

On the Comparison of Pedestrian Intent Estimation by Humans and Machines

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Abstract

Human drivers excel in predicting the behavior of pedestrians on the sidewalk. The drivers observe pedestrian position, gaze, body pose and more to infer hidden variables that guide the future pedestrian trajectory. These hidden variables can be the pedestrian's goal, dynamics model and more. Autonomous vehicles need to copy the human capability to predict pedestrian intent to achieve to drive as safe and confident as humans. This project learns a Hidden Markov Model (HMM) and a neural network model to imitate human capabilities in estimating pedestrian intent. Especially for the neural network model, we experiment with two variants: one without uncertainty and another with uncertainty. Our results show, that the HMM resembles human decision making, by focusing on predictive euclidean distance, but misses out on unmodeled more complicated hidden states. In comparison to the HMM, the neural network model is more data hungry and better learned the underlying pedestrian behavior. Interestingly, the neural network with uncertainty estimate correlates with the human uncertainty.

Introduction

For autonomous vehicles to drive fast and safe, it is important for the vehicles to correctly predict the intent (i.e., path prediction) of pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers around them (fig. 1). Previous works have attempted to predict intent of pedestrians and drivers. They have showed promising directions toward correctly estimating human intent, but the problem of correctly predicting the intent still remains challenging (Alahi et al., 2016; Morris, Doshi, & Trivedi, 2011). On the other hand, humans excel at the task to estimate pedestrian and driver intent (Keller & Gavrila, 2014). They exploit their intuitive understanding of physics (Battaglia, Hamrick, & Tenenbaum, 2013) and hidden variables that describe human intent. Hidden variables can be the pedestrian's hidden goal, level of distraction, repulsiveness and attraction to other pedestrians or many more (Helbing & Molnar, 1998). Humans can infer these parameters for example from observing the body pose, gaze direction, mimic and observation of obstacles in the environment.

This project aims to understand human intent with computational models, such as the hidden Markov model (HMM) and a neural network model. The pedestrian prediction task is simplified as collision prediction task to allow for comparison.

First, a human is tasked to predict if two pedestrians are going to collide, given a simulated video sequence. Second, an HMM is learned to infer collision probability from the same



Figure 1: Pedestrian intent estimation (Kooij et al., 2018). Humans are experts in estimating pedestrian intent, i.e. predicting whether the pedestrian is going to cross (red) or not (green). Using computational models, our objective is to understand the underlying mechanism behind human decision making for pedestrian intent estimation.

data and the prior is adapted to better imitate the human predictive capabilities. Third, an ensemble of neural network is trained on a bigger dataset and its predictive mean and uncertainty is compared against the human decision making.

This project analyses the capability of humans to predict pedestrian intent and evaluates an HMM and Neural Network model to copy this capability. The HMM's posterior is adapted to closely resemble human decision making and indicates that humans strongly rely on the heading and euclidean distance information to predict collisions. The neural network model was trained to predict collision probability. Additionally, we use an ensemble of neural networks to estimate uncertainty. The neural network model achieves the Pearson correlation of 0.69 between a human data and model's prediction. As we show, the neural network model is less capable to perform than humans to predict novel behavior, but interestingly is uncertain for the same region as humans are.

All source code and results can be found at https://github.com/dkkim93/9.66_collision_final_project.

Related Work

Uncertainty in Neural Networks

Neural networks have achieved state-of-the-art results on estimating human intent (Vemula, Mülling, & Oh, 2017; Alahi et al., 2016). However, one fundamental difference in human and neural network reasoning is uncertainty. Neural networks normally predict a mean prediction value and can fail overconfidently on novel data. Humans, in comparison, would reveal their uncertainty saying *I have never seen this behavior before, hence I do not know how to predict the behavior*. To give the neural networks a similar notion of uncertainty and *know what they don't know*, we have explored the recent field uncertainty-aware neural networks.

Bayesian Neural Networks reason about predictive uncertainty by keeping track of a distribution for each network's parameter (MacKay, 1992; Neal, 1996). However, they are computationally intractable due to the expensive calculation of the Bayesian posterior. Even approximate methods, such as Markov Chain Monte Carlo or variational methods, come with extensive computational cost (Louizos & Welling, 2016; Graves, 2011; Springenberg, Klein, Falkner, & Hutter, 2016). Other works, proposes MC-Dropout (Gal & Ghahramani, 2016): the activation of Dropout (Srivastava, Hinton, Krizhevsky, Sutskever, & Salakhutdinov, 2014) during test as approximate Bayesian inference in deep Gaussian processes. However, uncertainty estimates with MC-Dropout have shown to be overconfident on novel data (Osband, Blundell, Pritzel, & Van Roy, 2016; Lakshminarayanan, Pritzel, & Blundell, 2017).

Alternative works proposes the Bootstrapping as an approximation of model uncertainty in neural networks (Osband et al., 2016; Lakshminarayanan et al., 2017). Intuitively, an ensemble of randomly initialized models is trained on overlapping samples of a training dataset and during test the sample variance of predictions indicates the ensemble uncertainty. The predictions of each model will be similar for data points that have often occurred in the training set and differ for data points that have only occurred in one sample of the training set or not occurred at all.

