

Transforms (cont.)

4x4 matrix transforms are called homogeneous transformations because they operate on homogeneous coordinates

Notes: homogeneous transforms can be represented as 2x2 block matrices

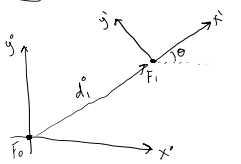
$$\begin{bmatrix} R & d \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

homogeneous coordinates can be represented as 2x1 block matrices

points  $\begin{bmatrix} p \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and vector  $\begin{bmatrix} v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

We can combine these block representations the same as regular matrix + vector arithmetic

EX) Consider our frame of reference from last class



The transformation  $T_i^0$  which converts coordinates from frame 1 ( $F_1$ ) to frame 0 ( $F_0$ ) is

$$T_i^0 = \begin{bmatrix} R_i^0 & d_i^0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose  $R_i^0 = R_z(45)$  and  $d_i^0 = (5, 2, 0)^T$ . What is the location of the origin of  $F_1$  w.r.t.  $F_0$ ?

Aside:  $F_1$  is an example of a local coordinate system

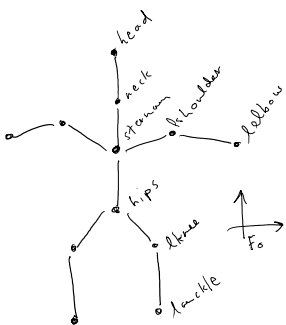
Let  $p^1 = (0, 0, 0)^T$ , then  $p^0 = T_i^0 p^1$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} R_i^0 & d_i^0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p^1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_i^0 p^1 + d_i^0 \\ 0 p^1 + 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_i^0 p^1 + d_i^0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_z(45) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is the position of  $p^1 = (1, 0, 0)^T$  w.r.t.  $F_0$ ?

$$p^0 = T_i^0 p^1 = \begin{bmatrix} R_i^0 p^1 + d_i^0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_z(45) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + 5 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Articulated Characters



- Represented as a hierarchy of joints (aka bones)
- hierarchy is called a skeleton
- root of the hierarchy is near the hips
- the root transform is usu. w.r.t. to the world transform
- each joint stores a transform w.r.t to its parent
- joints with no children are called end effectors

Degrees of freedom (DOF): the "# ways" an object can move

EX) the "hips" have 6 DOF: translation in XYZ rotation around XYZ axes

**EX** the "knee" might have 3 DOF: rotation around XYZ

Joints: Several types of joints

- ① Ball joint (ex. shoulder) ← all joints in our class are these (3 DOF, rotation around XYZ)
- ② Hinge joint (ex. elbow) ← 1 DOF joint (rotational)
- ③ Prismatic joint (ex. selfie stick) ← 1 DOF (translational)

Implementation details (base code):

Skeleton maintains tree of joints

Each joint stores

- 2 transforms:
- ① local  $\rightarrow$  parent ( $F_i^j$ ): converts from the joint's frame to its parent frame
  - ② local  $\rightarrow$  global ( $F_i^0$ ): converts from the joint's frame to the global frame

name (ex. "hips")

id (0, 1, 2, ..., numJoints-1)

ptr to parent

list of children ptrs.

Kinematics: refers to the motion of objects over time

Forward Kinematics: Process of computing global positions of each joint given the current state of the skeleton.

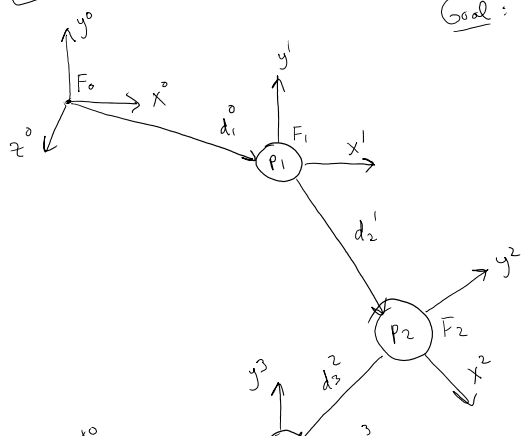
The current state of a skeleton is called a "pose".

Idea: A pose contains a value for every DOF in the character.

