MRCPsych (Part 1)

Emotion and motivation

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Emotions: a Doomsday device?



Convincing others that you're not rational



Kubrick (1980) 'The Shining'

Autonomic changes are hard to fake



Theories about the evolution of emotions



Emotions have several components; all can be measured.

- subjective
- behavioural
- physiological

Subjective components cannot be measured in animals, but clever behavioural techniques can still give us clues to their internal mental state.

Universal facial expressions: innate, primary emotions?



Ekman et al. (1972); Ekman & Friesen (1975)

Theories of emotion

Common sense says, we lose our fortune, are sorry and weep; we meet a bear, are frightened and run; we are insulted by a rival, are angry and strike.

The hypothesis here to be defended says that this order of sequence is incorrect... [instead] we feel sorry because we cry, angry because we strike, afraid because we tremble...

Without the bodily states following on the perception, the latter would be purely cognitive in form, pale, colourless, destitute of emotional warmth. We might then see the bear, and judge it best to run, receive the insult and deem it right to strike, but we could not actually feel afraid or angry.

James (1884)

Traditional view

event \longrightarrow perceptual analysis \longrightarrow emotion \longrightarrow response

James-Lange

event \longrightarrow perceptual analysis \longrightarrow response (e.g. autonomic arousal, - running away)

 \frown perception of feedback \rightarrow emotion

James (1884); Lange (1885)

Objected to James–Lange theory on five grounds:

1. **separation of viscera from CNS** did not impair 'emotional' responses in animals (Sherrington, Cannon);

2. the same visceral changes occur in **different emotional states**;

3. the viscera are relatively **insensitive** (e.g. to surgery);

4. visceral changes are **too slow** to account for emotions (some affective reactions over in 0.8s; many autonomic responses slower);

5. **artificial induction** of visceral changes does not induce emotional experience (Marañon, adrenaline injection).



Cannon (1927); Bard (1934)

Subjective feelings following spinal cord lesions



"It's a sort of cold anger. Sometimes I act angry when I see some injustice. I yell and cuss and raise hell, because if you don't do it sometimes, people will take advantage of you. But it just doesn't have the heat to it that it used to have. It's a mental kind of anger."

Visceral changes distinguish emotions (1)

Subjects participated in a fictitious experiment on hypertension and were

(1) given electric shocks ('faulty apparatus') $\rightarrow fear$

(2) insulted by a 'technician' \rightarrow anger



Visceral changes distinguish emotions (2)



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Fig. 1. The variables recorded in this study. The Grass eight-channel electroencephalograph was used as the main recorder and amplifier. Since the Grass has only A. C. amplifiers, modulated A. C. envelopes were used for all continuous variables.

Note also speed of skin conductance change (in general, this can be quite fast).

Ax (1953)

Visceral changes distinguish emotions (3)



and "fear."

Anger and fear differentiated by change in diastolic blood pressure, heart rate, skin conductance changes, muscle tension, respiratory rate...

Ax (1953)

Autonomic responses to relived emotions/facial expression (1)

Professional actors asked to(1) relive emotions;(2) create emotional expressions step-by-step



Fig. 1. Frames from the videotape of one of the actor's performance of the fear prototype instructions: (A) "raise your brows and pull them together," (B) "now raise your upper eyelids," (C) "now also stretch your lips horizontally, back toward your ears."

Ekman et al. (1983)

Autonomic responses to relived emotions/facial expression (2)



Ekman et al. (1983)

Naïve subjects asked to move muscle groups one by one (for a 'facial muscle experiment').

Occasionally, they made smiles or frowns, without (apparently) being aware of this.

They described themselves as happier whilst smiling, angrier whilst frowning, etc.

They also rated cartoons they'd seen while smiling as being funnier.

Note: autonomic as well as skeletal muscle feedback? (Ekman, previous slide.)

Laird (1974)

Suggested that

- emotional experience *does* depend on bodily changes;
- physiological changes precede emotion;
- bodily changes are *not solely* responsible for emotion;
- arousal must be *interpreted*.

Two-factor theory (arousal + interpretation).



Schachter (1964)

Unlabelled arousal can become euphoria or anger

Drug condition:

- *Epinephrine informed (arousal, but attributed)*
- Epinephrine ignorant (unattributed arousal)
- Epinephrine misinformed (unattributed arousal)
- Placebo

Interaction with stooge:

- Euphoria
- Anger

		Condition	
Self-report results (higher	Group	Euphoric stooge	Angry stooge
scores indicate greater	Epi informed	0.98	1.91
euphoria; lower scores	Epi ignorant	1.78	1.39
indicate anger).	Epi misinformed	1.90	not performed
	Placebo	1.61	1.63

Unlabelled arousal and eating behaviour



Slochower (1976)



Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Arousal on the Capilano Suspension Bridge, Vancouver



Summary of theories



The limbic system

The 'limbic lobe': limbic cortex



Broca (1878); picture from Martin (1991)

The medial temporal lobe: hippocampus, amygdala, fornix



Early work: rage and the hypothalamus

Hypothalamic stimulation in cats. At rest...





