
Testing the time course of conditional inferences

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Abstract

The study investigates Conditional Perfection in two reaction time studies, to test whether the interpretation of conditionals of the form "if p, q" as biconditionals incur a processing cost relative to the weak, logical meaning. We showed experimental evidence that CP inferences are computed in standard conditionals as often as in cases where CP is obligatory, contrary to biscuit conditionals, and with no additional cost.

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