**EX** The above skeleton has  $6 + 11 * 3$  DOFs (root + other joints)  
Therefore, our pose have 39 values in it

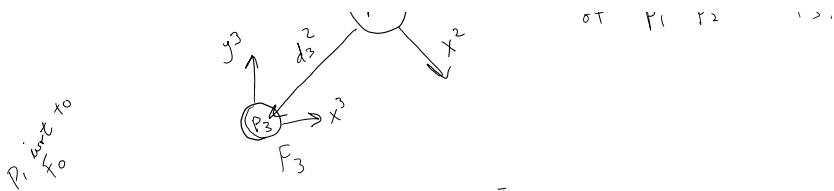
$$\vec{H} = \left[ \underbrace{\text{root}_x, \text{root}_y, \text{root}_z}_{\text{root translation}}, \underbrace{\text{root}_{\theta_x}, \text{root}_{\theta_y}, \text{root}_{\theta_z}}_{\text{root rot}}, \underbrace{\text{knee}_{\theta_x}, \text{knee}_{\theta_y}, \dots}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{all values} \\ \text{in local} \\ \text{coordinates}}} \right]$$

**EX** Kinematic Chain



Goal: Compute the global positions of  $P_1, P_2, P_3$  given the local transforms at  $P_1, P_2, P_3$ , e.g.  $T_1^0, T_2^1, T_3^2$

Approach: Compute  $T_1^0, T_2^0$ , and  $T_3^0$  to get the global positions of  $P_1, P_2$  &  $P_3$ .



$$P_1^0 = T_1^0 P_1^1, \text{ where } P_1^1 = (0, 0, 0, 1)^T$$

$$P_2^0 = T_2^0 P_2^1 = T_1^0 T_2^1 P_2^2 \leftarrow P_2^1 = (0, 0, 0, 1)^T$$

$$P_3^0 = T_3^0 P_3^1 = T_1^0 T_2^1 T_3^2 P_3^3$$

EX Suppose

$$d_1 = (1, -1, 1)^T \quad R_1^0 = R_z(-45)$$

$$d_2 = (2, 0, 0)^T \quad R_2^1 = R_z(-30)$$

$$d_3 = (2, -1, 0)^T \quad R_3^2 = I$$

$$P_3^0 = T_3^0 P_3^3 = T_1^0 T_2^1 T_3^2 P_3^3$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R_1^0 & d_1^0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R_2^1 & d_2^1 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R_3^2 & d_3^2 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \phi \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R_1^0 R_2^1 & R_1^0 d_2^1 + d_1^0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R_3^2 & d_3^2 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \phi \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R_1^0 R_2^1 R_3^2 & R_1^0 R_2^1 d_3^2 + R_1^0 d_2^1 + d_1^0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \phi \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\phi$  is a 3x1 vector

= do later

(FK) Forward Kinematics Alg: generalizes process we just did w/ the kinematic chain to any skeleton

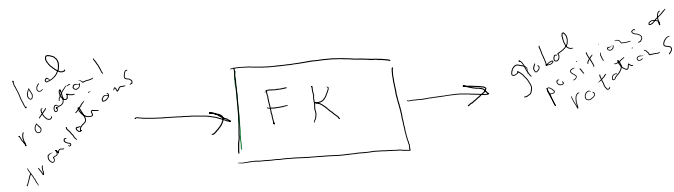
FK: Recursively compute local 2 global  $F_j^0$  for each joint  $j$   
 Idea: Do a tree traversal on each joint. Start at root

Joint :: fk()

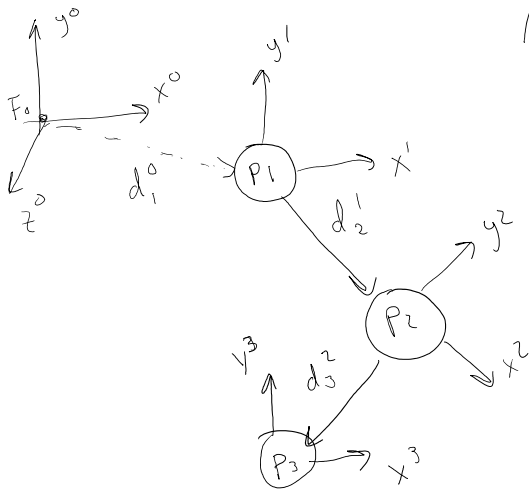
if (mParent != NULL)  $F_i^0$   
 local2global = (mParent  $\rightarrow$  local2global) \*  $F_j^i$  local2parent

else  
 local2global = local2parent; //root

for each child  
child  $\rightarrow f_k()$



## Kinematic Chain Revisited



Assume we are given local displacements  
& rotations at each joint, e.g.

