

0.1 Setup

This experiment focusses on group dynamics; the effect of a group on fault detection. The anchoring effect experiment as described in ?? used a ‘current score’ field to display a fake average of what people voted for the feature. Since this value implies that other people don’t like it, participants did not want to deviate to far from the rest and anchored their score to the shown value.

To further investigate the effect of group dynamics, this experiment consists of 2 parts. The first part focusses on groups of people. In the group we ask for them to find good and bad points of the shown feature. The second part asks the same but on individuals. The amount of found points (good and bad) of the group is then compared to the points found by the individuals.

Theory and Expected Outcome The paper from [BarnLund [?]] states ”group members saw different issues and a larger number of issues than a single person did working alone”. Therefore we expect the following result:

- The group finds a greater amount of points than the individuals because each participants’ points inspires the other.

Also, according to [Janis [?]] group members put the value of being part of the group higher than anything else. They will strive for unanimity on issues the group has to deal with. The group members will follow the opinion of others especially the one that takes the lead. For our experiment this will mean that they will follow the groupmember that is the first one to come up with an opinion. The other groupmembers will build on that opinion and not consider other options. This is also stated in [Jenness [?]], where it is called the ”impression of the universality”. Agreement becomes the criterion of correctness, meaning that if everyone agrees, which they will because of what was previously said, the statement is a justified true belief by consensus.

This leads us to the following hypotheses:

- The group finds more good or bad points depending on which type of point they start with (if one finds the feature bad, the other participants don’t want to stand out and find more ways it is indeed a bad feature). The individuals find a more balanced amount of good and bad points.