



Neural Network Analysis of Medical Student Burnout as Impacted by Emotion

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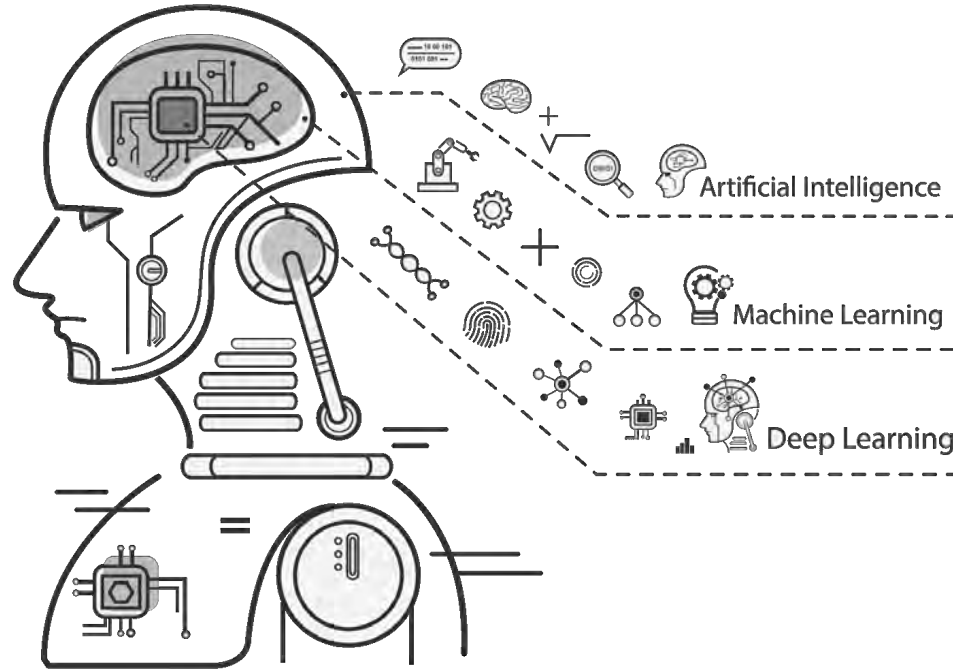
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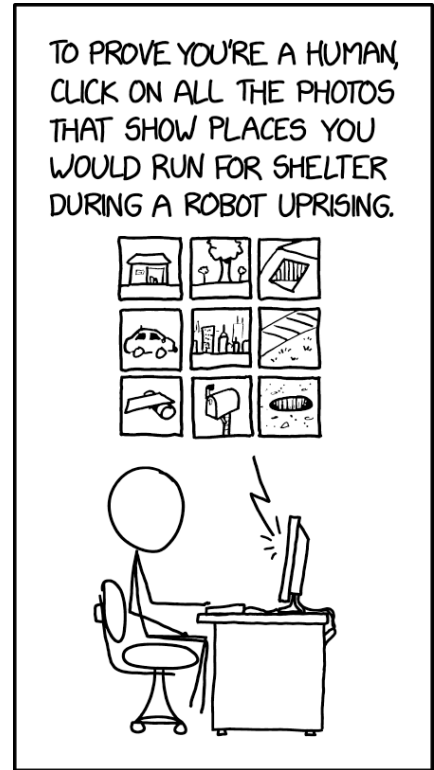
“All you need is lots and lots of data and lots of information about what the right answer is, and you'll be able to train a big neural net to do what you want.”

