

# Computer Graphics II

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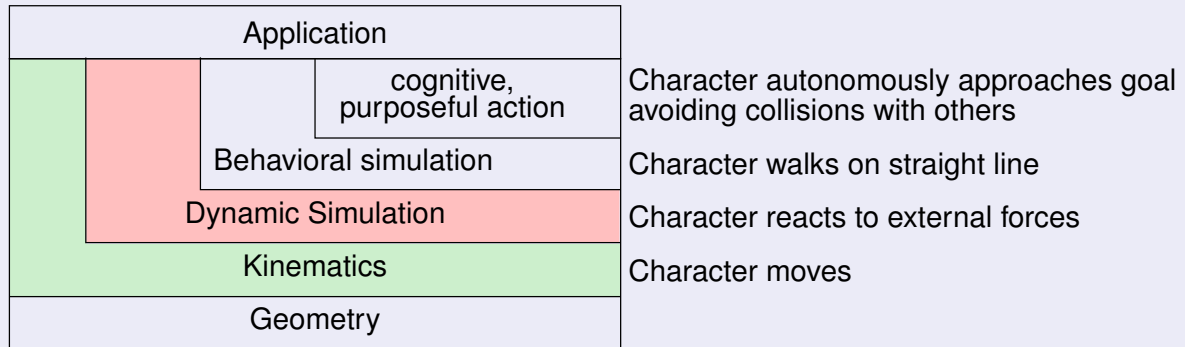


## Motivation

**Animation** = “objects changing in time”, e.g.

- ① global position and orientation
- ② Motion/change of the object in itself and in relation to other objects, resp.

## Hierarchy of approaches to motion-control:



- Kinematics:**
- Study of motion (physics); motion = direct modification of geometry
  - Application dependent time-steps  $\Rightarrow$  geometry must be determinable at each point in time.

## General Considerations

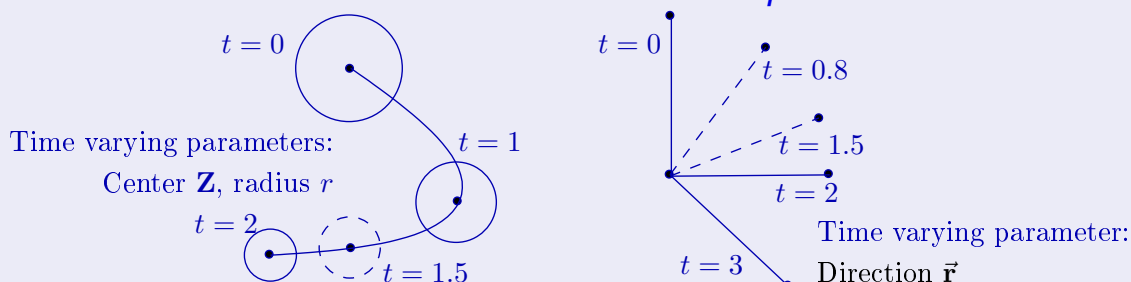
## Notation

**Compared to Animated Cartoons:** Interpolation of given keyframes:

	Cartoon Animation	Computer Animation
keyframe	artist/choreographer	animator
in-betweens	drawing-artist	algorithm

- Basic Procedure:**
- ① Description of the scene  $\mathcal{O}$  by *time-dependent* parameters (animation parameters)  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_m$
  - ② Interval Point  $t$ : Interpolation of Parameters  $\mathcal{O}(\phi_1(t), \dots, \phi_m(t))$

**Animation Parameter:** Differentiate between *position* and *orientation*



**Orientation:** Results from a rotation with reference to a starting position

### Approach

The interpolation of position parameters is carried out on the basis of suitable curve classes.

### Specific Task:

Given: Time-position-pairs  $(t_i, \mathbf{P}_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$   
 Wanted: Curve  $C : C(t_i) = \mathbf{P}_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$

### Catmull-Rom Splines:

- $C^1$ -continuous cubic polynomial curves
- heuristic determination of the tangent (manual adjustment if necessary)

**Alternative:** Using a B-Spline, which interpolate values at the knots  $t_i$

- requires the solution of a  $N \times N$  linear system
- piecewise cubic polynomial curves
- $C^2$ -continuous curves



## Euler Angles

### Definition (Euler Angles)

**Sequential rotation** around  $x$ -,  $y$ - &  $z$ -axis in *local coordinates*

*Pitch, Yaw, Roll* Rotation  $R_x(\phi_x), R_y(\phi_y), R_z(\phi_z)$  about  $x$ -,  $y$ -,  $z$ -axis

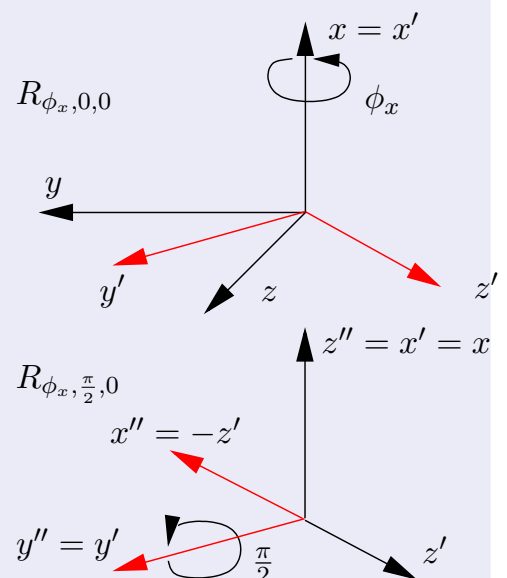
**Sequence:** Influences the result  $\Rightarrow$  constant sequence, e.g.  $x, y, z$ .

**Full Rotation** for processing sequence  $x, y, z$  as matrix multiplication:

$$R_{\phi_x, \phi_y, \phi_z} := R_z(\phi_z) \cdot R_y(\phi_y) \cdot R_x(\phi_x)$$

**Ambiguity problem:** e.g. *Gimbal-lock*

$$R_{\phi_x, \frac{\pi}{2}, \phi_z} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin(\phi_x + \phi_z) & \cos(\phi_x + \phi_z) & 0 & 0 \\ -\cos(\phi_x + \phi_z) & \sin(\phi_x + \phi_z) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Property

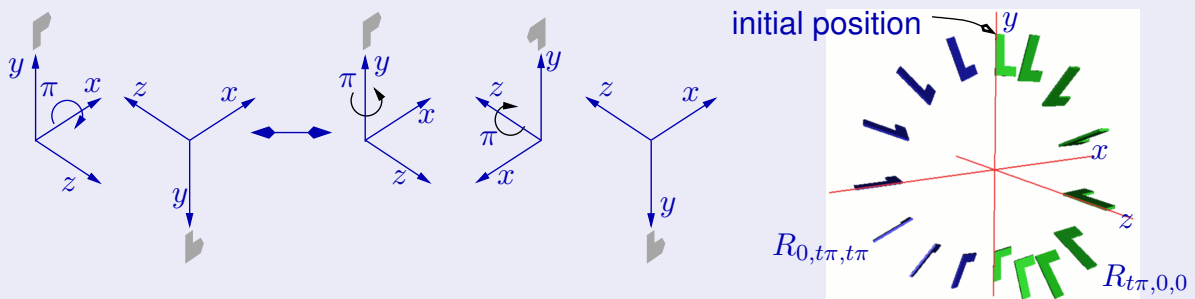
**Note:** For animation the representation of the orientation must be unambiguous

**Because:** otherwise “random” interpolation results arise

**Example:**

- $R_{\pi,0,0}$  and  $R_{0,\pi,\pi}$  describe the same orientation
- Interpolation paths between  $R_{0,0,0}$  and  $R_{\pi,0,0} = R_{0,\pi,\pi}$  are different

$$R_{t\pi,0,0} \neq R_{0,t\pi,t\pi}, t \in ]0, 1[$$



**Finding:** Euler angles are unsuitable representation for animation

# Exkursion: Complex Numbers

## Definition (Complex Numbers)

**General:** Complex numbers extend real numbers, so that the root of negative numbers is defined.

**Imaginary Unit:**  $i := \sqrt{-1}$  as the solution of  $x^2 = -1$

**Representation of complex numbers:**  $c = x + i \cdot y$ , with  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

The real part of  $c$ :  $\Re(c) = x$ , the imaginary part of  $c$ :  $\Im(c) = y$

