

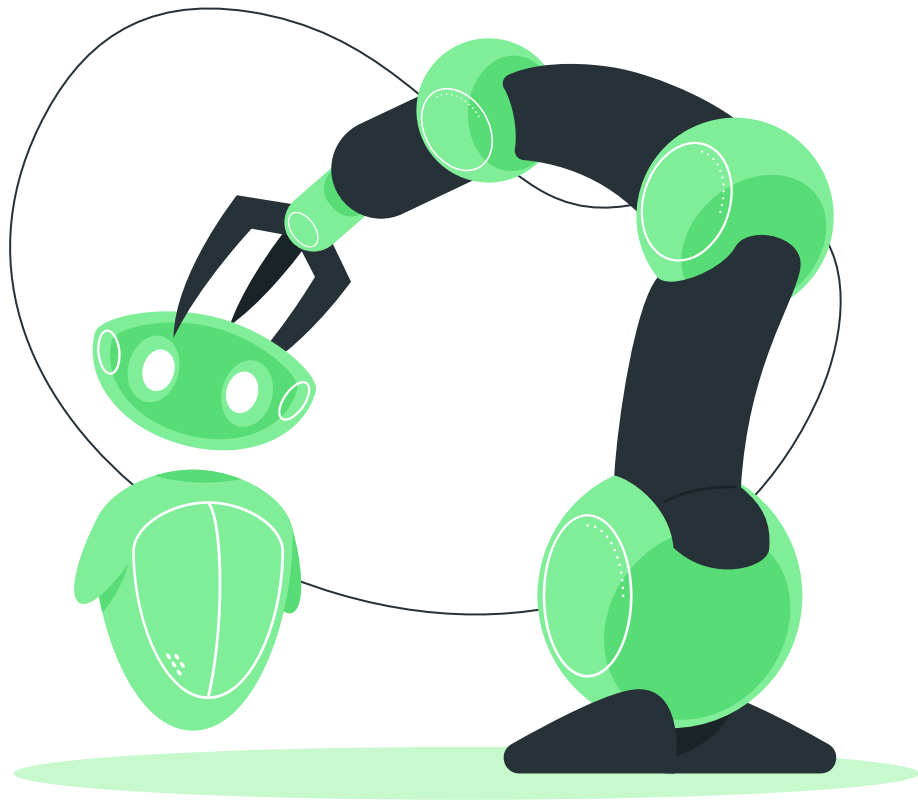
# Robot-mediated Referential Communication: To Improve Trust in Human-robot Interaction

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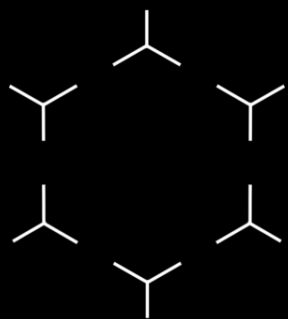
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Blade Runner  
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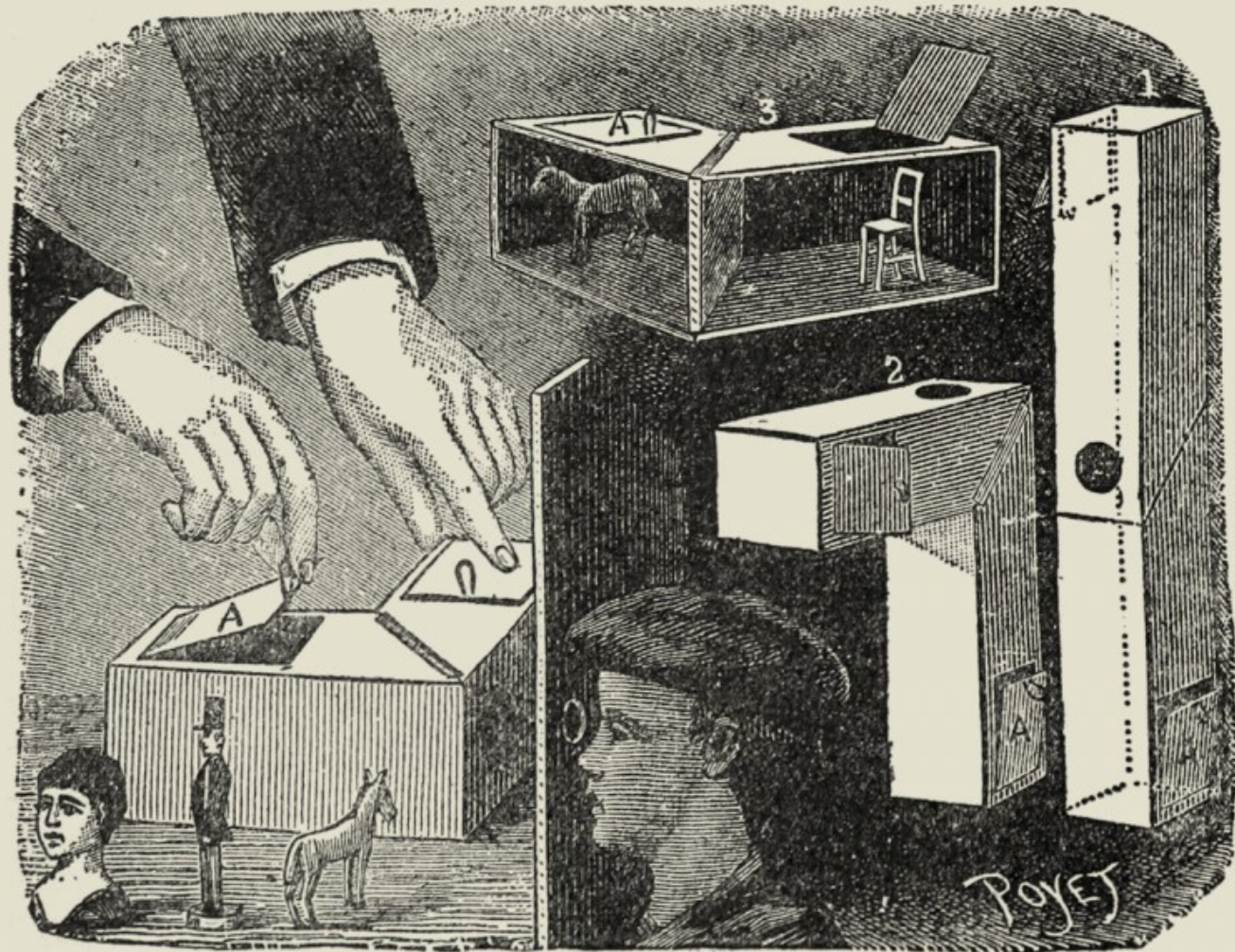


