

Language Emergence for Activities

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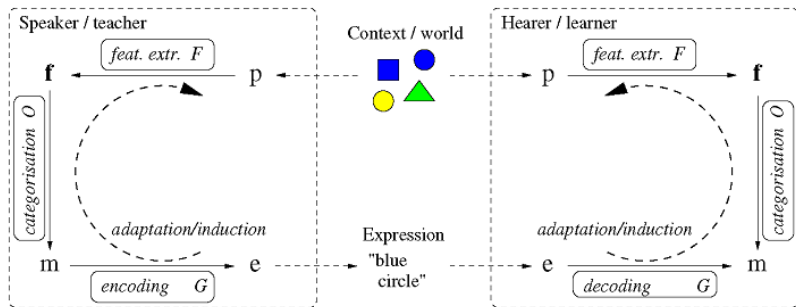


Figure: The Naming game processes used by Vogt. On the left are speaker's processes and on the right are hearer's processes. Between them are the feedback processes.



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- Framework to model cultural transmission of languages [5].

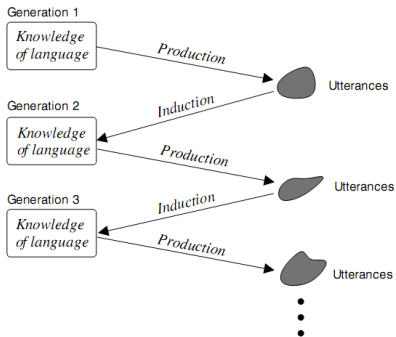


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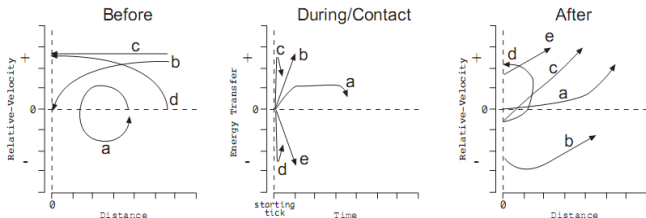


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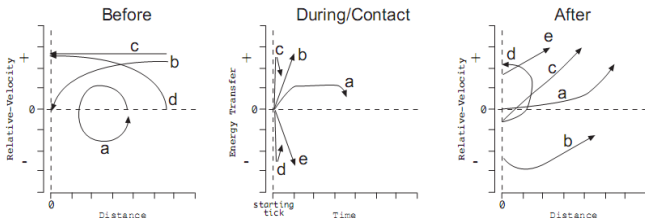


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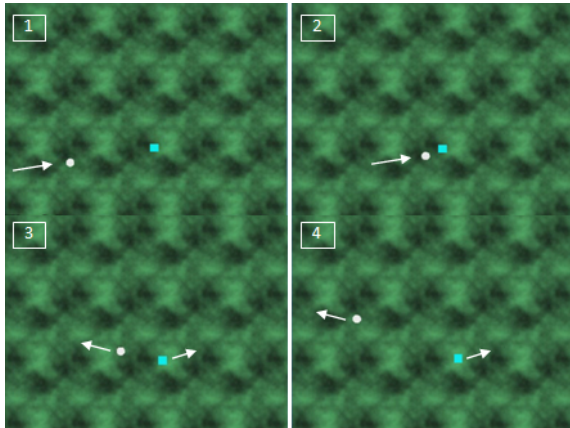


Figure: A Sequence for Bounce

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	C1	C2	C3	C4	Total	% Accuracy
Bounce	1888	42	51	19	2000	94.4%
Push	20	1933	15	32	2000	96.6%
Hit	91	30	1841	32	2000	92.1%
Harass	12	27	34	1927	2000	96.4%

Figure: Clustering Results



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Words	Verb	Score of Last Speaker	Score of Last Hearer
"geda"	Bounce	0.98	0.96
"cabe"	Bounce	0.42	0.23
"defe"	Bounce	0.13	0.11
"dega"	Hit	0.96	0.92
"feged"	Hit	0.28	0.16
"dace"	Push	0.96	0.89
"gabe"	Push	0.34	0.26
"daceg"	Harass	0.92	0.92
"cebag"	Harass	0.23	0.17

Figure: Lexicons and their Scores



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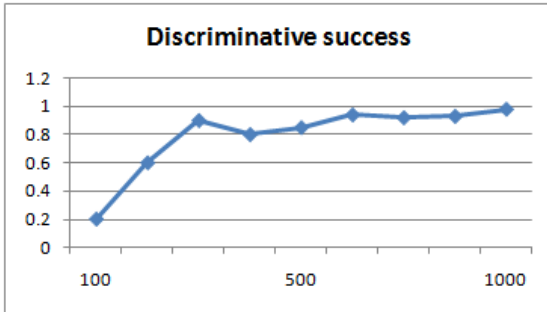


Figure: Discriminative success plot



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