The Best Interactive System is a Non-Interactive System

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Examples of Interactive Media Systems



Screenshot from vimeo.com



Demo of Jiku Player



Screenshot from 3dsom.com







Other Examples: free viewpoint video maps / huge images **3D** teleimmersive system volume visualization

What is common among them?

Media data occupies an n-dimensional space



A viewpoint sits in the n-dimensional space



A **view** is a region of space visible from the viewpoint







Interaction controls a path of viewpoints over time



(the path need not be continuous)



For a non-interactive system, the path is fixed.





Video on Demand 1D (time)



Google Street View 2D (long, lat)



Free viewpoint video 2D (angle, time)



Virtual Earth **3D** (long, lat, height)



Zoomable Video **4D** (x, y, zoom, time)

Why Interact?

Too much data to display / perceive at one time





Sometimes too much data to **download** quickly as well

Interactive Media Streaming



how to keep interaction delay low?

a. Use a closer server
b. Use caching proxy
c. Use peer-to-peer
d. Prefetch data

Caching is challenging since nearby clients may follow different paths



P2P Interactive Media Streaming



Content discovery is challenging since peers likely follow different paths



Prefetching is challenging since the path the client follows can change.



Hypothesis: the path depends on the content, context, and user habits.

Idea: learn from access patterns to predict a path

With great **freedom** comes great **uncertainty**

idea: limit the freedom of interaction or guide the interaction

Video on Demand 1D (time)

Google Street View 2D (long, lat) (along fixed path)
are easier to predict than

Google Earth 3D (long, lat, height)

Zoomable Video 4D (x, y, zoom, time)

How to limit / guide interaction?

Why Interact?

1.

Too much data to display / perceive at one time





To access data they are interested in

How to limit / guide interaction?

Simplify access to data users might be interested in





Screenshot from hulu.com





Landmarks or SLurls in Second Life

credit: moonflowerdragon

Issues:1. too many?2. may not be interesting?3. interestingness change?

Challenge: automatically determine the interesting viewpoints



idea: analyze content to find the interesting viewpoints (e.g., faces, goals, etc)

content analysis works to a certain extent ..



Image from metabunk.org



many viewers want to zoom into here instead

Image from metabunk.org

The path depends on the content, context, and user habits.

Idea: learn from access pattern to identify "hotspots"

A. Brampton, A. MacQuire, I. Rai, N. JP Race, L. Mathy, and M. Fry. "Characterising User Interactivity for Sports Video-on-Demand," NOSSDAV 2007.



Image from Brampton et al

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Image from Nghiem et al

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Could the best interactive system bea non-interactive one?

User interacts because there are more data than can be displayed/perceived and user wants to view interesting data

What if we show what is interesting to users without them interacting?

Challenge: automatically determine the interesting path



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A. Carlier, V. Charvillat, WT. Ooi, R. Grigoras, and G. Morin. "Crowdsourced Automatic Zoom and Scroll for Video Retargeting." MM'10





as well as many others in automatic camera navigation in 3D environments

Challenge: In what order do we visit the interesting viewpoints?



Challenge:

how to construct a smooth path between these viewpoints?



Challenge: how to quickly react to manual override?



Concluding Messages

Restricting / guiding user interactions is useful

(how does your system do this?)

Interaction can improve passive consumption

(can your system exploit this?)

Passive-consumptiononly is possible

(how can your system achieve this?)

interaction

learn from interaction history to limit interaction freedom reducing interaction freedom can reduce interaction delay

non-interaction

Thank You (interaction time!)

UPCOMING DEADLINES:





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