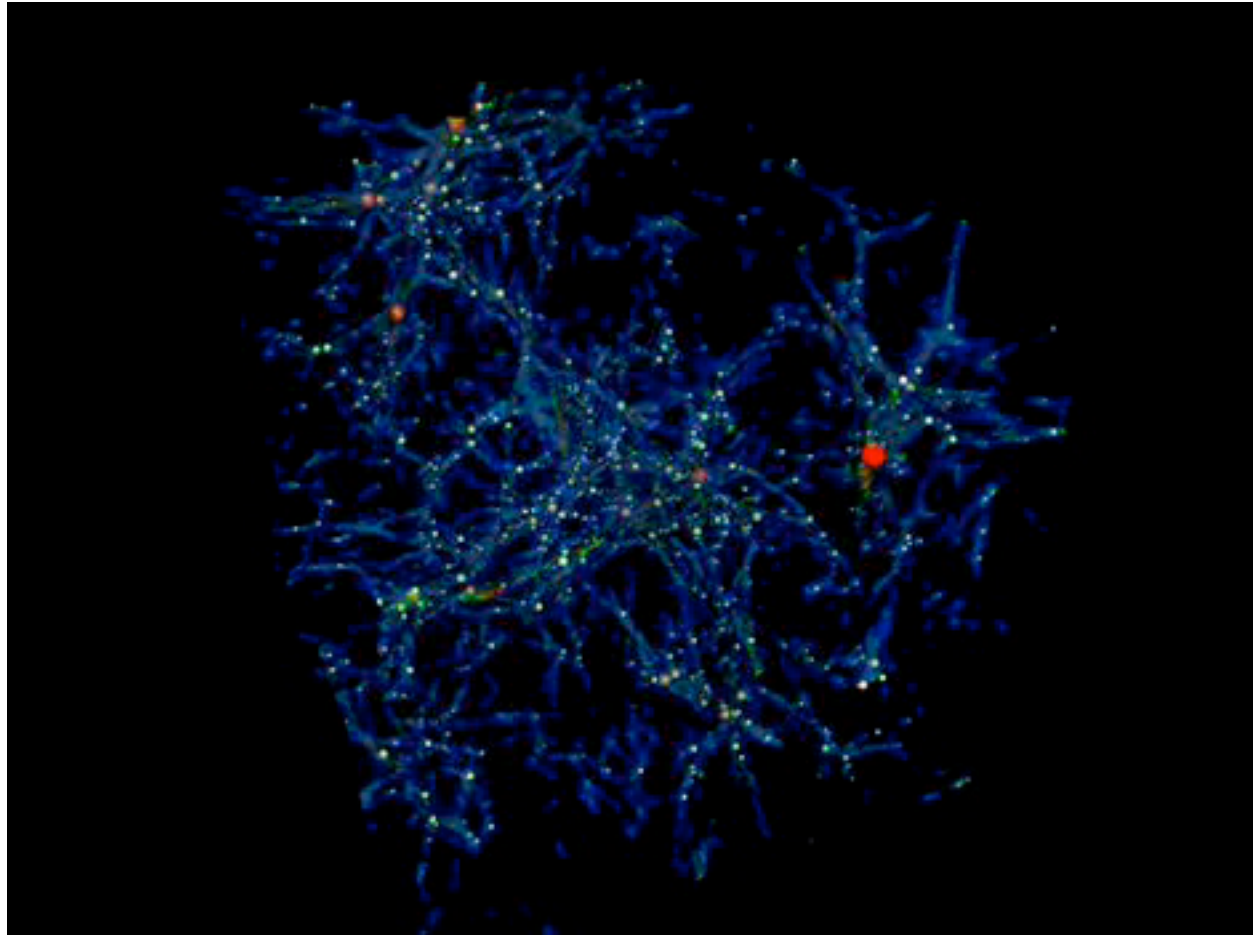


# Supplement to Lecture 25

Animation  
I:  
Articulate  
Systems



Animation  
II:  
Particle  
Systems



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# Animation I: Articulate Systems