**Set symbol:** The set of complex numbers is called  $\mathbb{C}$

**Calculation rules** are valid as usual, considering  $i^2 = -1$

**Addition:**  $c_1 + c_2 = x_1 + i \cdot y_1 + x_2 + i \cdot y_2 = (x_1 + x_2) + i \cdot (y_1 + y_2)$   
 $\Rightarrow \Re(c_1 + c_2) = x_1 + x_2$ ;  $\Im(c_1 + c_2) = y_1 + y_2$

**Multiplication:**

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 \cdot c_2 &= (x_1 + i \cdot y_1) \cdot (x_2 + i \cdot y_2) = x_1 \cdot x_2 + i \cdot x_1 \cdot y_2 + i \cdot y_1 \cdot x_2 + i^2 \cdot y_1 \cdot y_2 \\ &\Rightarrow c_1 \cdot c_2 = (x_1 \cdot x_2 - y_1 \cdot y_2) + i \cdot (x_1 \cdot y_2 + x_2 \cdot y_1) \quad (\text{da } i^2 = -1) \\ &\Rightarrow \Re(c_1 \cdot c_2) = x_1 \cdot x_2 - y_1 \cdot y_2; \quad \Im(c_1 \cdot c_2) = x_1 \cdot y_2 + x_2 \cdot y_1 \end{aligned}$$

*Addition und multiplication of complex numbers is commutative!*

## Property (Complex Plane)

**Complex plane:** One can imagine the complex numbers as points in the **complex plane** (dt: Gau"s'sche Zahlenebene) plane:

- "Basis vector" are 1 and  $i$

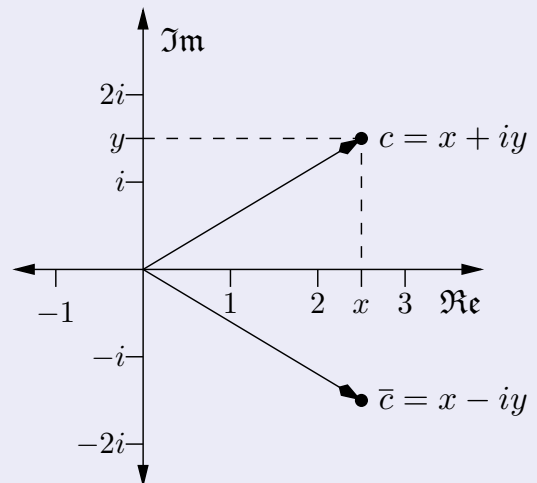
$$\mathbb{C} \ni x + i \cdot y \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

**Length:** Analogous to the vector length,  
 $|c|^2 = x^2 + y^2$

**Conjugation:** "Reflection" of the vector at the real axis

$$c = x + i \cdot y \Rightarrow \bar{c} := x - i \cdot y (\text{complex conjugate})$$

$$\text{This results in: } c \cdot \bar{c} = (x + iy) \cdot (x - iy) = x^2 - (iy)^2 = x^2 + y^2 = |c|^2$$



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## Polar Coordinates

### Remark

**Each**  $c = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$  can be written as:

$$c = r \cdot \cos \alpha + r \cdot i \sin \alpha, \text{ with } r = |c|, \alpha \in [0, 2\pi[$$

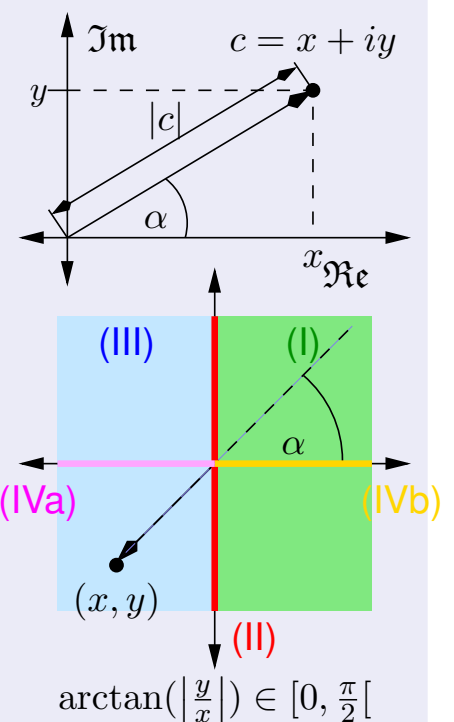
**Because** of  $\cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha = 1$  (Pythagoras) is

$$\begin{aligned} |c|^2 &= r^2 \cos^2 \alpha + r^2 \sin^2 \alpha \\ &= r^2 (\cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha) = r^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Calculation:** For  $c = x + iy$  is  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  and

$$\alpha = \arctan2(y, x)$$

$$:= \begin{cases} \operatorname{sgn}(y) \cdot \arctan\left(\left|\frac{y}{x}\right|\right) & x > 0, y \neq 0 \text{ (I)} \\ \operatorname{sgn}(y) \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} & x = 0, y \neq 0 \text{ (II)} \\ \operatorname{sgn}(y) \cdot (\pi - \arctan\left(\left|\frac{y}{x}\right|\right)) & x < 0, y \neq 0 \text{ (III)} \\ \pi & x < 0, y = 0 \text{ (IVa)} \\ 0 & x > 0, y = 0 \text{ (IVb)} \end{cases}$$



## Approach

**Consider** the following subset:  $\mathcal{Z} = \{c : |c| = 1\}$

- **Valid is:**  $1 = |c| = x^2 + y^2 \Rightarrow \exists_1 \alpha \in [0, 2\pi[ : \cos \alpha = x \wedge \sin \alpha = y$
- For  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathcal{Z}$  with  $c_i = \cos \alpha_i + i \cdot \sin \alpha_i$  is (addition theorems)

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 \cdot c_2 &= \underbrace{(\cos \alpha_1 \cdot \cos \alpha_2 - \sin \alpha_1 \cdot \sin \alpha_2)}_{=\cos(\alpha_1+\alpha_2)} + i \underbrace{(\cos \alpha_1 \cdot \sin \alpha_2 + \sin \alpha_1 \cdot \cos \alpha_2)}_{=\sin(\alpha_1+\alpha_2)} \\ &= \cos(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) + i \cdot \sin(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \in \mathcal{Z} \end{aligned}$$

**Rotation** around  $\phi$  using  $c_\phi = \cos \phi + i \cdot \sin \phi \in \mathcal{Z}$ :

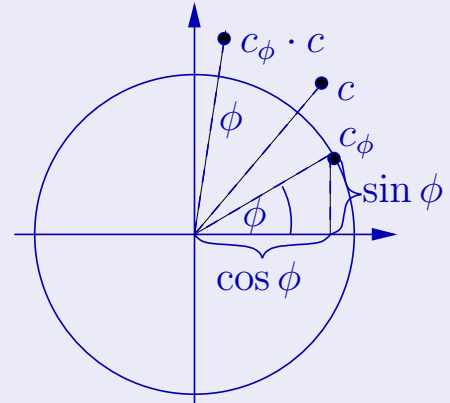
$$R_\phi : \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{C} \\ c & \mapsto & R_\phi(c) = c_\phi \cdot c \end{array}$$

because  $c_\phi \cdot c = |c| (\cos(\alpha + \phi) + i \cdot \sin(\alpha + \phi))$

**Exponential Notation** of polar coordinates:

$$c = x + i \cdot y = |c| (\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha) = |c| e^{i\alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{c_\phi \cdot c = |c| e^{i\alpha} \cdot e^{i\phi} = |c| e^{i(\alpha+\phi)}}$$



## Exponential Notation for Polar Coordinates

### Remark

**Functions** like  $\sin, \cos, \exp$  are defined by **series** (dt: Reihen):

$$\cos x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!}, \quad \sin x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}, \quad e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

Thus complex parameters can be inserted into this function without any problem.