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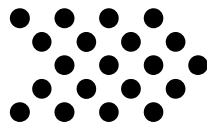
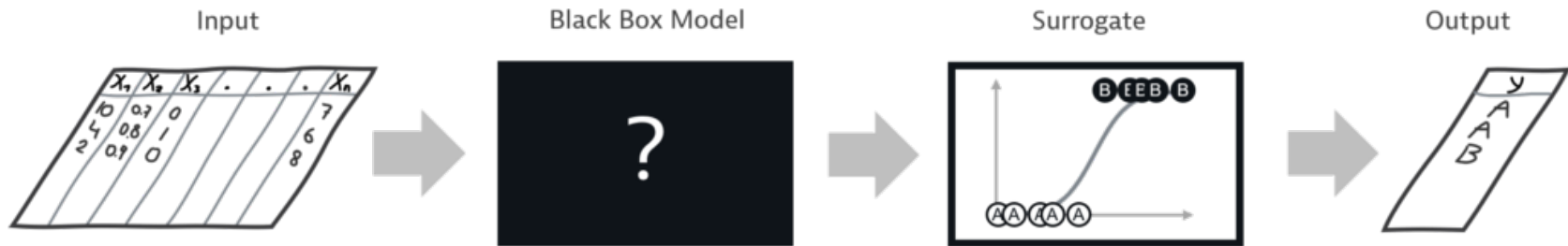
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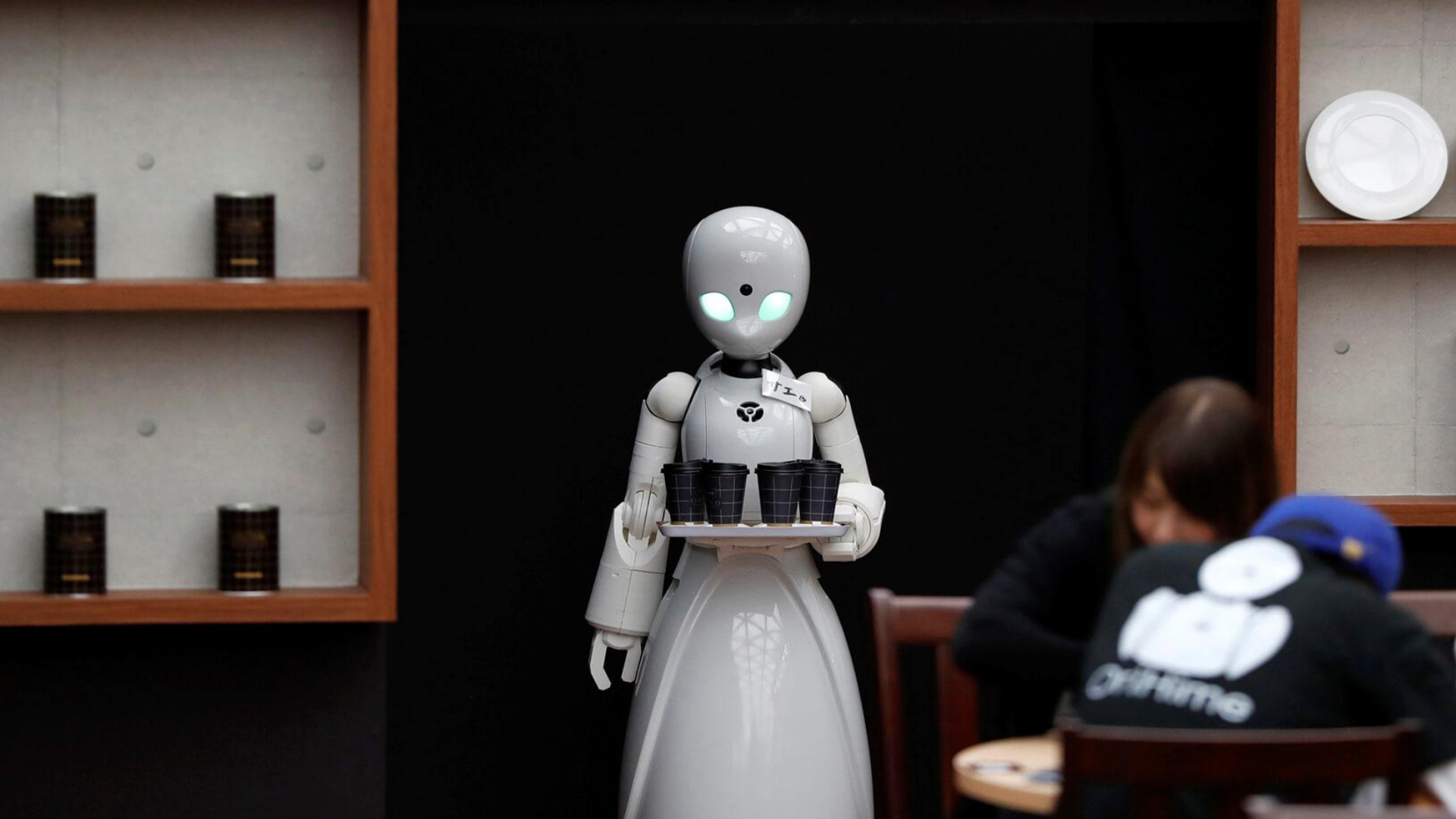
A prosthetic arm displayed at an exhibit about science and technology changing perceptions of humanity.



