

# *III. Topics*

## *22. Quaternions*

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# Definitions

- An ordered pair of real numbers  $\mathbf{z} = (a, b)$  is a complex number. The first component is called the real part, and the second component is called the imaginary part.
  - The absolute value, or magnitude, of the complex number  $a + ib$  is defined as the length of the vector it represents which we know is given by:

$$|a + ib| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

- Polar representation and rotations

$$r = |a + ib|$$

$$a + ib = r \cos \theta + ir \sin \theta = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

# Definition and Basic Operations

- An ordered 4-tuple of real numbers  $\mathbf{q} = (x, y, z, w) = (q_1, q_2, q_1, q_4)$  is a quaternion.
- This is commonly abbreviated as  $\mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{u}, w) = (x, y, z, w)$  and we call  $\mathbf{u} = (x, y, z)$  the imaginary vector part and  $w$  the real part.
  - $(\mathbf{u}, a) = (\mathbf{v}, b)$  if and only if  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$  and  $a = b$
  - $(\mathbf{u}, a) \pm (\mathbf{v}, b) = (\mathbf{u} \pm \mathbf{v}, a \pm b)$
  - $(\mathbf{u}, a)(\mathbf{v}, b) = (a\mathbf{v} + b\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}, ab - \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})$

$$\mathbf{pq} = \begin{pmatrix} p_4 & -p_3 & p_2 & p_1 \\ p_3 & p_4 & -p_1 & p_2 \\ -p_2 & p_1 & p_4 & p_3 \\ -p_1 & -p_2 & -p_3 & p_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \\ q_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Special Products & Properties

- Special products
  - $\mathbf{i} = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{j} = (0, 1, 0, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{k} = (0, 0, 1, 0)$ 
    - $\mathbf{i}^2 = \mathbf{j}^2 = \mathbf{k}^2 = \mathbf{ijk} = -1$
    - $\mathbf{ij} = \mathbf{k} = -\mathbf{ji}$
    - $\mathbf{jk} = \mathbf{i} = -\mathbf{kj}$
    - $\mathbf{ki} = \mathbf{j} = -\mathbf{ik}$
- Properties
  - Quaternion multiplication is not commutative.
  - Quaternion multiplication is associative; however, this can be seen from the fact that quaternion multiplication can be written using matrix multiplication, and matrix multiplication is associative.
  - The quaternion  $\mathbf{e} = (0, 0, 0, 1)$  serves as a multiplicative identity.
  - $\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{pq} + \mathbf{pr}$  and  $(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{r})\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{qp} + \mathbf{rp}$ .

$$\mathbf{pe} = \mathbf{ep} = \begin{pmatrix} p_4 & -p_3 & p_2 & p_1 \\ p_3 & p_4 & -p_1 & p_2 \\ -p_2 & p_1 & p_4 & p_3 \\ -p_1 & -p_2 & -p_3 & p_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \\ p_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \\ p_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $s$  is a real number and  $\mathbf{u} = (x, y, z)$  is a vector.
  - $s = (0, 0, 0, s)$
  - $\mathbf{u} = (x, y, z) = (\mathbf{u}, 0) = (x, y, z, 0)$
- Identity quaternion,  $1 = (0, 0, 0, 1)$ .
- A quaternion with zero real part is called a pure quaternion.
- A real number times a quaternion is just “scalar multiplication” and it is commutative.
  - $s\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q}s$

# Conjugate and Norm

- The conjugate of a quaternion  $\mathbf{q} = (q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4) = (\mathbf{u}, q_4)$  is denoted by  $\mathbf{q}^*$  and defined by
  - $\mathbf{q}^* = -q_1 - q_2 - q_3 + q_4 = (-\mathbf{u}, q_4)$
  - $(\mathbf{pq})^* = \mathbf{q}^* \mathbf{p}^*$
  - $(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q})^* = \mathbf{q}^* + \mathbf{p}^*$
  - $(\mathbf{q}^*)^* = \mathbf{q}$
  - $(s\mathbf{q})^* = s\mathbf{q}^*$  for  $s \in \mathbb{R}$
  - $\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{q}^* = (\mathbf{u}, q_4) + (-\mathbf{u}, q_4) = 2q_4$
  - $\mathbf{qq}^* = \mathbf{q}^*\mathbf{q} = q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2 + q_4^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + q_4^2$
- Norm (magnitude)  $\|\mathbf{q}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{qq}^*} = \sqrt{\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + q_4^2}$ 
  - $\|\mathbf{q}^*\| = \|\mathbf{q}\|$
  - $\|\mathbf{pq}\| = \|\mathbf{p}\| \|\mathbf{q}\|$
- A quaternion is a **unit quaternion** if it has a norm of one.
  - $\|\mathbf{pq}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{p}\|^2 \|\mathbf{q}\|^2$

