

Analysis of Dialogue Stimulated by Science Videos and Reference Materials

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Abstract—Recently, many have begun to believe that learning and training approaches known as learner-centered, active learning, and cooperative learning improve learning and practicing performance and are more effective than traditional lectures. Moreover, in addition to paper-based materials such as textbooks, face-to-face co-located communication frequently utilizes digital video and other visual reference materials. However, no previous studies have examined the precise face-to-face behavior of dialogue participants stimulated by video and other reference materials. Therefore, this paper describes the dialogue stimulated by science videos and reference materials based on data from 10 male university students measured while using first-, second-, and third-person view videos, as well as utterances recorded during the measurements.

I. INTRODUCTION

TEACHERS and instructors in traditional education and training are responsible for defining learning purposes and objective areas of learning tasks, and for designing and assessing learning and training processes. Recently, many have begun to believe that learning and training approaches referred to as learner-centered, active learning, and cooperative learning improve learning and practicing performance and are more effective than traditional lectures [1]–[4]. The concept of collaboration and cooperation includes allowing individuals to enrich their own experience of acquiring knowledge on their own accord.

An important factor enabling these learning approaches is Information and Communication Technology (ICT), which provides learners with many kinds of tools that can be used at schools, including preschools, and business workplaces to enhance the way in which they acquire diversified knowledge, skills, and experiences [4].

Collaboration through digital video-mediated communication has been widely used, and research comparing video-mediated with face-to-face communication has been reported [4]–[6]. For example, O’Mally et al. compared the dialogue in video-mediated communication with that in face-to-face co-location communication. The results showed that

both video-mediated and face-to-face speakers use visual cues to check for mutual understanding. They also suggested that speakers are less confident in their mutual understanding when they are not physically co-located.

Moreover, in addition to paper-based materials such as textbooks, face-to-face co-located communication frequently uses digital video and other visual reference materials. These previous studies have not examined the precise face-to-face behavior of dialogue participants stimulated by video and other reference materials.

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II. METHODS

A. Dialogue stimulation materials

The following materials were prepared for the measurements:

(1) Video: “Lives of creatures on Earth”

Copyright-free Hi-Vision materials were obtained from the NHK Archives Video Library [7]. Copyright-free BGM materials were obtained from OVA-SYNDROME’s FREE BGM website [8]. All videos of seven creatures were edited using Windows Movie Maker, Microsoft.

(2) Reference materials

The important parts of the video were captured and edited for printed reference materials, which are shown in Fig.1

B. Participants

The study participants were 10 male university engineering students in their early twenties.

C. Video shooting views

The first-person view video is that of a participant, and the second-person view video is that of their dialogue partner. The

third-person view video is the viewpoint of a person other than the dialogue pair.

D. Measurement procedures

(a) Equipment and reference materials

- Wearable video camera for the first/second-person view (Panasonic HX-A500, Japan)
- Digital video camera for the third-person view (Panasonic HC-V360M)
- Personal computer for viewing an instructional origami skill video (Toshiba Dynabook D41, Japan)
- Reference materials: video on the lives of various creatures and video captures.

(b) Measurement setup and procedure

Fig. 1 shows the equipment setup. The behavior of the participants was recorded from different viewpoints. Their dialogue was also recorded using a voice recorder. The measurement procedure was as follows:

- (1) A participant wore a wearable camera near his ear.
- (2) Before watching the video (1 minute):
After distributing printed materials and presenting the discussion theme, "Important creatures on Earth", the dialogue pair started a free discussion after watching the reference material, as shown in Fig.2. The participants did not receive any additional instructions or requests apart from having free discussions during the measurement.
- (3) During the video viewing (4 minutes and 30 seconds):
The participants had a free discussion on the lives of creatures they watched in the reference video and materials.
- (4) After watching the video (3 minutes):
The participants continued a free discussion on the lives of creatures on Earth. They re-watched the reference video and materials if necessary.
- (5) After the dialogue was finished, the recorded utterances were transcribed verbatim. The text data were then used to analyze emotional changes during the time series.

