

Detecting Abnormal User Behavior Through Pattern-mining Input Device Analytics

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Abnormal

- Abnormal:¹
 - Different from what is normal or average
 - **Unusual, especially in a way that causes problems**
- Practical examples of abnormal behavior detection:
 - Bots
 - Not proper attention to the task
 - Intrusion
 - Knowledge

¹ "abnormal." Merriam-Webster.com. 2015. <http://www.merriam-webster.com> (6 Apr 2015).

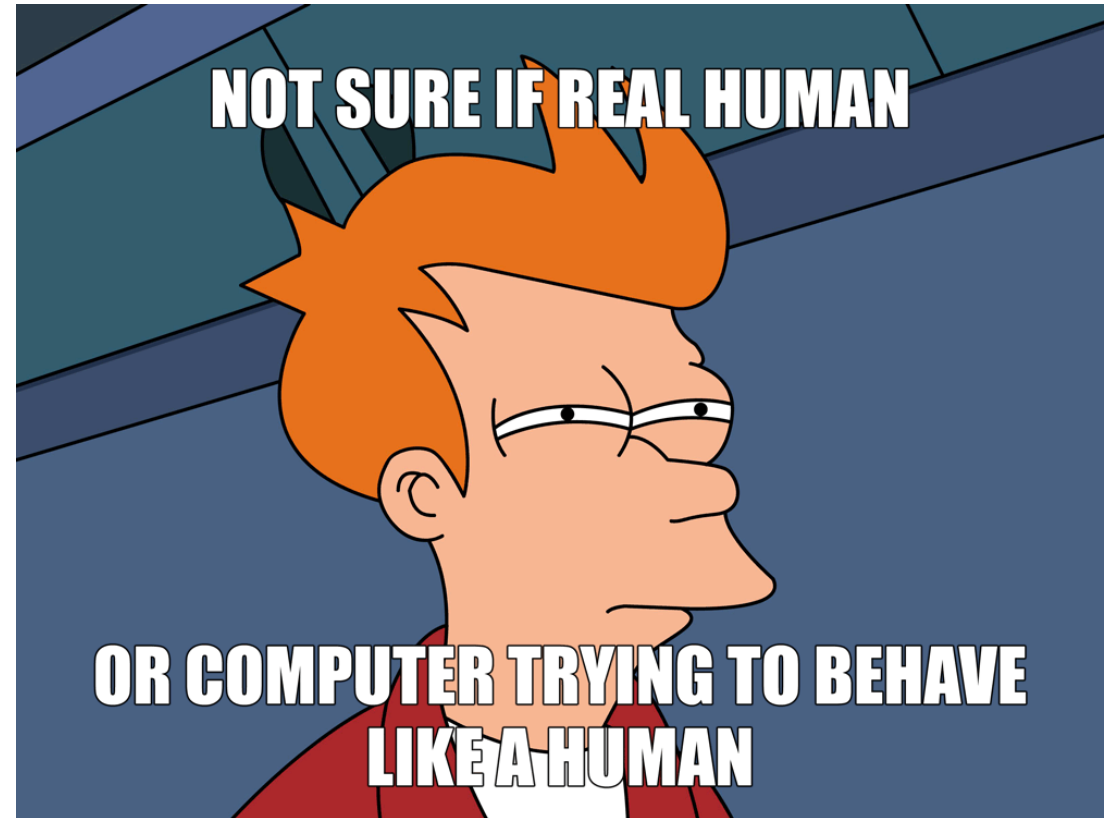
Human Interactive Proofs (HIPs)



- Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart (CAPTCHA)
- Disruptive
- Adds cognitive burden to the user
- Single-point check
- Not applicable to every domain

