Table 2.1: Table of biases, the normative models they violate, and their explanations

BIAS NORMATIVE MODEL EXPLANATION

I. ATTENTION

sunk cost effect

ex-ante equality voter's illusion

diversification

errors in syllogisms	logic	limited search
four-card problem	logic	limited search
anchoring and underadjustment	right answer to the question asked	underadjustment
availability in causes of death	right answer	availability
fault tree effect	probability additivity	availability
asymmetric dominance	independence of irrelevant alternatives	neglect of difficult judg- ment
evaluability effect	invariance principle	neglect of difficult
dynamic inconsistency	consistent discounting	attention to short-term
preference reversal for gambles	invariance principle	response mode compatibil- ity
identifiable victim	utilitarianism	proportionality
planning fallacy	regression to the mean	individuating information
I. B. Heuristics based	on imperfect correlations	
gambler's fallacy	independence of events	representativeness
hindsight bias	right answer	availability
outcome bias	right answer	availability
information bias	value of information	information heuristic
congruence bias	value of information	congruence heuristic
status-quo bias	invariance principle	status-quo heuristic
ambiguity effect	EU (expected-utility) the- ory (sure-thing principle)	missing information heuristic
omission bias	EU or utilitarianism	do-no-harm heuristic
punishment without deterrence	utilitarianism	reciprocity heuristic
natural bias	utility theory	naturalness heuristic
proportionality bias	EU theory (linear in p)	proportionality heuristic
zero-risk bias	EU theory	proportionality heuristic
extra cost effect	utility theory (only future consequences matter)	confusion of marginal and total cost

utility theory (future)

utilitarianism

cause-effect

utility theory

no-waste heuristic

equality heuristic

adaptation heuristic

cause-correlation confusion

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I. C. Focus on one attribute with unawareness of others			
neglect of priors	Bayes's theorem	representativeness	
nonregressiveness in prediction	regression to the mean	representativeness	
conjunction effect	logic and probability	representativeness	
illusion of control	contingency	attention to outcome	
prominence effect	invariance	importance heuristic	
neglect of ranges	multiattribute utility theory	importance heuristic	
single mindedness	multiattribute utility theory	limited attention	
failure to integrate	utility maximization	isolation	
fixed-pie assumption	multiattribute utility theory	failure to see tradeoffs	
parochialism effect	utilitarianism	self-interest illusion	
II. MOTIVATED BIAS - MYSIDE BIAS AND WISHFUL THINKING			
inappropriate	calibration	myside bias in search, re-	
extreme confidence		gression to the mean	
wishful thinking	independence of belief and value	effect of desire on belief	
selective exposure	fairness toward evidence	selective exposure	
biased assimilation	neutral evidence principle	biased assimilation	
polarization	neutral evidence principle	biased assimilation	
belief overkill	uncorrelated beliefs	myside bias	
illusory correlation	true correlation	biased assimilation	
primacy effect	order principle	biased assimilation	
distortion of fairness by self-interest	universalizability of morality	wishful thinking	
morality as self-interest illusion	self-other distinction	belief overkill	
III. PSYCHOPHYSI	CAL DISTORTIONS		
certainty effect	EU theory (linear probability)	diminishing sensitivity	
overweighting low probabilities	EU theory (linear probability)	diminishing sensitivity	
declining marginal disutility	increasing marginal disutil- ity	diminishing sensitivity	
framing effect for gains and losses	invariance principle	diminishing sensitivity	
dynamic inconsistency	consistent discounting	diminishing sensitivity to time	