

## Lecture 07

# Skinning

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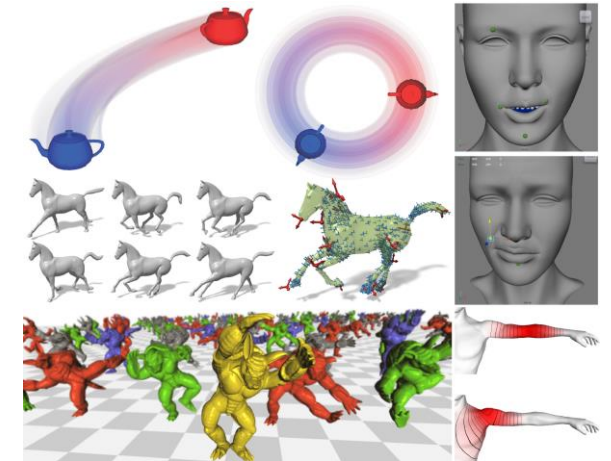
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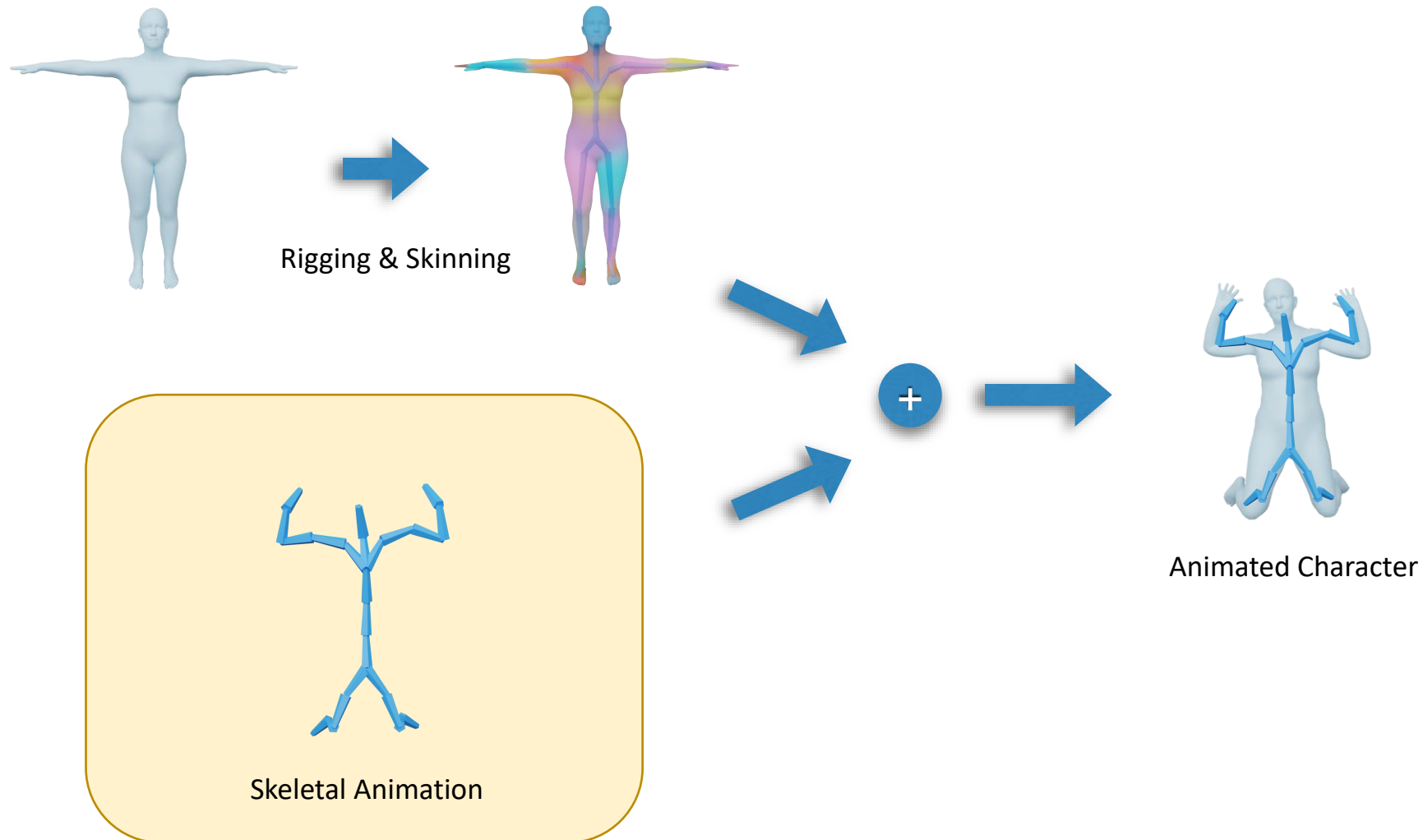
# Outline

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

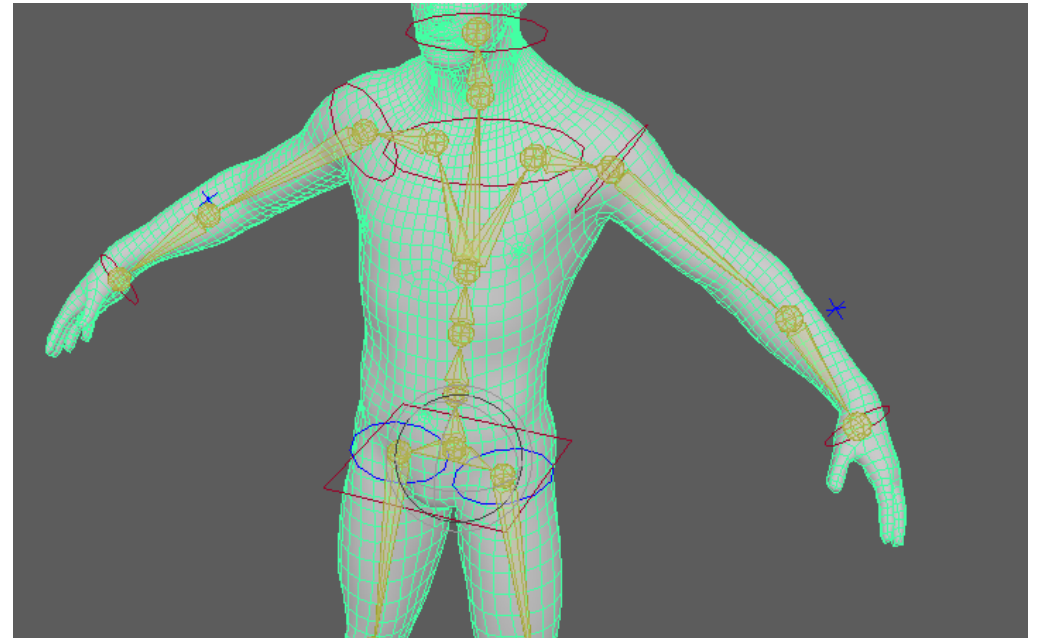
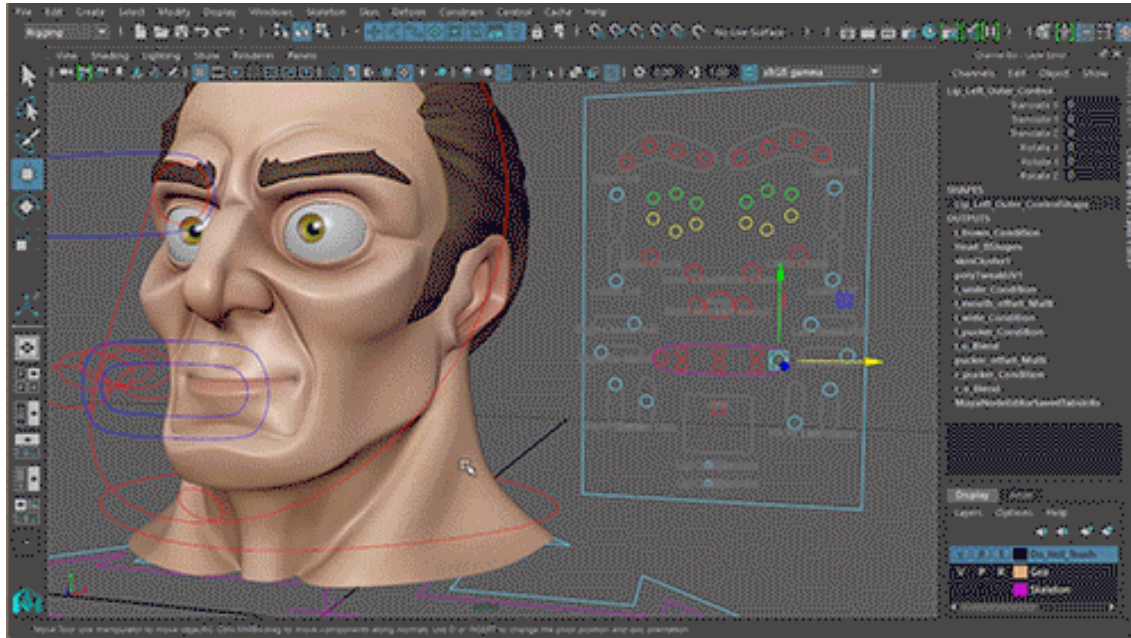


Many images are from: <https://skinning.org/>  
Alec Jacobson, Zhigang Deng, Ladislav Kavan, and J. P. Lewis. 2014.  
**Skinning: real-time shape deformation.**  
In ACM SIGGRAPH 2014 Courses (SIGGRAPH '14)

# Character Animation Pipeline



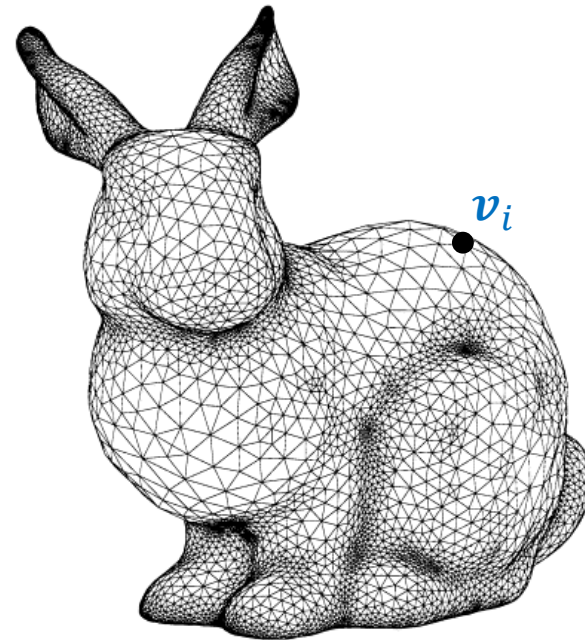
# Rigging & Skinning



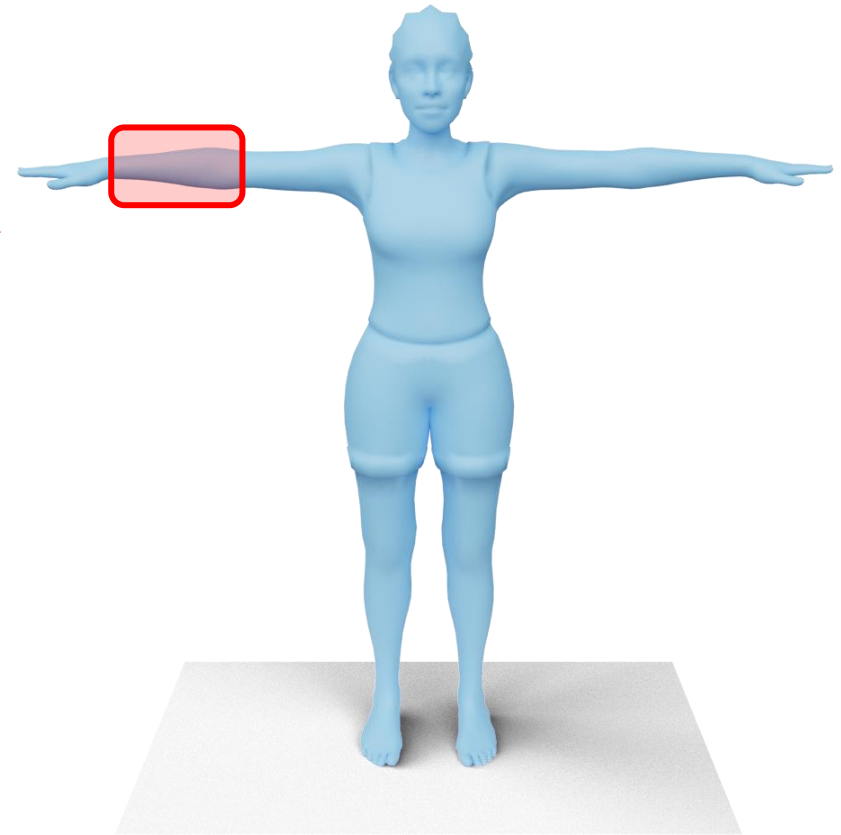
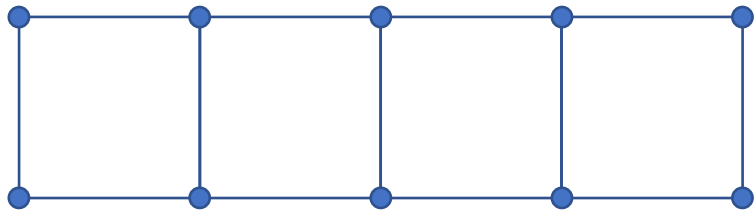
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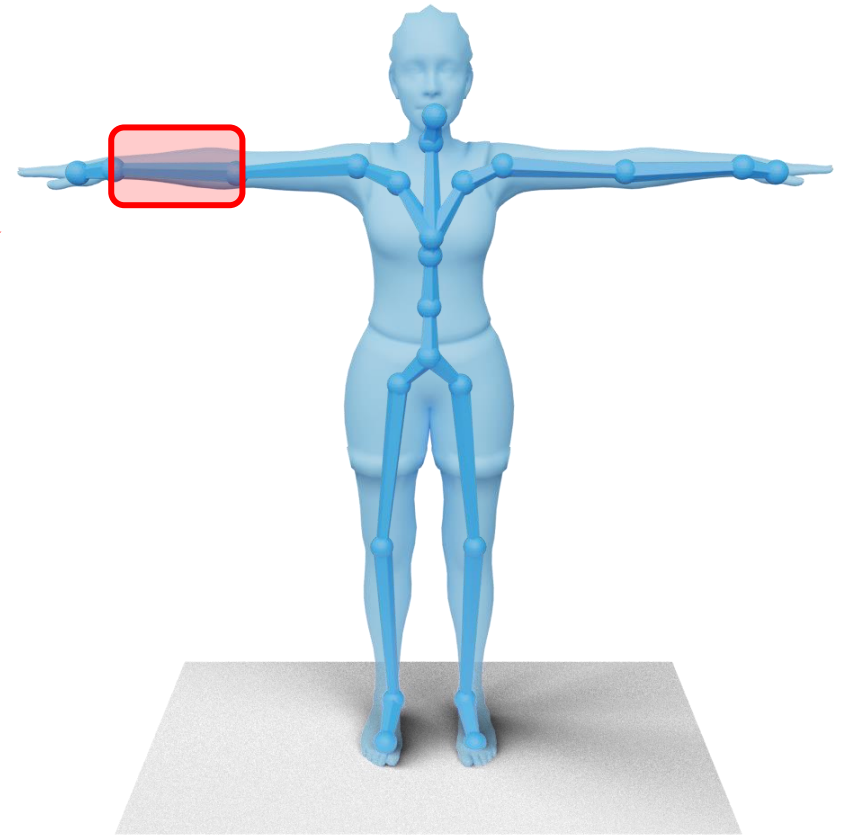
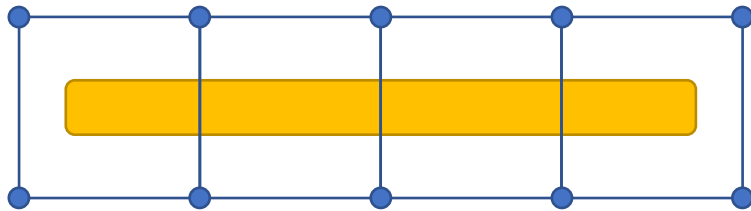
The “Stanford Bunny”



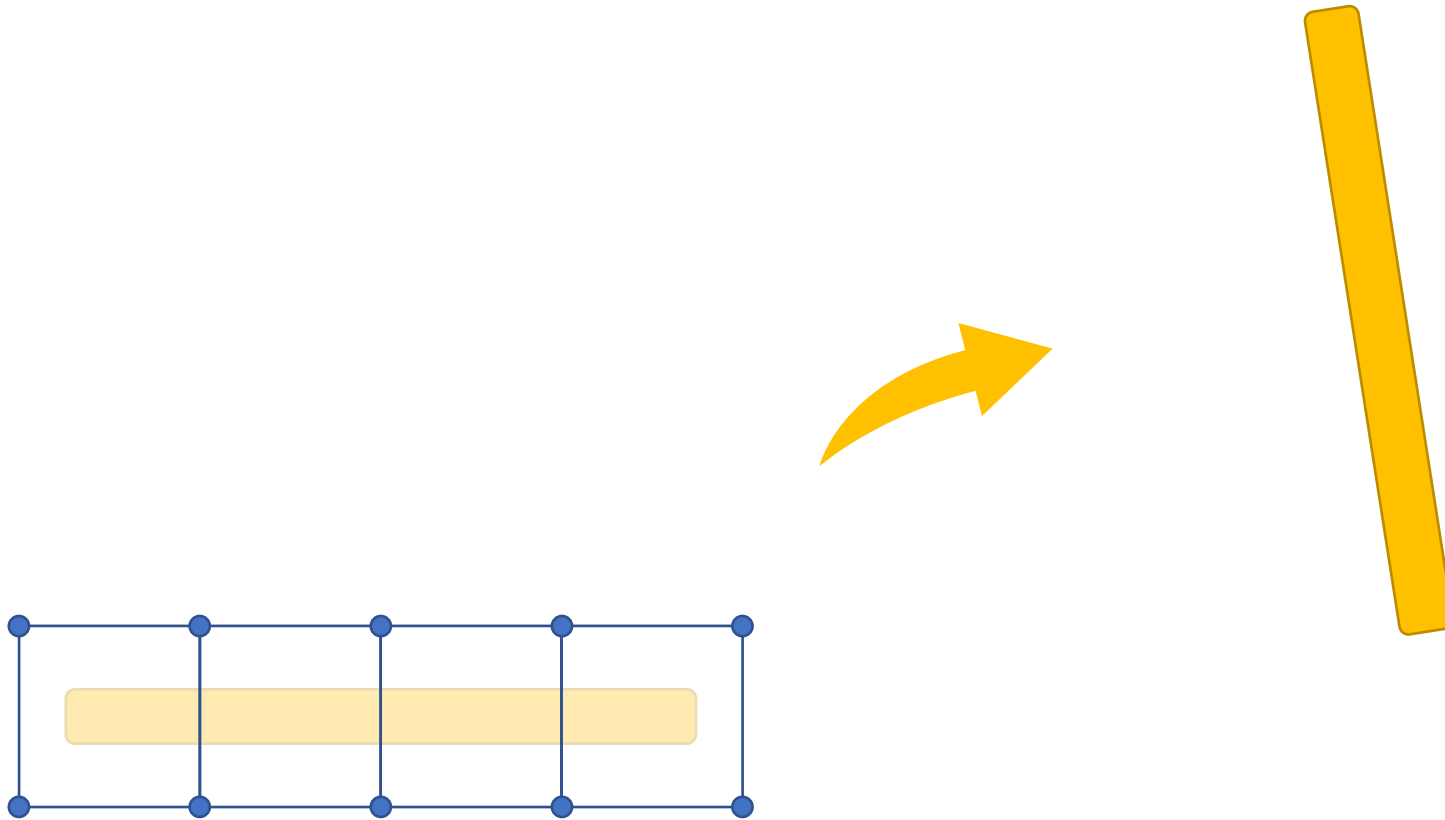
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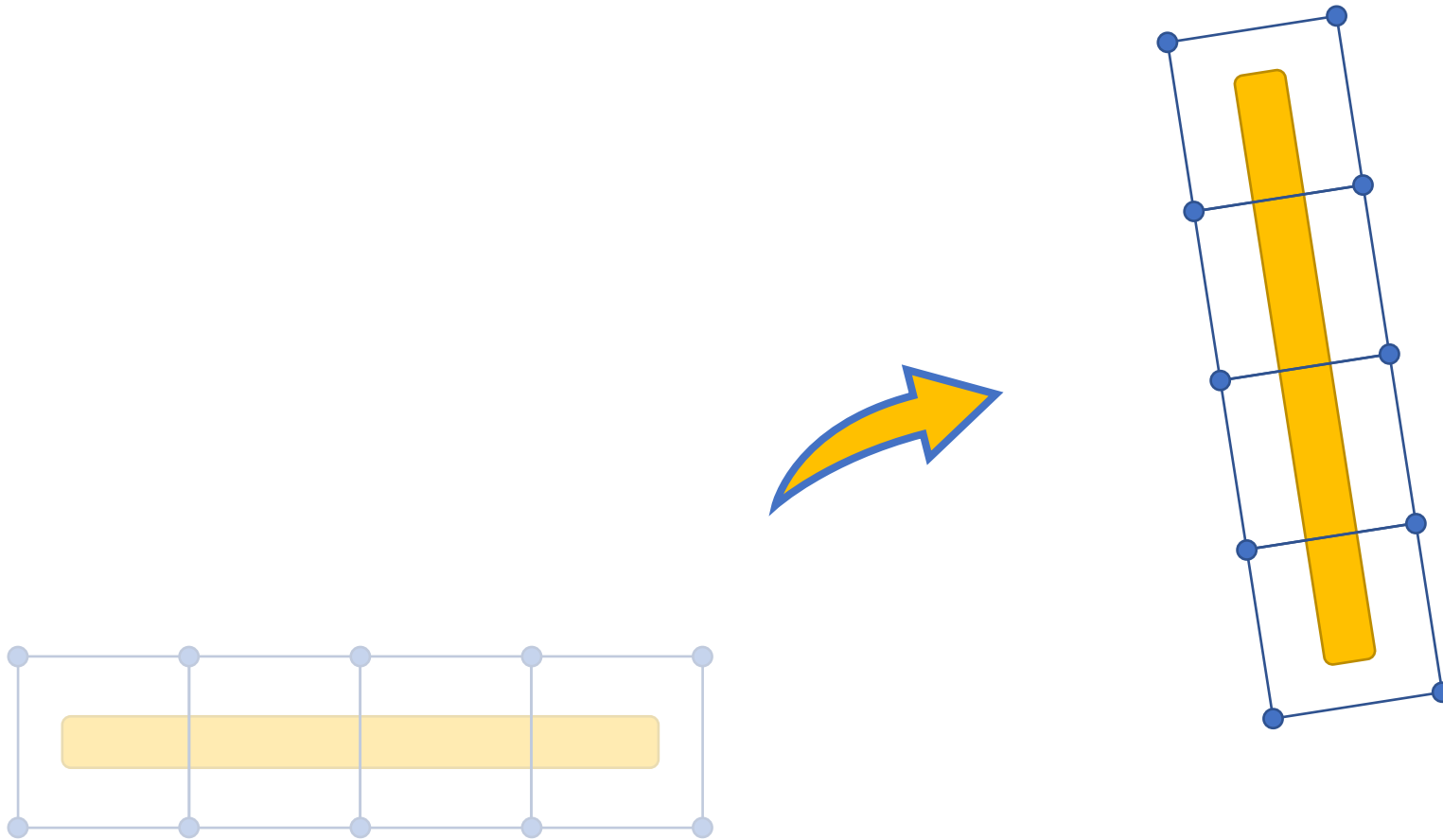


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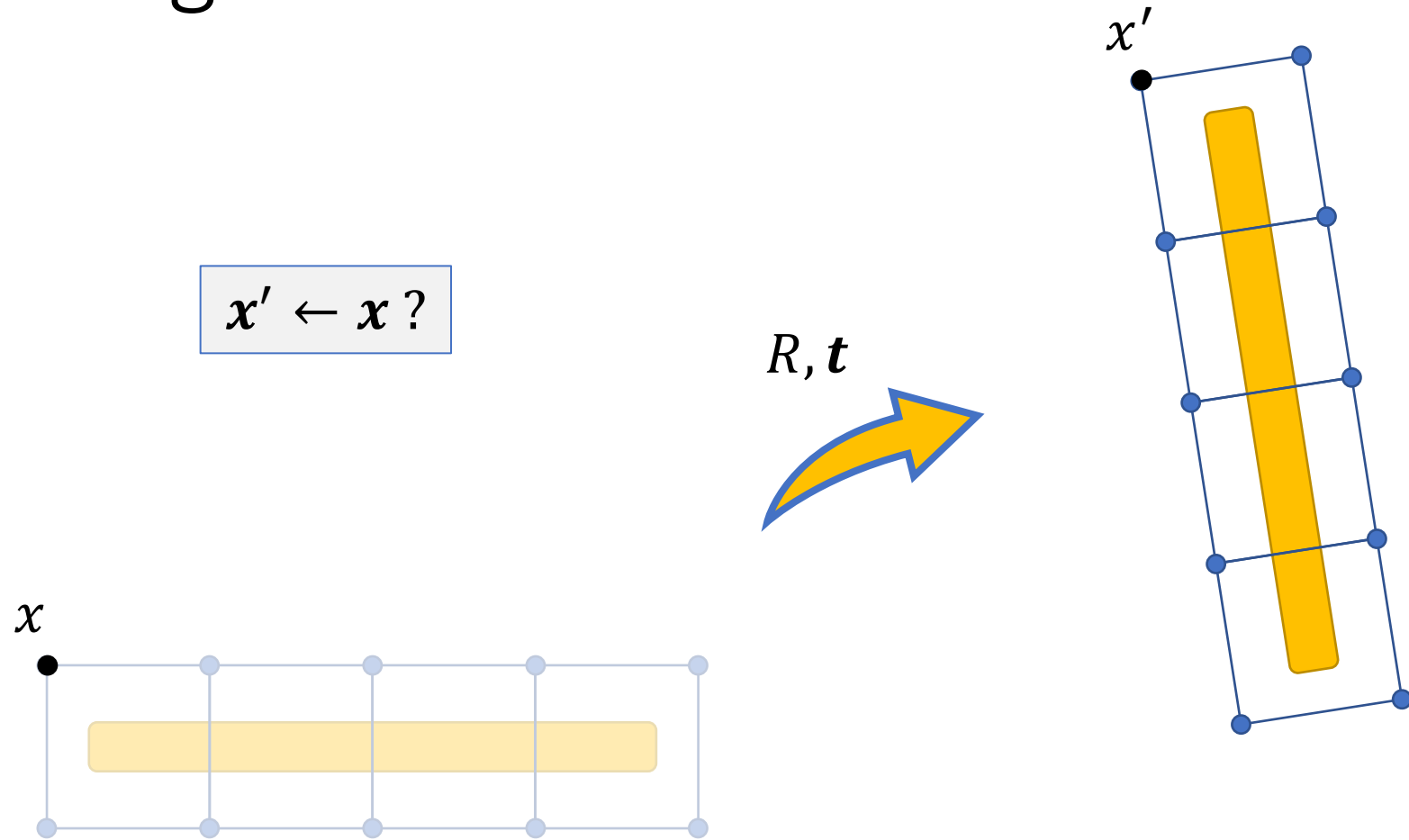