Intuitive physics understanding

This work was inspired by (Lerer, Gross, & Fergus, 2016; Bramley, Gerstenberg, Tenenbaum, & Gureckis, 2017) who explored how to simulate our intuition about physics, and did so using deep feed-forward models to learn intuitive physics.

Approach

Generation of Pedestrian Trajectories in Simulation

To compare the capability of humans and machines to predict pedestrian behavior, we have created a simulation of pedestrian behavior. For fairness, the simulation was designed to display the same information to human participants and the models. Figure 2 shows multiple frames of pedestrian trajectories from the bird's eye view.

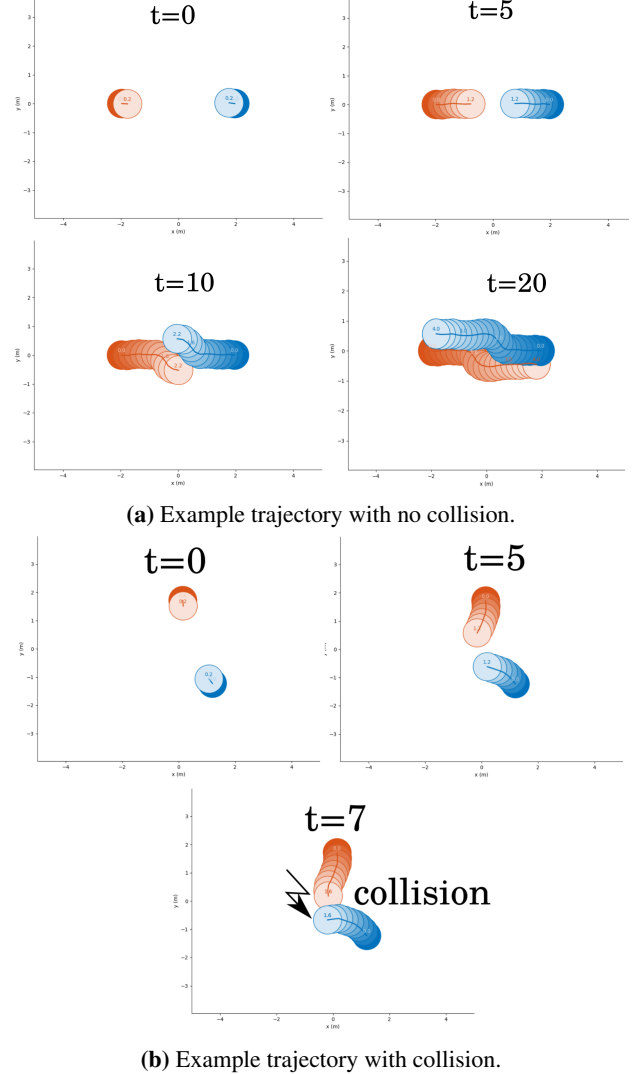


Figure 2: Pedestrian Simulation. In the beginning of each episode, the pedestrian simulation randomly spawns two pedestrians (dark orange and blue circle) at time $t = 0$ at a random $x - y$ position. The simulation uses a pedestrian dynamics model to propagate the positions over time. The bird's eye perspective of the pedestrian positions is displayed. At each time step the updated pedestrian position is plotted whose color becomes lighter over time. In fig. 2a two pedestrians avoid each other and in fig. 2b two pedestrians collide.

The simulation implements a dynamics model of pedestrians. Two pedestrians (orange and blue dot) are spawned with a random $x - y$ position and heading angle. The simulation assumes constant velocity $1m/s$, which is a common choice in pedestrian simulations (Curtis & Manocha, 2014). The velocity is used to propagate the position of both agents over time with step size $0.2s$. The positions of both pedestrians are propagated over a maximum of 20 steps until an episode ends. The simulation records a collision label, when the distance of both pedestrians is smaller than the sum of their radius (circumference of the orange and blue circle).

The simulation uses Reciprocal-Velocity-Obstacles (RVO2) (Berg, Lin, & Manocha, 2008) as pedestrian dynamics model. Intuitively, each RVO2 pedestrian observes the other pedestrian’s position and assumes that they will continue with their current heading and velocity forever. Based on this prediction, the RVO2 pedestrian chooses its future path the way, that it is as close as possible to its preferred path, but will never collide with the other agent. Because RVO2 guarantees that no pedestrians will collide, if they all follow RVO2, we have eliminated the possibility for the RVO2 pedestrians to adapt their velocity. This caused approximately 25% collisions among all episodes.

Reciprocal Velocity Obstacles (RVO2) (Berg et al., 2008) is a decentralized collision avoidance policy and has also been used in other works as pedestrian simulator (Bera, Randhavan, Prinja, & Manocha, 2017). In comparison to the social forces model (Helbing & Molnar, 1998), we have decided for the decentralized model RVO2. Decentralized, in this case, means that each pedestrian cannot directly observe the other pedestrian hidden states. We believe in the model being more realistic, because humans also decide about their future trajectory in a decentralized manner.

