





The Shanghai Lectures 2022

Natural and Artificial Intelligence in Embodied Physical Agents

November 3rd, 2022

From Zagreb, Croatia

Today's program (CET)

08:30 sites begin connecting

08:55 all sites are ready

09:00 (Fabio) Welcome

09:05 Intelligence (think different!)

10:00 Break

**10:10 Guest Lecture: Angelo Cangelosi, University
of Manchester, UK**

Cognitive Robotics

11:00 Wrap-up

Lecture 1

Intelligence: think different!

What it is and how it can be studied

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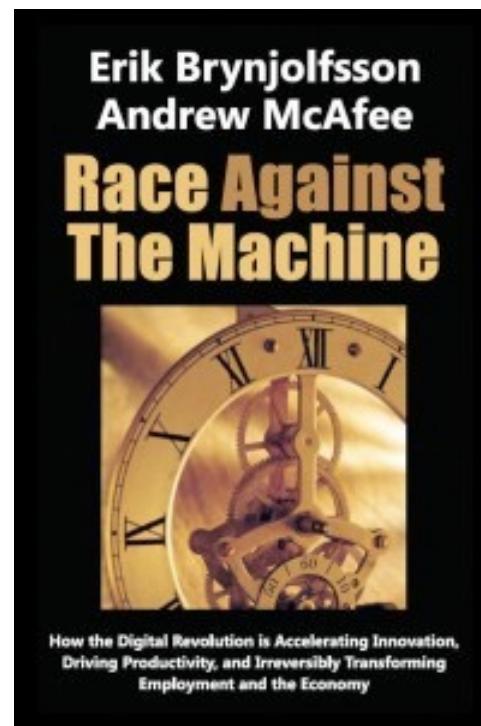
Goals

- **What is intelligence? Natural and artificial?**
- **conceptual and technical know-how in the field**
- **informed opinion on media reports**
- **things can always be seen differently**
- **new ways of thinking about ourselves and the world around us**

Info in the media....



Someone is worried....



But maybe we should not be....

Erik Brynjolfsson (first author of the book above):

“The key to growth?

Race _with_ the machines”

(check his nice TED talk here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sod-eJBf9Y0>)

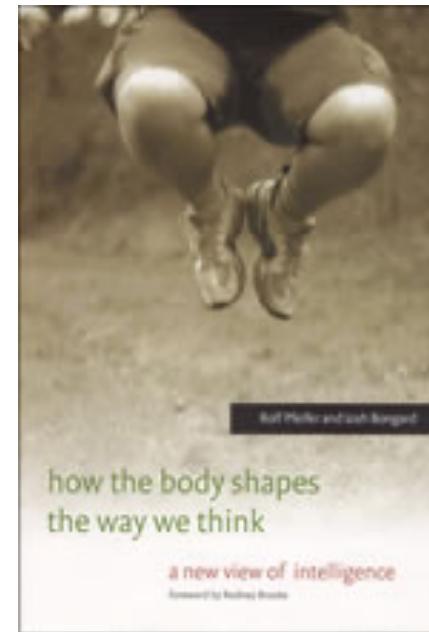
Book for class

Rolf Pfeifer and Josh Bongard

How the body shapes the way we think — a new view of intelligence

MIT Press, 2007

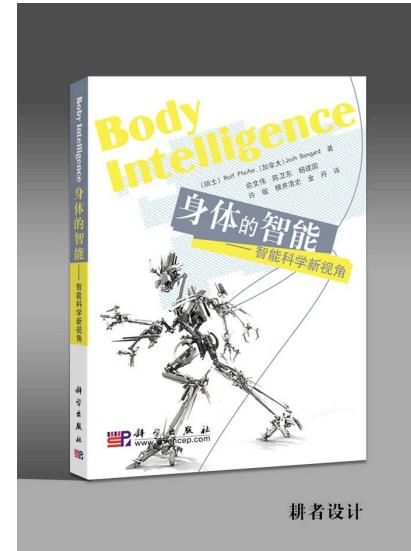
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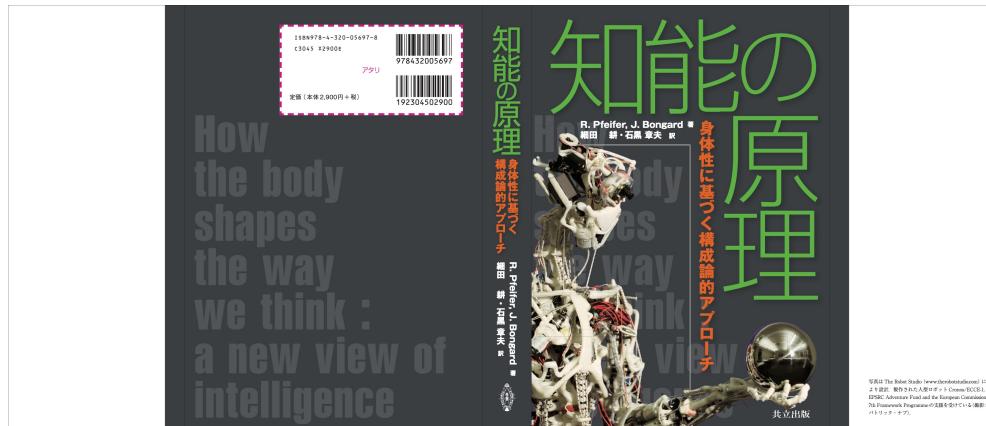
Chinese edition

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Japanese edition



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Arabic edition

كيف يشكل الجسد طريقة تفكيرنا.

