



On Intentionality: Symbol Grounding & Computationalism

Group A



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Eric Dietrich 1990

Computationalism

- Understanding behavior as a capacity to compute some function from inputs to outputs.
- Function is analyzed as a sequence of sub-functions which interact to give the output.

Intentionality

Computationalism claims that humans as well as 'machines' can have intentionality

Dietrich offers the possibility that consciousness (as opposed to Intentionality) is what differentiates humans from machines in Searle's Chinese Room Argument



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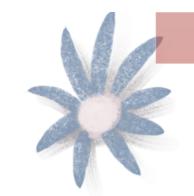


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Symbol Grounding
His interpretation of Intentionality

Proposed Hybrid Solution
Symbolic AI + Connectionism

Computational model Using Neural Nets





Symbol grounding

Symbolic Theft vs Sensory motor Toil



Troy D. Kelly '03

Symbolic and Sub-Symbolic Representations

Support for Harnad's hybrid solution by finding analogues though biology understanding.



Empirical Understanding





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