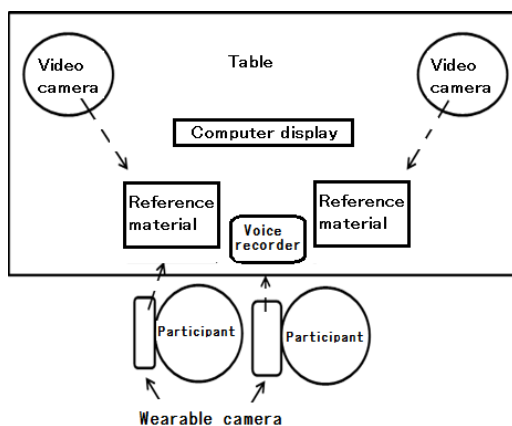


Fig.1 Video shooting arrangement (top-view)

III. MEASURED RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

Fig.2(a)-(e) shows characteristic behavior images (photos) of Pairs A, B, C, D, and E, respectively.

Fig.3 shows time sequence changes in utterance intentions. The utterance intentions are classified as follows:

- Intention 1: Questions and proposals in the dialogue
- Intention 2: Agreement or disagreement between partners in the dialogue
- Intention 3: Opinions regarding the video themes
- Intention 4: Others

Intention 4 of Pairs A and B increased, suggesting that they may have reached consensus regarding the initial dialogue theme after watching the video.

IV. CONCLUSION

The paper described the dialogue stimulated by science videos and reference materials using data from 10 male university students measured using first-, second-, and third-person view videos and utterances recorded during the measurements. Possible strategies for promoting efficient dialogue were described based on the results. The main results are summarized as follows.

- (1) Watching videos and other reference materials stimulates face-to-face dialogue.
- (2) Dialogue saturation is defined as (i) a decrease in the utterance frequency rate, (ii) an increase in dialogue intent or content that is not directly related to the initial theme.
- (3) These behaviors are found regardless of how frequently the participant looks at the dialogue partner.
- (4) Monitoring dialogue saturation factors (i) and (ii) in item (2) above could help realize computerized interventions and assistance that would enable face-to-face dialogue and discussions to become fruitful and efficient.

Since (i) and (ii) can be detected by speech recognition and emotion estimation by physical expressions [9], in the future, in conjunction with AI and voice synthesis, computerized interventions and assistance for efficient dialogue could be realized by suggesting dialogue or development themes [10],[11] for further constructive discussion if the dialogue becomes saturated.

To realize this, further investigations on the measurements, analysis and assessments of different dialogue themes by different category subjects are needed so that emerging technologies for learning and training are fully utilized in practice.



Participant I's first-person view
(Participant II's second-person view)



Participant II's first-person view
(Participant I's second-person view)
(a)



Participant I and II's third-person view



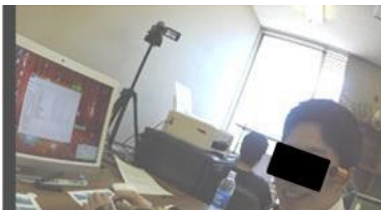
Participant III's first-person view



Participant IV's first-person view
(b)



Participant III and IV's third-person view



Participant V's first-person view



Participant VI's first-person view
(c)



Participant V and VI's third-person view



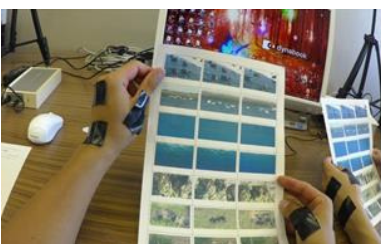
Participant VII's first-person view



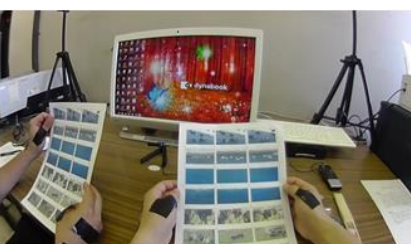
Participant VIII's first-person view
(d)