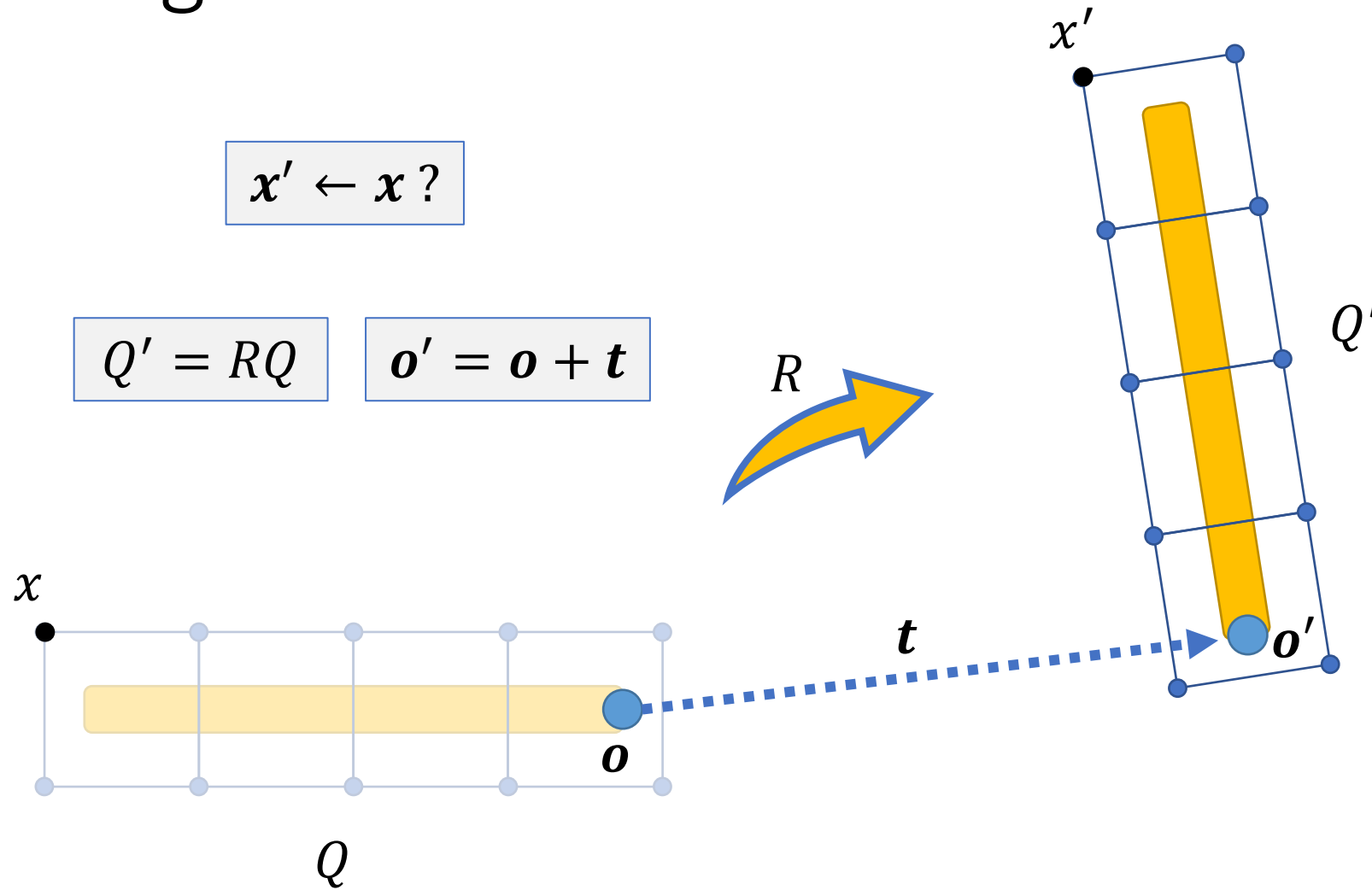
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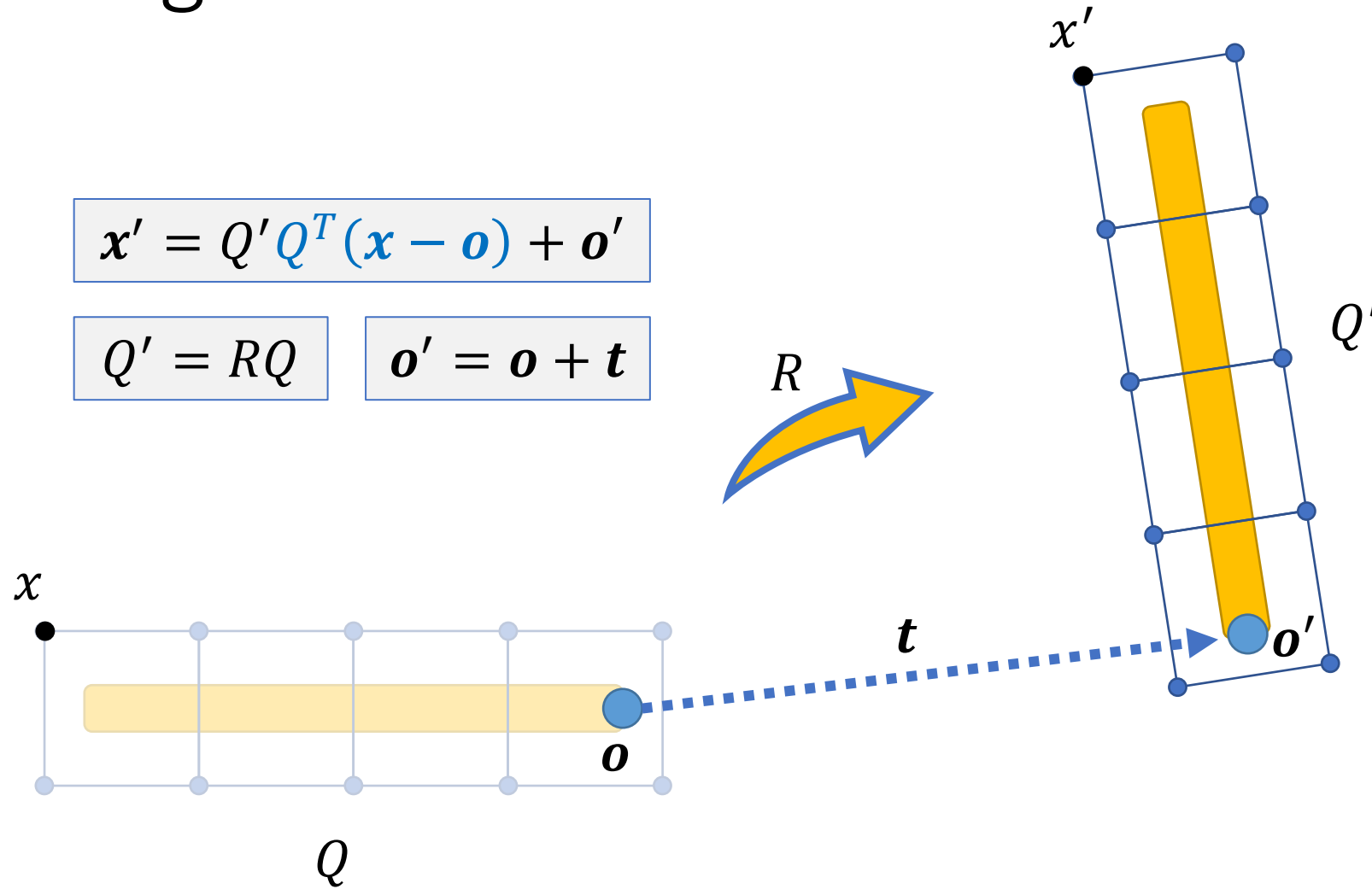


# Skinning Deformation

$$x' = Q'Q^T(x - o) + o'$$

$$Q' = RQ$$

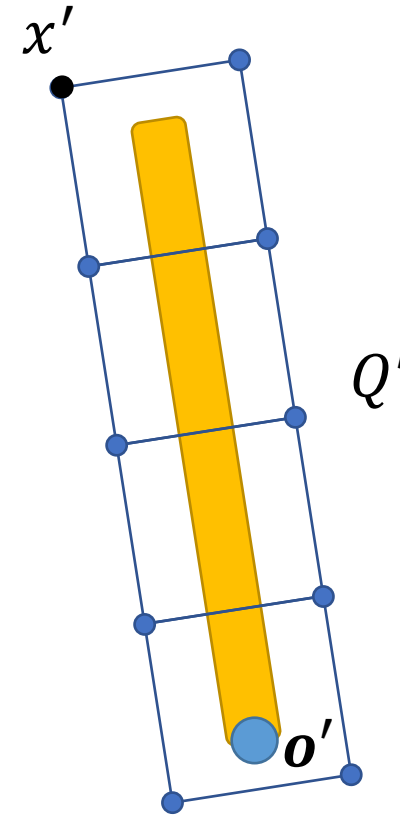
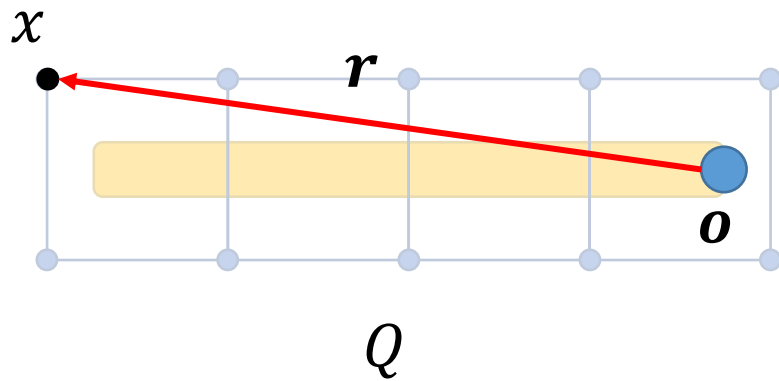
$$o' = o + t$$



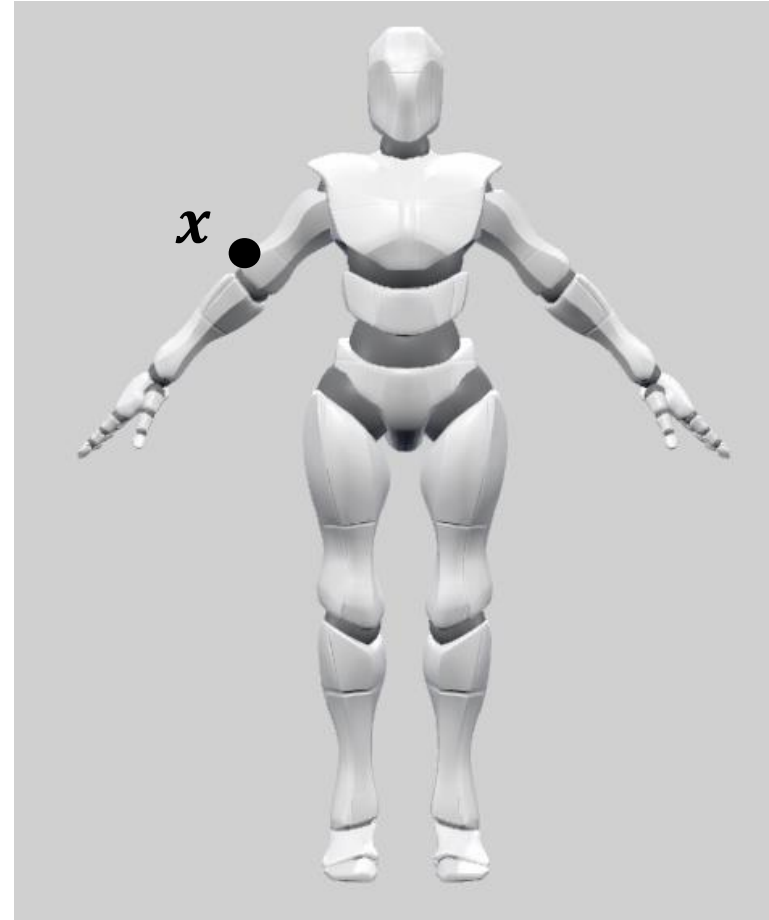
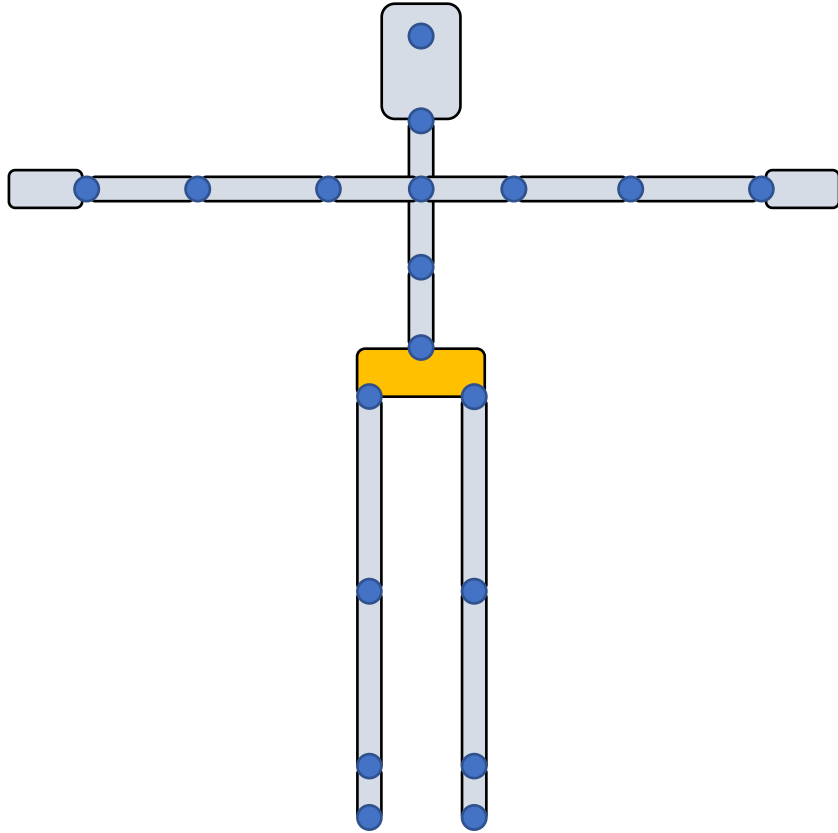
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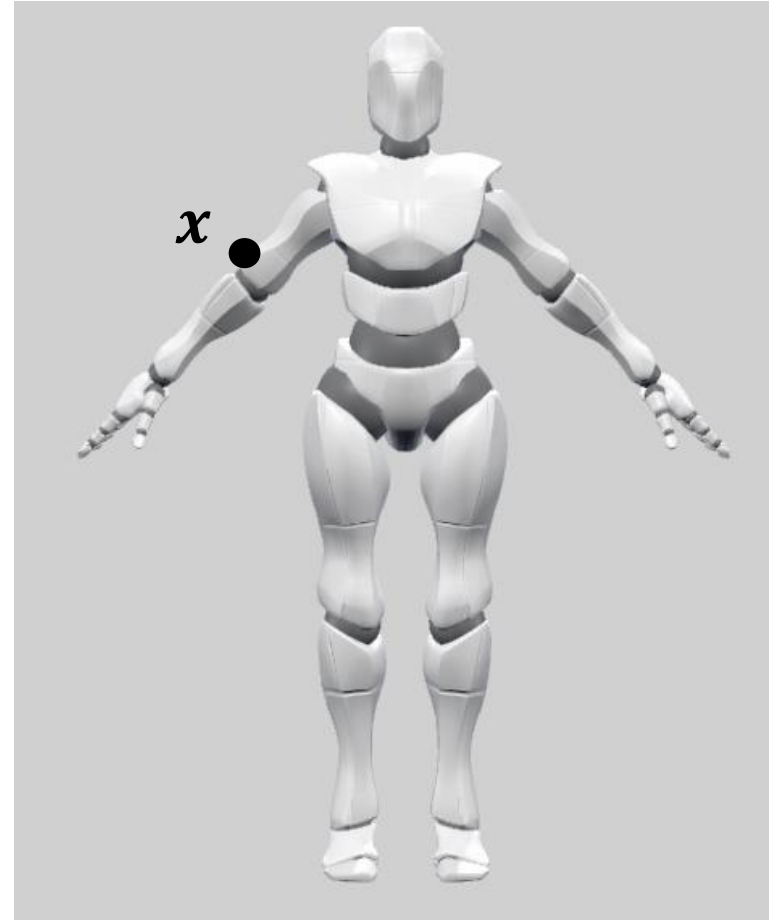
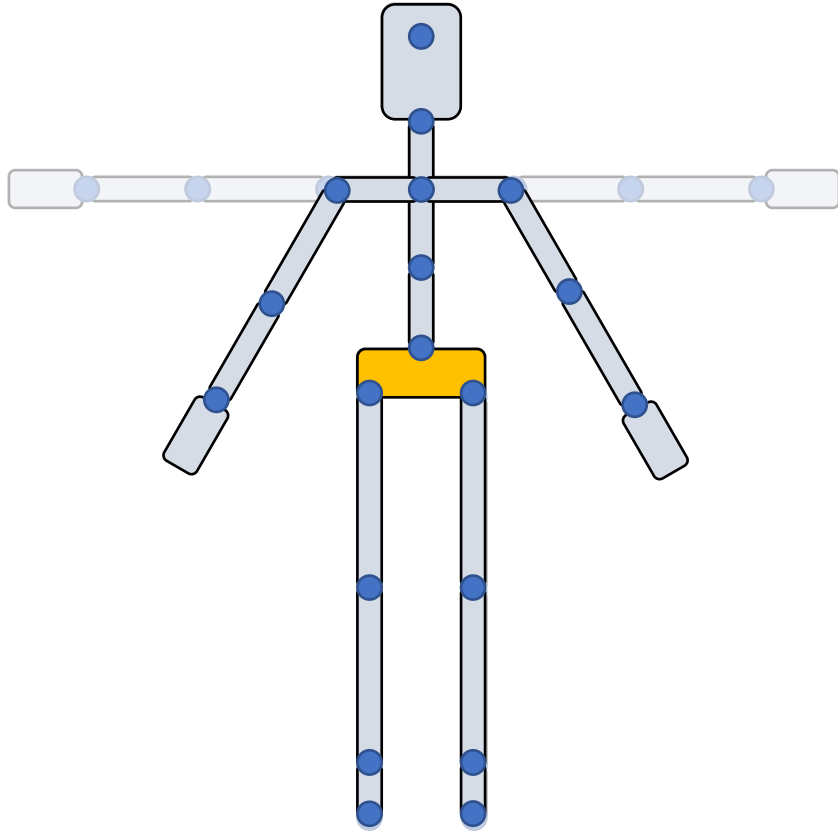
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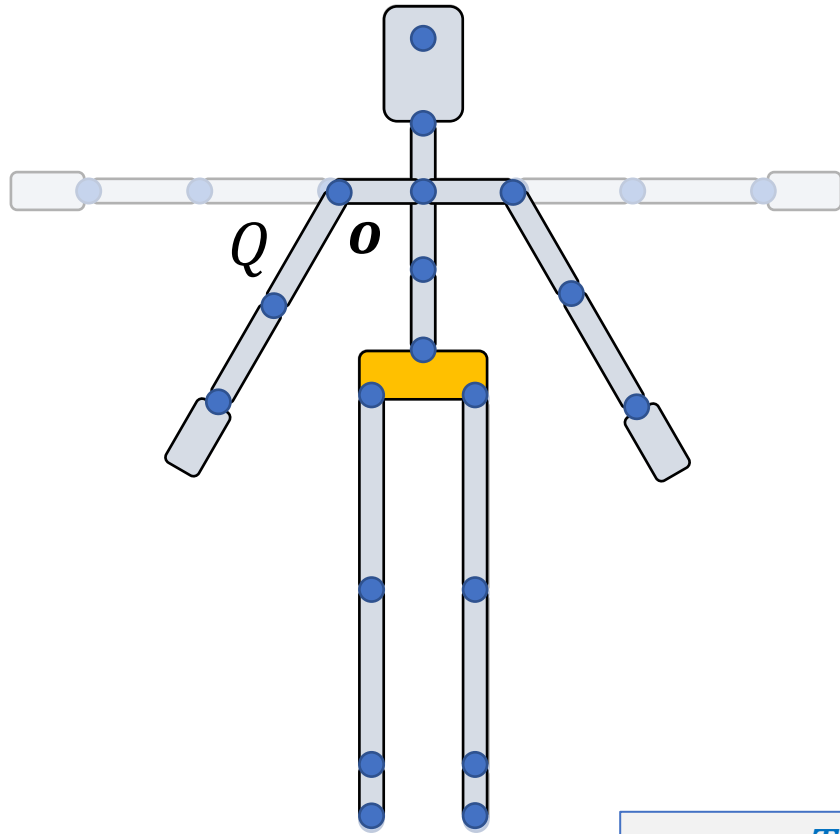
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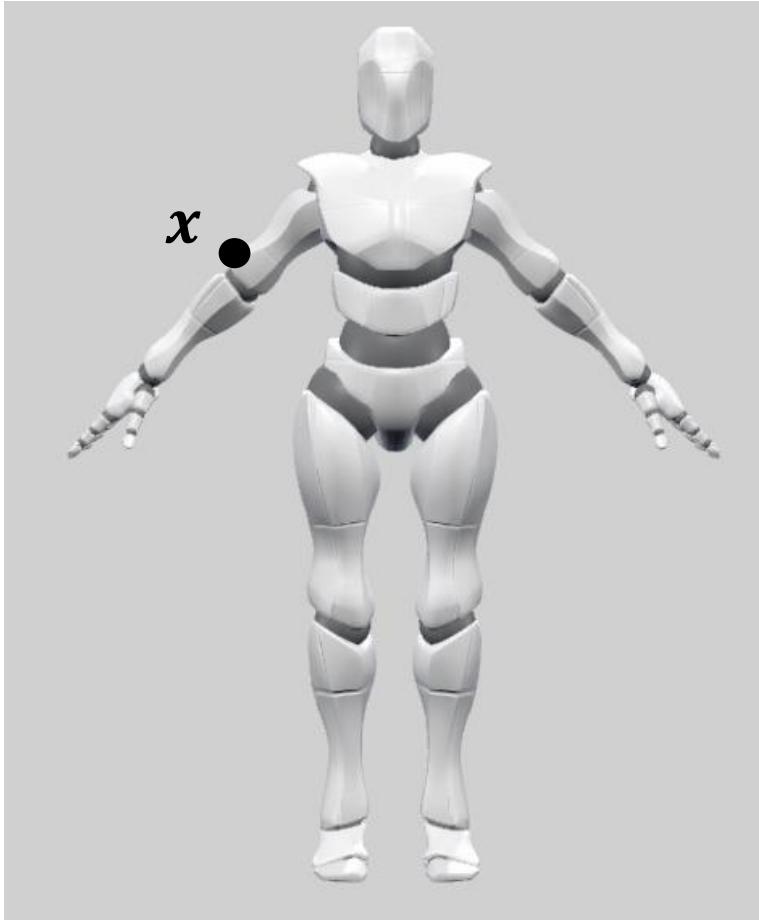
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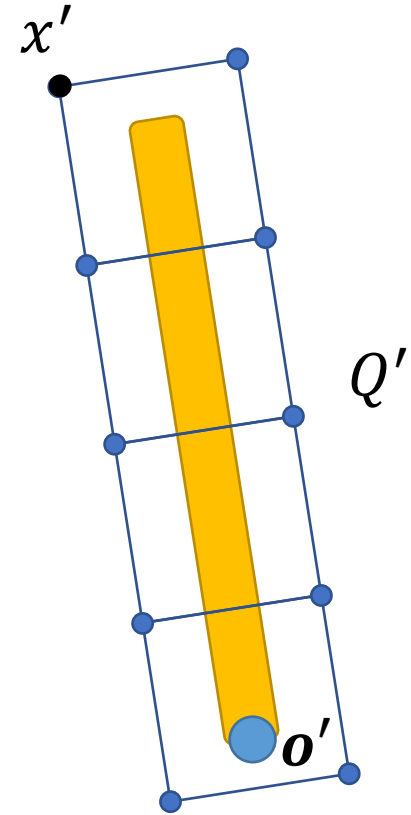
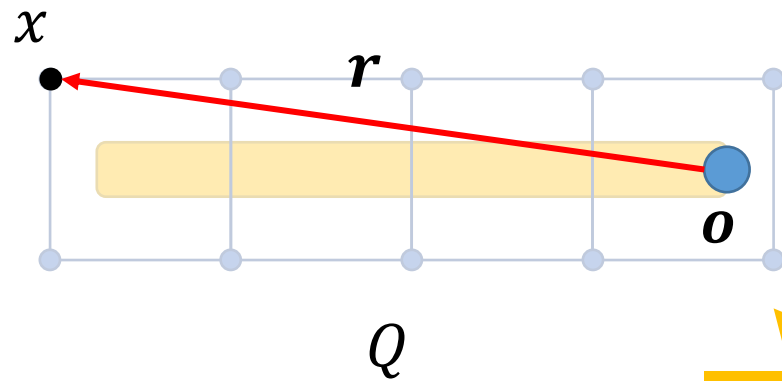




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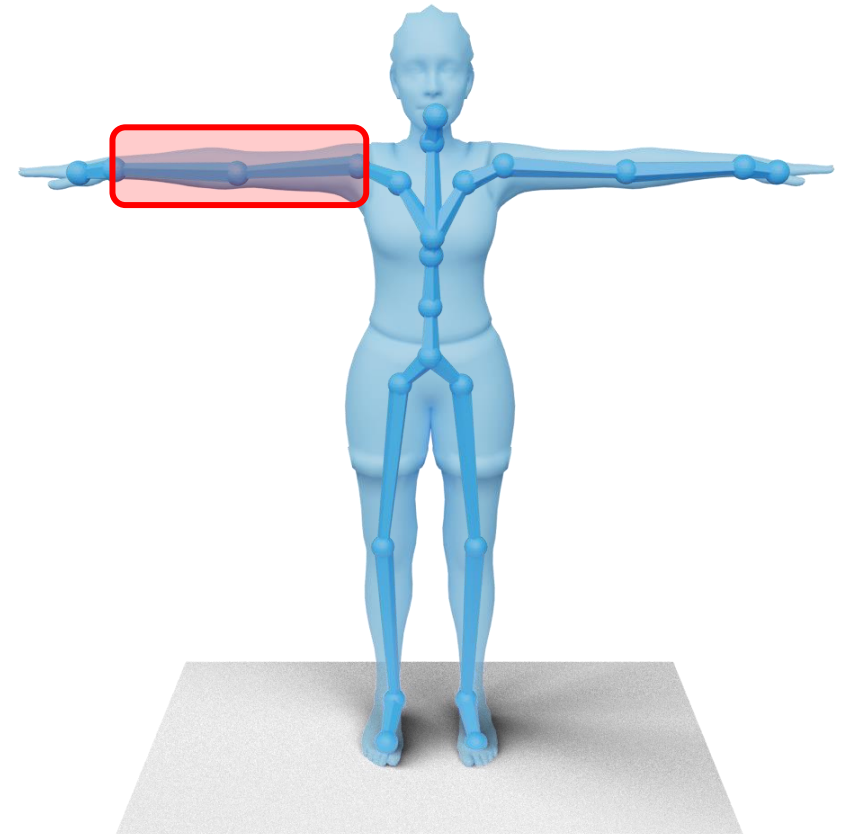
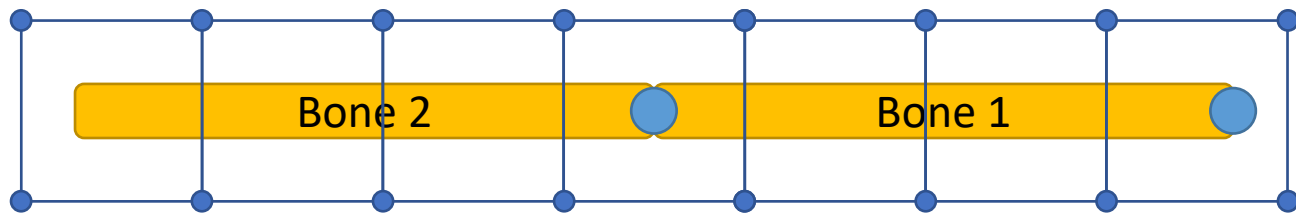
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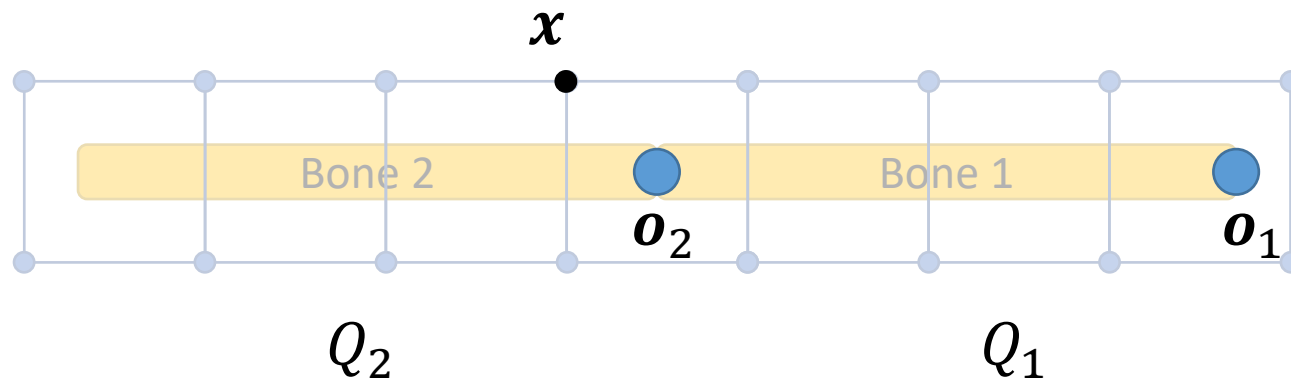


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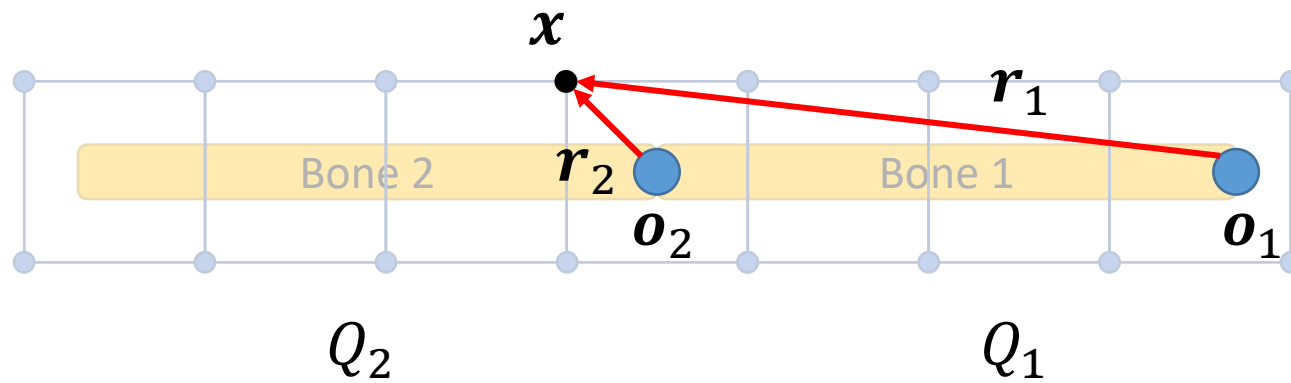
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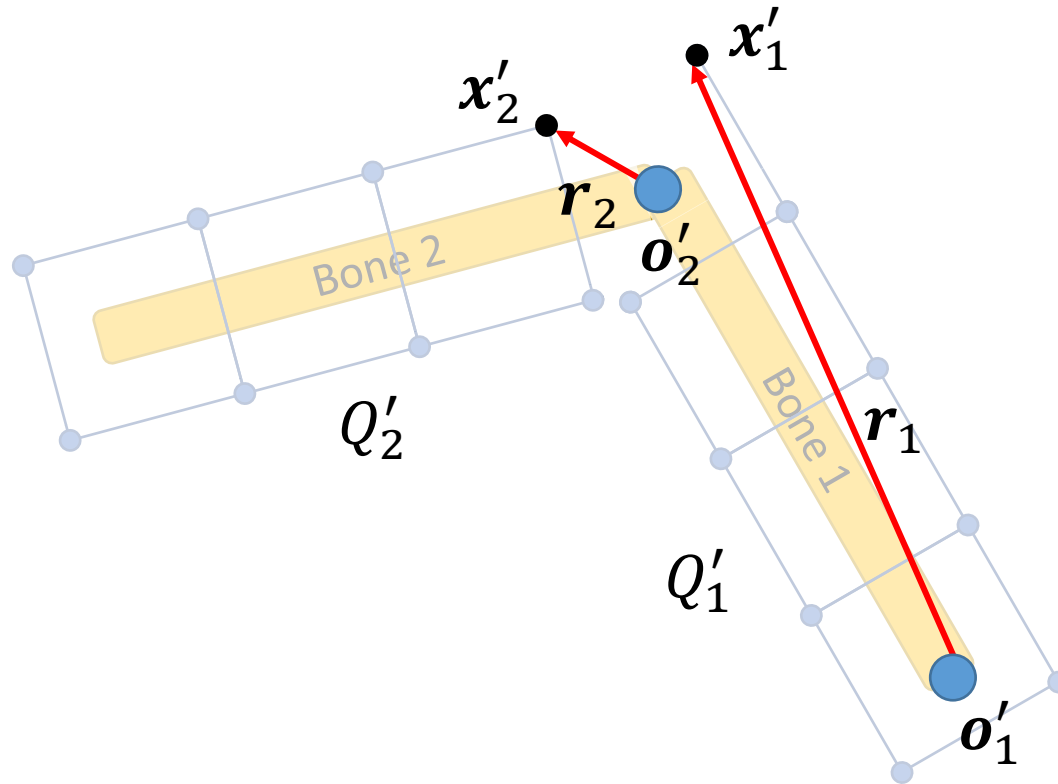
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$$\mathbf{r}_2 = Q_2^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{o}_2)$$

