Development of Japanese and American Gaze Behaviors for Robots and Virtual Agents, and Evaluation of Human Impressions

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What is **human-interface?**

Studies hardware and software that is easy to use for people

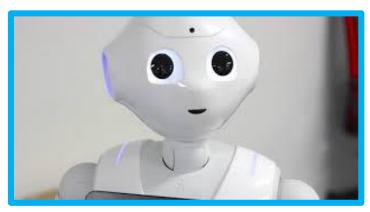




BackGround

Recently this field has *increased opportunities* to people

communicate with **<u>robots</u>** or <u>agents</u>.



https://www.appps.jp/284669/



https://robotstart.info/2018/08/31/gatebox-homelive-2.html

People don't feel like these have *intelligence* or *social ability*

and are discouraged to interact with them

Two types of gaze models

Japanese gaze model

American gaze model

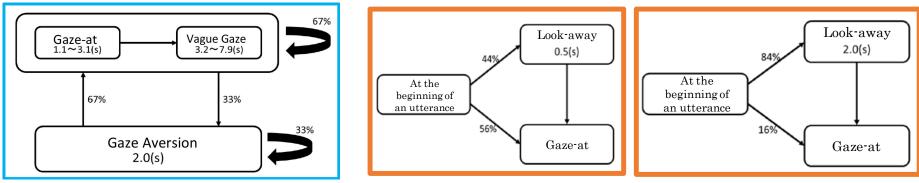
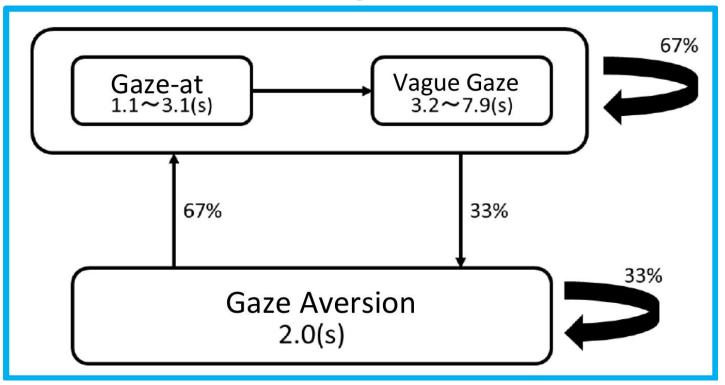


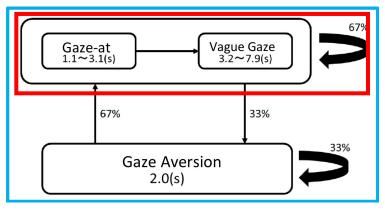
Fig. 1: The model of Japanese and American Gaze

Japanese gaze model



Japanese people look at the person they are speaking to from 1.1 seconds to 3.1 seconds

Japanese gaze model





Vague Gaze

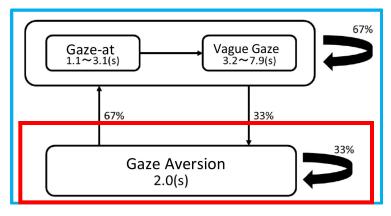
the gaze is not direct eye contact but is directed at the person's face or body <u>3.2</u> seconds to <u>7.9</u> seconds