*The Black Box Society: The Secret Algorithms That Control Money and Information*



**Do we know the thinking of an AI model or a robot?**





# Socially Assistive Robot (SAR)



Fairness

Accountability

Transparency

Ethics

Improve human' s **trust** in  
robot-mediated referential  
communication task

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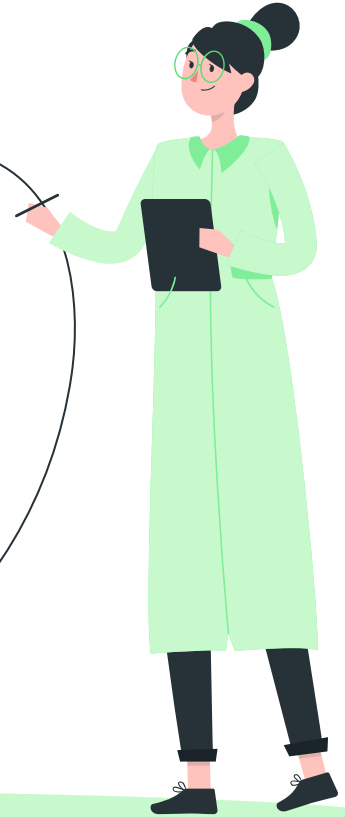
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# Concept Map

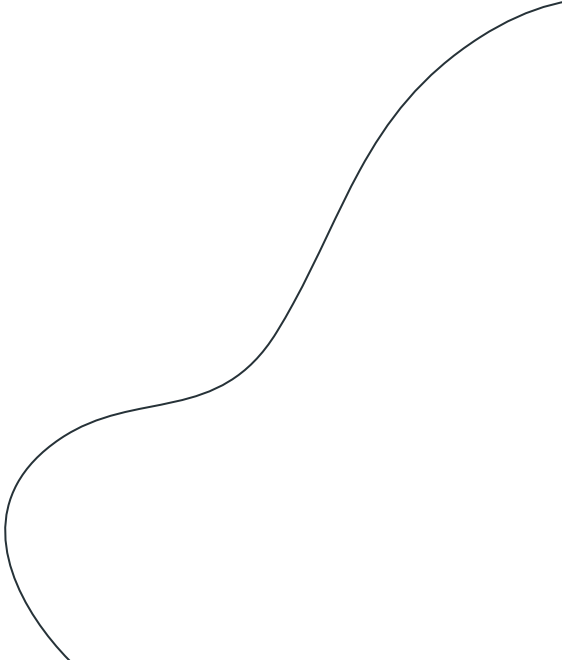
Theory of Mind, Referential Communication,  
and Joint Review,



# Theory of Mind



The basic **cognitive and social characteristic** that enables us to **make conjectures about others' minds** through observable, or latent behavioral, and verbal **cues**.