RVO2 provides a collaboration coefficient α with determines how “aggressive” or “stubborn” a pedestrian behaves, i.e. it determines how much the pedestrian goes out of the way of the other pedestrian. In this work the parameter is set to the default 0.5, but future works infer this parameter from real pedestrian data via Bayesian Inference, as demonstrated in (Bera et al., 2017).

Two datasets have been generated. The first contains 89 episodes with two pedestrians $x-y$ position and heading over time. The dataset is used for the collection of intent estimation by humans and the HMM. The second dataset contains 8.5k episodes without pictures and is used by the neural network model.

Collection of Intent Estimation by Humans

We have asked our participants the following question: “Assume two normal pedestrians. Normal as in they are “partially” cooperative and social pedestrians. Look at the following sequence of 5 image frames that display two pedestrians’ positions over time from the bird’s eye view. Now, how confident are you that the pedestrians’ will collide in the near future (15 image frames)? Rate from 0 to 10 that describe your estimation (0: certainly no collision, 10: certainly col-

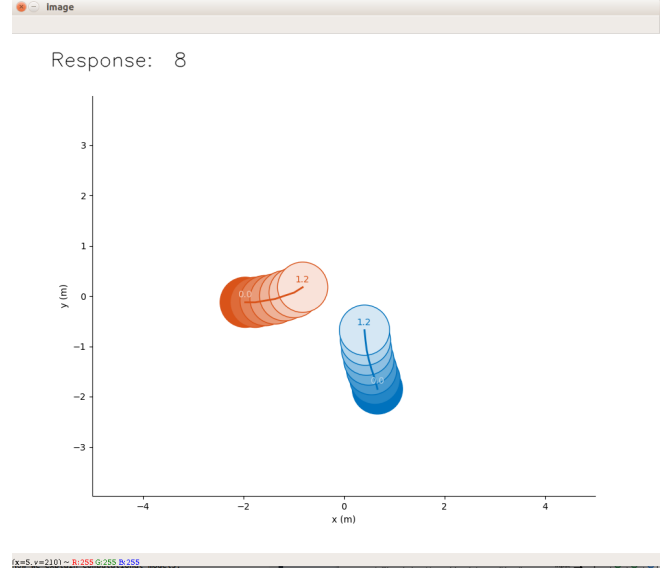


Figure 3: A screenshot of human data collection. Each frame shows the trajectories of the two agents by the color gradient (where the lighter color implies the most recent). After participants see a sequence of 5 frames, they predict pedestrian intent. They do so by entering a rating from 0 to 10 which indicates their confidence in the prediction that the two pedestrians are going to collide.

lision)”. Our purpose of the question is to give a prior to our participants such that the two pedestrians in the simulator tend to avoid each other but not always (as the word “partially” implies).

Figure 3 shows a screenshot of a simple graphical user interface (GUI) that we have used to collect human data. Each frame shows the two agents’ trajectory, so participants do not need to go back or remember where robots were in the past frames. After our participants see the first five frames, they enter their rating from 0 to 10, where their responses are saved. With this procedure, we collected total 89 human data samples from three individuals from scientific background. During simulation 24 of these samples have led to a collision, which induces a data set bias towards predicting no collision.

Analysis on Collected Human Data Figure 4 shows the histogram of the ratings. Interestingly, the histogram shows a bias towards the no collision ratings (i.e., rating 0). This might not only be caused by the dataset bias, but also by the question that participants read. Because the question mentions about the cooperative and social behaviors of pedestrians, people would have thought that two pedestrians are likely to avoid each other. The histogram reflects this biased prior. The data also shows two local maxima at scores 0 – 3 and 4 – 8 indicating that humans are more confident in prediction no collision than they are in predicting a collision. A possible explanation for this trend is the following: No collision ratings are very confident if the two pedestrians move in op-

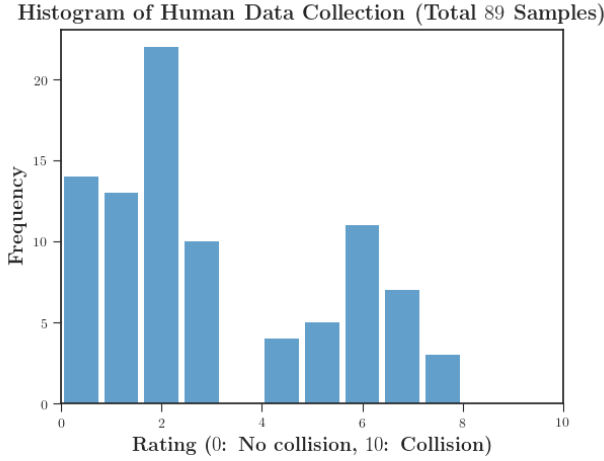


Figure 4: Histogram of Participants Ratings. The histogram plots the frequency of the humans’ predicted collision probability scores $[0, 9]$ on 89 samples. The histogram shows two peaks towards the no collision rating and a score around 6. The biased question prior and the dataset bias could partly explain the bias towards the no collision rating. The simulation’s ambiguity in a collision case as seen in fig. 2b, could explain lack of confidence in a human prediction towards collisions.

posite directions, as seen in fig. 2a. When two pedestrians move in the direction of each other as seen in fig. 2b, the human prediction is less clear.

