

Preschool children reason about third-party goals when evaluating acoustic environments

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Background

- **Children as flexible learners**
 - Learning flexibility in children includes:
 - Adjusting attention to stimuli that is learnable (Gerken et al., 2011; Kidd, 2011)
 - Using emotional expressions as cues for novel object exploration (Wu & Gweon, 2021)
 - Reasoning about environmental structure and goals to determine approach strategies (Meder et al., 2021)
- **Background noise and learning**
 - Acoustic noise is ubiquitous
 - Repeated noise exposure influences learning and development in critical ways:
 - Reduces speech perception and word recognition (Klatte et al., 2013; Bjorklund et al., 1990)
 - Decreases word learning (McMillan & Saffran, 2016)
 - Impinges on already limited cognitive resources for adaptive strategy building (Loh et al., 2022)
- **(Ecological) Active learning**
 - Traditional active learning:
 - Learners interact with individual stimuli within their environment (Settles, 2009)
 - Accurate stimuli labeling is a primary goal
- **Environmental selection**
 - Learners preferentially select acoustic environments that align with a set of goals
 - Emphasizes acoustic information
 - Goal-directed
 - Addresses variabilities across environments

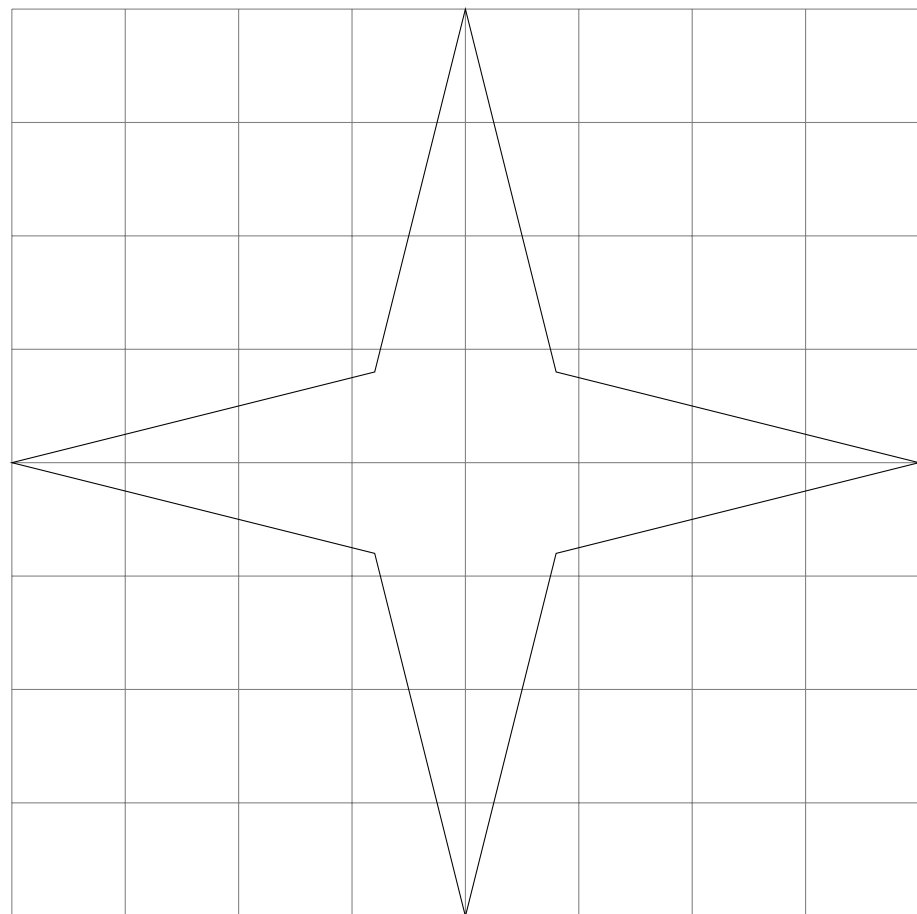


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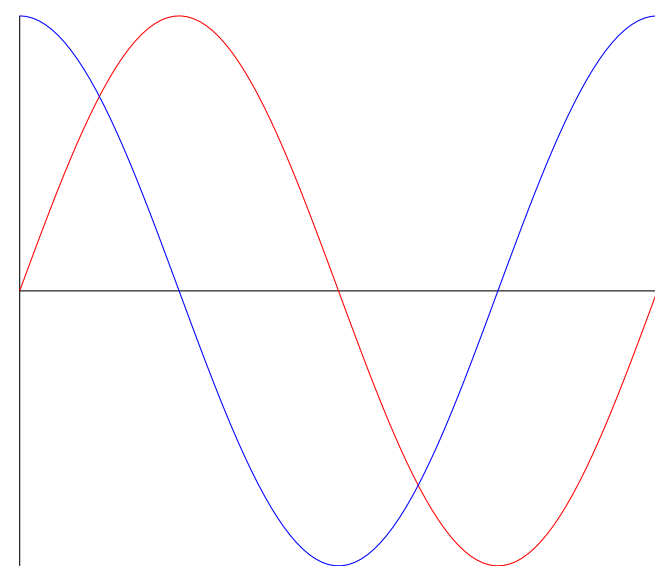


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