#### **TERNA Chatbot**

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Welcome! You can start chatting with me.

You:

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You: What is Categorical Perception?

**Bot:** Based on the context provided, the latest user question is:

"What is Categorical Perception?"

The retrieved context is:

#### **Categorical perception**

Categories in sensation/perception (non-semantic)

### Logic of categorical perception

Categorical perception: the phenomenon in which people perceive stimuli from different categories as more different from each other than stimuli from within the same category.

Why useful? Introduces invariance in response with respect to a functionally defined category.

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Demonstrating:

Select a set of stimuli that uniformly covers a certain physical domain (e.g., sound freq 100Hz – 8000Hz)

Select an objective distance measure; e.g., distance in frequency space (applicable to both sounds and colors)

Select a method for operationalizing human similarity (e.g., similarity judgments, generalization, confusion [same/different])

In one procedure: assign all stimuli to categories;

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#### In audition

In auditory stimuli, discrimination between speech sounds: People have a sharper discrimination boundary between sounds that are perceived as belonging to different phonetic categories than between sounds that are perceived as belonging to the same category.

The objective dimension: Voice Onset Time of consonants from the documents.

You: Why is it useful?

Bot: Based on the context provided, the answer to the question "Why is it useful?" is:

"Categorical perception: the phenomenon in which people perceive stimuli from different categories as more different from each other than stimuli from within the same category."

This answer is useful because it introduces invariance in response with respect to a functionally defined category, which means that people's perception of stimuli from different categories is more consistent and reliable than their perception of stimuli from within the same category. This is particularly useful in various fields such as speech, audition, and perception, where understanding

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the boundaries and differences between categories is crucial for accurate processing and interpretation of information.

You: What does neuron consist of?

**Bot:** Based on the context provided, it appears that the question being asked is about the composition and function of a neuron, specifically its structure and the process of communication within it.

Here's a precise answer based on the retrieved context:

A neuron consists of three main components:

- 1. **Dendrites**: These are the branching extensions of the neuron that receive synaptic signals from other neurons. They are called dendrites because they resemble the branching tips of a tree.
- 2. **Cell body** (also known as the soma): This is the central part of the neuron where the cell's genetic material is located. It's also known as the nucleus.
- 3. **Axon**: This is the long, thin extension of the neuron that carries signals away from the cell body to other neurons or to muscles or glands.

Connections between neurons are called XX, and they occur on the XX of the neuron. Synapses are XX, not electrical. Other neurons will connect on XX and in some cases on the soma.

A neuron will 'fire' (generate an action potential) depending on the number of signals it receives on its dendrites and their XX, which are 'summed' in the neuron's body.

You: What is Categorical Perception?

**Bot:** Based on the retrieved context from the chat history, I can answer that:

What is Categorical Perception?

Categorical perception refers to the phenomenon in which people perceive stimuli from different categories as more different from each other than stimuli from within the same category.

You: Why is it useful?

**Bot:** Based on the context of the chat history, the answer to the question "Why is it useful?" is:

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You: What does neuron consist of?

**Bot:** Based on the provided context from the chat history, I will answer the question "What does a neuron consist of?" precisely.

A neuron consists of three main parts:

- 1. **Dendrites**: These are the branching extensions of the neuron that receive synaptic signals from other neurons. They are called "dendrites" because they resemble the branching arms of a tree.
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- 3. **Axon**: This is the long, thin extension of the neuron that carries signals away from the cell body to other neurons, muscles, or glands. It is called an "axon" because it is like a long, thin thread.

Connections between neurons are called **XX** (axonal connections), and they occur on the **XX** (axon terminals) of the neuron. Synapses are **XX** (synaptic connections), and they are the points where the neuron receives synaptic signals from other neurons.

You: Tell me about Synapse Communication

**Bot:** Based on the provided context, I'll answer your question about Synapse Communication.

According to the context, Synapse Communication is a process that allows neurons to communicate with each other. Specifically, it mentions that "Connections between neurons are called XX, and occur on a neuron's XX, who receive synaptic signals." This suggests that Synapse Communication is a fundamental aspect of neuronal communication.

In other words, Synapse Communication is the process by which neurons exchange information with each other through chemical signals, known as synapses. These synapses allow neurons to transmit and receive signals, enabling the coordination of neural activity and the transmission of information between neurons.

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In the context of the chat history, it seems that the user is asking about the basics of Synapse Communication, which is a fundamental concept in neuroscience.

You: What is Categorical Perception?

**Bot:** Based on the retrieved context from the chat history, I can answer that the answer to the question "What is Categorical Perception?" is:

Categorical perception: the phenomenon in which people perceive stimuli from different categories as more different from each other than stimuli from within the same category.

This answer is precisely based on the context provided in the chat history, which discusses the concept of categorical perception and its applications in various domains, including audition.

You: Why is it useful?

Bot: Based on the context of the chat history and the latest user question, I will answer the question "Why is it useful?" precisely based on the retrieved context:

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