Neural Network

A neural network (NN) model provides a stronger representation power with lots of learning parameters. A neural network model is also trained with a train dataset, which the model learns from and learns how to solve a task. One might connect the learning of a neural network model with a train dataset with a human learning from his/her previous experiences. Motivated by model’s computational power and connection with human’s prior experiences, we train a neural network (fig. 5a). We evaluate and analysis the model to understand better about human’s decision making in the pedestrian intent prediction task.

Although the neural network model predicts a collision probability, it does not output about uncertainty in its prediction. Uncertainty provides useful information such that we could use to understand what data points that the model is confused. It also provides a new perspective in understanding relationships between the neural network model and human (e.g., whether the model is also confused at what humans are unsure about). Therefore, we take a further step in the neural network model and measure the uncertainty in its prediction (fig. 5b). The uncertainty is measured via bootstrapping (Osband et al., 2016; Lakshminarayanan et al., 2017). Intuitively, an ensemble of randomly initialized models is trained on overlapping samples of a training dataset. Then,

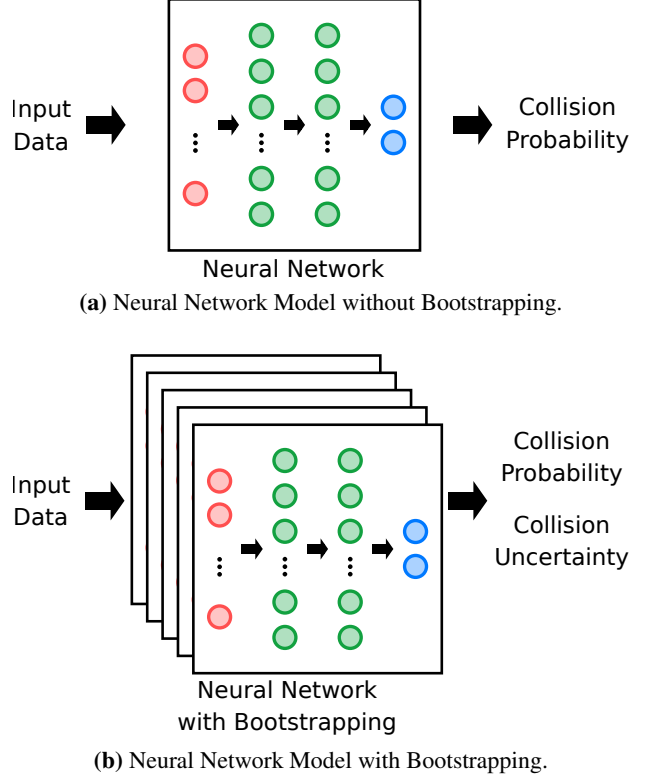


Figure 5: Our two approaches for neural networks. (a) Neural network model with one feed-forward network. (b) Neural network model with Bootstrapping (i.e., ensemble of neural networks) for uncertainty. In (b) the collision probability and uncertainty is the sample mean and variance from the neural network ensemble’s predictions.

during the testing phase, the sample variance of predictions indicates the uncertainty in the prediction.

Network and Train Details

Our neural network model is three-layer feed-forward deep neural network, consisting of rectified linear unit (ReLU) activation and 64 nodes per layer. A final layer of the softmax activation is used at the output of the policy that provides the collision probability. Because our participants only see the locations of two agents, we also provide only location information to the networks. Similar to (Mnih et al., 2015), where they concatenated multiple frames to avoid using a recurrent neural network, we concatenate location information across the first five frames and provide as an input to the network. Please note that we could also consider using a convolutional neural network to effectively process with image data. However, the usage of convolutional layers would cause additional, unnecessary complexities both in learning and understanding between a human and neural network model, which motivated us to experiment based on a feed-forward network.

The (deep) neural networks require lots of data points for learning. Thus, from the pedestrian behavior simulation, we collected a sufficient amount of data: 8.5k trajectories. Be-

Algorithm 1 Collision Neural Network

Require: Train, validation, and test dataset $\mathcal{D}_{train}, \mathcal{D}_{val}, \mathcal{D}_{test}$

- 1: Initialize a feed-forward neural network model \mathcal{M}
 - 2: Train the network with train \mathcal{D}_{train} and validation dataset \mathcal{D}_{val}
 - 3: Test the network with test dataset \mathcal{D}_{test} and get collision probabilities
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Algorithm 2 Uncertainty-Aware Collision Neural Network Collision Model

Require: Train, validation, and test dataset $\mathcal{D}_{train}, \mathcal{D}_{val}, \mathcal{D}_{test}$