Arab Scientific Publishers,

(100 pages)



French edition

La Révolution de l'intelligence du corps

Rolf Pfeifer

Alexandre Pitti



Short e-book version

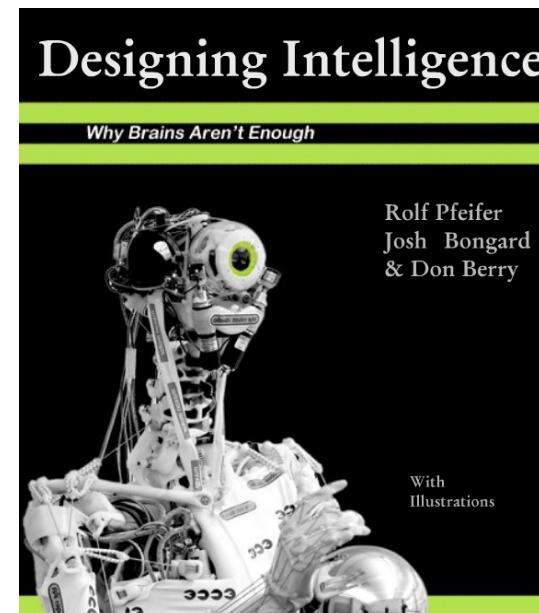
<http://ailab.ifi.uzh.ch/>

**Designing
Intelligence**

**Why Brains
Aren't Enough**

Rolf Pfeifer
Josh Bongard
Don Berry

(100 pages)

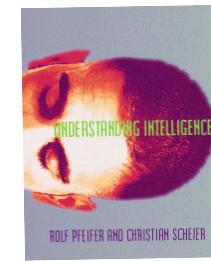


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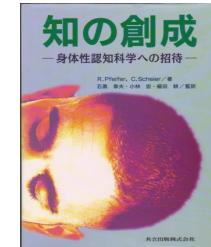
Rolf Pfeifer and Christian Scheier

Understanding Intelligence

MIT Press, 1999 (paperback edition)



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Robotics and the art of science

Nature Machine Intelligence **1**, 259 (2019) | Download Citation ↴

Bringing reproducibility to robotics.

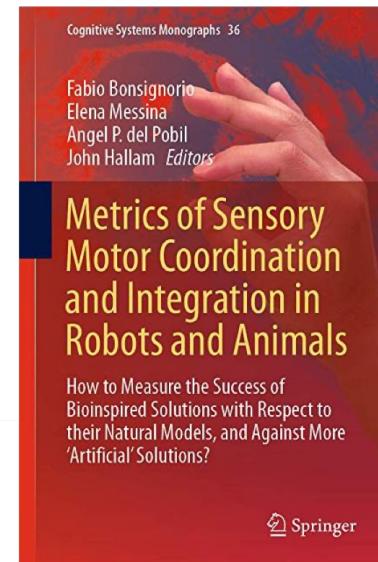
It is an exciting time to work in robotics. There are plenty of interesting challenges in designing machines that intelligently interact with both humans and their environment, and a range of techniques and insights from engineering, computer science, physics, biomechanics, psychology and other fields are available to help solve them. The

International Conference on Robotics and Automation, organized by the IEEE, is a lively affair: over 4,000 par-

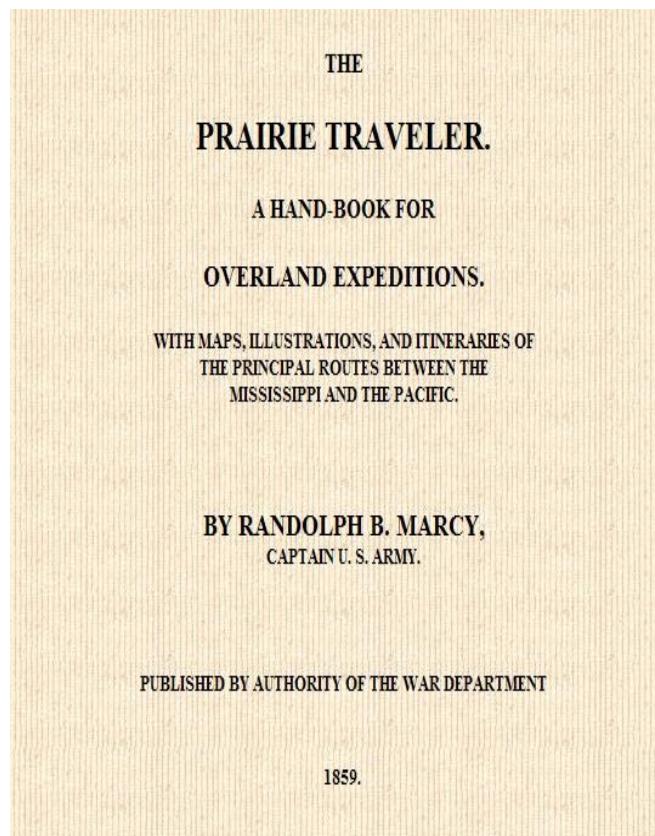
It is an exciting prospect that robotics can start growing as a scientific discipline, with clearly defined methods of evaluation and measurements in place.

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Article Google Scholar
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‘Caveat’



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- **“Turing Test” and “Chinese Room Experiment”**
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Intelligence?

From the Penguin Dictionary of Psychology

“Few concepts in psychology have received more devoted attention and few have resisted clarification so thoroughly.”