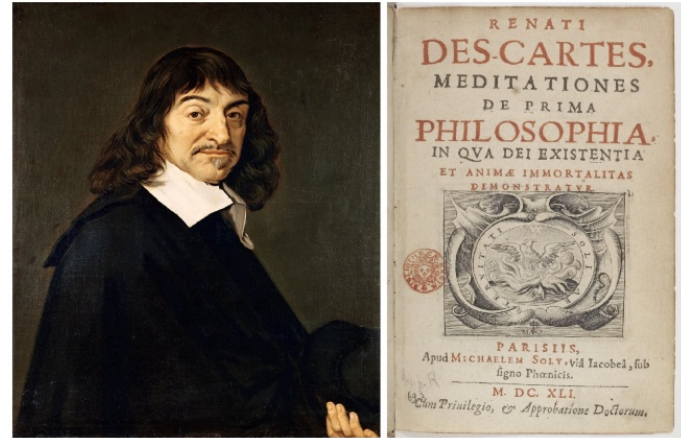


# Theory of Mind

Philosophical root: Philosophy of Mind

René Descartes. *Meditations on First Philosophy*. 1641

The Nature of Human Mind



# Theory of Mind

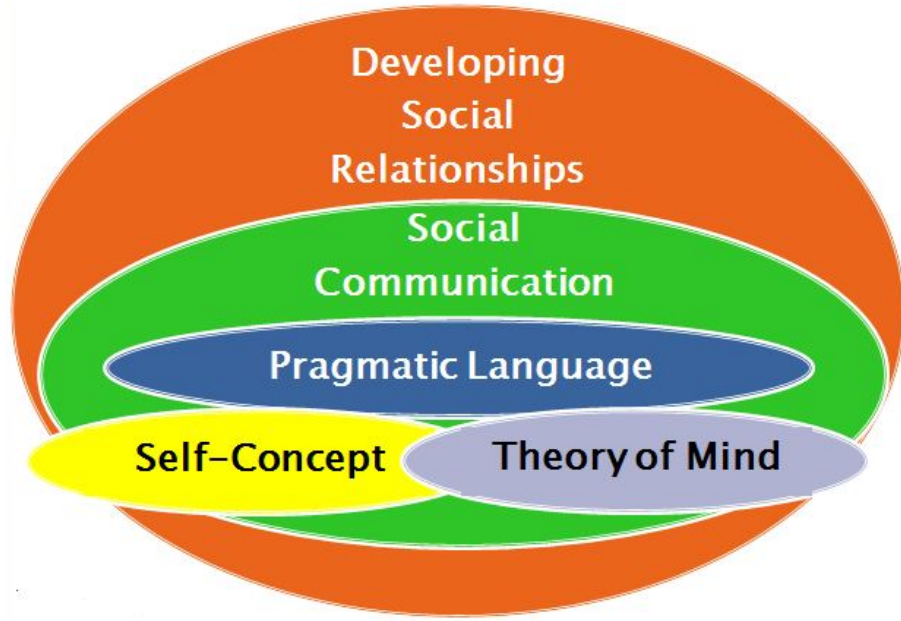


The ability to take someone else's perspective

> empathy: *the ability to understand and share the feelings of others*



# Theory of Mind





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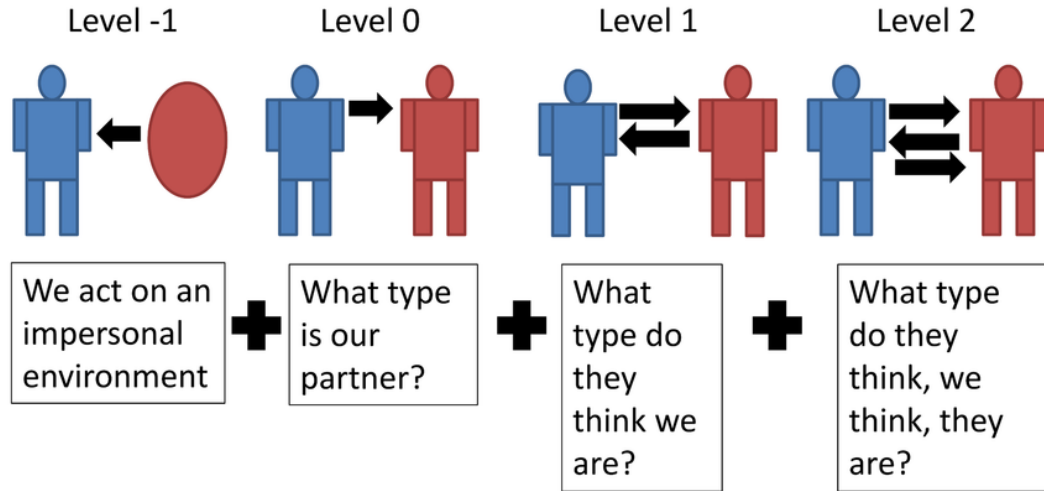


- ❑ Recognizing other's feelings
- ❑ Thinking about consequences of actions
- ❑ Recognizing that someone else may think or feel differently than you do

