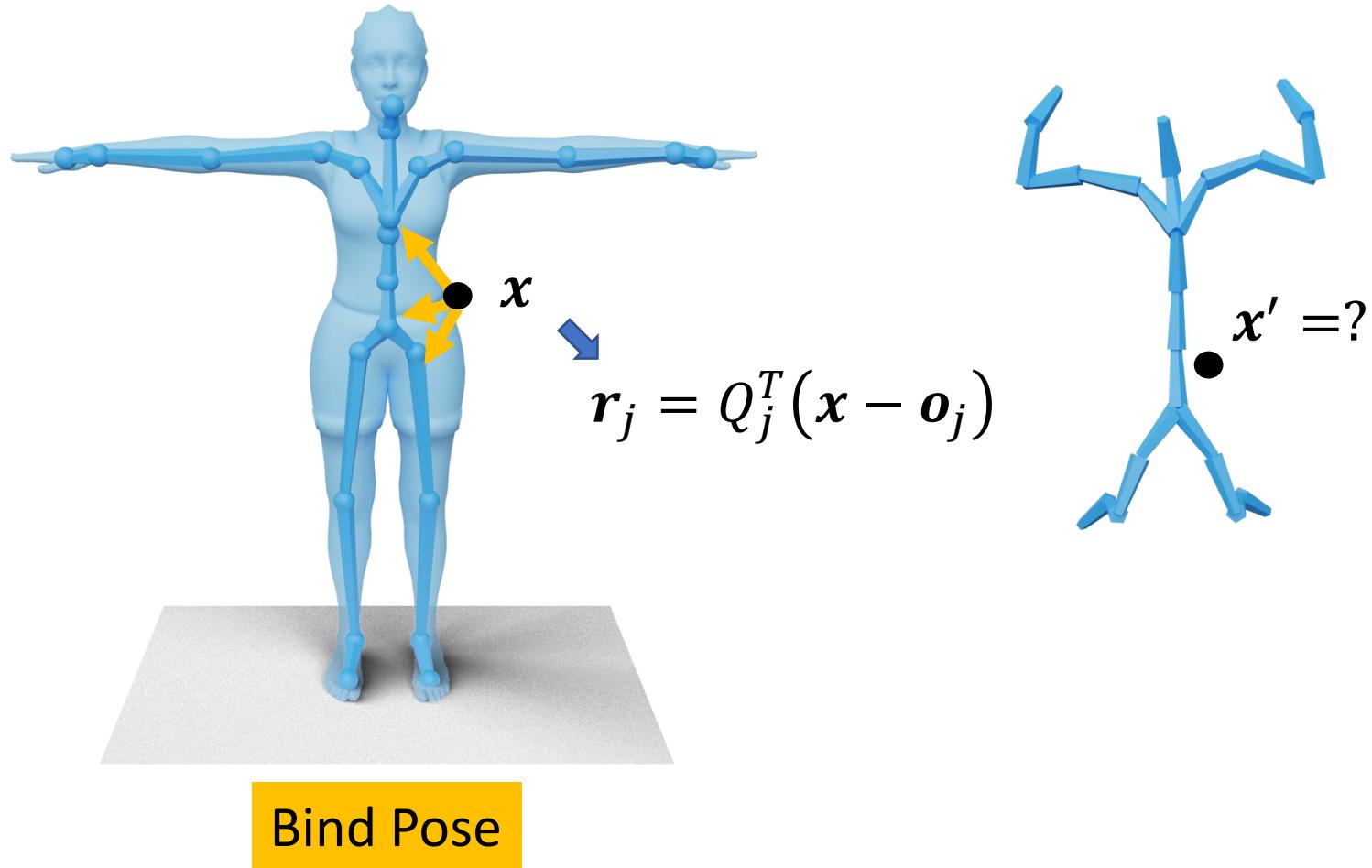
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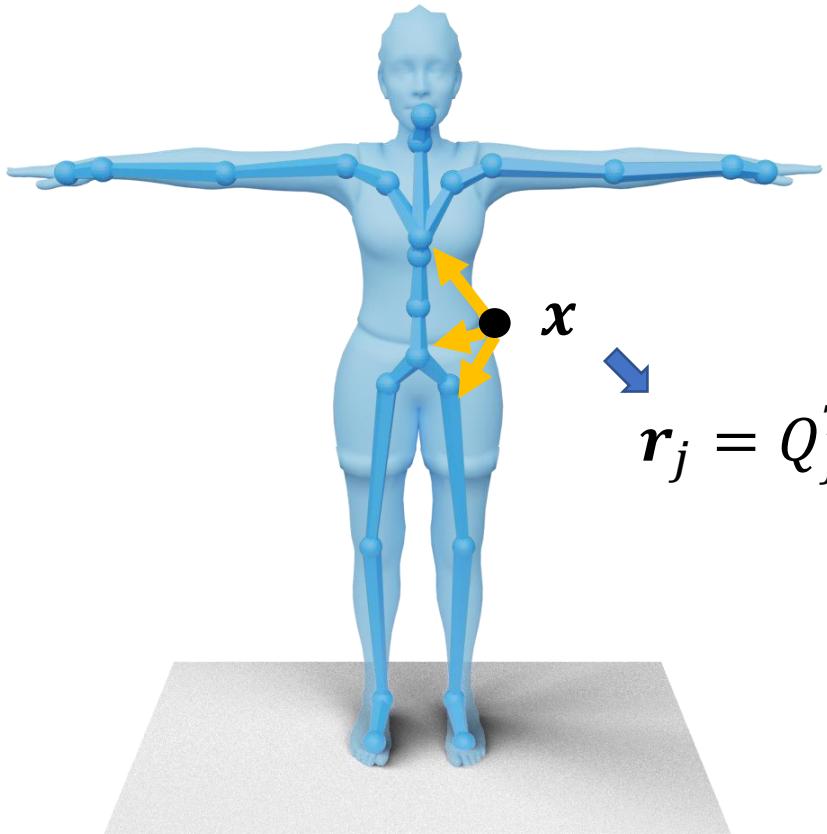
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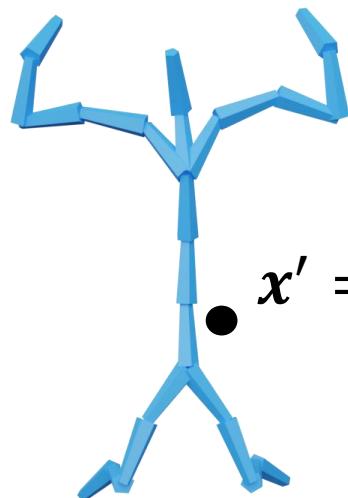
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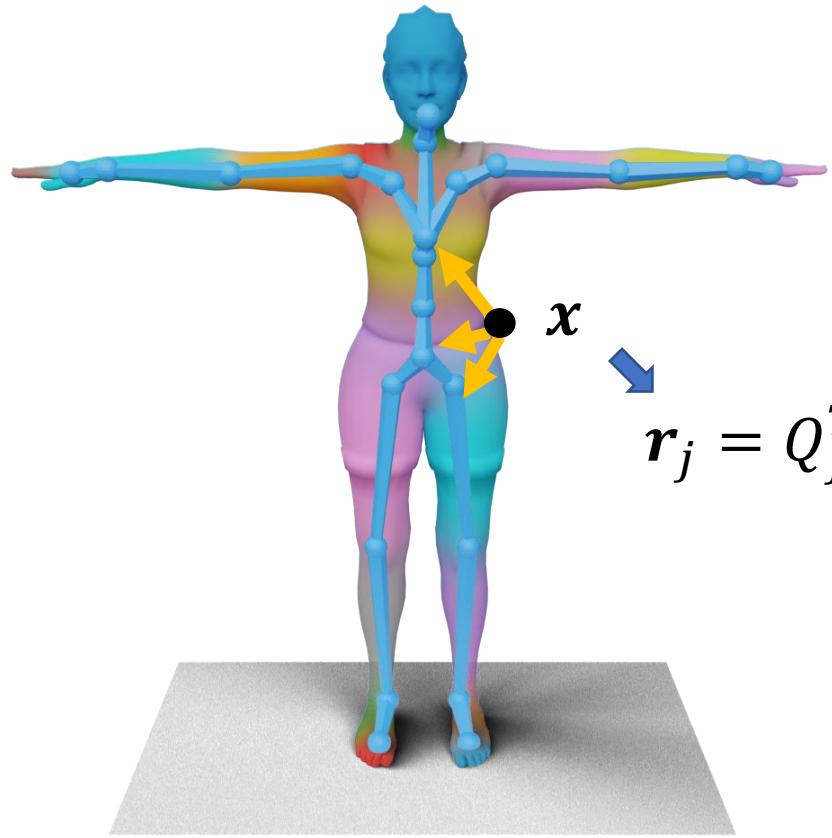
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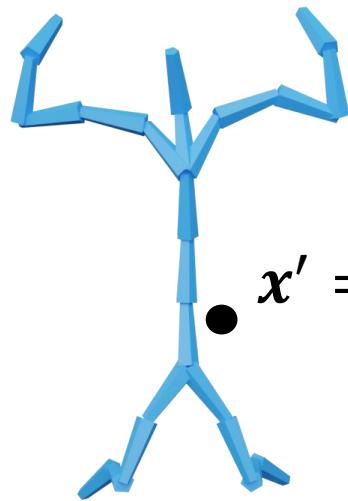
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Bind Pose

Skinning



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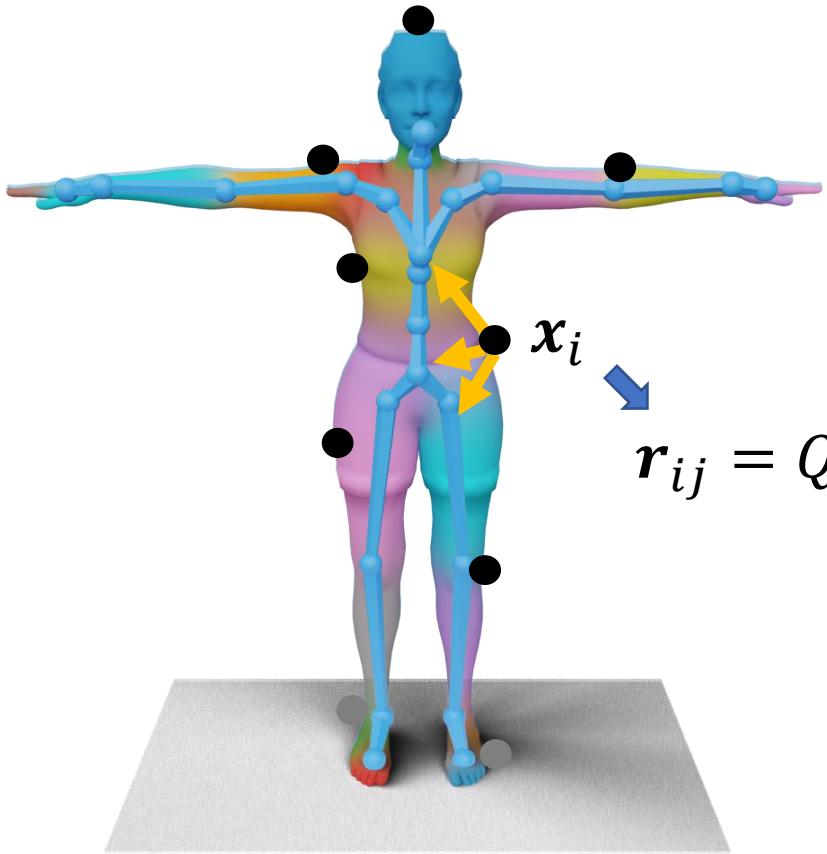


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w_j : skinning weights

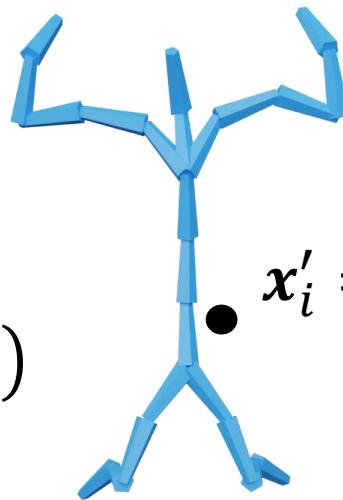
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$$\mathbf{r}_{ij} = Q_j^T(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{o}_j)$$

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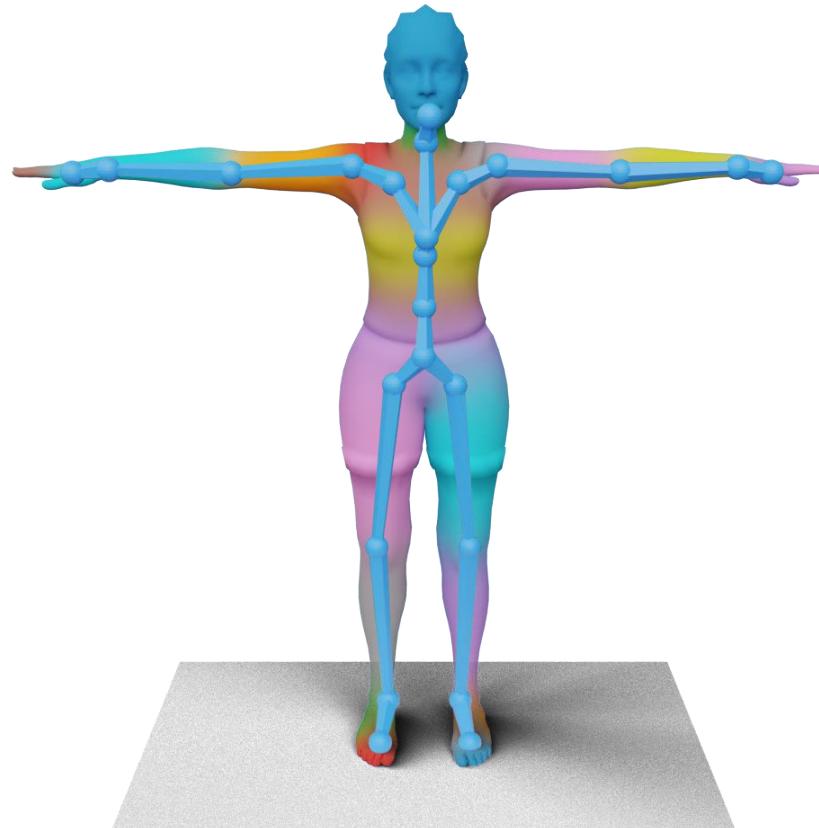
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w_{ij} : skinning weights

Linear Blend Skinning (LBS)

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

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

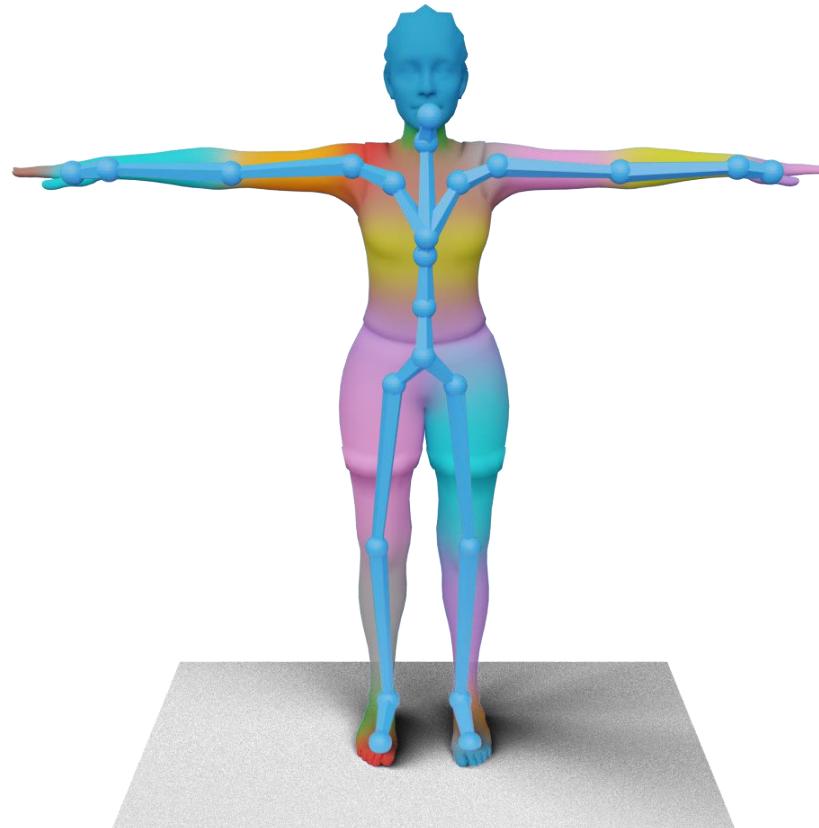


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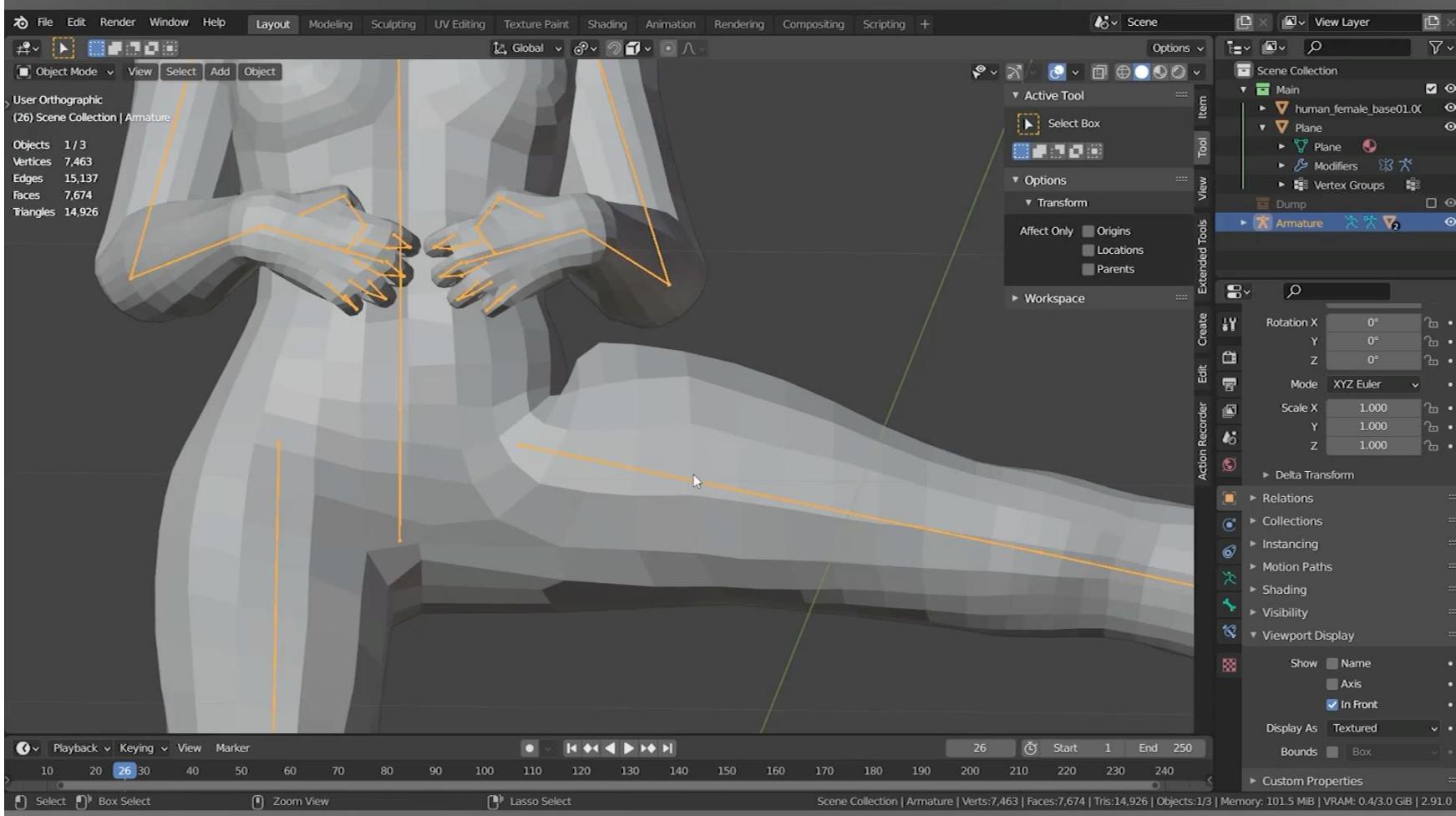
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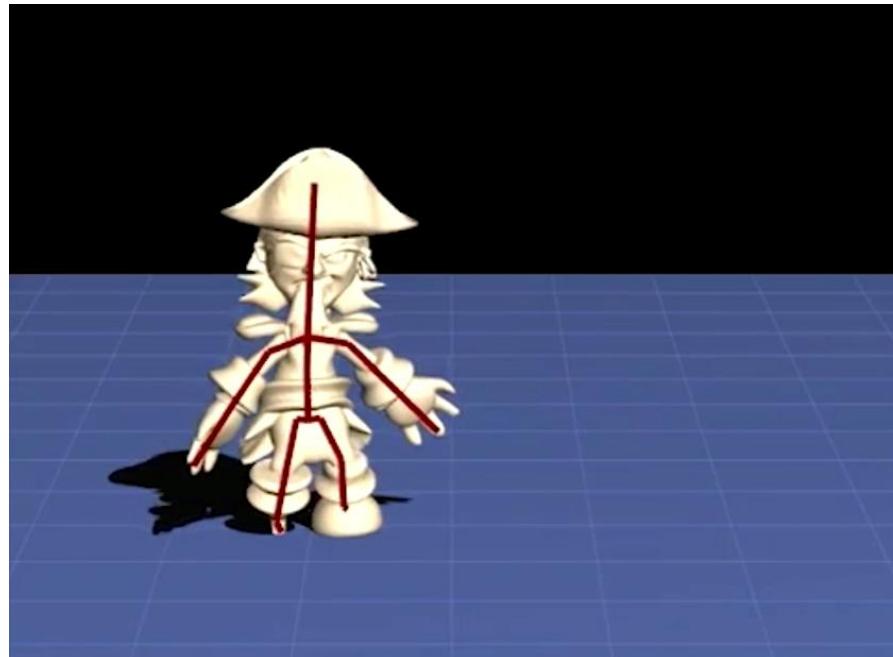
- Used widely in industry
- Efficient and GPU-friendly
 - Games like it



Skinning Weights



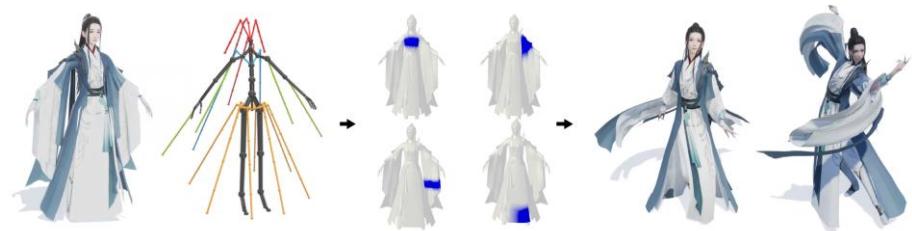
Automatic Skinning?