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

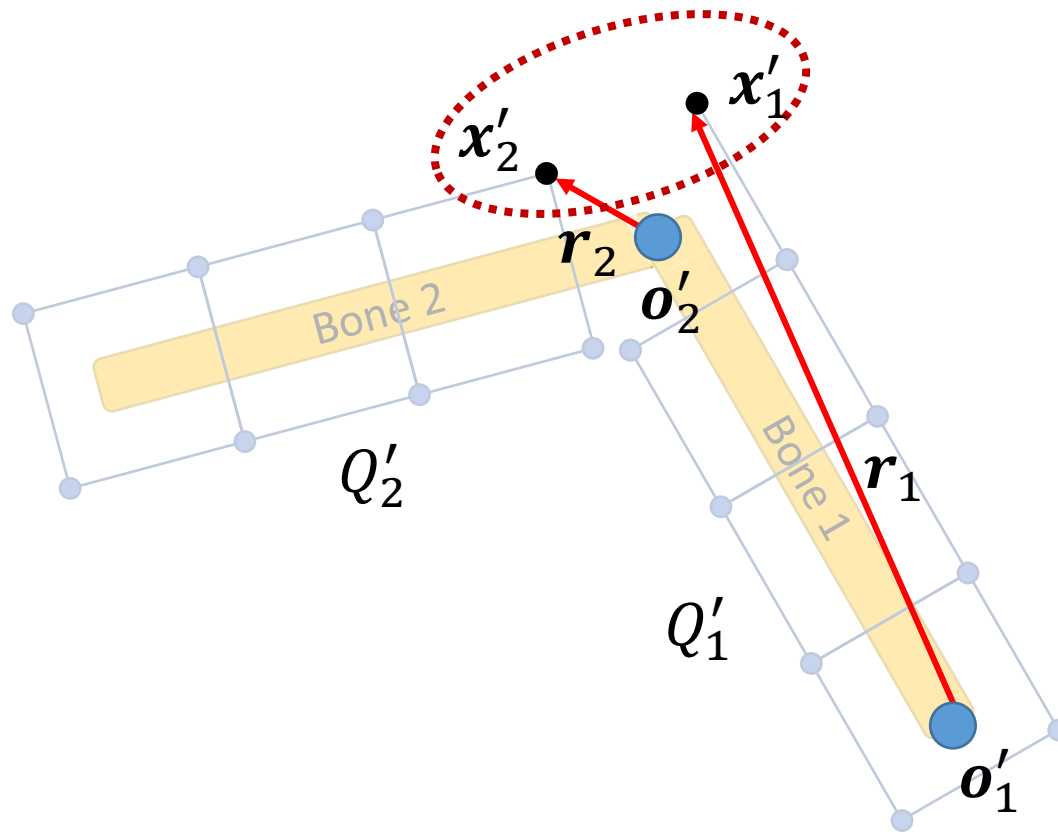
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$$\mathbf{x}'_1 = Q'_1 \mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{o}'_1$$

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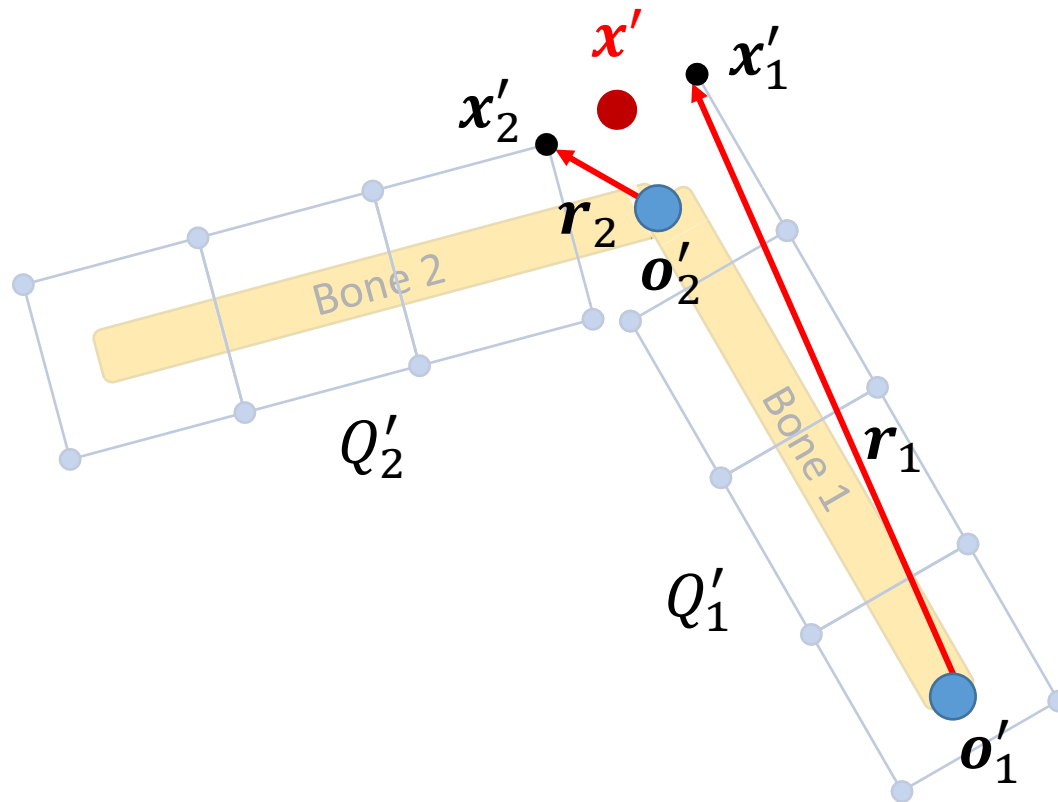
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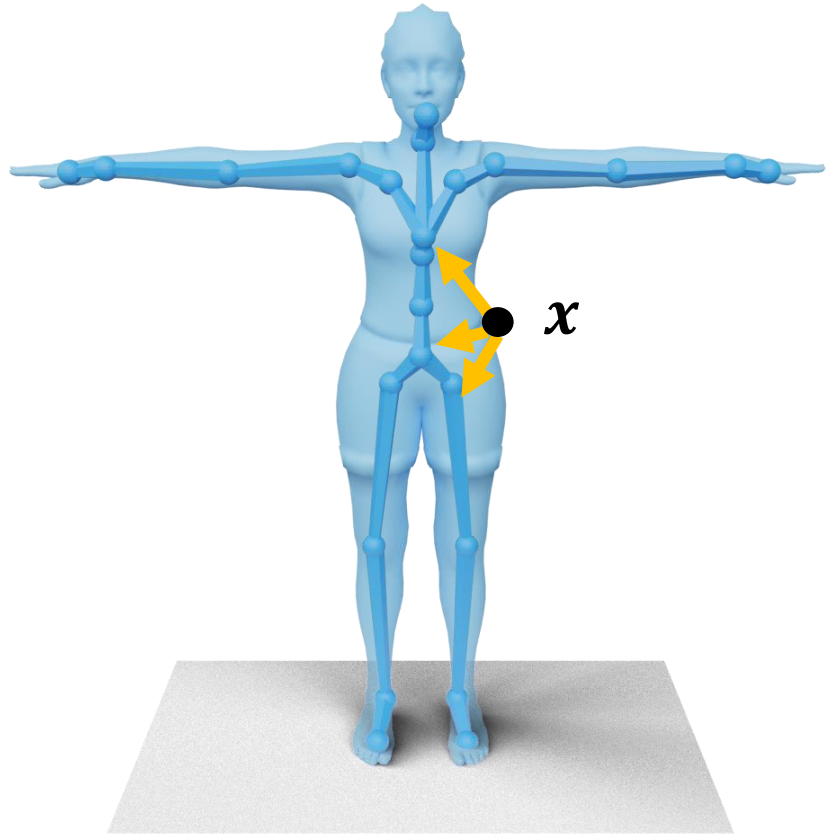


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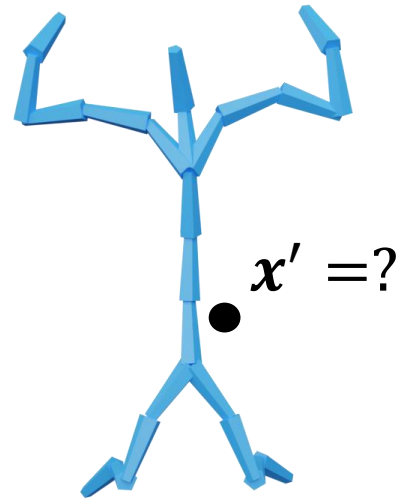
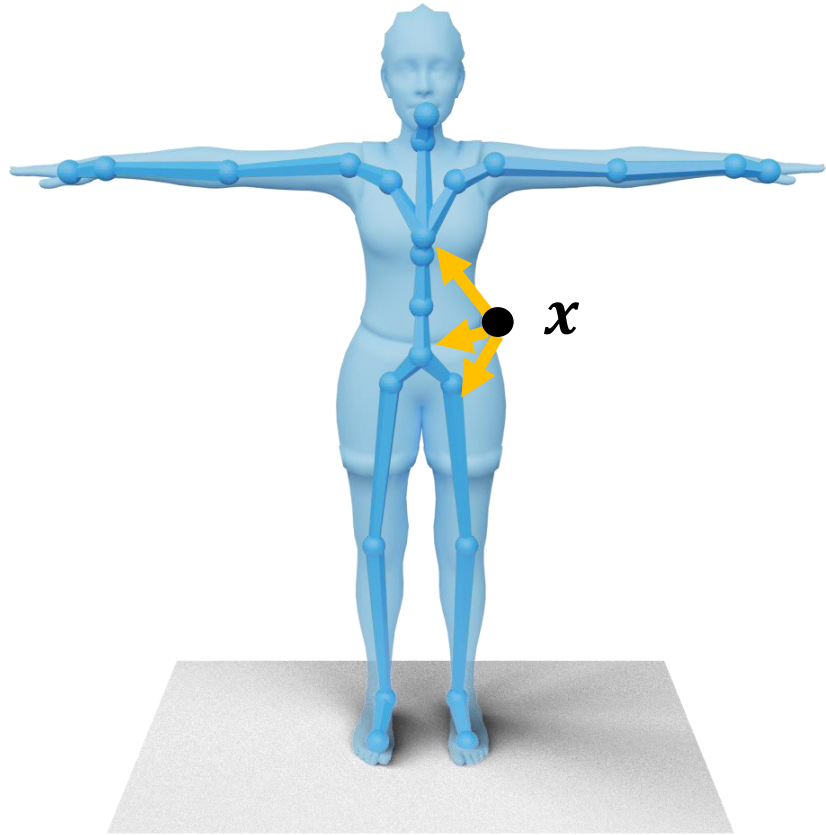
$$x' = w_1 x'_1 + w_2 x'_2$$

# Skinning

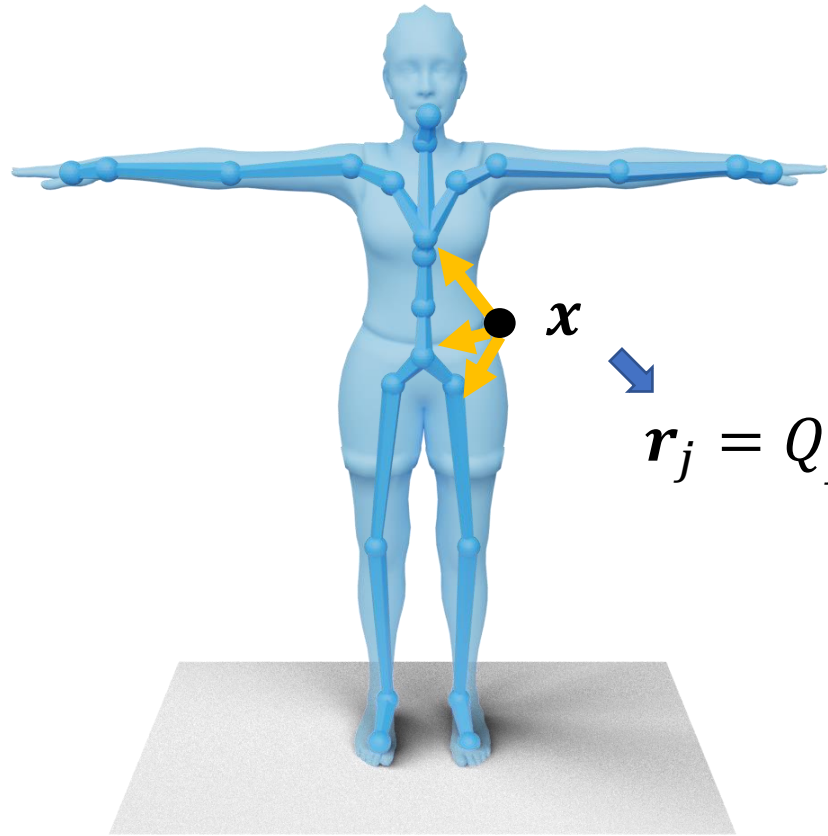




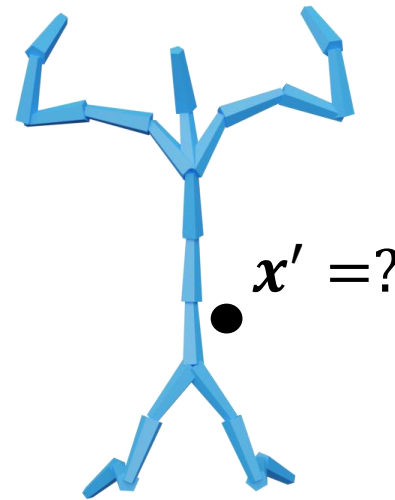
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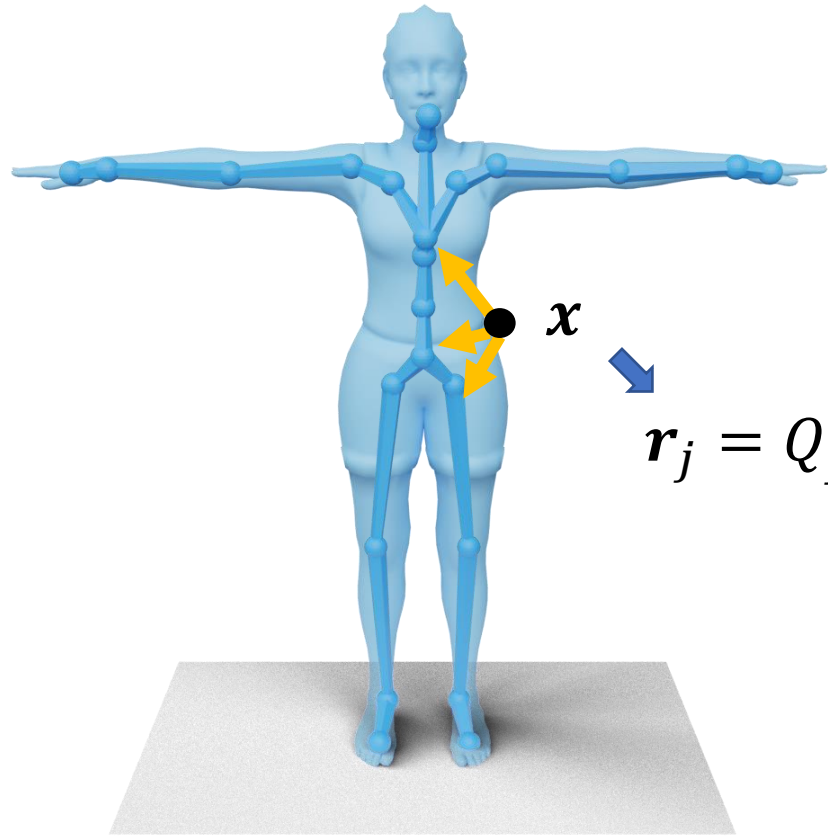


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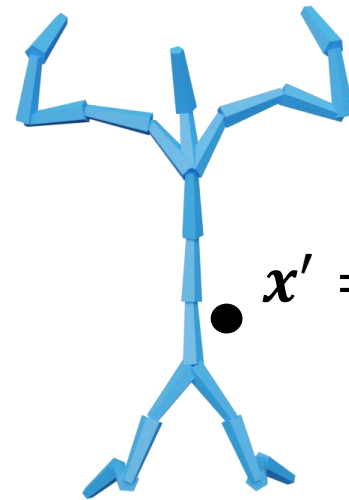


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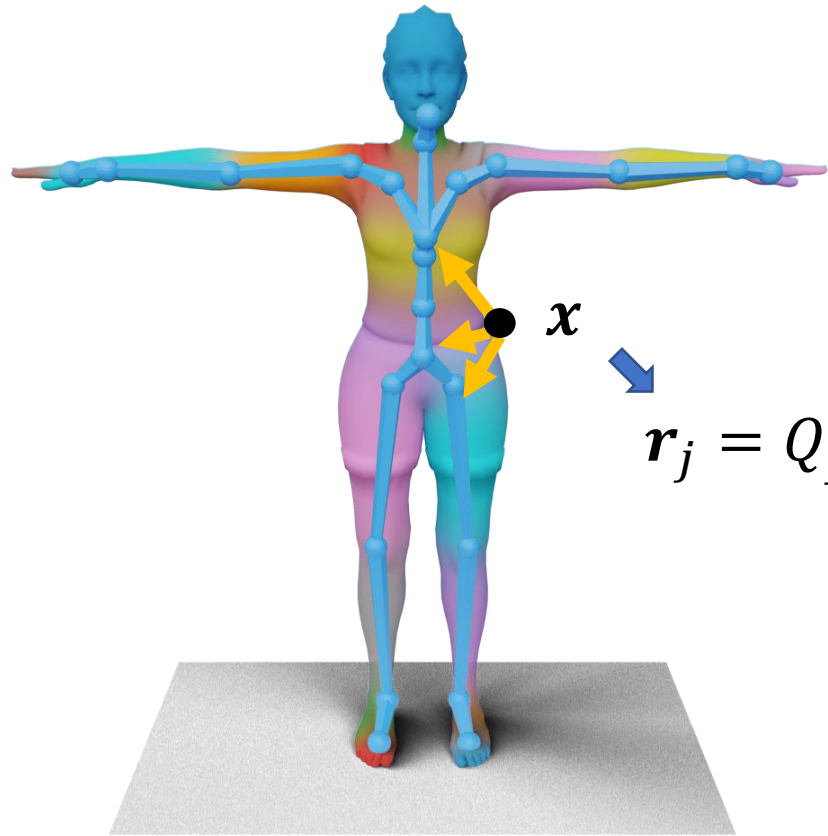
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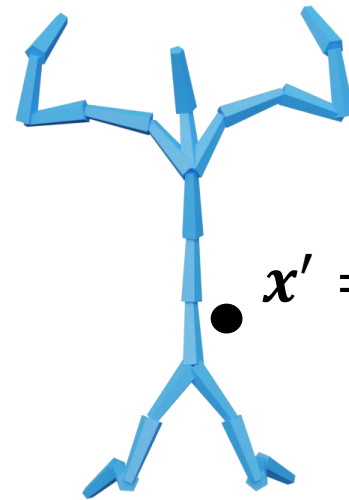
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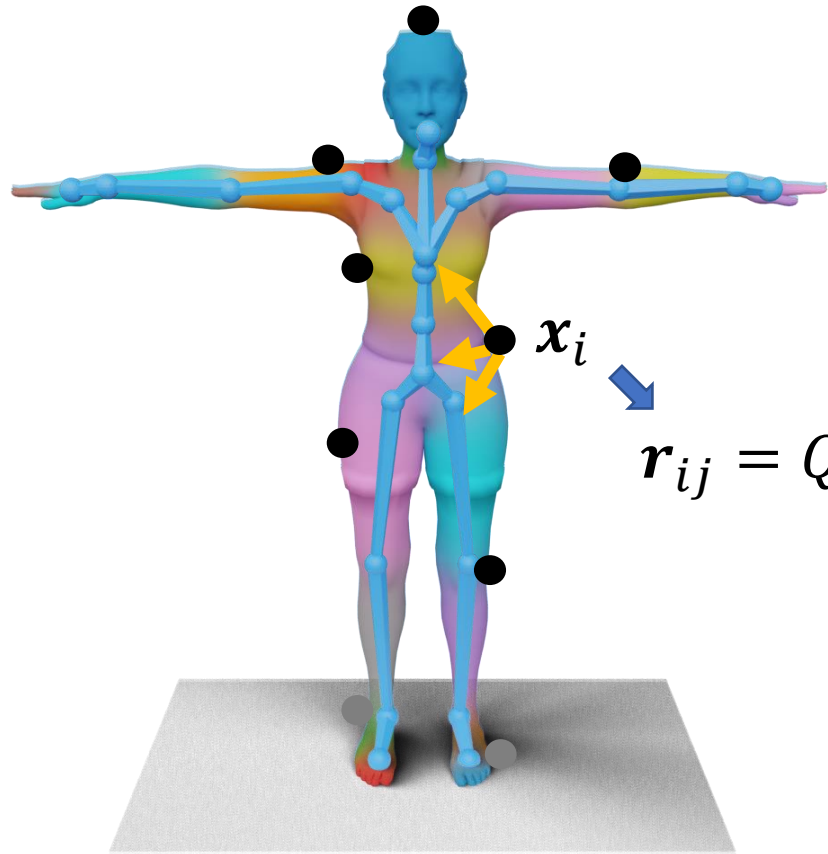
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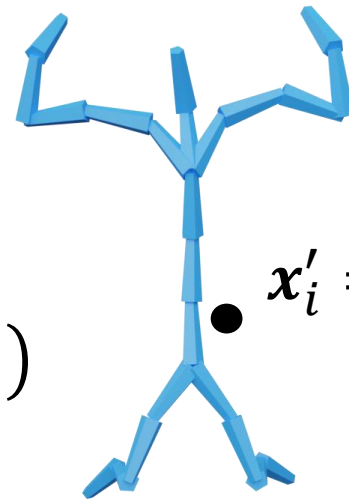
$w_j$ : skinning weights

# Skinning



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



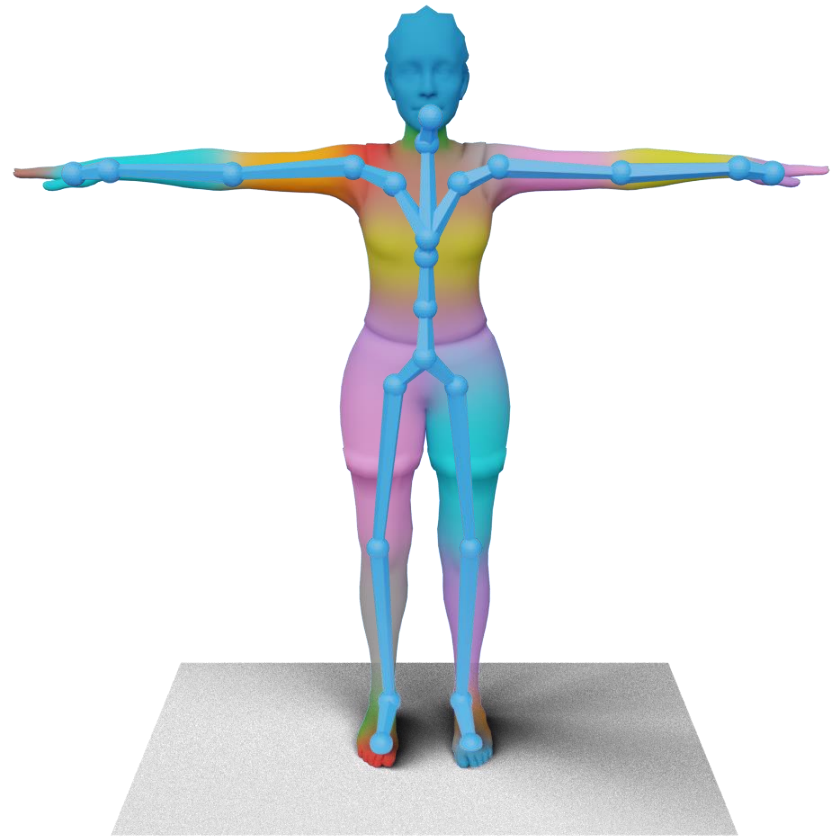
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# Linear Blend Skinning (LBS)

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

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

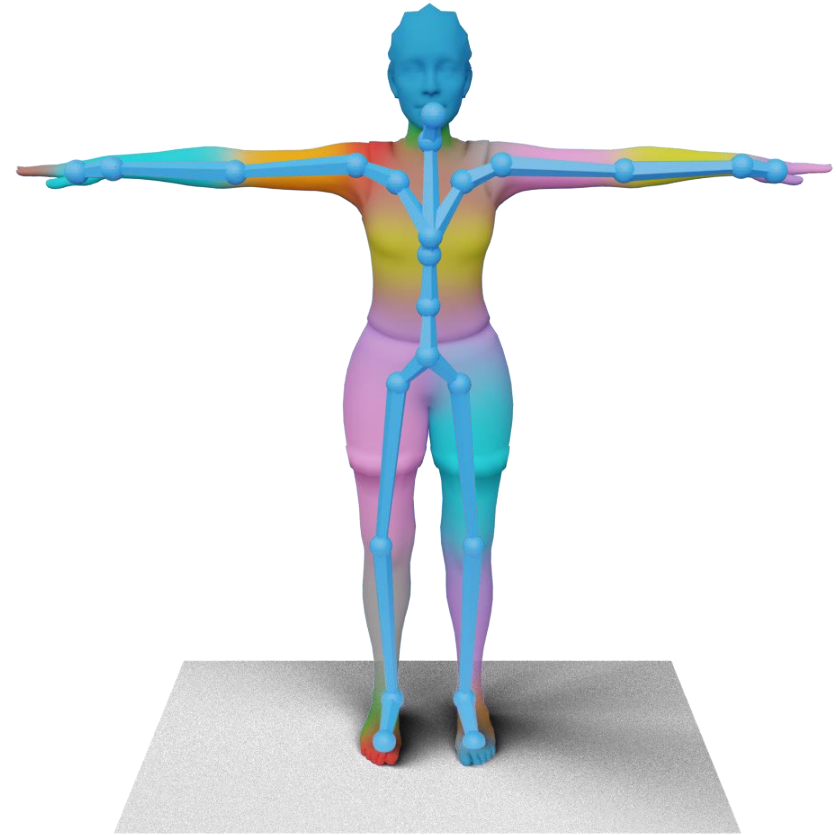


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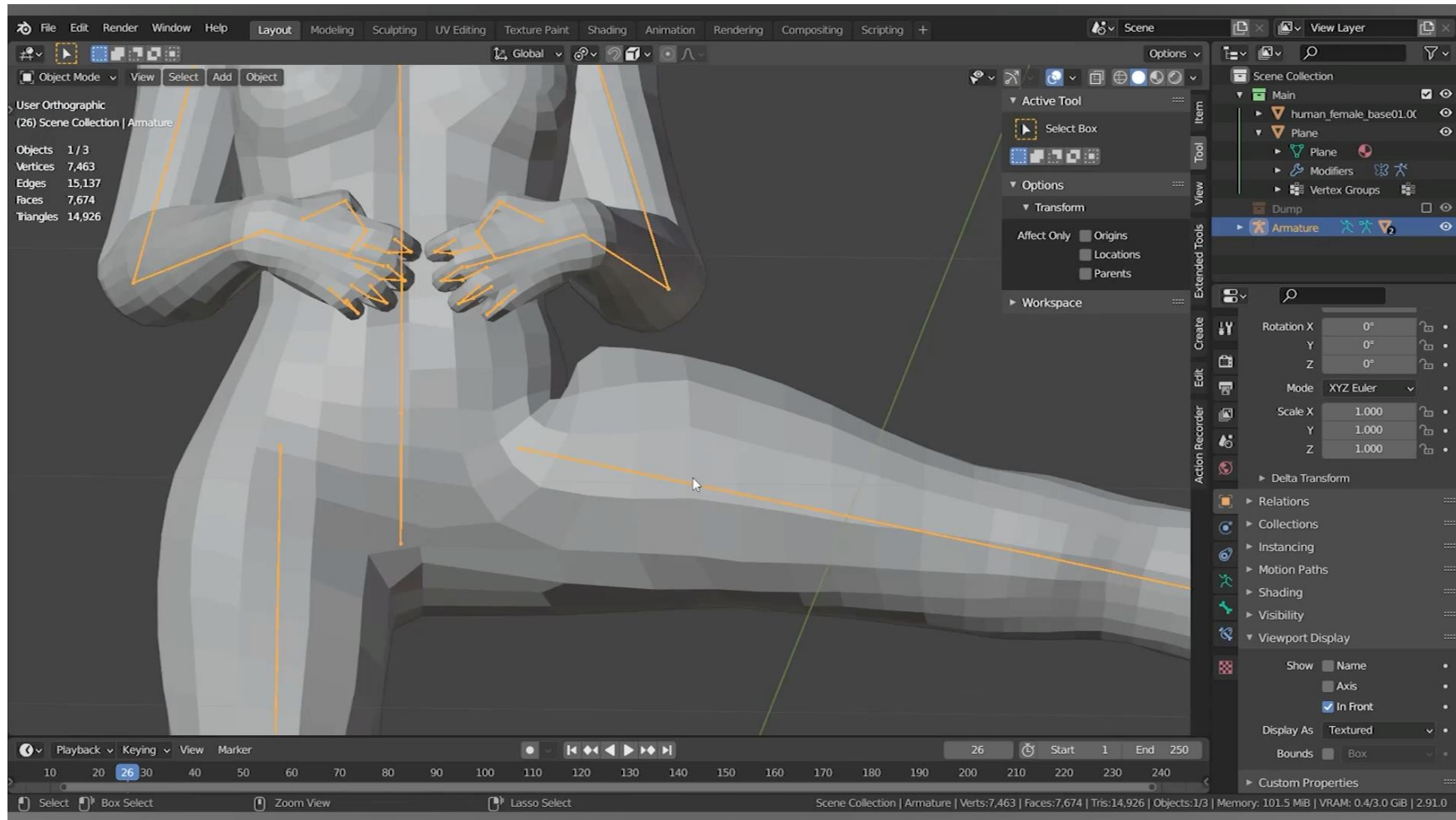
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$$\mathbf{x}'_i = \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} (Q'_j \mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{o}'_j)$$

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

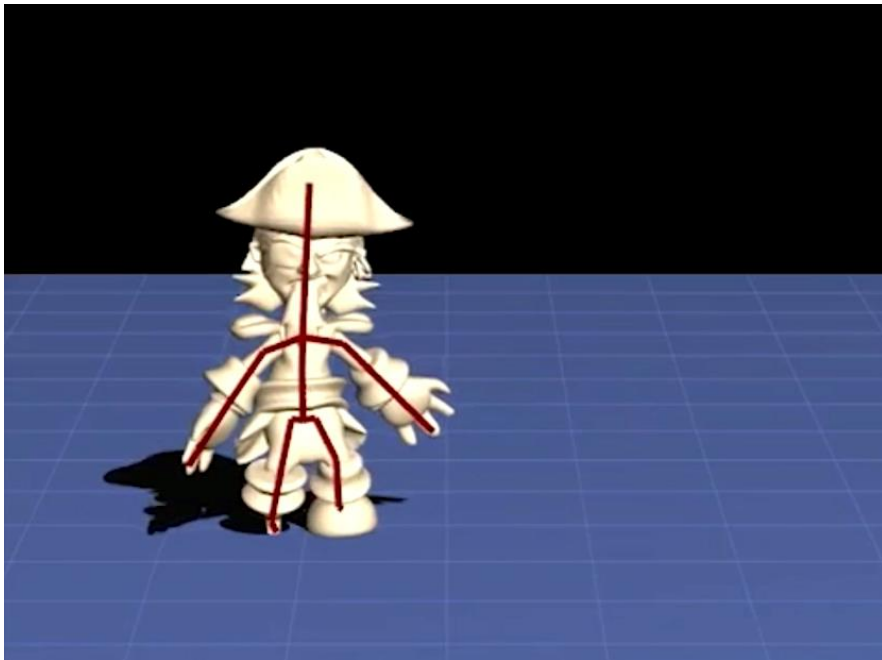


# Skinning Weights





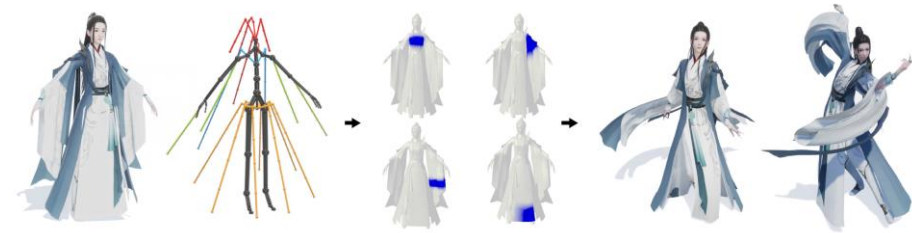
# Automatic Skinning?