Children's theory of mind in development

# Theory of Mind

## Computational Theory of Mind

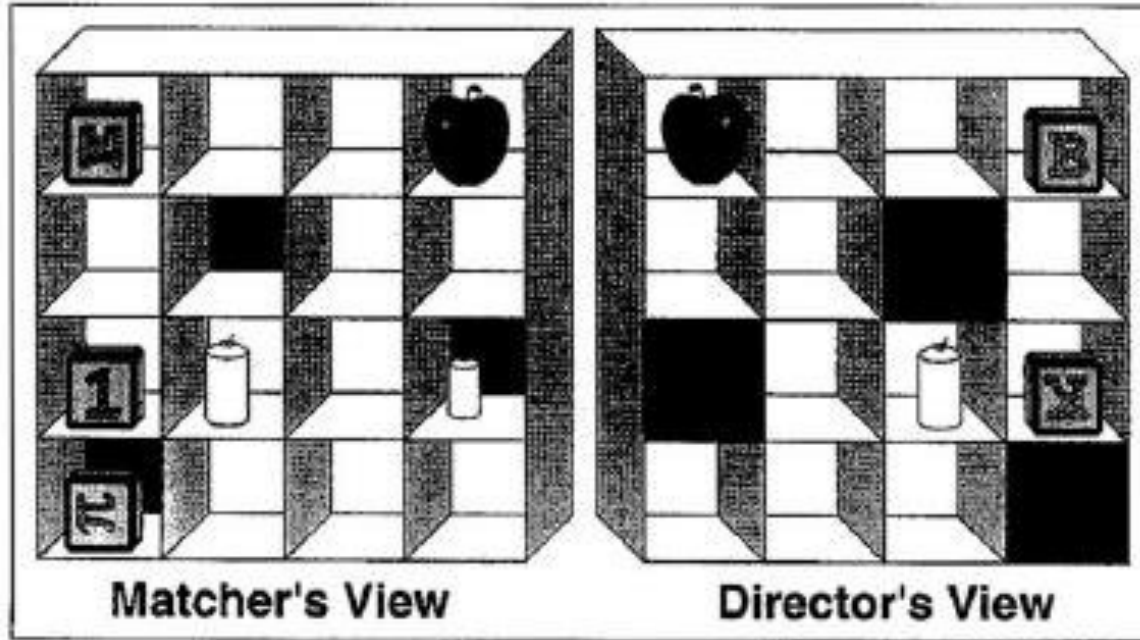


# Referential Communication

Communicative action of **referring** to ... something

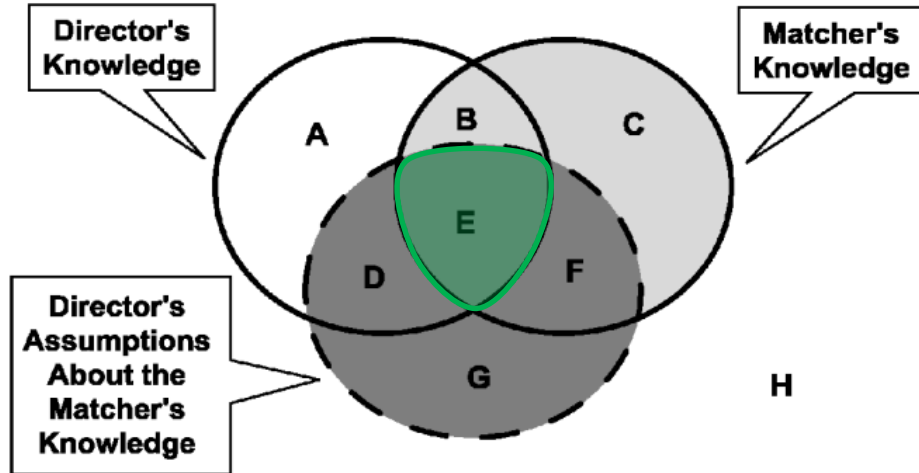


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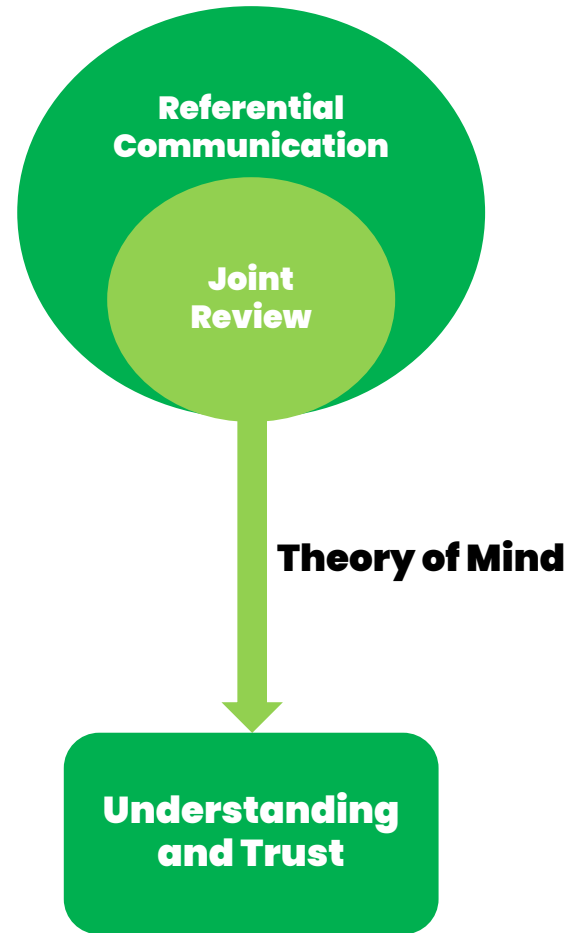


The most used communicative strategy in Referential Communication Task is Joint Review which is closely related to the Theory of Mind

## Knowledge Pertaining to the Materials Used in the Referential Communication Task



- A + D: Director's Unique Knowledge
- C + F: Matcher's Unique Knowledge
- D + E: Director Assumed Shared Knowledge
- B + E: Actual Shared Knowledge
- D: Overestimated Shared Knowledge
- E: Correctly Assumed Shared Knowledge
- B: Underestimated Shared Knowledge
- F: Correctly Assumed Matcher's Knowledge
- G: Overestimated Matcher's Unique Knowledge
- H: Shared Ignorance





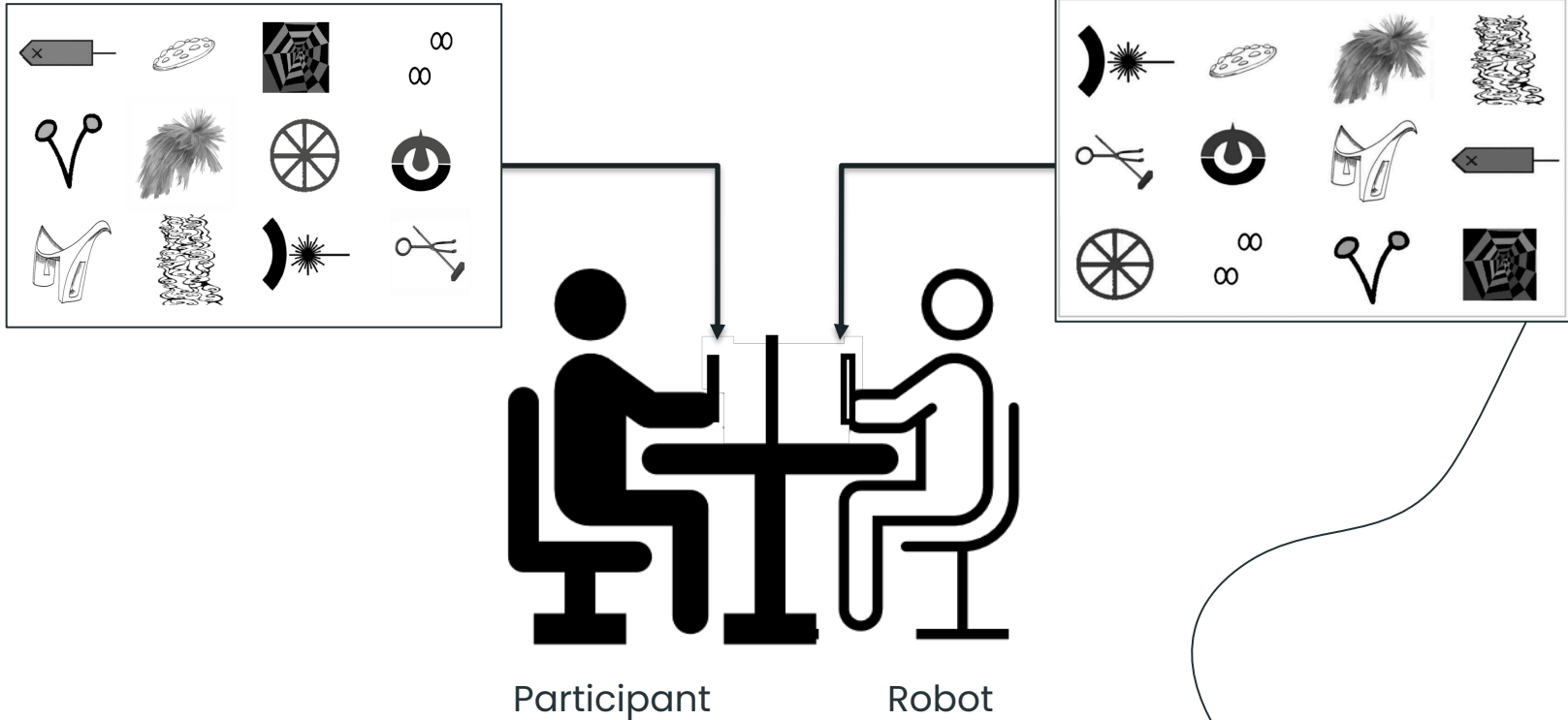
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# Experiment