- Geoffrey Hinton, Cognitive Psychologist and Computer Scientist

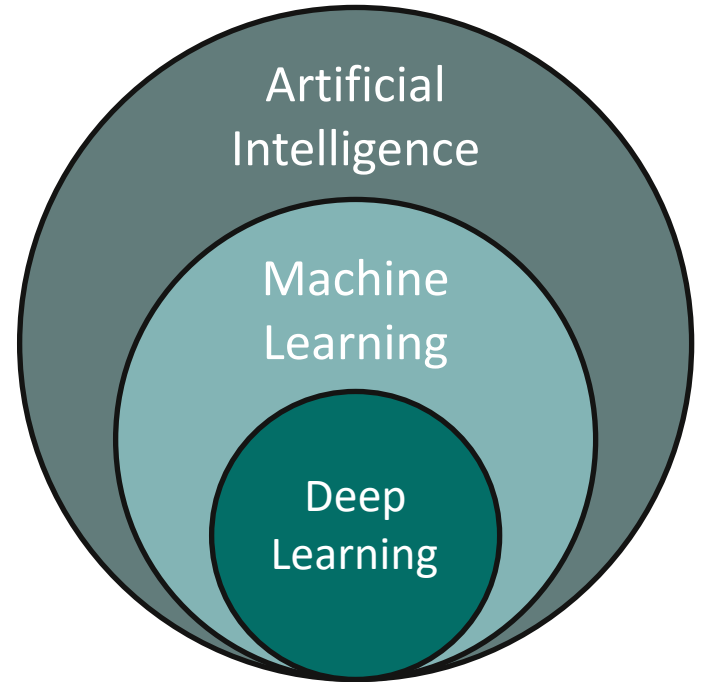
What is Neural Network Analysis? How is it used to solve problems from . . .



- Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a science devoted to making machines think and act like humans.
- AI uses computers and machines to mimic the problem-solving and decision-making capabilities of the human mind.



- Machine Learning (ML) focuses on enabling computers to perform tasks without explicit programming.
 - Regression
 - Classification
 - Factor Analysis
 - Random Forests
 - Cluster Analysis
 - Support Vector Machine
- Deep Learning (DL) is a subset of machine learning in which artificial neural networks adapt and learn from large amounts of data.



- Neural network analysis (deep learning) as the name implies is an analytical tool inspired by the structure of the human brain.
- It has the advantage of greater predictive power over regression analysis (machine learning) to identify risk factors for important outcomes such as medical student burnout.⁷



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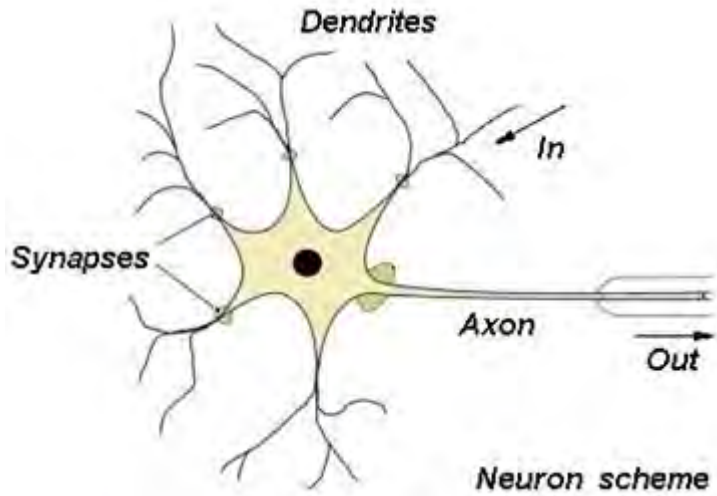
- Neural Networks are so powerful that they are used in commercial applications

Commercial Application	Software
Facial Recognition	Amazon Rekognition, Betaface
Voice Recognition	Dragon, Siri, Cortana
Language Translation	Google Translate, Bing Translator