(Reber, 1995, p. 379)

Some definitions (1927 psychology journal)

“The ability to carry on abstract thinking” (L. M. Terman)

“Having learned or ability to learn to adjust oneself to the environment” (S. S. Colvin)

“The ability to adapt oneself adequately to relatively new situations in life” (R. Pintner)

“A biological mechanism by which the effects of a complexity of stimuli are brought together and given a somewhat unified effect in behavior” (J. Peterson)

“The capacity to acquire capacity” (W. Woodrow)

“The capacity to learn or to profit by experience”
(W. F. Dearborn)

Definitions of intelligence

<http://www.vetta.org/definitions-of-intelligence/> – now defunct ;-(with _70_ definitions

“... there seem to be almost as many definitions of intelligence as there were experts asked to define it.” R.J. Sternberg

(Robert J. Sternberg, distinguished psychologist; famous book “Beyond IQ: A triarchic theory of human intelligence”, 1985)

**read instead: “A collection of definitions of intelligence”,
Shane Legg, and Markus Hutter, IDSIA, Switzerland**

Definitions of intelligence

<http://www.vetta.org/definitions-of-intelligence/>

Legg and Hutter (webpage): three commonalities

A property that an individual agent has as it interacts with its environment or environments.

Is related to the agent's ability to succeed or profit with respect to some goal or objective.

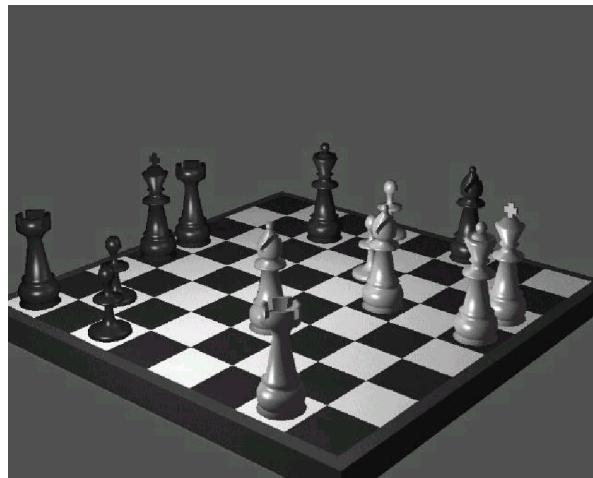
Depends on how able the agent is to adapt to different objectives and environments.

Their definition:

“Intelligence measures an agent’s ability to achieve goals in a wide range of environments.”

Subjectivity, expectations

Playing chess



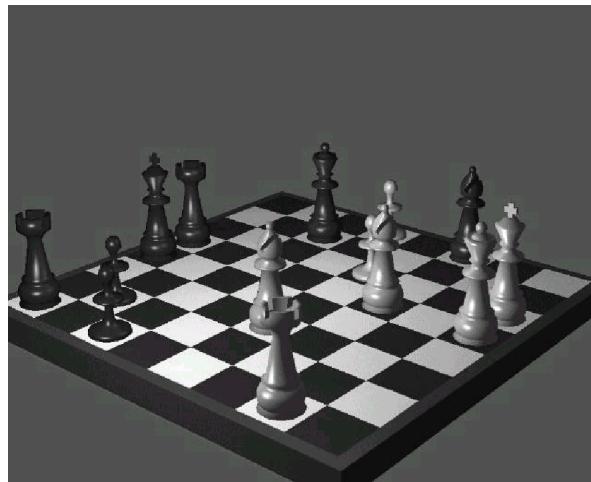
Rolf playing chess



Note: Fabio is obviously much better :-)

Subjectivity, expectations

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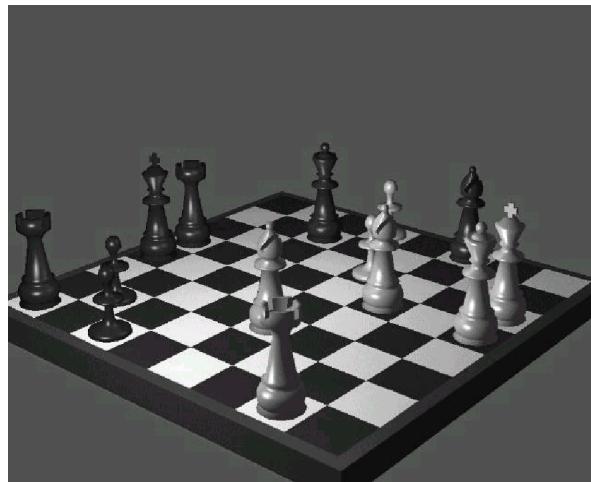