# Inverses

- Quaternion multiplication is not commutative, so we cannot define a division operator.
- Every nonzero quaternion has an inverse.

$$\mathbf{q}^{-1} = \frac{\mathbf{q}^*}{\|\mathbf{q}\|^2}$$

$$\mathbf{q}\mathbf{q}^{-1} = \mathbf{q}^{-1}\mathbf{q} = 1$$

$$(\mathbf{q}^{-1})^{-1} = \mathbf{q}$$

$$(\mathbf{pq})^{-1} = \mathbf{q}^{-1}\mathbf{p}^{-1}$$

# Polar Representation

- Polar representation
  - For unit quaternion

$$\|\mathbf{q}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + q_4^2 = 1$$

- Polar representation

$$\mathbf{q} = (\sin \theta \mathbf{n}, \cos \theta) \quad \text{for } \theta \in [0, \pi]$$

$$\mathbf{n} \text{ is a unit vector} \quad \mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} = \frac{\mathbf{u}}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\mathbf{q}^* = (-\sin \theta \mathbf{n}, \cos \theta) = (\sin(-\theta) \mathbf{n}, \cos(-\theta))$$



# Rotation Operator (1)

- Rotation operator

- $\mathbf{q}$ : unit quaternion  $\mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{u}, w)$
- $\mathbf{v}$ : 3D point or vector  $\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{v}, 0)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{qpq}^{-1} &= \mathbf{qpq}^* \\
 &= (\mathbf{u}, w)(\mathbf{v}, 0)(-\mathbf{u}, w) \\
 &= (\mathbf{u}, w)(w\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}) \\
 &= (w(w\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}) + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u})\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \times (w\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}), w(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{u} \cdot (w\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u})) \\
 &= ((w^2 - \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u})\mathbf{v} + 2(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{u} + 2w(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}), 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{qpq}^{-1} &= (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta)\mathbf{v} + 2\sin^2 \theta(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{n} + 2\cos \theta \sin \theta(\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{v}) \\
 &= \cos(2\theta)\mathbf{v} + (1 - \cos(2\theta))(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{n} + \sin(2\theta)(\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{v})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{\hat{\mathbf{n}}}(\mathbf{v}) &= (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{v})\hat{\mathbf{n}} + \cos \theta \mathbf{v}_{\perp} + \sin \theta (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{v}) \\
 &= \cos \theta \mathbf{v} + (1 - \cos \theta)(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{v})\hat{\mathbf{n}} + \sin \theta (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{v})
 \end{aligned}$$

# Rotation Operator (2)

- Quaternion rotation operator
  - Rotating a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  about the axis  $\mathbf{n}$  by an angle  $2\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} R_q(\mathbf{v}) &= \mathbf{q}\mathbf{p}\mathbf{q}^{-1} = \mathbf{q}\mathbf{p}\mathbf{q}^* \\ &= \cos(2\theta)\mathbf{v} + (1 - \cos(2\theta))(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{n} + \sin(2\theta)(\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{v}) \end{aligned}$$

- Rotation quaternion

$$\mathbf{q} = \left( \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\mathbf{n}, \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right)$$

# Quaternion Rotation Operator & Matrix

- Quaternion rotation operator to matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{q}\mathbf{p}\mathbf{q}^{-1} &= (w^2 - \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u})\mathbf{v} + 2(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{u} + 2w(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}\mathbf{Q} \\ &= \mathbf{v} \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2q_2^2 - 2q_3^2 & 2q_1q_2 + 2q_3q_4 & 2q_1q_3 - 2q_2q_4 \\ 2q_1q_2 - 2q_3q_4 & 1 - 2q_1^2 - 2q_3^2 & 2q_2q_3 + 2q_1q_4 \\ 2q_1q_3 + 2q_2q_4 & 2q_2q_3 - 2q_1q_4 & 1 - 2q_1^2 - 2q_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- Matrix to quaternion rotation operator