Require: Number of Bootstrapping N

- 1: Initialize feed-forward neural network models $\{\mathcal{M}_1, \mathcal{M}_2, \dots, \mathcal{M}_N\}$
 - 2: **for** each network \mathcal{M}_i **do**
 - 3: Randomly shuffle train \mathcal{D}_{train} and validation dataset \mathcal{D}_{val}
 - 4: Train network \mathcal{M}_i
 - 5: **end for**
 - 6: **for** each network \mathcal{M}_i **do**
 - 7: Test network \mathcal{M}_i with test dataset \mathcal{D}_{test} and get collision probabilities
 - 8: **end for**
 - 9: Get uncertainty by measuring sample variance in the collision probabilities of N models
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cause collecting human participants' responses on all these data points are expensive, we consider a ground-truth of collision if a collision actually happened during these trajectories. We divided the dataset with train and validation dataset¹ and trained the neural network models (i.e., neural network model with and without bootstrapping). The ensemble size of 5 is used for the neural network model with bootstrapping. The Adam optimizer with a learning rate of 0.0003 is used. The validation data is used to decide to prevent the overfitting. Figure 6 shows the validation losses for the neural network model with bootstrapping. The losses are similar but with variances, as desired. Pseudocode for neural network model without and with bootstrapping are summarized in algorithm 1 and algorithm 2, respectively.

Hidden Markov Model

As black-box neural network alternative, we have implemented a fully introspective Hidden Markov Model (HMM). We thereby make the Markov assumption, i.e. *the future is independent of the past, given the present*. In this case, the future pedestrian intent is independent of previous observations, given the current heading and position observation, and the model. The model's inference of pedestrian intent is converted into a collision prediction and compared and adapted to the humans' predictions.

Definition 1. Formally, a hidden markov model is composed

¹20% of dataset is used as the validation dataset

Validation Loss in Neural Network with Bootstrapping

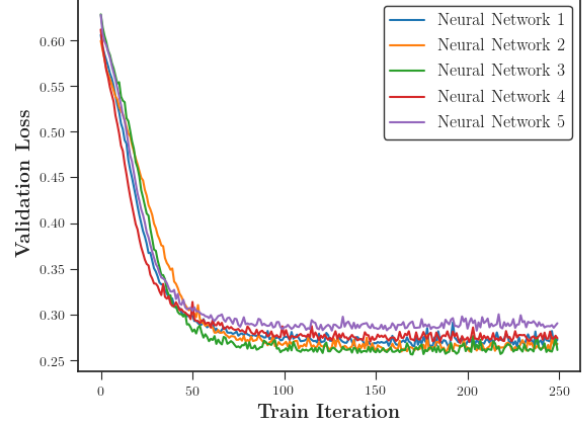


Figure 6: Validation losses for training the neural network with bootstrapping. The validation loss decreases with variances, as desired.

of the following.

- a finite set of states $\mathcal{Q} = \{q_1, \dots, q_n\}$
- a transition matrix A , such that element $A_{i,j}$ describes the probability of transitioning from state q_i to state q_j .
- a finite set of observations $\mathcal{O} = \{o_1, \dots, o_n\}$
- an output transition matrix B , such that $B_{i,j}$ describes the probability of observation o_i being produced from state q_j
- an initial probability distribution Π_n over the hidden states

Hidden Markov Model

We consider the following structure for formulating collision prediction with a Hidden Markov Model.

The simulated data discussed in the prior section gives us information on the position, the speeds, and the orientation of the agent in global space. The underlying stochastic process that is not observable to outsiders is the intention of the agents. The intention of the agents is important in then determining how close they are willing to get, and, thus, the likelihood of collision.

Our fundamental problem setup for the HMM was: Given the observation sequence O_1, O_2, \dots, O_T , estimate the optimal sequence of hidden states.

Humans only have access to the sequence of relative positions and infer heading and velocity from the short video sequence. Similarly, the HMM only has access to the sequence of relative positions and does not access information about velocity. For model simplicity and a slight advantage, the HMM also accesses the sequence of pedestrian heading angles (i.e. where the pedestrian is looking).

1. We place a Gaussian prior on the initially hidden intent. The internal states are discretized action possibilities in the

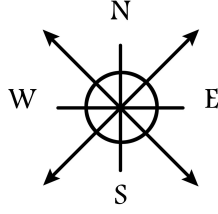


Figure 7: Considered 8 orientation directions for HMM: north, north-east, east, south-east, south, south-west, west, and north-west.

8 directions depicted in : north, north-east, east, south-east, south, south-west, west, and north-west.

Note: Similar to inferring, if a coin is loaded, one could adapt this prior to better match human knowledge. However, this mostly makes sense in domains, where the human has a strong prior about future direction, i.e. in a one-way street. As in our domain all directions can be seen equally likely, we have concentrated on adapting different parameters.