Pinocchio [Baran et al., 2007]

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

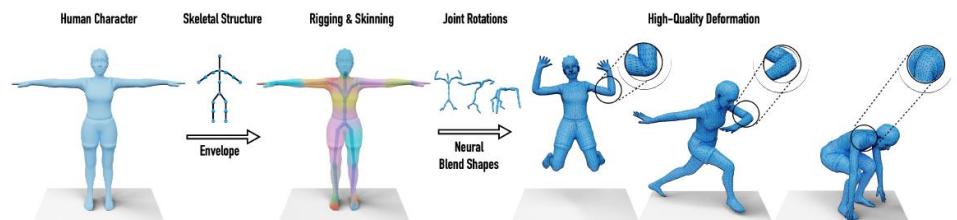
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Learning Skeletal Articulations with Neural Blend Shapes

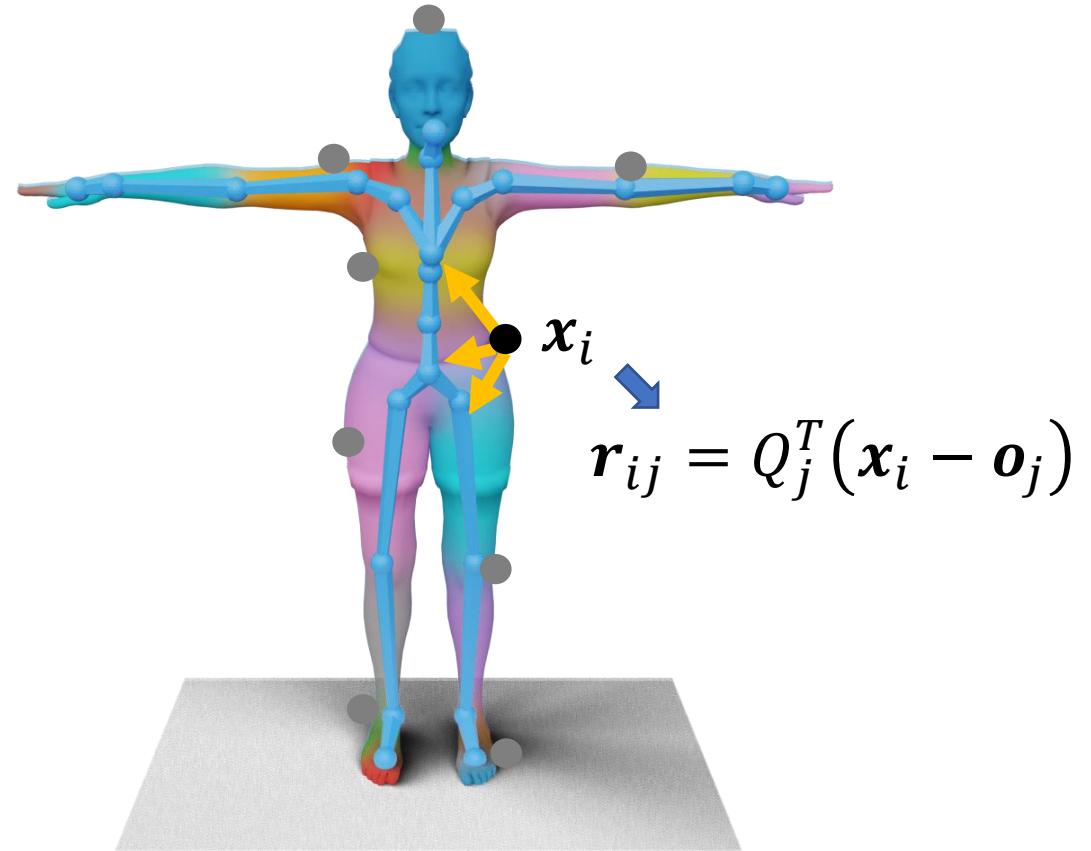
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Skinning Transformation

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



Bind Pose

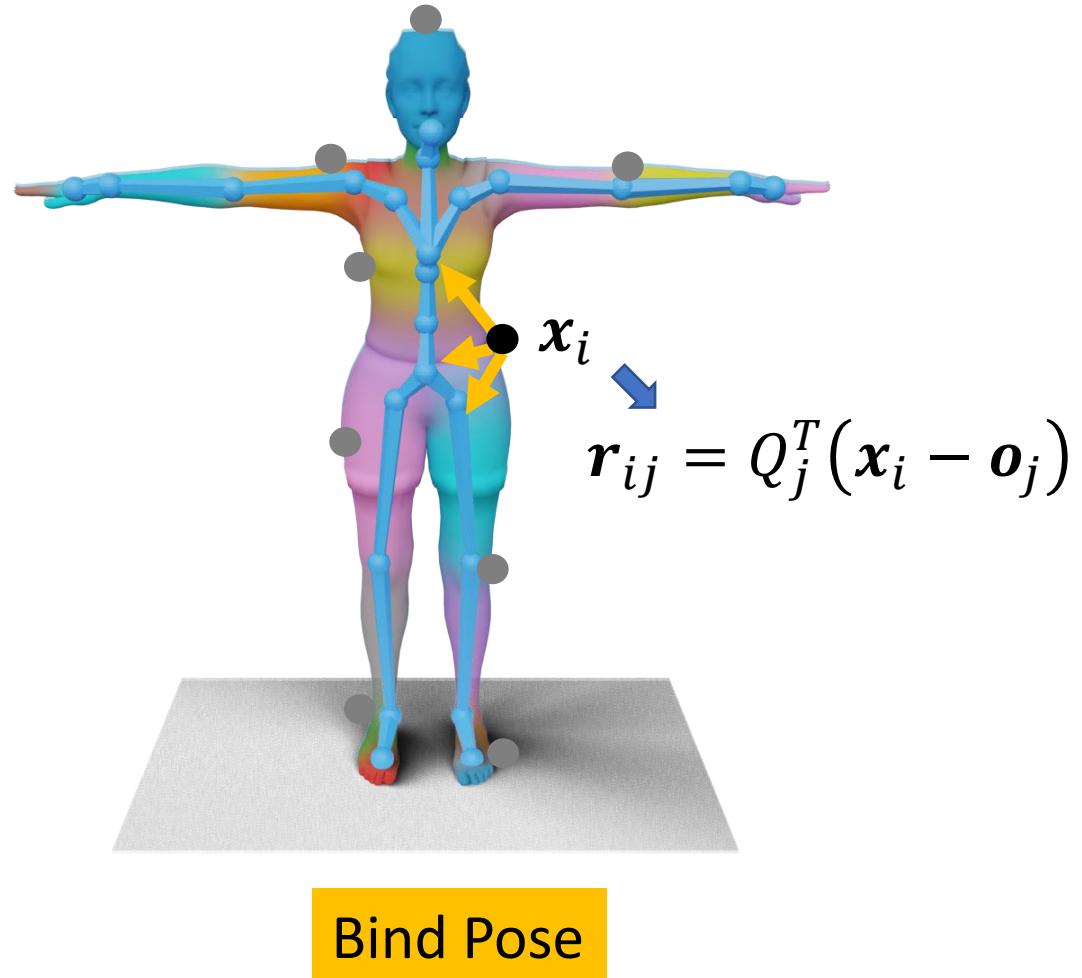
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$$= \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbf{w}_{ij} (Q'_j Q_j^T \mathbf{x}_i + (\mathbf{o}'_j - Q'_j Q_j^T \mathbf{o}_j))$$

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

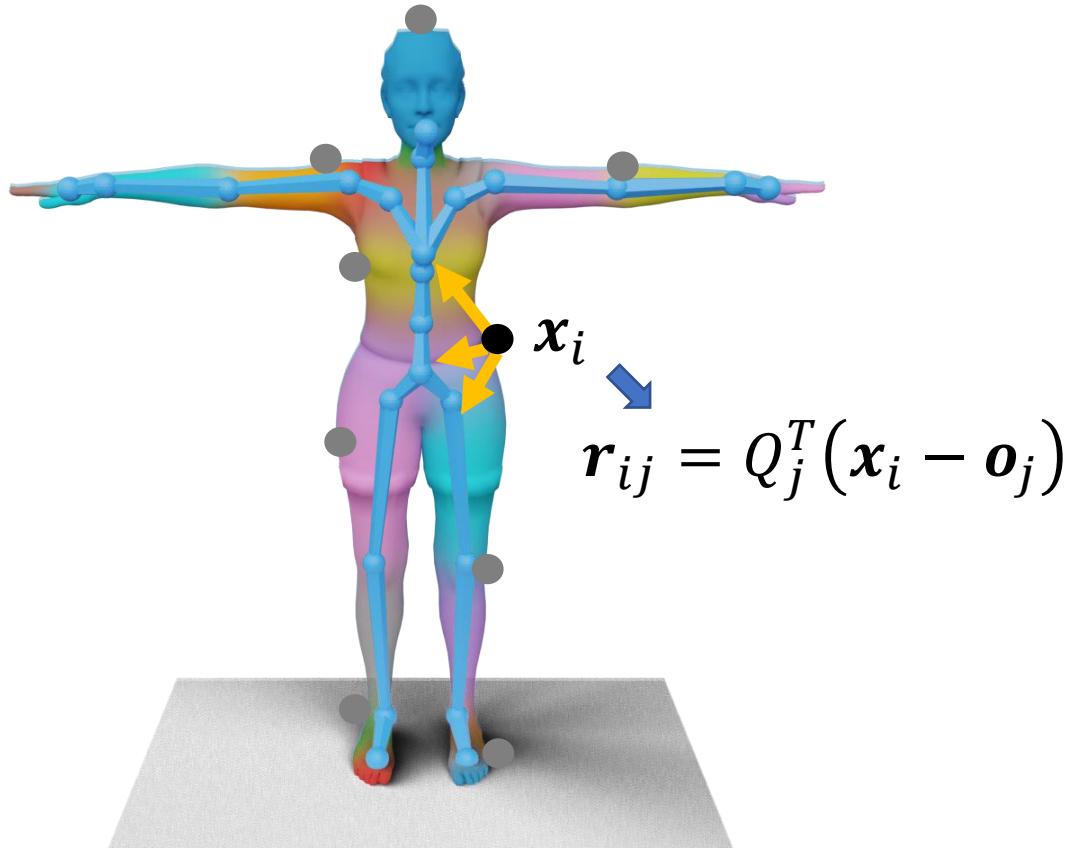


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$$= \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} R_j \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} \mathbf{t}_j$$

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



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 is composed of two terms. The first term, $\left(\sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} R_j \right) \boldsymbol{x}_i$, represents the transformation of the global position into a local space defined by the bend pose's rotation matrix (R_j). The second term, $\sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} \boldsymbol{t}_j$, represents the addition of translation vectors (\boldsymbol{t}_j) weighted by their respective weights (w_{ij}). Two blue arrows point from labels above the equation to the terms: one arrow points to the first term from the label "transformation w.r.t. bend pose", and another arrow points to the second term from the label "global position in bind pose".

Candy-Wrapper Artifact

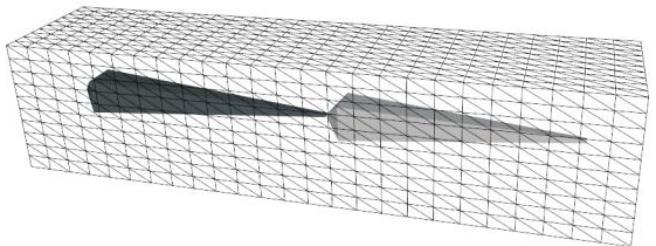


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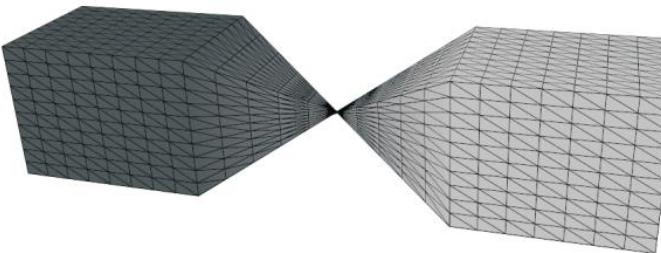
Consider

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

Candy-Wrapper Artifact



Rest pose

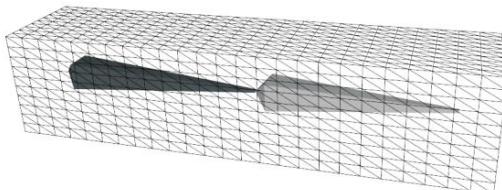


Linear blend skinning

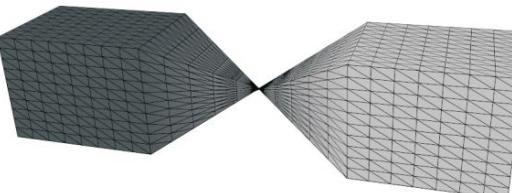


Advanced Skinning Methods

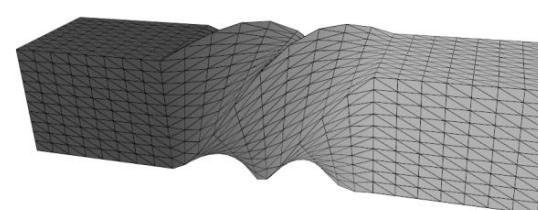
- Multi-linear Skinning (we will not cover this)
 - Multi-weight enveloping [Wang and Phillips 2002]
 - Animation Space [Merry et al. 2006]
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- Nonlinear Skinning
 - Dual-quaternion Skinning (DQS)



Rest pose



Linear blend skinning



Dual quaternion skinning

Non-linear Skinning

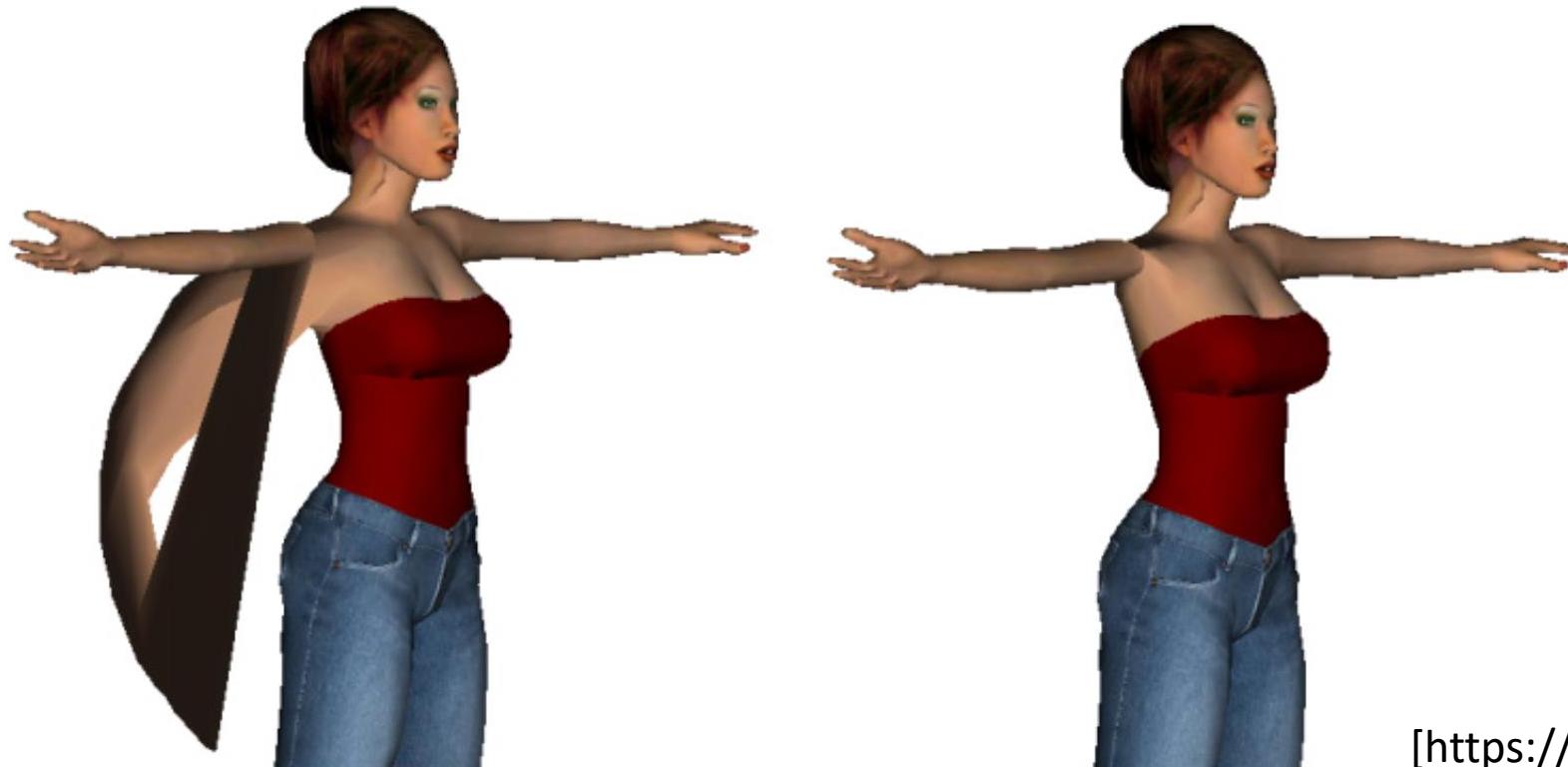
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Linear blending causes problems...

