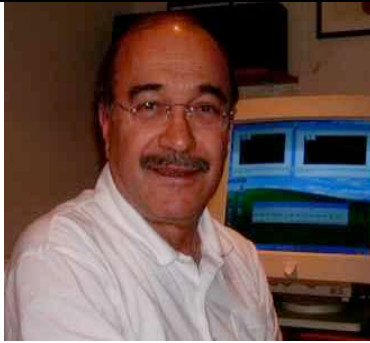




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Title: New Survey Suggests Strong Link between Humor Type Preference and Age

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Abstract

Linking humor to age, gender and personality have potential practical applications in man-machine interaction; A machine programmed to select its own humorous responses to match the users' could be easier to learn and less stressful to use. There are many humor type classifications, very few were tested and fewer still found significant age link. Here, an alternative humor classification which takes into account both motivation and cognition is described. Then, a suggestion why two earlier surveys could not find strong age link. Then the new humor preference survey is presented and the results highlighted with respect to age and personality measures, finally a plead for more tests is made.

Short biography

Faisal L. Kadri is an independent researcher with a PhD in Nonlinear Systems Engineering from the University of Wales in 1974. His present research interest is in applying the mathematical tools of nonlinear systems analysis to modeling motivational mechanisms in animals and humans. His more recent interest in humor research was triggered by the realization that humor types could have roots in animal aggression.