**Insertion** of  $i\phi$  as parameter into the exponential function produces:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\phi} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i\phi)^n}{n!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i\phi)^{2k}}{(2k)!} \text{ (even expon.)} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i\phi)^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} \text{ (odd Expon.)} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i^2)^k \cdot \phi^{2k}}{(2k)!} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{i(i^2)^k \cdot \phi^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \phi^{2k}}{(2k)!} + i \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \phi^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} \\ &= \cos \phi + i \sin \phi \end{aligned}$$

## Algorithm

**Given:** Point  $P = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  in the plane and rotation angle  $\phi$

**Execution** of the rotation

- 1 Interpret  $P$  as a complex number in  $\mathbb{C}$ :  $z = x + iy$
- 2 Rotate  $z$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ :  $z' = z \cdot e^{i\phi}$
- 3 Interpret  $z'$  again as a point in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :  $\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$

**Classic Procedure** with matrices in 2D:  $\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

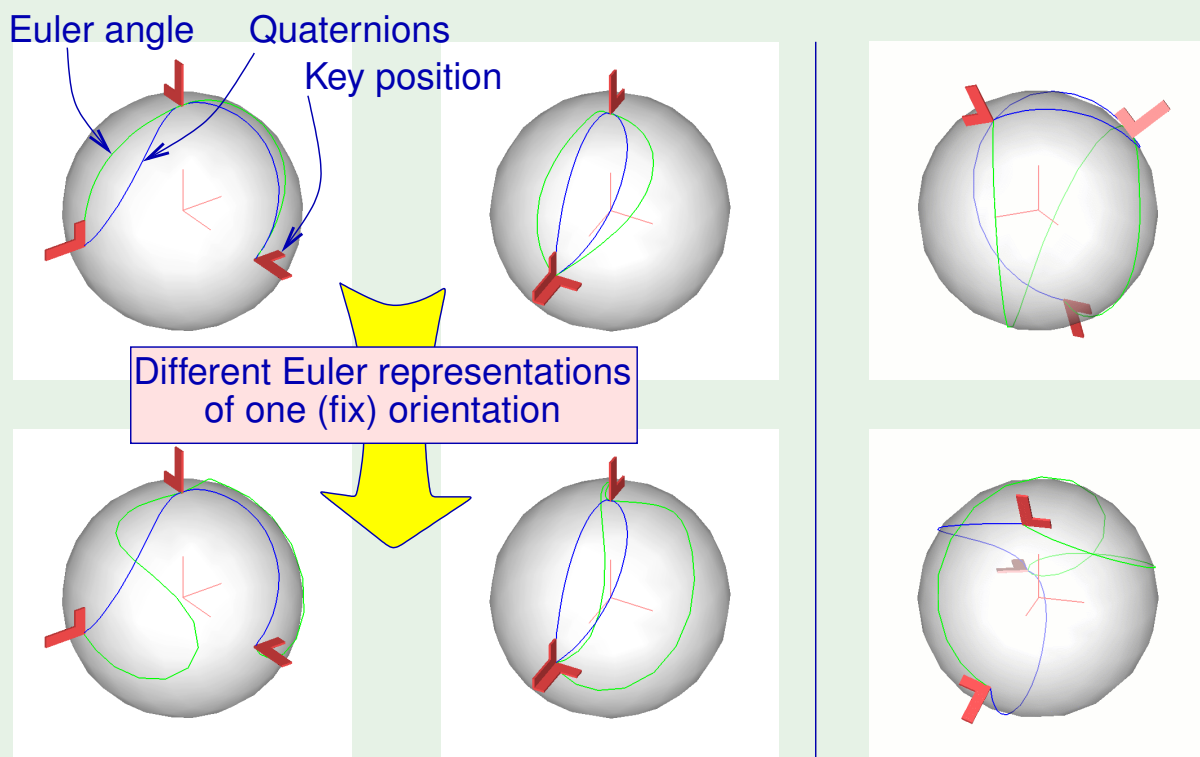
Rotation with complex numbers in 2D offers no advantages here

**...but:** Sir William Hamilton (1805-1865) found out:

- an extension of complex numbers to 3D is not possible
- whereas a generalization for  $2n$ -dimensional spaces exist
- **Quaternions** are generalized complex numbers for 4D-rotations

## Euler Angle vs. Quaternions

### Example



### Definition (Quaternions)

**Quaternions** have one real and three imaginary components  $s$  and  $x, y, z$ , resp.

**Notation:** With imaginary units  $i, j, k$ :

$$\underline{\mathbf{q}} := s + ix + jy + kz = (s, \vec{\mathbf{v}}), \quad \vec{\mathbf{v}} = (x, y, z) \quad (\text{set symbol: } \mathbb{H})$$

with  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$ ,  $ij = k$ ,  $jk = i$ ,  $ki = j$  and  $ji = -k$ ,  $kj = -i$ ,  $ik = -j$

**Addition:**  $\underline{\mathbf{q}}_1 + \underline{\mathbf{q}}_2 = (s_1 + s_2, \vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 + \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2)$

**Multiplication:** From application of the above rule follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\mathbf{q}}_1 \underline{\mathbf{q}}_2 &= (s_1 + ix_1 + jy_1 + kz_1)(s_2 + ix_2 + jy_2 + kz_2) \\ &= s_1 s_2 - (x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 + z_1 z_2) + i(s_1 x_2 + s_2 x_1 + y_1 z_2 - y_2 z_1) \\ &\quad + j(s_1 y_2 + s_2 y_1 + z_1 x_2 - z_2 x_1) + k(s_1 z_2 + s_2 z_1 + x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1) \\ &= (s_1 s_2 - (\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2), s_1 \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2 + s_2 \vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 + \vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 \times \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2) \end{aligned}$$

**Asymmetry**  $ij = -ji, jk = -kj, ki = -ik \Rightarrow$  multipl. it *not commutative*.

## Properties of Quaternions

### Property (Quaternions)

**Conjugate:**  $\overline{\underline{\mathbf{q}}} := (s, -\vec{\mathbf{v}})$ ; conjugation is *not commutative*:

$$\underline{\mathbf{q}}_1 \underline{\mathbf{q}}_2 = (s_1 s_2 - (\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2), -s_1 \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2 - s_2 \vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 + \underbrace{\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 \times \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2}_{= -\vec{\mathbf{v}}_2 \times \vec{\mathbf{v}}_1}) = \overline{(\underline{\mathbf{q}}_2 \underline{\mathbf{q}}_1)}$$

**Length:**

$$\underline{\mathbf{q}} \overline{\underline{\mathbf{q}}} = (s^2 + (\vec{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}}), \underbrace{s\vec{\mathbf{v}} - s\vec{\mathbf{v}} + \vec{\mathbf{v}} \times (-\vec{\mathbf{v}})}_{=\vec{\mathbf{0}}}) \in \mathbb{R}, \quad |\underline{\mathbf{q}}| = \sqrt{\underline{\mathbf{q}} \overline{\underline{\mathbf{q}}}} = \sqrt{s^2 + (\vec{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}})}$$

**Unit Quaternion:** Quaternion with a length of 1, i.e.  $|\underline{\mathbf{q}}| = 1$

**Angle:** For  $|\underline{\mathbf{q}}_1| = |\underline{\mathbf{q}}_2| = 1$  we get:

$$\cos(\angle(\underline{\mathbf{q}}_1, \underline{\mathbf{q}}_2)) = \Re(\underline{\mathbf{q}}_1 \overline{\underline{\mathbf{q}}_2}) = s_1 s_2 + (\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2)$$

This corresponds to the inner product of the respective 4D-vectors  $(s_1, x_1, y_1, z_1)$  und  $(s_2, x_2, y_2, z_2)$



## Approach

**Problem:** Unit quaternions describe rotations in 4D

**Questions** when using quaternions in 3D

- How is 3D embedded into 4D?
- How can 4D-rotations be transferred to 3D?

**The Following Quaternion** represents 3D-rotation (axis  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$ , angle  $\phi$ ):

$$\underline{\mathbf{q}} = \left( \cos \frac{\phi}{2}, \sin \frac{\phi}{2} \hat{\mathbf{v}} \right), \quad |\underline{\mathbf{q}}| = 1$$

**Computation of the Rotation** for a given point  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ :

- 1 Transformation of  $\mathbf{P}$  in 4D:  $\underline{\mathbf{q}}_{\mathbf{P}} = (0, \vec{\mathbf{p}})$ ,  $\vec{\mathbf{p}}$  is the **position vector** of  $\mathbf{P}$
- 2 Rotation computation:  $\underline{\mathbf{q}}'_{\mathbf{P}} = \underline{\mathbf{q}} \underline{\mathbf{q}}_{\mathbf{P}} \bar{\underline{\mathbf{q}}}$
- 3 Interpretation in 3D:  $\underline{\mathbf{q}}'_{\mathbf{P}} = (0, R_{\hat{\mathbf{v}}, \phi}(\mathbf{P}))$ , i.e.  $s' = 0$ ,  $R_{\hat{\mathbf{v}}, \phi}(\mathbf{P}) = (x', y', z')$