→ 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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$$R \in SO(3)$$

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

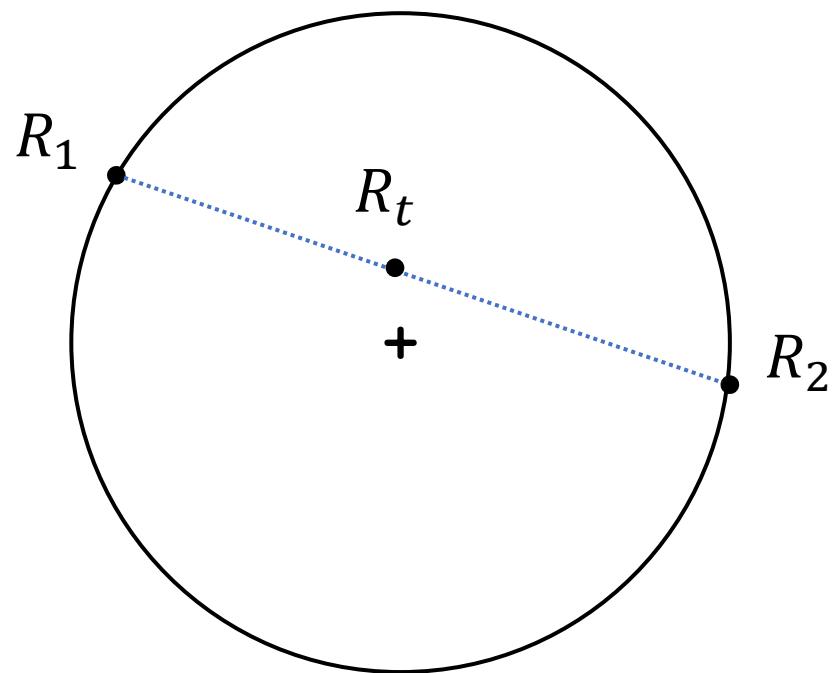
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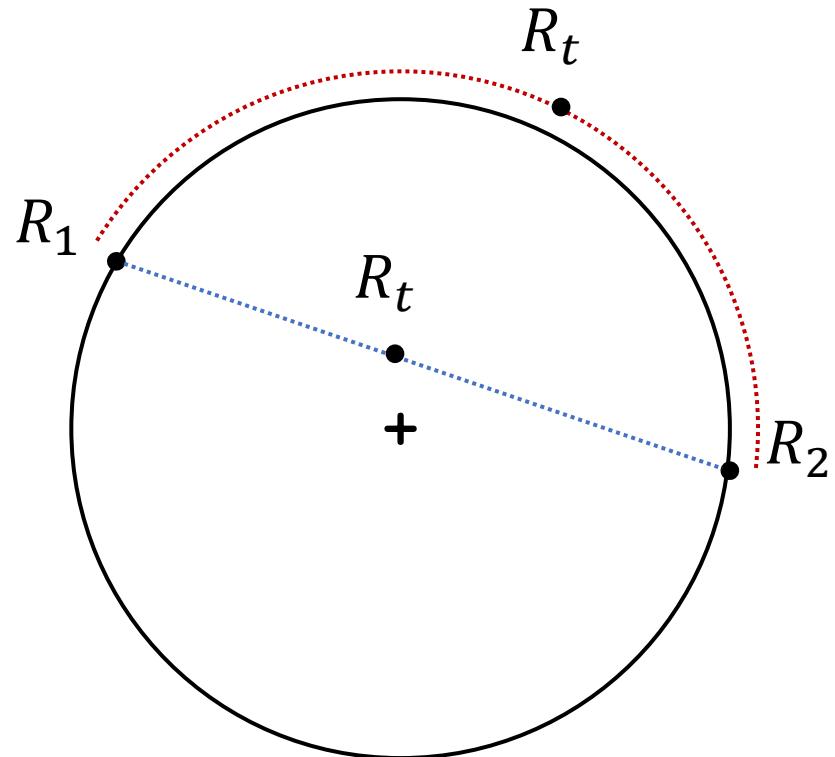
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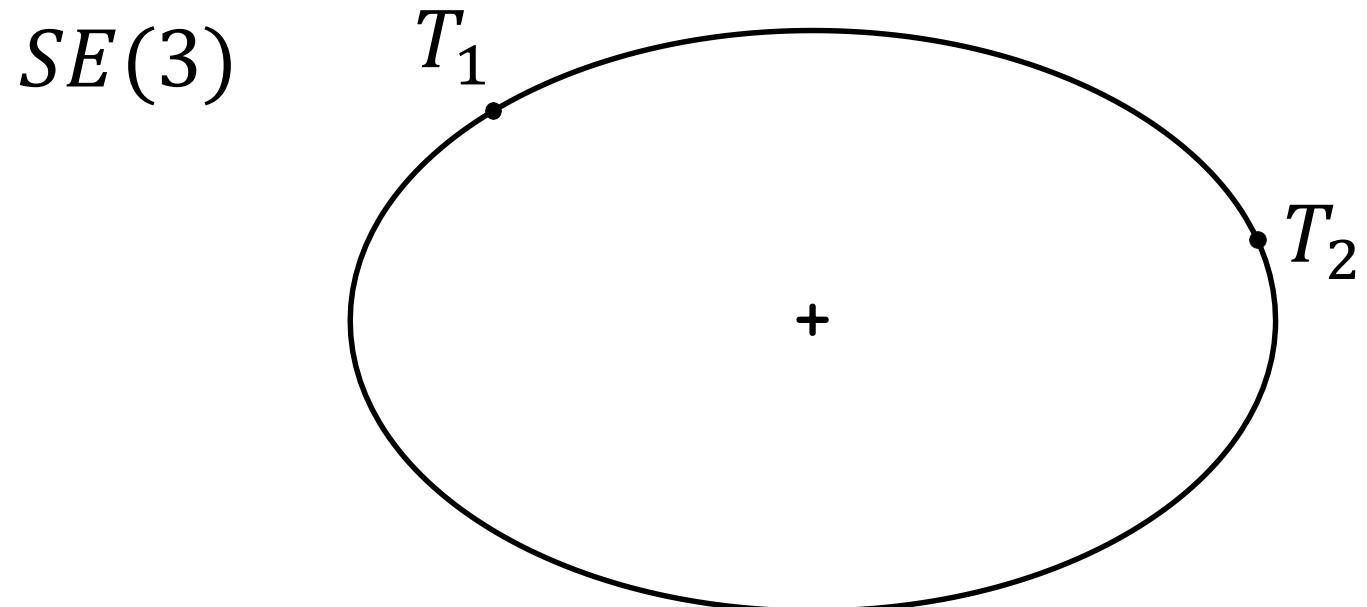
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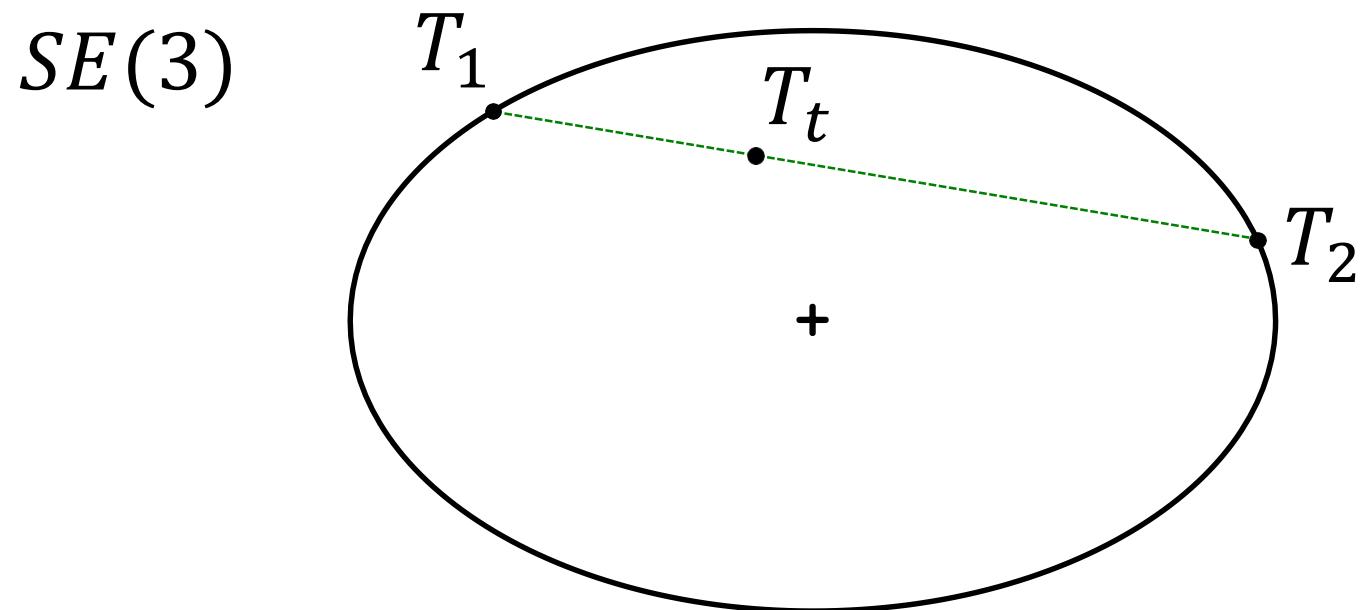
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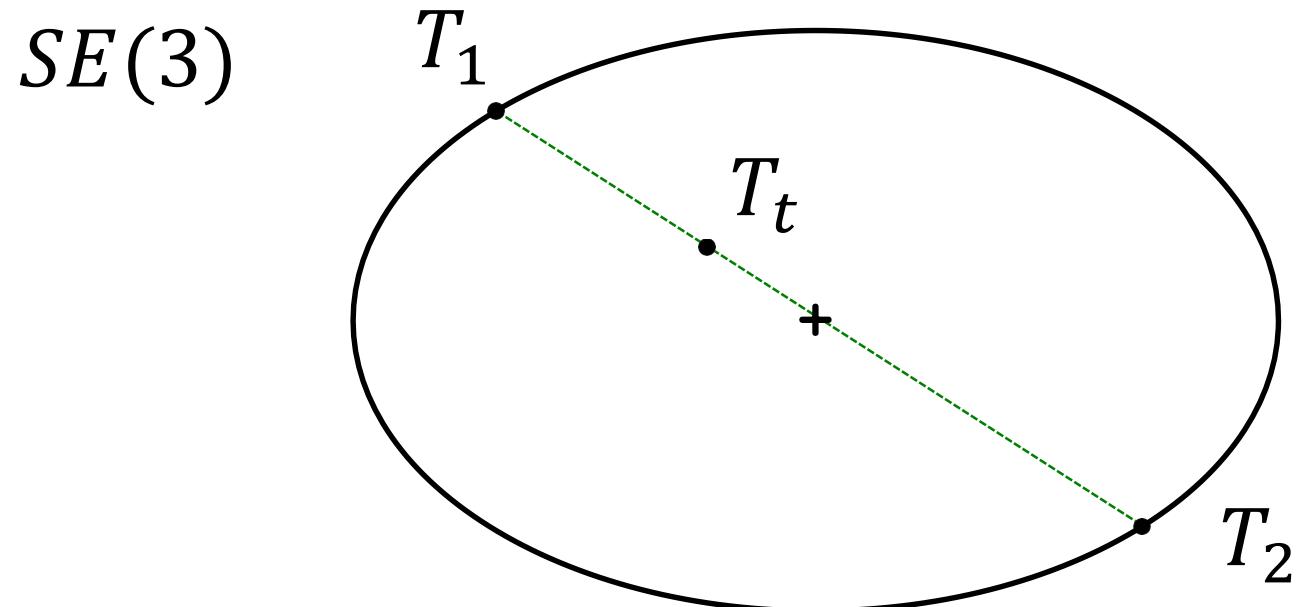
Interpolation in $SE(3)$



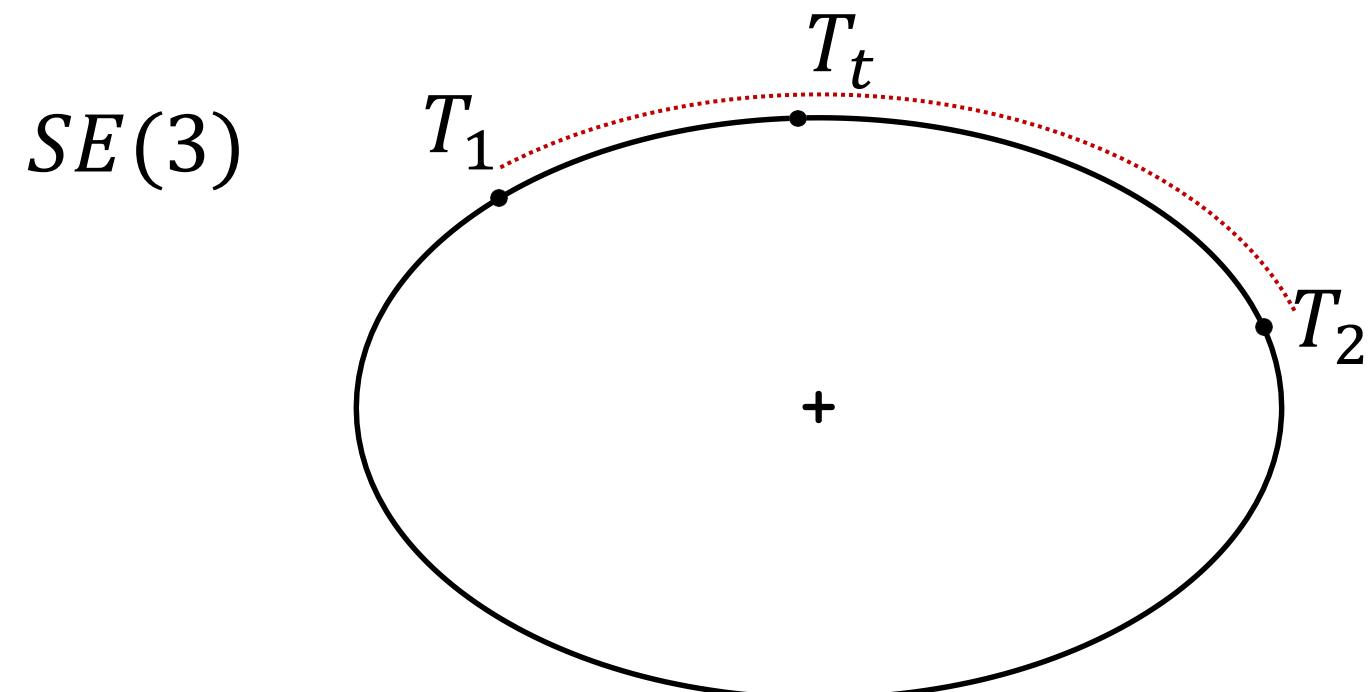
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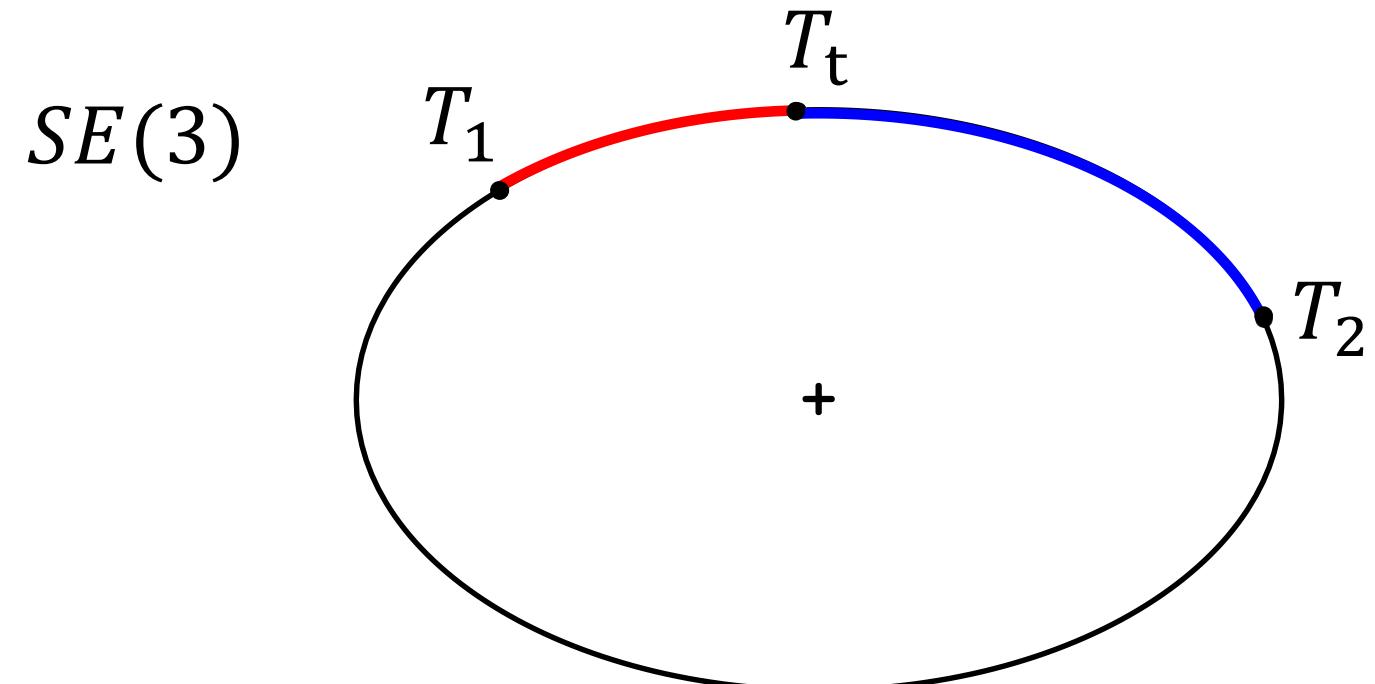
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Intrinsic Blending

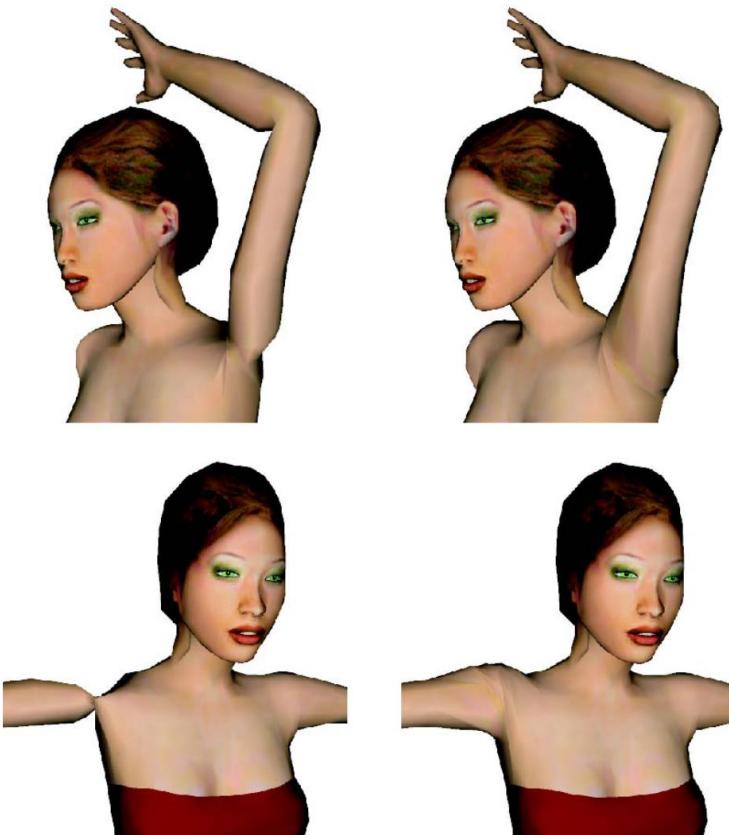


Intrinsic Blending



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

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

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

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

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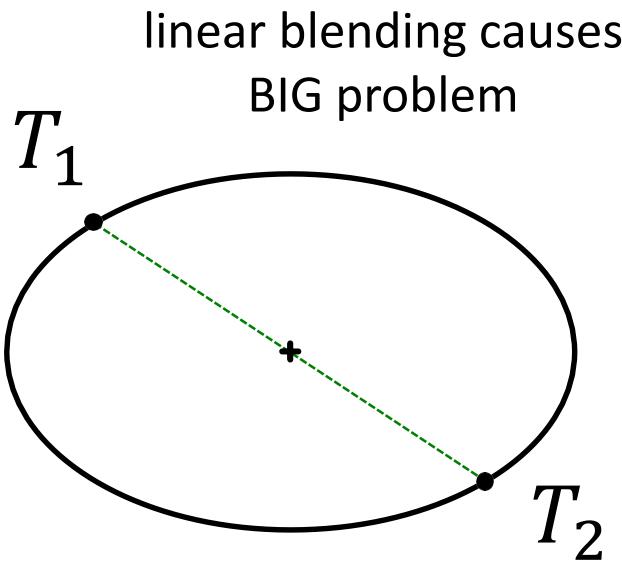
$$\mathbf{q}_0 = \mathbf{r}$$

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

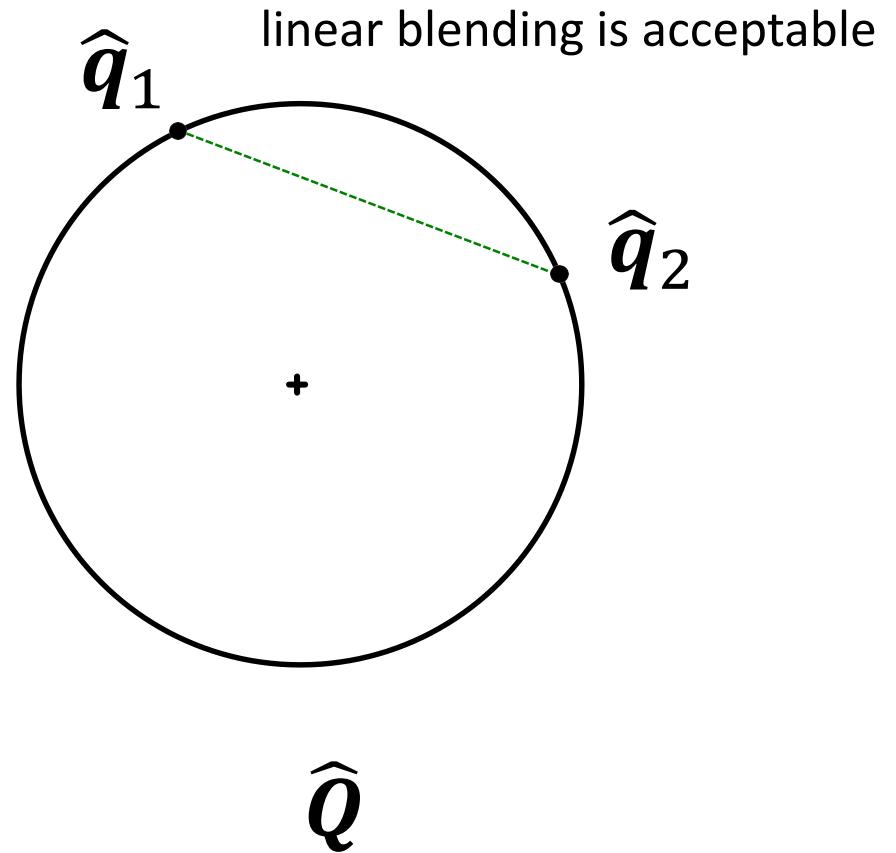
\widehat{Q} is a **double cover** of $SE(3)$