A worrior swinging  
two swords

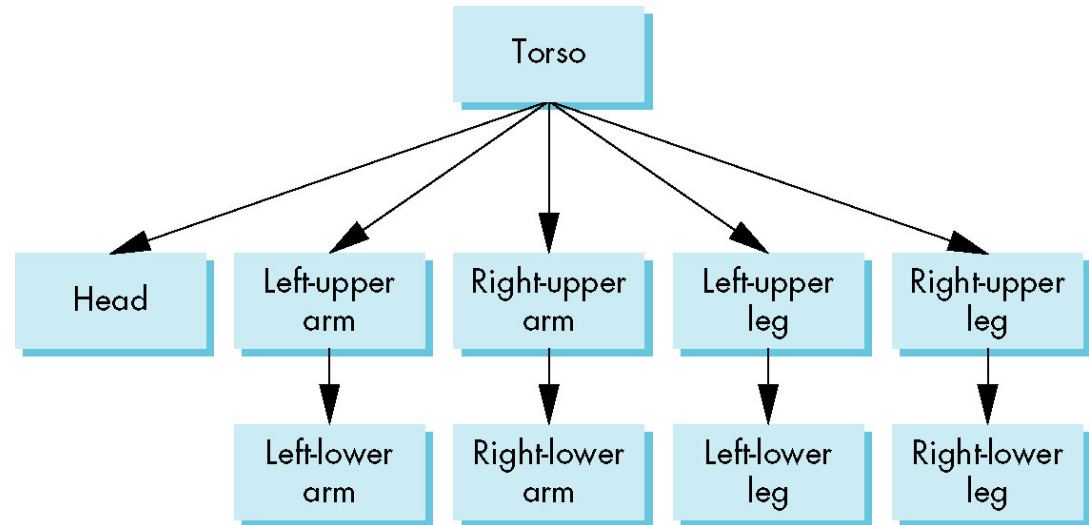
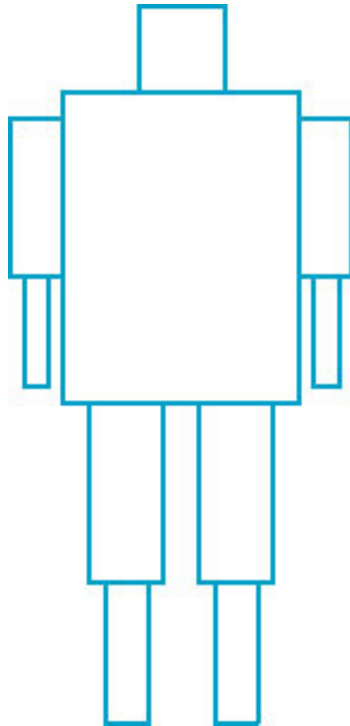
A worrying warrior is a worrior