Pinocchio [Baran et al., 2007]

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

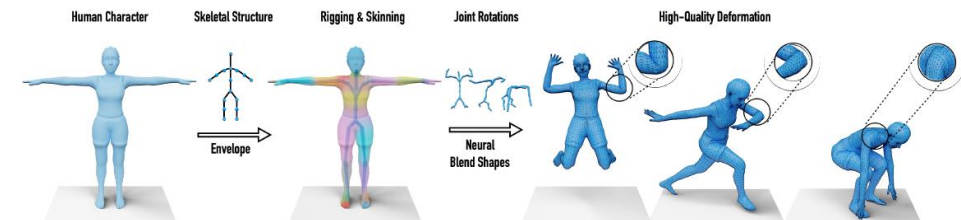
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## Learning Skeletal Articulations with Neural Blend Shapes

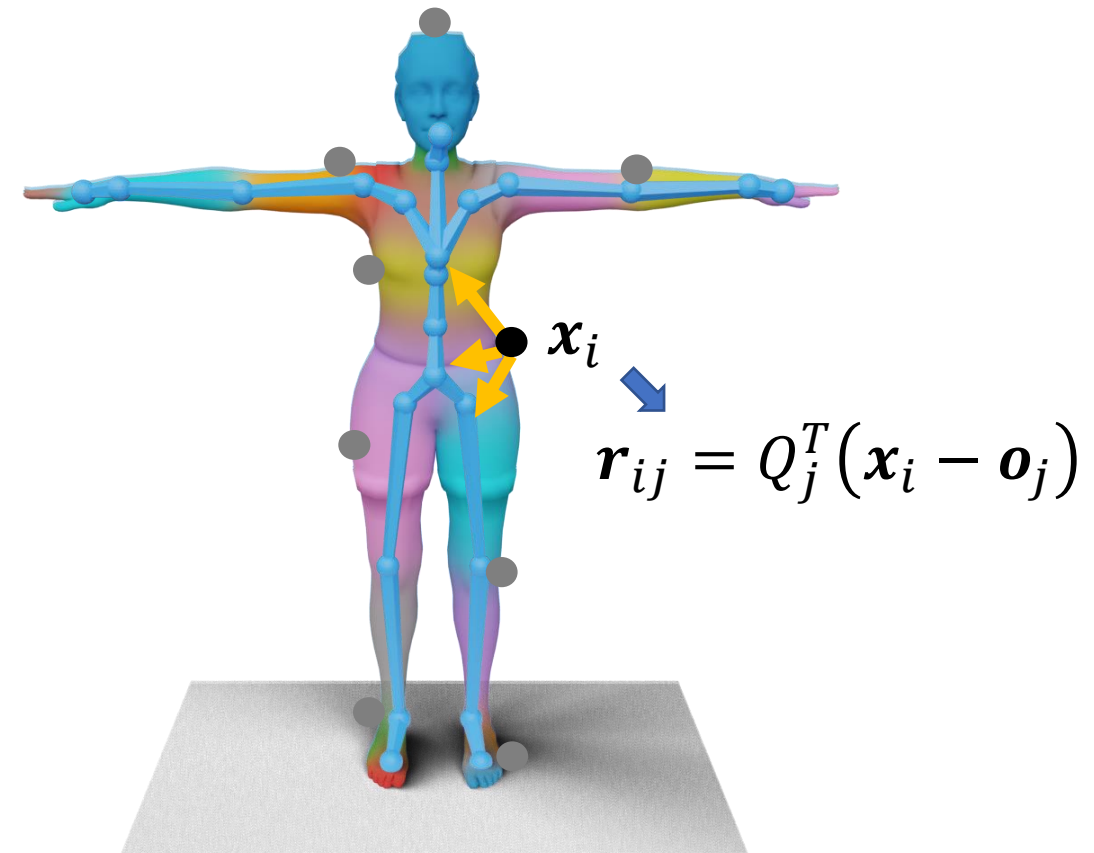
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# Skinning Transformation

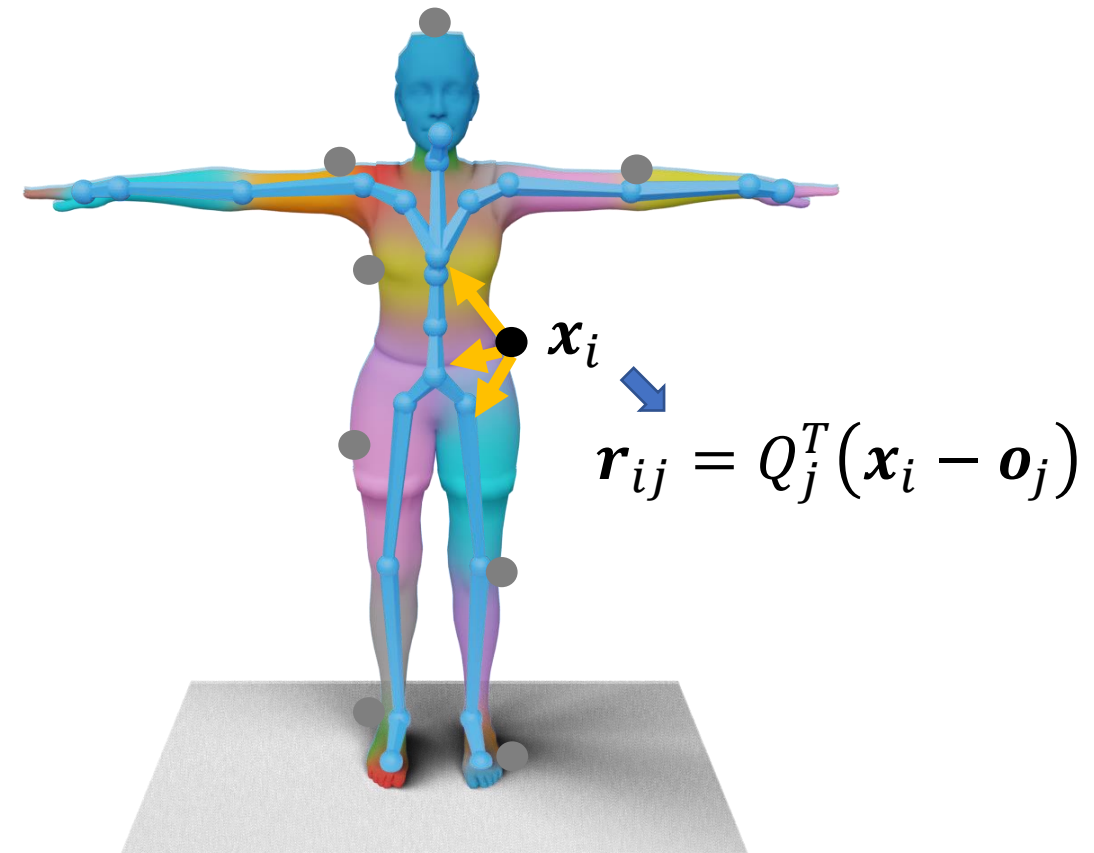
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Bind Pose

# Skinning Transformation

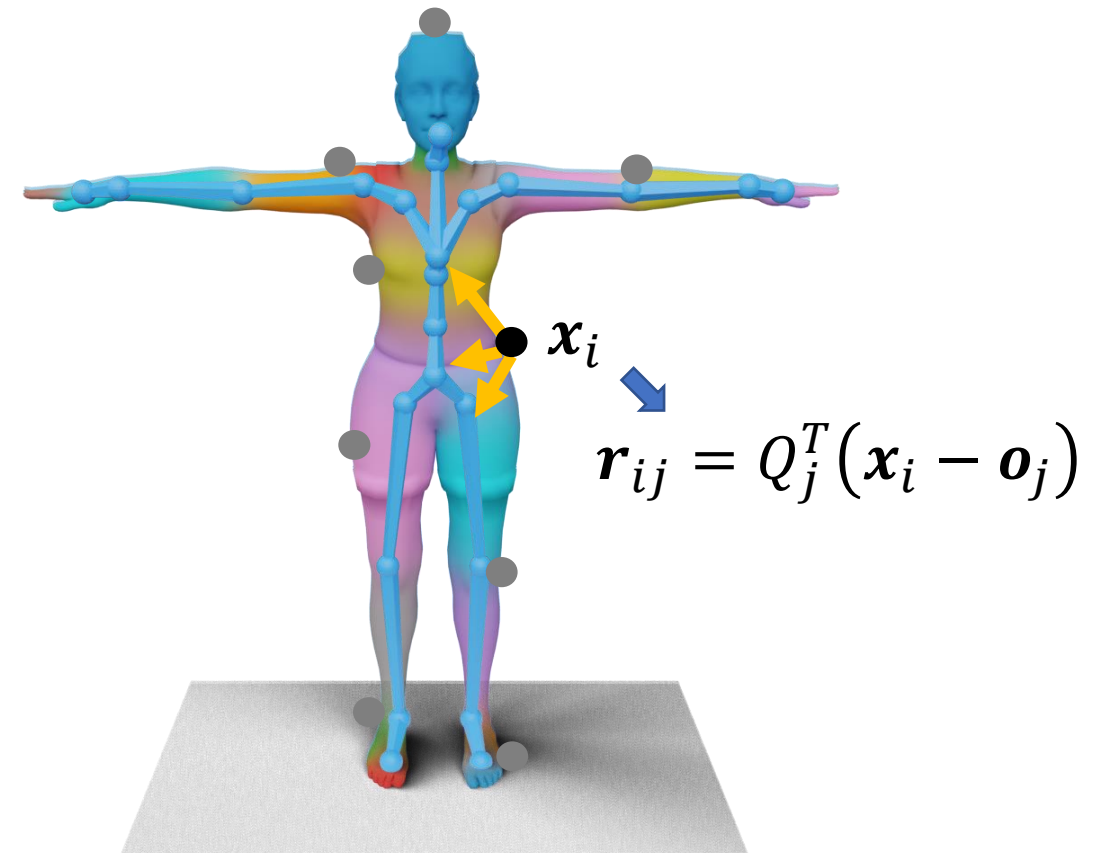
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}'_i &= \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} (Q'_j \mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{o}'_j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} (Q'_j Q_j^T (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{o}_j) + \mathbf{o}'_j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} (Q'_j Q_j^T \mathbf{x}_i + (\mathbf{o}'_j - Q'_j Q_j^T \mathbf{o}_j)) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} (R_j \mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{t}_j)\end{aligned}$$



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# Skinning Transformation

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}'_i &= \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} (Q'_j \mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{o}'_j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} R_j \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} \mathbf{t}_j \\ &= \left( \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} R_j \right) \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} \mathbf{t}_j\end{aligned}$$



Bind Pose

# Linear Blend Skinning (LBS)

The diagram shows the LBS equation with two annotations in light blue boxes. The top box, labeled "transformation w.r.t. bend pose", has arrows pointing to the  $R_j$  terms in the first summation and the  $t_j$  terms in the second summation. The bottom box, labeled "global position in bind pose", has an arrow pointing to the  $\mathbf{x}_i$  term.

$$\mathbf{x}'_i = \left( \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} R_j \right) \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} \mathbf{t}_j$$

# Candy-Wrapper Artifact

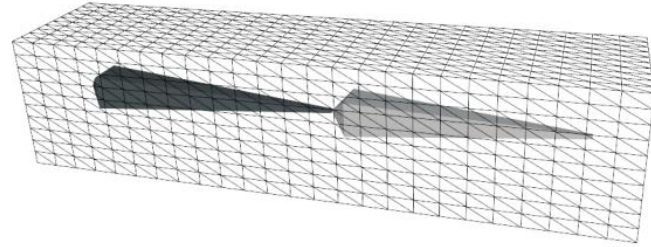


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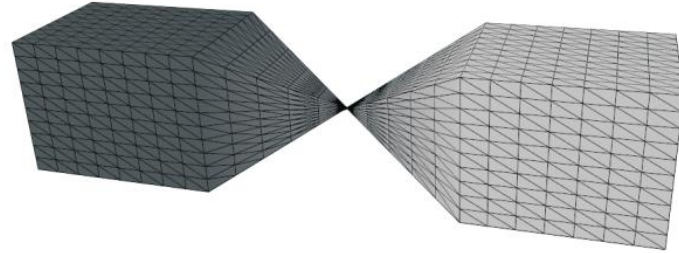
Consider

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

# Candy-Wrapper Artifact



Rest pose

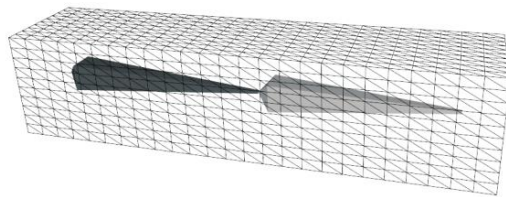


Linear blend skinning

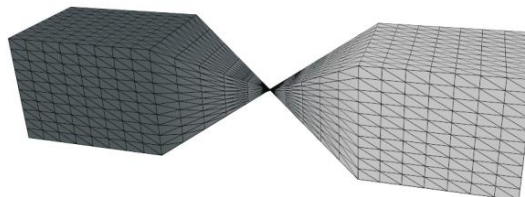


# Advanced Skinning Methods

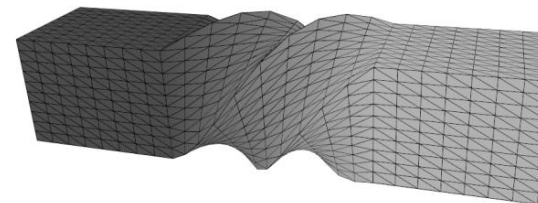
- Multi-linear Skinning (*we will not cover this*)
  - Multi-weight enveloping [Wang and Phillips 2002]
  - Animation Space [Merry et al. 2006]
  - .....
- Nonlinear Skinning
  - Dual-quaternion Skinning (DQS)



Rest pose



Linear blend skinning



Dual quaternion skinning



# Non-linear Skinning

$$\mathbf{x}'_i = \left( \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} R_j \right) \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} \mathbf{t}_j$$



Linear blending causes problems...



Can we use quaternions and SLERP?

# Non-linear Skinning



blending rotations with  
spherical interpolations



LBS

[<https://skinning.org/>]

# Non-linear Skinning

$$\mathbf{x}'_i = \left( \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} R_j \right) \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} \mathbf{t}_j$$

$$R \in SO(3)$$

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

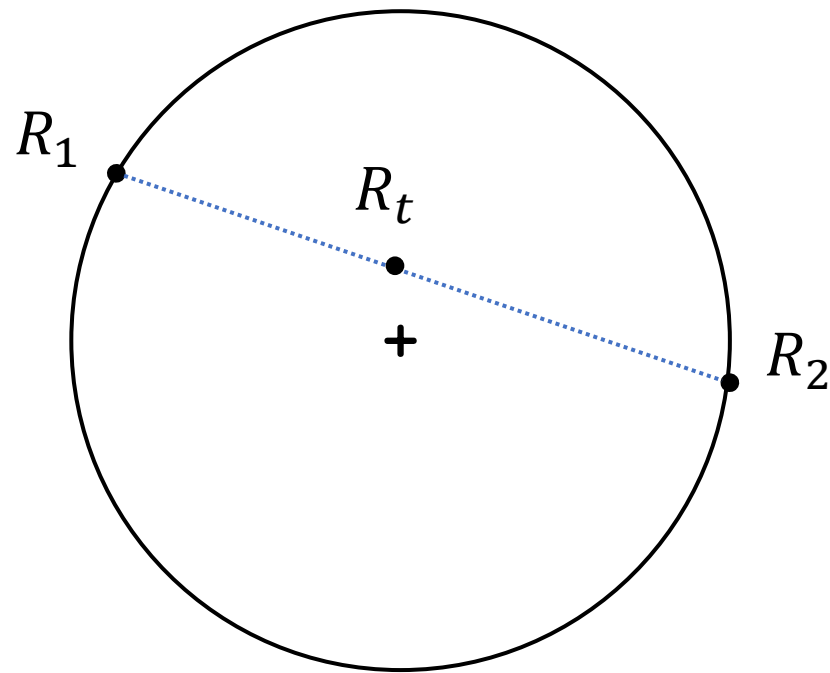
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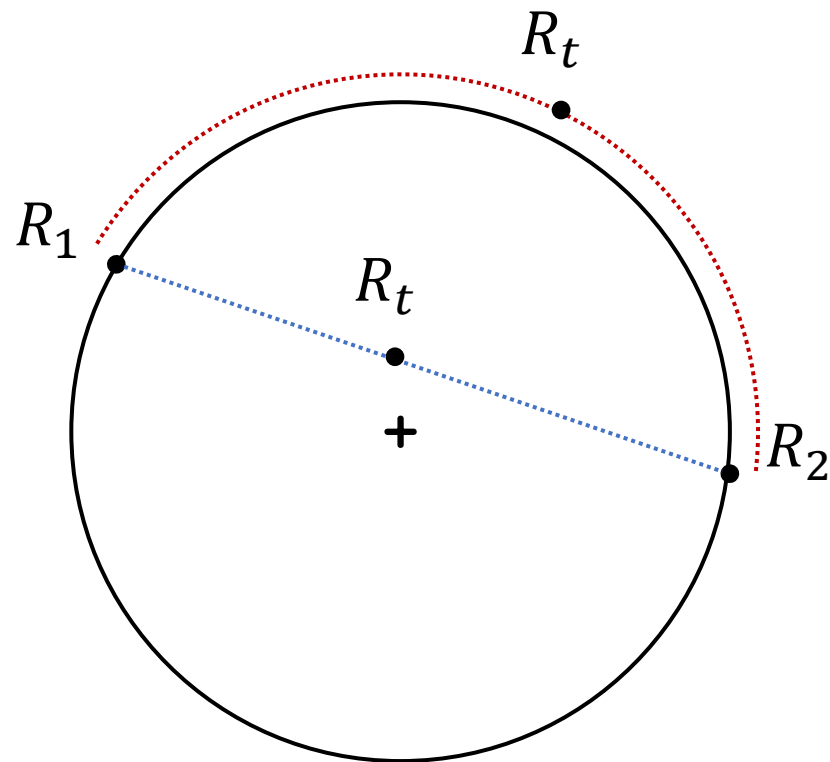
$$R \in SO(3)$$