Double Cover Visualized



linear blending causes
BIG problem

$SE(3)$



linear blending is acceptable

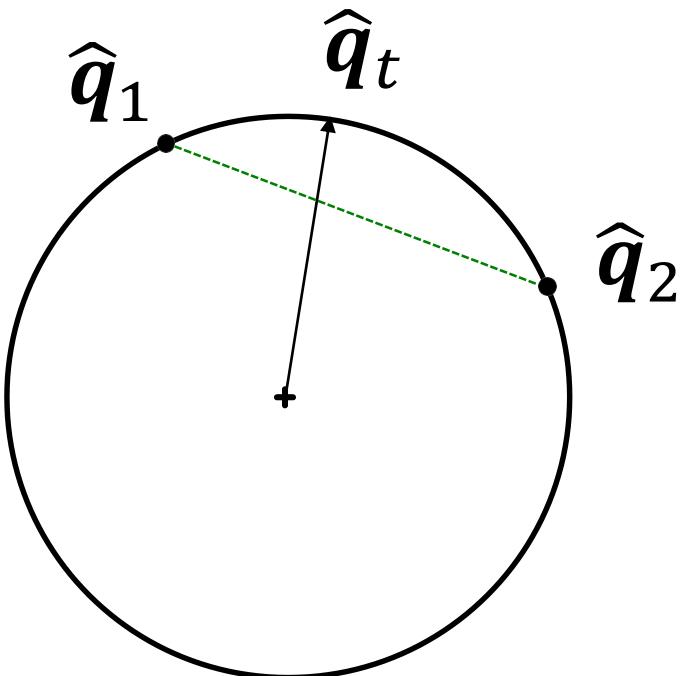
\hat{Q}

Interpolating Dual-Quaternion

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



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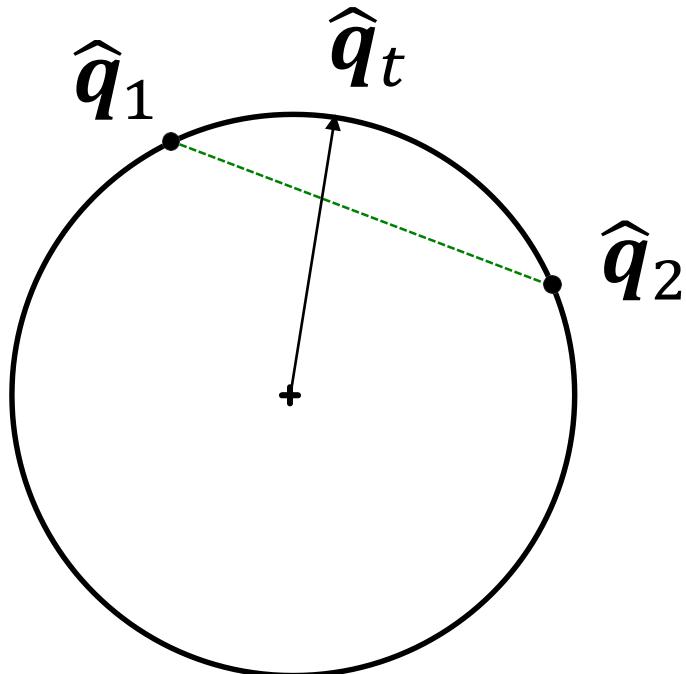


Dual-Quaternion Linear Blending (DLB)

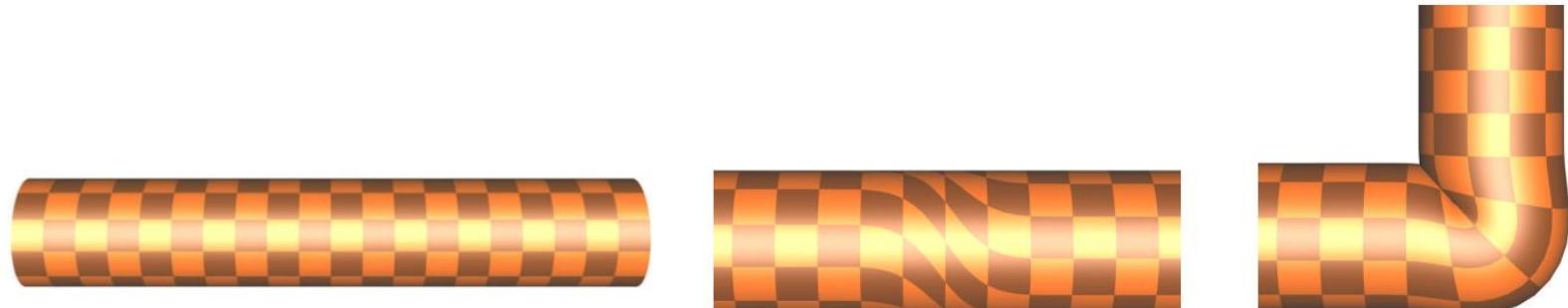
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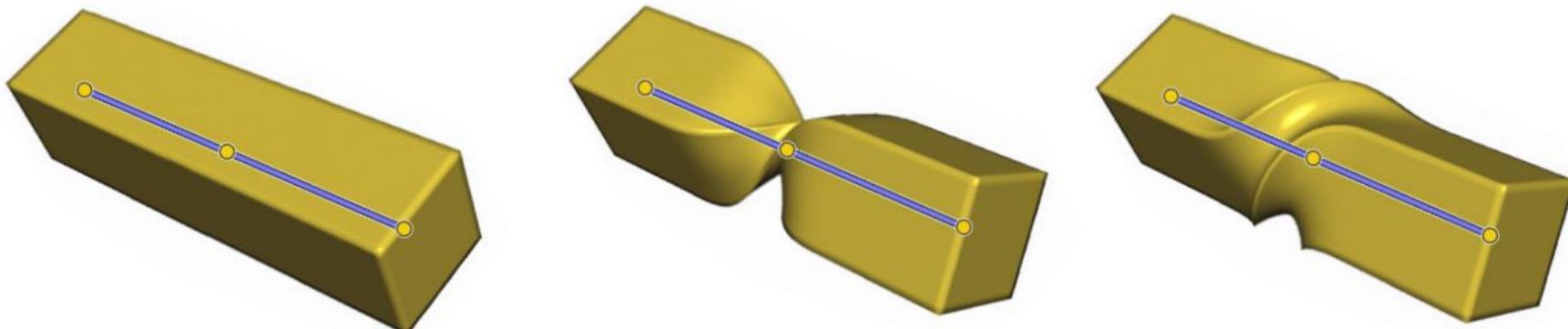
Dual-Quaternion Skinning (DQS)



Rest pose

Dual quaternions: twist

Dual quaternions: bend

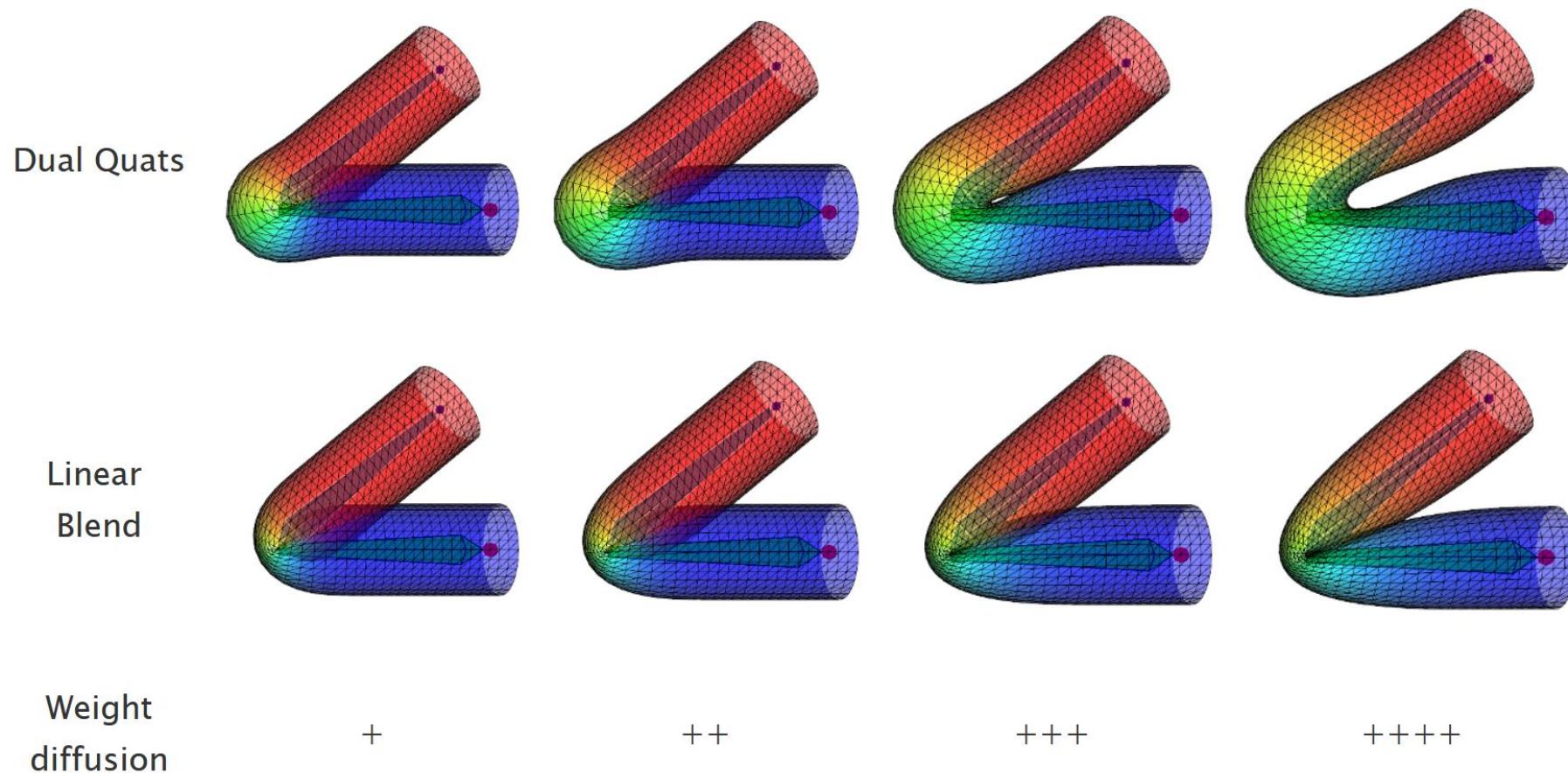


Rest pose

Linear blend skinning

Dual quaternion skinning

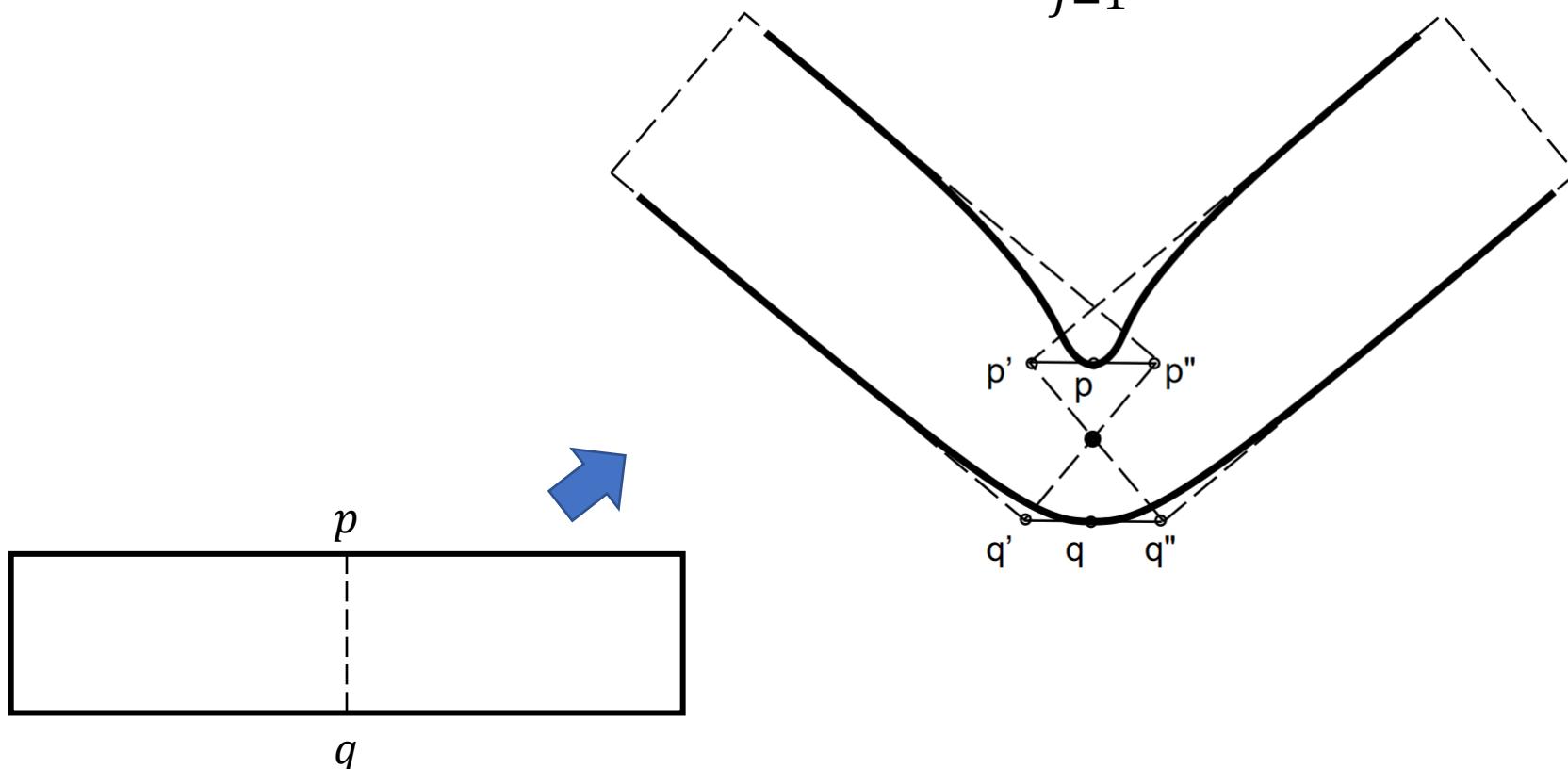
Budging Artifact of DQS



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

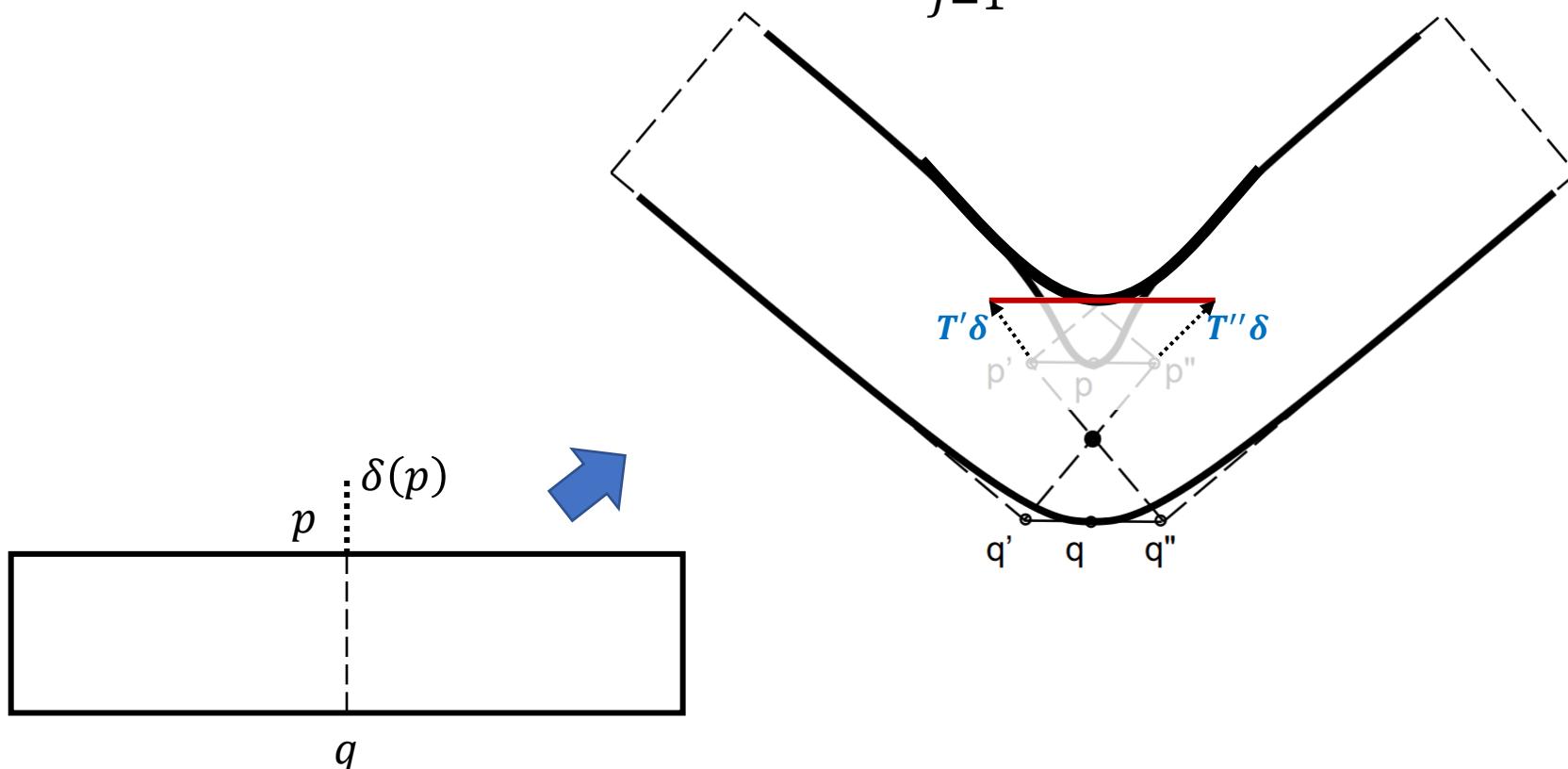
How to Correct LBS?

