

An assistive handwashing system with emotional intelligence

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Using Emotional Intelligence in Assitive Systems

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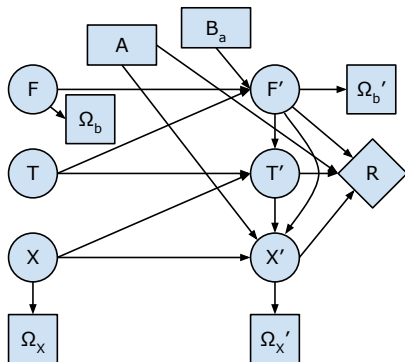
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The ACT Principal

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Concepts - BayesACT

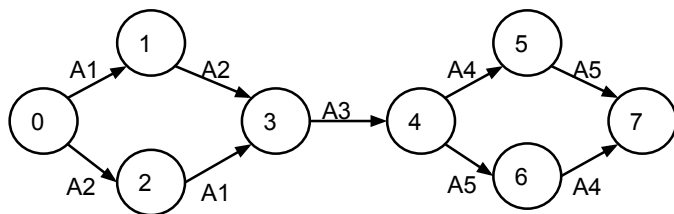
- A Bayesian version of the ACT theory
- Extends the ACT with POMDP model



- States $S = \{F, T, X\}$, where $F = \{F_{ij}\}$, $T = \{T_{ij}\}$, $i \in \{a, b, c\}$, $j \in \{e, p, a\}$
- Note: F_c denotes the agent's belief of the client's identity
- Observations $\Omega = \{\Omega_X, \Omega_b\}$
- Actions $\{A, B_a\}$
- Calculate $\{A, B_a\}$ basing on $\{F, T, X\}$

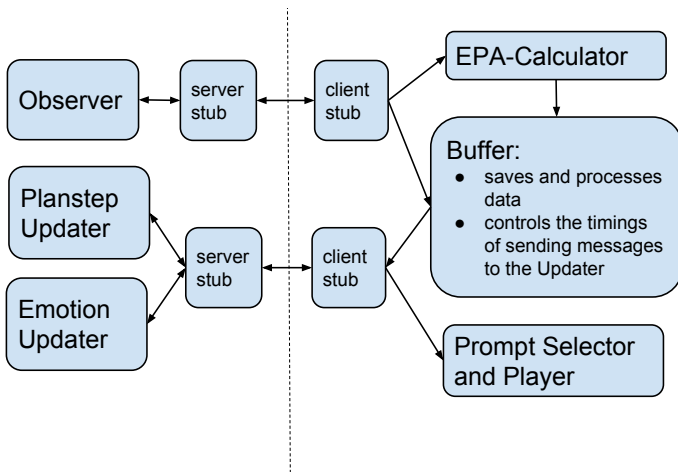
Solution - Representing “Functional States”

Planstep Definition and Update Diagram



- Eight plansteps: (0) “off/dirty/dry”, (1) “on/dirty/dry”, (2) “off/soapy/dry”, (3) “on/soapy/dry”, (4) “on/clean/wet”, (5) “off/clean/wet”, (6) “on/clean/dry”, (7) “off/clean/dry”
- Five behaviours: A1 to A5 are “turn on water”, “put on soap”, “rinse hands”, “turn off water”, and “use towel”, respectively.

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- A denotes the propositional content of a system message; B_a denotes how the message should be expressed

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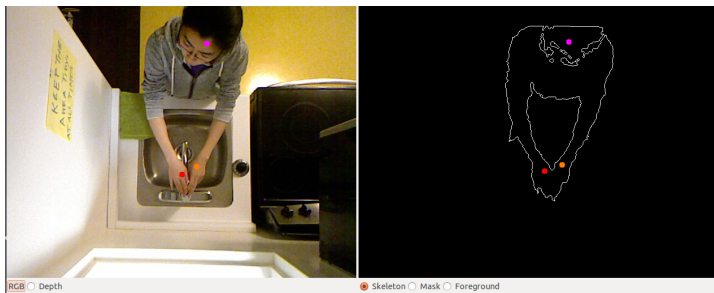
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- Calculate P, A using piecewise linear interpolation method
 - The average distance between the user's two hands in a set of n neighbouring frames is scaled to P
 - The average distance the user's hands move between n neighbouring frames is scaled to A