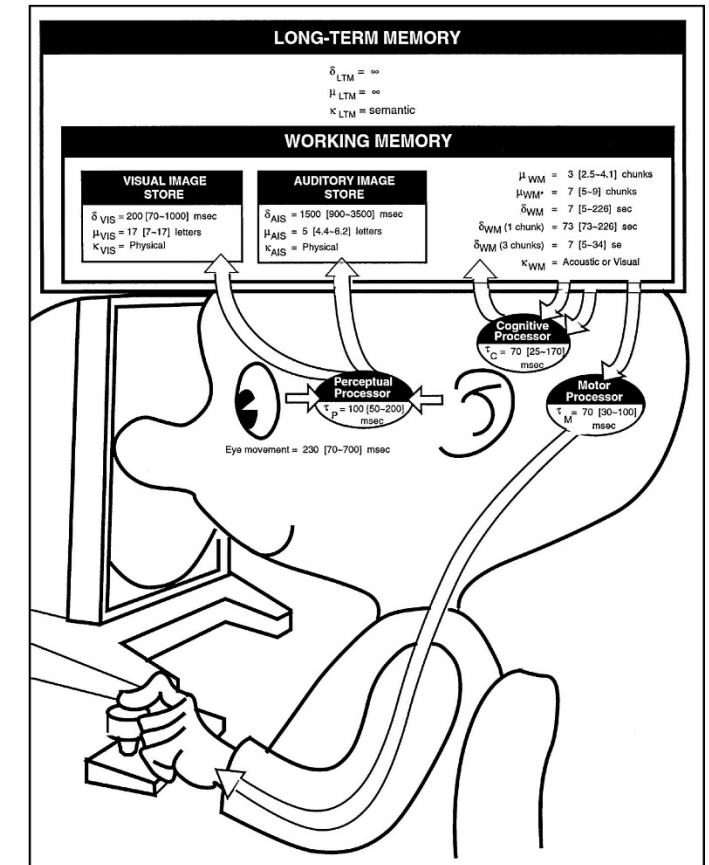
Human Observational Proofs (HOPs)

- Observe behavior to make sure it looks like something a human would produce
- Problems solved:
 - Unobtrusive
 - Constant
- Can we do better?



Idea: Human Subtlety Proofs

- Expand on the idea of HOPs
- Use cognitive models of interaction to classify behavior
- Improvements:
 - More precise
 - More expressive (can identify cognitive state)