$d_1^0, d_2^1, d_3^2$  ← displacement / offset / translation

$R_1^0, R_2^1, R_3^2$  ← orientations (usu. euler angles, or quats, but  $3 \times 3$  matrices here)

Q: What is the local  $\rightarrow$  global transform,  $T_1^0$ , for joint 1?

$$T_1^0 = \begin{bmatrix} R_1^0 & | & d_1^0 \\ \hline 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q: What is the local  $\rightarrow$  global transform of joint 3?

$$T_3^0 = T_1^0 T_2^1 T_3^2 = \begin{bmatrix} R_1^0 & | & d_1^0 \\ \hline 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_2^1 & | & d_2^1 \\ \hline 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_3^2 & | & d_3^2 \\ \hline 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q: What is the coordinate of  $P_3^3$  in joint 2's frame?

$$P_3^2 = T_3^2 P_3^3$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} R_3^2 & | & d_3^2 \\ \hline 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_3^2 \cdot 0 + d_3^2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_3^2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q: What is the coordinate  $P_2^2$  in joint 3's frame?

$$P_2^3 = T_2^3 P_2^2 = (T_3^2)^{-1} P_2^2$$

$$P_2^3 = \underbrace{T_2^3}_{\substack{\text{don't} \\ \text{have this} \\ \text{but} \\ T_2 \\ T_3}} P_2^2 = (T_3^2)^{-1} P_2^2$$

$$\text{where } (T_3^2)^{-1} = \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R_3^2 & d_3^2 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \right)^{-1}$$

$$= \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} (R_3^2)^T & -(R_3^2)^T d_3^2 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \right)$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R_3^2 & d_3^2 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A & b \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R_3^2 A & R_3^2 b + d_3^2 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Let } A = (R_3^2)^T$$

$$R_3^2 b + d_3^2 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow R_3^2 b = -d_3^2$$

$$\rightarrow b = (R_3^2)^T (-d_3^2)$$

Q: What is the world origin w.r.t. joint 3's frame?

$$P_0^3 = \underbrace{T_0^3}_{\substack{\text{don't} \\ \text{have this} \\ \text{but} \\ T_0 \\ T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3}} P_0^0 = (T_0^3)^{-1} P_0^0$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} (R_1^0 R_2^1 R_3^2)^{-1} & (R_1^0 R_2^1 R_3^2)^{-1} (R_1^0 R_2^1 d_3^2 - R_1^0 d_2^1 - d_1^0) \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R_2^3 R_1^2 R_0^1 & R_2^3 d_3^2 - R_2^3 R_1^2 d_2^1 - R_2^3 R_1^2 R_0^1 d_1^0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

### Skeletons & Joints Revisited

Recall: A pose  $\vec{p}$  is a vector of values corresponding to the DOF of the skeleton.

Ex] A biped w 6 DOF at the root & 3 at all other joints

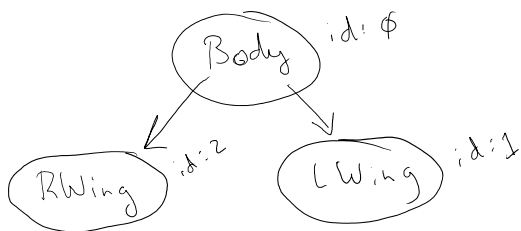
$$\vec{p} = \left( \underbrace{x_0^0 \ y_0^0 \ z_0^0}_{\text{root}}, \underbrace{\theta_{0x}^0 \ \theta_{0y}^0 \ \theta_{0z}^0}_{\text{root}}, \underbrace{\theta_{1x} \ \theta_{1y} \ \theta_{1z}}_{\text{joint 1}}, \dots, \underbrace{\theta_{Nx} \ \theta_{Ny} \ \theta_{Nz}}_{\text{joint N}} \right)$$

$$T = \left( \underbrace{x_0 \ y_0 \ z_0}_{\text{translation joint } \phi_1 \text{ wrt to world}}, \underbrace{\theta_{0x} \ \theta_{0y} \ \theta_{0z}}_{\text{rotation joint } \phi \text{ wrt world}}, \underbrace{\theta_{1x} \ \theta_{1y} \ \theta_{1z} \ \dots}_{\text{rotation joint 1}}, \dots, \underbrace{\theta_{Nx} \ \theta_{Ny} \ \theta_{Nz}}_{\text{joint N}} \right)$$