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# Humanoid Figure

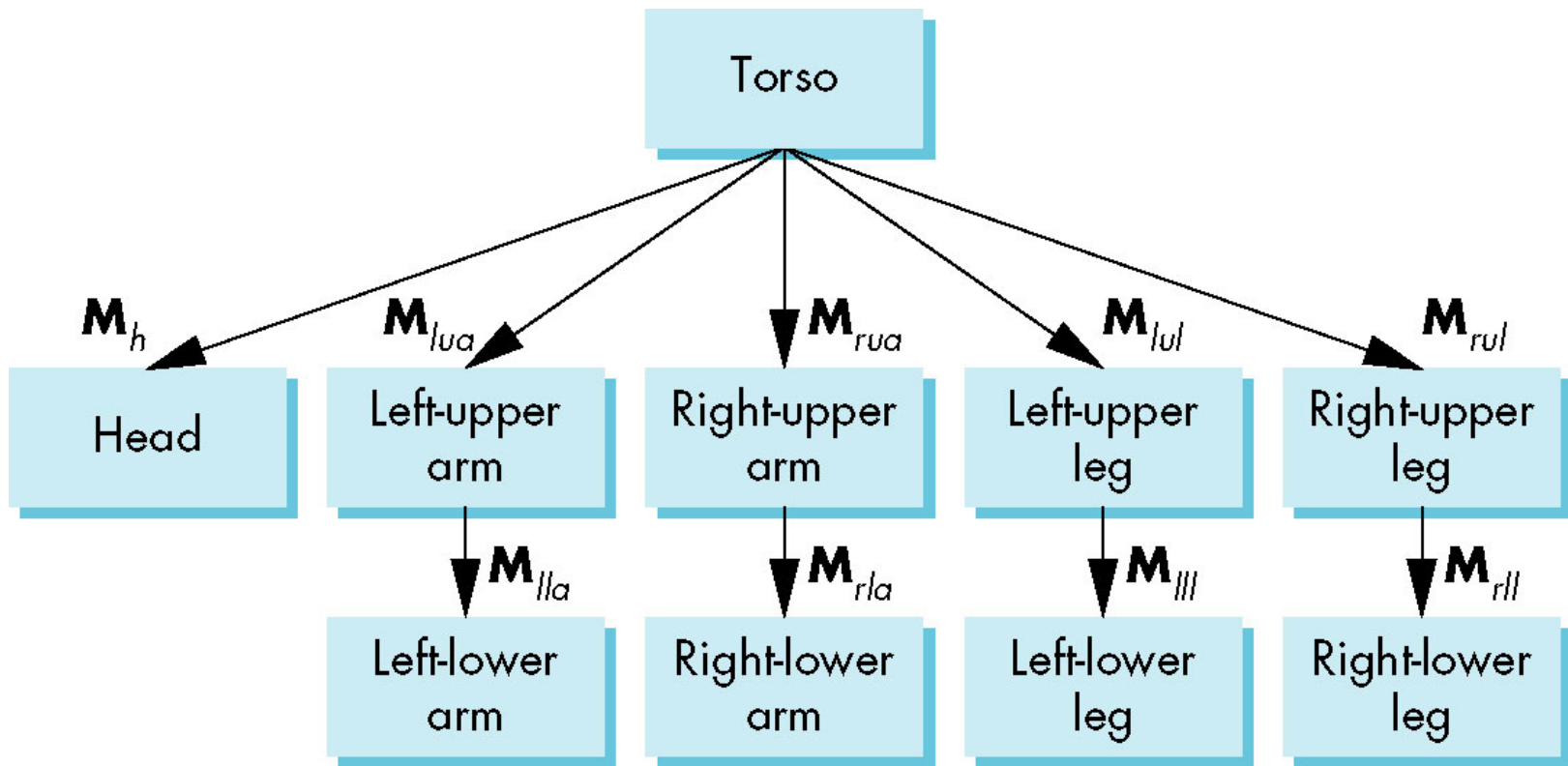


# Building the Model

- Can build a simple implementation using quadrics: ellipsoids and cylinders
- Access parts through functions
  - `torso()`
  - `left_upper_arm()`
- Matrices describe position of node with respect to its parent
  - $M_{lla}$  positions left lower leg with respect to left upper arm



# Tree of Matrices



# Transformation Matrices

- There are 10 relevant matrices
  - $\mathbf{M}$  positions and orients entire figure through the torso which is the root node
  - $\mathbf{M}_h$  positions head with respect to torso
  - $\mathbf{M}_{lua}$ ,  $\mathbf{M}_{rua}$ ,  $\mathbf{M}_{lul}$ ,  $\mathbf{M}_{rul}$  position arms and legs with respect to torso
  - $\mathbf{M}_{lla}$ ,  $\mathbf{M}_{rla}$ ,  $\mathbf{M}_{lll}$ ,  $\mathbf{M}_{rll}$  position lower parts of limbs with respect to corresponding upper limbs



# Traversal & Display

- The position of the figure is determined by 11 joint angles (two for the head and one for each other part)
- Display of the tree requires a *graph traversal*
  - Visit each node once
  - Display function at each node that describes the part associated with the node, applying the correct transformation matrix for position and orientation



