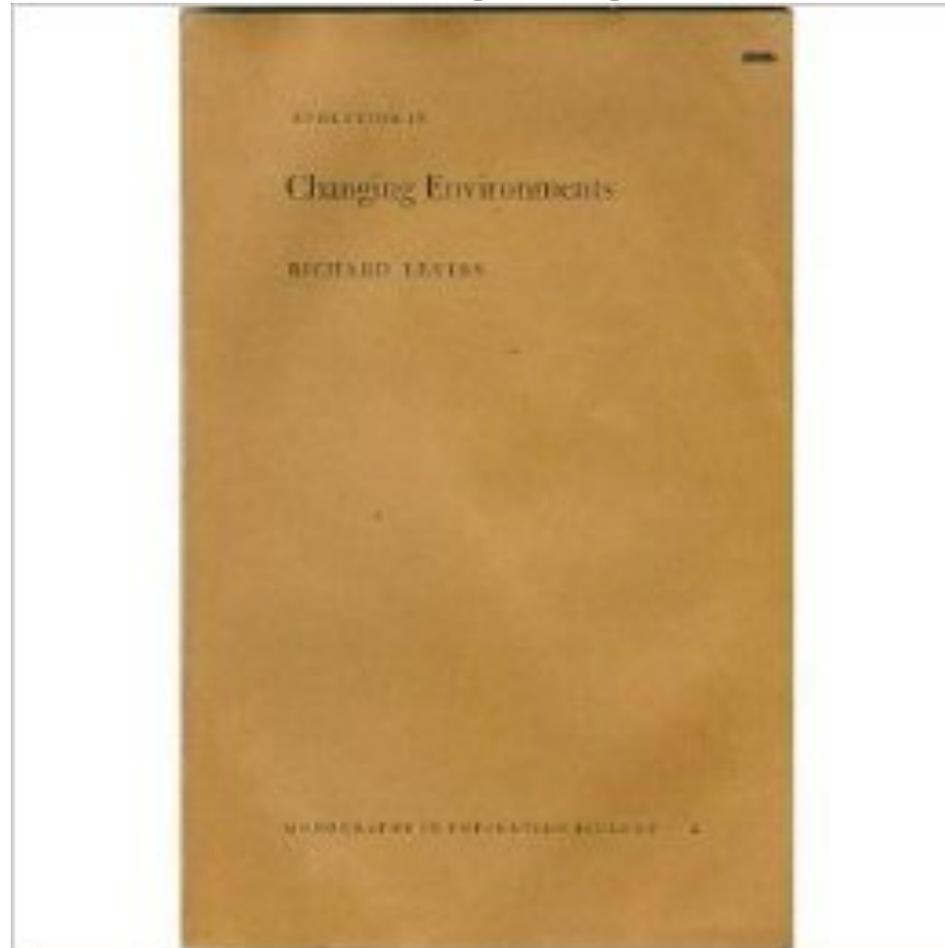


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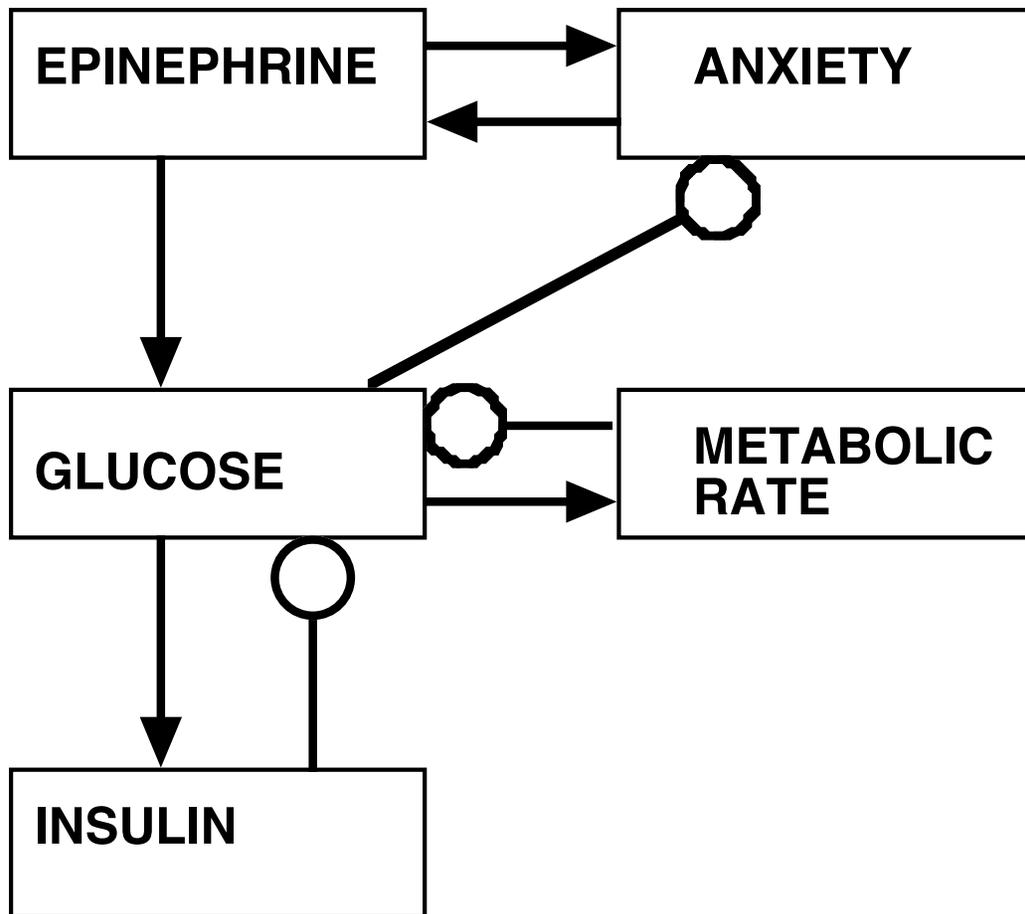