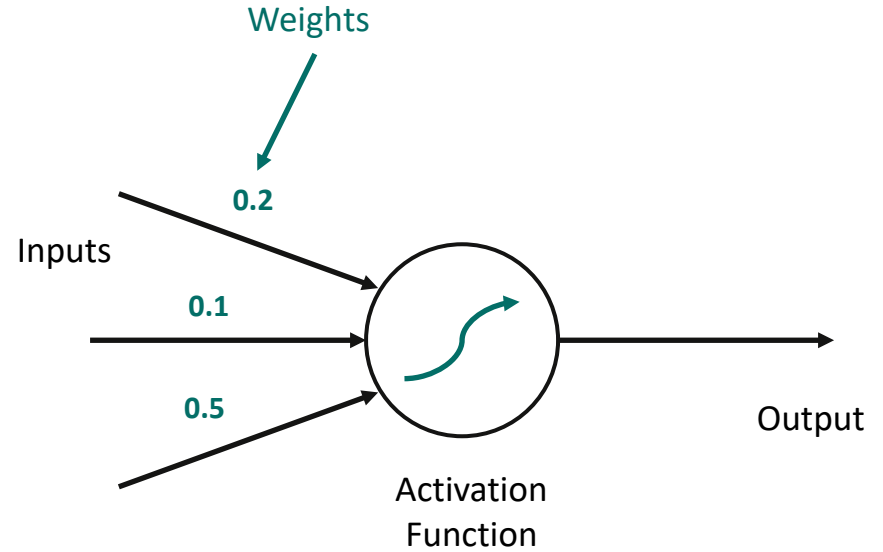
➤ Neural Networks are also used in healthcare applications

Healthcare Application	
Retinal scans ¹	Breast cancer screening ⁴
Colonoscopy findings ²	Clinical drug response ⁵
Liver disease detection ³	Emergency room discharge ⁶

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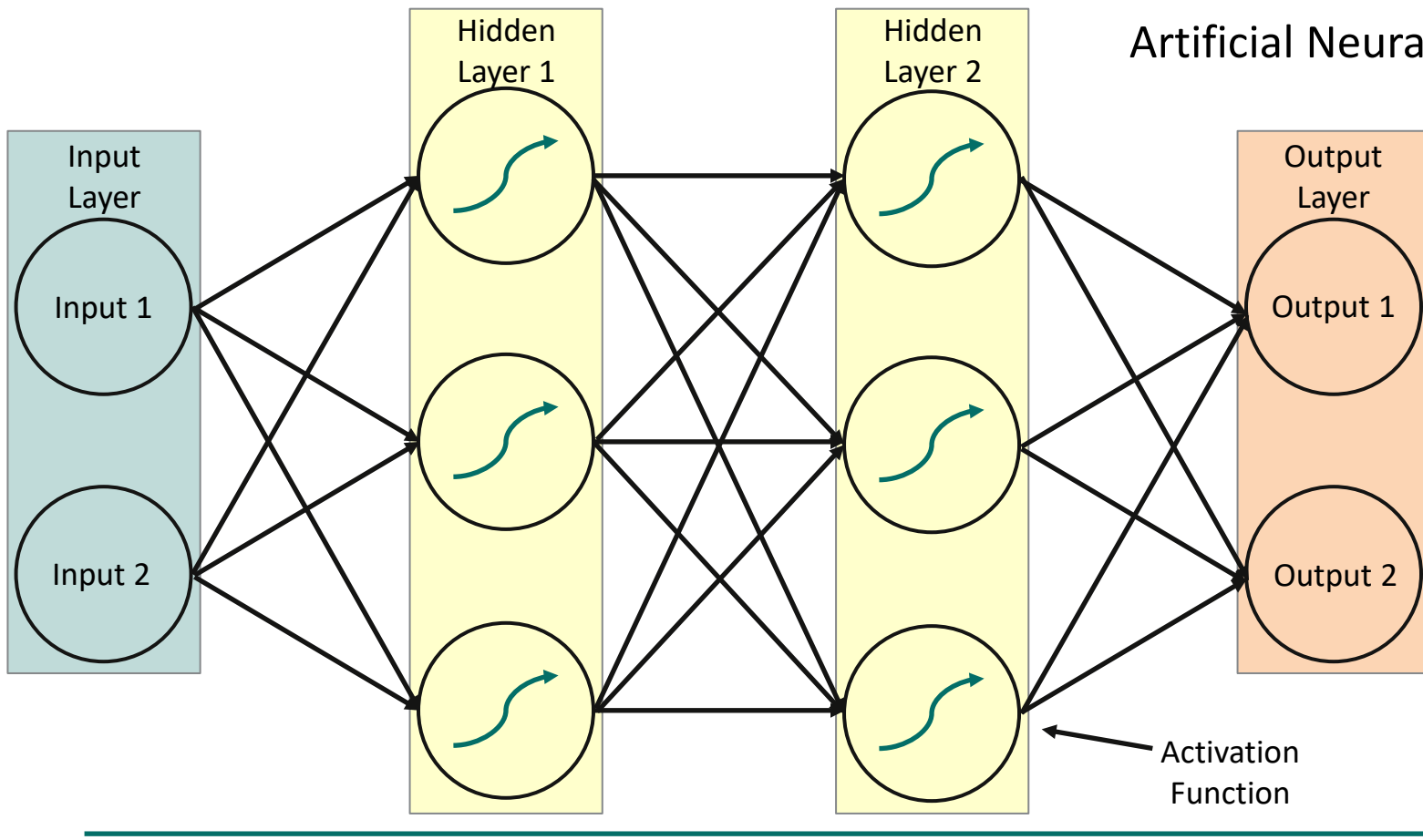