**Composition** of the rotations corresponds to the quaternion multiplication:

$$R_{\underline{\mathbf{q}}_2} \left( R_{\underline{\mathbf{q}}_1}(\mathbf{P}) \right) \hat{=} \underline{\mathbf{q}}_2 (\underline{\mathbf{q}}_1 \underline{\mathbf{q}}_{\mathbf{P}} \bar{\underline{\mathbf{q}}_1}) \bar{\underline{\mathbf{q}}_2} = (\underline{\mathbf{q}}_2 \underline{\mathbf{q}}_1) \underline{\mathbf{q}}_{\mathbf{P}} (\bar{\underline{\mathbf{q}}_1} \bar{\underline{\mathbf{q}}_2}) = (\underline{\mathbf{q}}_2 \underline{\mathbf{q}}_1) \underline{\mathbf{q}}_{\mathbf{P}} \overline{(\underline{\mathbf{q}}_2 \underline{\mathbf{q}}_1)} \hat{=} R_{\underline{\mathbf{q}}_2 \underline{\mathbf{q}}_1}(\mathbf{P})$$



# Rotation using Quaternions

## Example

**Rotation** of  $\mathbf{P} = (1, 2, 0)$  by  $\hat{\mathbf{v}} = (1, 0, 0)$  with angle  $\pi$  (result:  $(1, -2, 0)$ ).

$$\underline{\mathbf{q}} = (\cos(\pi/2), \sin(\pi/2) \hat{\mathbf{v}}) = (0, (1, 0, 0)); \quad \underline{\mathbf{q}}_{\mathbf{P}} = (0, (1, 2, 0)); \quad \bar{\underline{\mathbf{q}}} = (0, -(1, 0, 0))$$

**Calculation** of  $R_{\underline{\mathbf{q}}}(\mathbf{P})$  in two steps:

- 1  $\underline{\mathbf{q}}_{\mathbf{P}} \bar{\underline{\mathbf{q}}} = \left( - \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right), \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \right) = (1, (0, 0, 2))$
- 2  $\underline{\mathbf{q}}(\underline{\mathbf{q}}_{\mathbf{P}} \bar{\underline{\mathbf{q}}}) = \left( - \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right), \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = (0, (1, -2, 0))$

**Result:** Quaternion  $(0, (1, -2, 0))$  corresponds to the point  $(1, -2, 0)$

**Note:** The resulting quaternion must always have a real part of 0.



## Observation

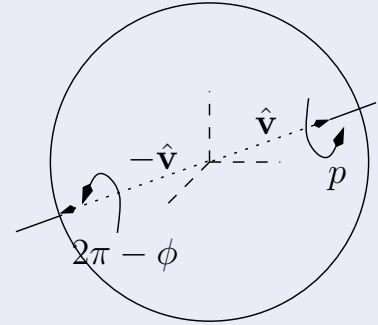
**Obviously**  $\underline{q}$  and  $-\underline{q}$  produce the same result:

- ① Multiplication with regard to real factors is **commutative**, e.g.  
 $a \cdot (s, \vec{v}) \cdot b = (ab s, ab \vec{v}) = ab(s, \vec{v})$
- ② Thus:  $R_{\underline{q}}(\mathbf{P}) \hat{=} \underline{q} \mathbf{P} \bar{\underline{q}} = (-1)^2 \underline{q} \mathbf{P} \bar{\underline{q}} = (-\underline{q}) \mathbf{P} (-\bar{\underline{q}}) \hat{=} R_{-\underline{q}}(\mathbf{P})$

**Analysis:**  $-\underline{q} = (-\cos \frac{\phi}{2}, -\sin \frac{\phi}{2} \hat{v})$  corresponds to rotation around  $-\hat{v}$  with an angle of  $2\pi - \phi$ , since

$$\cos(\pi - \frac{\phi}{2}) = -\cos(\frac{\phi}{2}) \text{ and } \sin(\pi - \frac{\phi}{2}) = \sin(\frac{\phi}{2})$$

$$\Rightarrow -\underline{q} = (\cos(\pi - \frac{\phi}{2}), \sin(\pi - \frac{\phi}{2})(-\hat{v}))$$



**Ambiguity:** Both rotations deliver the same result! There are no further ambiguities!

## 7.1.3: Quaternions

### Example (Ambiguity with Euler Angles)

**Reminder:** For Euler angles applies:  $R_{\pi,0,0} = R_{0,\pi,\pi}$

**Question:** What does to look like for quaternions?

$$R_{\pi,0,0} \hat{=} R_{\underline{q}_x} \text{ with } \underline{q}_x = (0, (1, 0, 0)), \text{ since } \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1, \cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

$$R_{0,\pi,0} \hat{=} R_{\underline{q}_y} \text{ with } \underline{q}_y = (0, (0, 1, 0)), \quad R_{0,0,\pi} \hat{=} R_{\underline{q}_z} \text{ with } \underline{q}_z = (0, (0, 0, 1))$$

$$R_{0,\pi,\pi} \hat{=} R_{\underline{q}_z} \cdot R_{\underline{q}_y} = R_{\underline{q}_z \underline{q}_y} = R_{-\underline{q}_x}$$

$$\text{since } (0, (0, 0, 1)) \cdot (0, (0, 1, 0)) = \left( 0, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = (0, (-1, 0, 0))$$

$$\text{which defines the same orientation as } R_{\underline{q}_x} = (0, (1, 0, 0))$$

**Result:**  $R_{\pi,0,0}$  and  $R_{0,\pi,\pi}$  correspond to the same unit quaternion  
 $\underline{q} = (0, (1, 0, 0))$

## Algorithm

**Conversion** of the unit quaternion  $\underline{q} = (\cos \frac{\phi}{2}, \sin \frac{\phi}{2} \hat{v}) = (s, (x, y, z))$  into the rotation matrix  $R$ :

$$R_{\underline{q}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2(y^2 + z^2) & 2xy - 2sz & 2xz + 2sy \\ 2xy + 2sz & 1 - 2(x^2 + z^2) & 2yz - 2sx \\ 2xz - 2sy & 2yz + 2sx & 1 - 2(x^2 + y^2) \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

**Conversion** of the rotation matrix  $R = (r_{ij})_{i,j=1,\dots,3}$  in unit quaternion. From the eq. (1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33} &= 3 - 4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 3 - 4(1 - s^2) = -1 - 4s^2 \\ \Rightarrow s &= \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33} + 1} \\ r_{32} - r_{23} &= 4sx \Rightarrow x = \frac{r_{32} - r_{23}}{4s}, \quad \text{analog: } y = \frac{r_{13} - r_{31}}{4s}, \quad z = \frac{r_{21} - r_{12}}{4s} \end{aligned}$$

**Notice:** Positive and accordingly negative  $s$  deliver two quaternions  $\underline{q}^+, \underline{q}^-$ , but  $\underline{q}^- = -\underline{q}^+$  describe the same orientation!

## 7.1.4: Interpolation of Orientation

### Problem

**Goal:** Interpolation of orientations, in Euler notation:

Given: Time-orientation-pairs  $(t_i, R_{\vec{\phi}_i})$ ,  $\vec{\phi}^i = (\phi_x^i, \phi_y^i, \phi_z^i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$

Wanted: Interpolation function  $R$  with  $R(t_i) = R_{\vec{\phi}_i}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$

**Interpolation with Euler Angles:** • Direct interpolation e.g. with B-splines  
• Problem: Result depends on the representation of the orientation.

**Interpolation with Quaternions:**

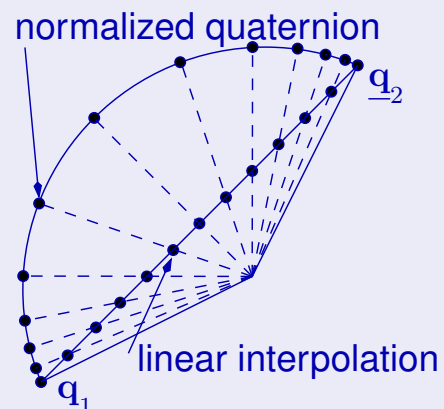
**Reminder:** Rotations are described by 4D unit quaternions

**Problem:** Interpolated quaternions must be again unit quaternions.

Bézier, B-Splines do not achieve this, i.e.:

$$\mathbf{C}(t_i) \in \mathbb{R}^4, \|\mathbf{C}(t_i)\| = 1 \not\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{C}(u)\| = 1.$$

**Normalization** delivers non-uniform step size



## Approach (Spherical Linear Interpolation)

**Goal:** “Linear” interpolation on a sphere resp. a great circle arc

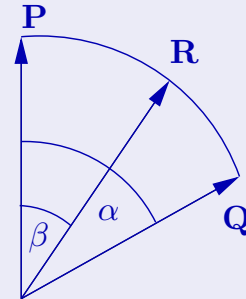
**Given:**  $P, Q, R$  on the unit circle (i.e. on the great circle),  $R$  “between”  $P$  and  $Q$ :  $\alpha = \angle(P, Q), \beta = \angle(P, R)$ .

