

Influence of the Mind on a Moving Robot

Results:

We study the action of mind on a robot moving at random on the floor.

Usually the robot moves only at random when it is alone in a room. But when an observer look at it, its path change. We study the action of young chicks on the path of a robot.

The random number generator is located 23 kilometres away, far from the chicks. The robot is driven via telephone line by the random generator.

The chicks are into a cage near the robot. The aim of the experiment is to know if chicks are able to influence the random generator so that the robot moves towards their cage. Chicks are interested by the robot because it is bearing a candle as the unique source of light in the room. They don't like darkness.

80 groups of 7 chicks were used to test their ability to influence the trajectory of the robot bearing the candle.

When chicks are present, the robot moves preferentially into their direction (67% out of 80 trials). This is significantly different from the non specific displacement of the machine in the absence of chicks and observer ($p < 0.00001$). When the robot is alone without chicks, it moves only at random.

The random generator being the source of movement, this suggests that chicks are able to influence it over a long distance.

Published Work:

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