

Detecting Changes at Each Step of an Animation

Get notified of a property change on your node subclass and retrieve the amount of change.

Overview

Generally, actions do not call public methods on nodes. For example, if you want to subclass `SKNode` to respond to a `move(to:duration:)` action, you might consider overriding its `position` property to add a `didSet` observer.

```
class MovingNode: SKSpriteNode {
    override var position: CGPoint {
        didSet {
            // code to react to position change
        }
    }
}
```

However, because a move action that's running on an instance of `MovingNode` (defined in the code listing above) doesn't set its position, the observer isn't invoked and thus, your code is never executed.

In this case, the solution is to use `SKSceneDelegate` and compare the node's position across two of its callbacks. You save the node's initial position in `update(_:for:)`, which is called at the beginning of each frame, then calculate any change in position in `didEvaluateActions(for:)`, which is called after actions have been evaluated.

The following code demonstrates an example of this strategy:

```
let node = SKNode()
var nodePosition = CGPoint()

func update(_ currentTime: TimeInterval, for scene: SKScene) {
    nodePosition = node.position
}

func didEvaluateActions(for scene: SKScene) {
    let distance = hypot(node.position.x - nodePosition.x,
                        node.position.y - nodePosition.y)

    if distance > 0 {
        // code to react to position change
    }
}
```