CSCI 520
Computer Animation and Simulation

Spring 2013, 3 units
Mon Wed 2:00pm-3:20pm
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About the teacher

- Assistant professor in CS
- Post-doc at MIT (2 years)
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About the teacher

• Background:
  BSc Mathematics
  PhD Computer Science

• Research interests:
  graphics, animation, real-time physics, control, sound, haptics
Teaching Assistant

- Yili Zhao
- Thursday, 1:00-3:00pm
- SAL 235
Who is the course for

- PhD students
- MSc students
- Advanced undergraduates
- CS 580 background will be very helpful!!
Why take this course

• Opens the door to jobs in computer graphics
• Make better games
• Put math and physics to use in the real world
• Real-time graphics is cool
• Impress your friends with demos
Prerequisites

• A grade of at least B in CS480 or CS580, or explicit permission of instructor

• Familiarity with calculus, linear algebra and numerical computation

• C/C++ programming skills

• See me if you are missing any and we haven’t discussed it
Recommended Textbooks


• OpenGL Programming Guide ("Red Book")
  Basic version also available on-line (see Resources)
Evaluation

- Assignments: 3 x 21%
- Final Exam: 37%
Academic integrity

• No collaboration!

• Do not copy any parts of any of the assignments from anyone

• Do not look at other students' code, papers, assignments or exams

• USC Office of Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards will be notified
Assignment Policies

• Programming assignments
  - Hand in via Blackboard by end of due date
  - Functionality and features
  - Style and documentation
  - Artistic impression

• 3 late days, usable any time during semester
• Academic integrity policy applied rigorously
Class goals

• Gain ability to create animations and 3D simulations

• Learn a 3D graphics API (or improve skills)

• Improve code optimization skills
Applications

• Virtual reality
• Interactive computer animation
• Surgical simulation; preoperative planning
• Computational robotics; manipulation
• Video games
• Assembly planning
• Scientific visualization
• Education
• E-commerce
Keyframe Animation
Motion Capture
Inverse Kinematics

www.learnartificialneuralnetworks.com

source: Autodesk
Character Rigging
Facial Animation
Crowd Animation
Crowd Animation

Continuum Crowds

Adrien Treuille
Seth Cooper
Zoran Popović
Maya
Fluids
Deformations

Vertices: 45882
Triangles: 105788

Source: CMU
Simulating Large Models

Source: Cornell University
Simulating Large Models
Sound

Modal renderer

Source: CMU
Self-collision detection

Source: USC
GPU programming

- Vertex shader
- Fragment shader
- CUDA
- OpenCL
Physics in games

Real-Time Deformation and Fracture in a Game Environment

Eric Parker
Pixelux Entertainment

James O'Brien
U.C. Berkeley

Video Edited by Sebastian Burke

From the proceedings of SCA 2009, New Orleans

Source:
Symposium on computer animation
Force-feedback Rendering
Haptic Interfaces

- hap·tic ('hap-tik) adj.
  Of or relating to the sense of touch; tactile.
Surgical Simulation

Source:
Cornell University
Multibody dynamics

Figure 1: Avalanche: 300 rocks tumble down a mountainside.
TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

• Overview of computer animation
• Primer on numerical linear algebra
• Dynamical systems, numerical integration of ODEs
• Constraints and contact
• Character Rigging
• Inverse Kinematics
• Maya
• Crowds
• Rigid body dynamics
• Collision detection
• Structured deformable objects (solids, cloth, hair)
• Fracture and cutting
• Fluids (Navier-Stokes)
• Haptics
• Sound simulation (acoustics)
• Programmable graphics hardware (GPUs)
• Case study: Havok engine for physics in games
• Motion capture
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