2. The models are fitted to the first five time steps of observation data from each agent. We then want a sequence of optimal states for future agent actions. The criterion we use to choose the states, i , is the state with most likelihood. To implement this solution, we let γ be the probability of being in state q_i at time $t + 1$, given the observation sequence O and the model λ .

$$\gamma_{t+1}(i) = Pr(i_t = q_i | O, \lambda)$$

We sample the model for the most likely state for the agent’s orientation. In other words,

$$i_{t+1} = \text{argmax}[\gamma_{t+1}(i)]$$

3. Given the most likely state for the agent’s orientation and the agent’s last known position, we can predict the next positions of those agents.
4. We use both position models to derive a euclidean distance model between the agents. We calculate the euclidean distance from the position samples in the prior step. We create a euclidean distance model based on the euclidean distances. We define the discrete states of the distance model to range from $[0, 9]$. These are in the original graph units.
5. We use the euclidean distance model to then sample for the most likely euclidean distances. Collisions are defined based on a reasonable threshold distance x , where if the euclidean distance d_t at time step t is $d_t < x$, we determine there will be a collision.

Results

In this section, we explain our results with HMM and NN model.

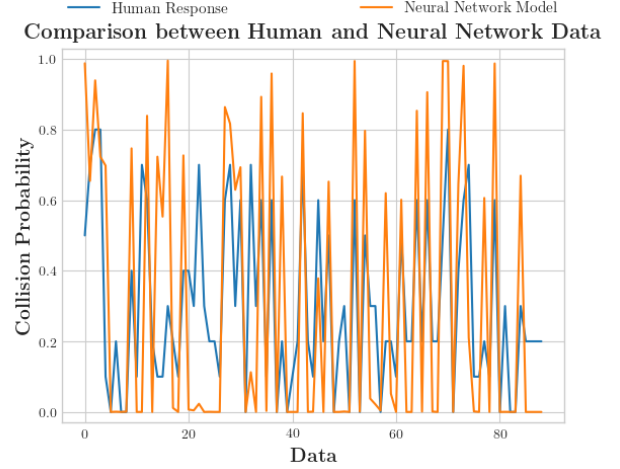


Figure 8: Comparisons between human responses and neural network model prediction. The Pearson correlation between the two data is 0.69, which indicates a good linear relationship between neural network model and human decision making.

Neural Network

We consider two neural network models: one without bootstrapping and the other with bootstrapping. Compared to the model without bootstrapping, the model with bootstrapping provides additional information about uncertainty. In this section, we first demonstrate our result with neural network without bootstrapping and then discuss further analysis with uncertainty.

Neural Network without Bootstrapping We first trained the network with the aforementioned training procedure. Then we *tested* the trained model using the data used to collect human responses².

The comparison between the (normalized) human ratings and predicted collision probabilities by the neural network model is shown in fig. 8. The Pearson correlation between the two data is 0.69³, which shows a good linear relationship between the two. Motivated by their linear relationship, we generate the histogram of the neural network model’s prediction to see whether it also shows a bias toward the no-collision similar to human responses (see fig. 3). Figure 10 shows the histogram of the neural network prediction on the test dataset. Similar to the human responses, it does show a bias toward the no-collision. However, compared to the human responses, it has a much stronger bias toward the no collision probability.

We delve deeper into the neural network model analysis by looking at test data points that human and the model strongly agree or disagree. fig. 9a shows test data points that both human and neural network model predicts the same

²We hereafter refer the data used to collect human responses as *test* dataset.

³A correlation of 0 means no linear relationship. A correlation of 1 or -1 means a strong positive linear or negative relationship.

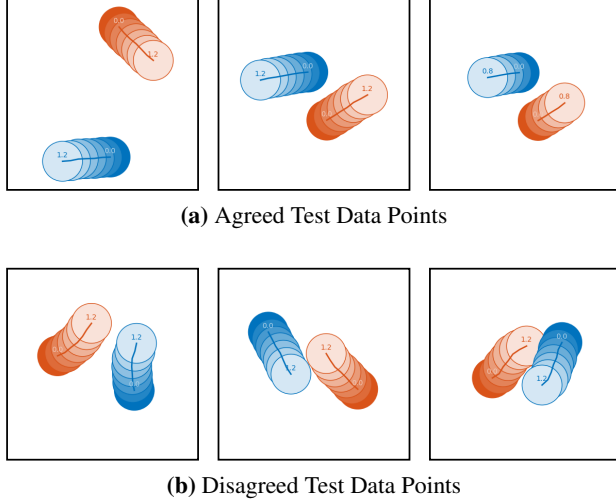


Figure 9: (a) Test data points that both human and neural network model predict to be zero collision. (b) Test data points that human and the model strongly disagree. Left: $P_{collision} = 0.3$ (human response) vs 1.0 (neural network prediction probability). Center: 0.7 vs 0.1. Right: 0.7 vs 0.0.

collision probability of zero. These data points commonly show a trend that the two agents are heading to very different directions each other with sufficiently far distances. It is plausible for both humans and neural network model that the trend is a good reason to decide why the agents are not likely to collide. On the other hand, fig. 9b describes another test data points that human and the model predict opposite decision (e.g., human predicts to be likely no collision but neural network model predicts to be collision). Based on these test data points, humans are likely to predict collision if the two agents are close. However, if the two agents tend to move in a same direction, then human tends to give no collision. However, the neural network model seems to be more sensitive to the orientation instead of the distance.