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Hypotheses

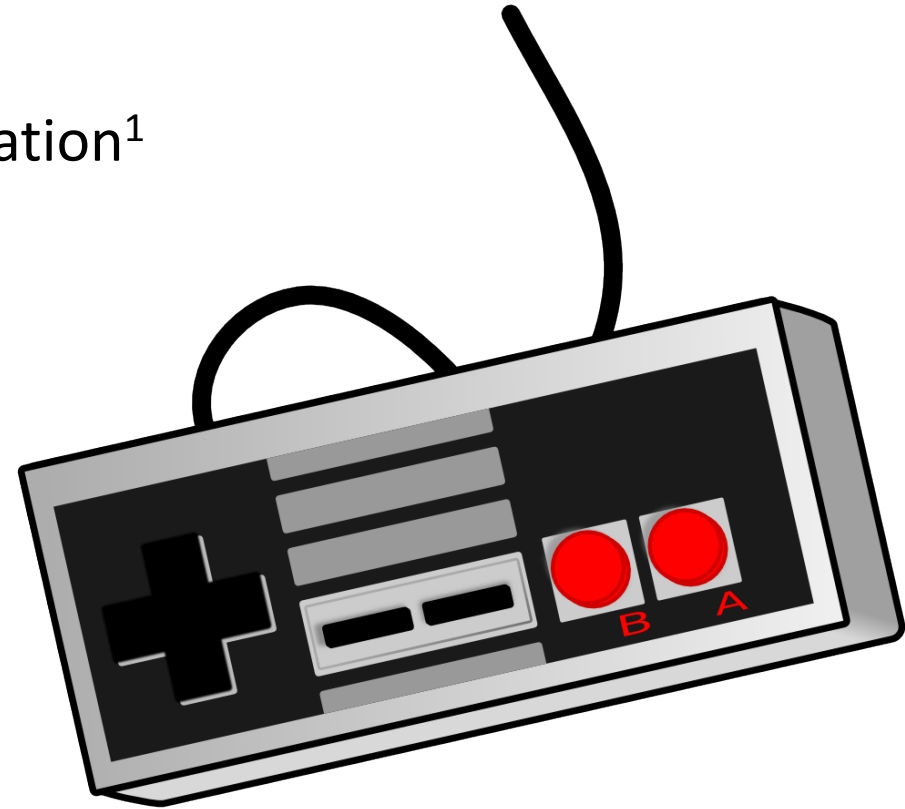
Hypotheses

1. **Different cognitive processes** will translate into **differences in how people use input devices**
2. Those differences **cannot be hidden** by people, even if they try

Evaluation

Using games

- Simulating real-world complexities
e.g., Ben Schneiderman's Direct manipulation¹
- Tightly control variables
- Fun!

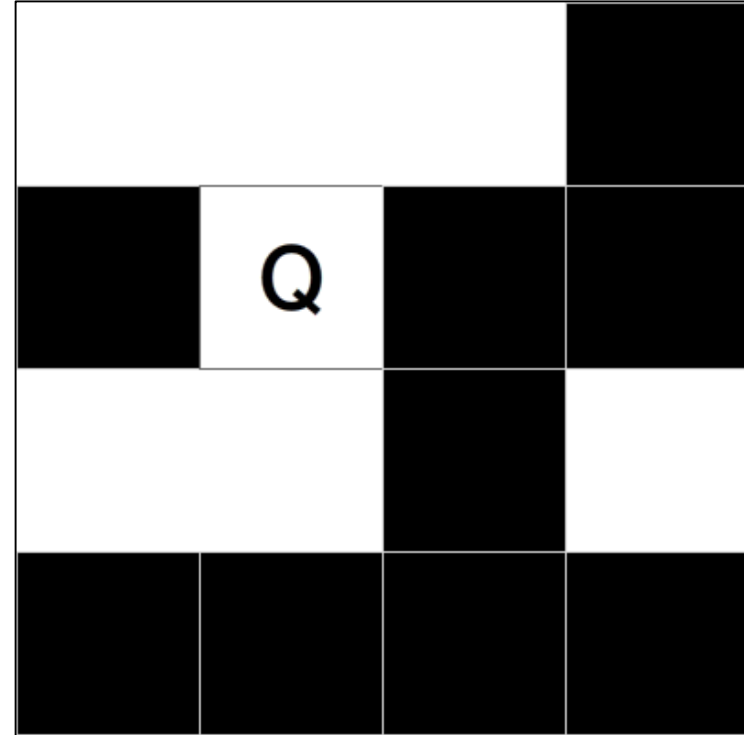


[1] Ben Shneiderman and Pattie Maes. 1997. Direct manipulation vs. interface agents. *interactions* 4, 6 (November 1997), 42-61. <http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/267505.267514>



The Concentration Game

- Web-based (Flash)
- 16 (4x4) 100-pixel tiles
- Letters instead of pictures
 - Helvetica Neue LT Std 65 Medium
- Random positions