$$T_j = [R_j \mid \mathbf{t}_j] \in SE(3)$$

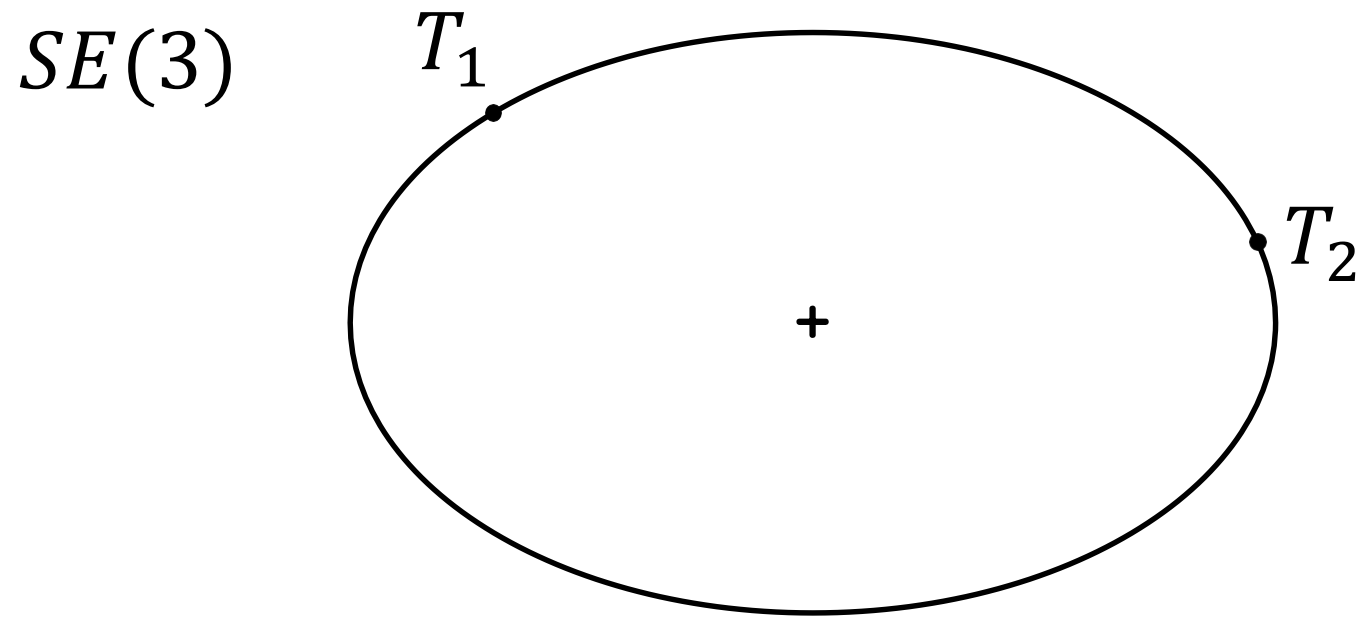
# Interpolation in $SO(3)$



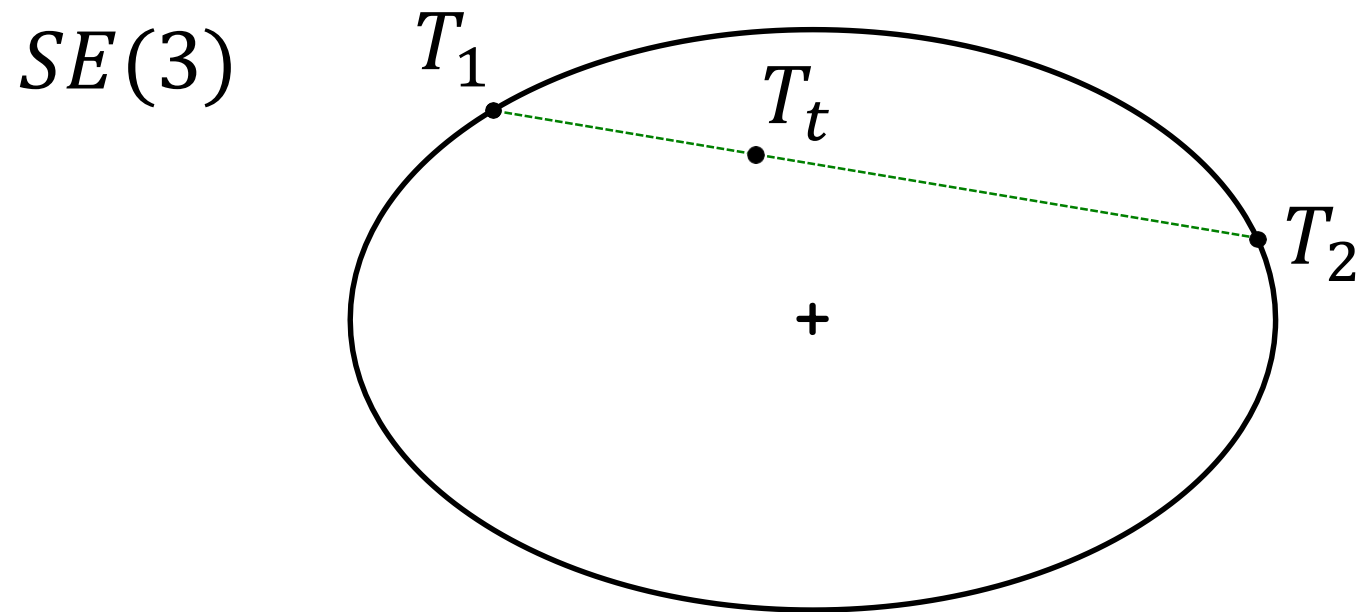
# Interpolation in $SO(3)$



# Interpolation in $SE(3)$

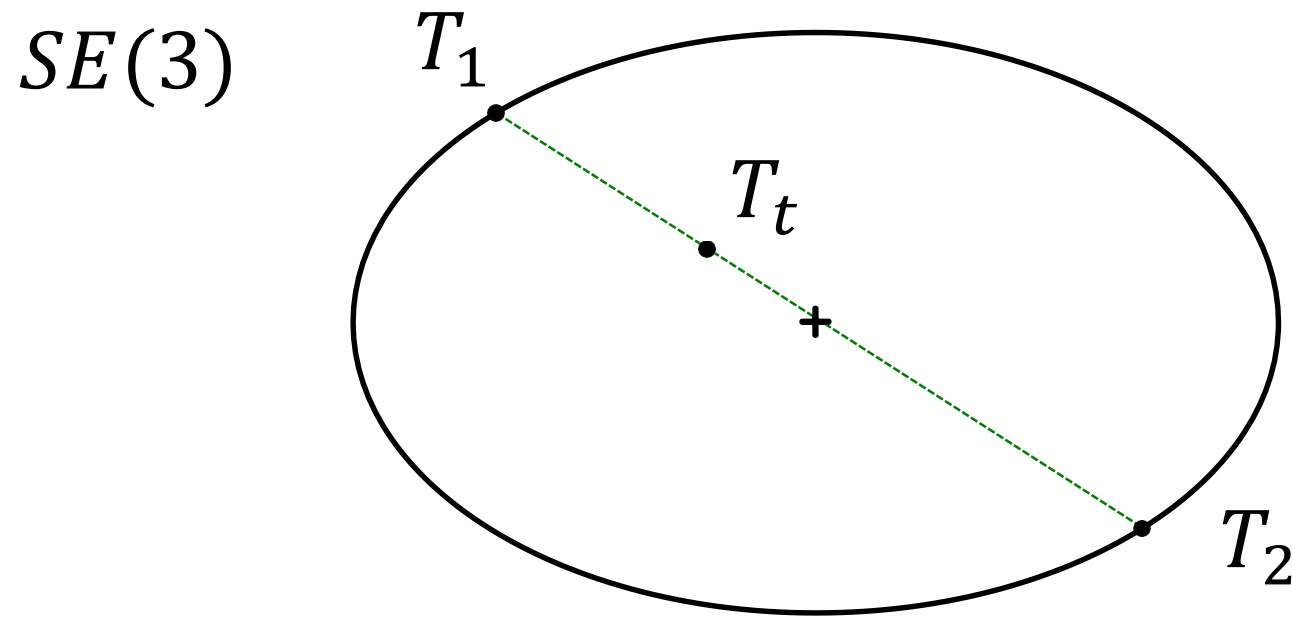


# Interpolation in $SE(3)$

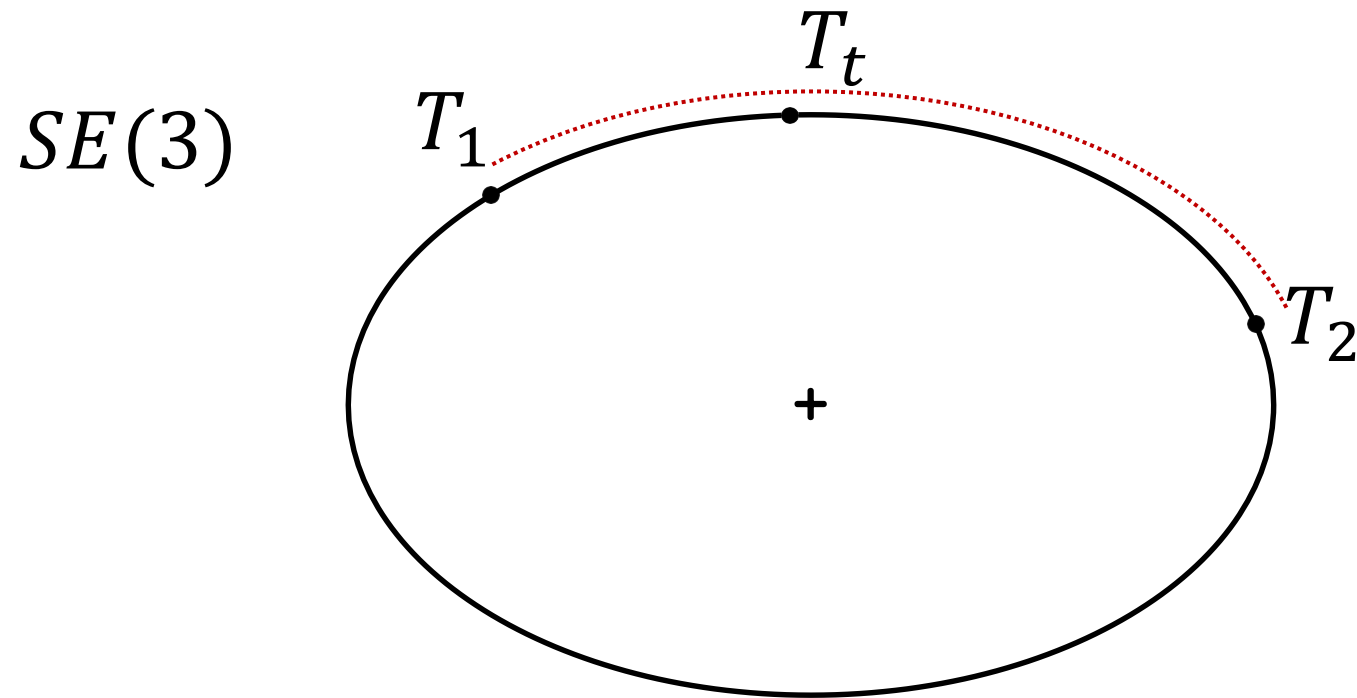




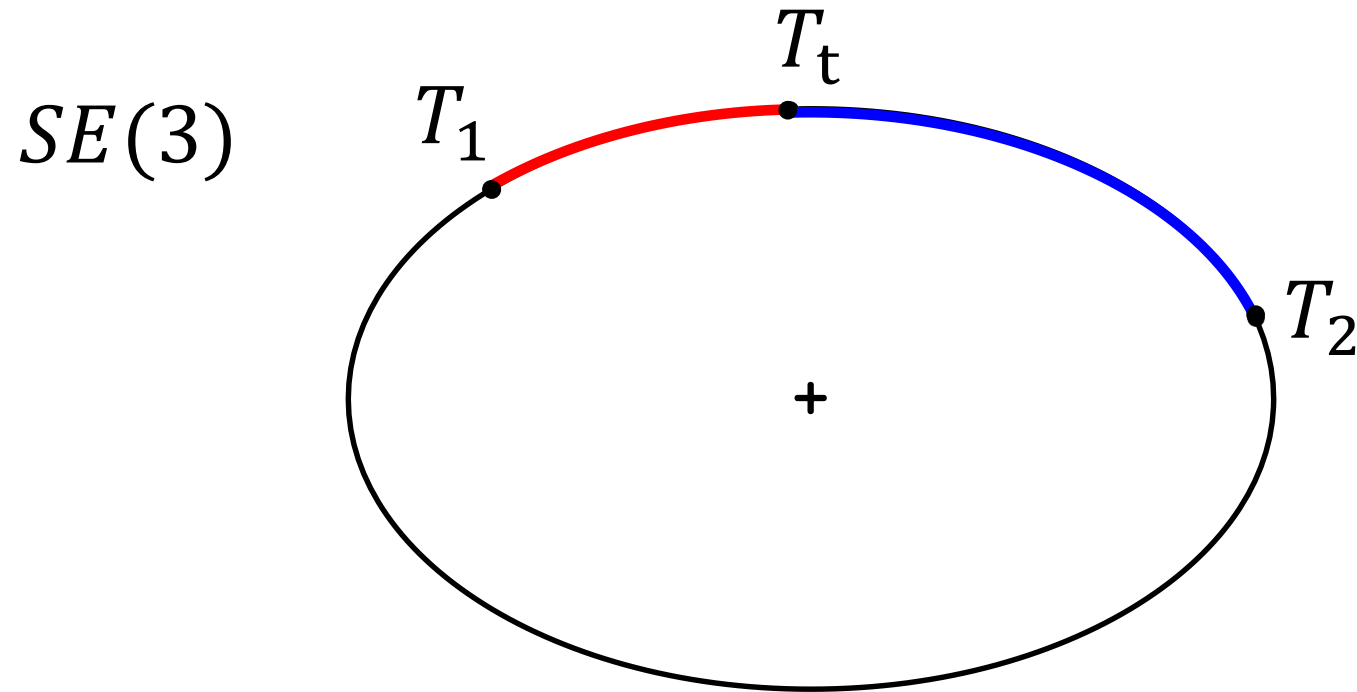
# Interpolation in $SE(3)$



# Intrinsic Blending

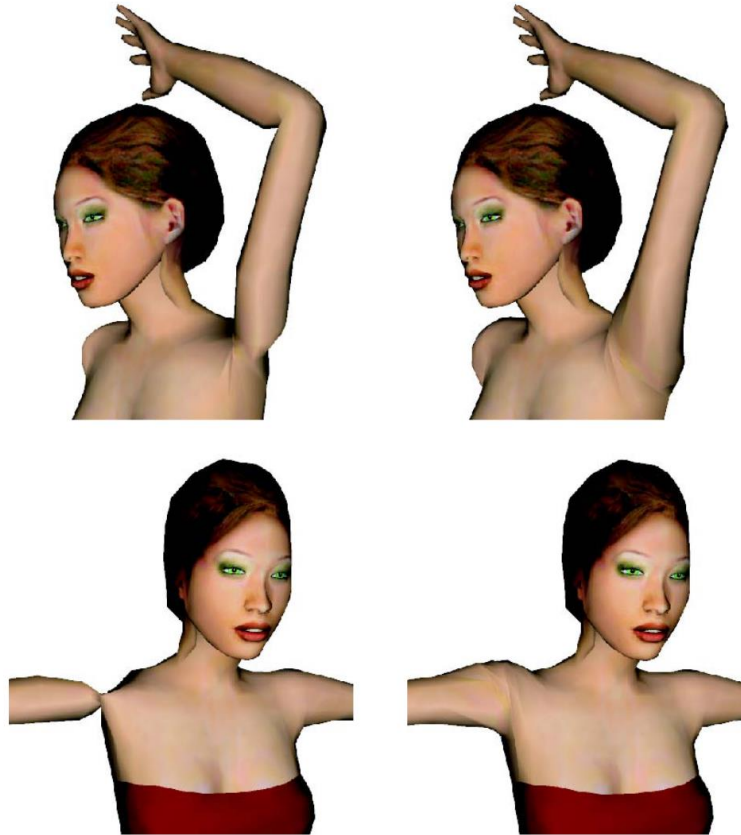


# Intrinsic Blending



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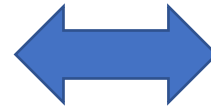
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$$\begin{aligned} &(a + bi)(c + di) \\ &= (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i \end{aligned}$$

# Dual Quaternion

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$$\hat{q} = q_0 + \varepsilon q_\varepsilon$$

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

$$\hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 + \hat{\mathbf{q}}_2 = \mathbf{q}_{r1} + \mathbf{q}_{r2} + \varepsilon(\mathbf{q}_{\varepsilon1} + \mathbf{q}_{\varepsilon2})$$

- Multiplication

$$\hat{\mathbf{q}}_1\hat{\mathbf{q}}_2 = \mathbf{q}_{r1}\mathbf{q}_{r2} + \varepsilon(\mathbf{q}_{r1}\mathbf{q}_{\varepsilon2} + \mathbf{q}_{r2}\mathbf{q}_{\varepsilon1})$$



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$$\text{I: } \hat{\mathbf{q}}^* = \mathbf{q}_0^* + \varepsilon \mathbf{q}_\varepsilon^*$$

$$\text{II: } \hat{\mathbf{q}}^\circ = \mathbf{q}_0 - \varepsilon \mathbf{q}_\varepsilon$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{III: } \hat{\mathbf{q}}^* &= \mathbf{q}_0^* - \varepsilon \mathbf{q}_\varepsilon^* \\ &= (\hat{\mathbf{q}}^*)^\circ = (\hat{\mathbf{q}}^\circ)^* \end{aligned}$$

$$(\hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 \hat{\mathbf{q}}_2)^\times = \hat{\mathbf{q}}_2^\times \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1^\times$$

- Norm

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- Unit dual quaternion:  $\|\hat{\mathbf{q}}\| = 1$ , which requires:

$$\|\mathbf{q}_0\| = 1$$

$$\mathbf{q}_0 \cdot \mathbf{q}_\varepsilon = 0$$

# Dual Quaternion $\Leftrightarrow$ Rigid Transformation

- Like quaternion, any rigid transformation  $T \in SE(3)$  can be converted into a **unit dual quaternion**

$$T\mathbf{x} = R\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{t}$$

$$T = [R \mid \mathbf{t}] \rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{q}_0 + \varepsilon\mathbf{q}_\varepsilon$$

$$\mathbf{q}_0 = \mathbf{r} \quad \text{quaternion of } R$$

$$\mathbf{q}_\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{tr} \quad \text{pure quaternion } \mathbf{t} = (0, \mathbf{t})$$

# Dual Quaternion $\Leftrightarrow$ Rigid Transformation

- Transform a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  using unit dual quaternion

$$\hat{\mathbf{v}}' = \hat{\mathbf{q}}\hat{\mathbf{v}}\hat{\mathbf{q}}^*$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbf{v}} &= 1 + \varepsilon(0, \mathbf{v}) \\ &= (1, 0, 0, 0) + \varepsilon(0, v_x, v_y, v_z)\end{aligned}$$

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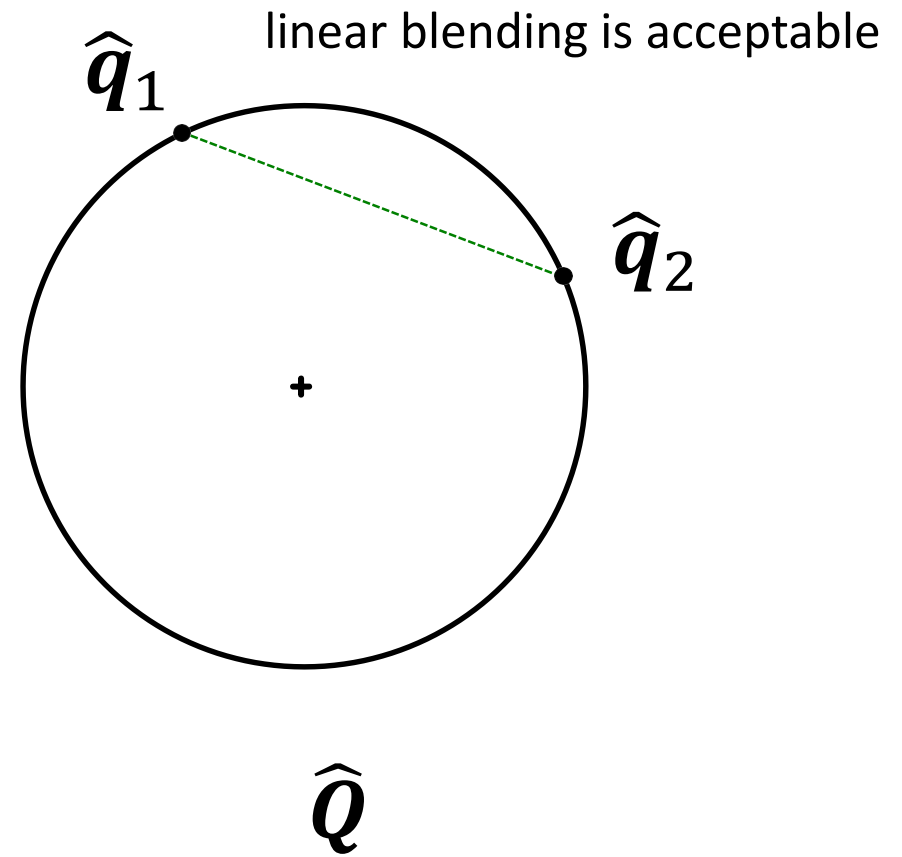
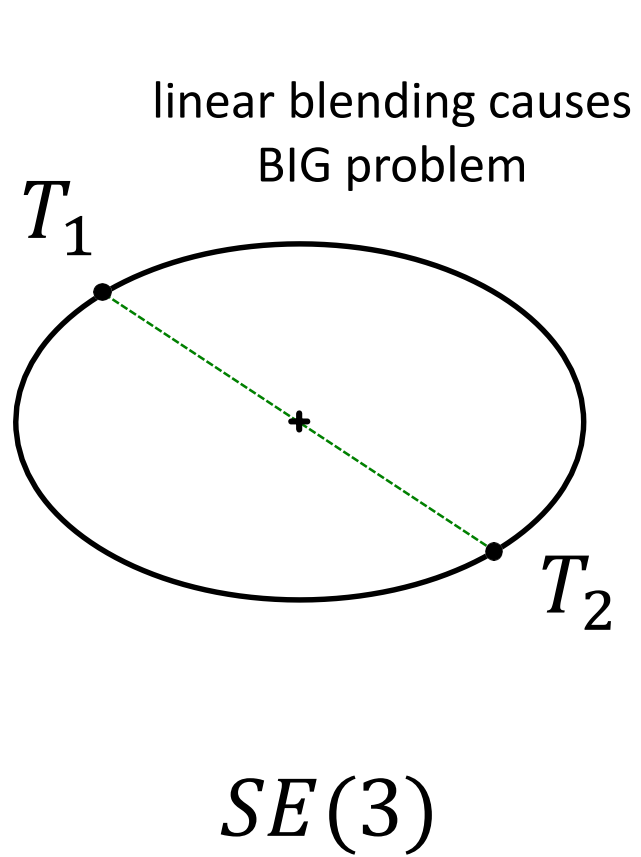
$$\mathbf{q}_0 = \mathbf{r}$$

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

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

# Double Cover Visualized

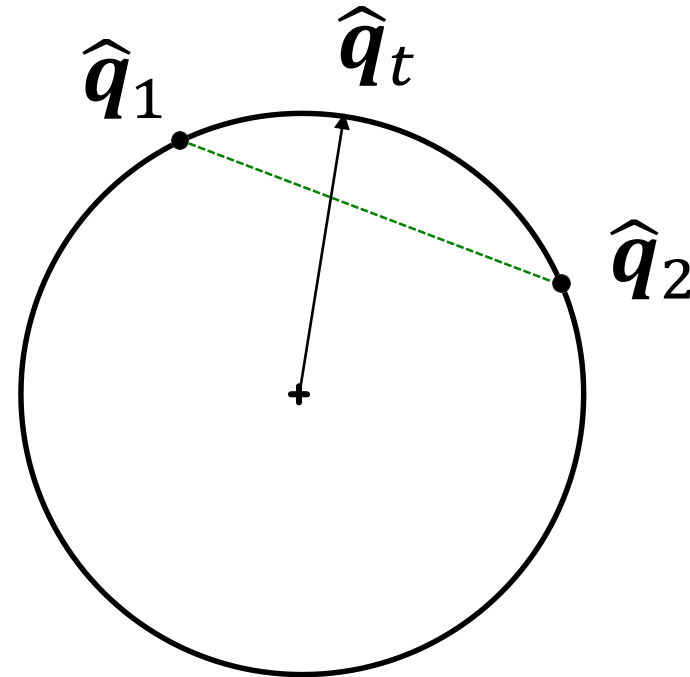


# Interpolating Dual-Quaternion

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



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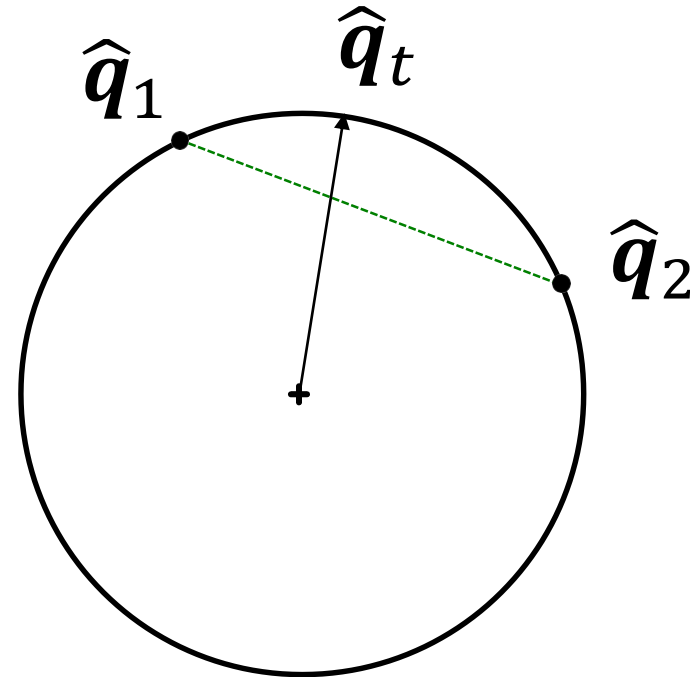


# Dual-Quaternion Linear Blending (DLB)

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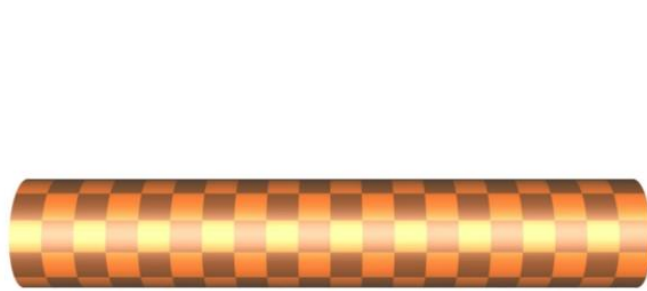


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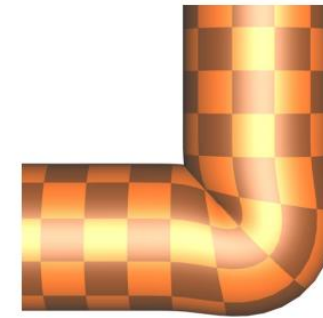
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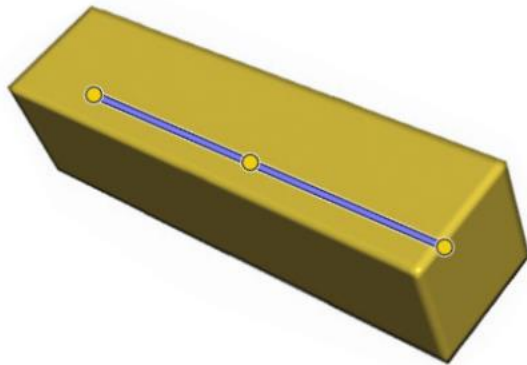
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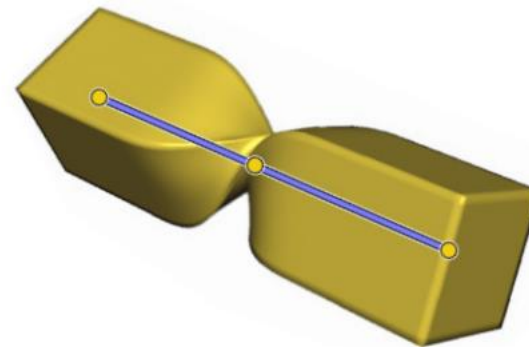
Dual quaternions: twist