**Solution:** Relation between angle and point:

$$R = \frac{\sin(\alpha - \beta)}{\sin \alpha} P + \frac{\sin(\beta)}{\sin \alpha} Q$$

Therefore, for  $\beta = t\alpha, t \in [0, 1]$  we get

$$R(t) = \frac{\sin((1-t)\alpha)}{\sin \alpha} P + \frac{\sin(t\alpha)}{\sin \alpha} Q$$



**Linear Interpolation of Rotations** by *spherical interpolation* of unit quaternions:

$$\underline{q}(t) = \frac{\sin((1-t)\alpha)}{\sin \alpha} \underline{q}_1 + \frac{\sin(t\alpha)}{\sin \alpha} \underline{q}_2, \quad \cos \alpha = s_1 s_2 + (\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2)$$



## 7.1.4: Interpolation of Orientation

### Remark (Details to Interpolation on circular arcs)

**Given:**  $P, Q, R$  points on the unit circle,  $R$  “between”  $P$  and  $Q, \alpha = \angle(P, Q)$

**Assumption:** Points lie in the plane and  $P = (1, 0)$

$\Rightarrow Q = (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)$  and  $R = (\cos \beta, \sin \beta)$

**Wanted:** Linear combination  $R = aP + bQ$

**Verify,** whether  $a = \frac{\sin(\alpha - \beta)}{\sin \alpha}$  and  $b = \frac{\sin(\beta)}{\sin \alpha}$  “do the job”

$$\begin{aligned} aP + bQ &= \frac{\sin(\alpha - \beta)}{\sin \alpha} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\sin \beta}{\sin \alpha} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \\ \sin \alpha \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \beta - \cos \alpha \sin \beta}{\sin \alpha} + \frac{\sin \beta \cdot \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} \\ 0 + \frac{\sin \beta \sin \alpha}{\sin \alpha} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta \\ \sin \beta \end{pmatrix} = R \end{aligned}$$



## Algorithm

**Evaluation** of Bézier- and B-spline curves is based on successive affine combinations from control points (de Casteljau, de Boor)

**Question:** Is this also true for Catmull-Rom-Splines with the interpolation points of  $\mathbf{P}_i$ , i.e. are Bézier-control points affine combinations of the  $\mathbf{P}_i$ ?

**Specifically:**  $i$ -th Bézier-segment with control points  $\mathbf{C}_0^i, \dots, \mathbf{C}_3^i$  and interpolation points  $\mathbf{P}_{i-1}, \dots, \mathbf{P}_{i+2}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C}_0^i &= \mathbf{P}_i, \quad \mathbf{C}_3^i = \mathbf{P}_{i+1} \text{ (end points)}, \quad \vec{\mathbf{t}}_i = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{P}_{i+1} - \mathbf{P}_{i-1}) \text{ (tangents)} \\ \mathbf{C}_1^i &= \mathbf{P}_i + \frac{1}{3} \vec{\mathbf{t}}_i = \mathbf{P}_i + \frac{1}{6} (\mathbf{P}_{i+1} - \mathbf{P}_{i-1}) = \frac{1}{6} [2 (\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{P}_i + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{P}_{i+1}) - \mathbf{P}_{i-1}] + \frac{5}{6} \mathbf{P}_i \\ \text{analog } \mathbf{C}_2^i &= \mathbf{P}_{i+1} - \frac{1}{3} \vec{\mathbf{t}}_{i+1} = \frac{1}{6} [2 (\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{P}_{i+1} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{P}_i) - \mathbf{P}_{i+2}] + \frac{5}{6} \mathbf{P}_{i+1} \end{aligned}$$

Evaluation of Catmul-Rom splines involves only affine combinations

**Spherical Catmull Rom Spline:** Use *slerp-operation* instead of affine combinations yields a curve that proceeds on the sphere.



# Spherical Spline Interpolation (cont.)

## Approach

**Given:** A quaternion sequence that is to be interpolated:  $\underline{\mathbf{q}}_1, \dots, \underline{\mathbf{q}}_n$

**Question:** Which representative of  $R_{\underline{\mathbf{q}}_i}$  is to be chosen,  $\underline{\mathbf{q}}_i$  or  $-\underline{\mathbf{q}}_i$ ?

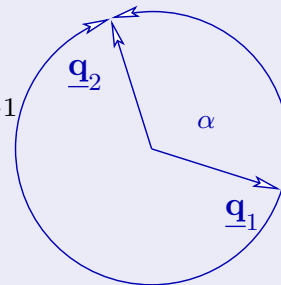
**Analogy to the Unit Circle:** The smaller angle represents the “short” distance.

**Rule:** Adopt the quaternion  $\underline{\mathbf{q}}_{i+1}$  if

$$\angle(\underline{\mathbf{q}}_i, \underline{\mathbf{q}}_{i+1}) > \frac{\pi}{2} \Leftrightarrow \Re(\underline{\mathbf{q}}_i \overline{\underline{\mathbf{q}}_{i+1}}) < 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\mathbf{q}}_{i+1} \leftarrow -\underline{\mathbf{q}}_{i+1}$$

in sequential manner  $i = 1, i = 2, \dots, i = n - 1$

**Result:** The resulting sequence has the property  $\angle(\underline{\mathbf{q}}_i, \underline{\mathbf{q}}_{i+1}) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$



### Approach (Spline Based Animation)

**Keyframe Animation:** *Parameter states defined at key-times, calculation of interpolation functions (splines)*

**Spline Based:** *Direct definition and manipulation of spline curves*

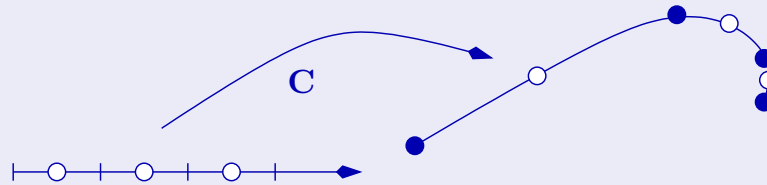
**Questions:** ① *Where is spline based animation useful?*

- +: *Motion of a body through space (intuitive trajectory)*
- : *The fingertip of a swinging arm of a walking character in world space (no intuitive motion path)*

② *How does time-reference come into play (no more keyframe!)?*

③ **Important:** *Uniform sampling of  $u$  does not create uniform motion along a curve*

⇒ *Goal: Positioning along the curve by means of the **path length***



### 7.2.1: Path and Speed

**Goal:** Motion of an object along a curve

**Spatial Motion Path** of the object

$$\begin{aligned} C(u) : \mathbb{R} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ u &\mapsto (x(u), y(u), z(u)) \end{aligned}$$

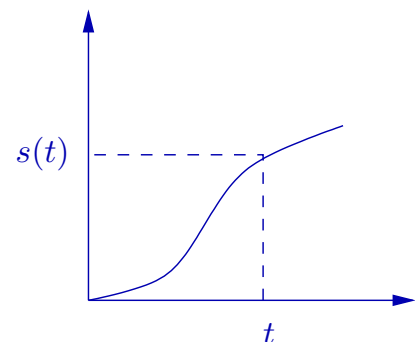
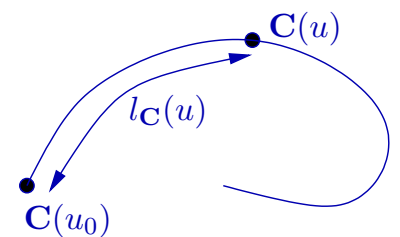
**Distance Function:** Distance travelled on the path at time  $t$ :  $s(t) : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$t \mapsto s(t)$$