Biological Neuron



Artificial Neuron

Artificial Neural Network



- Medical student burnout has received increasing attention in recent years due to greater acceptance of psychological and emotional vulnerability in the healthcare profession.
- Given the significant investment of personal and financial resources in this demanding profession, continued evaluation of factors contributing to burnout in medical training is necessary.

- Given the implications of medical student burnout and its association with depression, loneliness, and depersonalization,⁸ it is necessary to identify emotional predictors that may influence this phenomenon.⁹



- The purpose of this study is to determine the predictive relationship of medical student burnout from trait-affect using neural network analysis.

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- In 2017/18, 205/500 medical students completed these online self-reported surveys

Table 1: List of Study Surveys

Factor	Survey	# Elements		Scale
		Factors	Items	
Burnout	Maslach Burnout Inventory (MBI-SS) ¹⁰	3	15	1=never, 7=every day
Affect	Positive and Negative Affect Schedule ¹¹	11	60	1=Very slightly or not at all, 5=extremely

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➤ Relational Tests

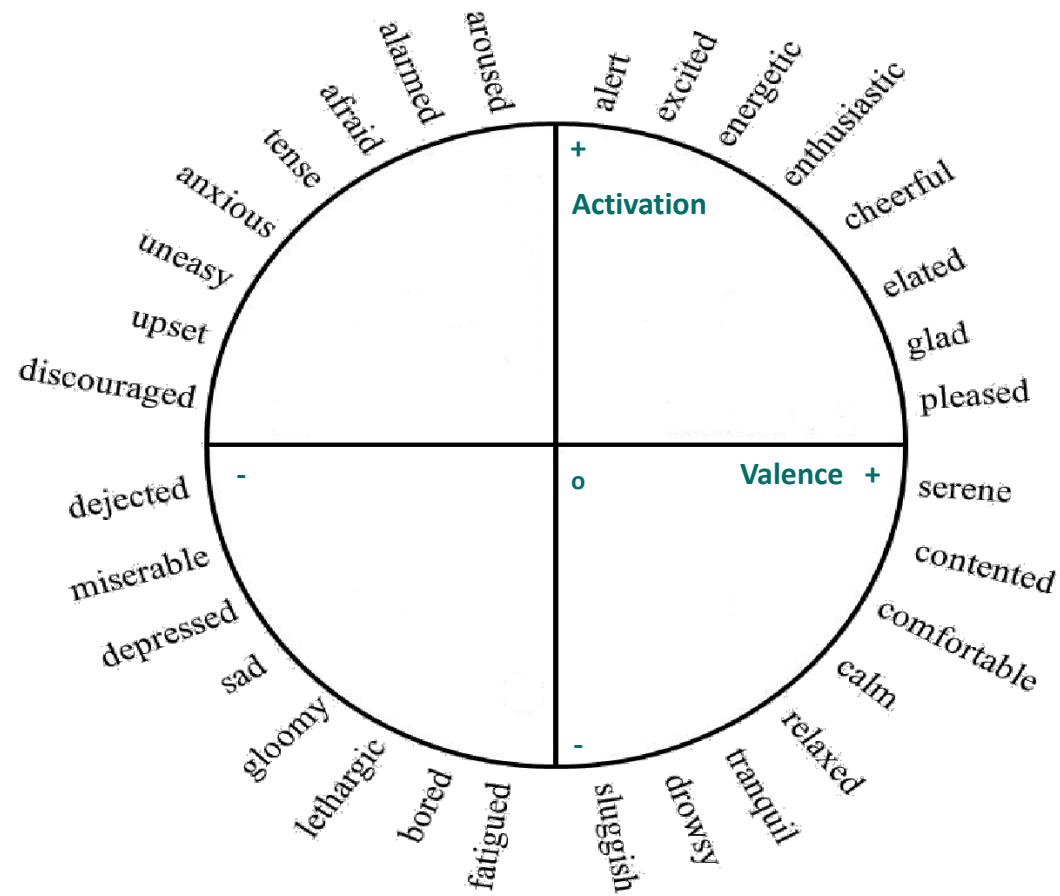
- Machine Learning: Binomial Logistic Regressions
- Deep Learning: Neural Network Analysis
 - Multilayer Perceptron

