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THE NATURE OF INTUITION

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Previous studies on intuition have had mixed results and incomplete methodology. Many of these studies have used only self-report data, and even fewer have used behavioral measures to assess individuals' use of intuition. In addition to addressing this methodological issue, we explored the theoretical distinction between the use of intuition in cognitive tasks versus interpersonal or emotional situations. Self-report and behavioral measures of both cognitive and emotional intuition were selected, thus creating a 2x2 design. Preliminary findings supported the distinction between cognitive and emotional types of intuition; however, self-reported use of intuition did not predict successful use of intuition on the behavioral measures. These findings suggest that there should be further studies dedicated to examining the theoretical distinction between cognitive and emotional intuition. In addition, researchers should recognize the limits of self-report measures of intuition and adopt behavioral measures in future studies.