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Genre Specific Physics

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The high-performance handheld game console that can run AAA games is finally here! Runs on Windows10

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Genre Specific Physics

- Physics so far is enough for many different game genres
 - Platformer, RPG, Shooter, Metroidvania, Sports...
- Two key genres need more advanced physics
 - Fighting Game
 - 2D Brawler

Fighting Game Physics

- Only two sprites, both with really high quality art
- Many different moves for each character
- Each move is extremely unique



Fighting Game Physics

- Collision resolution is very simple!
 - Damage -OR- Push
- Nothing to interact other than the characters or projectiles



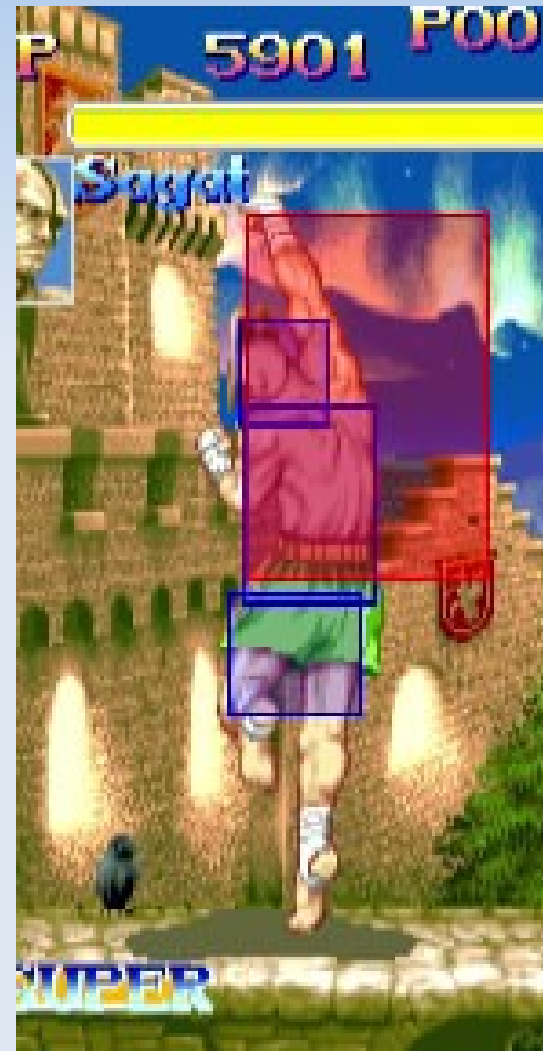
Fighting Game Physics

In fighting games, animation controls physics

- **Most Games:**
 - Input sets player state and movement
 - State set animations
 - Physics resolution sets state
- **Fighting Games:**
 - Input sets animations
 - Animations set movement and collision
 - Physics resolution sets animation