baby girl playing chess



Subjectivity, expectations

Playing chess



dog playing chess



Definitions, arguments

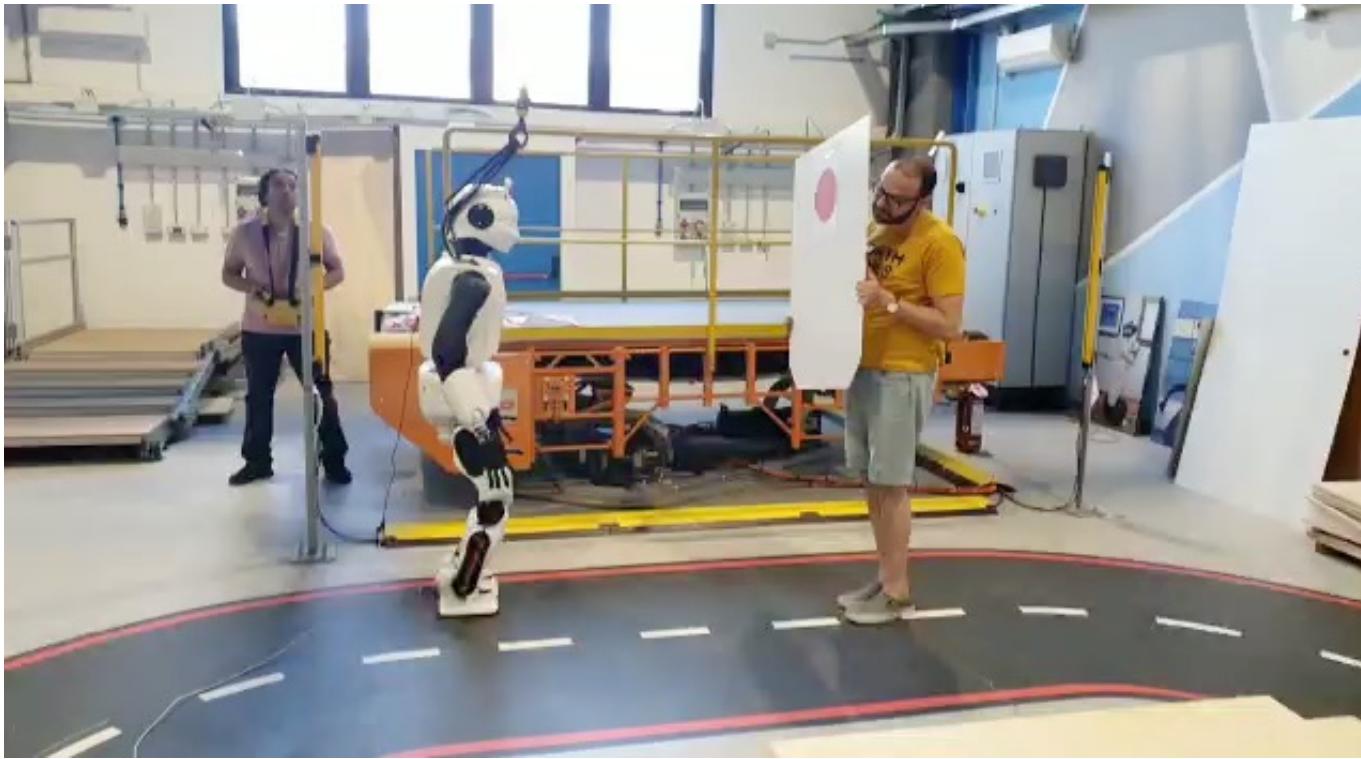
- **hard to agree on**
- **necessary and sufficient conditions?**
- **are robots, ants, humans intelligent?**
- **more productive question:**

“Given a behavior of interest, how does it come about?”

Interaction and observation

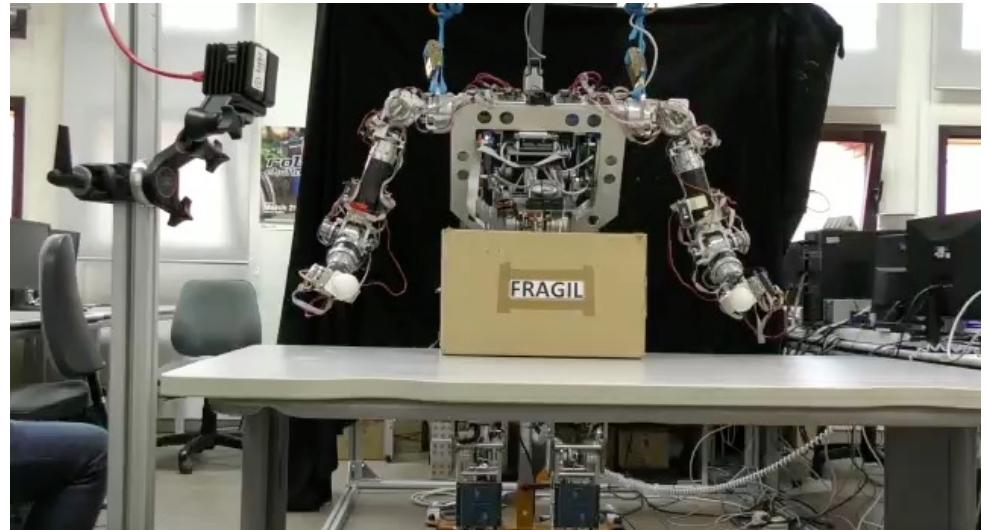
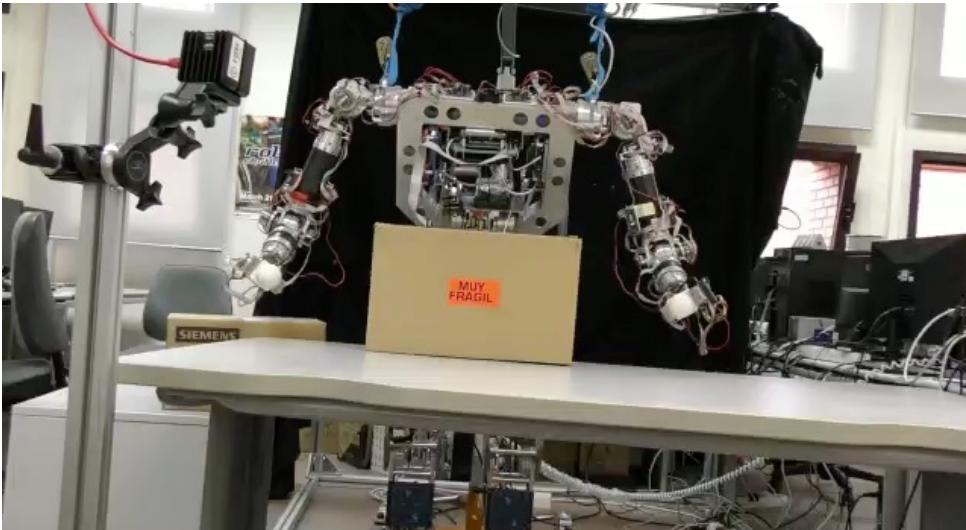


HumaBeliefs



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HumaBiMan



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Interaction and observation

videos:

intelligent?