Referential Communication Task

# Sorting Phase

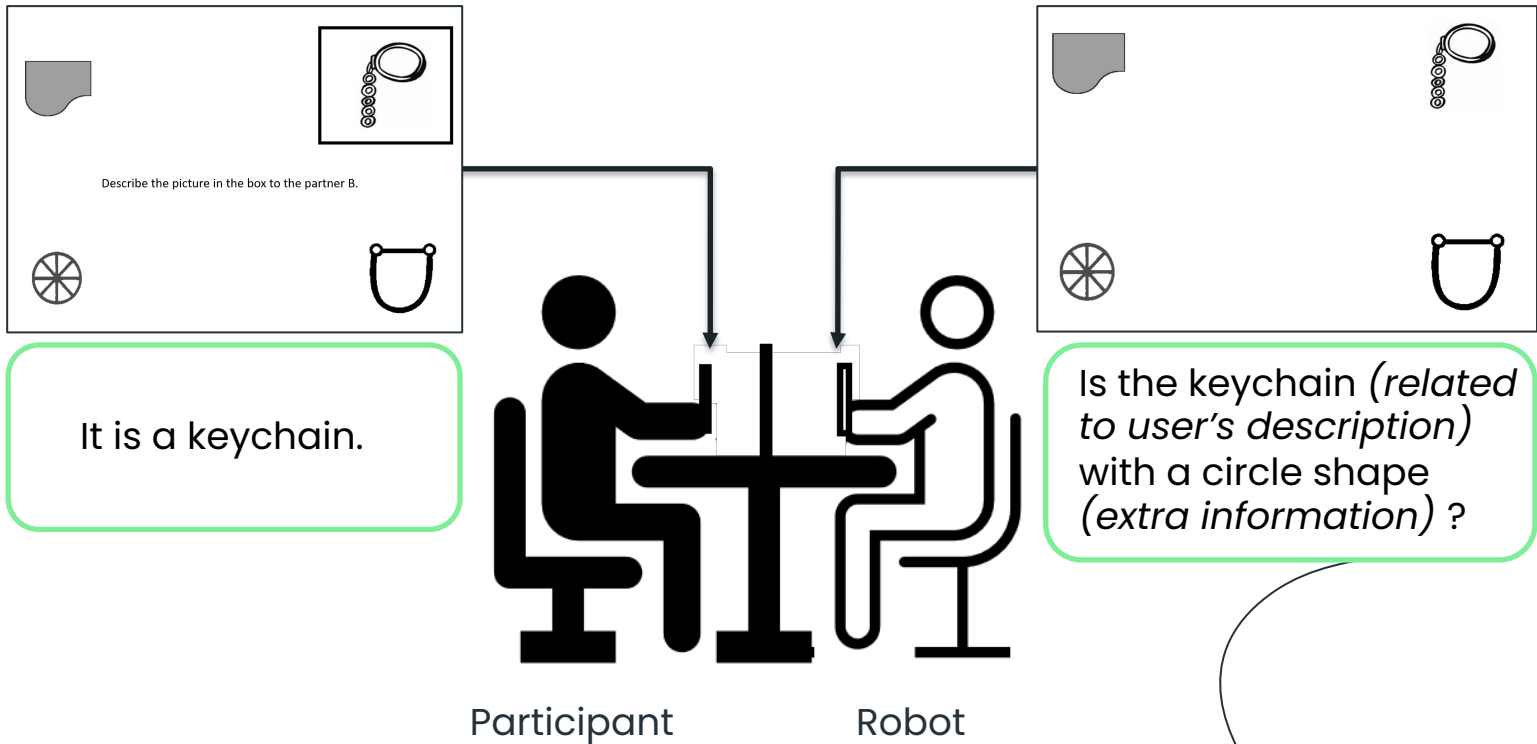
Purpose: *Guide the participant in understanding how to communicate with the robot*





# Testing Phase

An example that the robot provides extra information relevant to participant's description

