Skinning

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Simple Inverse Kinematics

- Given target point (x,y) in position space, what are the parameters (θ,φ) in configuration space that place the hand on the target point?
- Use Law of Cosines to find θ

 $d^{2} = a^{2} + b^{2} - 2ab \cos \theta$ $\cos \theta = (a^{2} + b^{2} - d^{2})/2ab$ $\cos \theta = (a^{2} + b^{2} - x^{2} - y^{2})/2ab$

• And to find α

 $\cos \alpha = (a^2 + d^2 - b^2)/2ad$ $\cos \alpha = (a^2 + x^2 + y^2 - b^2)/2ad$

• Use arctangent to find β then ϕ

 $\beta = \operatorname{atan2}(y,x)$ $\phi = \alpha - \beta$



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- Elbow joints don't look realistic because geometry detaches
- Transformation hierarchy:
 - $R(\theta_1)$ rotates upper-arm cylinder about its shoulder at the origin
 - M_1 moves upper-arm cylinder from the origin to its position in world coordinates
 - $R(\theta_2)$ rotates forearm cylinder about its elbow at the origin
 - M_2 moves forearm elbow from the origin to the end of the upper-arm cylinder when its shoulder is based at the origin
- When $\theta_2 \neq 0$ the elbow end of the upper-arm does not align with the elbow end of the forearm





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- Solution is to interpolate matrices from the undetached coordinate frame into the correctly oriented coordinate frame per-vertex
- Let

 $M_{\text{straight}} = M_1 R(\theta_1) M_2 R(0)$ $M_{\text{bent}} = M_1 R(\theta_1) M_2 R(\theta_2)$

- Distribute ("paint") weights *w* on vertices of forearm cylinder
 - w = 0 at elbow end
 - w = 1 after elbow
- Transform vertices using

 $M(w) = (1 - w) M_{\text{straight}} + w M_{\text{bent}}$



Build an Elbow

glPushMatrix(); glColor3f(0,0,1); glTranslatef(0,-2,0); drawquadstrip(); glPopMatrix();

glPushMatrix(); glColor3f(1,1,0); glRotatef(elbow,0,0,1); glTranslate(0,0,2); drawquadstrip(); glPopMatrix();



Two Coordinate Systems

```
glPushMatrix();
glColor3f(0,0,1);
glTranslatef(0,-2,0);
drawquadstrip();
glColor3f(1,1,0,.5)
glTranslatef(0,4,0);
drawquadstrip();
glPopMatrix();
```

```
glPushMatrix();
glRotatef(elbow,0,0,1);
glColor3f(1,1,0);
glTranslatef(0,0,2);
drawquadstrip();
glColor3f(0,0,1,.5);
glTranslatef(0,0,-4);
drawquadstrip();
glPopMatrix();
```



Interpolate the Transformations

```
for (i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
   weight = i/7.0;
   glPushMatrix();
   glRotatef(weight*elbow,0,0,1);
   glTranslate3f(0,0,-3.5+i);
   drawquad();
   glPopMatrix();</pre>
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}



Interpolate the Vertices

```
glBegin(GL_QUAD_STRIP);
for (i = 0; i <= 8; i++) {
    weight = i/8.0;
    glColor3f(weight,weight,1-weight);
    glPushMatrix();
    glRotatef(weight*elbow,0,0,1);
    glVertex2f(-1,-4.+i);
    glVertex2f(1,-4.+i);
    glPopMatrix();
}
glEnd(/*GL_QUAD_STRIP*/);
```



Interpolate the Matrices

```
glLoadIdentity();
glGetMatrixf(A);
glRotatef(elbow, 0, 0, 1);
glGetMatrixf(B);
glBegin(GL QUAD STRIP);
for (i = 0; i \le 8; i++) {
   weight = i/8.0;
   glColor3f(weight, weight, 1-weight);
   C = (1-weight) *A + weight*B;
   glLoadIdentity();
   glMultMatrix(C);
   qlVertex2f(-1, -4.+i);
   qlVertex2f(1, -4.+i);
glEnd(/*GL QUAD STRIP*/);
```



Matrix Palette Skinning

- Each vertex has one or more weight attributes associated with it
- Each weight determines the effect of each transformation matrix
- "Bones" effect of each transformation is described by motion on bone from canonical position
- Weights can be painted on a meshed model to control effect of underlying bone transformations (e.g. chests, faces)



Interpolating Matrices

- Skinning interpolates matrices by interpolating their elements
- Identical to interpolating vertex positions after transformation
- We've already seen problems with interpolating rotation matrices
- Works well enough for rotations with small angles
- Rotations with large angles needs additional processing (e.g. polar decomposition)
- Quaternions provide a better way to interpolate rotations...



$$(aA + bB)p = a(Ap) + b(Bp)$$

a,b = weights A,B = matrices p = vertex position



From: J. P. Lewis, Matt Cordner, and Nickson Fong. "Pose space deformation: a unified approach to shape interpolation and skeleton-driven deformation." Proc. SIGGRAPH 2000