- > **highly subjective**
- > **Turing suggests empirical test**

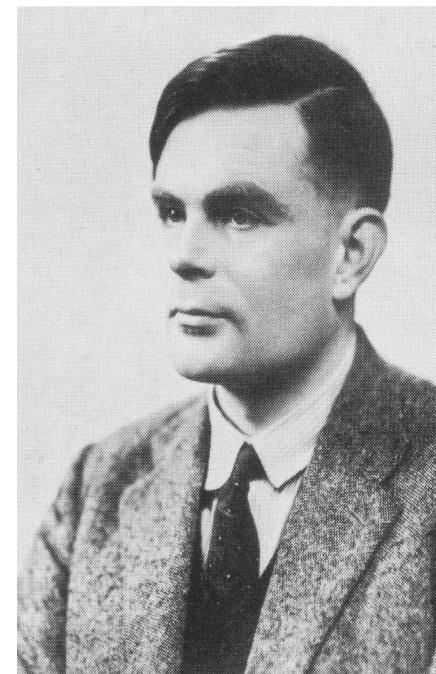
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An empirical test?

Alan Turing (1912 - 1954)

- **computer**
- **“computation”**
- **intelligence**

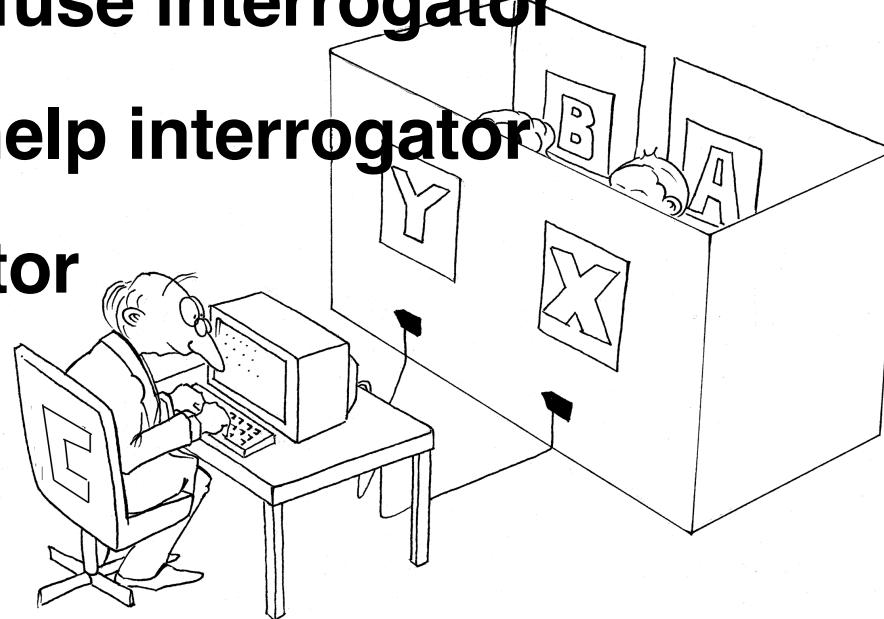


The Turing Test

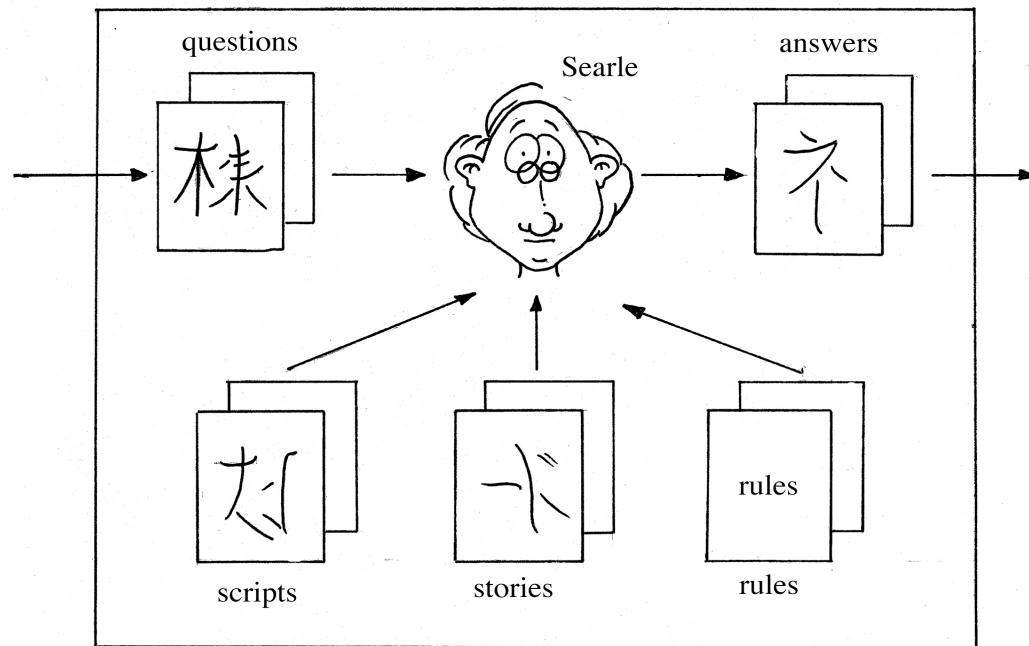
A: man, confuse interrogator

B: woman, help interrogator

C: interrogator



Searle’s “Chinese Room” thought experiment



Searle's “Chinese Room” thought experiment

homework:
think about pros and
cons
student presentation
next week

Variations on the Turing Test

- Historical: **ELIZA (Doctor)**, Josef Weizenbaum, 1966
- Movie “**Blade Runner**”, 1982, based on novel by Philip K. Dick (“replicants” look like humans, programmed to die after 4 years —> video clip)
- **The Loebner Prize Competition** (every year)
- **Chatterbots** (text-based conversational agents)
- **Simplified versions: Computer or Human?**

Turing tests



Turing tests

The Voight-Kampff test

The Voight-Kampff test was a test used by the LAPD's Blade Runners to assist in determining whether or not an individual was a replicant. The test measured bodily functions such as respiration, heart rate, blushing and pupillary dilation in response to emotionally provocative questions.