The Concentration Game With a Twist

Normal mode

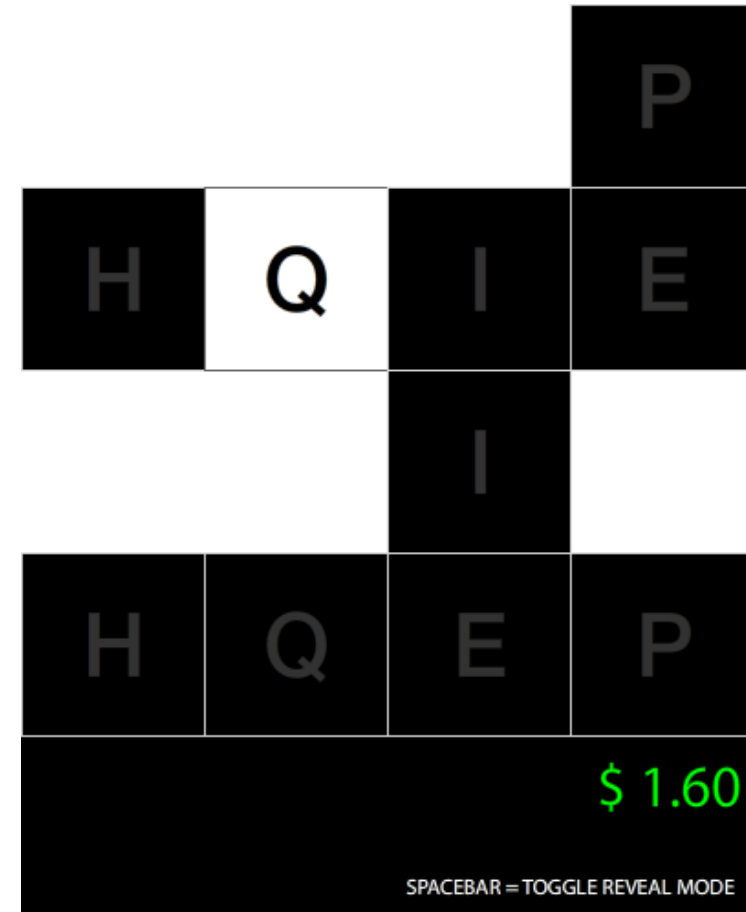
A 4x4 grid representing a concentration game board in normal mode. The grid is mostly black, with the center cell (row 2, column 2) being white and containing the letter 'Q'. The bottom right cell (row 4, column 4) contains the text '\$ 1.60' in green. At the bottom of the grid, the text 'SPACEBAR = TOGGLE REVEAL MODE' is displayed.

Reveal mode

A 4x4 grid representing a concentration game board in reveal mode. The grid is mostly black, with the center cell (row 2, column 2) being white and containing the letter 'Q'. Other cells contain letters: (row 1, column 4) is 'P', (row 2, column 1) is 'H', (row 2, column 3) is 'I', (row 3, column 3) is 'I', (row 4, column 1) is 'H', (row 4, column 2) is 'Q', (row 4, column 3) is 'E', and (row 4, column 4) is 'P'. The bottom right cell (row 4, column 4) contains the text '\$ 1.60' in green. At the bottom of the grid, the text 'SPACEBAR = TOGGLE REVEAL MODE' is displayed.

Reveal Mode

- Does not interfere with mouse patterns (uses space bar)
- The same mechanics are required to accomplish the same goal
- Relies on visual search rather than on memory recall
 - Therefore, the cognitive process required to solve the task is different



Experimental Conditions

1. Reveal mode disabled
2. Reveal mode discouraged
Detection module enabled
3. Reveal mode encouraged
Detection module disabled
4. Reveal mode enabled
No mention of reveal mode or
detection module in instructions

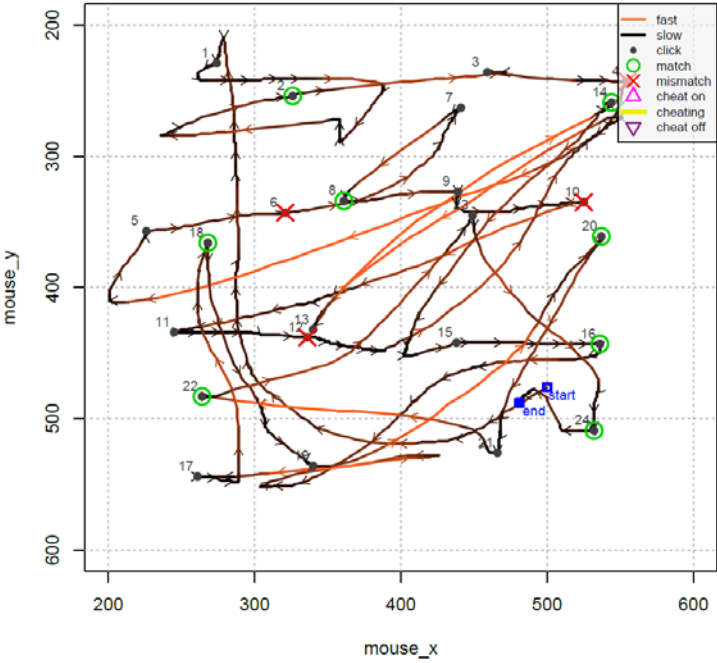
Gender	Cheating Disabled	Cheating Discouraged	Cheating Encouraged	Cheating Allowed
Female	1	4	6	0
Male	11	11	5	11
Total	12	15	11	11