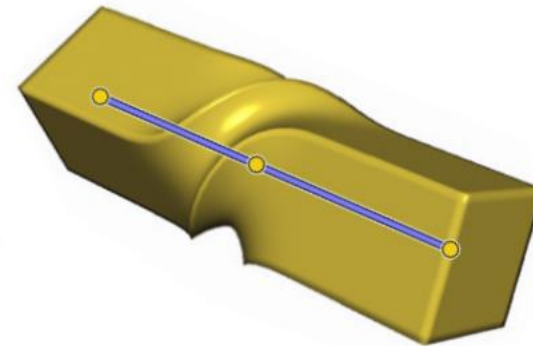
Dual quaternions: bend



Rest pose

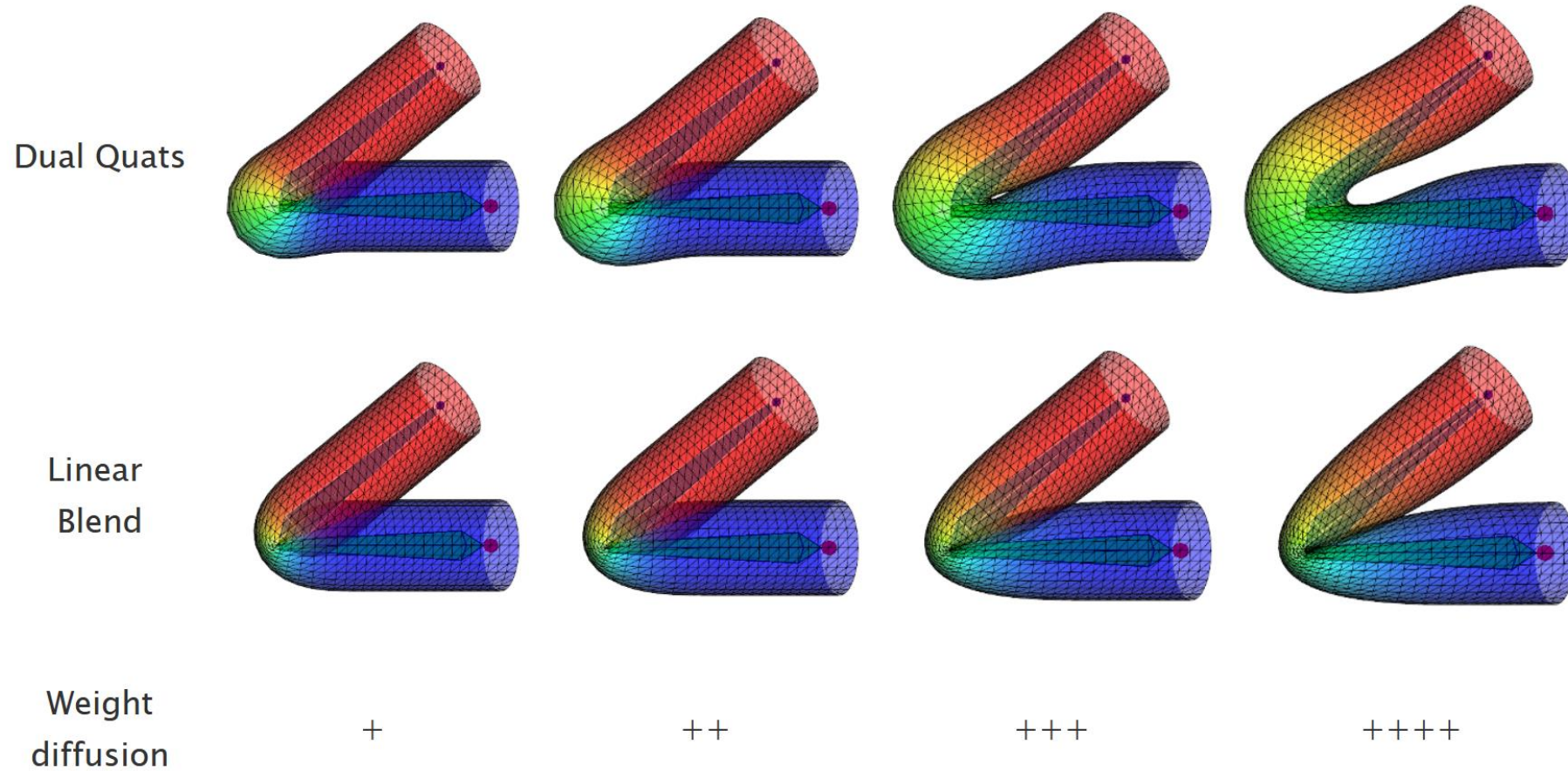


Linear blend skinning



Dual quaternion skinning

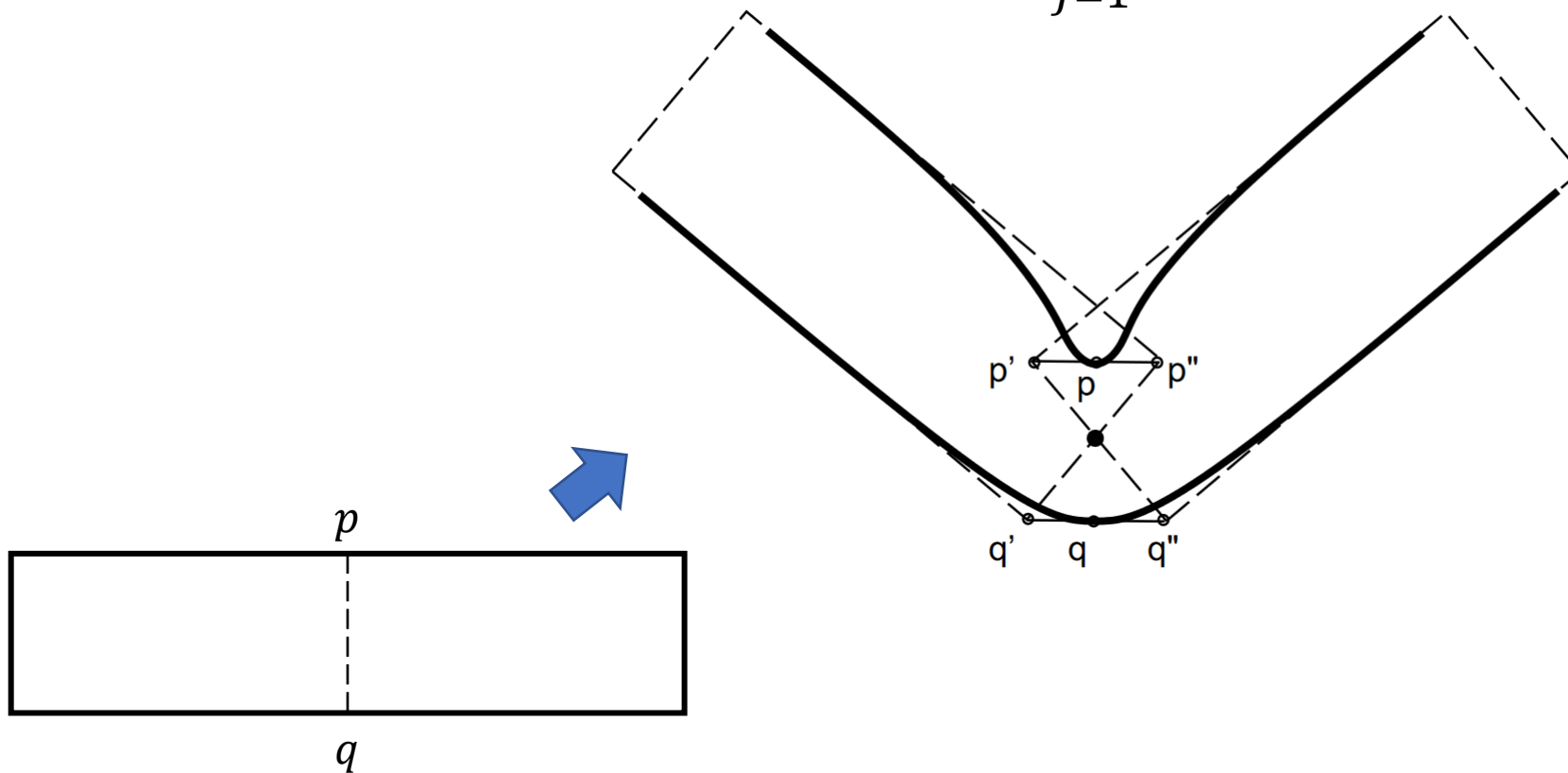
# Budging Artifact of DQS



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

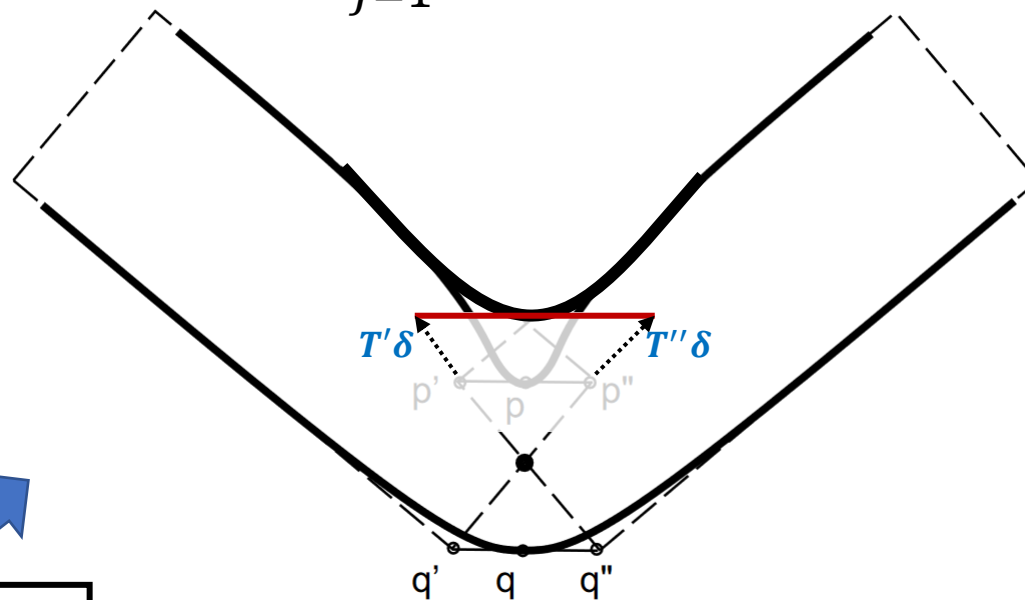
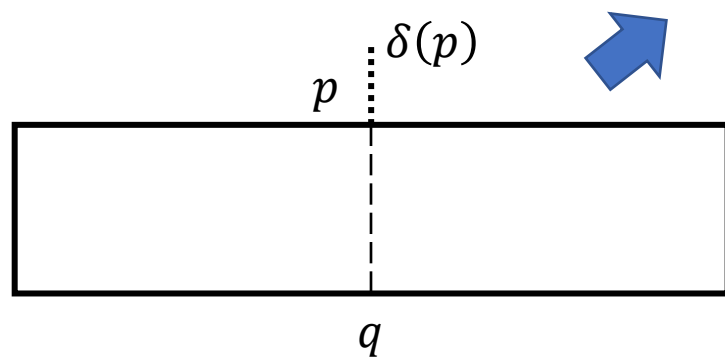
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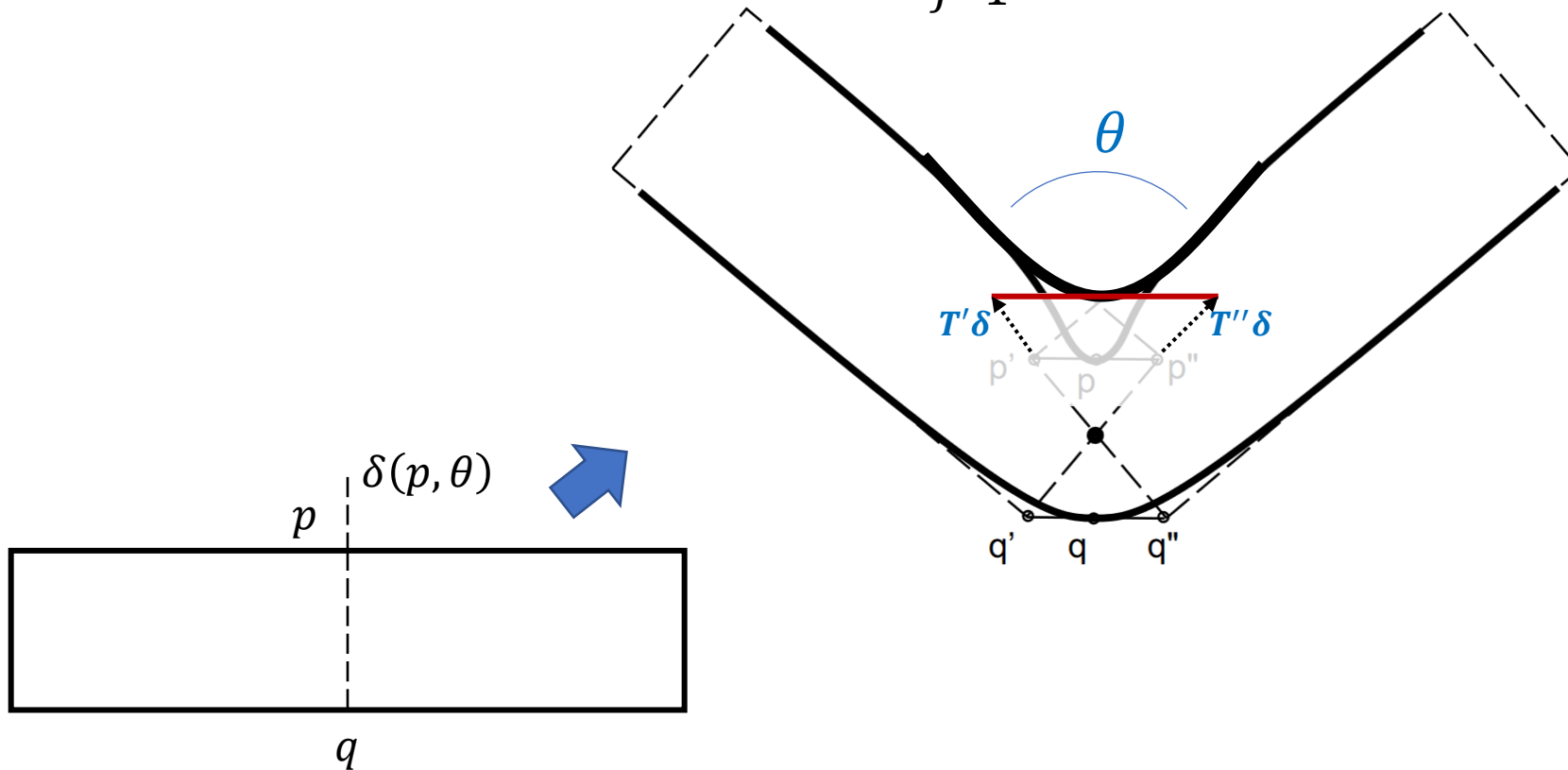
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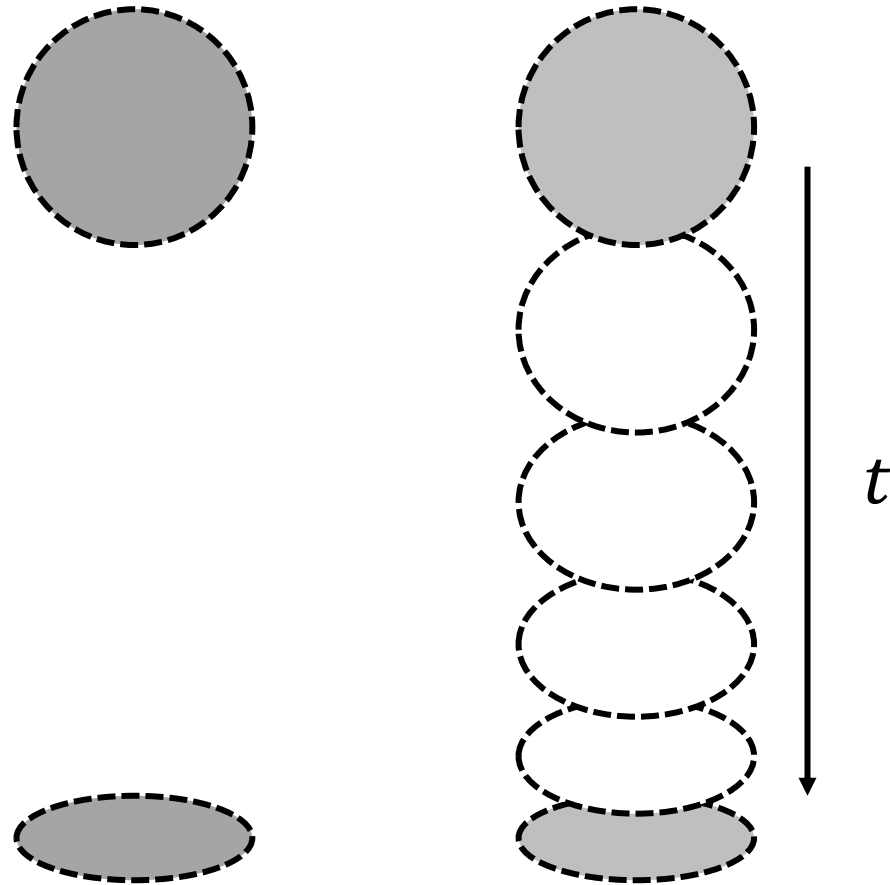


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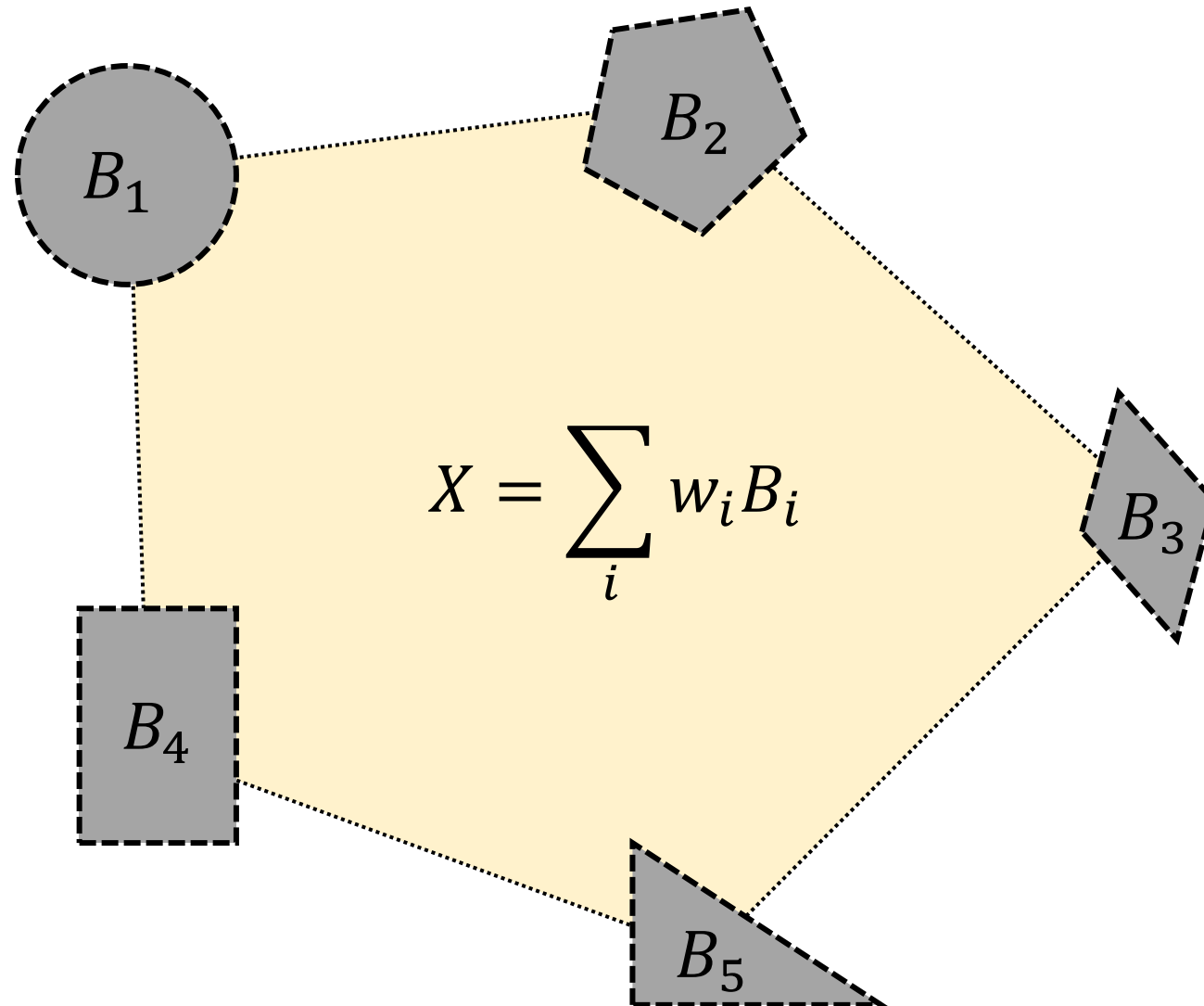
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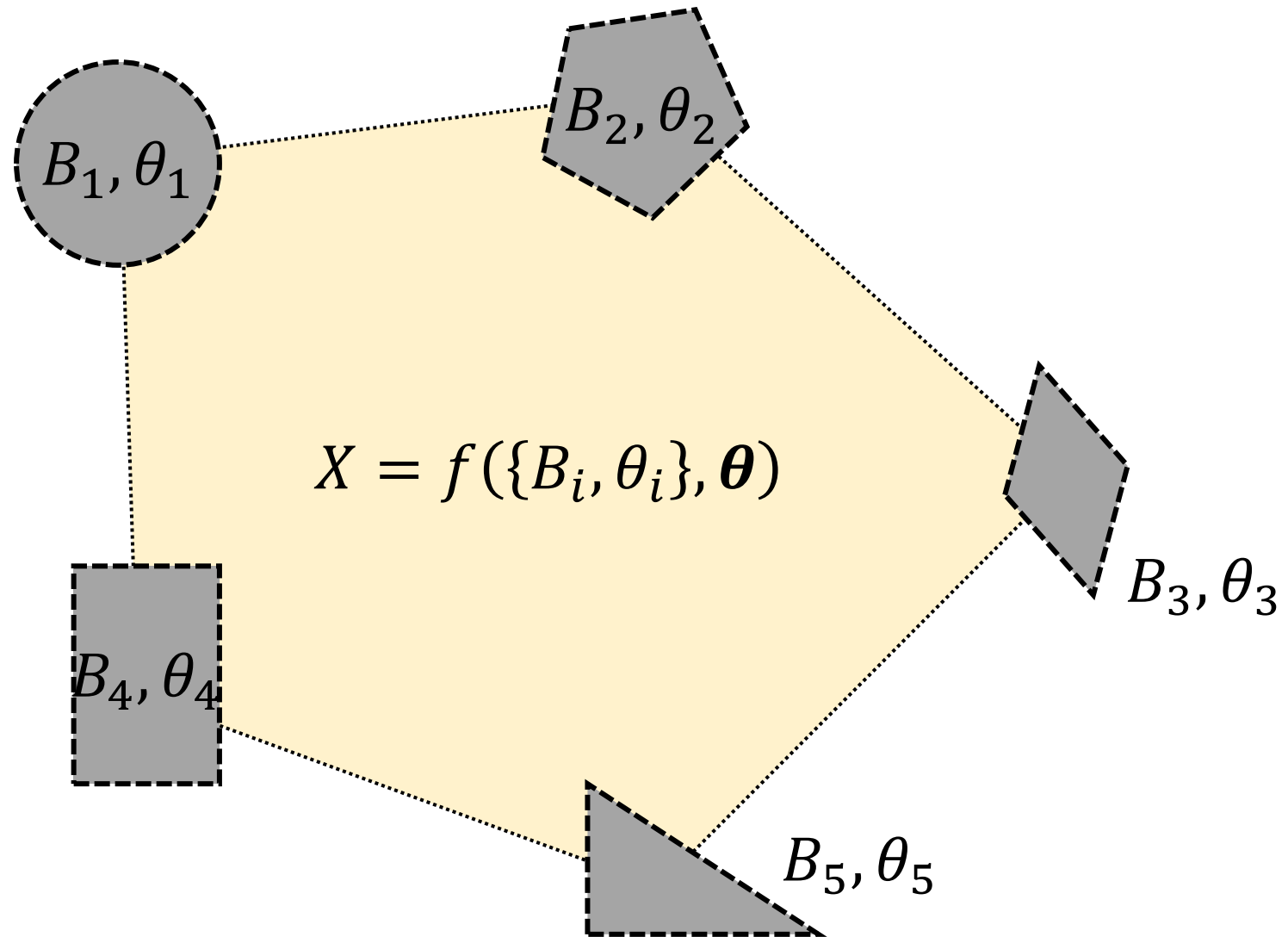
# Example-based Shape Deformation



# Blendshapes / Blend Space

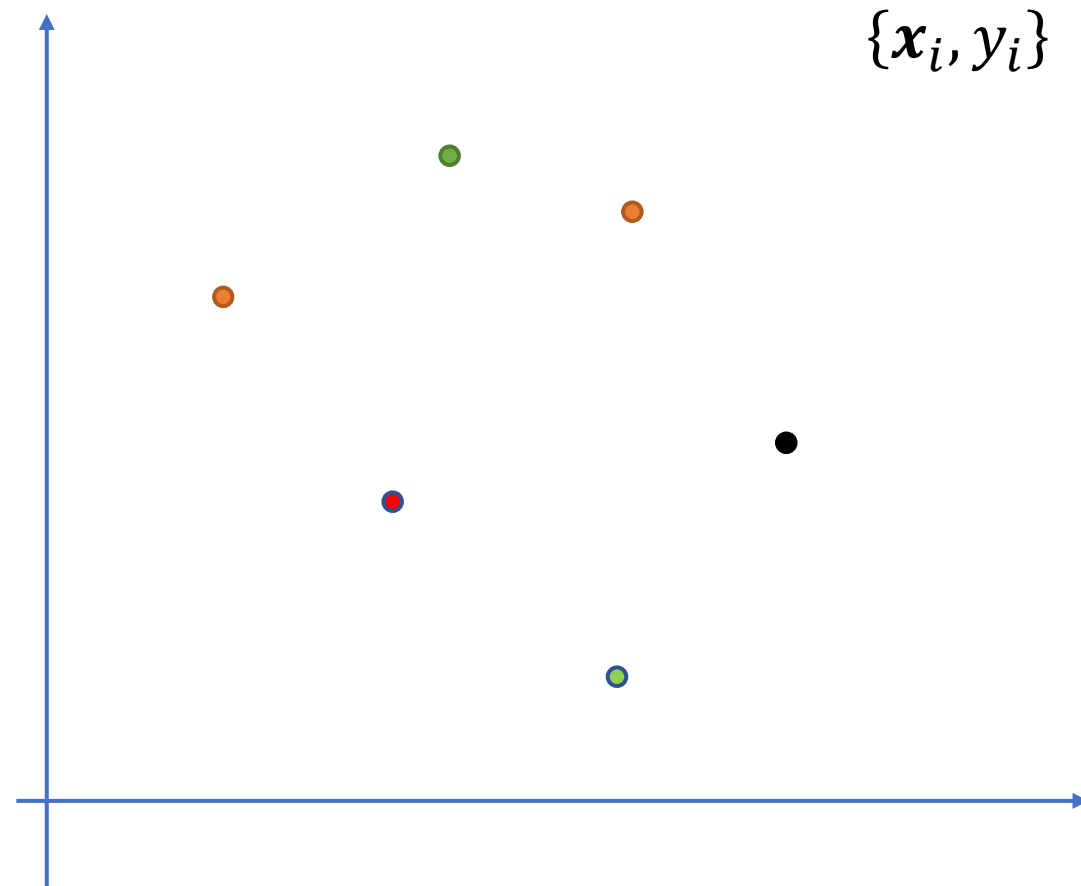


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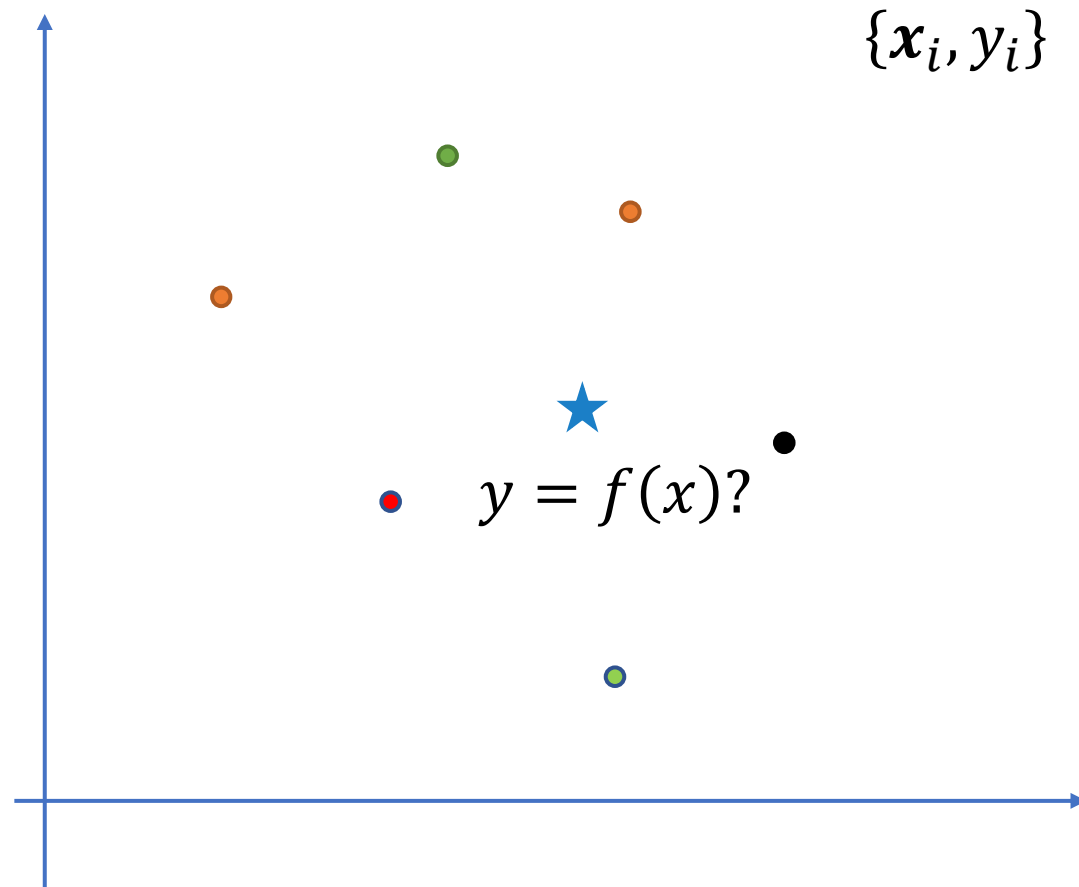




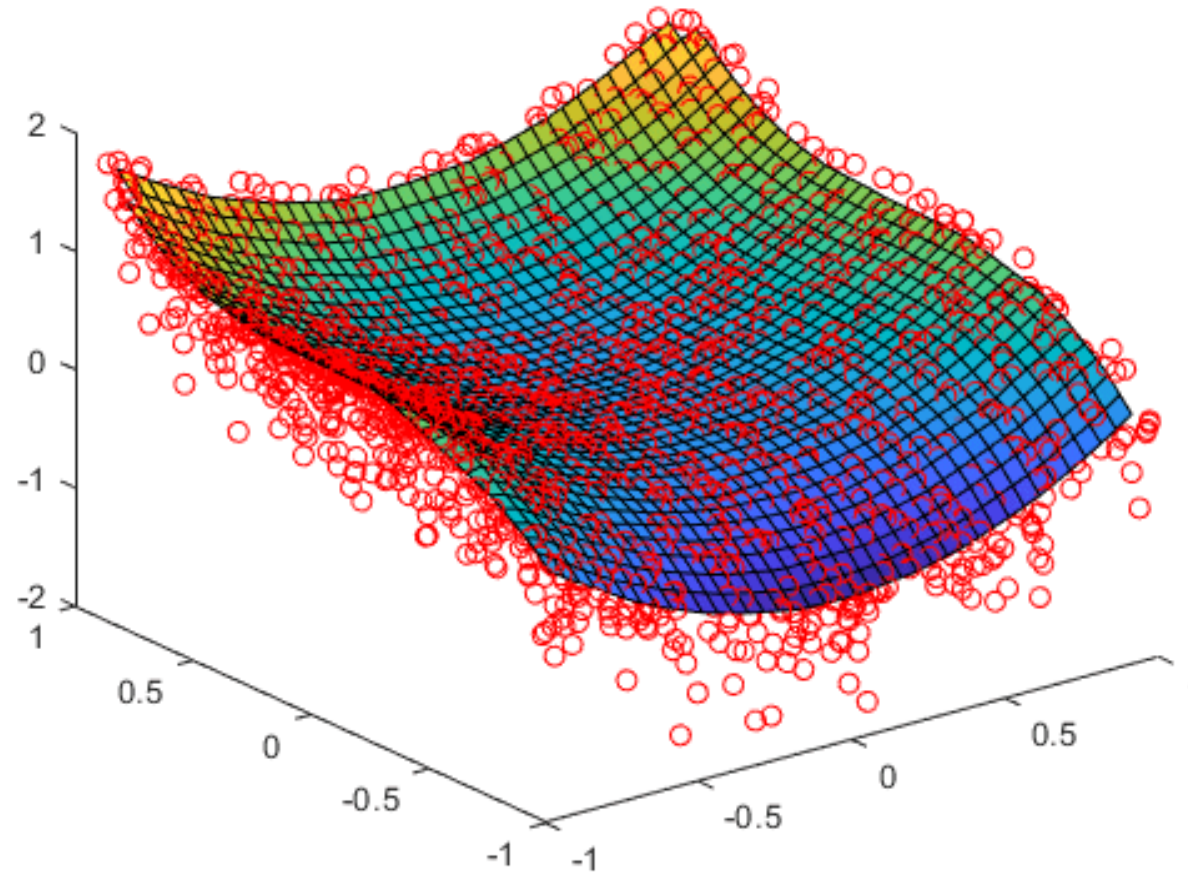
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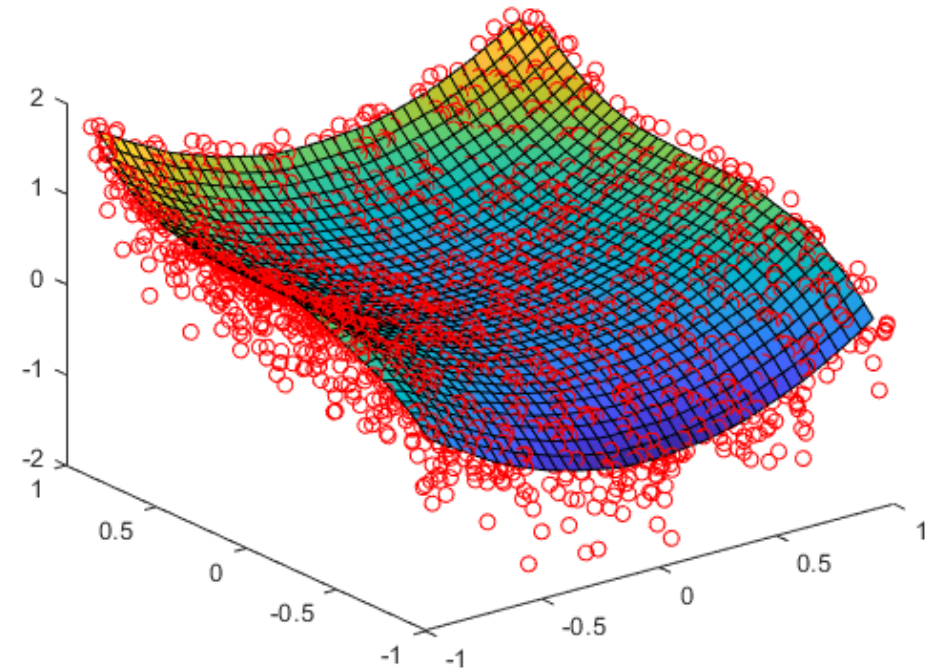
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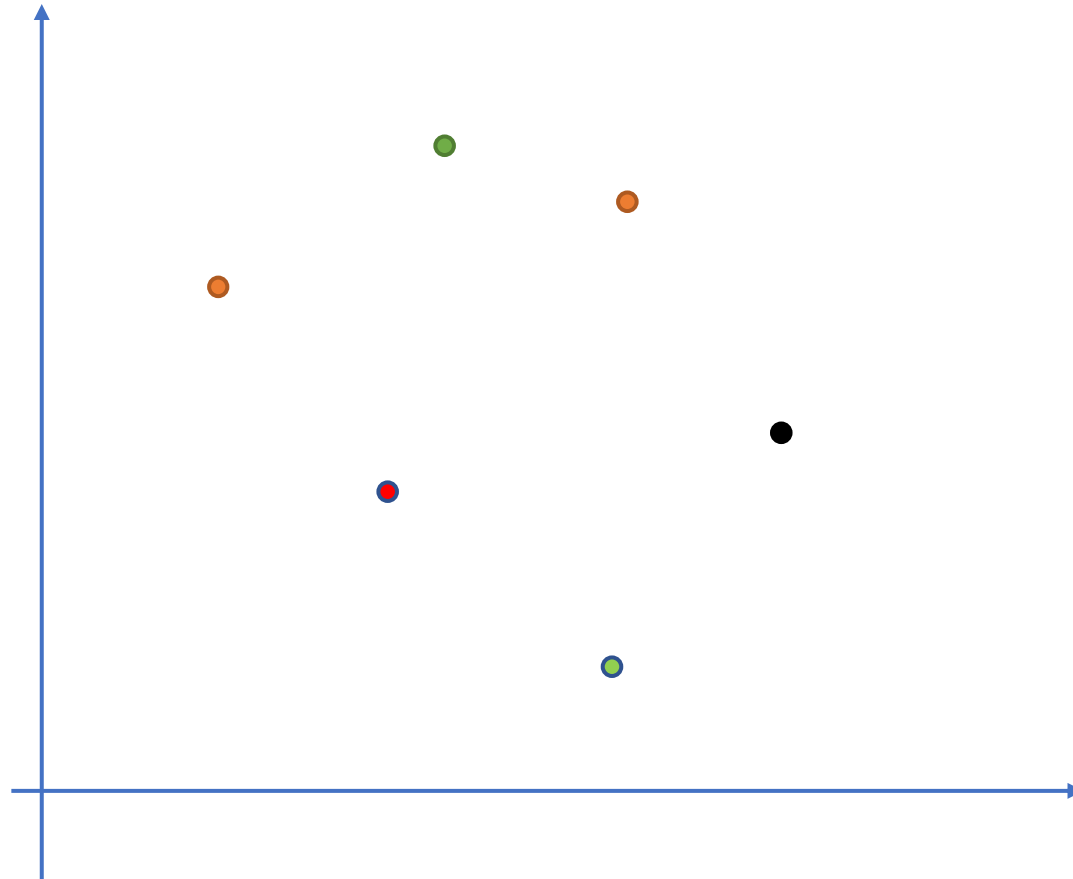
# Scattered Data Interpolation