[Voight-Kampff test | Off-world - The Blade Runner Wiki - Fandom](#)
<https://bladerunner.fandom.com>

Turing tests



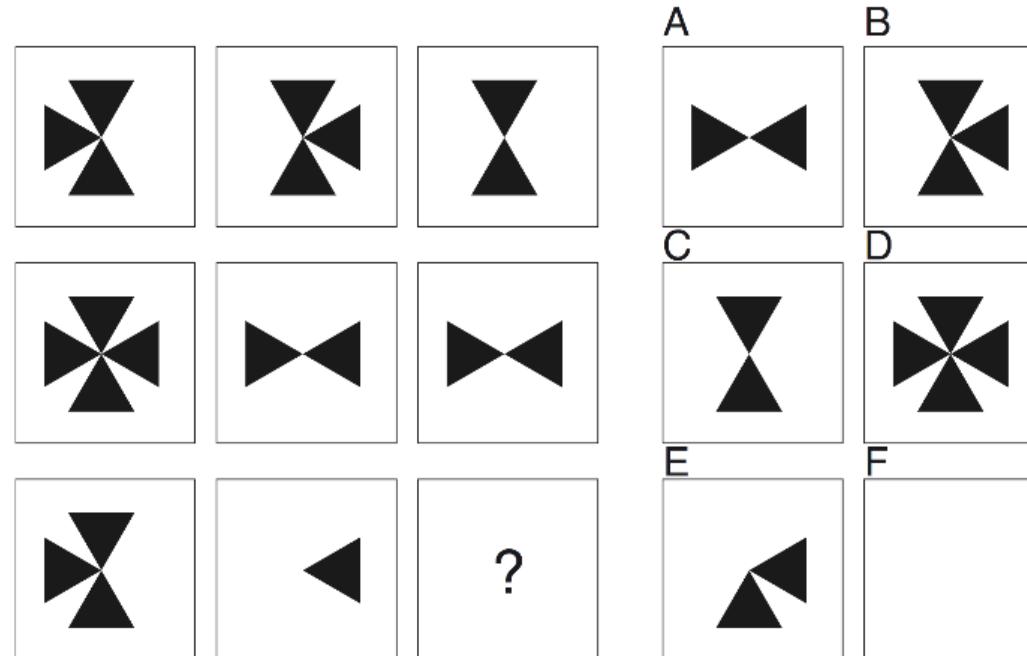
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Measuring intelligence



IQ testing – issues

IQ testing – issues (1)

- **IQ in genes (nature) or acquired (nurture)? – the “nature-nurture debate”**
- **IQ trainable – increased through practice?**
- **cultural differences?**
- **professional success? why are some with high IQ successful, others not?**
- **emotional intelligence?**
- **relation to brain processes?**

IQ testing – issues (2)

- **many different abilities, not just one number? (tests for different abilities; see Howard Gardner, Robert Sternberg, Steven J. Gould, and many others)**
- **the “Flynn Effect” (IQ increasing over the years)**

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Artificial Intelligence – goals