Analysis and Results

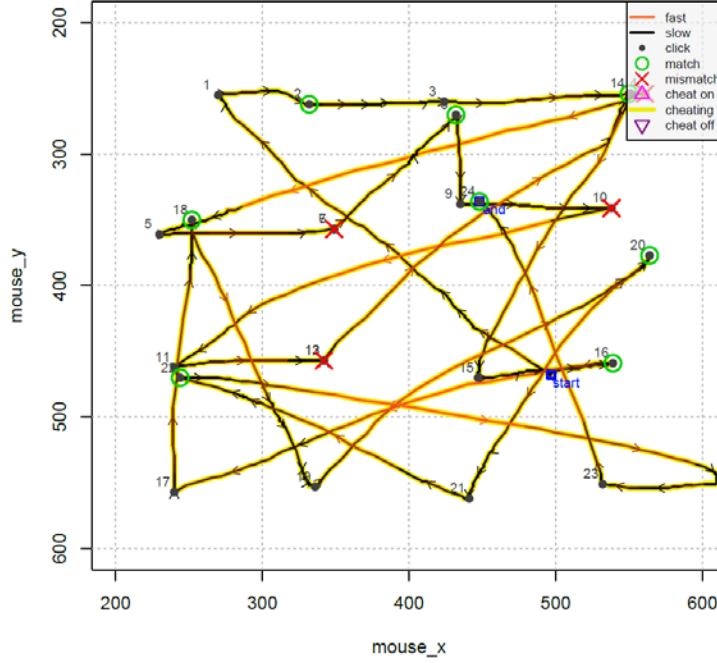
Different Types of Round

- No reveal
Reveal mode was never active during the round
- Full reveal
Reveal mode was always active during the round
- Partial reveal
Reveal mode was toggled at least once during the round
- Mixed reveal
Full reveal + partial reveal

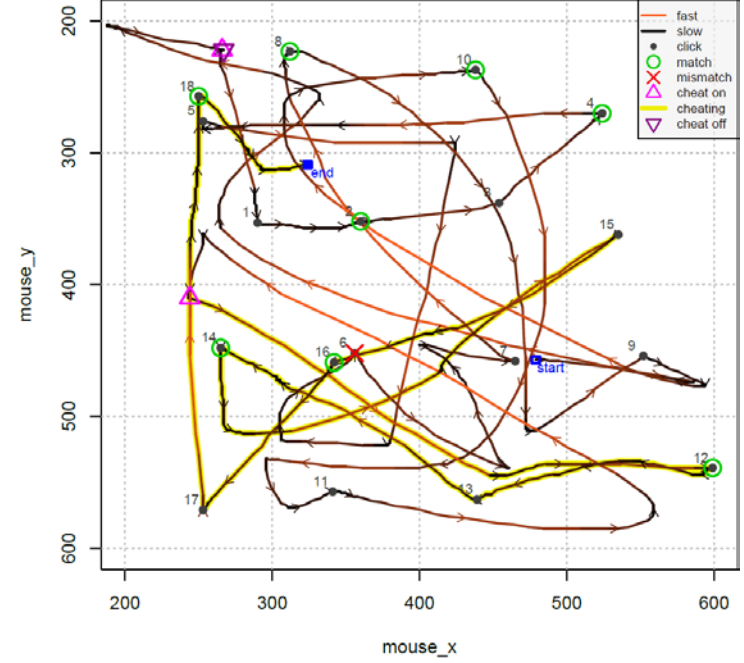
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No reveal