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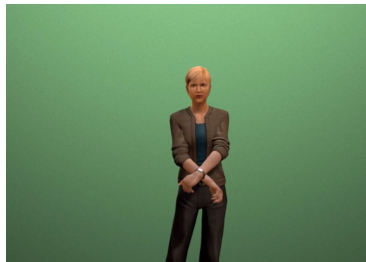
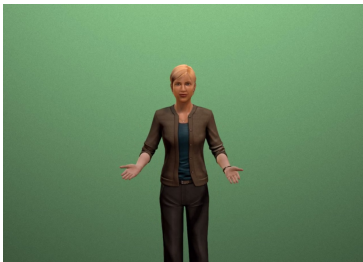


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- Step 2: Map locations to user behaviours
 - compare hands locations with object positions
 - objects: the left-tap, the right-tap, the soap, the water-flow, the towel
 - observation noise handled by the observation function in the Reasoning Engine

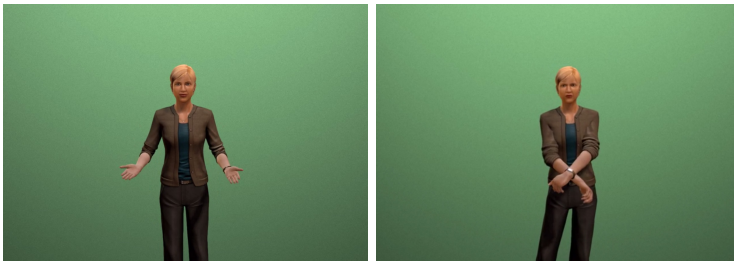
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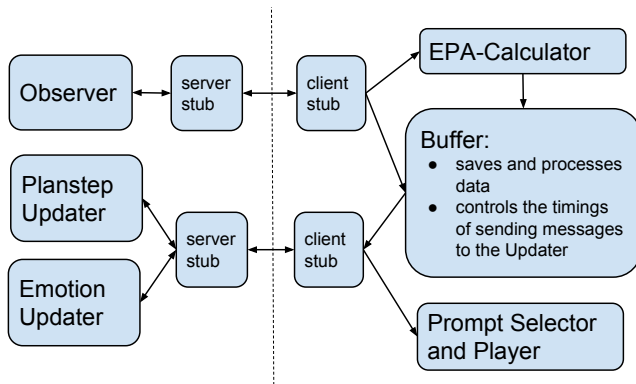
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- A proper prompt is selected as the final prompt if it:
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 - has the closest emotional (EPA) values as the desired prompt

Solution - Coordination between components

- The system is designed with independent components.



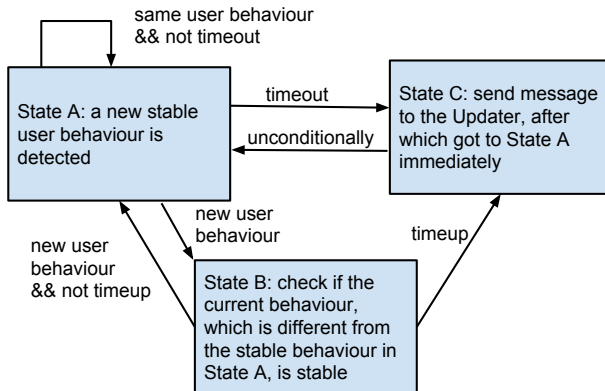
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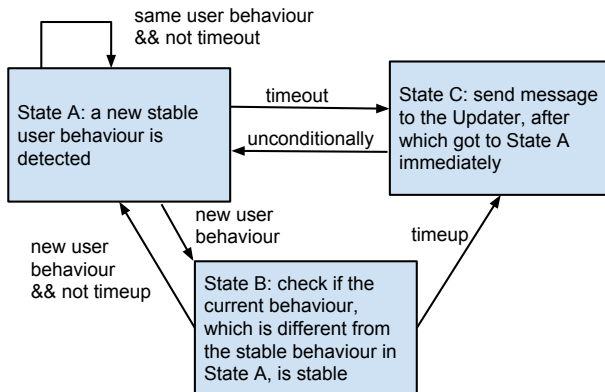
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- Smooths EPA values calculated by the Calculator