1. Understanding biological systems



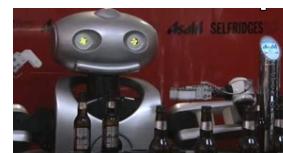
animals



humans

2. Making abstractions, developing theory

beer-serving robot Engkey



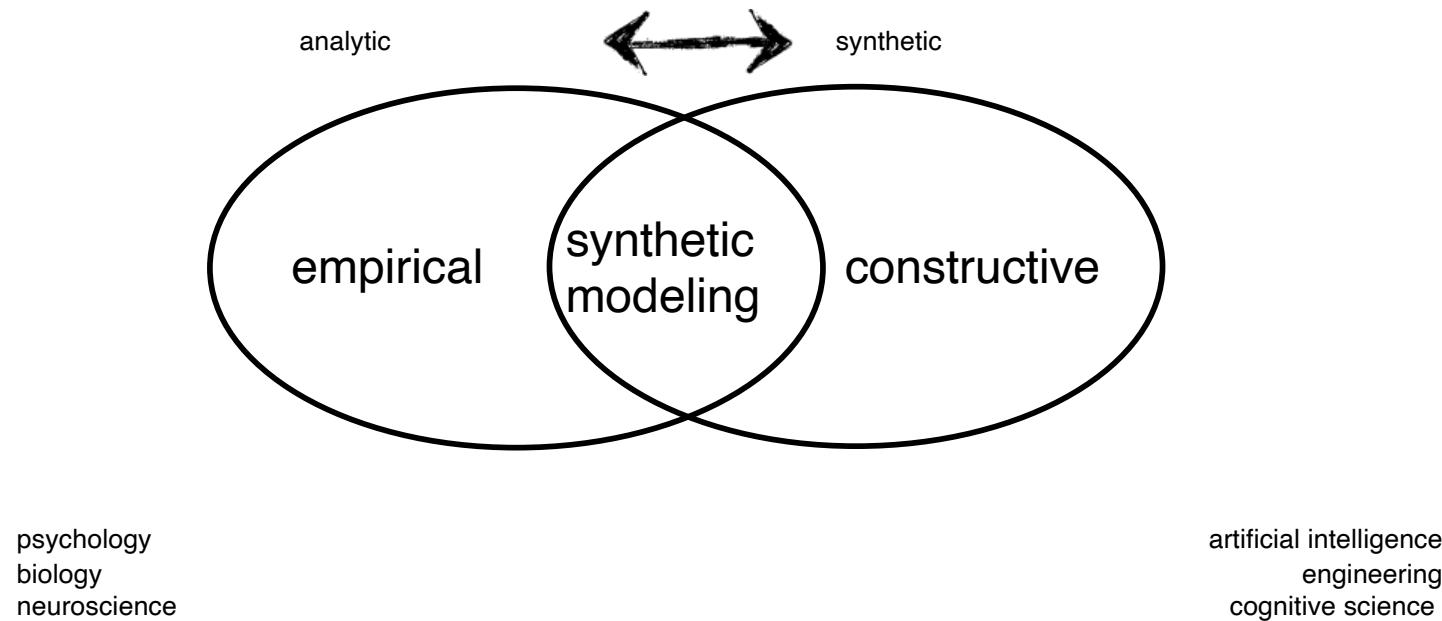
3. Applications

vacuum-cleaner

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How to study intelligence?



The synthetic methodology

Slogan:

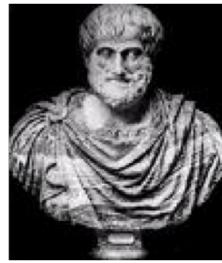
**“Understanding by
building”**



**modeling behavior of
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abstraction of principles



An old dream

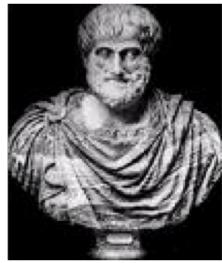


“If every tool, when ordered, or even of its own accord, could do the work that befits it, just as the creations of Daedalus moved of themselves . . . If the weavers' shuttles were to weave of themselves, then there would be no need either of apprentices for the master workers or of slaves for the lords.”

Aristotle (from *Politics*, Book 1, 1253b,

322 BC)

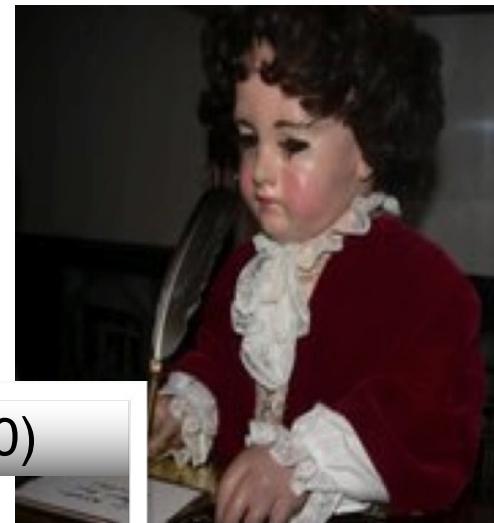
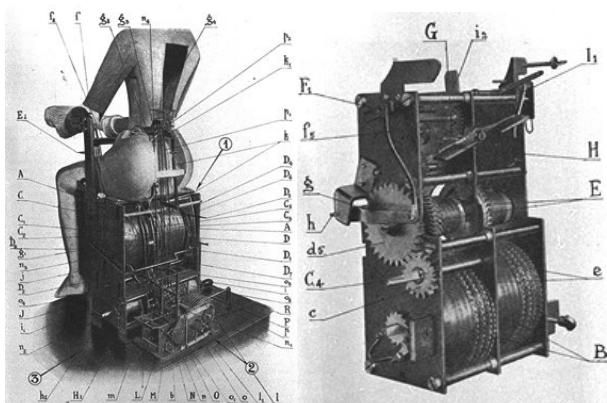
Aristoteles dixit



"The part of the quote "or even of its own accord" is elsewhere translated as "or by seeing what to do in advance" etc. (you may find many translations). I think this is an important part of the quote, so it's good to go back to the original text: Aristotle uses the word "**προαισθανόμενον**" – proaisthanomenon this means literally: pro = before, aisthanomenon = perceiving, apprehending, understanding, learning (any of these meanings in this order of frequency) in my view it is clearly a word that is attributed to intelligent, living agents....i.e. ones with cognitive abilities (!)"

personal communication, Dr. Katerina Pastra
Research Fellow
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Old attempts



Jaquet-Droz Brothers (1720-1780)

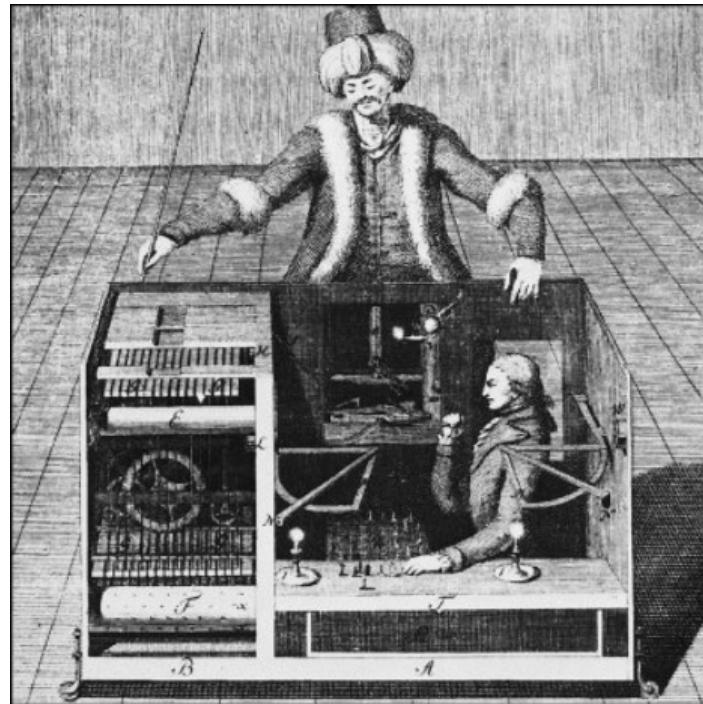
Old attempts



Karakuri Dolls
Chahakobi Ningyo (Tea Serving Doll) by SHOBEI
Tamaya IX, and plan from
'Karakuri Zuii' ('Karakuri -
An Illustrated Anthology')
published in 1796.