Full reveal



Partial reveal

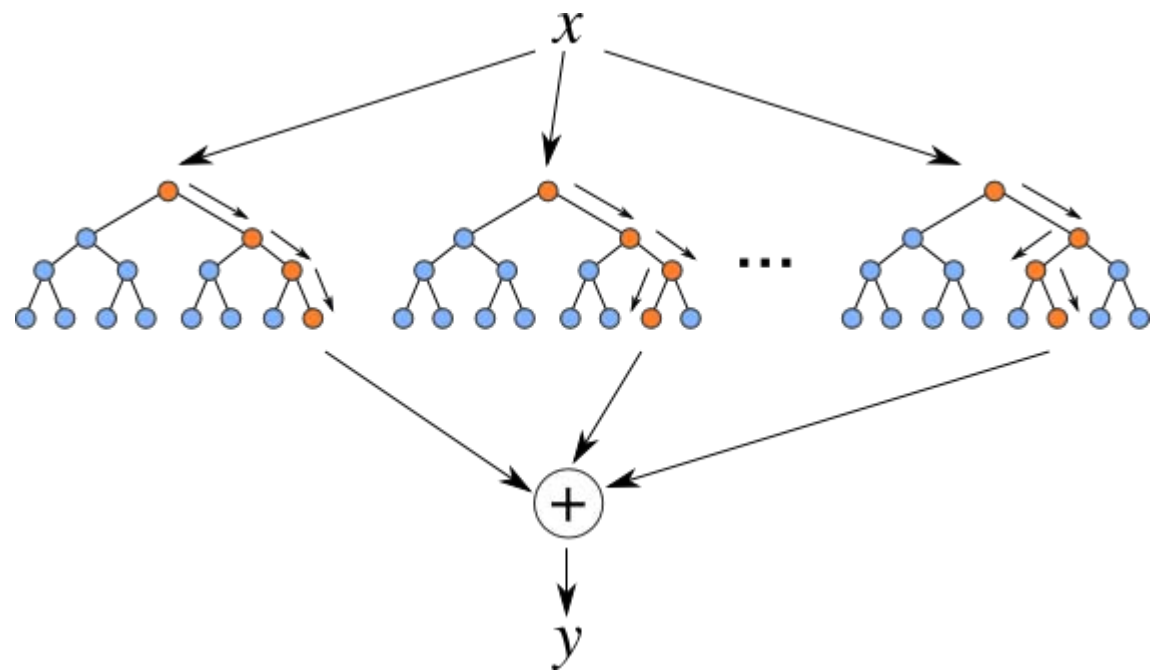


Three Separate Analyses

- Analysis 1
No reveal vs. Mixed reveal
- Analysis 2
No reveal vs. Full reveal
- Analysis 3
No reveal vs. Full reveal vs. Partial reveal

Method

- Random forest classifier
- 1000 estimators
- 10-fold cross-validation



Attributes

- Time between clicks (ms)
- Time between a click and a succeeding mouse movement (ms)
- Count of change in direction of mouse motion
- Screen region hover count
- Task completion time (ms)
- Total number of clicks

Analysis 1

Classification type	Experimental Condition	Instances	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F-score
Analysis 1	Cheating disabled	120	93.33%	0.93	1.00	0.97
	Cheating discouraged	150	84.00%	1.00	0.63	0.77
	Cheating encouraged	110	93.64%	0.94	0.87	0.91
	Cheating allowed	110	87.27%	0.94	0.55	0.70
	Global	490	89.18%	0.83	0.95	0.88

- Classes

- No reveal (43.67%)
- Mixed reveal (56.33%)