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} & R_{13} \\ R_{21} & R_{22} & R_{23} \\ R_{31} & R_{32} & R_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$q_1 = \frac{\sqrt{R_{11} - R_{22} - R_{33} + 1}}{2}$$

$$q_2 = \frac{R_{12} + R_{21}}{4q_1}$$

$$q_3 = \frac{R_{13} + R_{31}}{4q_1}$$

$$q_4 = \frac{R_{23} - R_{32}}{4q_1}$$

# Composition

- Composition

$$R_q(R_p(\mathbf{v})) = \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{p}\mathbf{v}\mathbf{p}^{-1})\mathbf{q}^{-1} = (\mathbf{qp})\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{p}^{-1}\mathbf{q}^{-1}) = (\mathbf{qp})\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{qp})^{-1}$$

- $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  are both unit quaternions.
  - $\mathbf{pq}$  is also a unit quaternion.

# Quaternion Interpolation (1)

- Dot product for quaternions
  - Since quaternions are 4-tuples of real numbers, geometrically, we can visualize them as 4D vectors. In particular, unit quaternions are 4D unit vectors that lie on the 4D unit sphere.
  - With the exception of the cross product (which is only defined for 3D vectors), the vector math generalizes to 4-space (even  $n$ -space).
  - Dot product for quaternions

$$\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{u}, s) \quad \mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{v}, t)$$

$$\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + st = \|\mathbf{p}\| \|\mathbf{q}\| \cos \theta$$

# Quaternion Interpolation (2)

- Quaternion interpolation
  - Interpolation between **a** to **b** by an angle  $t\theta$
  - **a**, **b** and **p** are unit quaternions.

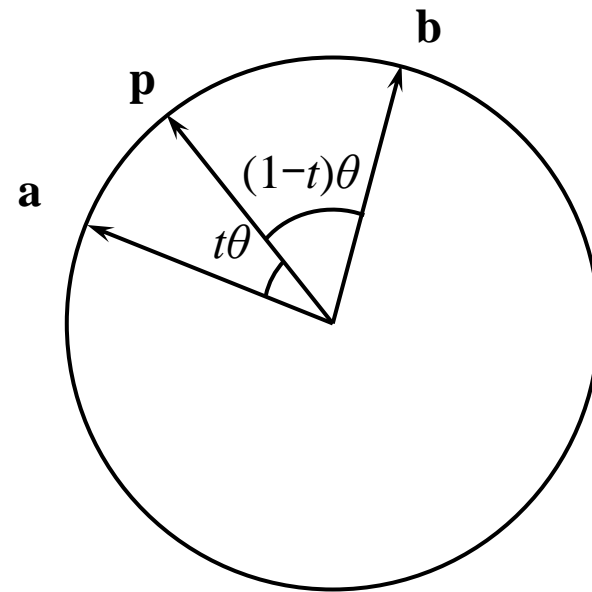
$$\mathbf{p} = c_1 \mathbf{a} + c_2 \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{p} = c_1 \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} + c_2 \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$$

$$\cos(t\theta) = c_1 + c_2 \cos \theta$$

$$\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{p} = c_1 \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + c_2 \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{b}$$

$$\cos((1-t)\theta) = c_1 \cos \theta + c_2$$



# Quaternion Interpolation (3)

$$\cos(t\theta) = c_1 + c_2 \cos \theta$$

$$\cos((1-t)\theta) = c_1 \cos \theta + c_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cos \theta \\ \cos \theta & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t\theta) \\ \cos((1-t)\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c_1 = \frac{\sin((1-t)\theta)}{\sin \theta}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{\sin(t\theta)}{\sin \theta}$$

- Spherical interpolation

$$\text{slerp}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, t) = \frac{\sin((1-t)\theta)\mathbf{a} + \sin(t\theta)\mathbf{b}}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})$$