Neural Network with Bootstrapping Uncertainty about NN model’s prediction provides useful information such that we could use to understand what data points that the model is confused at. The uncertainty in its prediction is measured by the bootstrapping (Osband et al., 2016; Lakshminarayanan et al., 2017). The uncertainty about collision probability on test data points is shown in fig. 11. Also, fig. 12 shows the test data point that the NN model is the most confused at. The model predicted a collision probability of 0.76 with a standard deviation of 0.11. It is understandable as a small orientation change could cause either collision or no collision. This is also an interesting result because a human would be also confused at the same data point. Thus, we have adapted the neural network model to have a closer decision making to humans, compared to the neural network model without uncertainty.

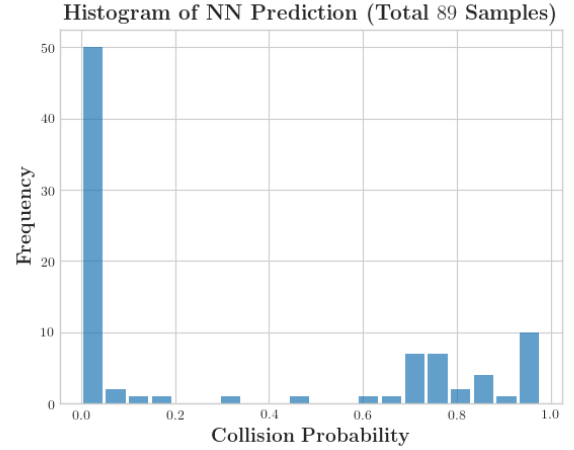


Figure 10: Histogram of neural network prediction on the test dataset. Similar to the human responses, the result shows a bias toward no-collision. The neural network model is more confident than the human in its’ collision predictions.

Neural Network Model with a Novel Data Point When a human is experienced with a new problem, he or she would have a little confident in solving the problem. Would the same capability exist in the neural network model? Would the uncertainty estimate provide the neural network model to be similar to a human? To answer our questions, we generated a new data that significantly differs from our train dataset. Compared to the train dataset, which is noise-free, the new data has a large noise in its heading: for each time, we added a Gaussian noise with a mean of 0 degree and a standard deviation of 30 degree to each agent’s heading. The data is shown in fig. 13. Interestingly, the neural network model with uncertainty predicted a collision probability of 0.69 and a standard deviation (i.e., uncertainty) of 0.28. Considering that the most biggest standard deviation in the test dataset was 0.11 (see fig. 11), the uncertainty on the new data is large. This result is desirable as we would expect the network to output a large uncertainty because the data significantly differs to the ones in the train dataset. Considering a human would be also uncertain about a new situation that he or she never has experienced before, this result conveys that the neural network with uncertainty resembles better a human decision making compared to the model without uncertainty.

Hidden Markov Model

The HMM is able to model the closeness between agents to a limited degree.

Although it captures the notion of ”small” and ”large” distances given the orientations and positions of the agents, it is unable to model increasing and decreasing distances without any additional observations. It lacks the richness of human experiences to ”forward” its physics engine. The model also doesn’t understand agent intention: it lacks an intuitive psychology model and assumes that agent will continue going in

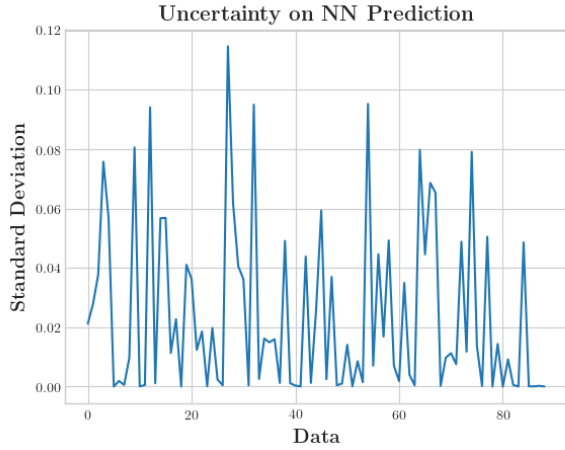


Figure 11: Uncertainty of the neural network predictions on the test dataset. Peaks mostly correspond to ambiguous situations as depicted in fig. 12, which displays datapoint 27.

the same direction.

Furthermore, the solution is implemented using the most likely orientation state. The implementation does not consider the global structure of observations, the neighboring states (with respect to timing), and the length of the observations. This type of “instantaneous optimality” can be problematic as it does not capture the overall sequential structure of the problem.

Nevertheless, the HMM allows for easy adaptation to the collected human data. By simply varying the prior $Pr(d) = \tilde{\nu}d \in [0, 9]$, where d is the euclidean distance between the two agents are we able to have some intuition behind how human reason about collision physics and intention. Figure 14 shows that the uniform prior on state probabilities matches the actual count of collisions across the 89 experiments. Changing the prior to favor fewer collisions allows the frequency counts of the HMM to be more similar to the human results.