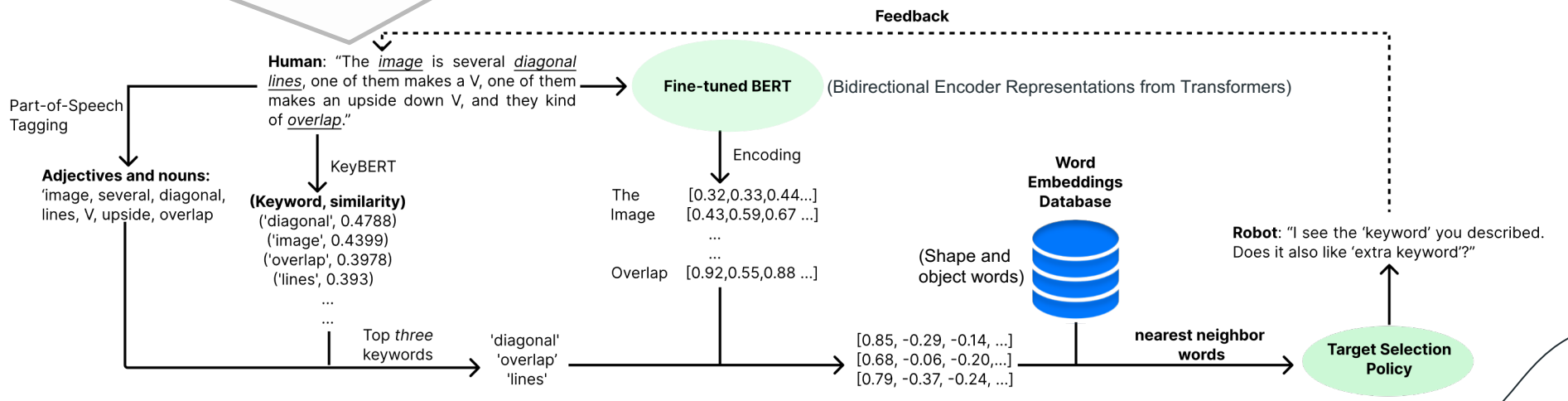
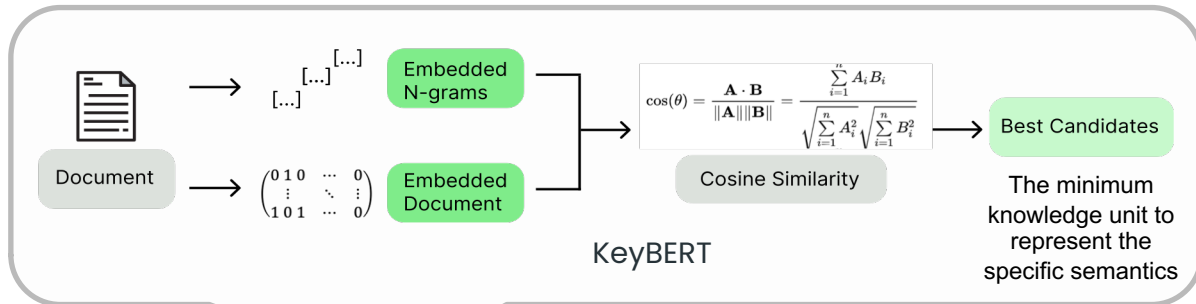


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# System Architecture

Data and System Architecture





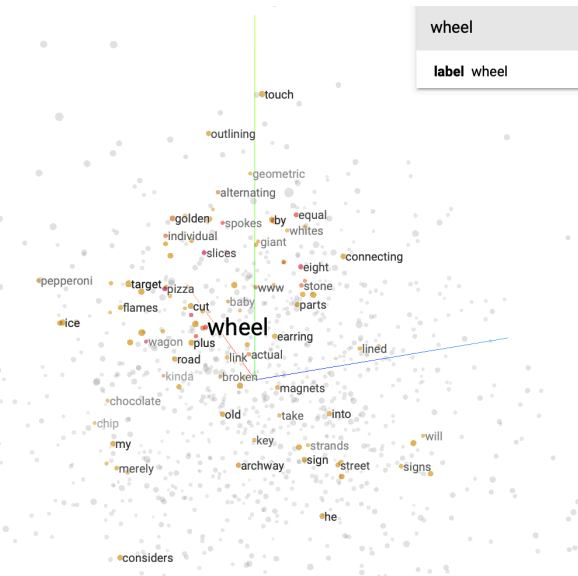
A dialog system that can provide near-human response

# Word Embedding

numerically captures the semantic relations between words

token_index	token	embedding
0	2006 on	[-3.50068879 -2.25286879 0.07820864 -0.174595...
1	1996 the	[-1.46904411e-01 -1.38223473e+00 -7.76039450e-...
2	2187 left	[-3.21038394e+00 -5.00768673e+00 1.61202148e-...
3	2217 side	[-3.73814762e+00 -5.77298665e+00 2.01482478e+...
4	1010 ,	[-7.57950389e-01 -1.93203805e+00 -5.86305824e-...
...	...	...
79839	2240 line	[ 4.73901522e+00 -4.82712209e+00 2.20555210e+...
79840	2006 on	[ 1.88782303e+00 -3.66826797e+00 2.85794210e-...
79841	1996 the	[-3.02382559e-03 -1.08948034e+00 4.68474507e-...
79842	2157 right	[-1.13312900e-01 -3.85226667e+00 2.74947238e+...
79843	2217 side	[ 1.25967085e+00 -6.19366956e+00 2.06270778e+...