# Direct Math Quaternion Functions (1)

- Quaternion dot product  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$   
`XMVECTOR XMQuaternionDot(XMVECTOR Q1, XMVECTOR Q2);`
- Identity quaternion (0, 0, 0, 1)  
`XMVECTOR XMQuaternionIdentity();`
- Conjugate of the quaternion  $Q$   
`XMVECTOR XMQuaternionConjugate(XMVECTOR Q);`
- Norm of the quaternion  $Q$   
`XMVECTOR XMQuaternionLength(XMVECTOR Q);`
- Normalizing a quaternion by treating it as a 4D vector  
`XMVECTOR XMQuaternionNormalize(XMVECTOR Q);`
- Computing the quaternion product  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$   
`XMVECTOR XMQuaternionMultiply(XMVECTOR Q1, XMVECTOR Q2);`



# Direct Math Quaternion Functions (2)

- Quaternions from axis-angle rotation representation.

```
XMVECTOR XMQuaternionRotationAxis(XMVECTOR Axis, FLOAT Angle);
```

- Quaternions from axis-angle rotation representation (the axis vector is normalized)

```
XMVECTOR XMQuaternionRotationNormal(XMVECTOR NormalAxis, FLOAT Angle);
```

- Quaternion from a rotation matrix

```
XMVECTOR XMQuaternionRotationMatrix(XMMATRIX M);
```

- Rotation matrix from a unit quaternion

```
XMMATRIX XMMatrixRotationQuaternion(XMVECTOR Quaternion);
```

- Extracting the axis and angle rotation representation from the quaternion  $Q$

```
VOID XMQuaternionToAxisAngle(XMVECTOR *pAxis, FLOAT *pAngle, XMVECTOR Q);
```

- Slerp ( $Q_1, Q_2, t$ )

```
XMVECTOR XMQuaternionSlerp(XMVECTOR Q1, XMVECTOR Q2, FLOAT t);
```

# Rotation Demo



# Keyframe & Animation (1)

```
// AnimationHelper.cpp/h
struct Keyframe {
    Keyframe();
    ~Keyframe();

    float TimePos;
    DirectX::XMFLOAT3 Translation;
    DirectX::XMFLOAT3 Scale;
    DirectX::XMFLOAT4 RotationQuat;
};

struct BoneAnimation {
    float GetStartTime() const;
    float GetEndTime() const;
    void Interpolate(float t, DirectX::XMFLOAT4X4& M) const;
    std::vector<Keyframe> Keyframes;
};

BoneAnimation mSkullAnimation;
```

# Keyframe & Animation (2)

```
void QuatApp::DefineSkullAnimation() {
    XMVECTOR q0 = XMQuaternionRotationAxis(
        XMVectorSet(0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f), XMConvertToRadians(30.0f));
    XMVECTOR q1 = XMQuaternionRotationAxis(
        XMVectorSet(1.0f, 1.0f, 2.0f, 0.0f), XMConvertToRadians(45.0f));
    XMVECTOR q2 = XMQuaternionRotationAxis(
        XMVectorSet(0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f), XMConvertToRadians(-30.0f));
    XMVECTOR q3 = XMQuaternionRotationAxis(
        XMVectorSet(1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f), XMConvertToRadians(70.0f));

    mSkullAnimation.Keyframes.resize(5);
    mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[0].TimePos = 0.0f;
    mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[0].Translation
        = XMFLOAT3(-7.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f);
    mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[0].Scale = XMFLOAT3(0.25f, 0.25f, 0.25f);
    XMStoreFloat4(&mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[0].RotationQuat, q0);

    mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[1].TimePos = 2.0f;
    mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[1].Translation
        = XMFLOAT3(0.0f, 2.0f, 10.0f);
    mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[1].Scale = XMFLOAT3(0.5f, 0.5f, 0.5f);
    XMStoreFloat4(&mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[1].RotationQuat, q1);
}
```