# NOTES

- The position of figure is determined by 11 joint angles stored in **theta[11]**
- Animate by changing the angles and redisplaying
- We form the required matrices using **glRotate** and **glTranslate**
  - More efficient than software
  - Because the matrix is formed in model-view matrix, we may want to first push original model-view matrix on matrix stack





# Stack Based Traversal

- Set model-view matrix to  $\mathbf{M}$  and draw torso
- Set model-view matrix to  $\mathbf{MM}_h$  and draw head
- For left-upper arm need  $\mathbf{MM}_{lua}$  and so on
- Rather than recomputing  $\mathbf{MM}_{lua}$  from scratch or using an inverse matrix, we can use the matrix stack to store  $\mathbf{M}$  and other matrices as we traverse the tree



# Traversal Code

```
figure() {  
    glPushMatrix()           ← save present model-view matrix  
    torso() ;                ← update model-view matrix for head  
    glRotate3f(...) ;        ← recover original model-view matrix  
    head() ;                 ← save it again  
    glPushMatrix() ;         ← update model-view matrix  
    glTranslate3f(...) ;     ← for left upper arm  
    glRotate3f(...) ;        ← recover and save original  
    left_upper_arm() ;       ← model-view matrix again  
    glPopMatrix() ;          ← rest of code  
    glPushMatrix() ;  
}
```



# Animation II: Particle Systems



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- Most important of procedural methods
- Used to model
  - Natural phenomena
    - Clouds
    - Terrain
    - Plants
  - Crowd Scenes
  - Real physical processes



# Newtonian Particle

- Particle system is a set of particles
- Each particle is an ideal point mass
- Six degrees of freedom
  - Position
  - Velocity
- Each particle obeys Newtons' law

$$\mathbf{f} = m\mathbf{a}$$



# Particle Equations

$$\mathbf{p}_i = (x_i, y_i, z_i)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_i = d\mathbf{p}_i / dt = \mathbf{p}_i' = (dx_i / dt, dy_i / dt, dz_i / dt)$$

$$m \mathbf{v}_i' = \mathbf{f}_i$$

Hard part is defining force vector



# Force Vector

- Independent Particles
  - Gravity
  - Wind forces
  - $O(n)$  calculation
- Coupled Particles  $O(n)$ 
  - Meshes
  - Spring-Mass Systems
- Coupled Particles  $O(n^2)$ 
  - Attractive and repulsive forces



# Solution of Particle Systems

```
float time, delta state[6n],  
    force[3n];  
state = initial_state();  
for(time = t0; time<final_time,  
    time+=delta) {  
    force = force_function(state,  
        time);  
    state = ode(force, state, time,  
        delta);  
    render(state, time)  
}
```