'Sham rage' following anterior hypothalamic stimulation (1)

Hess (1932) / Delgado (1969)

'Sham rage' following anterior hypothalamic stimulation (2)



'Directed rage' following lateral hypothalamic stimulation (1)



'Directed rage' following lateral hypothalamic stimulation (2)



The posterior hypothalamus was required for 'sham rage'



Papez's 'circuit of the emotions' (bold) and later additions



Papez (1937); MacLean (1949)
The amygdala

Bilateral temporal lobe resections in monkeys caused

- tameness
- emotional unresponsiveness
- visual recognition problems
- hyperorality
- hypersexuality

Klüver–Bucy syndrome has also followed similar damage in humans.

Pavements beware.

Klüver & Bucy (1937); Terzian & Dalle Ore (1955)

The amygdala







Aversive conditioning and the amygdala



Conditioned SCRs impaired by amygdala lesions in humans



blue slide (CS) \rightarrow *foghorn* (US)

A cellular mechanism of Pavlovian conditioning



The CeA controls hypothalamic and brainstem targets



Davis (1992)

Anxiolytic drugs and the amygdala





Memory modulation and the amygdala



Appetitive conditioning and the amygdala



Orbitofrontal cortex

Orbitofrontal damage: the case of Phineas Gage



Harlow (1848; 1868); Damasio et al. (1994)

Orbitofrontal damage: the case of Phineas Gage



Earl Miller (a prefrontal cortex researcher) with the tamping iron

The Iowa gambling task

GAMBLING TASK					
	"Bad" Decks		"Good"	"Good" Decks	
	A	B	С	D	
Payoff /Card	\$100	\$100	\$ 50	\$ 50	
Loss /10 Cards	\$1250	\$1250	\$250	\$250	
Profit/10 Cards	-\$250	-\$250	\$250	\$250	

Bechara et al. (1994)

OFC and amygdala lesions on the lowa gambling task (1)



OFC and amygdala lesions on the Iowa gambling task (2)



Bechara et al. (1999)

OFC and amygdala lesions on the Iowa gambling task (3)



Bechara et al. (1999)

Anterior cingulate cortex

Cingulate cortex

F R O N T



B A C K

(The numbers don't mean anything!)

Sexual stimuli activate the ACC

Anterior Cingulate



Amygdala



Nature Video

Sexual Video

Childress et al. (1999 \rightarrow); see also Garavan et al. (2000)

Cue-induced cocaine craving activates the ACC and OFC

Cocaine addicts watching a cocaine video; activations correlated with subjective reports of craving



ACC hyperactivity in depression



from Drevets (2000)

Motivation

Maslow's 'hierarchy of needs' - not very helpful

Selfactualisation

Realising one's full potential 'becoming everything one is capable of becoming'.

Aesthetic needs

Beauty – in art and nature – symmetry, balance, order, form.

Cognitive needs Knowledge and understanding, curiosity, exploration, need for meaning and predictability.

Esteem needs

The esteem and respect of others, and self-esteem and self-respect. A sense of competence.

Love and belongingness

Receiving and giving love, affection, trust and acceptance. Affiliating, being part of a group (family, friends, work).

Safety needs

Protection from potentially dangerous objects or situations, (e.g. the elements, physical illness). The threat is both physical and psychological (e.g. 'fear of the unknown'). Importance of routine and familiarity.

Physiological needs Food, drink, oxygen, temperature regulation, elimination, rest, activity, sex.

Maslow (1954)



Manigault (1909) 'The Rocket'

Behaviourism: positive and negative reinforcement







Richter (1927), wheel-running in a female rat



Motivational states as hidden explanatory variables (2)



Motivational states, drives, homeostasis



Homeostasis in action? Sham drinking



Rolls & Rolls (1982)

Humans with leptin deficiency get a bit chunky, too

8 year-old girl. 1.37 m tall (75th centile). 86 kg. BMI of 46. Mobility severely impaired.



Montague et al. (1997)



Age (years)

Rodents that eat all the pies



Hetherington & Ranson (1939); Coleman & Hummel (1969)

hypothalamic lesion; above: mice with *leptin or leptin-receptor deficiency*





Double dissociation of appetitive / consummatory behaviour

Sham



Everitt & Stacey (1987); Everitt, Cador & Robbins (1989)

• basolateral amygdala (AMY) lesions

Effects of
Not all motivation is obviously homeostatic



Electrical intracranial self-stimulation (ICSS)



The mind is its own place, and in itself, can make heaven of Hell, and a hell of Heaven. (Satan, in John Milton's Paradise Lost, book 1, ll. 254–5)

Olds & Milner (1954)

Remote-controlled rats



Motivated behaviour: an overview

• Reinforcement must be defined carefully to avoid circular arguments. Theories (Skinner, Hull, Premack, Timberlake). Motivational states are internal 'hidden' variables that help to explain behaviour.

• Apparently goal-directed behaviour is complex; several representations /processes contribute. For example, rats pressing levers encode

• the instrumental (action–outcome) contingency;

- the value of the outcome as an instrumental goal;
- the (dissociable) 'hedonic' value of the outcome;
- direct stimulus_response 'habits';

• ... and is influenced by Pavlovian processes including conditioned reinforcement and Pavlovian–instrumental transfer.

• Motivational state affects several of these processes.

• Once your goals have been obtained, consummatory behaviour takes over; this is organized by the hypothalamus.