79844 rows x 4 columns



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label wheel



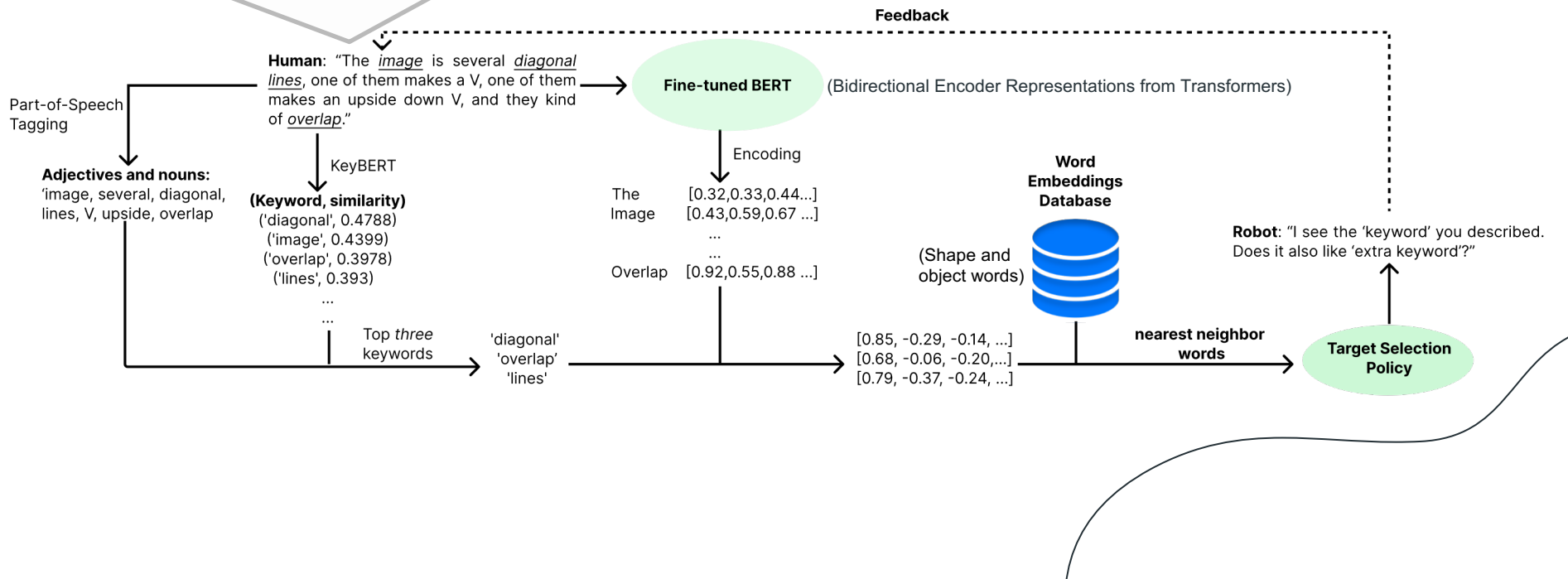
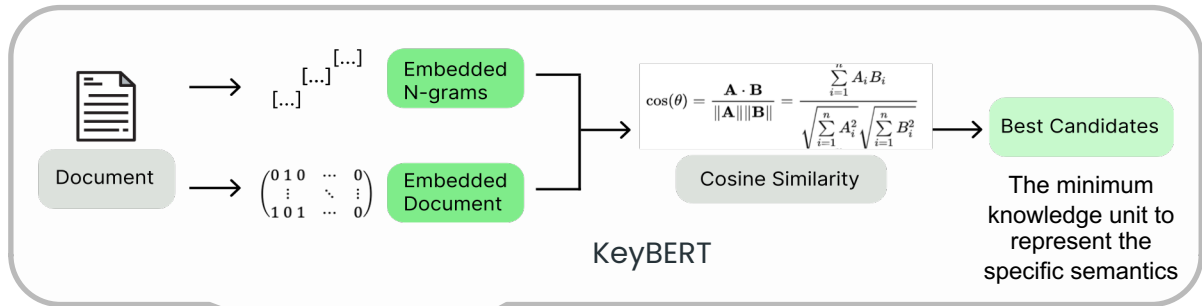
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neighbors 100

distance COSINE EUCLIDEAN

Nearest points in the original space:

pizza	0.197
wagon	0.207
slices	0.222
pie	0.238
bicycle	0.247
eight	0.268
spokes	0.293
car	0.313
equal	0.329
individual	0.434
stone	0.455
kinda	0.463



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# Validation

Metrics and Results



# Factor

## Token representation

- Use the output features from **the last layer**
- Sum all the output features from the **last four layers**

## BERT training approach

- Within-task-**pre-trained** and then fine-tuned (BERT-ITPT-FIT)
- Direct fine-tuned (BERT-FIT)

## Information saturation

- Normal situation
- Worst situation (Shape and object words excluded)

# Transcript Classification

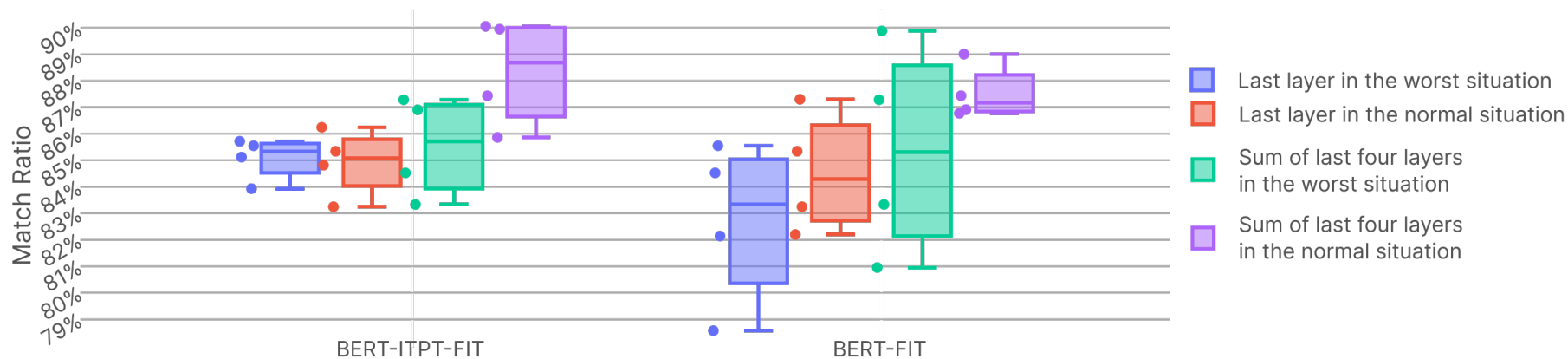
Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1	Subset-model Accuracy
BERT-FIT	.846761 (.027618)	.843257 (.027536)	.864997 (.025090)	.845208 (.027731)	<b>.818619</b> (.030962)
BERT-ITPT-FIT	<b>.850260</b> (.025637)	<b>.845776</b> (.027907)	<b>.867514</b> (.023780)	<b>.849688</b> (.024957)	.814890 (.029276)

10-fold Cross-validation metrics M (SD) on 48-class-transcript classification



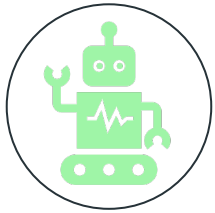
# Dialog Simulation

**Match:** *one of the three extracted words is in the transcripts from the training dataset describing the same target image*



Simulation results for the normal and worst situations

# System Features



Understand  
the users'  
descriptions



Extract  
keywords for  
clarification



Enhance users'  
**understanding**  
on robot's  
intention



Improve  
users' **trusts**  
towards the  
robot

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