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The Imitation Game in Games
Distinguishing NPC from Human Player

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Outline

- Background: about DDS
- Conversation-based vs. game-based Turing test
- Loebner Prize vs. BotPrize
- Turing test in board games (chess)
- Turing test in video games (UT2004)
- Player modelling and mimic player types
- The goal of game AI
- When the goals merge, a reversed Turing test in SpyParty
What do we do?

Ultra High Resolution Laser Scanning
3D Digital Modeling
Computer Animation
Full Body Motion Capture
Ambisonic Sound
Software/App Development
HCI: haptics, gesture recognition
Virtual Reality and virtual environments
SGs for Healthcare / education / heritage
Conversation-based vs. Game-based Turing Test

Conversation-based Turing Test

• Imitate human communication (ie. response to interrogation)

• Areas involved
  - NLP
  - Knowledge representation
  - Information retrieval
  - Reasoning

• Conversations are virtually unlimited (unless topics are restricted)

• Engaging with one human interrogator (1 to 1)

• Single-tasking

• Computer tactics:
  - Artificial stupidity, e.g. deliberately introduce common typos
  - Add personality
Game-based Turing test

• Imitate human behaviours in complex gameplay, e.g. weapon choice, actions, motion (in 3D environment) and manipulation of virtual objects (e.g. weapons). More closely related to robotics than conversation-based Turing test

• Areas involved
  • Player modelling
  • Decision making
  • Path finding, motion planning (in 3D space)
  • Reasoning and planning
  • Voice synthesizing
  • NLP
  • Perception (inc. object recognition)
  • Social intelligence
  • Conversational behaviour
Game-based Turing Test

- Less challenging: Limited by the gaming platform, e.g. actions available, will be interesting to carry out Turing test in MMORPG genre
- More challenging: engaging with multiple opponents/teammates (1 to many)
- Multitasking: often in chaotic combat
- Computer tactics
  - Artificial stupidity, e.g. emulating human irrational behaviours
    “People tend to tenaciously pursue specific opponents without regard for optimality. When humans have a grudge, they’ll chase after an enemy even when it’s not in their interests. We can mimic that behaviour.”
  - Add personality (player modelling)
BotPrize

• Participants create NPCs for UT 2004 (a FPS game) that can fool opponents (judges) into thinking it is a human player
• In BotPrize 2012 two teams have passed the human-like play barrier
• Computer gets a rating higher than the ratings of the real humans?
# BotPrize 2012 results

The following table summarizes the results of the BotPrize 2012 competition, showing the humanness percentage for both NPCs and human players.

### NPCs

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<th>humanness %</th>
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<td>UT^2</td>
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<td>ICE-CIG2012</td>
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### Human Players

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<td>Samaneh Rastegari</td>
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<td>Craig Speelman</td>
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<td>John Weise</td>
<td>30.8 %</td>
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<td>Chris Holme</td>
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<td><strong>average</strong></td>
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Only judgements made by human judges are counted.

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However, not all games involve humanoid character

- How about game-based Turing test in board game or casual games platform?
- The limitation by the platform of 3D video games is removed
- Computer players are virtually unbeatable by humans in chess, poker, and many other games
  - Deep Blue vs. Garry Kasparov (1997)
- Many fans and chess lovers plays online matches, but who are we playing with?
- Has computer passed the Turing Test in these games?
No. The purpose of game AI is

• Not to create *unbeatable* games
• but to create *indistinguishable* computer players (NPCs / bots)
The Turing Test and Chess

• Chess can revealing much more about human beings and their behavior, through the symbolism of the game and the way we play
• It cannot reveal a lot about a bot if not the accuracy of the programmers & software
• So the Turing Test challenge in chess platform is more on player modelling and mimic a specific type of players’ behaviour
DISC Personality Model

Gwaredd Mountain, Technical Director for Climax

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Bartle player models

- Richard Bartle gives a well used profiling system based on a set of game-scenario questions
- Classifies players into four types
  - Explorer, Achiever, Socialiser, Killer
Mimic the specific player type of human judge (player)

• *Mimic the body language of those you are conversing with, so that you can get closer to them in a non-verbal fashion.* If someone is gesturing a lot, you can join in, while if a person is more reserved, you shouldn't gesture too wildly.

• Build up a model of players through player observation
  - Monitor what human players are doing in the game
    - See what they are doing
    - *Understand* why they're doing it

• Mimic their player type. e.g. be a socialiser if the human player is a socialiser.
Game-based Turing test

- Shifting of the goal

Game-defined goals or self-defined goals

- Pursuing/killing enemies
- Level up
- Advance character
- Access new content
- Better weapons/outfit
- Higher place on the League table

Game-based Turing test

- Mimic human behaviours, even act irrationally
Reverse Turing Test

- A formal reverse Turing test follows the same format as a Turing test. Human subjects attempt to imitate the conversational style of a computer program such as ELIZA.
SpyParty – a reverse Turing Test in video game

- NPCs imitating human behaviors
- Human imitating NPCs
- Sniper vs. spy
  - Spy - avoid detection from the sniper, who has a full view of the party
  - Sniper - distinguish the spy and kill him
Summary

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