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



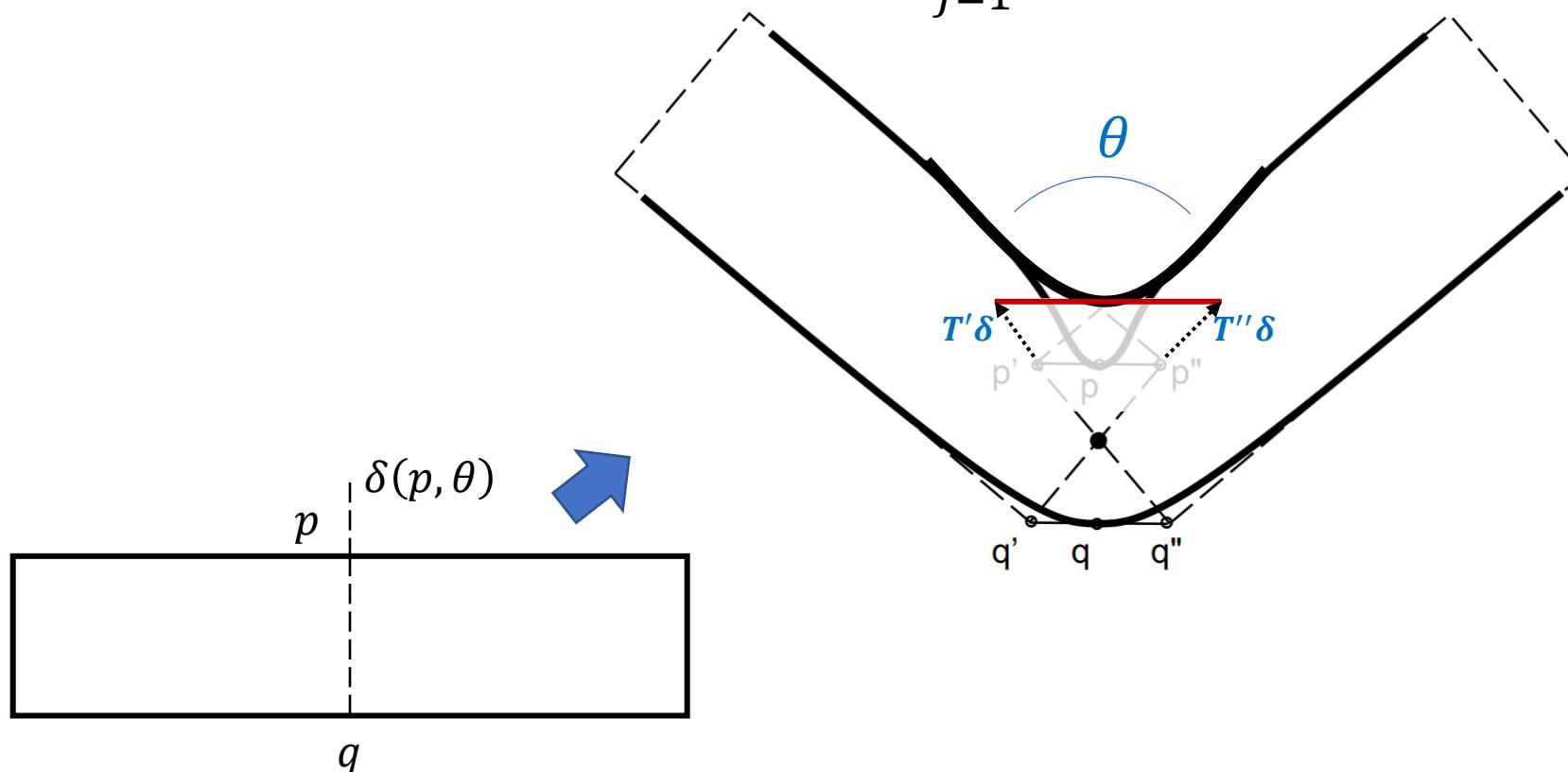
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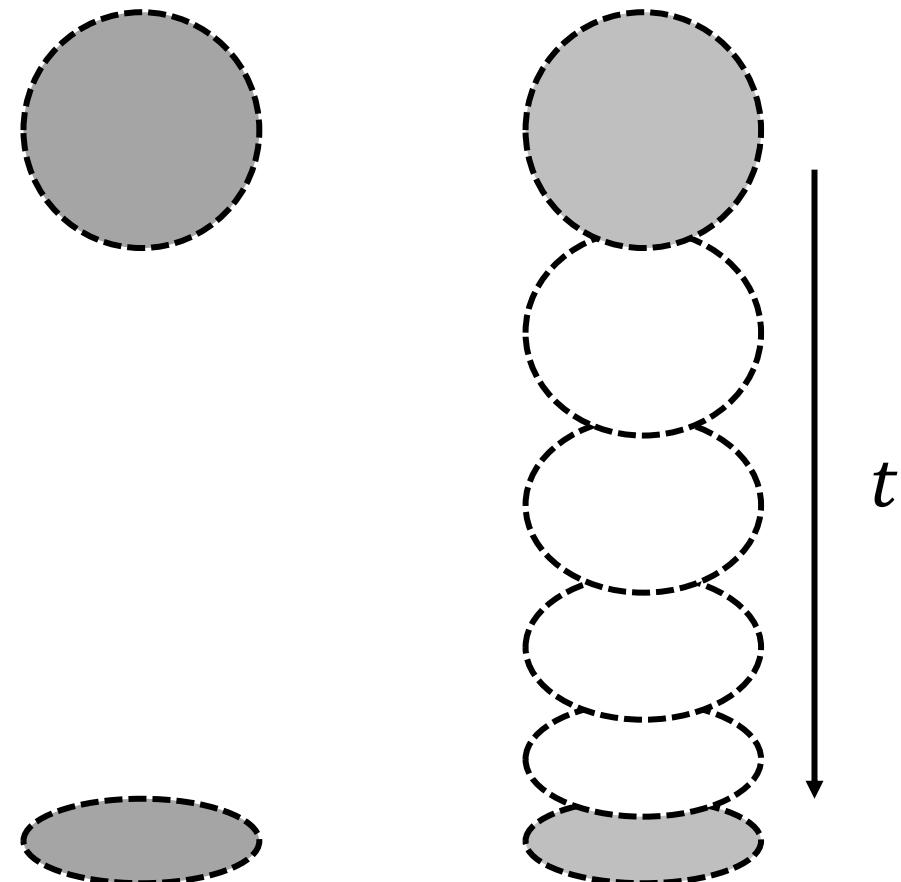


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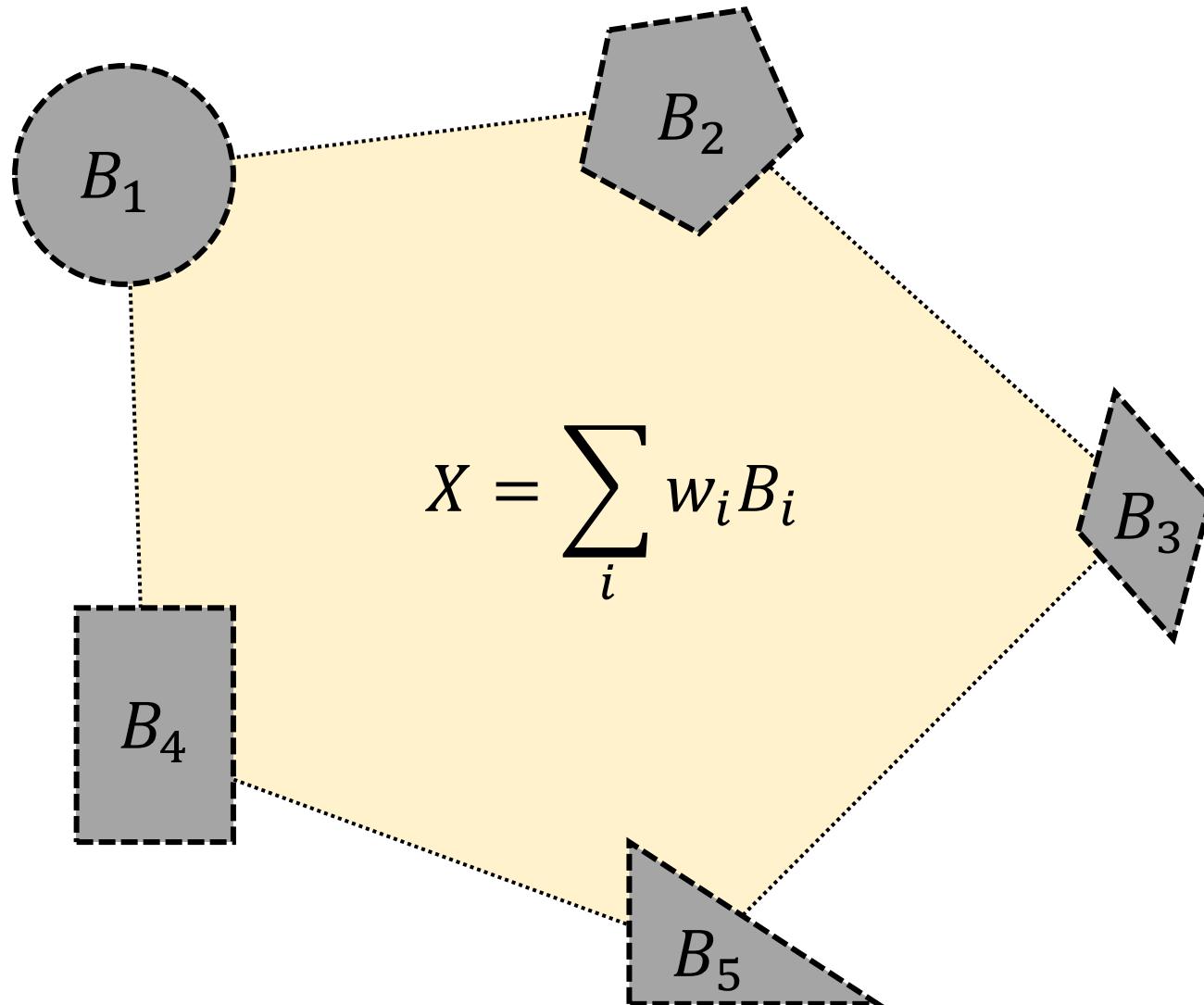
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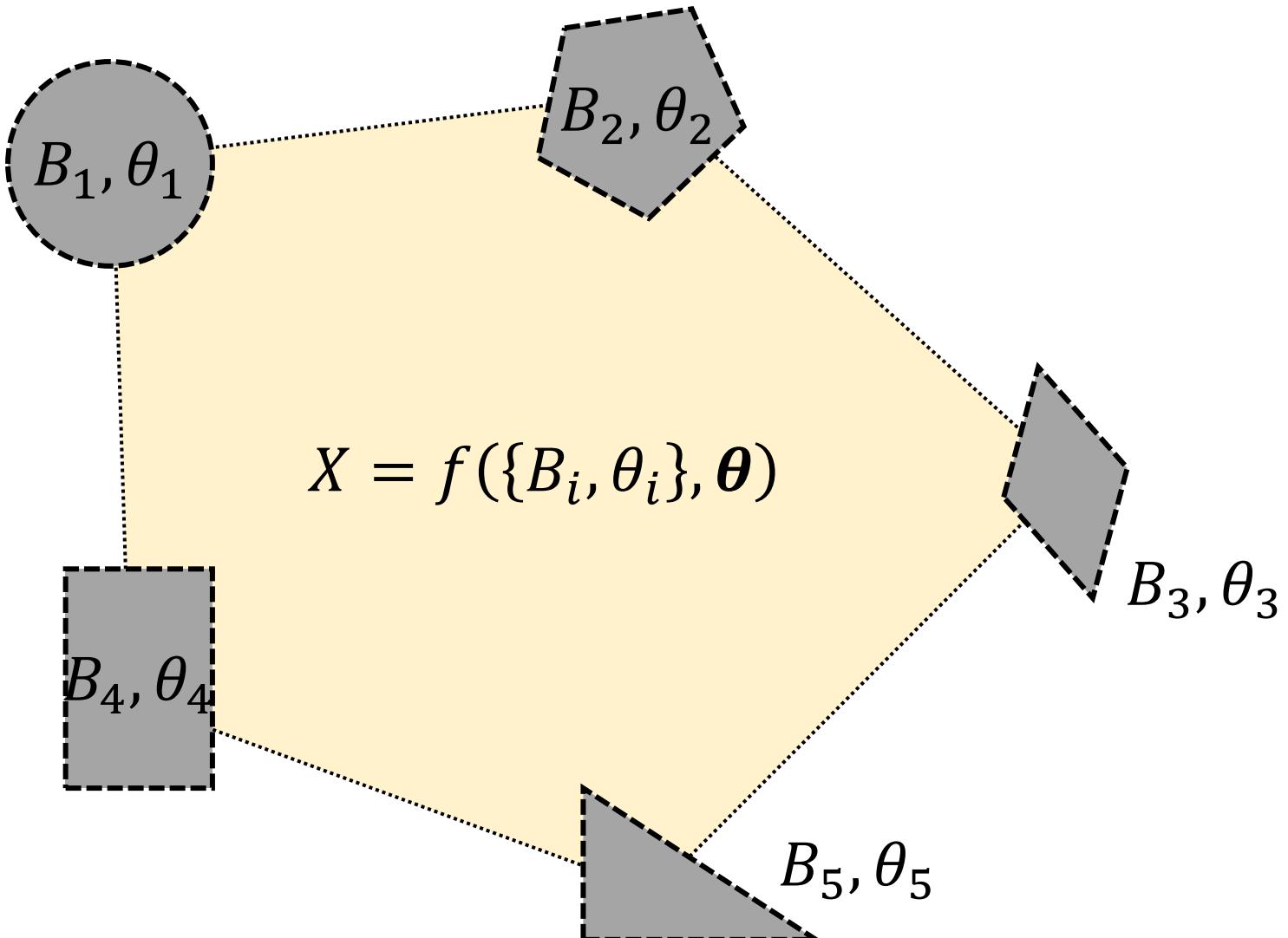
Example-based Shape Deformation