**Goal:** Motion of the object along  $C$ , so that until time  $t$  the distance  $s(t)$  has been travelled.

**Arc Length Function**  $l_C(u)$  measures the length of the path  $C$  from starting point  $C(u_0)$  until  $C(u)$

**Distinguish:** Modeling parameters  $u$  (motion path) and time  $t$  (distance function)



Distance Function



## Algorithm

**Given:** Motion path  $\mathbf{C}(u)$  with start and end parameters  $u_0$  and  $u$ , resp.

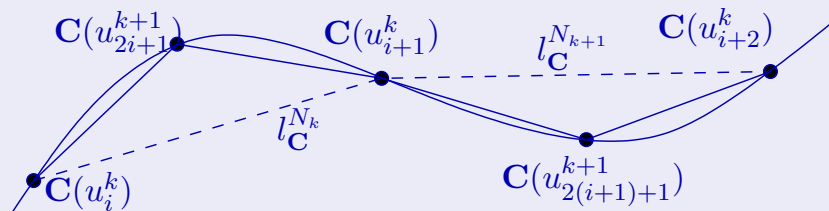
**Estimation** of the arc length  $l_{\mathbf{C}}(u)$  using the length of a polygonal line

$$l_{\mathbf{C}}(u) \approx l_{\mathbf{C}}^N(u) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \|\mathbf{C}(u_{i+1}) - \mathbf{C}(u_i)\|, \text{ with } u_i = u_0 + i\Delta_N, \Delta_N = \frac{u - u_0}{N}$$

**Exact Solution** via limit, i.e. infinite many sample points

$$l_{\mathbf{C}}^N(u) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \|\mathbf{C}(u_{i+1}) - \mathbf{C}(u_i)\| = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left\| \frac{\mathbf{C}(u_{i+1}) - \mathbf{C}(u_i)}{\Delta_N} \right\| \Delta_N \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{u_0}^u \|\mathbf{C}'(\tau)\| d\tau$$

**Implementation:** Generally integral not solvable  $\Rightarrow$  estimation with  $N_k = 2^k$



Abort, in case of small accuracy gain:  
 $l_{\mathbf{C}}^{N_{k+1}} - l_{\mathbf{C}}^{N_k} < \varepsilon$

## Parameter Determination for a Curve-Point

### Approach (Determination of Parameter $u$ (Fixed Path-Curve))

**Observation:** The computation of  $l_{\mathbf{C}}$  is dominated by the evaluation of  $\mathbf{C}$

**Approach for a fixed path-curve:** Storage of  $l_{\mathbf{C}}(u)$  in **Look-Up Table**

- 1 Storage of  $l_{\mathbf{C}}(u_i)$  for equidistant parameters  $u_i$
- 2 Storage of  $u_i^*$  for equidistant arc length  
 $\Rightarrow$  more efficient access to desired  $u$ -parameter

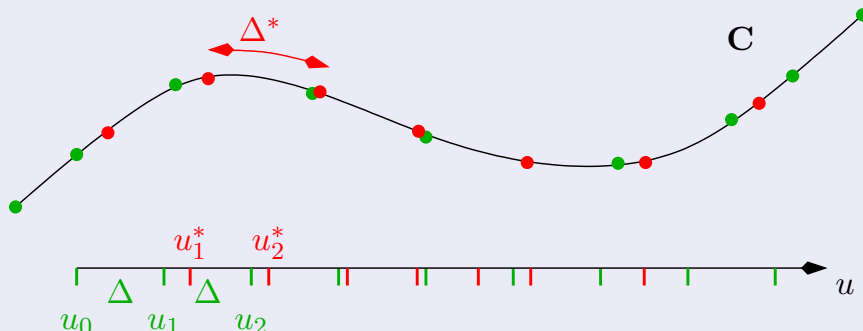
**Hint:** Calculation of  $u_i^*$  by bisection via the values  $u_i, l_i$

Variante 1:

$u_0$	0
$u_1$	$l_1$
$u_2$	$l_1 + l_2$

$$u_i = u_0 + i \cdot \Delta$$

$$l_i = \|\mathbf{C}(u_i) - \mathbf{C}(u_{i-1})\|$$



Variante 2:

0	$u_0^*$
$l_1^*$	$u_1^*$
$l_2^*$	$u_2^*$

$$l_{i+1}^* - l_i^* = \Delta^*$$

$$l_i^* = l_{\mathbf{C}}(u_i^*)$$

## Approach (Determination of the parameter $u$ (general case))

**Task:** For the given path function  $s$  and time  $t$ : For which parameter value  $u$  does  $l_C(u) = s(t)$  apply

**Approach:** Seek root of  $g(u) = l_C(u) - s(t)$

Note:  $l_C(u)$  is monotonically increasing  $\Rightarrow$  unique root of  $g(u)$ .

**Newton's Method** determines root of  $g(u)$ :

Initial: Parameter  $u_0$

Iteration: Determine tangent at  $g(u_i)$ :

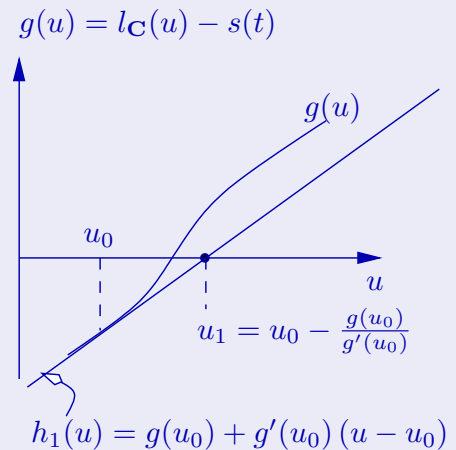
$$h_i(u) = g(u_i) + g'(u_i)(u - u_i)$$

$u_{i+1}$  is root of  $h_i(u)$ :

$$u_{i+1} = u_i - \frac{g(u_i)}{g'(u_i)} = u_i - \frac{l_C(u_i) - s(t)}{\|C'(u_i)\|}$$

since

$$g'(u) = \frac{d}{du} \left( \int_{u_0}^u \|C'(\tau)\| d\tau - s(t) \right) = \|C'(u)\|$$



## 7.2.2: Form Control

### Remark

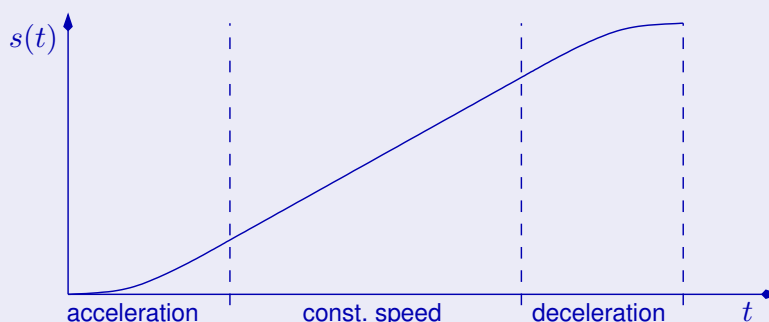
**So Far:** Control of the curve progression limited to

**Bézier-curves/B-spline:** Placement of control points

**Bézier-splines/Catmull-Rom splines:** Placement of interpolation points and choice/estimation of tangents

**Problem:** Many applications require other means of control, e.g. the definition of a path function

**Example:** Constant acceleration - constant speed - constant delay



**Goal:** Improved possibilities for animation-specific control



**Objective**

*Definition of an Ease-In/Ease-Out function:*

$$\text{ease}(t) = \begin{cases} \text{"soft acceleration"} & \text{for } t \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ \text{"soft deceleration"} & \text{for } t \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \end{cases}$$

**Approach (Sinus-Ease-Function)**

**Concept:** Sinus displays on  $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  the desired behaviour

**Definition:** Adopted to  $t \in [0, 1]$ :  $\text{ease}_{\sin}(t) = \frac{1}{2}\sin(t\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}) + \frac{1}{2} \in [0, 1]$

**Adoption** to specific time interval and/or speed by scaling of parameters

**Example:** Acceleration from 0 to  $v_0$  in the period from  $t = 0$  to  $t = t_0$ :

$$\text{ease}_{\sin}^{v_0, t_0}(t) = \frac{4v_0 t_0}{\pi} \text{ease}_{\sin}\left(\frac{t}{2t_0}\right), \quad \text{i.e. } t \in [0, t_0] \Rightarrow \frac{t}{2t_0} \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Velocity } v(t) &= (\text{ease}_{\sin}^{v_0, t_0})'(t) = \frac{4v_0 t_0}{2\pi} \cos\left(\frac{t\pi}{2t_0} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \frac{\pi}{2t_0} \\ &= v_0 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2t_0}(t - t_0)\right) \implies v(t_0) = v_0 \end{aligned}$$

**Parabolic Ease-Function****Approach**

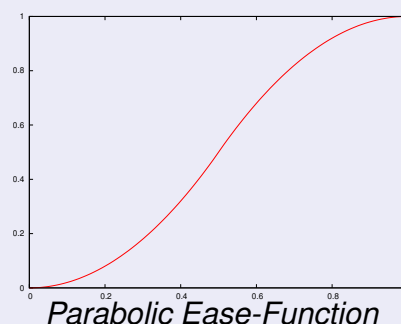
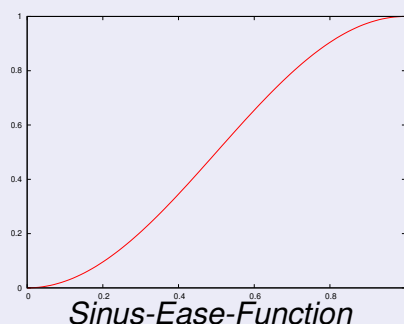
**Concept:** Use a constant acceleration, i.e.