From this comparison, we can make a general conclusion that humans are more likely to predict collisions, when the observed distance in between the pedestrians is low. Intuitively, this makes sense. Additionally, the HMM was able to imitate the bias humans have towards predicting no collision and a small second bias in a collision score between 5 – 7.

Conclusion

We have developed model that aimed to understand human capabilities in the task of pedestrian intent estimation. The analysis of a neural network and HMM shows that humans strongly rely on euclidean distance and inferred pedestrian heading to predict a possible collision in between two pedestrians. We have augmented a classic neural network to reason about its’ predictive uncertainty. In comparison to a classic model, the uncertainty-aware model more closely resembles human prediction, because it is able to *know what it doesn’t know*.

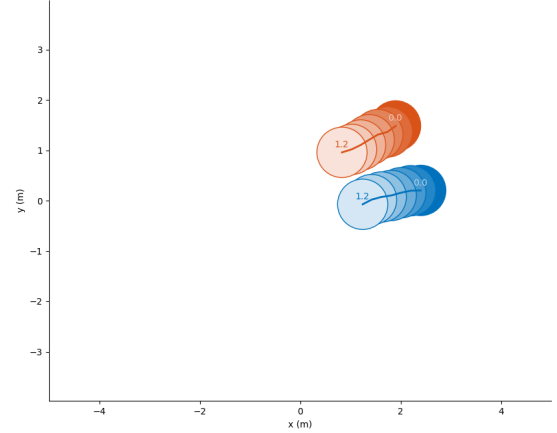


Figure 12: Test data point with id 27 that both neural network and human are confused about. The neural network indicates confusion by the standard deviation (i.e., uncertainty) of 0.11. The test participants have rated 0.6 collision probability, which is close to a random guess (0.5).

Work Division

The tasks were split evenly and all decisions and analyses were taken jointly.

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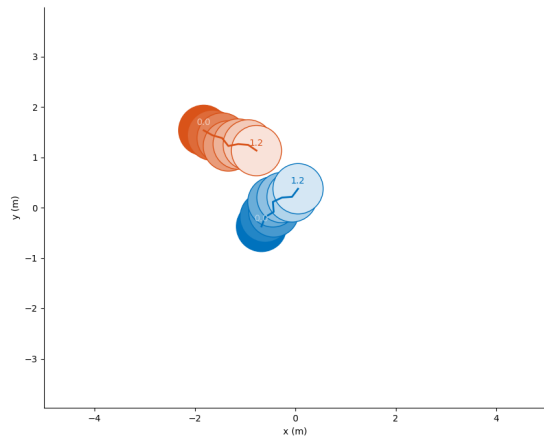
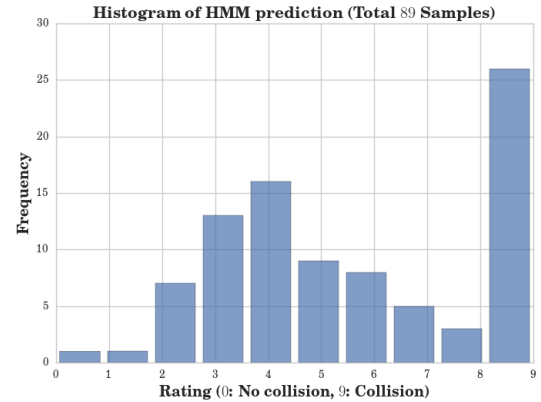


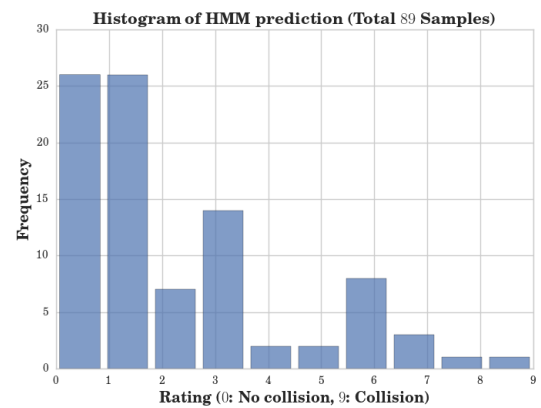
Figure 13: The test data with Gaussian noise. Gaussian noise has never been observed in the neural network’s training dataset. On the novel observation with Gaussian noise (wiggly trajectory), the neural networks’ predictions are more likely to be erroneous. The uncertainty-aware model can identify these novel scenarios and similar to the human *know what it does not know*.

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(a) Before posterior update.



(b) After posterior update.

Figure 14: HMM collision prediction. The HMM predicts a collision rating on the scale from 0 to 9 for 89 sample trajectories. The HMM inference with default parameters in fig. 14a deviates strongly from the human prediction in fig. 4. We then adapt the parameters in fig. 14b to imitate human decision making. Similar to the human prediction, the HMM after posterior update has a bias towards “no collision” and has a low second peak around collision likelihood 5 – 7.

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