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

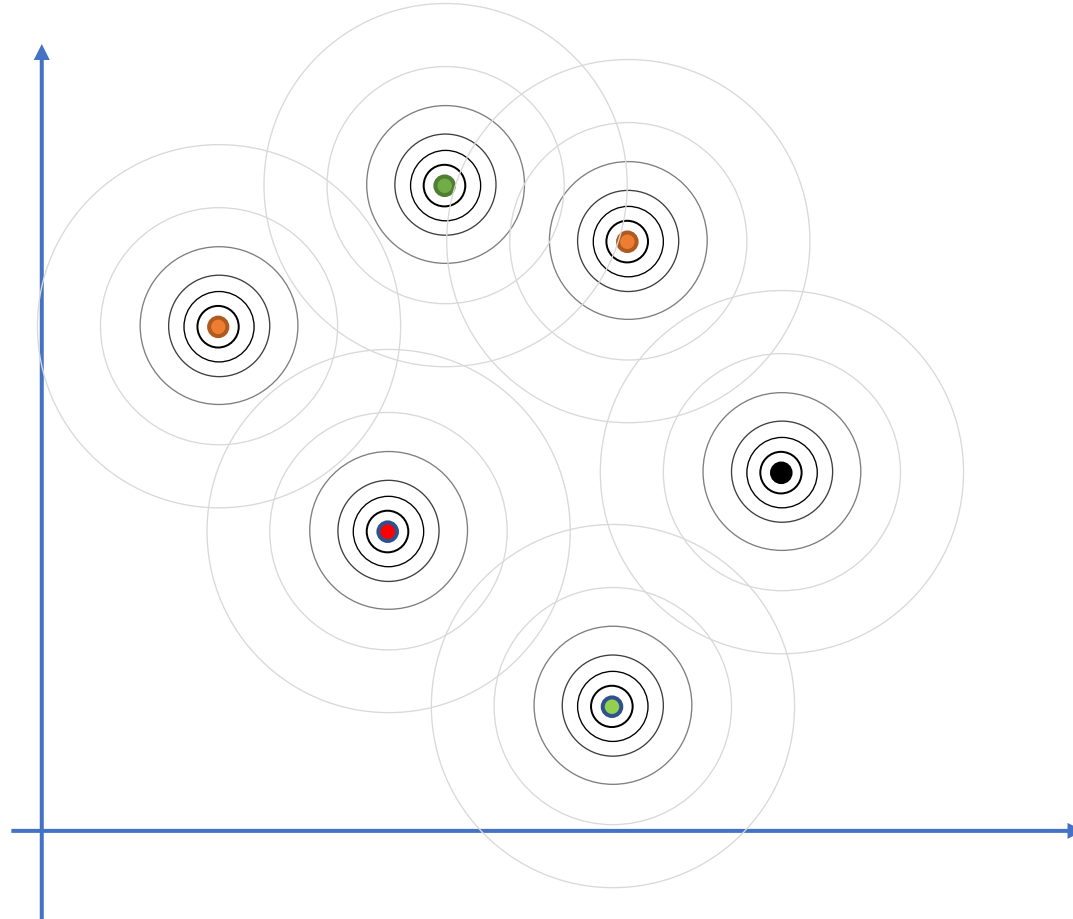


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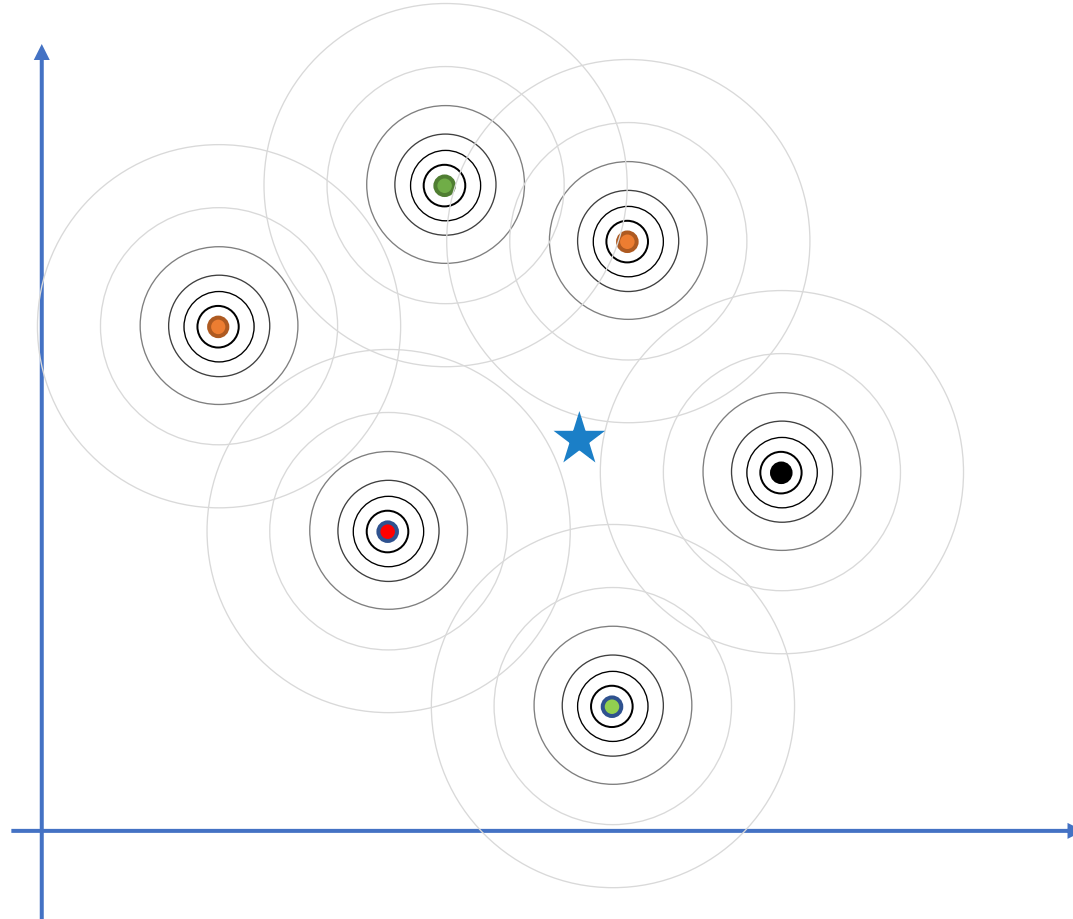
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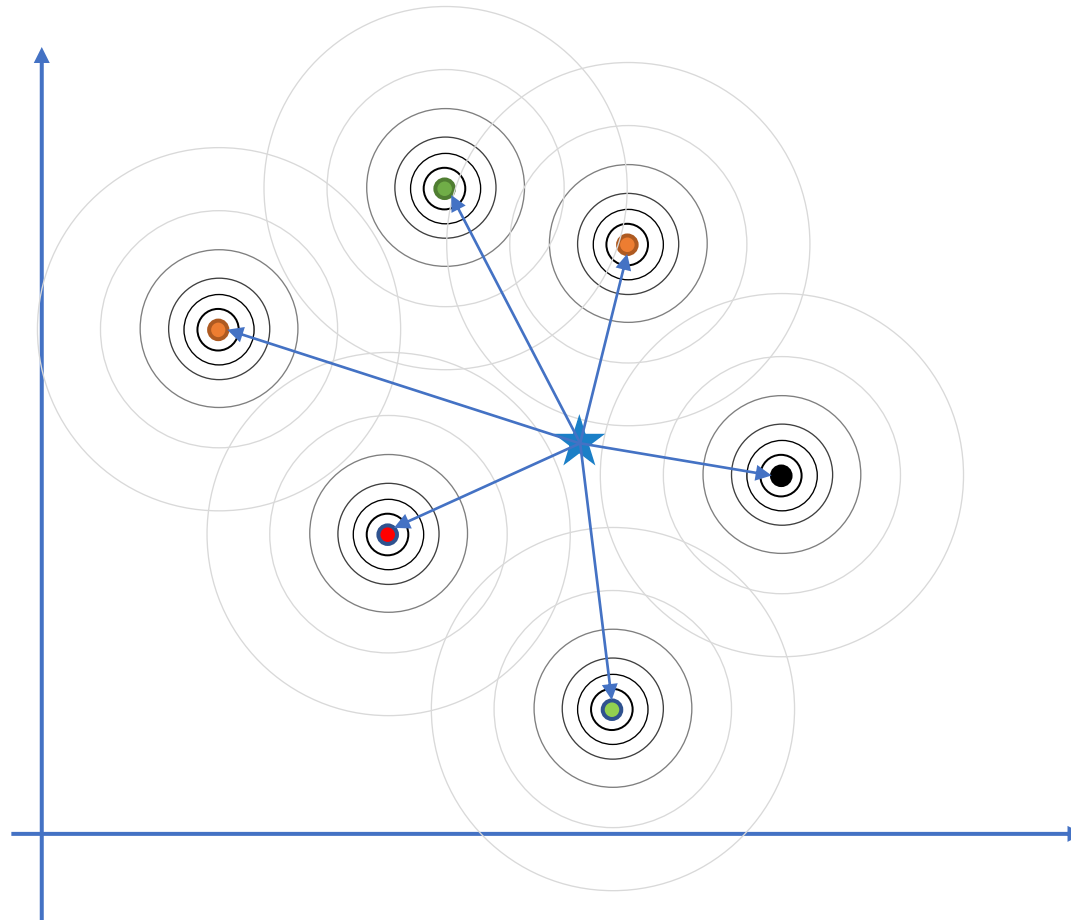
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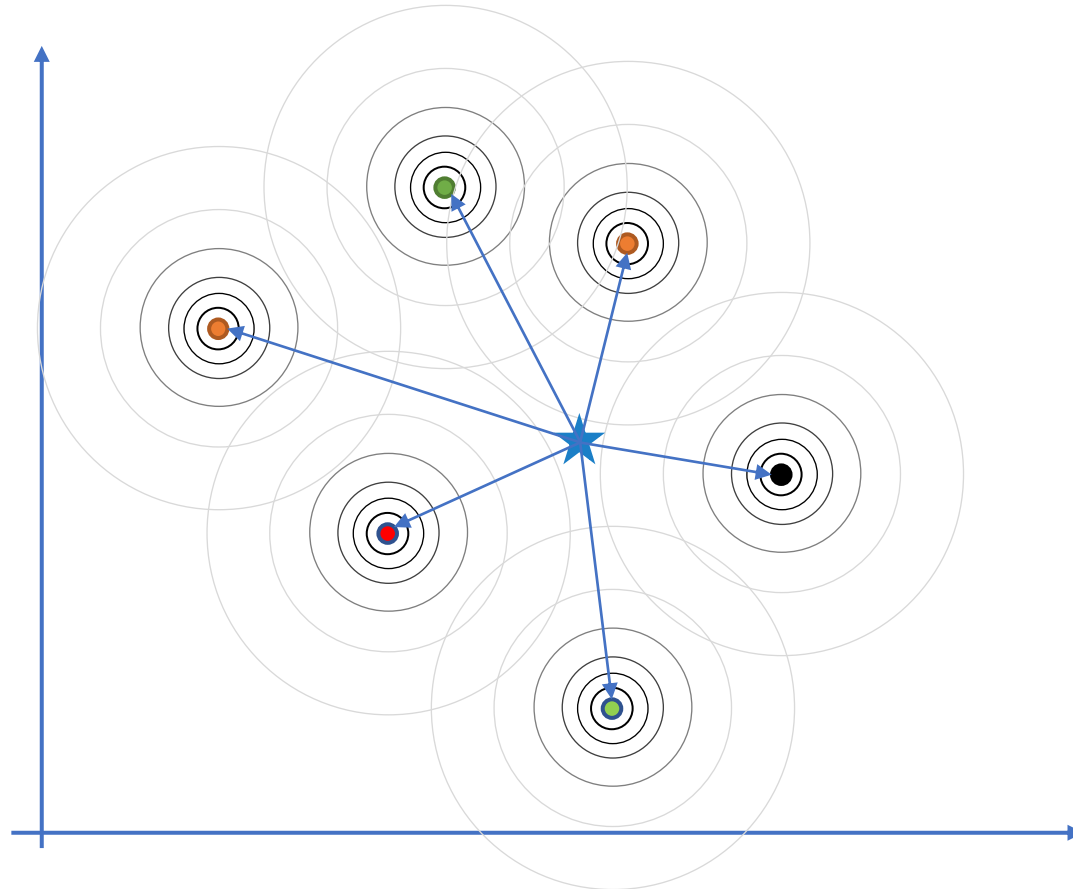
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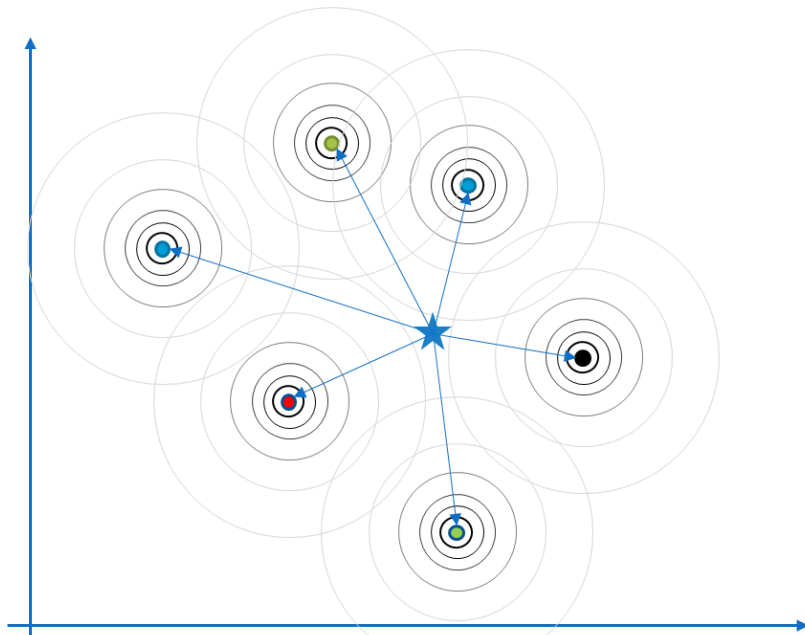
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How to compute  $w_i$ ? We need  $f(\mathbf{x}_i) = y_i$



$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{1,1} & R_{1,2} & \cdots & R_{1,K} \\ R_{2,1} & R_{2,2} & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ R_{K,1} & \cdots & \cdots & R_{K,K} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_K \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_K \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_{i,j} = \varphi(\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|)$$

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$$y = \sum_{i=1}^K w_i \varphi(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i\|)$$

- 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

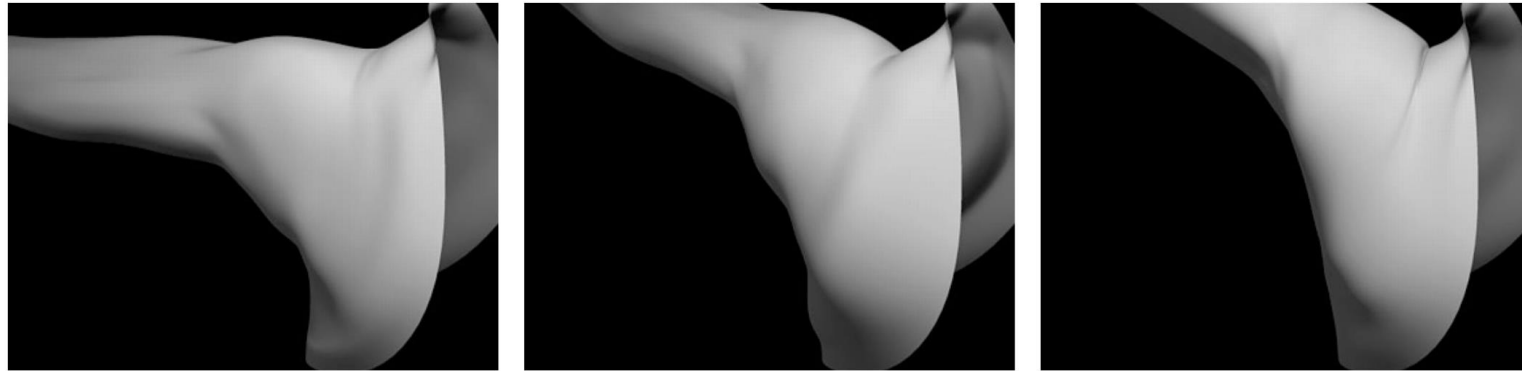
$$\mathbf{x}' = \sum_{j=1}^m \omega_j T_j(\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\delta}(\mathbf{x}, \theta))$$

- $\mathbf{x}' = SKIN(PSD(\mathbf{x}))$
- $PSD$  is implemented as RBF interpolation
- Example shapes can be created manually
  - Or by 3D scanning real people → the SMPL model

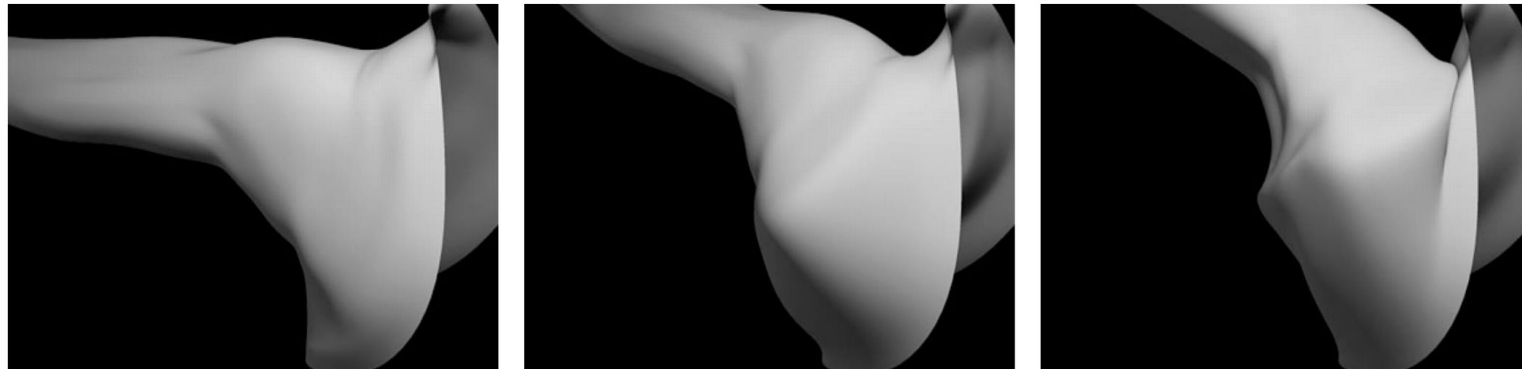
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# Issues

- 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

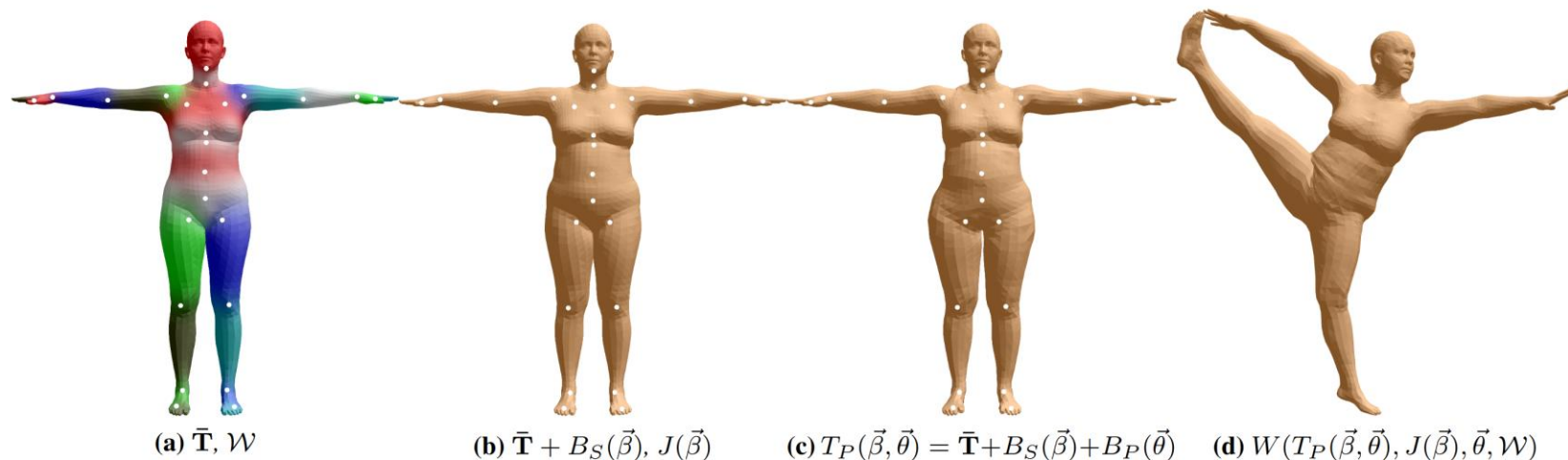
## \*SSD: LBS, DQS, etc.

- **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

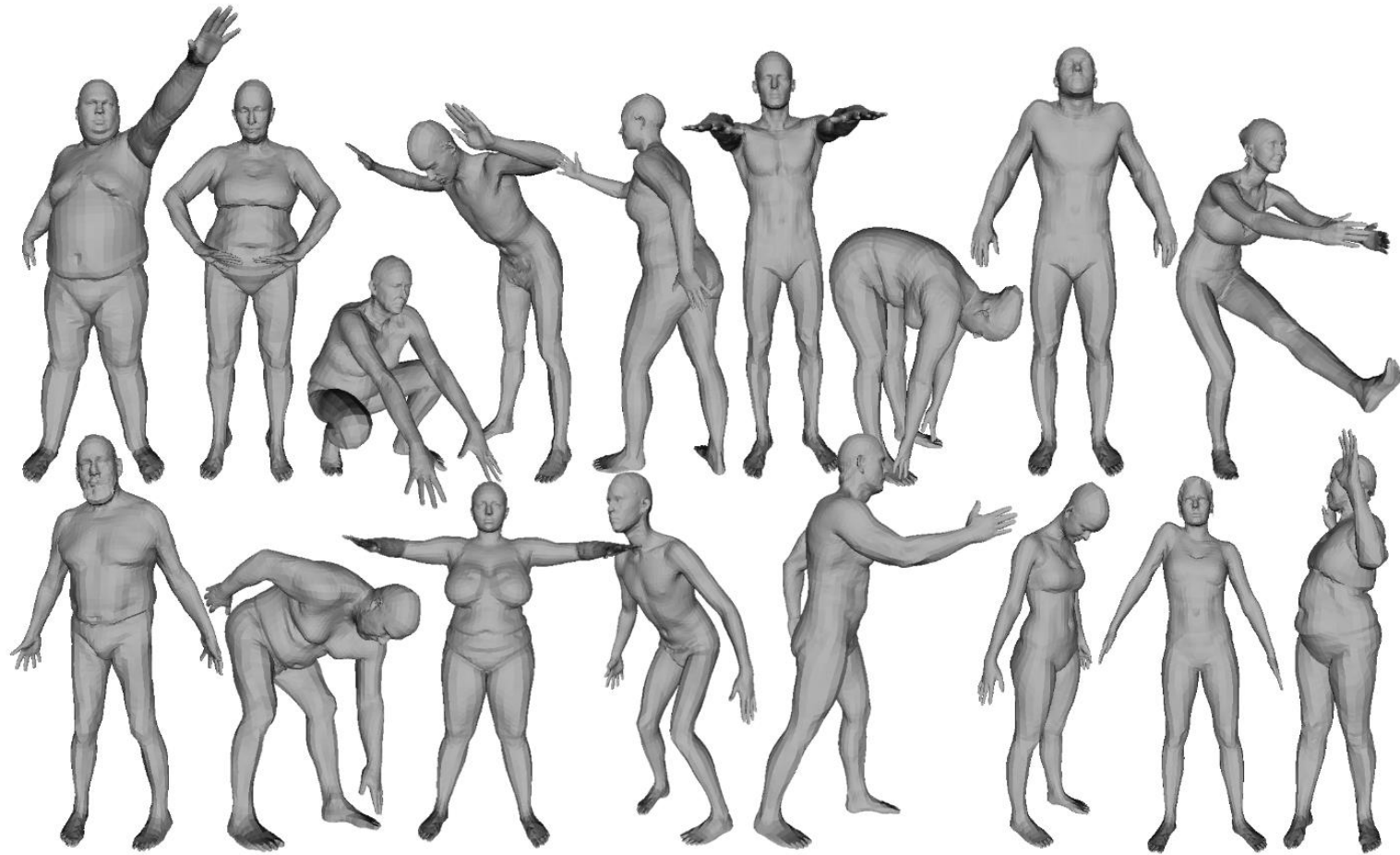
- A widely adopted human model in ML/CV
- Learned on real scan data
- Combines SSD and EBS techniques



**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]

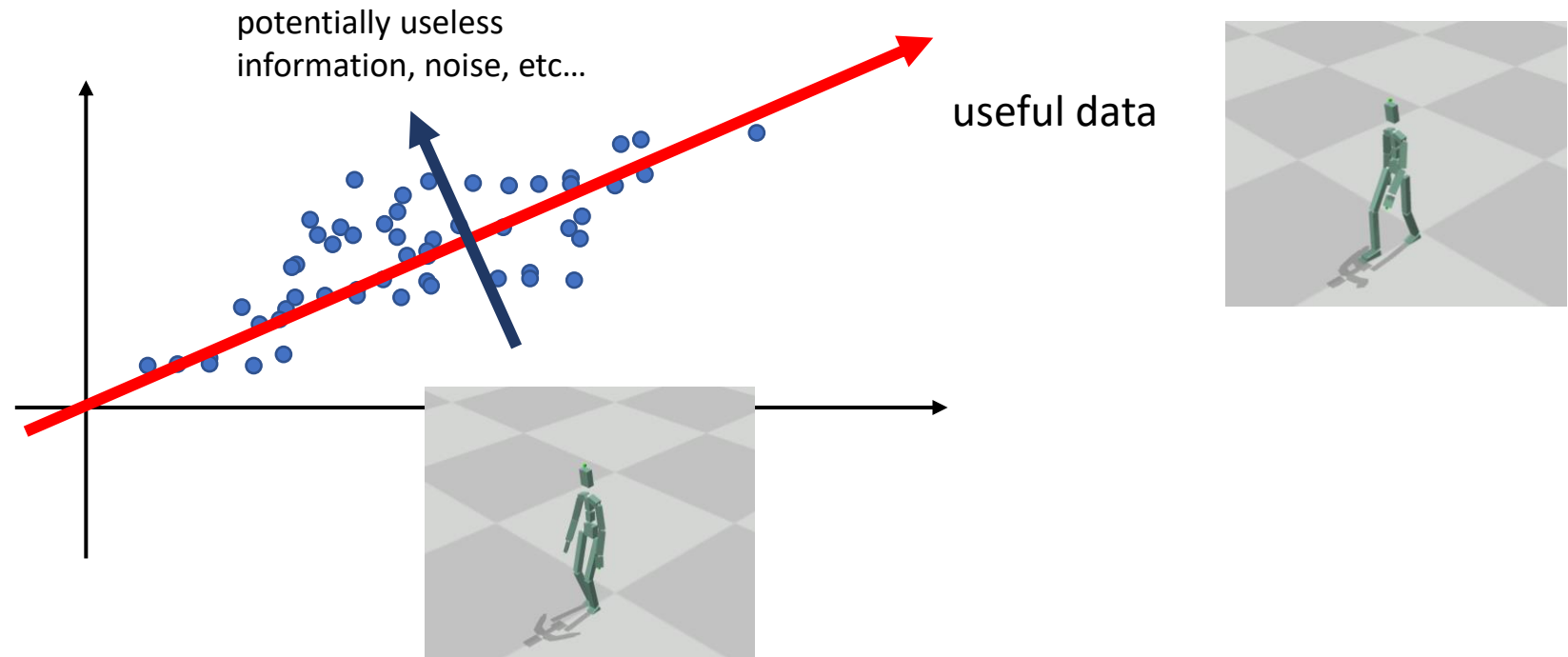
# How to deal with massive examples?