<u>67%</u> chance that people return to gaze directly at the person

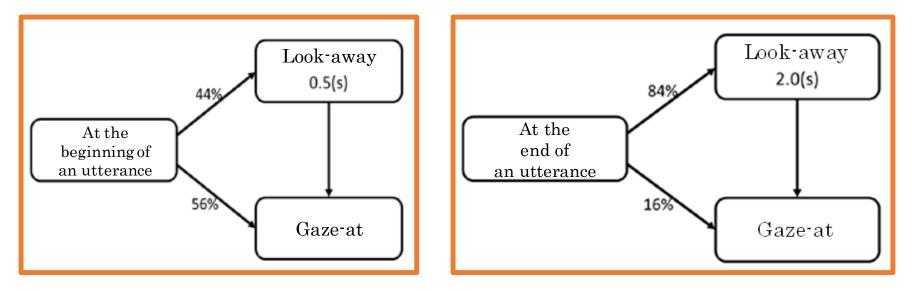


Japanese gaze model

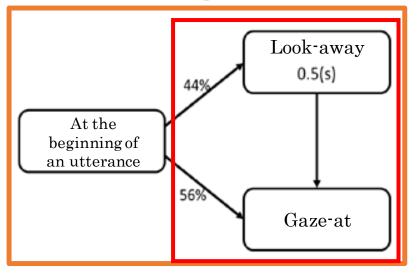


33% chance that they avert their gaze for $\underline{2}$ seconds

American gaze model

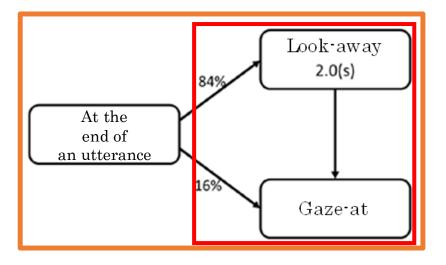


American gaze model



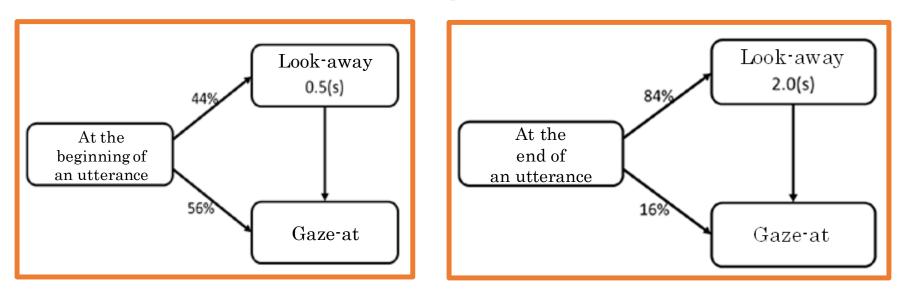
there is a <u>44%</u> chance that they look away for <u>0.5</u> seconds or gaze at the person

American gaze model



there is an <u>84%</u> chance to look away for <u>2</u> seconds and then gaze at the listener

American gaze model



In the US and the UK, they are taught to look someone in the eye when speaking.

This is one of the **reasons** of this **gaze behavior**.

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Fig. 2: The robot and virtual agent

CommU



Communication robot

CommU can interpret reactions

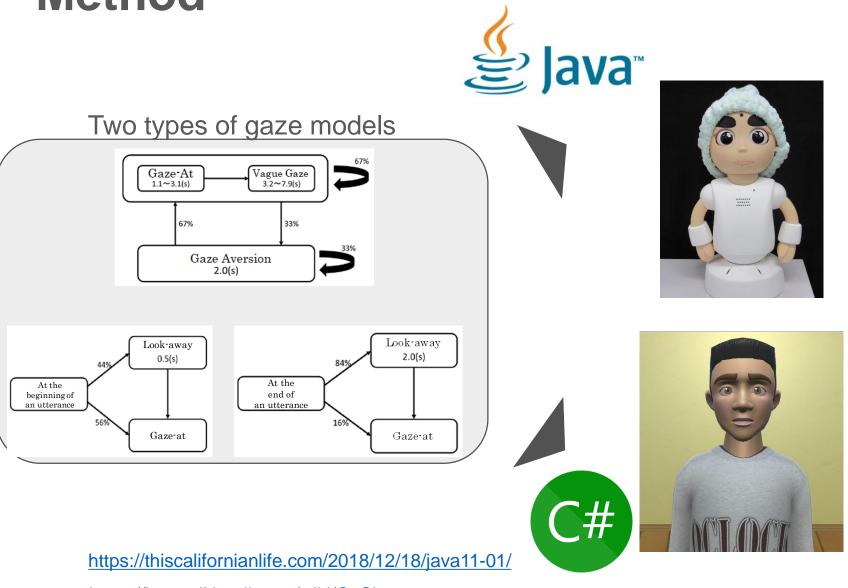
developed by Vstone

Ryota



Virtual agent of Unity

Can make <u>a human behavior</u>



https://ja.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/C_Sharp