# Simple Forces

- Consider force on particle  $i$

$$\mathbf{f}_i = \mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{v}_i)$$

- Gravity  $\mathbf{f}_i = \mathbf{g}$

$$\mathbf{g}_i = (0, -g, 0)$$

- Wind forces

- Drag

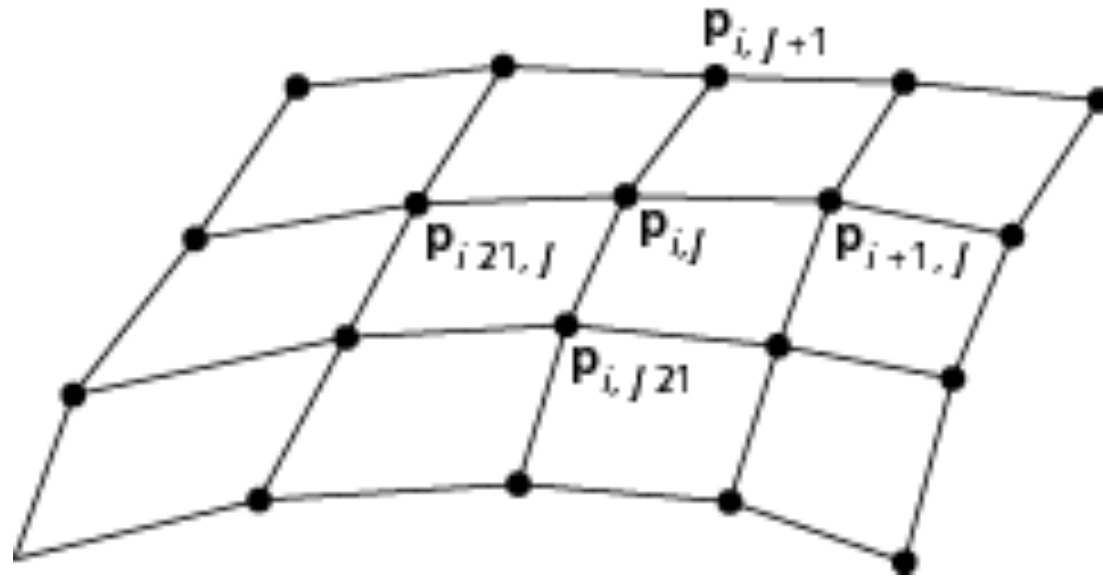


$\mathbf{p}_i(t_0), \mathbf{v}_i(t_0)$



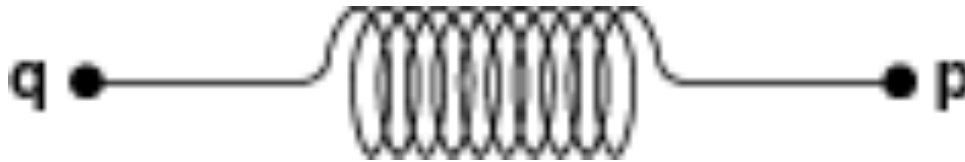
# Neighborhood Graph

- Connect each particle to its closest neighbors
  - $O(n)$  force calculation
- Use spring-mass system



# Spring Forces

- Assume each particle has unit mass and is connected to its neighbor(s) by a spring
- Hooke's law: force proportional to distance ( $d = \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|$ ) between the points



# Hooke's Law

- Let  $s$  be the distance when there is no force

$$\mathbf{f} = -k_s(|\mathbf{d}| - s) \mathbf{d}/|\mathbf{d}|$$

$k_s$  is the spring constant

$\mathbf{d}/|\mathbf{d}|$  is a unit vector pointed from  $\mathbf{p}$  to  $\mathbf{q}$

- Each interior point in mesh has four forces applied to it

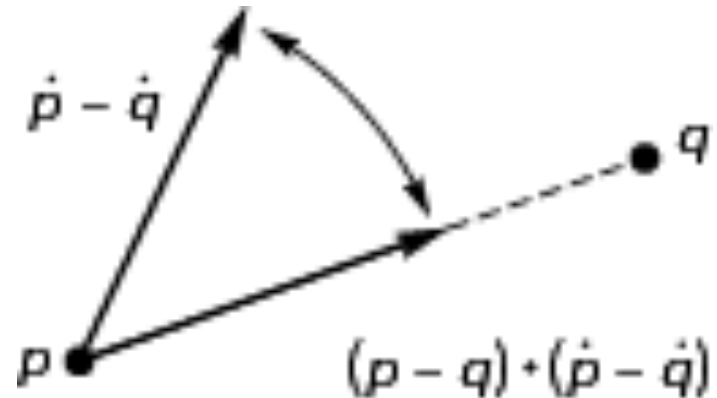


# Spring Damping

- A pure spring-mass will oscillate forever
- Must add a damping term

$$\mathbf{f} = -(\mathbf{k}_s(|\mathbf{d}| - s) + \mathbf{k}_d \mathbf{d} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{d}}/|\mathbf{d}|)\mathbf{d}/|\mathbf{d}|$$

