CS 309: Autonomous Intelligent Robotics FRI I

Lecture 09: Introduction to HRI

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Human-Robot Interaction

- Briefly, the study of how humans and robots interact with each other
 - There has been some form of interacting with machinery since the very first robots, including simple electro-mechanical devices that arguably may count from the turn of the 20th century (Shultz & Goodrich, 2007)

Human-Robot Interaction

- Research encompasses many themes
 - Newer hot topics:
 - Measuring human emotion
 & engagement
 - Human-robot autonomous collaboration
 - Physical human-robot interaction
 - HRI as design



Human-Robot Interaction

- Research encompasses many themes
 - Long-standing hot topics:
 - Generating and interpreting gaze & joint attention
 - Language and HRI
 - Gesturing
 - Back-channel communication (things other than gestures and language)
 - Proxemics
 - Vocal prosody

An explosion happened in the 90s

Show Kismet video

Interesting points from Kismet video

- One of the more interesting angles on HRI is that the human interpretation of the stimulus is the most important factor
 - Robots as evocative devices
 - The use of psychological methods to describe and interpret results

Experimental HRI & HRI as Psych

- User studies as a primary driver in HRI
 - The assigned paper is an example
- Likert scale measures
 - The robot was lifelike 1 - 5
- Cognitive difference scale measures
 - The robot was <not at all lifelike> - <very lifelike>

Experimental HRI & HRI as Psych

- Intra-participant vs Inter-participant designs
 - Will the study be harmed by users seeing all possible conditions?
 - Can you get enough data?
 - Does the order in which a participant sees stimuli affect the outcome? Can you account for this?

Experimental HRI & HRI as Psych

- Establishing meaningful results
 - Statistical testing
 - t-tests
 - ANOVA (and variants)
 - Post-hoc tests
 - Correlation tests
 - p-values
 - Statistical significance

Androids

- Often tele-operated or partially tele-operated
 - Geminoid
- Newer ones are autonomous
 - Erica
 - Erica video



Humanoids

- Androids are designed to look very human
 - Appearance emphasized
- Humanoids have a roughly human form
 - Functionality emphasized

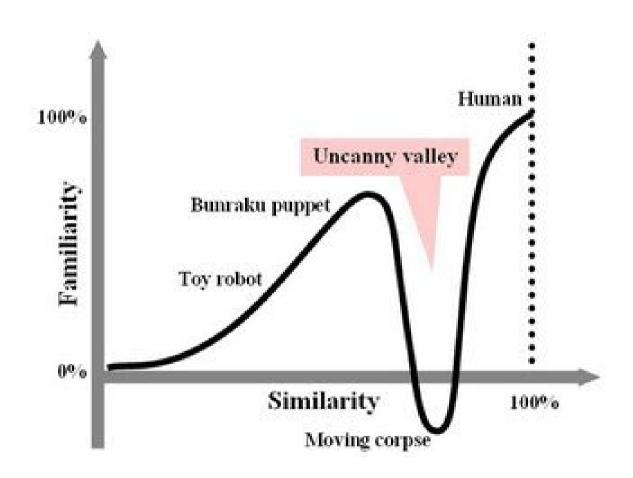


Humanoids

- Sometimes, similar experiments appear on both
- Erica
 - Pre-programmed conversation engine
- Robovie
 - Learning dialogue from humans



The Uncanny Valley



Physical HRI (pHRI)

- Handovers
 - Video
- Shared carrying
- Exoskeletons
- Collaborative assembly and manufacturing
 - Video

Today's paper

- No Fair! An Interaction with a Cheating Robot
 - Short documentary
 - Control
 - Robot Plays Rock Paper Scissors
 - Verbal
 - Robot verbally announces itself the winner
 - Action
 - Robot changes its gesture before announcing itself the winner

Hallway

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Hallway



