





GFIE: A Dataset and Baseline for Gaze-Following from 2D to 3D in Indoor Environments

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Some samples from the GazeFollow dataset

- How to establish a dataset with reliable gaze annotations?
- How to locate the gaze target accurately when collecting gaze behavior?





• We develop a system to guide and localize gaze target while recording gaze behavior





 Release a new GFIE dataset with reliable annotations for 2D/3D gaze-following

(Preview \rightarrow Main Contribution)







• We introduce a stereo field of view (FoV) in the proposed baseline method for improving gaze-following





• Test examples on the GFIE dataset

Preview \rightarrow Performance





• The way of collecting gaze data in the existing dataset



a) Manual annotation



Weakness

Motivation

- Most datasets are manually annotated, but the subjectivity of annotators may cause annotations to deviate from the actual gaze target. In addition, labor-intensive is another drawback.
- ✓ The eye-tracking device can capture annotations automatically but alter subjects' appearance in the dataset, which brings the gap with the gaze-related behavior in the natural environment.

Motivation



- Our main contributions:
- ✓ We develop a system consisting of a laser rangefinder and RGB-D camera to guide and localize gaze target
- ✓ We release a new GFIE dataset for 2D/3D gaze-following that contains reliable annotations and diverse human activities in indoor environments.
- ✓ We introduce a stereo field of view (FoV) in the proposed baseline method for improving gaze-following.



Workflow for GFIE Dataset Generation





• System setup:

- ✓ Azure Kinect is set to capture RGB images and depth images with a resolution of 1920 × 1080
- Laser Rangefinder are used to measure distance while emitting laser light.
- How to record the gaze behavior:
- We operate the laser rangefinder to guide the subject's attention target through the laser spot.
- ✓ The subject is always staring at the laser spot while performing in front of the camera.

Workflow for GFIE Dataset Generation





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Workflow for GFIE Dataset Generation





Eliminating Laser Spot:

We adopt the generator network proposed by Ulyanov et al. [1] to inpaint the regions of laser

spots in images. [1] Dmitry Ulyanov et al. Deep image prior. ICCV 2018



Annotation



(Workflow for GFIE Dataset Generation)



• Demo of Laser Spot Detection

Demo of Eliminating Laser Spot







• Annotation distribution on 2D plane and Gaze angle density





a) 2D Head Location Density

b) 2D Gaze Target Loaction Density



c) 2D Gaze Target Wrt. Head Location Density



Quantitative statistics

| Modality | RGB/Depth | | |
|----------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Frames | 71,799 | | |
| Subjects | 61 | | |
| | (27 male and 34 female) | | |
| Detect | Train set : 59,217 | | |
| splits | Validation set: 6,281 | | |
| | Test set: 6,281 | | |

• Annotation distribution in 3D space







• An overview of the GFIE dataset (part of all scenes)



GFIE Baseline



- Three key components:
 - ✓ Module for estimating gaze direction
 - ✓ Module for perceiving stereo FoV (field of view)
 - ✓ Module for generating a gaze heatmap

FoV is defined as the extend to which a person can observe in 3D space.



GFIE Baseline



- Strategy for 3D Gaze-following
 - ✓ Based on the 2D gaze target and the stereo FoV heatmap, the reliable 3D gaze vector is selected from the matrix containing candidate vectors, and then the 3D gaze target can be obtained.



Experiment



 Performance comparison on the GFIE dataset

| | 2D | | 3D | |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Method | AUC \uparrow | L^2 Dist. \downarrow | 3D Dist. \downarrow | Angle Error \downarrow |
| Random | 0.585 | 0.425 | 2.930 | 84.4° |
| Center | 0.614 | 0.287 | 2.510 | 87.2° |
| GazeFollow [28] | 0.941 | 0.131 | 0.856 | 41.5° |
| Lian [22] | 0.962 | 0.091 | 0.542 | 26.7° |
| Chong [7] | 0.972 | 0.069 | 0.455 | 20.8° |
| Rt-Gene [13] | 0.823 | 0.123 | 0.552 | 21.0° |
| Gaze360 [21] | 0.821 | 0.130 | 0.540 | 19.8° |
| GFIE (ours) | 0.965 | 0.065 | 0.311 | 17.7 ° |

• 2D evaluation metrics:

- ✓ AUC: The area under curve proposed by [17] is introduced to use the predicted heatmap as the confidence to draw the ROC curve.
- ✓ L² Dist.: The Euclidean distance between the predicted gaze point and the ground truth, we assume the size of the image is 1 × 1.

 Quantitative results of ablation study on the GFIE dataset

| | 2D | | | 3D |
|--|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Method | AUC \uparrow | L^2 Dist. \downarrow | 3D Dist. \downarrow | Angle Error \downarrow |
| No encoder-decoder module | 0.887 | 0.129 | 0.552 | 20.0° |
| No stereo FoV heatmap module | 0.888 | 0.104 | 0.452 | 22.2° |
| One stereo FoV heatmap | 0.945 | 0.079 | 0.391 | 20.8° |
| No supervision for the gaze vector | 0.943 | 0.073 | 0.821 | 42.5° |
| 3D gaze-following with only the predicted gaze vector | 0.799 | 0.136 | 0.543 | 19.4° |
| 3D gaze-following with only the predicted heatmap | 0.965 | 0.065 | 0.333 | 18.7° |
| GFIE (ours) | 0.965 | 0.065 | 0.311 | 17.7 ° |

- 3D evaluation metrics:
- ✓ 3D Dist.: Similar to L2 Dist., but for 3D scenes, its unit is m.
- Angle Error: The angular difference between predicted gaze direction and ground truth, in degrees.

Metrics



Experiment

• Performance of our proposed baseline on the GFIE dataset







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GT gaze line Predicted gaze line Zhengxi Hu et al. GFIE: A Dataset and Baseline for Gaze-Following from 2D to 3D in Indoor Environments





- Cross-dataset evaluation on CAD-120 dataset
- ✓ Quantitative evaluation on CAD-120 dataset

| | 2D | | 3D | |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Method | AUC \uparrow | L^2 Dist. \downarrow | 3D Dist. \downarrow | Angle Error \downarrow |
| Random | 0.469 | 0.758 | 1.910 | 70.3° |
| Center | 0.456 | 0.706 | 1.280 | 75.9° |
| GazeFollow [5] | 0.862 | 0.196 | 1.030 | 44.1° |
| Lian [4] | 0.871 | 0.180 | 0.813 | 34.8° |
| Chong [1] | 0.891 | 0.152 | 0.812 | 31.9° |
| Rt-Gene [2] | 0.463 | 0.492 | 0.483 | 26.5° |
| Gaze360 [3] | 0.463 | 0.474 | 0.427 | 20.6° |
| GFIE (ours) | 0.921 | 0.114 | 0.365 | 19.8 ° |

CAD-120 Dataset

- The CAD-120 dataset is built for human activity
- ✓ We selected 1737 frames and asked 3 annotators to annotate the 3D gaze targets manually in the software *CloudCompare*.
- ✓ The evaluation process performs testing without training

Test examples on CAD-120 dataset













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Thank you

