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Patterns – the Key to Game Amusement Studies

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Abstract—Studies of digital games bridge the gap from game design and technology to the impact of play, thus, being highly interdisciplinary by nature. The scientific discourse is difficult. Pattern is a key term used with largely varying semantics in mind and, even worse, sometimes without any precise meaning. Patterns are general and somehow abstract phenomena that do not show directly, but occur implicitly by means of their instances. Within knowledge processing in studies of game play and its impact, it is decisive to observe instances and to deduce patterns. By its very nature, this is learning from incomplete information. To avoid speculative guesses, studies of learning necessarily need to be based on precise concepts of what to learn and how to learn. The present paper investigates lucid concepts of patterns and their instances, addresses the crucial problem of learning patterns, and illustrates the deployment of a sound theory in practical studies.

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Some authors feel the need to call literally everything that comes to their mind a pattern [8]. There are some doubts that this makes sense. Science needs purposeful conceptualization. Lakoff [46] illuminates the emergence of conceptualizations.

1. THE RELEVANCE OF PATTERNS TO GAME AMUSEMENT

Working on game amusement, you want to affect players. The ultimate purpose might be just amusement and relaxation. But other purposes such as learning, training, raising awareness of health issues, of environmental problems, and the like are relevant as well.

To affect and effect the players, you need to reach them. If players refuse to play a game or give up after a first attempt, you have no chance to succeed. Why do some players enjoy a certain game play whereas others do not? In conventional game studies, players are asked. But could we possibly do much better? Could we draw conclusions sufficiently correct just from observation or even from logfiles? Yes, we can [38].

When digital games are sufficiently rich in the structure of interaction such that players have much freedom of choice what to do and how to do it, interaction sequences show structural properties which allow for drawing conclusions. One may identify fun and frustration, thrill and surprise, success and failure, mastery and getting lost. Large varieties of game playing behavior provide evidence of the game's impact on the human players. What may be observed are instances of patterns that occur repeatedly in different forms [45].

The pattern is the crucial concept that has to be mastered. Purposeful game design has to anticipate and to prepare the occurrence of patterns that are desirable and to avoid others.

II. PATTERN CONCEPTS OF VARYING PRECISION

Pattern is one of the most frequently used terms in science and technology and it seems to be the most frequently misused expression and the most frequently misunderstood concept. It is literally unmasking to recognize the enormous amount of publications dealing with patterns which apparently do not need any specification of what a pattern might be.

For illustration, let us have a closer look into the field of *movement ecology*. Since 2013, the discipline has its own scientific journal. At the moment in time of writing this paper, there have been published two volumes with 22 contributions. 21 of these papers use the term *pattern* extensively. There is the dominating expression of *movement patterns* [50], [18], [65], [21], [16], [56], [9], [6], [44]. Beyond this key phrase, there are more than 70 further names of patterns such as, e.g., *biodiversity pattern* [42], *(diurnal) activity pattern* [49], *energy expenditure pattern* [49], *global distribution pattern* [68], *hockey stick pattern* [26], *hump-shaped pattern* [65], *pattern of major intersections* [15], *pattern of plasticity* [32], *random walk-like pattern* [26], *regular circadian pattern* [59]. Some notations vary slightly like, e.g., *diets foraging pattern* [50], *feeding and foraging pattern* [65], and *pattern of foraging* [44]. Furthermore, there are some patterns of an obviously higher generality such as, e.g., *temporal pattern* [50], *spatial pattern* [32], and *spatial distribution pattern* [49]. Particular language expressions appear a bit cumbersome such as *pattern of vegetation productivity and biomass* [9] and *pattern of olfactory-dependent integrated mapping* [32]. For illustration, Paper [50] deals with the so-called *Swiss-cheese pattern* which is introduced with reference to a figure that does not exist. There arise severe doubts about the semantics of many of these notations. Interestingly, not a single one of the terms listed above is defined in any of the papers where they are used; notations without definite notions.

What has been exemplified by means of a single journal shows in related places as well; see, e.g., [51], [29], and [24]. A carefully reading of the latter two sample papers reveals that there occur general confusions of patterns and their instances (for further investigations see below).

Movement ecology above has been used just as a rather illustrative example. There are overwhelmingly many fields in which patterns play a crucial role.

Patterns are very frequently mentioned in technology-enhanced learning publications (see, e.g., [23], [30], [52], [55], [57], [63], [67], [71], [53]) and are relevant to animal learning, as well (see, e.g., [13], [27], [31], [70]). Compared

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