➤ Software: Quantitative

- IBM® SPSS® 26 used for analysis

➤ Human Research Protection

- This research approved by the school's IRB.



➤ Emotions (trait affect) are visualized in a circumplex

- Valence on horizontal axis
 - ✓ Positive (+)
 - ✓ Neutral (o)
 - ✓ Negative (-)
- Activation on vertical axis
 - ✓ High Intensity (+)
 - ✓ Moderate Intensity (o)
 - ✓ Low Intensity (-)

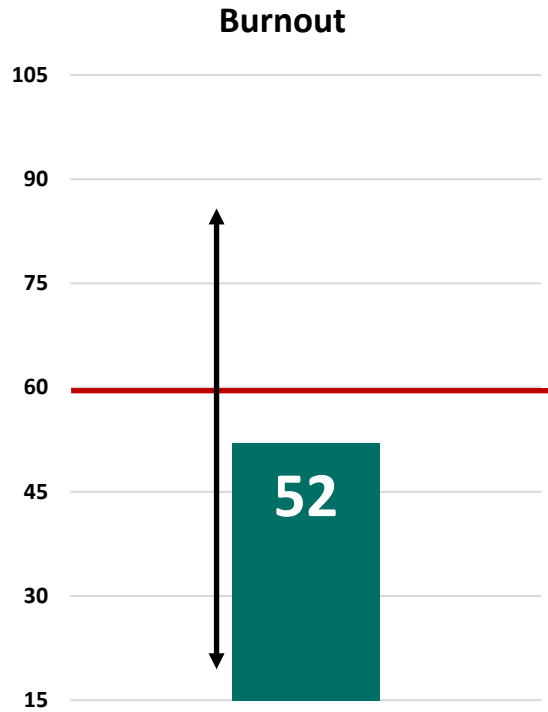


Fig 1: Burnout Mean Score

- Medical student burnout
 - Mean (sd) = 52 (± 15)
 - Range = 18-85
 - Reliability: alpha = 0.7
- 35% at midline or above (≥ 60)
- Dichotomized as high/low along the median (53).

