

Attention and biased competition

$$\mu_y = \arg \min \int dt F$$

Optimization of synaptic gain representing the precision (salience) of predictions

Associative plasticity

$$\dot{\mu}_{\theta_{ij}} = -\partial_{\theta_{ij}} \varepsilon^T \xi$$

Optimization of synaptic efficacy

Perceptual learning and memory

$$\mu_{\theta} = \arg \min \int dt F$$

Optimization of synaptic efficacy to represent causal structure in the sensorium

Probabilistic neuronal coding

$$q(\vartheta) = N(\mu, \Sigma)$$

Encoding a recognition density in terms of conditional expectations and uncertainty

Predictive coding and hierarchical inference

$$\dot{\mu}_v^{(i)} = D\mu_v^{(i)} - \partial_{\sqrt{\varepsilon}^{(i)}} \tau \xi^{(i)} - \xi_v^{(i+1)}$$

Minimization of prediction error with recurrent message passing

The Bayesian brain hypothesis

$$\mu = \arg \min D_{KL}(q(\vartheta) || (p(\vartheta | \tilde{s})))$$

Minimizing the difference between a recognition density and the conditional density on sensory causes

The free-energy principle

$$a, \mu, m = \arg \min F(\tilde{s}, \mu | m)$$

Minimization of the free energy of sensations and the representation of their causes

Model selection and evolution

$$m = \arg \min \int dt F$$

Optimizing the agent's model and priors through neurodevelopment and natural selection

Computational motor control

$$\dot{a} = -\partial_a \varepsilon^T \xi$$

Minimization of sensory prediction errors

Optimal control and value learning

$$a, \mu = \arg \max V(\tilde{s} | m)$$

Optimization of a free-energy bound on surprise or value

Infomax and the redundancy minimization principle

$$\mu = \arg \max \{I(\tilde{s}, \mu) - H(\mu)\}$$

Maximization of the mutual information between sensations and representations