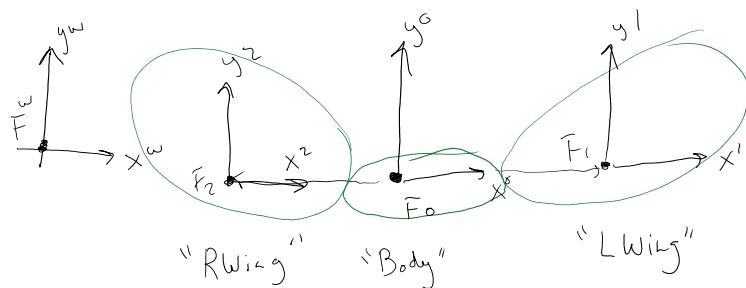
To animate an articulated character (e.g. one w/ poseable limbs), we copy the pose into the transform of each joint + call FK

### Example Butterfly

#### Skeleton Hierarchy:



Define how each body part relates to the other



Goal: Associate geometry w/ each transform.

#### Common Approach: Scene Graph

- a tree data structure that represents an entire scene,
- nodes represent scene objects (light, primitives, etc.)
- each node has a transform
- edges represent parent-child frame relationships

#### Matrix Stack:

EX

push()  
 translate(vec3(4, 4, 0)); ← translate by (4, 4, 0)  
 rotate(PI/4, vec3(0, 0, 1)); ← rotate 45° around z  
 scale(vec3(2, 0.5, 1)); ← scale x by 2 + y by 1/2  
 drawSquare(...); ← draw unit square  
 pop()

2x3 is scale

a unit square has points:  $\begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

pop()

Math Perspective:

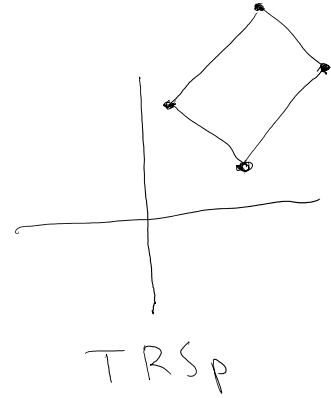
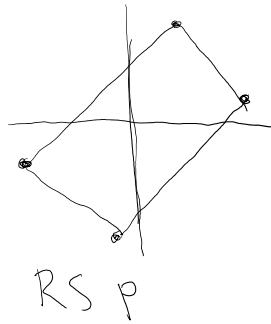
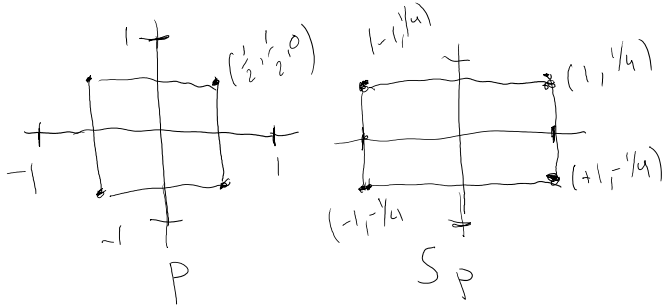
$$\begin{bmatrix} I & | & \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \hline 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_z(45) & | & 0 \\ \hline 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} P$$

3x3 is the scale

a unit points: ~

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & -1/2 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Visualization Perspective



(local)

push() ← pushes the current product of transforms to a stack

pop() ← pops the top transform from the stack

① current Transform =  $T_{body}$

EX ① transform (body)

① push()

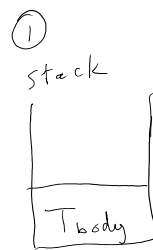
② transform (arm)  
draw Arm()

③ pop()

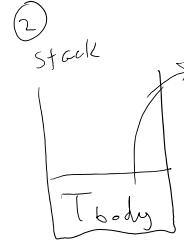
④ push()

⑤ transform (leg)  
draw Leg()