# Keyframe & Animation (3)

```
mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[2].TimePos = 4.0f;
mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[2].Translation
    = XMFLOAT3(7.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f);
mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[2].Scale = XMFLOAT3(0.25f, 0.25f, 0.25f);
XMStoreFloat4(&mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[2].RotationQuat, q2);

mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[3].TimePos = 6.0f;
mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[3].Translation
    = XMFLOAT3(0.0f, 1.0f, -10.0f);
mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[3].Scale = XMFLOAT3(0.5f, 0.5f, 0.5f);
XMStoreFloat4(&mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[3].RotationQuat, q3);

mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[4].TimePos = 8.0f;
mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[4].Translation
    = XMFLOAT3(-7.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f);
mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[4].Scale = XMFLOAT3(0.25f, 0.25f, 0.25f);
XMStoreFloat4(&mSkullAnimation.Keyframes[4].RotationQuat, q0);
}
```

# Keyframe & Animation (4)

```
// AnimationHelper.cpp/h
void BoneAnimation::Interpolate(float t, XMFLOAT4X4& M) const {
    if( t <= Keyframes.front().TimePos ) {
        XMVECTOR S = XMLoadFloat3(&Keyframes.front().Scale);
        XMVECTOR P = XMLoadFloat3(&Keyframes.front().Translation);
        XMVECTOR Q = XMLoadFloat4(&Keyframes.front().RotationQuat);

        XMVECTOR zero = XMVectorSet(0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f);
        XMStoreFloat4x4(&M, XMMatrixAffineTransformation(
            S, zero, Q, P));
    }
    else if( t >= Keyframes.back().TimePos ) {
        XMVECTOR S = XMLoadFloat3(&Keyframes.back().Scale);
        XMVECTOR P = XMLoadFloat3(&Keyframes.back().Translation);
        XMVECTOR Q = XMLoadFloat4(&Keyframes.back().RotationQuat);

        XMVECTOR zero = XMVectorSet(0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f);
        XMStoreFloat4x4(&M, XMMatrixAffineTransformation
            (S, zero, Q, P));
    }
}

// XMATRIX XM_CALLCONV XMMatrixAffineTransformation (
//     FXMVECTOR Scaling,      FXMVECTOR RotationOrigin,
//     FXMVECTOR RotationQuaternion,    GXMVECTOR Translation);
```

# Keyframe & Animation (5)

```
else { // t is between two key frame, so interpolate.
    for(UINT i = 0; i < Keyframes.size()-1; ++i) {
        if( t >= Keyframes[i].TimePos
            && t <= Keyframes[i+1].TimePos )
        {
            float lerpPercent = (t - Keyframes[i].TimePos)
                / (Keyframes[i+1].TimePos - Keyframes[i].TimePos);

            XMVECTOR s0 = XMLoadFloat3(&Keyframes[i].Scale);
            XMVECTOR s1 = XMLoadFloat3(&Keyframes[i+1].Scale);

            XMVECTOR p0 = XMLoadFloat3(&Keyframes[i].Translation);
            XMVECTOR p1 = XMLoadFloat3(&Keyframes[i+1].Translation);
```

# Keyframe & Animation (6)

```
XMVECTOR q0 = XMLoadFloat4(&Keyframes[i].RotationQuat);
XMVECTOR q1 = XMLoadFloat4(&Keyframes[i+1].RotationQuat);

XMVECTOR S = XMVectorLerp(s0, s1, lerpPercent);
XMVECTOR P = XMVectorLerp(p0, p1, lerpPercent);
XMVECTOR Q = XMQuaternionSlerp(q0, q1, lerpPercent);

XMVECTOR zero = XMVectorSet(0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f);
XMStoreFloat4x4(&M, XMMatrixAffineTransformation(S,
    zero, Q, P));
break;
    }
}
}
```



# Keyframe & Animation (7)

```
void QuatApp::Update(const GameTimer& gt) {
    OnKeyboardInput(gt);

    mAnimTimePos += gt.DeltaTime();
    if(mAnimTimePos >= mSkullAnimation.GetEndTime()) {
        // Loop animation back to beginning.
        mAnimTimePos = 0.0f;
    }

    mSkullAnimation.Interpolate(mAnimTimePos, mSkullWorld);
    mSkullRitem->World = mSkullWorld;
    mSkullRitem->NumFramesDirty = gNumFrameResources;

    // ...
}
```