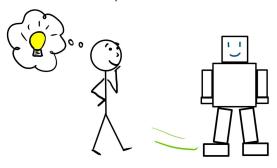
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Exploring Expectation Discrepancy Resulting from Robot Design

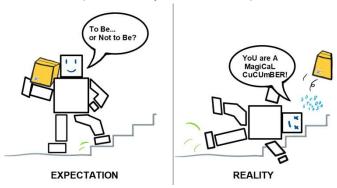
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What do people expect from a robot?

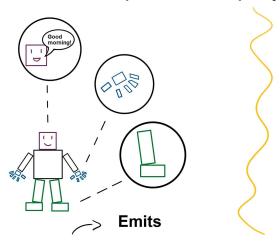
Person constructs expectations based on observation.

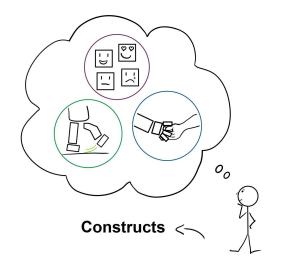


Constructed expectations may not match real capabilities.



How can we describe this expectation discrepancy?





Emission of Potential Capability

Life-like – Inspired by life. *Static* human, animal or insect-like features. Dynamic interactions (e.g. waving, telling a joke).

Consequential - Specific elements relating to functional requirements (e.g. visible sensors, large wheels, stable form).

Exposition – How the robot is introduced, including proposed usage, tasks, media influence, specific keywords (remote controlled, autonomous, etc.). Robot also can self-introduce.

Future research questions:

How can we avoid issues of disappointment, misplaced trust or negative affects on robot acceptance?

How can we leverage social interaction techniques while controlling the resulting expectations?

Construction of Expectations

Physical Ability – Expected movement ability, noises, sensing, advanced tasks like writing with a pen, robustness / fragility.

Computational Ability – Can save and retrieve data, perform calculations, logical decisions, using the internet.

Non-Social Cognition – E.g. an autonomously acting robot, may be able to learn and engage with its environment.

Emotional System – Synthetic emotions and ability to express them (smile, frown,...).

Social Interaction Ability – Talking, sign language, gestures, eye gaze in social situations.

Pseudo-Consciousness – Impressions of the robot having own intentions, goals, self-awareness, creativity.

→ Build useful tools and measurements to further explore and analyze expectation discrepancy