Experiments - Latency of the system

Average latency of the system

- 46.80ms for obtaining user behaviours
- 1.65s for calculating and updating functional and emotional beliefs
- 1.70s in total

The system runs in real-time from the perspective of its user group

Experiments - Two laboratory tests

Two laboratory tests

- link to test #1
- link to test #2

Another 15 tests were also run. Results are in the Appendix.

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Generally, for tests the actor acted more powerfully and more actively:

- larger P and larger A values were computed for user behaviours
- larger P and larger A values were achieved for f_c 's
- smaller P and larger A values were produced for prompts, among which the differences between A values are more obvious

Recall - Objective of this thesis

- is designed in a portable and extensible way
- runs in real-time from the perspective of the user group
- provides at least a level of functional assistance of as high quality as the COACH
- is able to tune the prompts in some way according to the emotional state of a user

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- Tests also indicated that user behaviours with higher P and higher A values may lead to f_c 's with higher P and higher A values and system prompts with lower P and higher A values

Future Work

- Improve the EPA-Calculator
- Improve the prompt generation process
- Improve the Planstep- and Emotion- Updater
- Conduct clinical trials for the system

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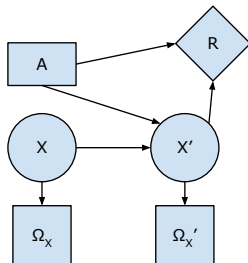
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- *SampleXVar()* and *evalSampleXVar()*
- Pseudocode of *SampleXVar()* (on next page)
- $Pr : X_{behav} \rightarrow \Delta(\Omega_x)$ used in *evalSampleXVar()*

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1: if Deflection(F, T) is high then
2:   threshold = high
3: else
4:   threshold = low
5: end if
6: if aw high then
7:   if prompted then
8:     if random_prob() < threshold then
9:       aw = low and not moving forward
10:    else if prompt wrong then
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12:    else if likely then
13:      moving forward
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16:    end if
17:  else
18:    if random_prob() < threshold then
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20:    else
21:      aw stays high and moving forward
22:    end if
23:  end if
24: else
25:   if prompted then
26:     if random_prob() > threshold and
27:       prompt correct then
28:       move on and aw high
29:     else
30:       unlikely: aw high and not moving
31:       forward
32:     end if
33:   else
34:     unlikely: aw high and moving forward
35:   end if
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Partially Observable Markov Decision Process (POMDP)



- A timeslice of a POMDP process
- Variables: $\{ X, A, \Omega_X \}$
- $Pr : X \rightarrow \Delta(\Omega_X)$,
 $Pr : X \times A \rightarrow \Delta(X)$
- Reward Function: $R(A, X')$

Experiments - Parameter values used in laboratory experiments

Param.	Value	Defined in which component
n	10	EPA-Calc
$distance$	$\{-\infty, 0, 8, 40, 128, 160, +\infty\}$	EPA-Calc
$potency$	$\{-4.3, -4.3, 0, 1, 2, 4.3, 4.3\}$	EPA-Calc
$difference$	$\{-\infty, 0, 3.5, 17.5, 35, 70, +\infty\}$	EPA-Calc
$activity$	$\{-4.3, -4.3, -2, -1, 0, 4.3, 4.3\}$	EPA-Calc
$alpha$	0	Buffer
$timeout$	300	Buffer
$timeup$	1	Buffer
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β_c^0	2.0	Updater
γ	(100000, 1.0, 0.5)	Updater
N	2000	Updater
f_a^0	[1.5, 0.51, 0.45]	Updater
f_c^0	Different in each test	Updater