Participant VII and VIII's third-person view



Participant IX's first-person view



Participant X's first-person view
(e)



Participant IX and X's third-person view

Fig.2 Characteristic behavior images

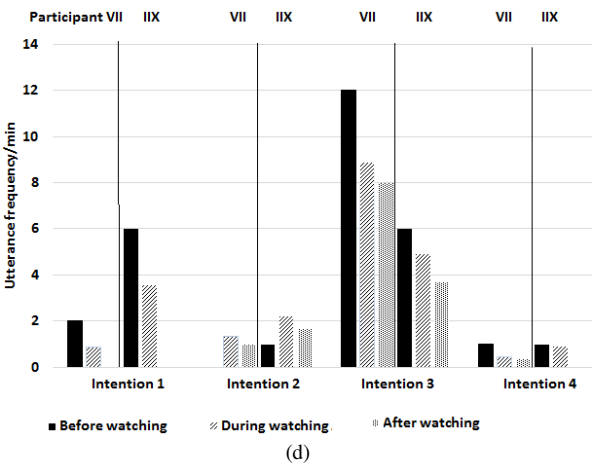
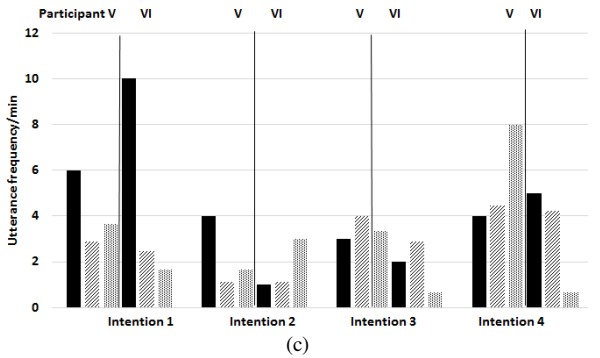
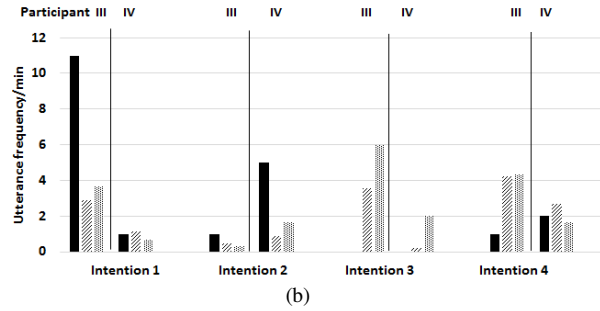
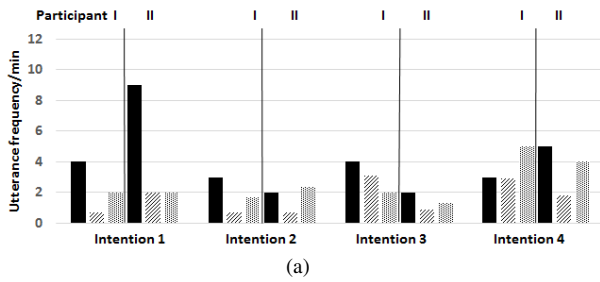


Fig.3 Time sequence changes of utterance intentions

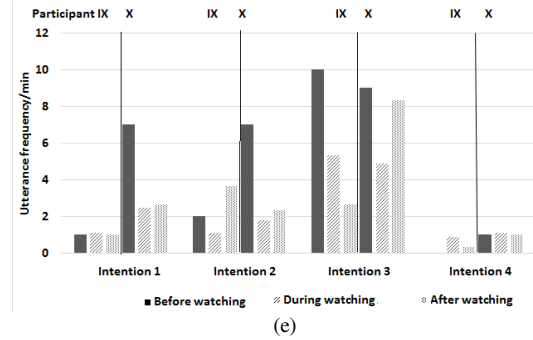


Fig.3 Time sequence changes of utterance intentions (continued)

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