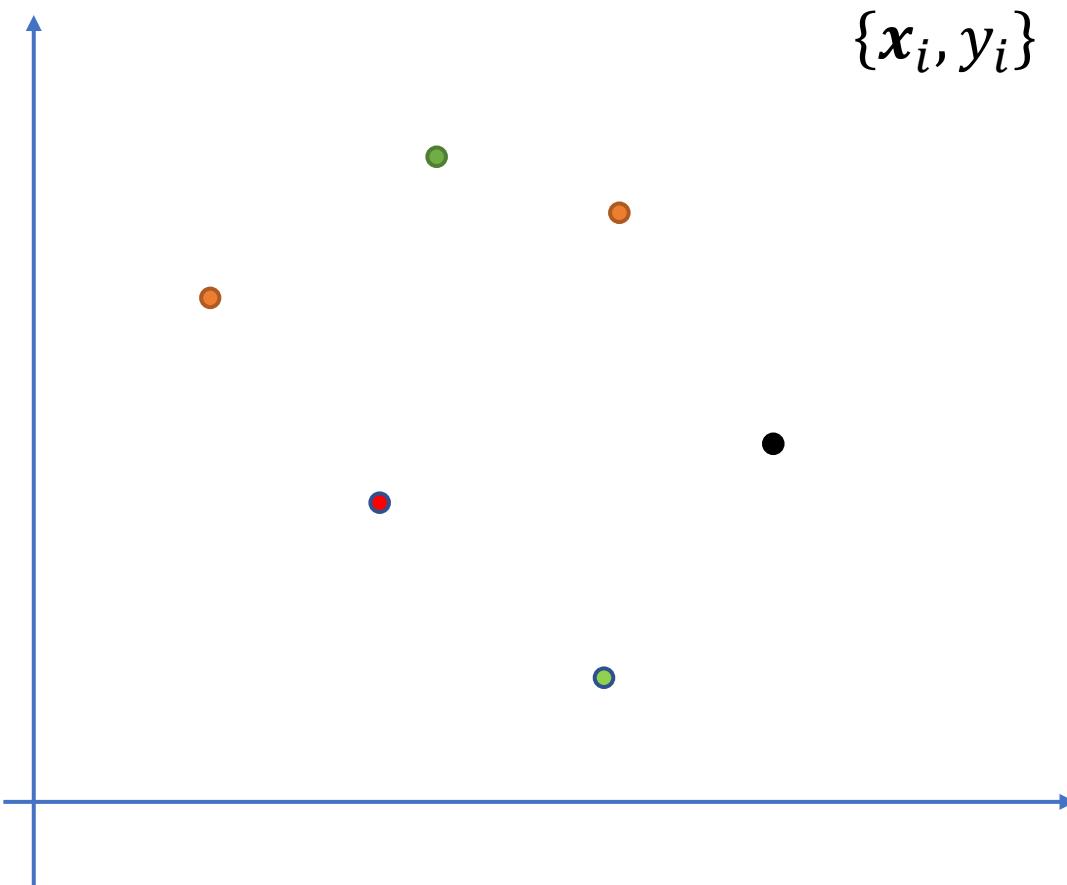
Blendshapes / Blend Space



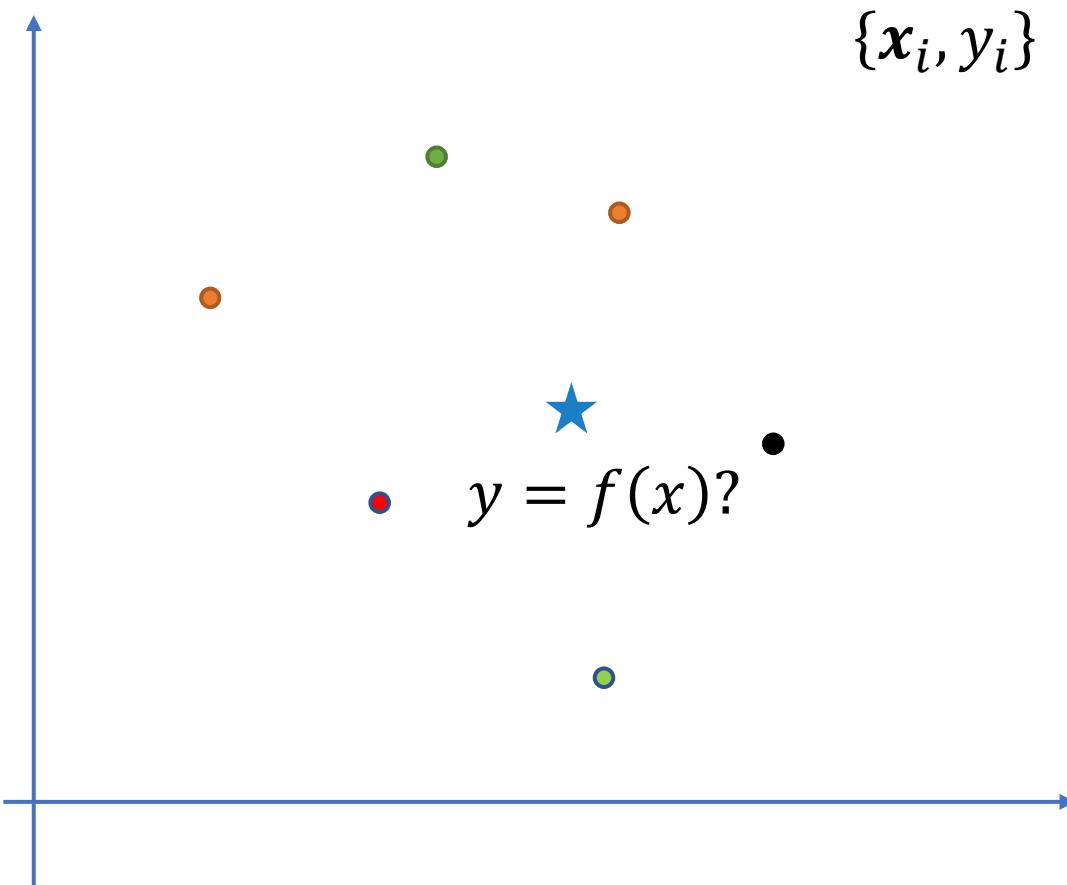
Pose Space Deformation



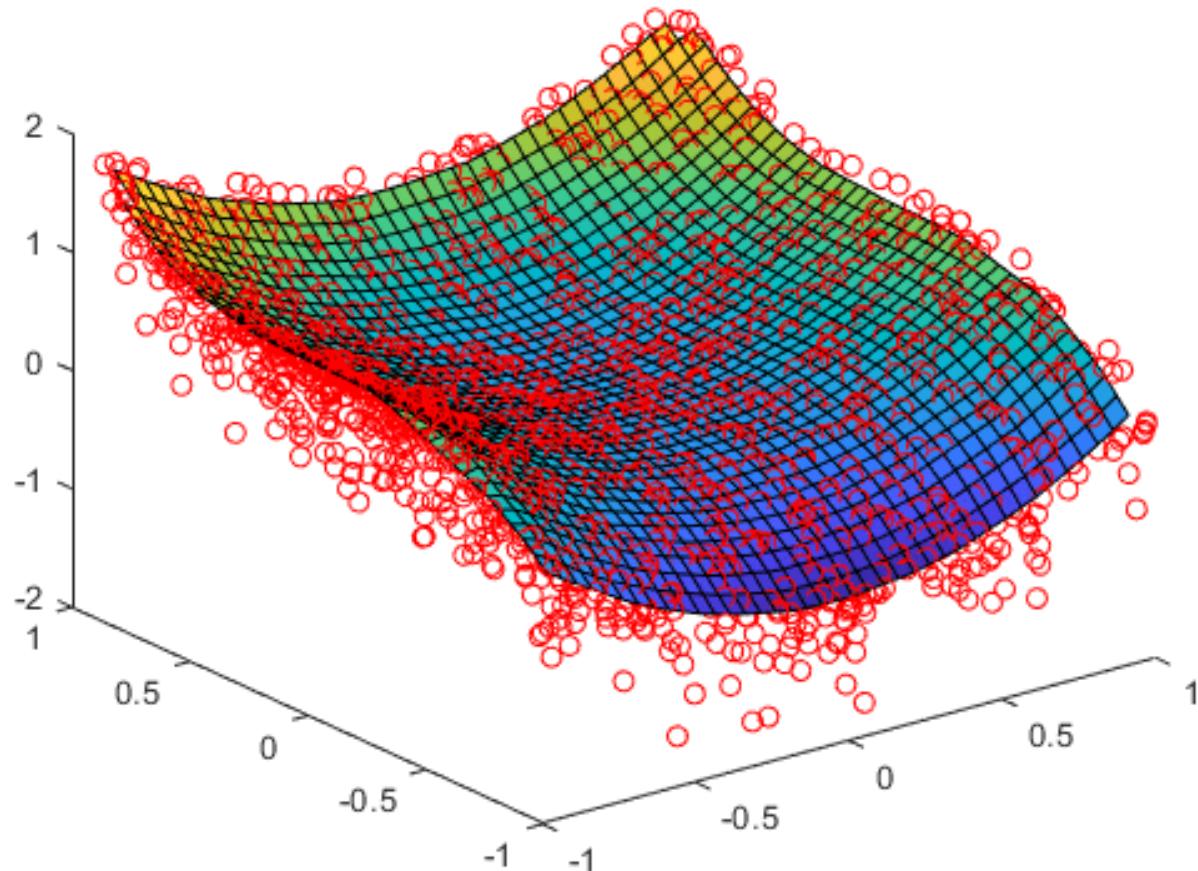
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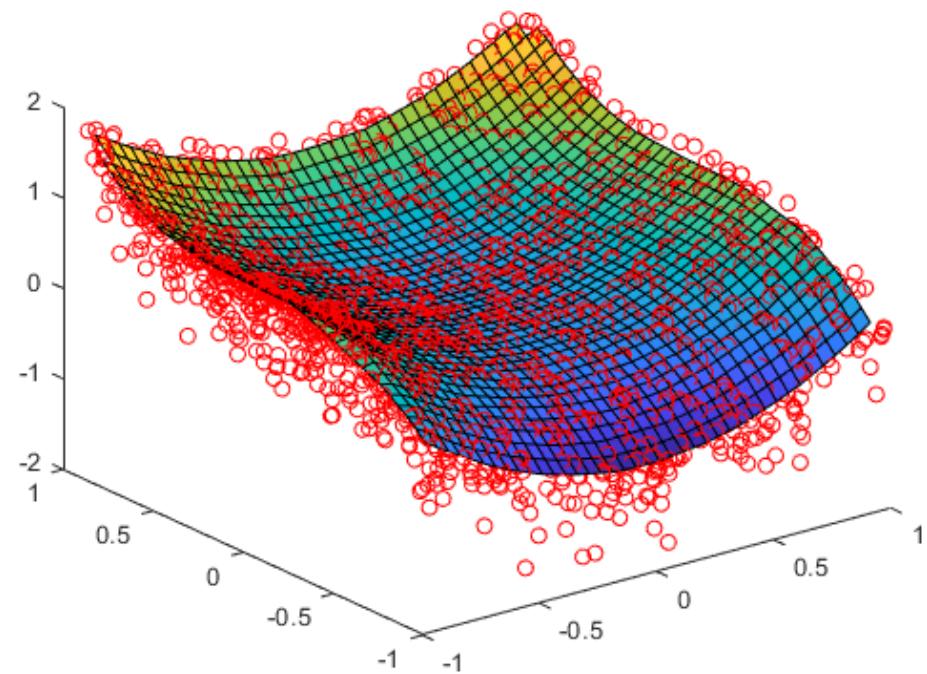
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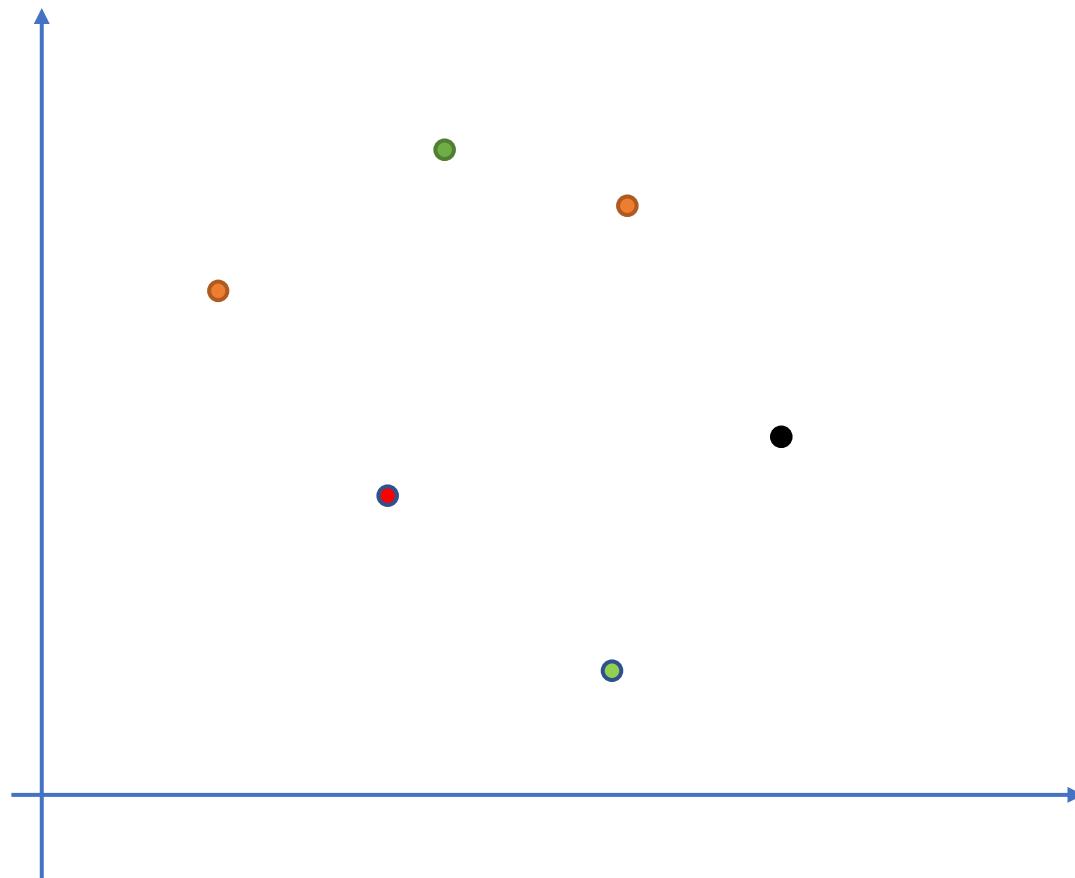
Scattered Data Interpolation

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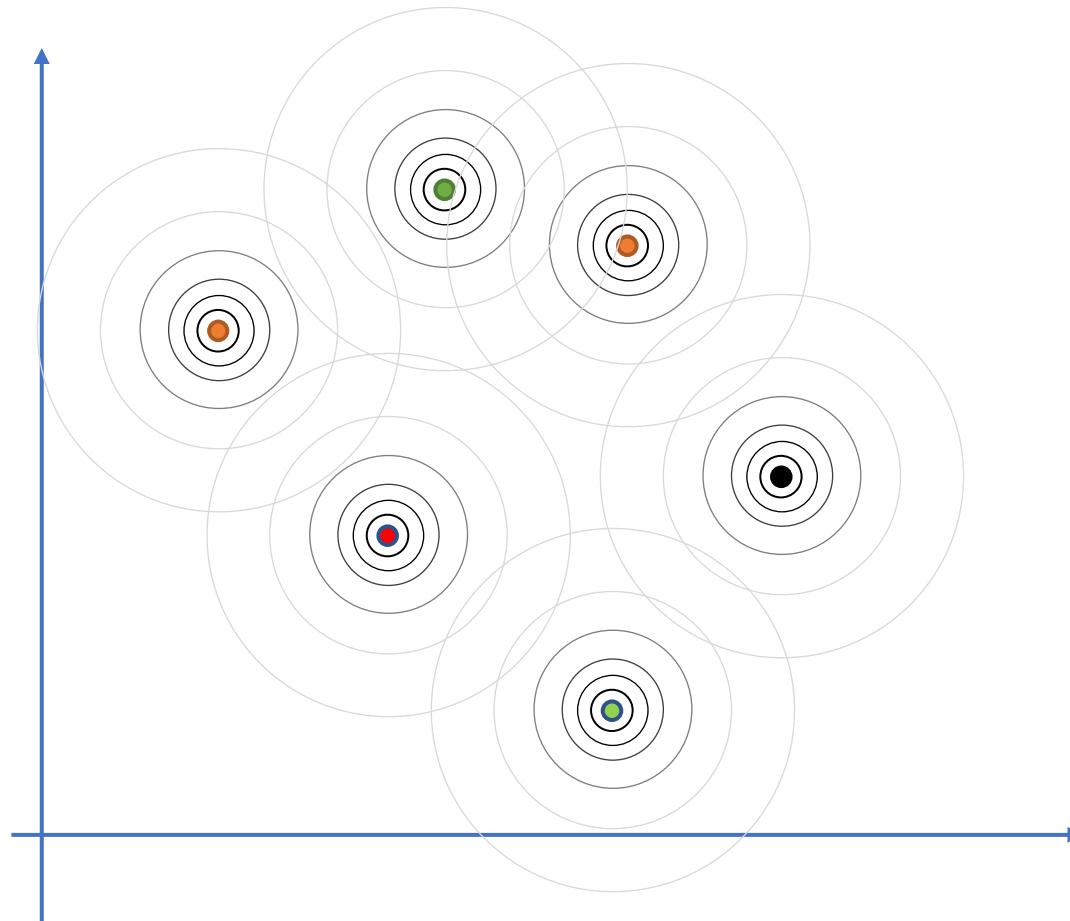


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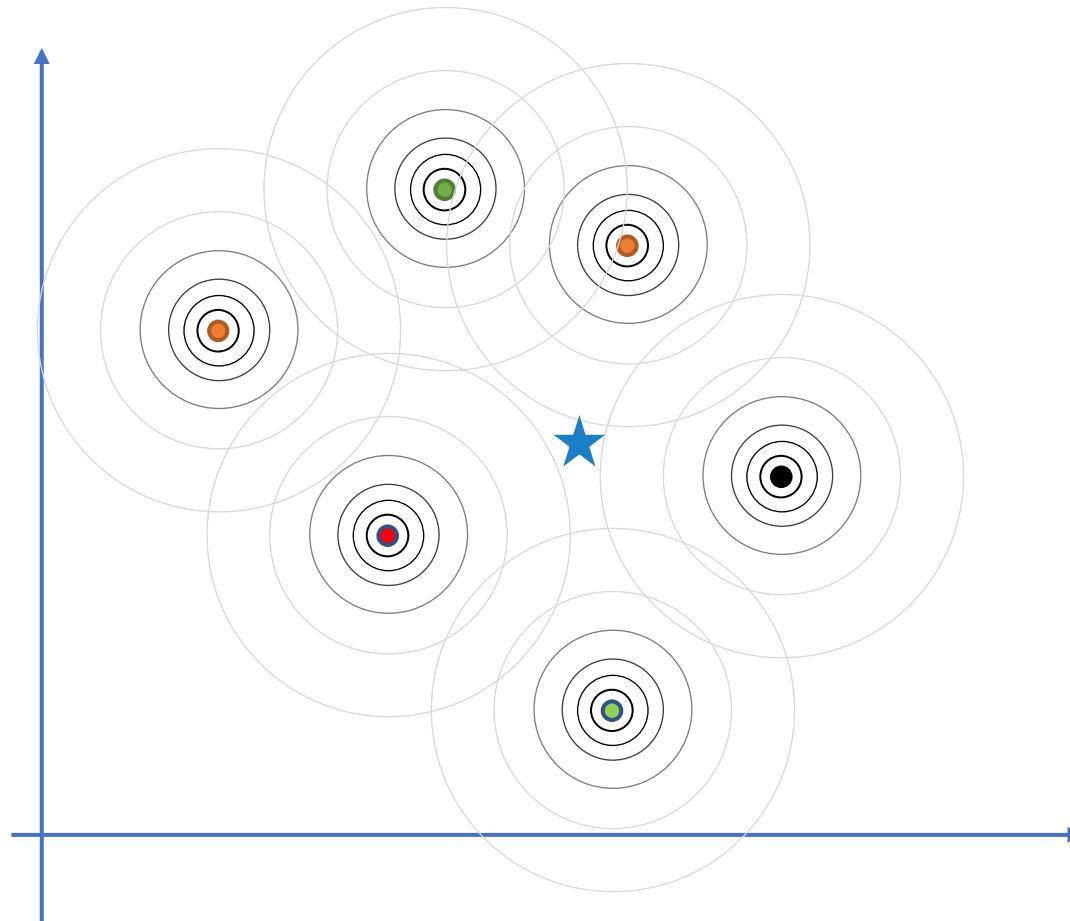
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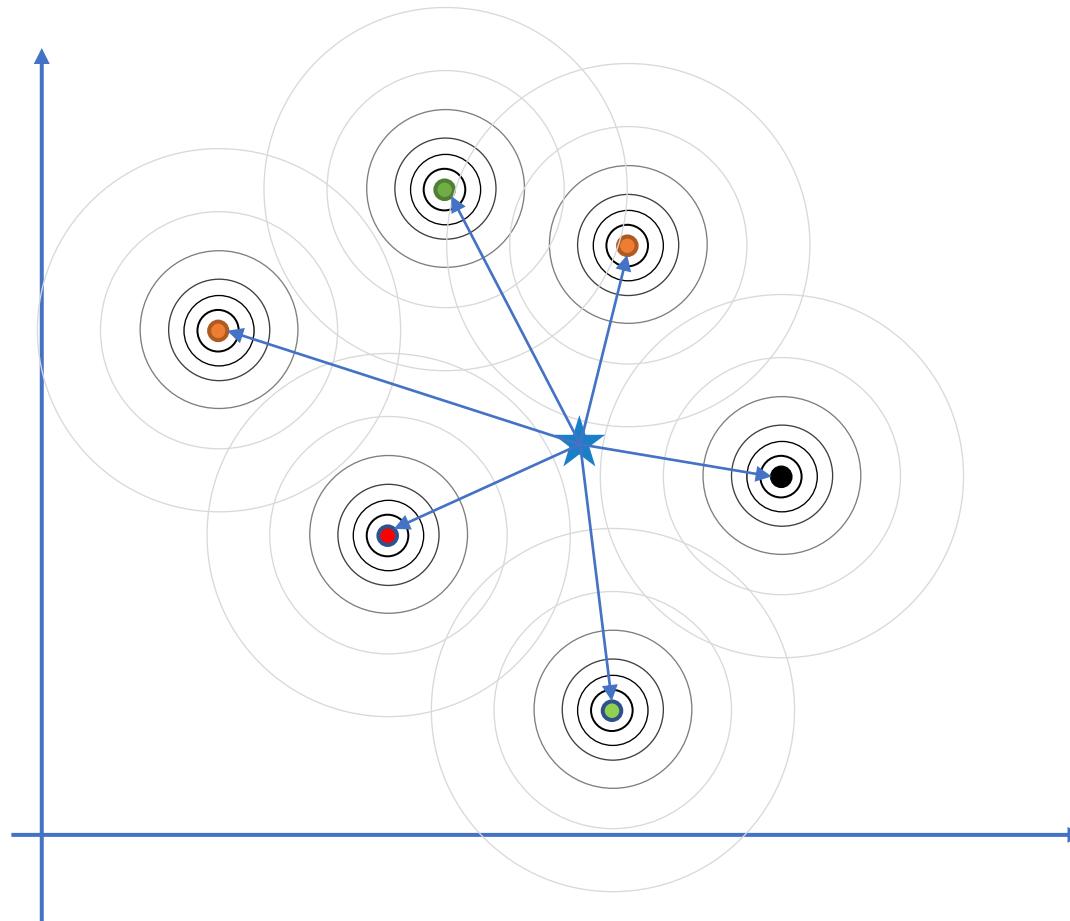
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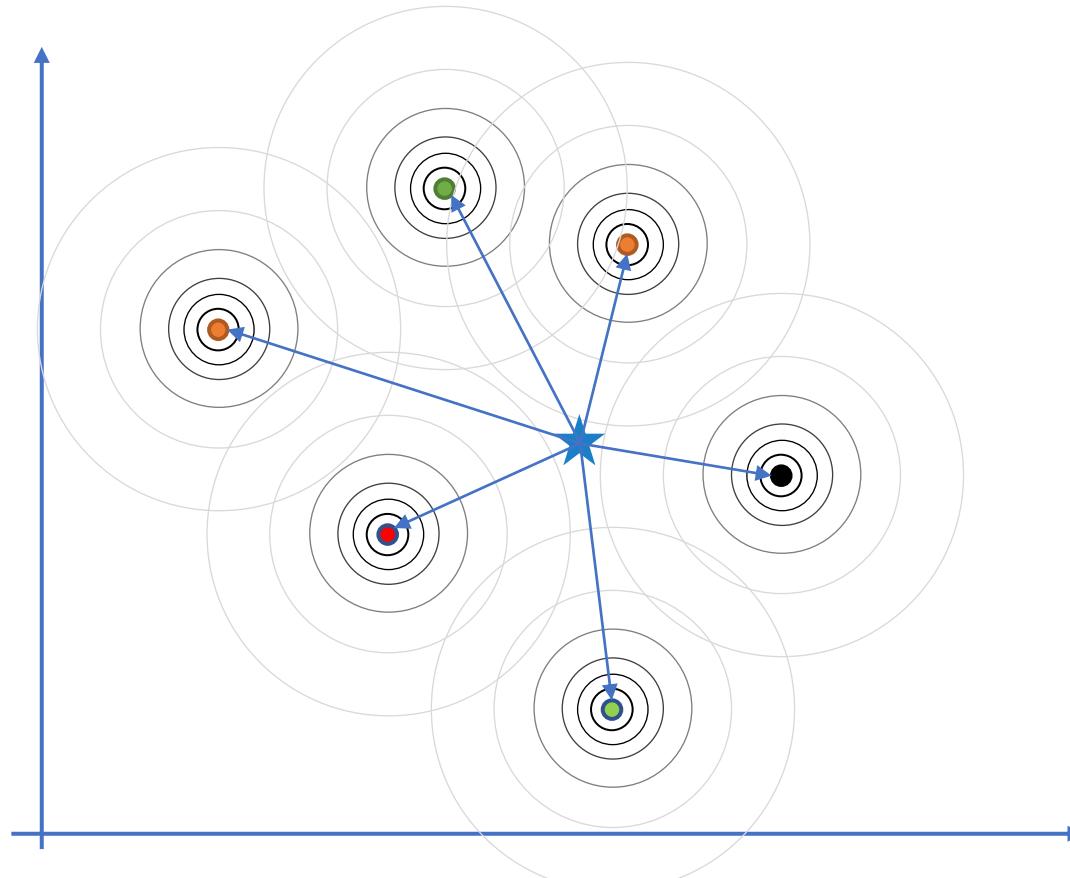


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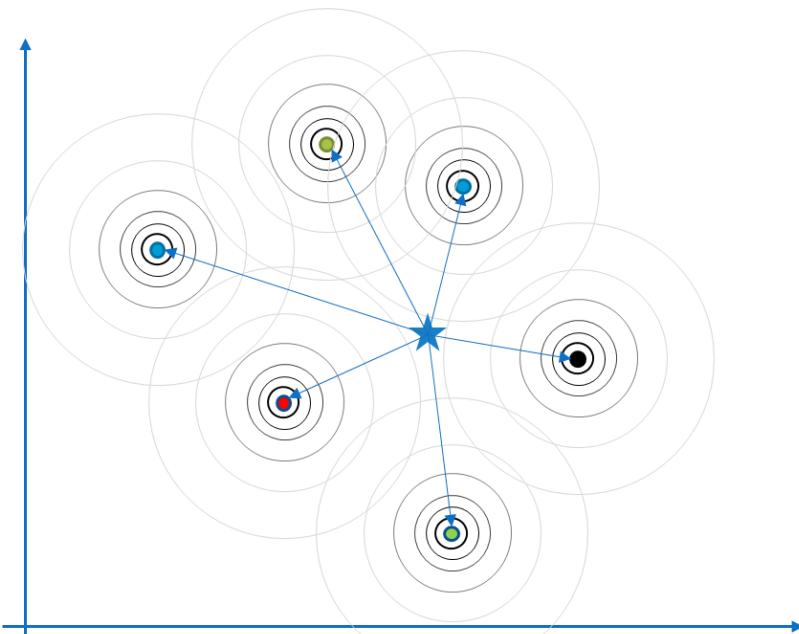
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Radial Basis Function (RBF) Interpolation

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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

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

- $\boldsymbol{x}' = SKIN(PSD(\boldsymbol{x}))$
- 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