- Can detect different input device usage patterns (H1)

- Even if people try to hide their behavior, can still detect these patterns (H2)

Analysis 2

Classification type	Experimental Condition	Instances	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F-score
Analysis 2	Cheating disabled	120	100.00%	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Cheating discouraged	87	95.40%	1.00	0.91	0.95
	Cheating encouraged	67	100.00%	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Cheating allowed	41	100.00%	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Global	315	98.73%	1.00	0.96	0.98

- Classes

- No reveal (67.94%)
- Full reveal (32.06%)

- More accurate than Analysis 1
 - 98.73% vs. 89.18%
 - Mixed reveal is more fuzzy
- A few false negatives - missed a few
- Can detect different input device usage patterns (H1)
- Even if people try to hide their behavior, can still detect these patterns (H2)

Analysis 3

Experimental Condition	Instances	Accuracy	No reveal			Full reveal			Partial reveal		
			P ₁	R ₁	F ₁	P ₂	R ₂	F ₂	P ₃	R ₃	F ₃
Cheating disabled	120	90.83%	1.00	0.88	0.94	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cheating discouraged	150	72.67%	0.65	0.95	0.77	0.85	0.72	0.78	0.75	0.81	0.78
Cheating encouraged	110	85.45%	0.84	1.00	0.91	0.84	0.87	0.86	0.89	0.81	0.85
Cheating allowed	110	75.45%	0.58	0.88	0.70	0.69	0.83	0.75	0.89	0.80	0.84
Global	490	80.61%	0.83	0.92	0.87	0.80	0.79	0.80	0.76	0.89	0.82

- Classes

- No reveal (43.67%)
- Full reveal (20.61%)
- Partial reveal (35.71%)

- Can detect different input device usage patterns (H1)
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Limitations

- Not validated on other domains
- Only considers entire rounds
- Different tasks may produce interaction patterns that are difficult to differentiate
- Does not consider task-specific metrics

Conclusions and Future Work

Conclusions

- By introducing reveal mode, mouse interaction patterns changed
- We were able to detect these different mouse interaction patterns
This confirms Hypothesis 1
- When discouraging reveal mode, people who used it tried to conceal their behavior
We can still detect the use of reveal mode with high accuracy.
This confirms Hypothesis 2

Future Work

- See if accuracy is improved by including task-specific metrics
- Online detection
- Explore other domains
 - Same physical manifestations of cognitive processes?
 - More traditional tasks
- Explore other types of input devices
 - Typing game
 - Combinations of input devices

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SCORE	1100		
LEVEL	0		

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Appendices

Descriptive Statistics

Feature	No Reveal	Mixed Reveal	Partial Reveal	Full Reveal
Time between clicks (ms)	1726.84 (686.20)	2360.06 (1814.52)	2728.32 (1739.83)	1721.97 (1763.61)
Time between a click and a succeeding mouse movement (ms)	279.36 (164.64)	301.49 (487.16)	367.93 (581.04)	186.37 (206.55)
Count of change in direction of mouse motion	389.87 (148.16)	299.64 (225.69)	310.12 (182.52)	281.50 (284.53)
Screen region hover count	119.77 (36.91)	78.41 (45.49)	84.33 (41.29)	68.16 (50.34)
Task completion time (ms)	50420.80 (19786.68)	45809.62 (32749.42)	54850.41 (31071.80)	30144.89 (29513.26)
Total number of clicks	29.14 (6.51)	19.10 (4.98)	20.50 (5.61)	16.67 (2.02)
Instances	214	276	175	101

Averages (and Std)

Data Distribution Across Classes

	Analysis 1	Analysis 2	Analysis 3
No reveal	Class 1 (43.67%)	Class 1 (67.94%)	Class 1 (43.67%)
Full reveal		Class 2 (32.06%)	Class 2 (20.61%)
Partial reveal			Class 3 (35.71%)
Mixed reveal	Class 2 (56.33%)		