W. Van Kempelen's Chess Player (1769)

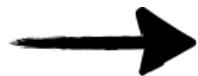


The synthetic methodology

Slogan:

“Understanding by building”

**modeling behavior of interest
abstraction of principles**



**robots as tools for scientific
investigation**

Many examples during ShangAI lectures

Issues to think about: IQ and professional success

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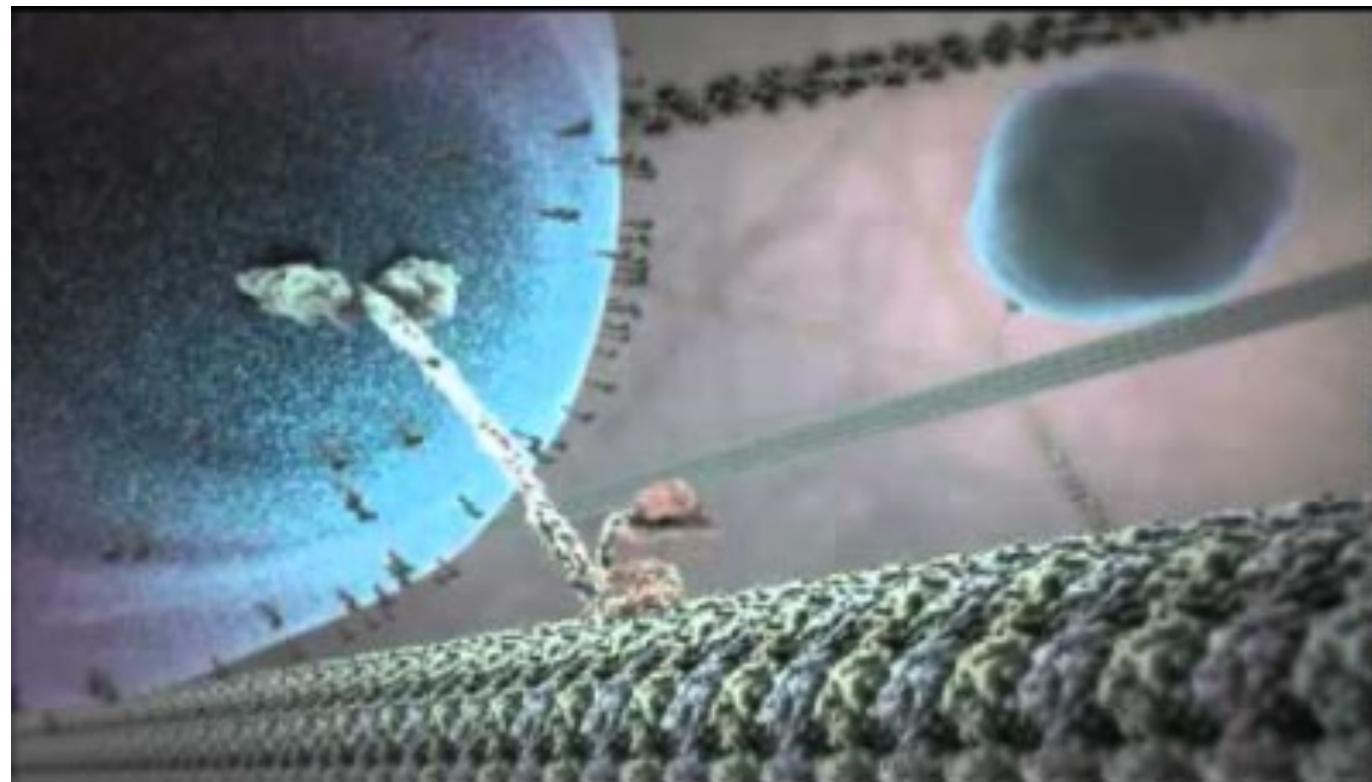
Why could this be?

On standard IQ tests, it is sometimes true that members are not successful.

Issues to think about: an unfair comparison



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Issues to think about: an unfair comparison

Video: an excellent

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Today's Guest Lecture

**10:10 CET Angelo Cangelosi,
University of Manchester, UK**

«Cognitive Robotics»

Stay tuned!



End of lecture 1

Thank you for your attention!

stay tuned for lecture 2

**“The Role of Embodiment in
Intelligent Systems”**



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Short Bio

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He is a **pioneer and has introduced the topic of Reproducibility of results in Robotics and AI**. He is a **pioneer in the application of the blockchain to robotics and IA (smart cities, smart land, smart logistics, circular economy)**. He coordinates Topic Group of euRobotics about **Experiment Replication, Benchmarking, Challenges and Competitions**. He is co-chair IEEE Robotics & Automation Society (RAS) Technical Committee, TC-PEBRAS (PErformance and Benchmarking of Robotics and Autonomous Systems).

He is **Distinguished Lecturer per la IEEE Robotics and Automation Society**. Senior Member of IEEE e member of the Order of the Engineers of Genoa, Italy.

He coordinates the task force robotics, in the G2net, an EU network studying the application of **Machine Learning and Deep Learning (Apprendimento Profondo)** to **Gravitational wave research, la Geophysics and Robotics**.

Has given invited seminars and talks in many places: MIT Media Lab, Max Planck Institute, Imperial College, Politecnico di Milano in Shenzhen, London, Madrid, Warsaw, San Petersbourg, Seoul, Rio Grande do Sul....

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