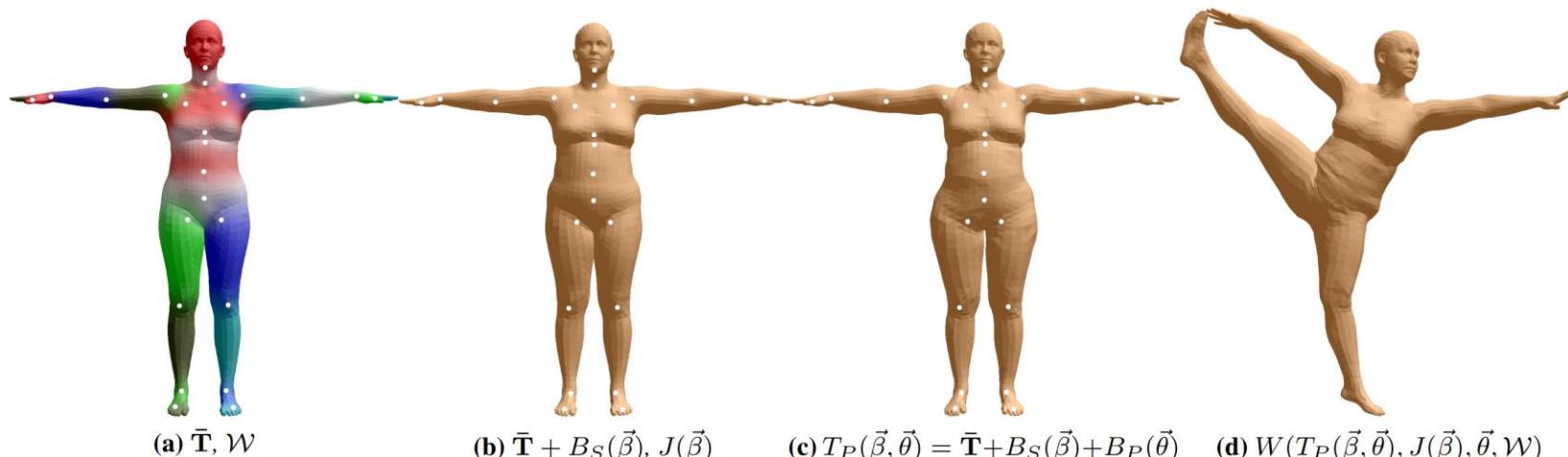
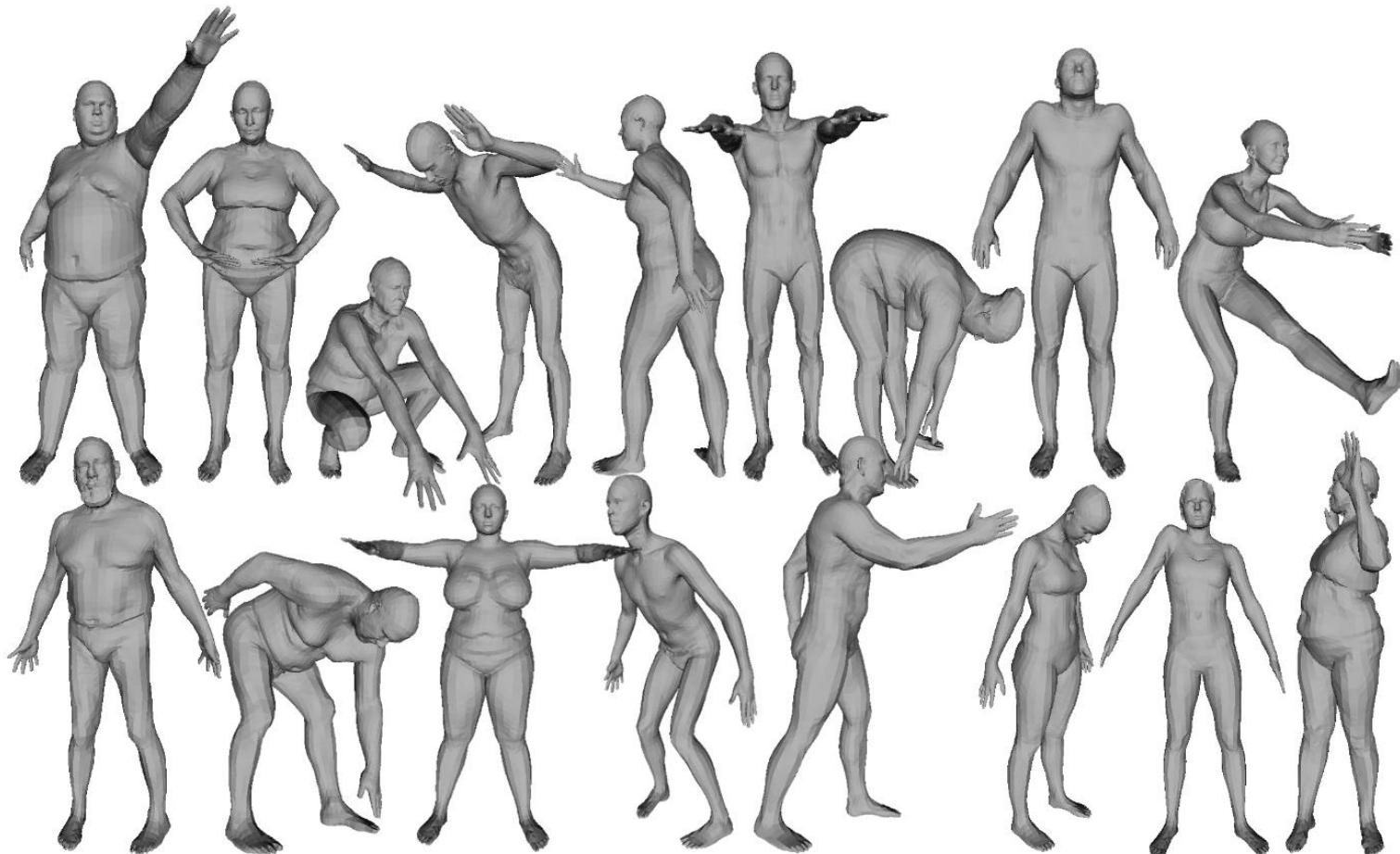


Figure 3: SMPL model. (a) Template mesh with blend weights indicated by color and joints shown in white. (b) With identity-driven blendshape contribution only; vertex and joint locations are linear in shape vector $\vec{\beta}$. (c) With the addition of pose blend shapes in preparation for the split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

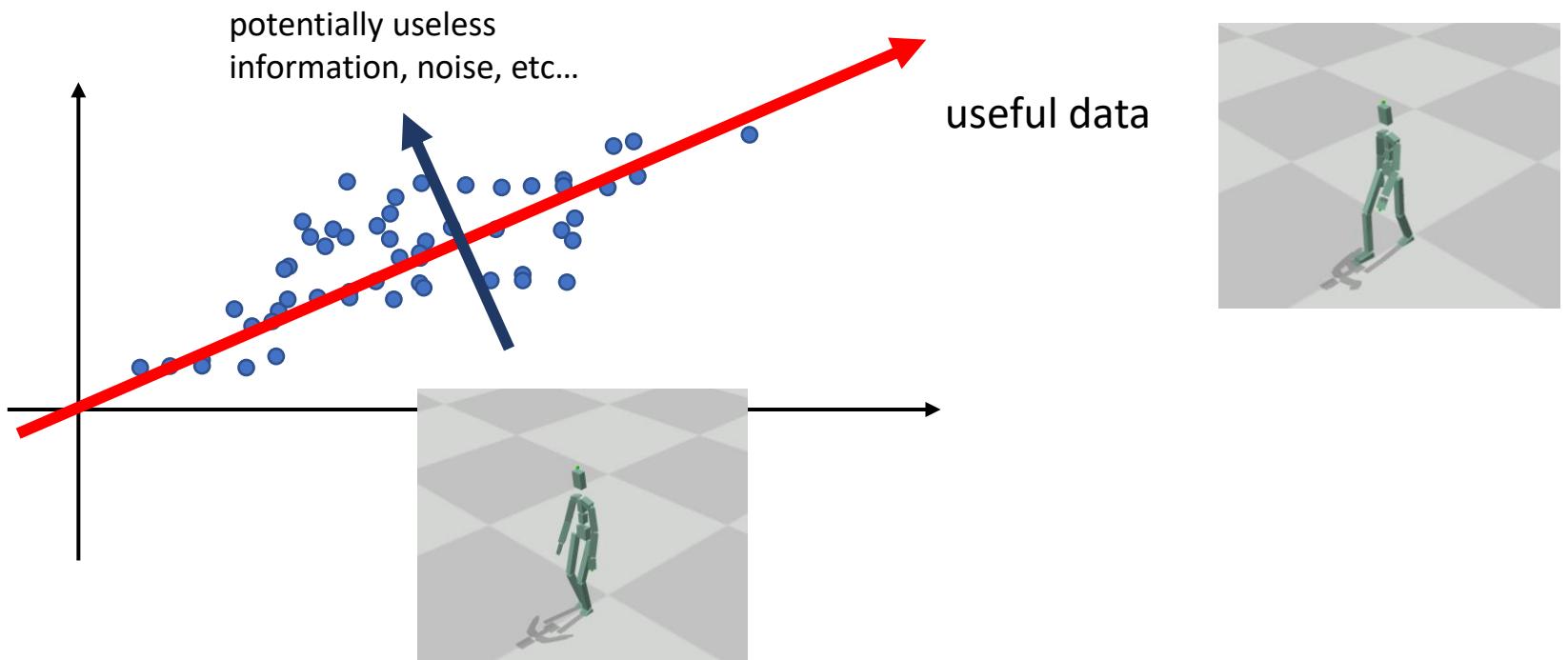
How to deal with massive examples?



[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

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

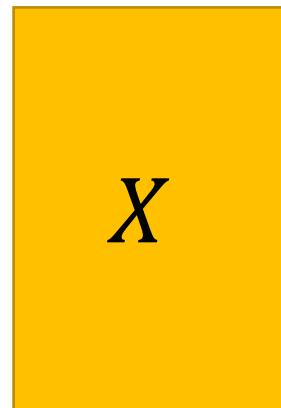
- \mathbf{u}_k is the *k*-th principal component
 - A direction in \mathbb{R}^N along which the projection of $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}$ has the *k*-th maximal variance
- $w_{i,k} = (\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \cdot \mathbf{u}_k$ is the score of \mathbf{x}_i on \mathbf{u}_k

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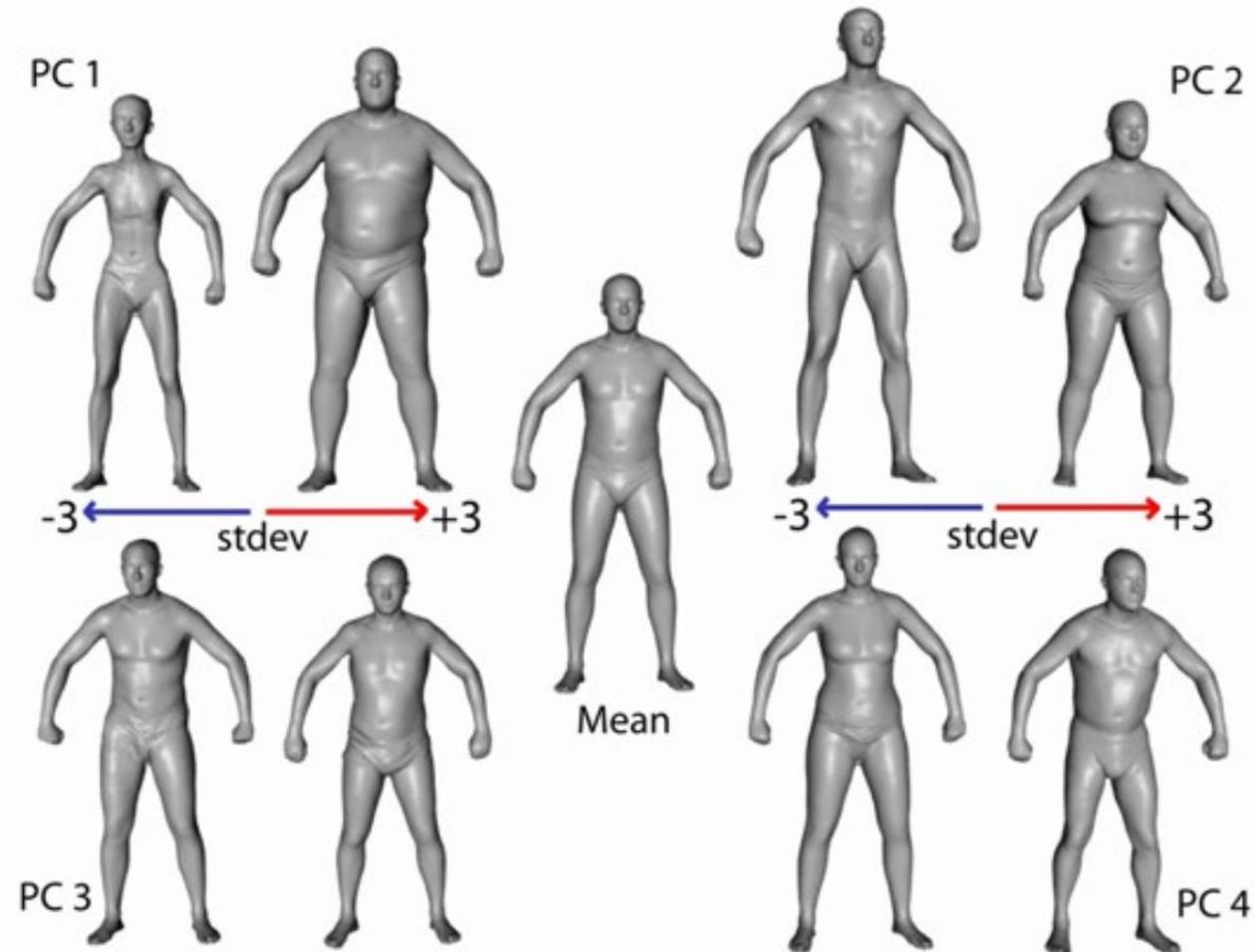
- Given a dataset $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}, \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$, the PCA can be computed by apply **eigen decomposition** on the **covariance matrix**

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

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

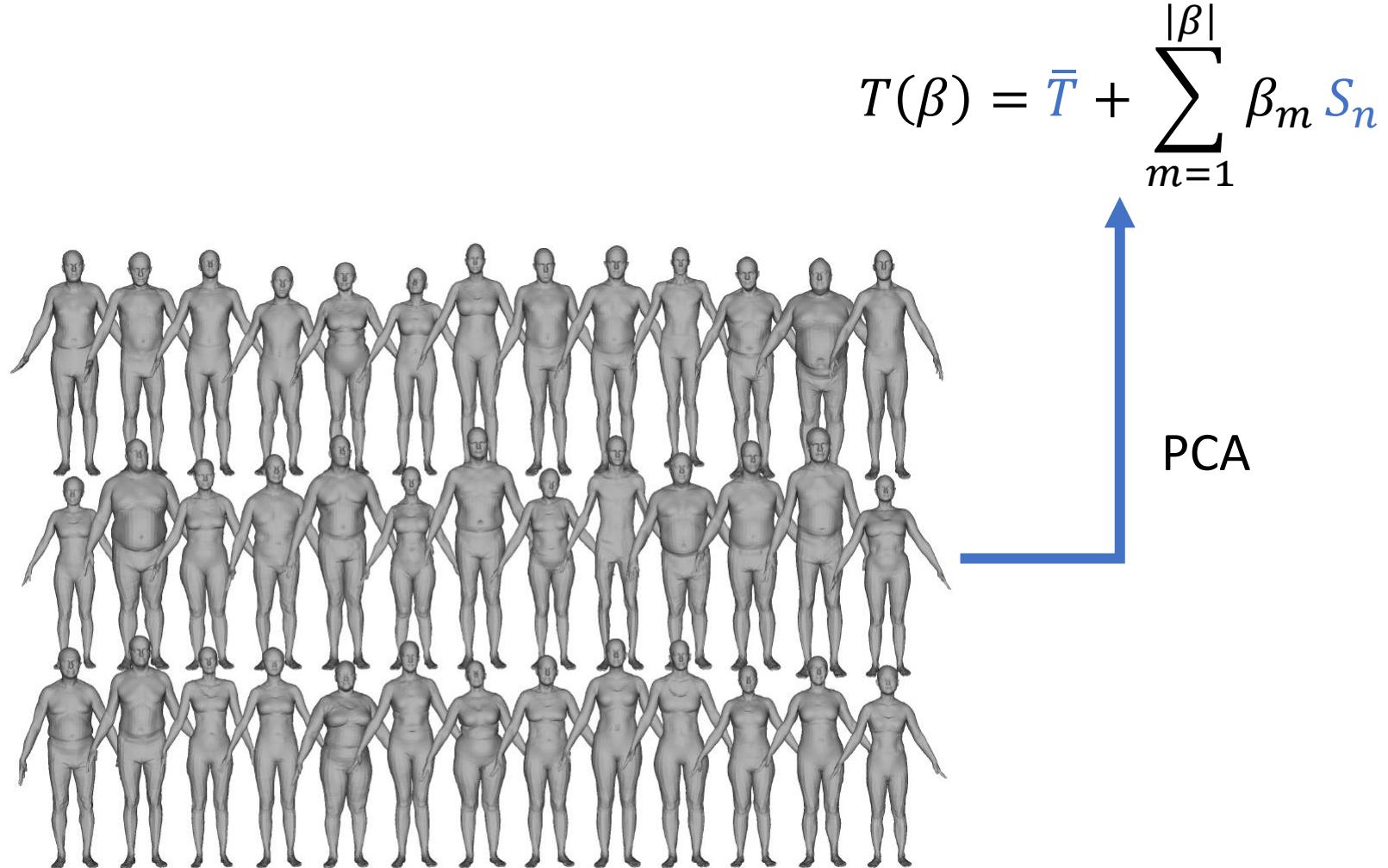


PCA over Body Shapes



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.

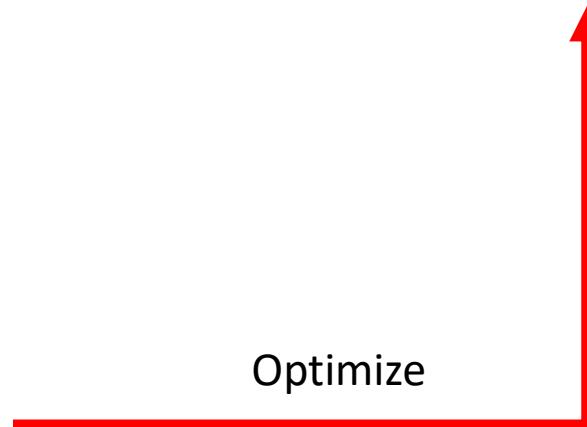
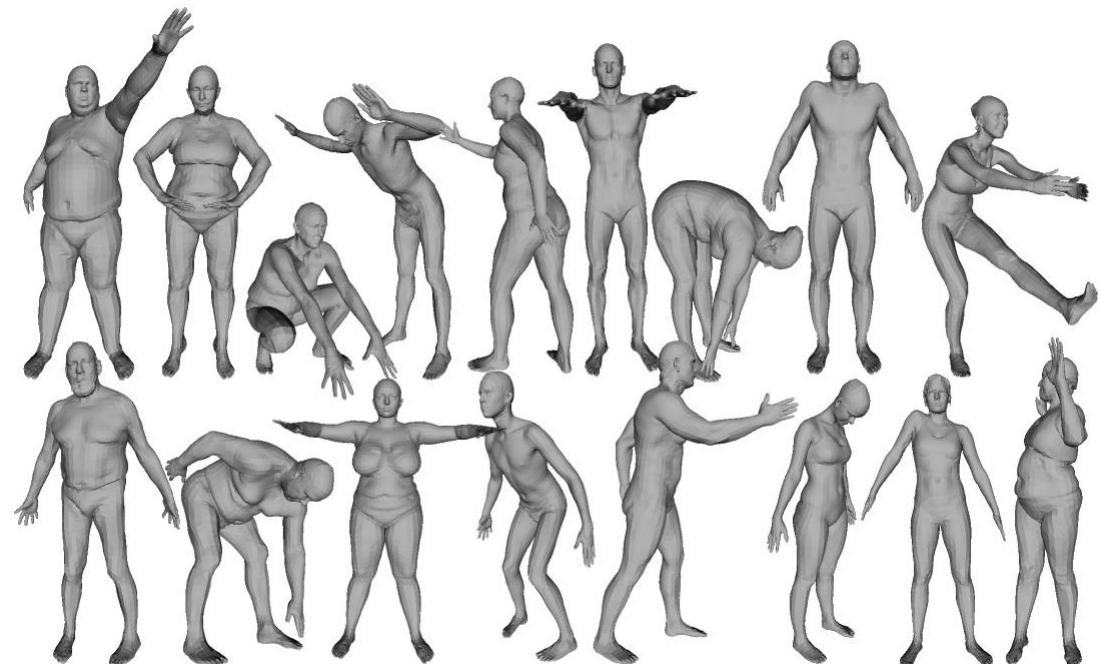
SMPL Model: Body Shape



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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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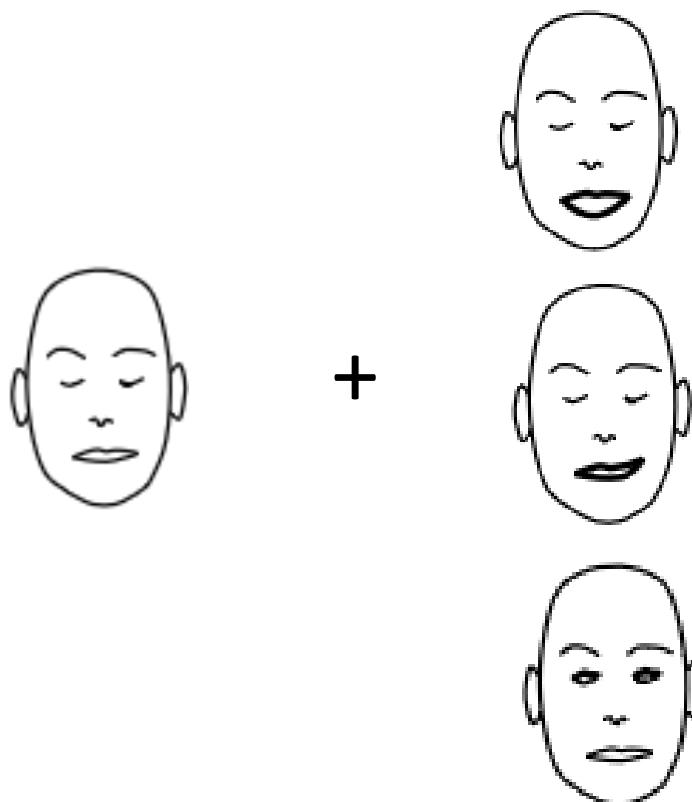
Example: Facial Animation