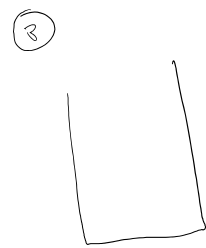
⑥ pop()



current Transform =  $T_{body}$



current Transform =  $T_{body} T_{arm}$



current Transform =  $T_{body}$

(pop() sets current Transform to top of the stack)



## Motion:

Character Motion is a series of poses over time

recall: poses denoted  $\textcircled{H}$

Keyframed Motion:  $\langle t_0, \textcircled{H}_0 \rangle, \langle t_1, \textcircled{H}_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle t_n, \textcircled{H}_n \rangle$

\* times may not be uniformly spaced

\* relies on artist typically to create each pose  $\textcircled{H}_i$

\* use splines to interpolate poses

Fixed framerate Motion:  $[\textcircled{H}_0, \textcircled{H}_1, \textcircled{H}_2, \dots, \textcircled{H}_n]$

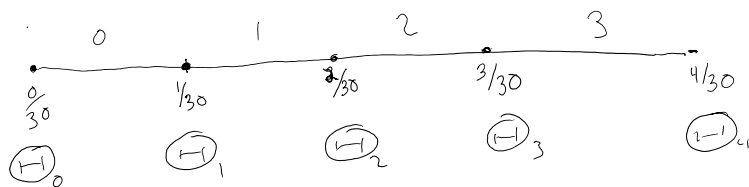
\* don't store time because the time between each key is known

\* motion capture produced fixed framerate motion

**EX** Motion Capture systems usu. capture poses at either 24, 30, 120 fps.

$\Rightarrow$  If the fps = 24, the time between each frame is  $\frac{1}{24}$  s

**EX** Suppose we have a 30 fps motion that is 2s long.  
What is the pose at time 0.1 s?



Step 1: Find segment containing time

$\rightarrow$  Each segment corresponds to  $\frac{1}{30}$  seconds

$\Rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{1}{30}$

$\Rightarrow \text{segment} = \text{floor}(0.1 / \Delta t) = \text{floor}(3) = 3$

Step 2: Compute normalized time,  $u$

... 3 - 0.1



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$$\text{StartTime for segment} = \text{segment ID} * \Delta t = 3 \left(\frac{1}{30}\right) = \frac{3}{30} = 0.1$$

$$\text{Segment end time} = (\text{segment} + 1) * \Delta t = 4 \left(\frac{1}{30}\right) = \frac{4}{30}$$

$$\text{normalizedTime} = \frac{\text{time} - \text{segmentStartTime}}{\text{segmentEndTime} - \text{segmentStartTime}} = \frac{0.1 - 0.1}{\Delta t} = 0$$

Step 3: Interpolate

$$\text{H}_1 = \text{Interpolate}(\text{H}_3, \text{H}_4, 0)$$

**EX** How can I play a motion twice as fast?

Approach 1: Resample a motion to have a duration, or change fps

Approach 2: During playback, you can use a "time scale" to play at different speeds w/out changing the motion, e.g.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{update}() \\ \text{time} = \text{elapsedTime}(); \\ \text{H}_1 = \text{motion.getvalue}(\text{time}); \end{array} \right] \text{ play at recorded speed}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{update}() \\ \text{time} = \text{elapsedTime}() * \text{timeScale}; \\ \text{H}_1 = \text{motion.getvalue}(\text{time}); \end{array} \right] \text{ scaled time}$$

Motion Editing:

In practice, we have motion clips for walk, stand, anything we want our character to do

Problem: We can't create motion clips for every possibility  
→ too labor intensive

→ often impossible: needs special equipment, full knowledge about environments/context where motions would be used

C.11: (1) Generate new motions from existing ones

ex. Greeting motion + sad motion = sad greeting  
ex. blending between motion clips to create transitions

② Adapt motion clips to new settings  
ex. a walk motion can be modified for uneven terrain  
ex. holding a cup; opening a door

Approach: To edit a motion, we only need to edit its keys

Editing poses:

Technique 1: Freezing a joint. ( setting a constant value for a joint )

[EX] Zombie Arms.

→ replace the rotation curve for the shoulders to have a constant value

Technique 2: Splicing

→ Copy upper body joints from one motion & paste them onto another motion

[EX] Splicing a "drink water" motion onto the upper body of a walk motion