

As to the Term "Hedonic Calculus" or the "Calculus of Advantage"

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And not just summing the hedons and the dolors, but submitting the decision to the test of 7 other variables!

Quote

To be included in this calculation are several variables (or vectors), which Bentham called "circumstances". These are:

- Intensity: How strong is the pleasure?
- Duration: How long will the pleasure last?
- Certainty or uncertainty: How likely or unlikely is it that the pleasure will occur?
- Propinquity or remoteness: How soon will the pleasure occur?
- Fecundity: The probability that the action will be followed by sensations of the same kind.
- Purity: The probability that it will not be followed by sensations of the opposite kind.
- Extent: How many people will be affected?