Affective Motivational Collaboration Theory

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Abstract

We investigate the mutual influence of affective and collaboration processes in a cognitive theory to support the interaction between humans and robots or virtual agents. We will develop new algorithms for these processes, as well as a new overall computational model for implementing collaborative robots and agents. We build primarily on the cognitive appraisal theory of emotions (Gratch and C.Marsella 2004) and the SharedPlans theory (Grosz and Sidner 1990) of collaboration to investigate the structure, fundamental processes and functions of emotions in a collaboration context. As part of this work, we also address a deficiency in existing cognitive models by accounting for the influence of motivation on collaborative behaviors, such as overcoming an impasse. This motivation mechanism uses the results of cognitive appraisal to dynamically form new beliefs and intentions related to the collaboration structure.

Ronald De Sousa in The Rationality of Emotion (Sousa 1990) makes a good case for the claim that humans are capable of rationality largely because they are creatures with emotions. The idea of having robots or other intelligent agents living in a human environment has been a persistent dream from science fiction books to artificial intelligence and robotics laboratories. However, there are many challenges in achieving collaboration between robots and humans in the same environment. Some of these challenges involve physical requirements, some involve cognitive requirements, and some involve social requirements. Thus far, there has been an emphasis on the design of robots to deal with the physical requirements. Many researchers are also working on the cognitive requirements, inspired by a diverse set of disciplines. As time passes, there has been an increasing recognition of the importance of the social requirements.

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