*constant acceleration ( $a = 1$ )  $\implies$  linear velocity  $\implies$  quadratic path function*

$$\text{ease}_{\text{parabol}}(t) = \begin{cases} 2t^2 & \text{falls } t \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ 1 - 2(1 - t)^2 & \text{falls } t \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \end{cases}$$

**Notice:** Adaptation of the acceleration/delay must consider that

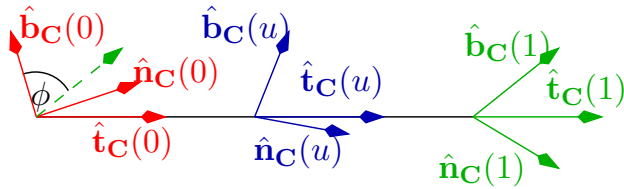
$$(\text{ease}_{\sin})'(0.5) = 1 \neq (\text{ease}_{\text{parabol}})'(0.5) = 2$$

**Comparison:**

**Reminder:** Frenet-Serret frame defines local coordinates for curves (camera path)

**Problem:** Straight lines have no curvature, thus the Frenet frame is undefined.

**Interpolation of Frames** for  $u \in [0, 1]$ , if the frame for  $u \in \{0, 1\}$  is known



Tangent:  $\hat{t}_C(u) = \hat{t}_C(0) = \hat{t}_C(1)$

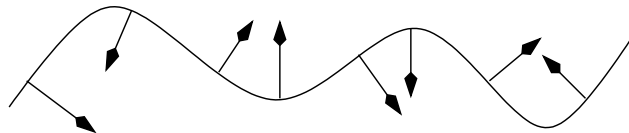
Normal:  $\hat{n}_C(u) = R_{\hat{t}_C}(u \cdot \phi) \hat{n}_C(0)$

B-normal:  $\hat{b}_C(u) = R_{\hat{t}_C}(u \cdot \phi) \hat{b}_C(0)$

with  $\cos \phi = (\hat{n}_C(0) \cdot \hat{n}_C(1))$

**Problem:** Extreme motions, e.g. meanders like paths, exhibit many points of inflection(dt: Wendepunkte), which lead to flipped normals

Example of a curve with flipped normal vectors:



## Alternative Approaches for Camera Alignment

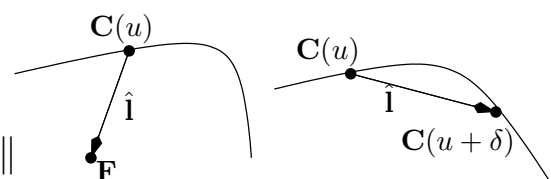
**Local coordinates:** Orthogonal vectors  $\{\hat{l}, \hat{u}, \hat{w} = \hat{l} \times \hat{u}\}$  with viewing direction  $\hat{l}$  and up-vector  $\hat{u}$  in the curve point  $C(u)$

**Determination of  $\hat{l}$ :** • Focal point  $F$ :

$$\hat{l} = (F - C(u)) / \|F - C(u)\|$$

• Look-ahead direction (secant):

$$\hat{l} = (C(u+\delta) - C(u)) / \|C(u+\delta) - C(u)\|$$

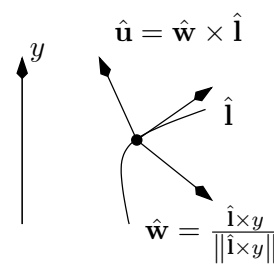


focal point

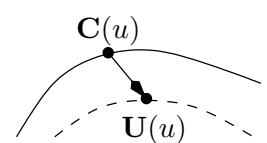
look-ahead

**Determination of  $\hat{u}$ :** • Global up-vector e.g.  $y$ -axis

$$\vec{w} = \hat{l} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{w} = \frac{\vec{w}}{\|\vec{w}\|}, \quad \hat{u} = \hat{w} \times \hat{l}$$



global up-vector



up-vector path

• Up vector through 2nd path  $U(u)$

$$\vec{w} = \hat{l} \times (U(u) - C(u)), \quad \hat{w} = \frac{\vec{w}}{\|\vec{w}\|}, \quad \hat{u} = \hat{w} \times \hat{l}$$



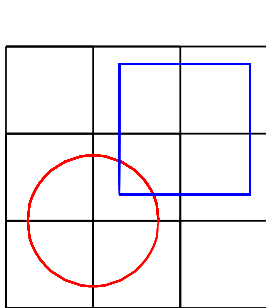
## Notation (Deformationen, Warping, Morphing)

**Deformation:** Modification of complex objects (e.g. bending or twisting) by *non-affine transformation* of the surrounding space.

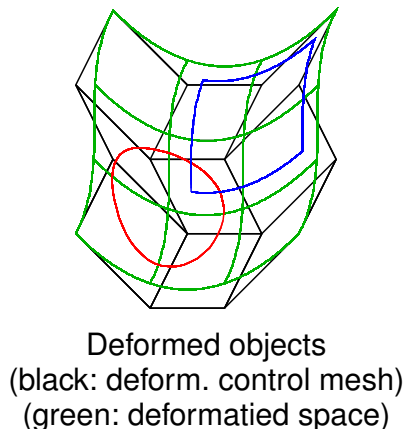
*Image Warping* refers to in-plane deformations of images.

**Morphing:** Combination of several objects (or modified variations of an object) resulting in *mixed geometries/shapes*.

*Blend shapes:* Morphing applied to several instances of a modified geometry.



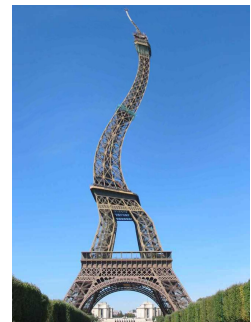
Original objects



Deformed objects  
(black: deform. control mesh)  
(green: deformed space)



Original



Warped image



## 7.3.1: Free Form Deformations (FFD)

### Notation

**Deformations (also called space-warp)** map a space onto itself:

$$D : \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \mathbf{P} \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R}^2 \\ D(\mathbf{P}) \end{matrix} \quad \text{respectively} \quad D : \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R}^3 \\ \mathbf{P} \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R}^3 \\ D(\mathbf{P}) \end{matrix}$$

**Reference cuboid  $Q$ :** Deformation  $D$  is applied relative to a reference cuboid (respectively quad in 2D):

$$Q = [x_{min}, x_{max}] \times [y_{min}, y_{max}] \text{ in 2D resp. in 3D}$$

$$Q = [x_{min}, x_{max}] \times [y_{min}, y_{max}] \times [z_{min}, z_{max}]$$

**Normalized Coordinates:** Transform  $\mathbf{P} = (x, y, z) \in Q$  into

$$T_N(\mathbf{P}) = (u, v, w) \in [0, 1]^3:$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in Q \Rightarrow T_N(\mathbf{P}) = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (x - x_{min}) / (x_{max} - x_{min}) \\ (y - y_{min}) / (y_{max} - y_{min}) \\ (z - z_{min}) / (z_{max} - z_{min}) \end{pmatrix} \in [0, 1]^3$$