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# 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  $\mathbf{u}_k$

# Recall: Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- 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**

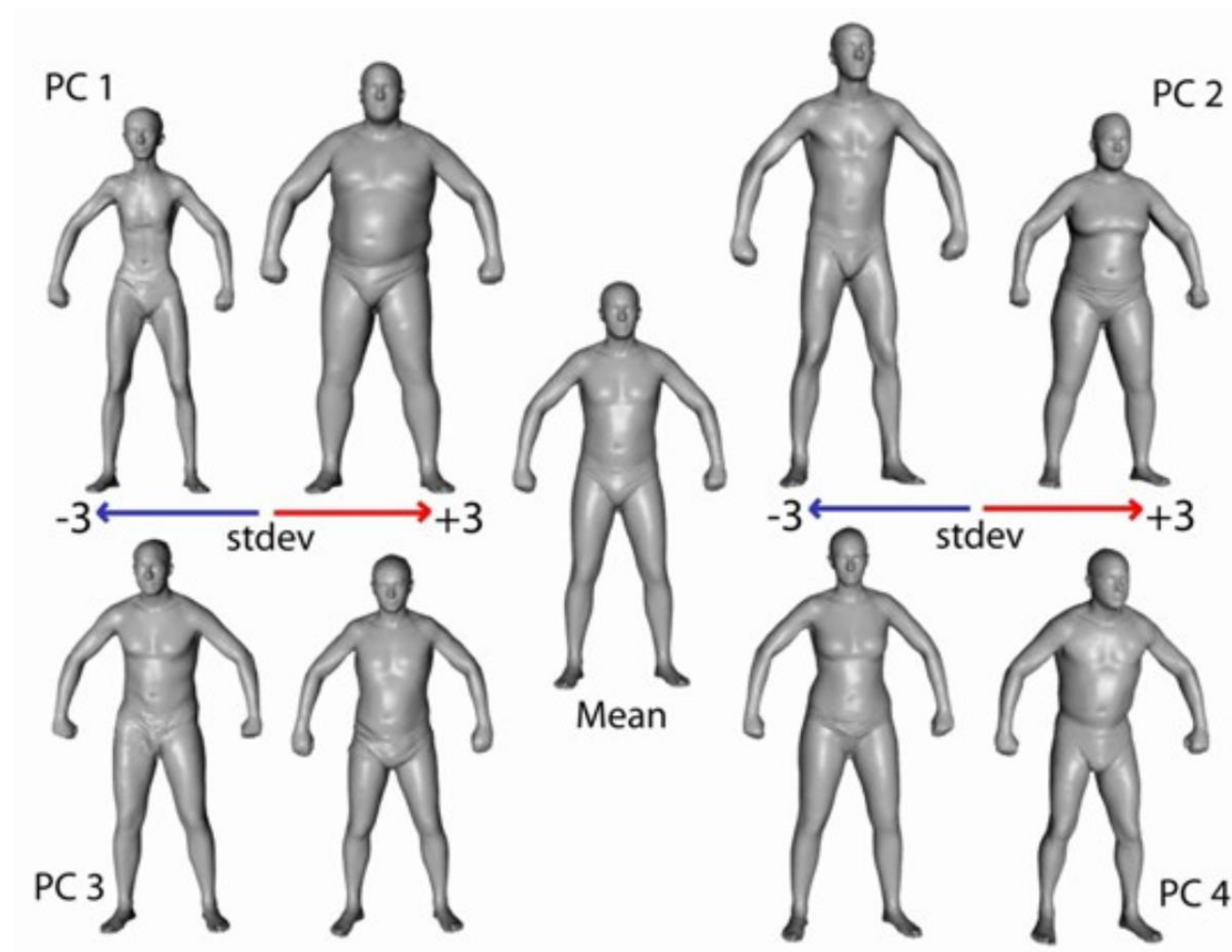
$$\Sigma = X^T X = U \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & & \\ & \sigma_2^2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \sigma_N^2 \end{bmatrix} U^T$$

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



$X$

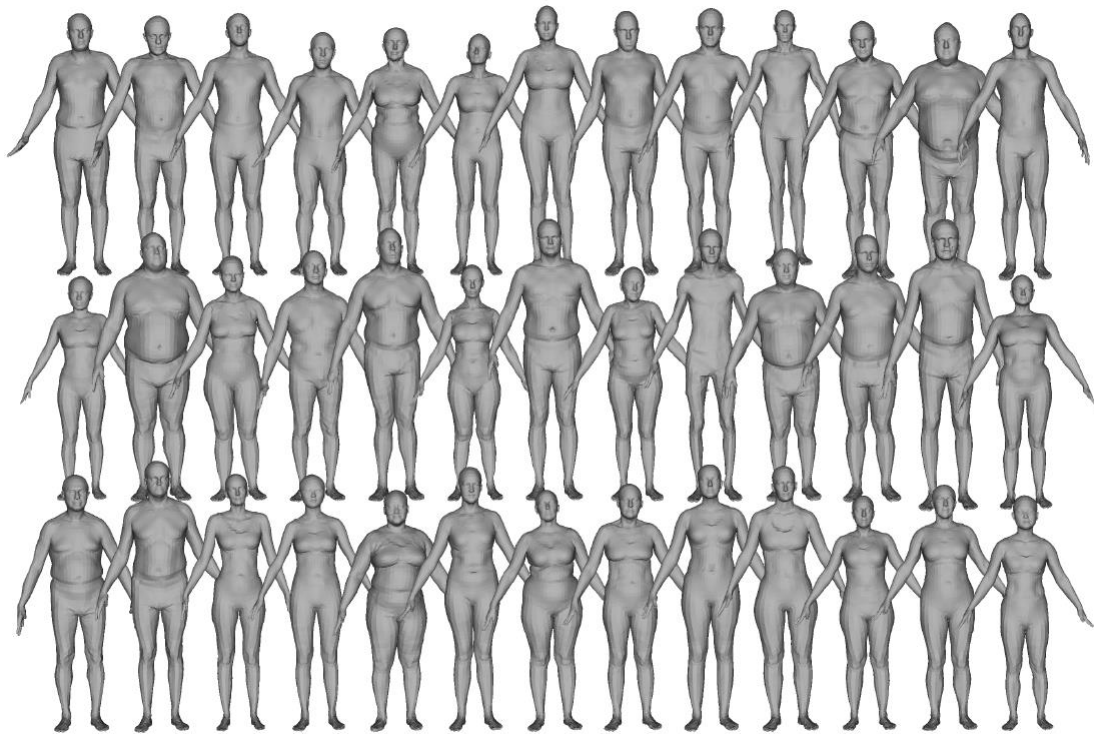
# PCA over Body Shapes



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

$$T(\beta) = \bar{T} + \sum_{m=1}^{|\beta|} \beta_m S_m$$



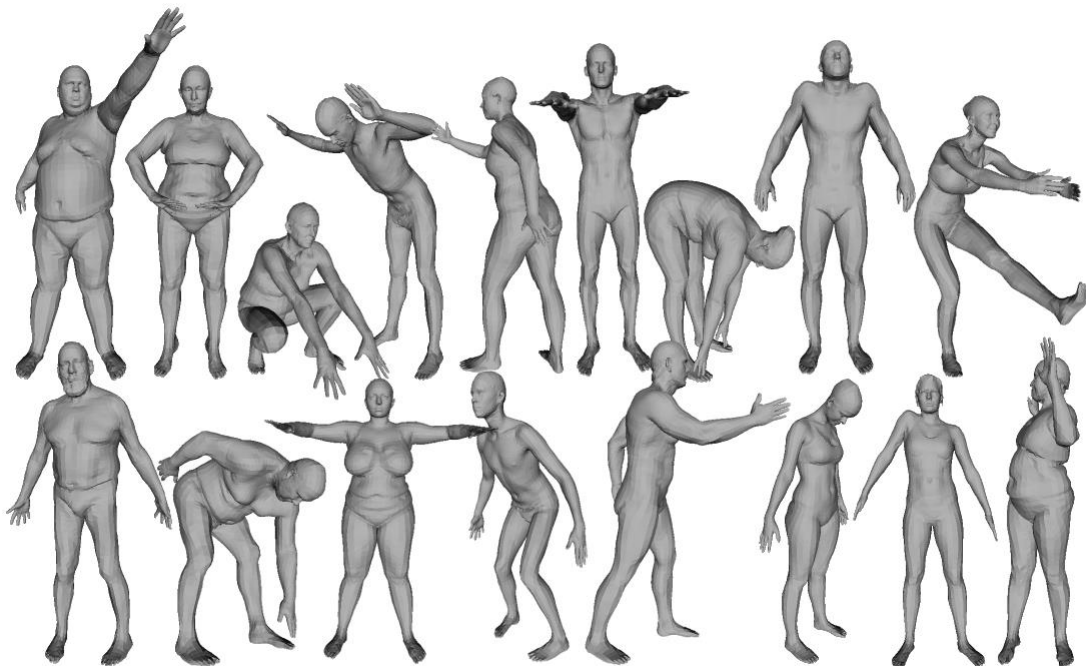
PCA

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# SMPL Model: Pose Blend Shapes

$$T(\beta, \theta) = \bar{T} + \sum_{m=1}^{|\beta|} \beta_m S_m + \sum_{n=1}^{|\theta|} \theta_n p_n$$



Optimize

[SMPL: A Skinned Multi-Person Linear Model]



# SMPL Model: Deformation

$$T(\beta, \theta) = \bar{T} + \sum_{m=1}^{|\beta|} \beta_m S_m + \sum_{n=1}^{|\theta|} \theta_n p_n$$



$$x = \text{SKIN}(T(\beta, \theta), \theta, \mathcal{W})$$

*SKIN*: LBS, DQS, etc...

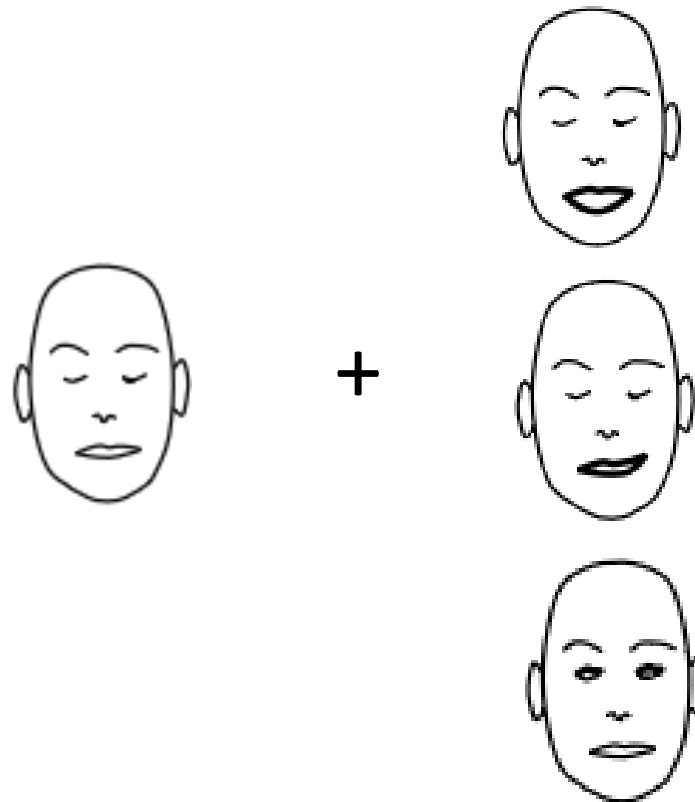
# Example: Facial Animation



[UnrealEngine]

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Facial Animation = Identity + Expression

The “Average Face”

Facial Expression

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Face Customization

# Facial Blendshapes

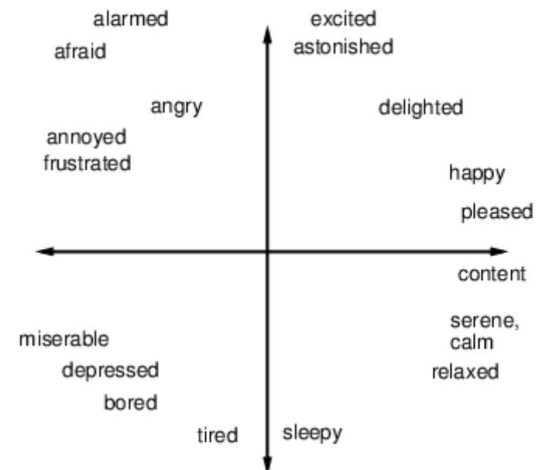
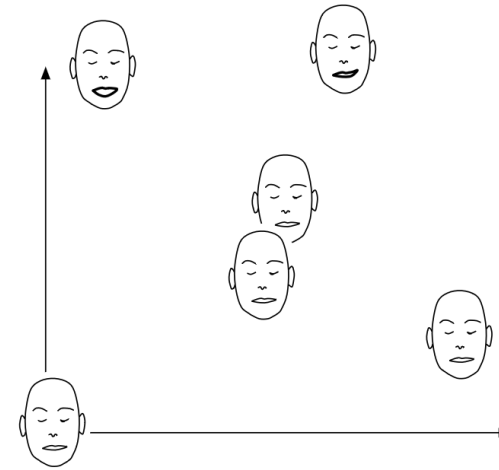
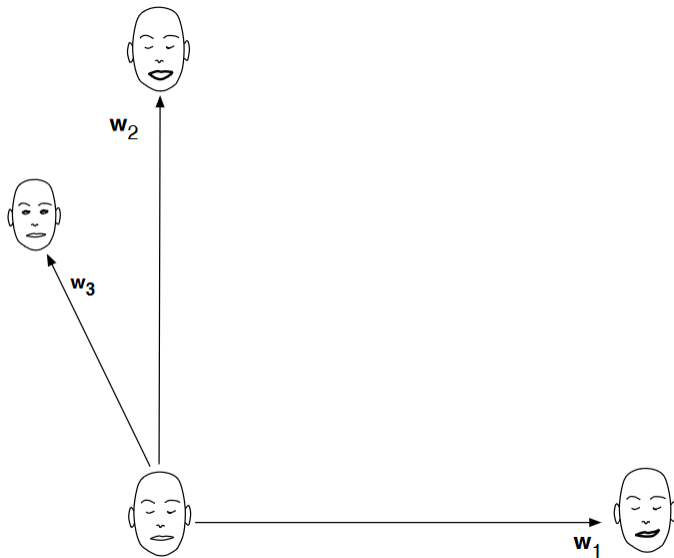


<http://www.santhoshkoneru.com/facial-blendshapes>

# A Typical Set of Blendshapes (ARKit)

- eyeBlinkLeft
- eyeLookDownLeft
- eyeLookInLeft
- eyeLookOutLeft
- eyeLookUpLeft
- eyeSquintLeft
- eyeWideLeft
- eyeBlinkRight
- eyeLookDownRight
- eyeLookInRight
- eyeLookOutRight
- eyeLookUpRight
- eyeSquintRight
- eyeWideRight
- jawForward
- jawLeft
- jawRight
- jawOpen
- mouthClose
- mouthFunnel
- mouthPucker
- mouthRight
- mouthLeft
- mouthSmileLeft
- mouthSmileRight
- mouthFrownRight
- mouthFrownLeft
- mouthDimpleLeft
- mouthDimpleRight
- mouthStretchLeft
- mouthStretchRight
- mouthRollLower
- mouthRollUpper
- mouthShrugLower
- mouthShrugUpper
- mouthPressLeft
- mouthPressRight
- mouthLowerDownLeft
- mouthLowerDownRight
- mouthUpperUpLeft
- mouthUpperUpRight
- browDownLeft
- browDownRight
- browInnerUp
- browOuterUpLeft
- browOuterUpRight
- cheekPuff
- cheekSquintLeft
- cheekSquintRight
- noseSneerLeft
- noseSneerRight
- tongueOut
- gemfield

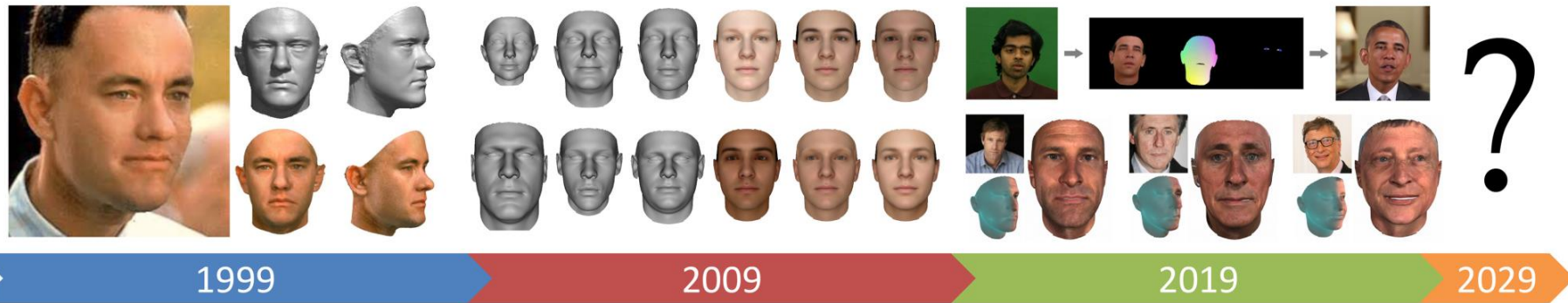
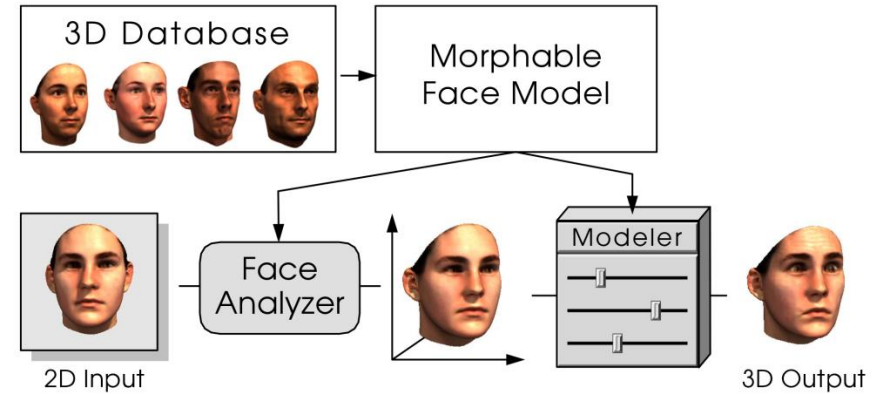
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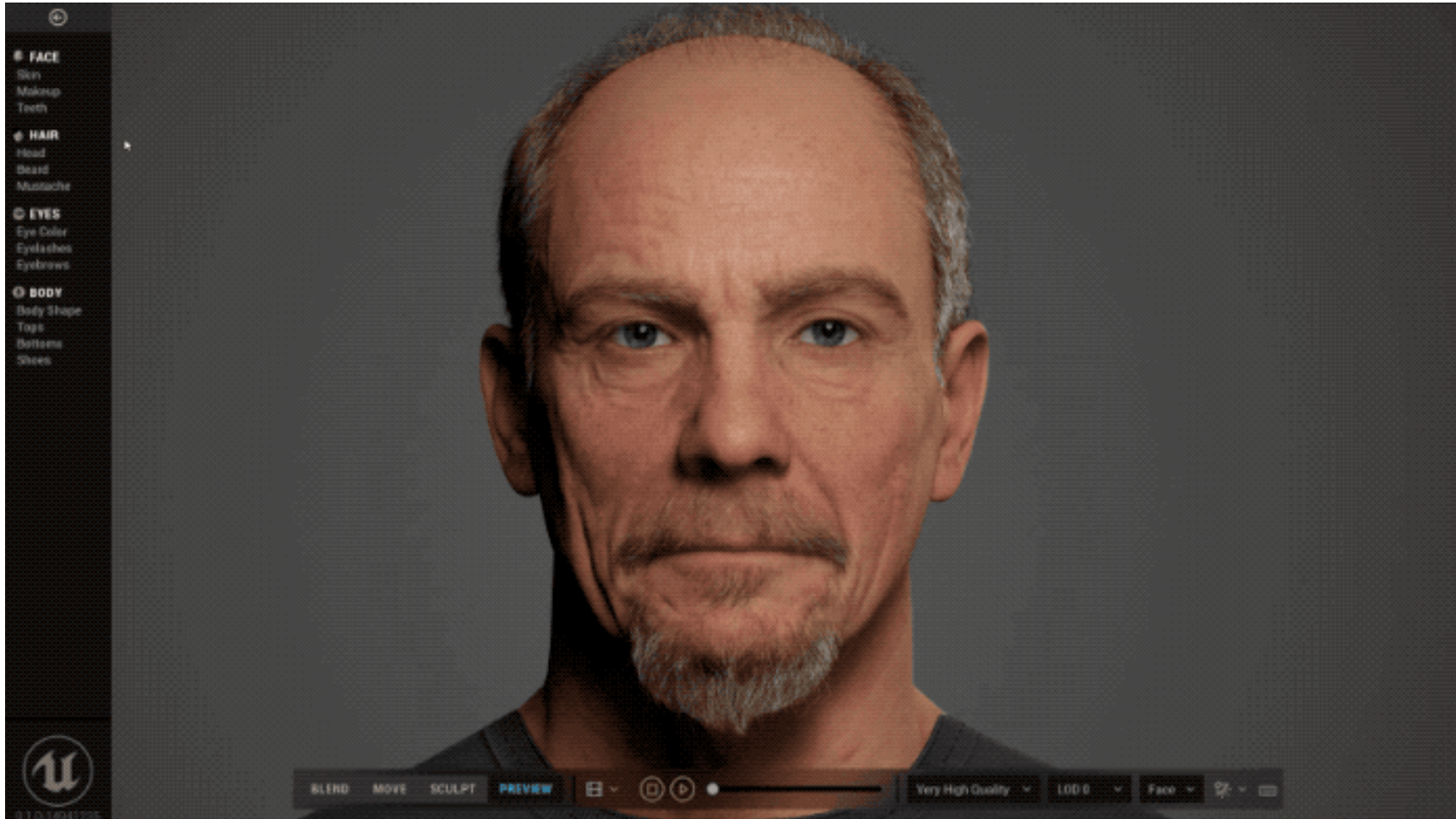
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$$X = X_0 + \sum_i \beta_i B_i^{ID} + \sum_j \theta_j B_j^{Exp}$$



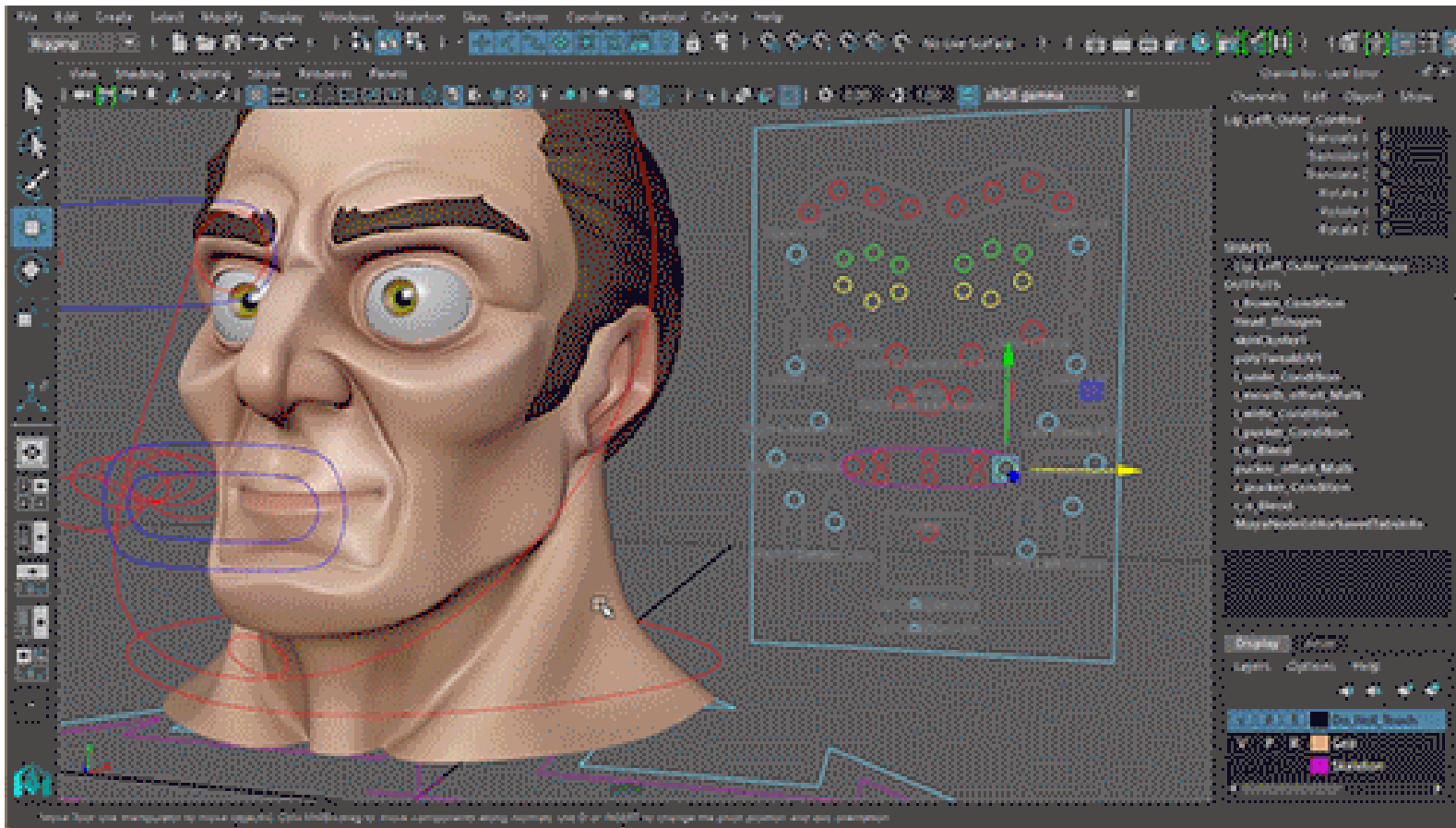
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# Morphable Face Models



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# How to Animate a Face?



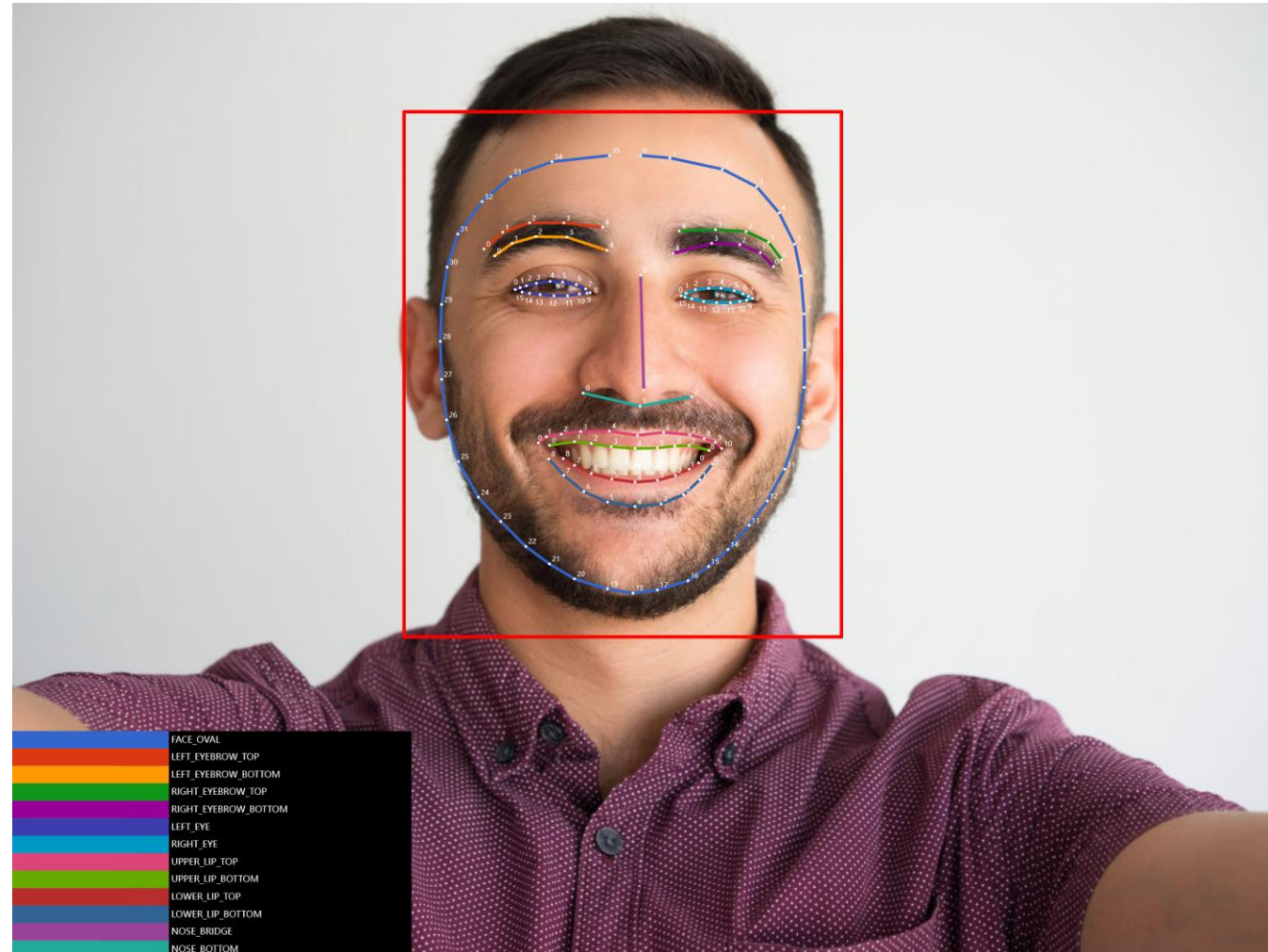
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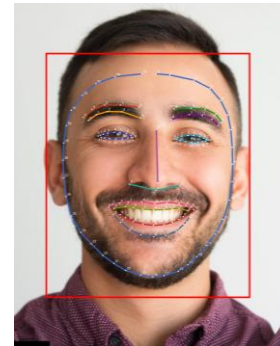
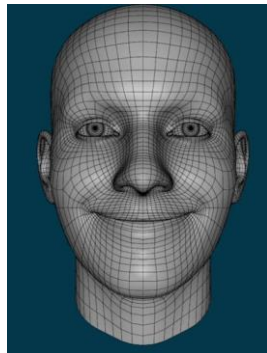
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$$\min_{\beta_i, \theta_j} \left\| X_0 + \sum_i \beta_i B_i^{\text{ID}} + \sum_j \theta_j B_j^{\text{Exp}} - Y \right\| + E(\beta_i, \theta_j)$$

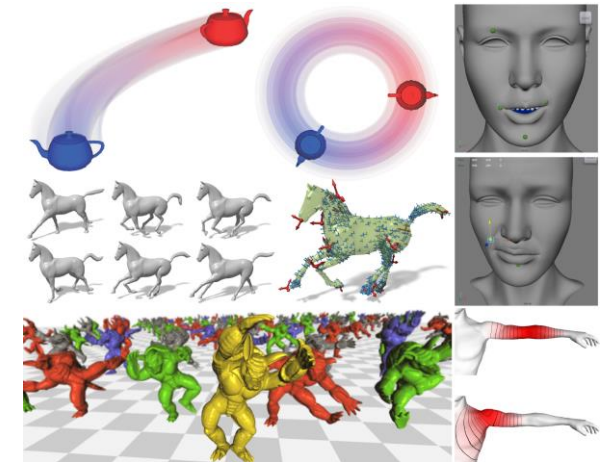


# Speech-driven



# Outline

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



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# Questions?