[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

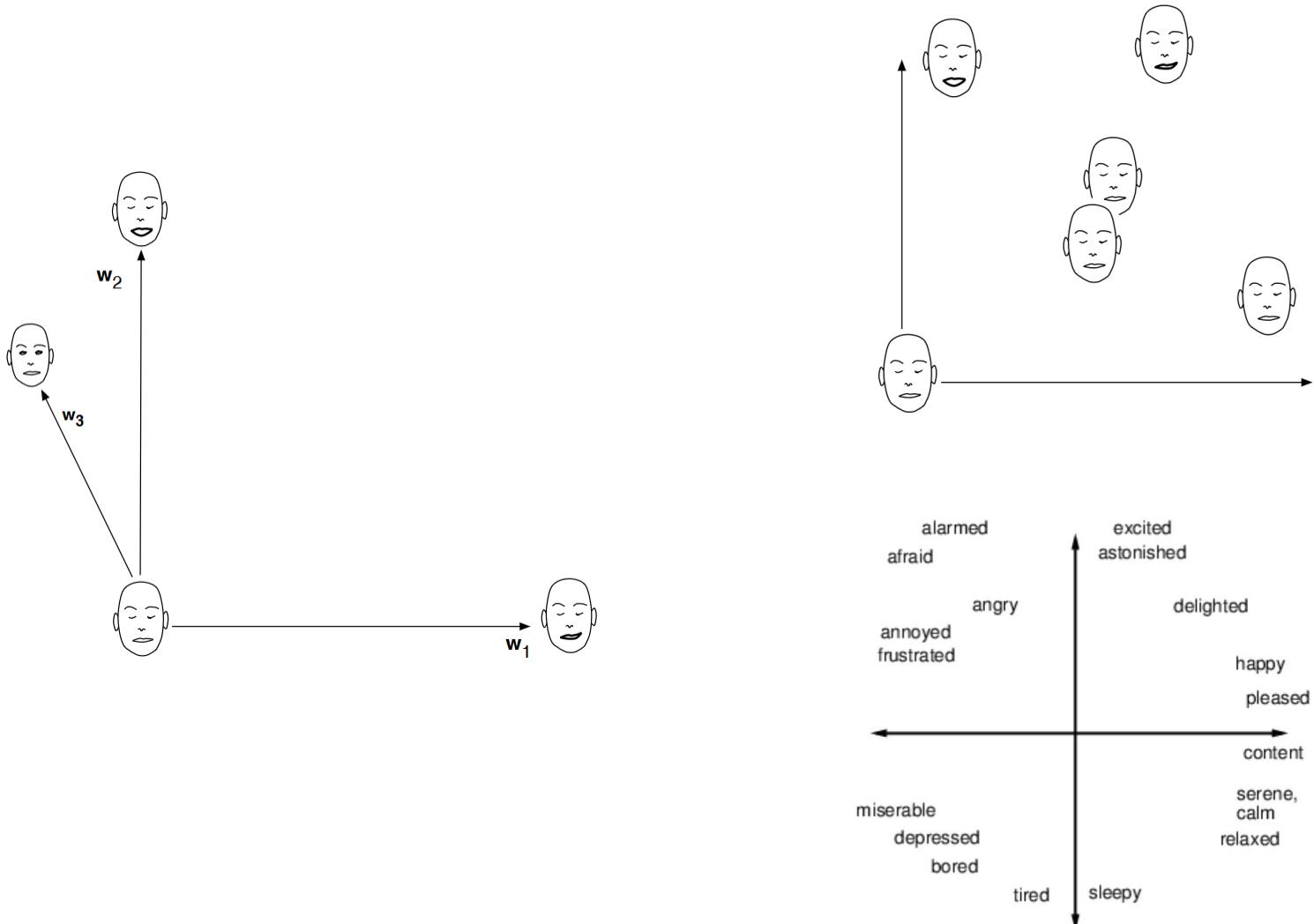


<http://www.santhoshkoneru.com/facial-blendshapes>

A Typical Set of Blendshapes (ARKit)

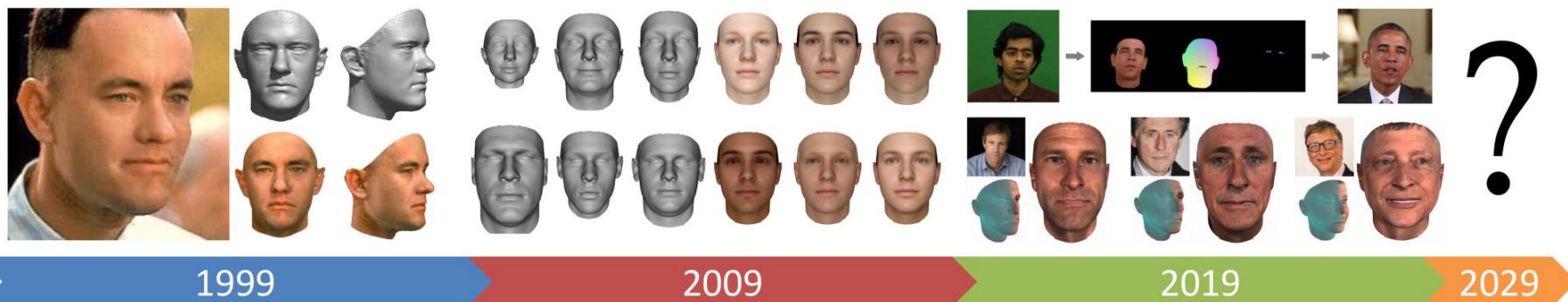
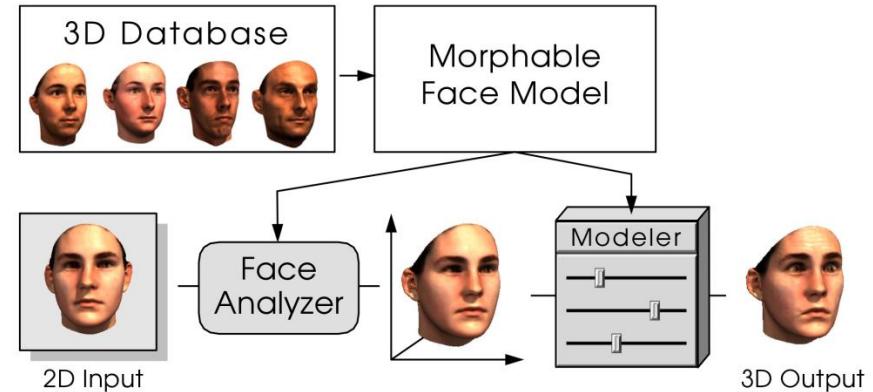
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- eyeLookOutRight
- eyeLookUpRight
- eyeSquintRight
- eyeWideRight
- jawForward
- jawLeft
- jawRight
- jawOpen
- mouthClose
- mouthFunnel
- mouthPucker
- mouthRight
- mouthLeft
- mouthSmileLeft
- mouthSmileRight
- mouthFrownRight
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- mouthLowerDownLeft
- mouthLowerDownRight
- mouthUpperUpLeft
- mouthUpperUpRight
- browDownLeft
- browDownRight
- browInnerUp
- browOuterUpLeft
- browOuterUpRight
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- tongueOut
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Blendshapes vs. Example-based Skinning



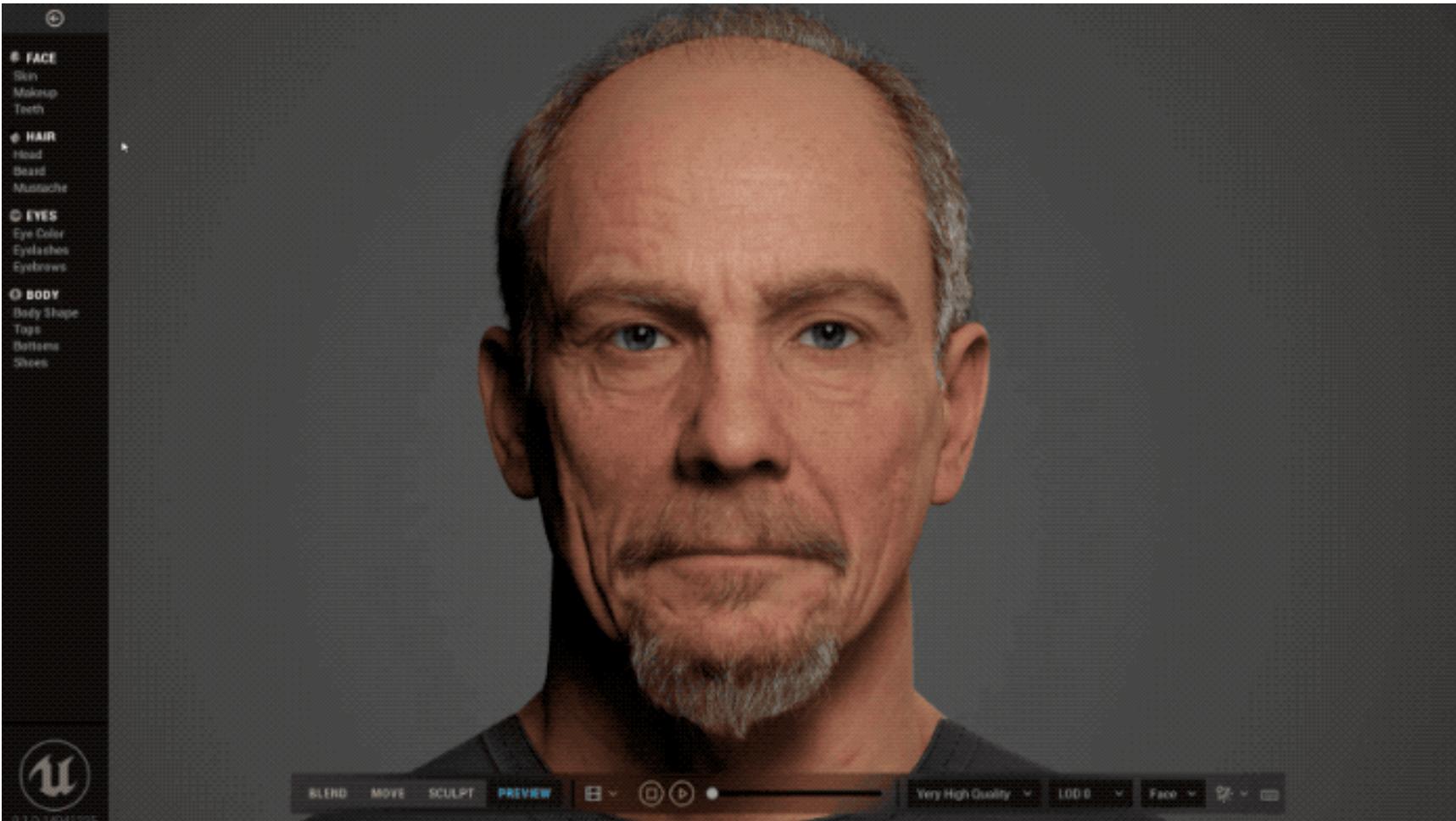
Morphable Face Models

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



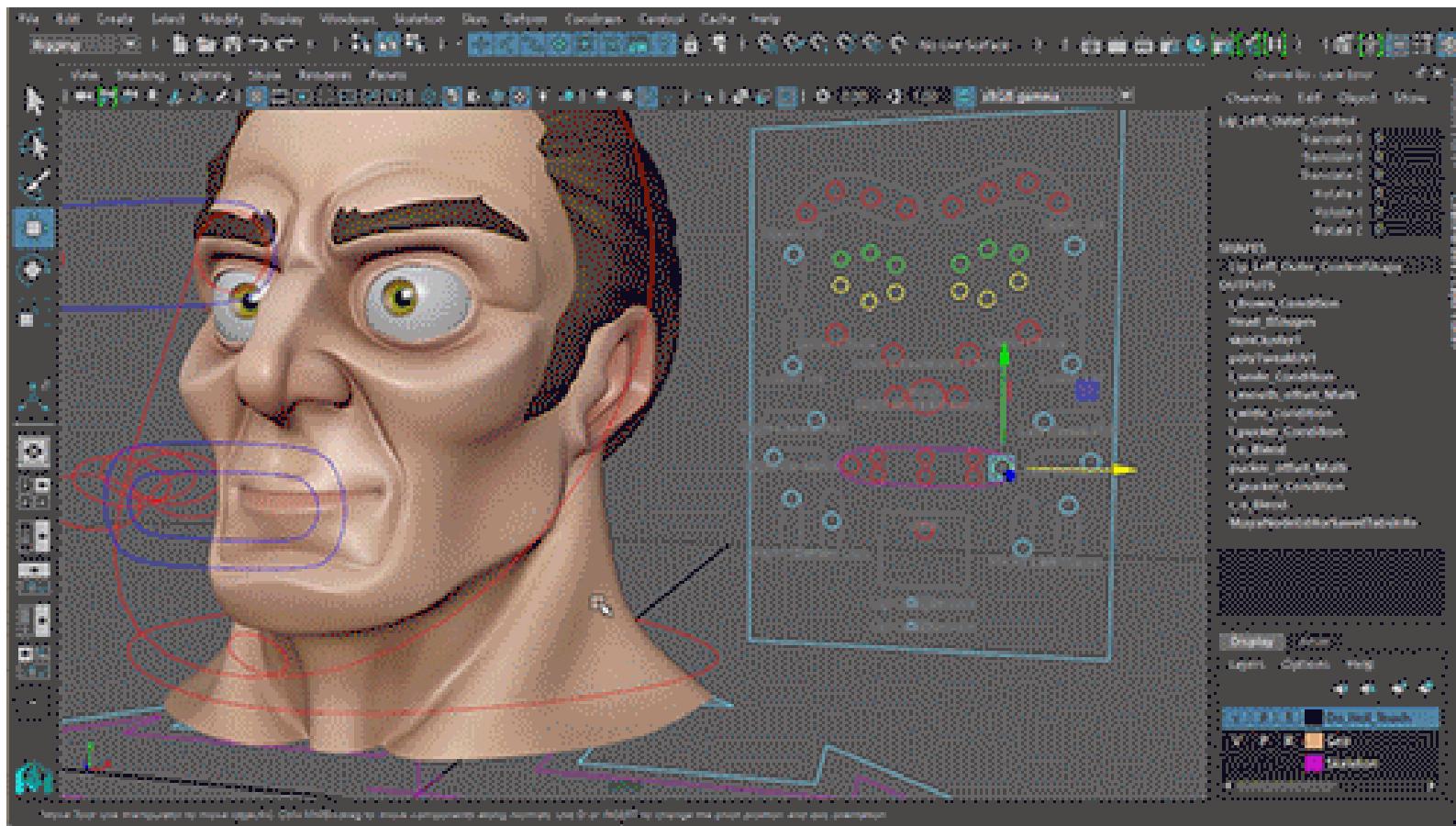
Egger et al. 2020. **3D Morphable Face Models - Past, Present, and Future.** ACM Trans. Graph. 39, 5 (June 2020), 157:1-157:38.

Morphable Face Models



Meta Human - UnrealEngine

How to Animate a Face?

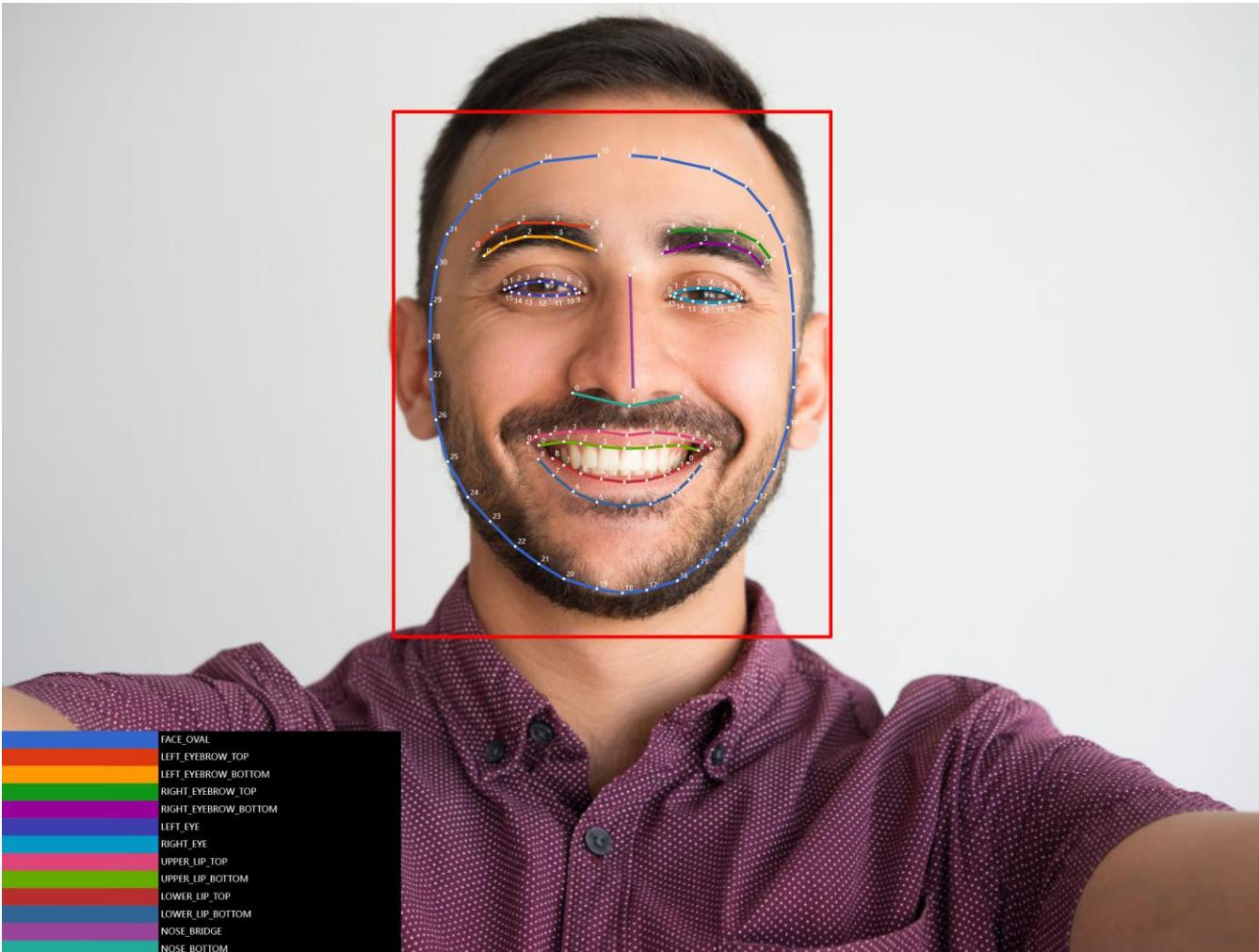


Face Tracking



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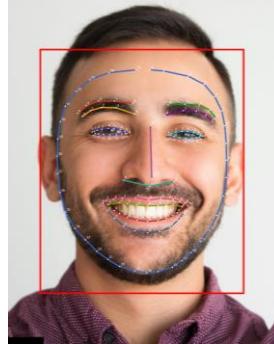
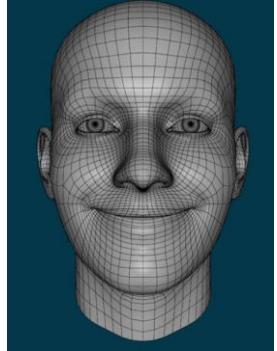
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<https://developers.google.com/ml-kit/vision/face-detection>

Face Tracking

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

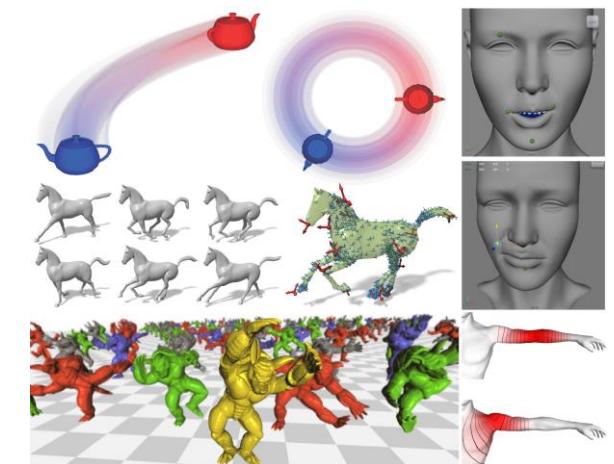


Speech-driven



Outline

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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)

Questions?

