

Pleasure And Pain Modeled With Math

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I probably obscured the topics with my several posts there. Maybe the ultimate question is:

"Is it useful at all -- is it possible at all - to think in terms of a "total experience" or "net experience" and then break down that experience into discrete pleasures and pains that fall one one side of the balance vs. the other side?"

Is a "total experience" or a "net experience" just an intellectual abstraction and not something "real?"

Even if not "real," is it "useful?" Is it more misleading than useful? If so, is there a way to reduce the hazards so that it becomes useful? Or is it possible that there is just something so inherently inappropriate in the analysis that it can never be made useful?