

IDENTIFYING EMOTIONS AND COMPUTING EQUATIONS:

- We are able to instantly recognize facial expressions without really analyzing the features of someone having a certain emotion.
- We have enough commonality especially when it comes to motion expression and we are able to do emotion assessment.
- Facial expression and emotional recognition convey a lot of information about motivation intentions and emotion.
- It is something we are able to automatically read off people.

Example of not identifying something easily: 12×26

- You would need a pen and paper to solve if you're not really good at mental math.
- This is something you can't just intuitively look at and know the answer.
- Some things could be intuitive and you can know the range of the possible answer and have some type of plausible answer.
- More **effortful decisions** require **working memory** and **multiplication task**
- You had to use your memory to hold your equation and all the working steps in order to get the answer.
- You also have to keep track of where you are in the calculation and know your next step.
- This is also an example of short-term memory because you are using your "mental scratch-pad" in order to hold all the numbers until you get your answer.
- The 2 big things that characterize these deliberative decision-making procedures are **deliberation** and being **effortful & orderly**.
- When putting effort into something, your pupil diameter becomes bigger depending on how hard a certain task is.
- Muscles will also become tense, blood pressure rises, and heart rate increases.
- These are all the things we don't see in an automatic process if you're just automatically assessing any task.

DUAL SYSTEMS PROCESSING:

- The idea is that there is something called **System 1**.
- **System 1** is categorized as processing that is automatic and quick.
- It requires little to no effort and is involuntary.
- You just form that involuntary judgment when looking at something.
- **System 2** processing is deliberative.
- It is conscious, deliberate, and effortful.
- It requires agency choices and concentration.
- **Examples of System 1:**
 - Judge one object as more distant than another.
 - Orient to the source of the noise.
 - Making a disgusted face in response to smell.
 - Stereotype someone.
- **Examples of System 2**
 - File your taxes.
 - Walk faster than is natural for you (at first).
 - Compare two prices for cost and value.
 - Memorize a list.
- **System 1** and **System 2** try to reduce everything to either being automatic or deliberative.

HUMANS AS COGNITIVE MISERS:

- We utilize heuristics and shortcuts, simplifying informationally costly operations into more computationally tractable ones.
- We want our actions and decisions to be fast because we have a limited amount of time, but also accurate.

- Accuracy and speed will sometimes be more important than the other, but for the most part, humans try to balance both.
- Our minds are limited in terms of time and computational resources because we don't have an unlimited amount of time.
- Decision-making requires speed and accuracy, so we have to make decisions that are quick and efficient.
- We make many decisions about the likelihood of uncertain events.
 - **EX:** 'I think...', 'Chances are...', 'It's unlikely that...'.
- We are constantly assessing the likelihood of things all the time.
- How do people assess the probability of an uncertain event or the value of an uncertain quantity?
- All judgment is based on data and on limited validity.
- We use blur to determine how far an object is.
- If you see something sharply it is close, if it is blurry it is farther away.
- This is an automatic task your mind is doing when identifying objects.
- **Judgment Heuristics:**
 - Principles we use to reduce the complex tasks of assessing probabilities and predicting values to simple judgmental operations.
 - It is simple, often useful, but can systematically go awry.
- System 1 is not very responsive to educational questions.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF HEURISTICS:

- **Representatives:**
 - Question: What is the probability that A originates from B.
 - **Heuristic:** When A is highly representative of B, the probability A originates from B is judged to be higher.
 - Steve is very shy and withdrawn, invariably helpful, but with little interest in people, or in the world of reality.

- He is a meek and tidy soul, he has a need for order structure and a passion for detail.
- **Q:** Is he an airline pilot, librarian, or physician?
- **A:** He is a librarian.
- If there is a base rate, then the heuristic representation becomes flawed.
- **A base rate** is if someone told you to identify 100 pictures and tell which of those are engineers or doctors.
- **The base rate** is that 30 are doctors and 70 are engineers.
- This will have a computational effect on your judgment.
- However, the problem is that people are unresponsive to base rates and still use stereotypes.
- **Conjunction Fallacy:**
 - Linda is 31 years old.
 - She is single, outspoken, and very bright.
 - She majored in philosophy.
 - As a student, she was deeply concerned with issues of discrimination and social justice, and also participated in anti-nuclear demonstrations.
 - **Which is more probable?:**
 - Linda is a bank teller.
 - Linda is a bank teller and is active in the feminist movement.
 - The 2nd case is the most chosen even though it is just a subset of the first option.
 - Her description seems to fit the conception of people in social justice and participation.
 - Your System 1 is unreflective and falls back on representatives.
 - It over relies on heuristic responses.

- **Gambler's Fallacy:**
 - Misconception about probability.
 - The belief is that "Chance is a self-correcting process in which a deviation in one direction induces a deviation in the opposite direction to restore equilibrium."
 - All probabilities are independent of each other.
 - Probabilities are not connected, if you play roulette it could be just red every time.
- **Availability:**
 - Heuristic: People assess the frequency of a class of the probability of an event by the ease with which instances or occurrences can be brought to mind.
 - Useful because instances of large classes are usually recalled better than instances of less frequent classes.
 - **EX:** Retrieval (more retrieval instances are thought to be more numerous).
 - You think the probability of a house is burning is higher if you actually see one than reading about it online or in a newspaper.
- **Effectiveness of Search Set:**
 - Is it more likely that a word that starts with K or K is the third letter?
 - People struggle with sayings words where K is the third letter.
 - It is easier and is semantic to come up with words that start with a K.
 - Our semantic information is more organized in a way of what words start with what letter.
- **Media Representation:**
 - People are more afraid of plane crashes than car crashes.
 - It is because it is easier to bring plane crashes to mind because the media covers more plane crashes than car crashes.
 - The risk of car crashes is 1/98 while the risk for plane crashes is 1/7178.
 - People bring instances of plane crashes more than car crashes because of the media.
 - You are more likely to die in a car than in a plane.

- **Anchoring:**

- Heuristic: People make estimates by starting an initial value and then adjusting.
- Tversky and Kahneman studied that this heuristic can cause people to go awry.
- They told people to guess the percentage of African countries in the UN.
- They also spun this wheel with numbers between numbers 1-100.
- Both researchers told participants that the wheel has nothing to do with the chance and was completely random.
- Even though they were told the wheel did not matter, the wheel the number was had a bias effect on their response.

- **Summary:**

- Heuristics (representatives, availability, and anchoring) represent quick and automatic ways of thinking which have evolved because they tend to be helpful.
- However, heuristics can systematically lead us astray in our probability judgments.
- We need to be using System 2 for more deliberative reasoning because we rely too much on System 1.

- **OTHER REASONING ERRORS:**

- **The Sleeper Effect:**

- If you hear something, and give it to someone and assess it to be true, there will be a normal decay.
- As you forget about it, you are less likely to think it will be true.
- Someone tells you something crazy that you don't believe.
- As time goes on, they remember the crazy info but forget where they hear it.
- As time goes on and you forget the source and then over time you will find it to be true.
- **EX:** Fake news.

- **Fluency:**
 - **Processing fluency:** The subjective experience of the ease with which people process information (the feeling).
 - **Heuristic:** easier to process information must be more likely to be true (Alter & Oppenheimer 2009; Schwartz et al. 1991).
 - The easier it is to be processed, we judge it to be true or more representatives.