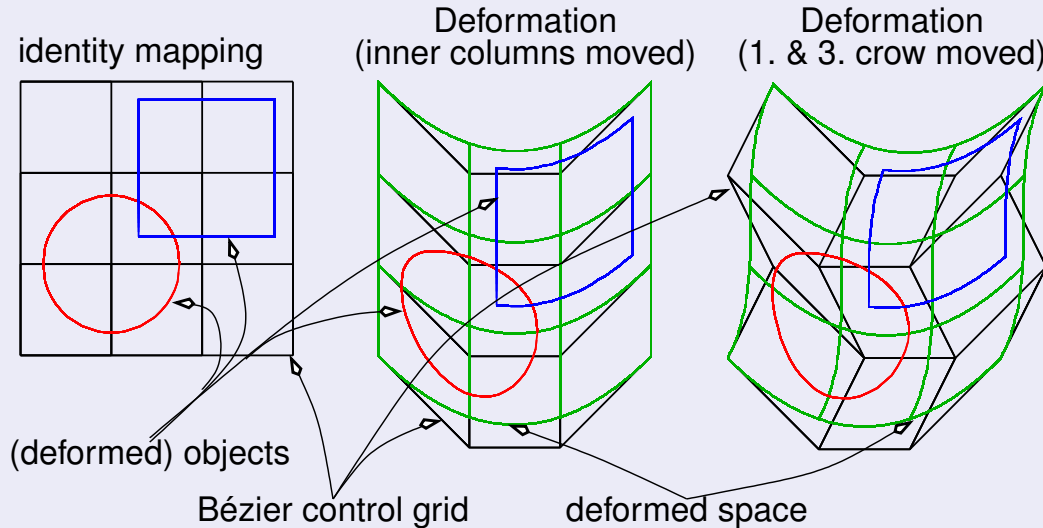


## Approach (General Idea of FFDs)

**Aim:** Free distortion of space i.e. of objects in  $Q$

**Initially:** Map the reference cuboid  $Q$  identical to itself using a planar Bézier surface  $C(u, v)$ .

**Deformation:** Modification of the control points in the plane defines the deformation



## Freeform Deformation (cont.)

## Approach (Setting the Initial Control Points)

**Goal:** Set (2D) Bézier control points  $C_{ij}$ , so that *no deformation occurs*, i.e.

$$D(\mathbf{P}) = D(x, y) = \sum_{i,j=0}^n C_{ij} B_i^n(u) B_j^n(v) = \mathbf{P} \text{ for } \mathbf{P} \in Q, (u, v) = T_N(\mathbf{P})$$

*Note:* Here  $(u, v) = T_N(\mathbf{P}) \in [0, 1]$  are used as Bézier-parameters

**2D and 3D Bézier Control Points** are initially set to:

$$C_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \left(1 - \frac{i}{n}\right) x_{min} + \frac{i}{n} x_{max} \\ \left(1 - \frac{j}{n}\right) y_{min} + \frac{j}{n} y_{max} \end{pmatrix} \quad C_{ijk} = \begin{pmatrix} \left(1 - \frac{i}{n}\right) x_{min} + \frac{i}{n} x_{max} \\ \left(1 - \frac{j}{n}\right) y_{min} + \frac{j}{n} y_{max} \\ \left(1 - \frac{k}{n}\right) z_{min} + \frac{k}{n} z_{max} \end{pmatrix}$$

resulting in the required *identity mapping (no deformation)*

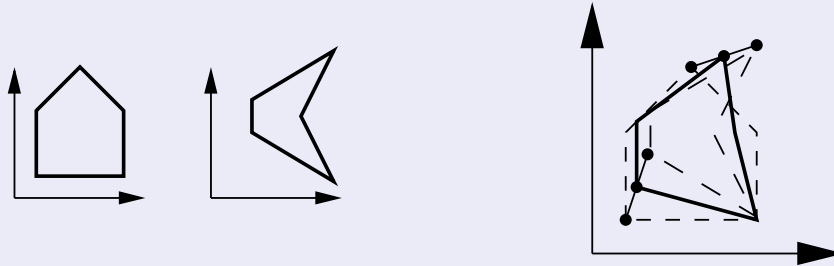
**3D-case:** Analog to the 2D Bézier surfaces we can set up *tri-variant Bézier-volumes*

**Approach (Temporal Shape Blending)**

**Concept:** Direct application of the interpolation techniques to geometries  
 $\Rightarrow$  Floating transition between shapes

**Initial Situation:** Control points  $P_i$   $i = 1, \dots, k$  of an object are known for several points in time  $t_1, \dots, t_n: P_i(t_1), \dots, P_i(t_n)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$

**Procedure:** Interpolation delivers  $P_i(t)$  for any  $t$ , thus the geometry can be determined at any time, resulting in a **blending over time**.

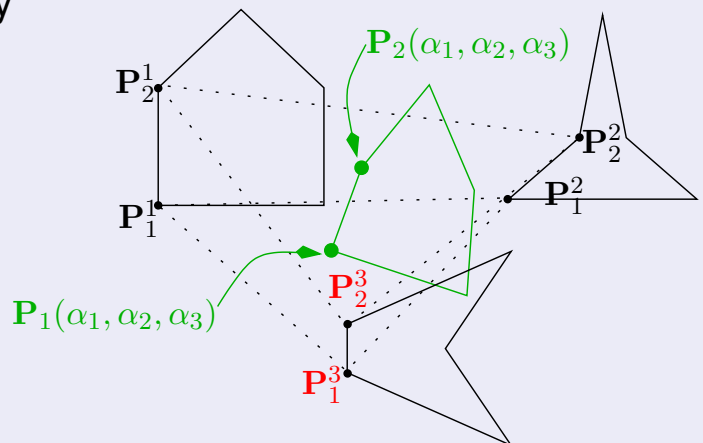
**Morphing using Affine Combinations****Approach (Parameter Based Shape Blending)**

Use **shape prototypes (blend shapes)** and combine/blend them by means of affine-combinations.

**Initial Situation:** Control points  $P_i$  of an object which are known for key positions  $1, \dots, k: P_i^1, \dots, P_i^k$ .

**Approach:** Affine combination: For **blend weights**  $\alpha_j$  with  $\sum_{j=0}^n \alpha_j = 1$  we get:

$$P_i = P_i(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) = \sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_k P_j$$



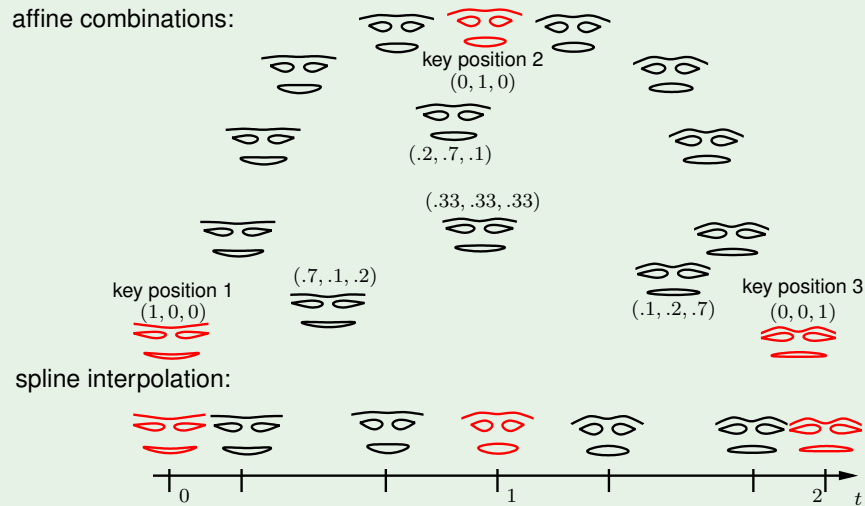
**Animation:** Vary the blend weights  $\alpha_k$  over the time:  $\alpha_i(t)$



**Example**

**Initial Situation:** 3 *prototype faces* with (“cheerful”, “frightened”, “scared”)

**Animation:** Modification of the blend weights over time, from cheerful ( $t = 0$ ) over frightened ( $t = 1$ ) to scared ( $t = 2$ ).



**Note:** Key positions have been placed at different locations in order to visualize the animation in one image.

**Further Morphing Applications****Application (Image Morphing)**

**Color:** Besides form, color etc. can also be blended/morphed

**Example:** Morphing of an image

- 1 Warping (FFD) puts pixels in relation:  $(x, y) = D^{init}(x, y) \rightarrow D^{end}(x, y)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Bézier-control points for initial and final images  $C_{ij}^{init}$  (initial),  $C_{ij}^{end}$
- 2 Intermediate image (time  $t$ ) by interpolation of control points & color:

$$C_{ij}^t = (1 - t) \cdot C_{ij}^{init} + t \cdot C_{ij}^{end} \Rightarrow D^t$$

$$I(D^t(x, y)) = (1 - t) \cdot I(D^0(x, y)) + t \cdot I(D^1(x, y))$$

