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ABSTRACT

Abstract: The vast development of technology in this era encourages researchers to study about the interrelationship of the amount of information with human cognitive functions. This study was aimed to test the hypothesis of whether the amount of information can affect human cognitive function analyzed from the responses of human eye-movement features, as well as the relationships between information amount and eve-movement features. Six students from a Yuan Ze University were involved in playing a game that stimulated a different amount of information. The participants' eye-movements were recorded using a screenbased eye-tracker (GP3 HD GazepointTM Canada) while playing ZType game. There were nineteen generated traditional features from the experiment. These traditional features were then being processed as complexity features. The analysis of variance (ANOVA) was done to know which features that were affected by the amount of information. The results showed that there were four traditional features comprising left and right pupil diameter, amount of blink, and saccade magnitude that were significantly affected by the amount of information. Moreover, the amount of information also affected the thirteen complexity features from fixation (duration and coordinates), pupil (diameter and coordinates), and saccade (magnitude and direction) elements. The linear regression analysis was done to know which features are the critical features, which later can be used to build the Al model. The results showed that there were three traditional features comprising left and right pupil diameter, and amount of blink that have negative and positive correlation respectively, with the information amount. This study indicates that the amount of information is influencing the eyes' response that is related to the human cognitive function. Moreover, the complexity analysis can help researchers to generate more eye-movement features from the traditional features.

Keywords: amount of information, eye-movement features, feature selection, information processing.

CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background

Information acquisition skills, which can be included as both informationprocessing functions as well as cognitive functions, are essential to be developed, especially in the era of Industry 4.0 (Barzilai & Zohar, 2008; Kaber, Wright, Prinzel III, & Clamann, 2005). It is supported with the study found by Keisler (2014) about the advantage of understanding the value of a scarce information for the decision makers to decide the right time to expand the resource areas to acquire certain information. The vast development of technology in this era encourages researchers to study about the interrelationship of the amount of information with human cognitive functions. Among them, information acquisitions have begun to arise in regards to eye-tracking technologies, and many studies obtained good results in information acquisition activities (Slykhuis, Wiebe, & Annetta, 2005). However, most studies focus on the consumer behavior and decision-makingrelated (Jacoby, Szybillo, & Busato-Schach, 1977; Lurie, 2004), and several studies focus on information acquisition patterns and purchasing-related activities (Berning & Jacoby, 1974). On the other side, the use of eye-tracking to study the observation of text and graphics have been studied by many researchers (Slykhuis et al., 2005).

Slykhuis et al. (2005) stated that fixations indicate the perceived points of interest, while the length of a fixation indicates the cognitive complexity of the information acquired. However, among various studies mentioned above, the research in the eye-tracking area does not deliver the insight of the likelihood effect of narration to the eye fixations between text and graphics. Thus, the fixation between text and graphics are divided to prevent any alteration of the attention (Slykhuis et al., 2005). Therefore, those limitations need to be addressed to face the challenges in this research area in the future.

This research is aimed to test the hypothesis of whether the amount of information can affect human cognitive function analyzed from the responses of human eye features. Thus, laboratory experiments using eye-tracking technologies and analysis of variance (ANOVA) of the original (traditional) features and the complexity features will be conducted to examine and verify the above hypothesis. Moreover, this study will also cover the relationships between the amount of information and the human eye-movement features analyzed by linear regression analysis.

Other than previous studies about the amount of information with various outcomes, to the best of our knowledge, studies about the effect of amount of information to the eye movement, or complexity-related, are none to be found. Therefore, this experimental research is aimed to discover the significances and relationships of information amount towards human eye-movement features. Later, the results can be utilized for an input of Artificial Intelligence (AI) model of cognitive-related activities in regards to the amount of information in the future.

1.2. Research Problems

Based on the background that has been discussed previously, the problems faced in this study is that there are still deficiency in information and evidences of the significances and relationships of information amount towards human eyemovement features. Thus, the problems that can be formulated in this experimental research are as follow:

a. What are the significances of information amount towards human eyemovement features?

b. What are the relationships of information amount represented by score towards human eye-movement features?

1.3. Research Objectives

The objectives of this experiment and research are as follow:

- a. to test whether information amount affects eye-movement movement features;
- b. to see the trends of the results from the ANOVA and linear regression analysis;
- c. to interpret the trends formed from the results of the analysis;

d. to discover the compatibility between the results from the analysis and the literature reviews.

1.4. Research Limitations

The research limitation of this experiment and research are as follow:

a. The correlation between the amount of information and other factors that may affect the eye-movement features.

CHAPTER 6 CONCLUSION

The results indicated that both the traditional and complexity eye-movement features were affected by the amount of information. However, the results in our study may also be impacted by the speed of the information shown up in front of the participants. The more numbers of information with the faster speed will increase the complexity of the eyes' to response the information. In the future, the speed for showing the information needs to be considered to know whether any interaction effect between the speed and the amount of information.

The results also indicate that the complexity analysis is a helpful method to generate the significant eye-movement features. There were certain traditional features that were not significantly affected by the amount of information and became significant after being processed into complexity analysis. These significant features can be a powerful feature to help Artificial Intelligence models to do a prediction for the human cognitive workload related to the amount of information.

The results indicated that the linear regression analysis shows strong correlations between left and right pupil diameters in pixel and the amount of information; as well as between blink numbers in the last 60 second and the amount of information. These critical eye-movement features can be essential features to build Artificial Intelligence models for prediction purposes regarding amount of information and its affect towards human cognitive workload.

Moreover, further experiments and researches need to be done to cover the correlation between the amount of information and other factors that may affect the information received by the participants such as English ability, game speed, etc.

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