- Must project velocity



# Attraction/Repulsion

- Inverse square law

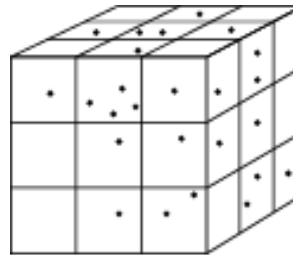
$$\mathbf{f} = -k_r \mathbf{d} / |\mathbf{d}|^3$$

- General case requires  $O(n^2)$  calculation
- In most problems, the drop off is such that not many particles contribute to the forces on any given particle
- Fast Multipole Algorithm:  $O(n \log n)$



# Octree Enhancement

- Spatial subdivision technique
- Divide space into boxes
- Particle can only interact with particles in its box or the neighboring boxes
- Must update which box a particle belongs to after each time step



# Field Calculations

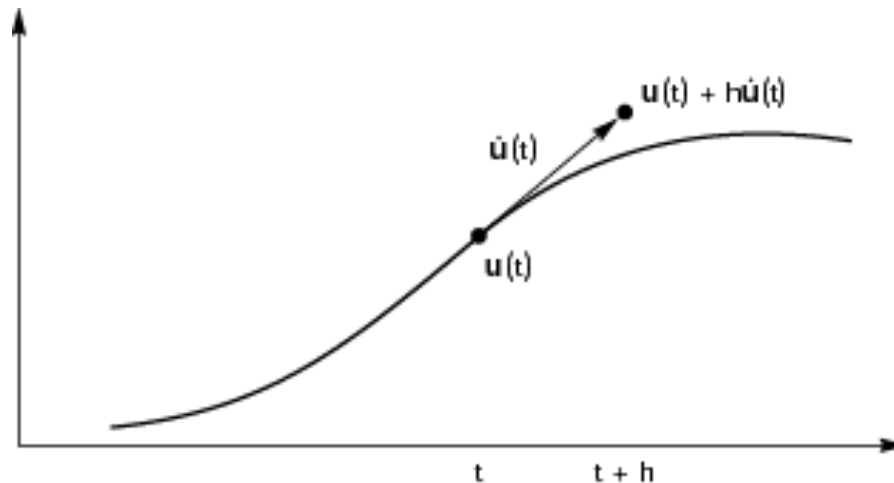
- Consider simple gravity
- We don't compute forces due to sun, moon, and other large bodies
- Rather we use the gravitational field
- Usually we can group particles into equivalent point masses





# Solution of ODEs

- Particle system has  $6n$  ordinary differential equations
- Write set as  $d\mathbf{u}/dt = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}, t)$
- Solve by approximations using Taylor's Thm



# Euler's Method

$$\mathbf{u}(t + h) \approx \mathbf{u}(t) + h \, d\mathbf{u}/dt = \mathbf{u}(t) + hg(\mathbf{u}, t)$$

Per step error is  $O(h^2)$

Require one force evaluation per time step

Problem is numerical instability  
depends on step size



# RUNGE KUTTA

$$\mathbf{u}(t + h) \approx \mathbf{u}(t) + h/2(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}, t) + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}, t+h))$$

Per step error is  $O(h^3)$

Also allows for larger step sizes

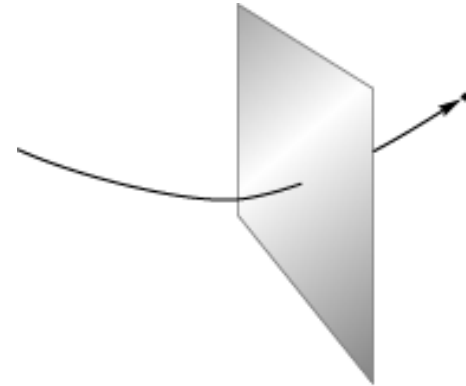
But requires two function evaluations per step

Also known as Runge-Kutta method of order 2



# Constraints

- Easy in computer graphics to ignore physical reality
- Surfaces are virtual
- Must detect collisions separately if we want exact solution
- Can approximate with repulsive forces



# Collisions

Once we detect a collision, we can  
calculate new path

Use coefficient of resitution

Reflect vertical component

May have to use partial time step