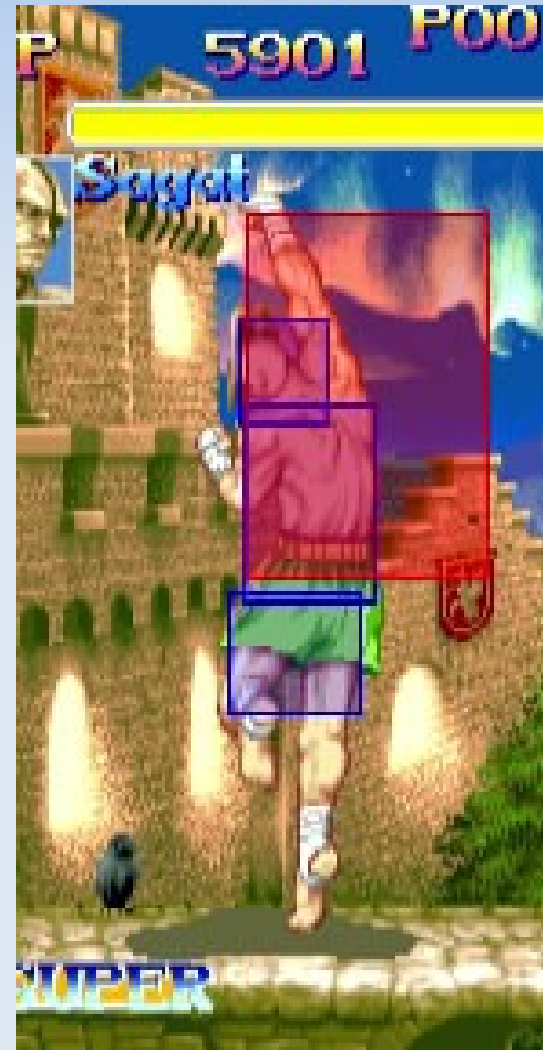
Fighting Game Physics

- Animation has additional gameplay data added
- Hitboxes
- Motion
- Let's see a video...



Fighting Game Physics

```
class AnimationDef {  
    String name;  
    FrameDef[] frames;  
  
    float motionSpeed;  
    boolean isJump;  
    int damage;  
}  
  
class FrameDef {  
    int image;  
    float frameTimeSecs;  
    int w;  
    int h;  
  
    AABB[] attackBox;  
    AABB[] vulnerableBox;  
    AABB collisionBox;  
}
```



Fighting Game Physics

Physics

- Usually runs faster than graphics, needs its own inner loop

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int physicsDeltaMs = 10;
int lastPhysicsFrameMs;

// The game loop
while (!shouldExit) {
    // ...

    // Physics update
    do {
        // 1. Physics movement
        // 2. Physics collision detection
        // 3. Physics collision resolution
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    } while (lastPhysicsFrameMs + physicsDeltaMs < curFrameMs );

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Fighting Game Physics

- With physics tied so much to animation, it no longer is going faster than rendering
- Now animation will also be fixed framerate
 - Because animation now is physics
- Animation needs to change to be frame based instead of time based

Fighting Game Physics

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    // Gameplay animation update
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        // 1. Animation update
        // 2. Physics movement
        // 3. Physics collision detection
        // 4. Physics collision resolution
        lastAnimationFrameMs += animationDeltaMs;
    }

    // Normal update logic is much smaller, non-gameplay animations and timers
    // ...
}
```

Fighting Game Physics

- For each piece of art, you need to define:
 - List of vulnerable boxes
 - List of attack boxes
 - A collision box
- If two collision boxes overlap, resolve by pushing the players apart
- If an attack box overlaps a vulnerable box, deal damage and set to a hit animation

Fighting Game Physics

- And create lots and lots and lots of content



Fighting Game Physics



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Fighting Game Physics



Fighting Game Physics

For a project in this class,
keep the art under control!

Fighting Game Physics

Questions?

Brawler Physics

- Side scrolling fighter where the players fight lots and lots of enemies.



Brawler Physics

- Borrow a lot of the techniques from fighting games
 - Animation based collisions, lots of different moves
- New need:
 - Entire game has to be playable in 3D
 - All bounding boxes should be 3D

Brawler Physics

- AABB3D / AABB3D collision detection
- Check in order:
 - Is box1 left of box2?
 - Is box1 right of box2?
 - Is box1 above box2?
 - Is box1 below box2?
 - **Is box1 in front of box2?**
 - **Is box1 behind box2?**

Brawler Physics

- To do this, you need two new fields in AABB3D, front and back.
- ```
class AABB3D {
 public float left, right;
 public float top, bottom;
 public float front, back;
}
```

# Brawler Physics

That's it!

# Brawler Physics

Questions?

# Homework 6

- Due March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Add background collision detection and resolution to your game.
- Everything you've added so far must collide “sensibly”
  - Player, enemies, and projectiles
- You only need top-down collision to be handled

# Homework 6

- Extra credit:
- Add one or two of the advanced physics techniques talked about
  
- Platformer physics
- Actor motion
- One way walls
- Pixel perfect collision
- Fighting game collision