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Report on the Bachelor thesis entitled:

“Effects of Judge Expectations in the Turing Test”

The thesis is very well presented and forms a considerable body of work. It has been written in English with Czech versions of critical parts (e.g. Abstract) also attached.

The work considers at length the Turing test in which 5 minute long conversations take place between a human judge/interrogator and a hidden entity which could be either a human or a machine. Lots of transcripts were obtained from tests which took place in Bletchley Park, England in June 2012 and these have been studied at length by the student. He has looked principally at the actions of the judges and investigated reasons for their decisions.

In particular the student used practical transcript examples to consider specific cases involving strange/incorrect decisions by the interrogators, resulting in the misidentification of hidden entities. This involved Turing Tests involving conversations in which human judges succumbed gave in to their subjective expectations of human behavior and misidentified humans as machines and machines as humans. Of particular interest were cases in which assumptions were formed about the entity’s nature, based on the personal preconceptions of the interrogator.

The thesis contained much original material along with a good literature survey in terms of published material in the area. Overall the thesis was of a very high standard and I have no hesitation in grading it A – Excellent.

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