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主論文の要旨

A Study on Recognition of Students' Multiple Mental States during Discussion Using Multimodal Data

論文題目

(マルチモーダルデータを用いた議論中の学生の心的状態の認識に関する研究)

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論文内容の要旨

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Students will experience a complex mixture of mental states during discuss ion activities, which have been widely acknowledged as crucial components for revealing a student's learning state. An ideal teacher should be sens itive enough in monitoring the mental states of students during learning, infer the learning troubles students are facing, and make real-time decisi ons on what kind of adaptive support to provide at what time. Many lines of research have explored the automatic measurement of students' single mental state in pre-designed learning tasks in a computer environment. It still remains a challenge to monitor the complex mental states of multiple students in a real-world environment of the real teacher-student interactive discussion activity.

In this study, I propose using multimodal data to design an intelligent mo nitoring agent that can assist teachers in effectively monitoring the mult iple mental states of students during discussion. To achieve this goal, an advanced multi-sensor-based data-collection system was developed and applied in a real university's research lab to record and accumulate a massive amounts of multimodal conversational data in "in-the-wild". An explorative work was firstly conducted to validate the predictive ability of students' physiological cues heart rate in automatically recognizing students' mental confidence toward appropriately giving answers in Q&A session of discussion. Then, I further explored how to effectively design multimodal an alytics to take advantages of the supplement and replacement capabilities between different modalities in augmenting human teacher's perceptual and reasoning capability in monitoring the multiple mental states of students

including concentration, confusion, frustration and boredom during discuss ion, in which I derived a set of proxy features from facial, heart rate, a nd acoustic modalities and used them to train several supervised learning classifiers with different multimodal fusion approaches single-channel-lev el, feature-level, and decision-level fusion to recognize students' multip le mental states in conversations. I explored effectively design multimoda l analytics can augment the ability in recognizing different mental states and found that fusing heart rate and acoustic modalities yields better re cognize the states of concentration (AUC = 0.842) and confusion (AUC = 0.695), while fusing three modalities yield the best performance in recognizing the states of frustration (AUC = 0.737) and boredom (AUC = 0.810). The results also explored the possibility of leveraging the advantages of the replacement capabilities between different modalities to provide human tea chers with solutions for addressing the challenges with monitoring students in different real-world education environments.