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New paradigm psychology of reasoning
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Résumé de la conférence

There is a new probabilistic, Bayesian paradigm in the psychology of reasoning, with new psychological accounts of the indicative conditional of natural language and conditional reasoning. This new paradigm is greatly supported by experimental results showing that people judge the probability of the indicative conditional, P(if p then q), to be the conditional probability, P(q|p). The new paradigm is more general than the older binary approach and can be extended to cover uncertain diachronic inference as well as uncertain synchronic inference. It has a probabilistic account of validity and new view of the place of logic in human reasoning.

Lecture proposée

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