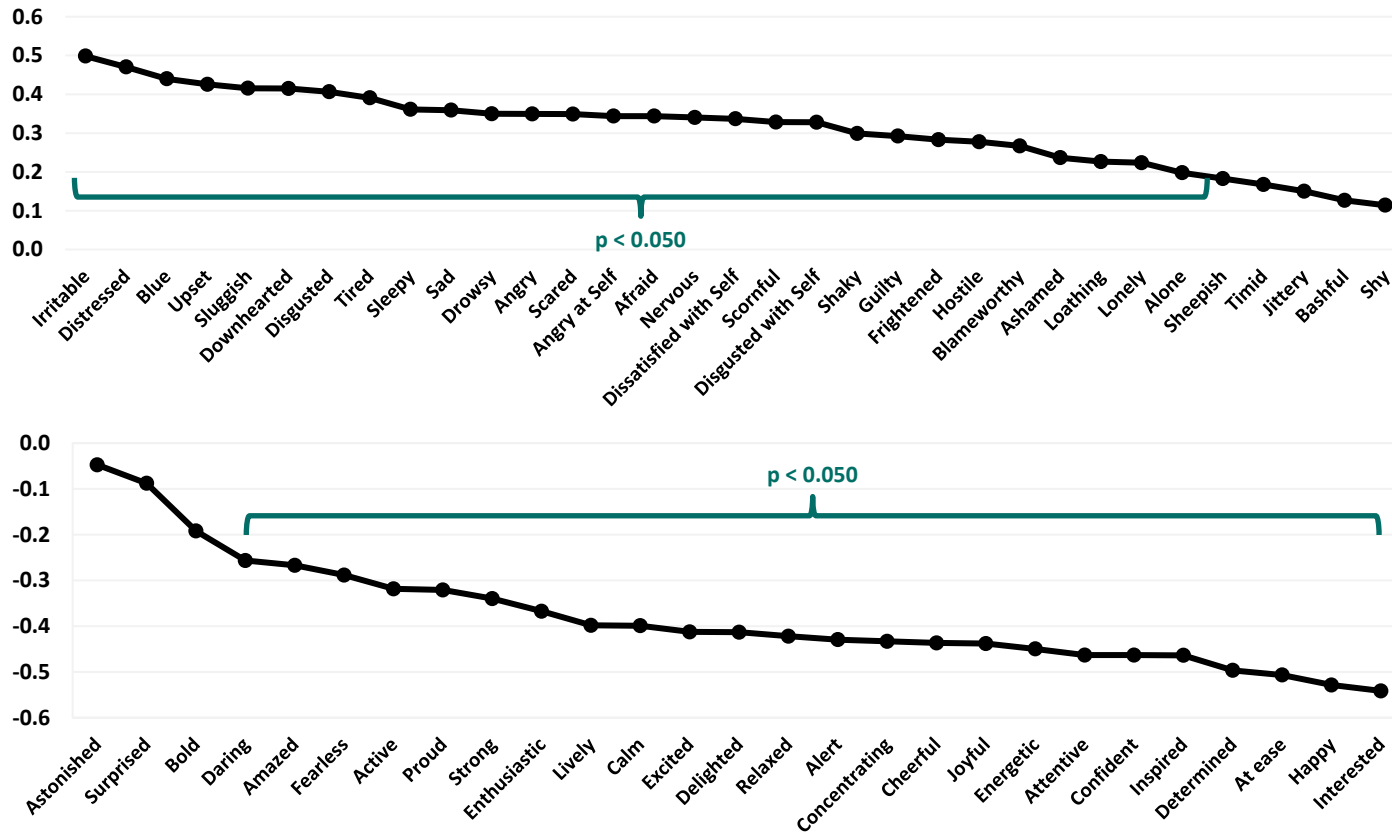


Fig 2: Spearman Correlations of Burnout with Trait Affect

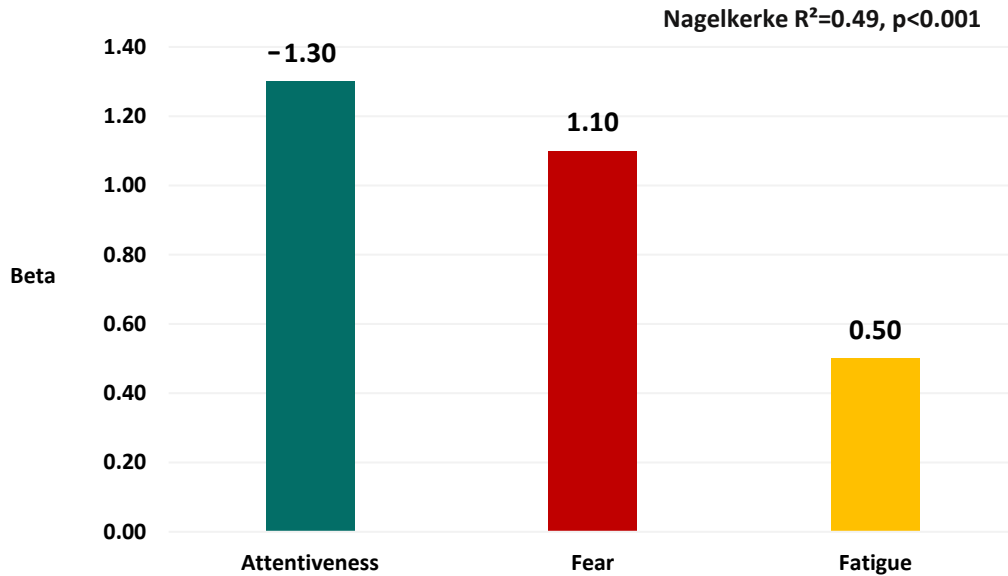


Fig 3: Trait Affect Predictors of Burnout (Regression)



- Attentiveness is strongest emotional predictor with positive valence
- Positive emotion has greater impact on burnout than negative emotion
- Higher burnout from
 - Lower attentiveness
 - Greater fear
 - Greater fatigue

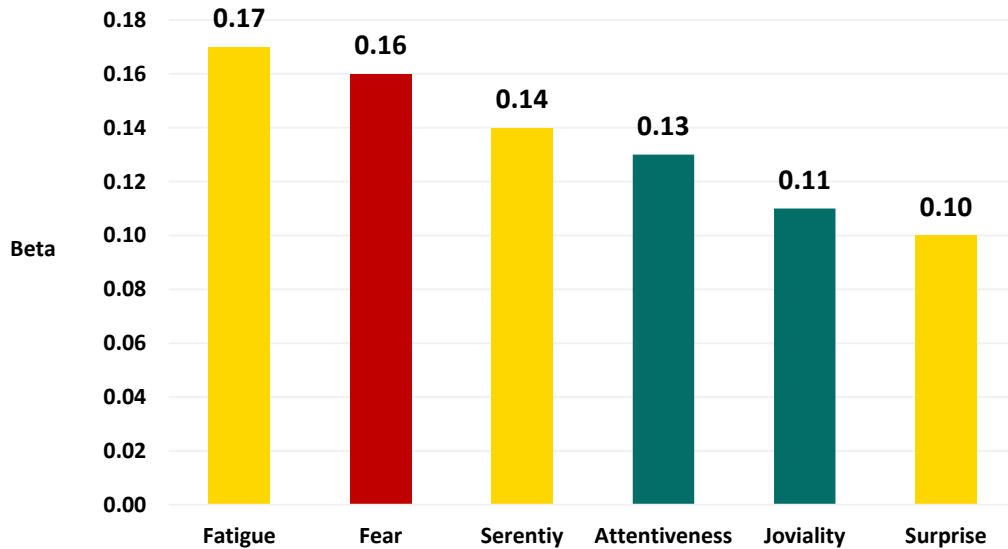


Fig 4: Trait Affect Predictors of Burnout (NNA)



- Fatigue is strongest emotional predictors with neutral valence
- Negative emotion has greater impact on burnout than positive emotion
- Strongest and most frequent emotional predictors have neutral valence

- Neural network analysis provided a more comprehensive list of emotional risk factors of burnout than logistic regression analysis
- However, both techniques included the full spectrum of emotional valence (positive, negative, and neutral).

- Participation rate limitations decreases student representation and reduces validity
- Self-reported values of psychological factors are complementary to but not identical to actual values
 - Dispositional trait affect \neq Actual emotions

If you only remember one thing from this presentation
it could be that . . .

Deep learning techniques provide a more powerful predictive model
of medical student burnout from trait affect than machine learning.

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Table 1: Neural Network Analysis: Burnout on Trait Affect

Activation	Valence	Trait Affect Predictor	Coefficient
Low	o	Fatigue	0.17
High	-	Fear	0.16
Low	o	Serenity	0.14
High	+	Attentiveness	0.13
Moderate	+	Joviality	0.11
Moderate	o	Surprise	0.10