Modeling the Human Skeleton

An exercise in Hierarchical Modeling

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Introduction

Goals:

- Explore 3D Processing concepts in regards to modeling a human skeleton.
- Concepts such as:
 - o 3D Shapes, textures, lighting, perspective
 - Hierarchical modeling, scene graphs, parent and child nodes
 - Kinematic modeling
 - Motion data
- To develop a final project implementing these concepts to create a human skeleton.

Concepts

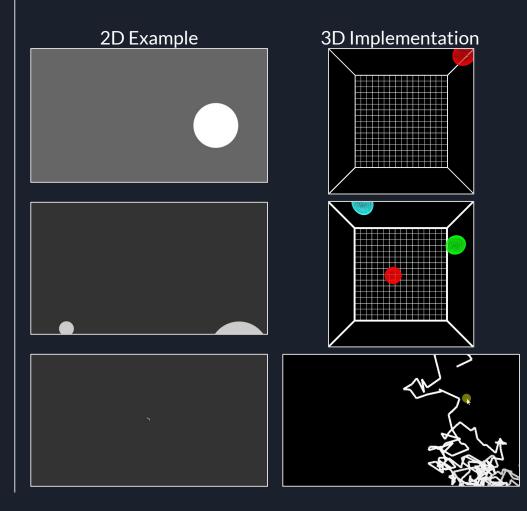
Drawing in 3D

- Moving from programming in 2D to 3D
- Drawing in 3D space
- Translating in 3D space
- Rotating in 3D space
- Ray casting



Motion Examples

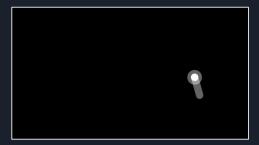
- Recreating 2D examples from Processing.org in 3D
- Focus on animating an objects and how they interact
- Bounce
- Collision
- Brownian



Interaction Examples

- Recreating 2D examples from Processing.org in 3D
- Focus on how the user can interact with the objects
- Follow1
- Follow3
- Reach2

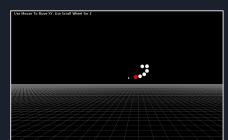
2D Example



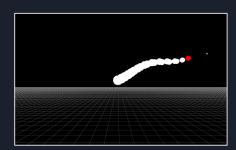
3D Implementation





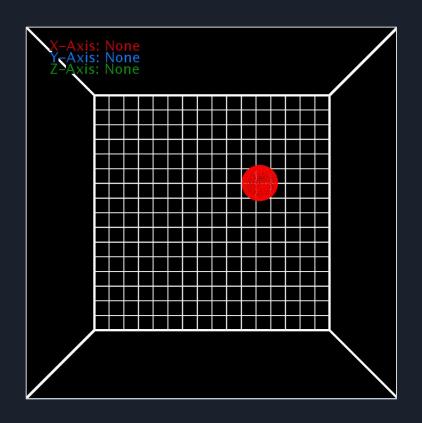






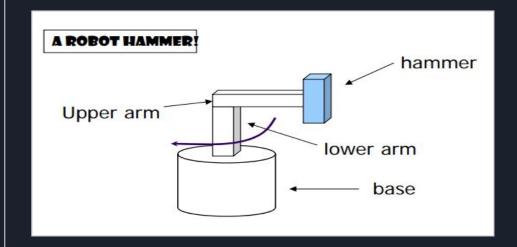
External Forces

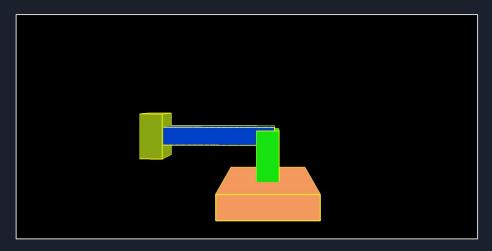
- How do objects react when external forces are applied
- Apply an external force on one or more axis
- Ex. changing the direction of gravity acting on a ball



Hierarchical Modeling

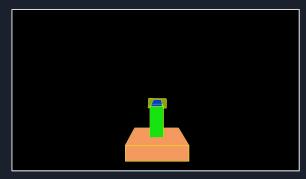
- Scene graphs
- Matrix stack
- PushMatrix()
- PopMatrix()
- Absolute and Relative transformations
- Child shapes/nodes dependent on movement with parent nodes

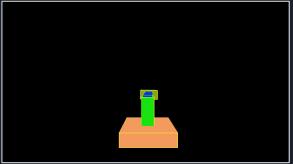


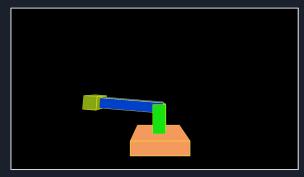


Joints and Constraints

- Translation constraints limit range of movement
- Joint constraints limit the angles of the joints
- Hinge Joints seen here
- Ball and Socket Joints seen later



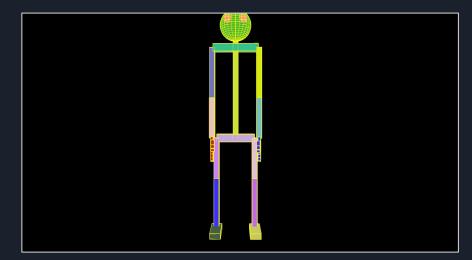


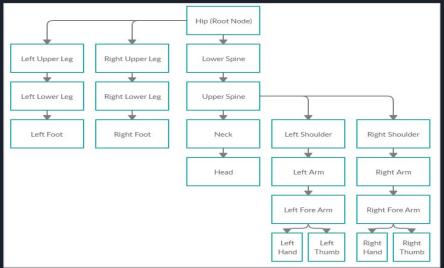


Human Modeling

Modeling a Human Skeleton

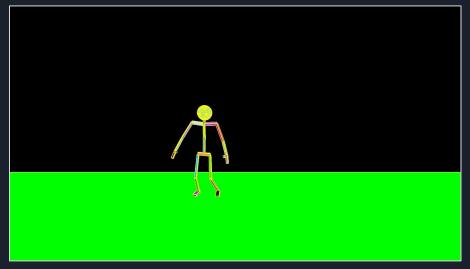
- Applied all concepts talked about previously
- Raycasting allows the user to select the bone to move
- Motion and Interaction concepts allow for manipulation
- Child nodes(hands) dependent on parents(arms)
- Hinge, Ball and Socket and similar joints





Applying Motion Capture Data

- Parsing Biovision Hierarchy (BVH) files
- Contains information on how to translate/rotate each joint
- Apply the parsed data to a compatible skeleton
- Data obtained from the SFU
 Motion Capture Database





Tools and Libraries



Processing Java
A flexible software sketchbook



shapes3D
A library to aid modeling in 3D



NUS Motion Capture Database
A database of .bvh mocap files

Conclusion

Final Product



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