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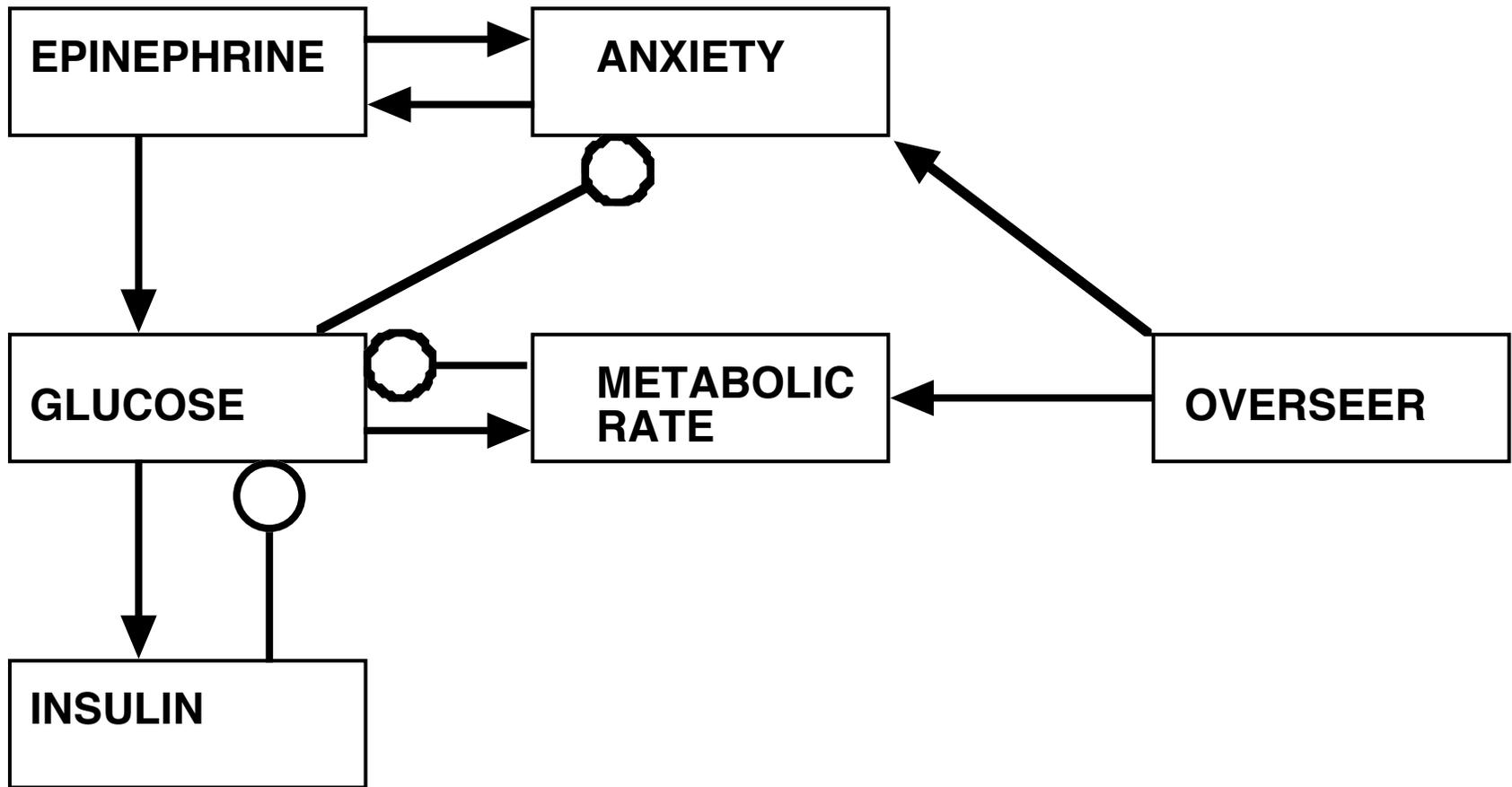
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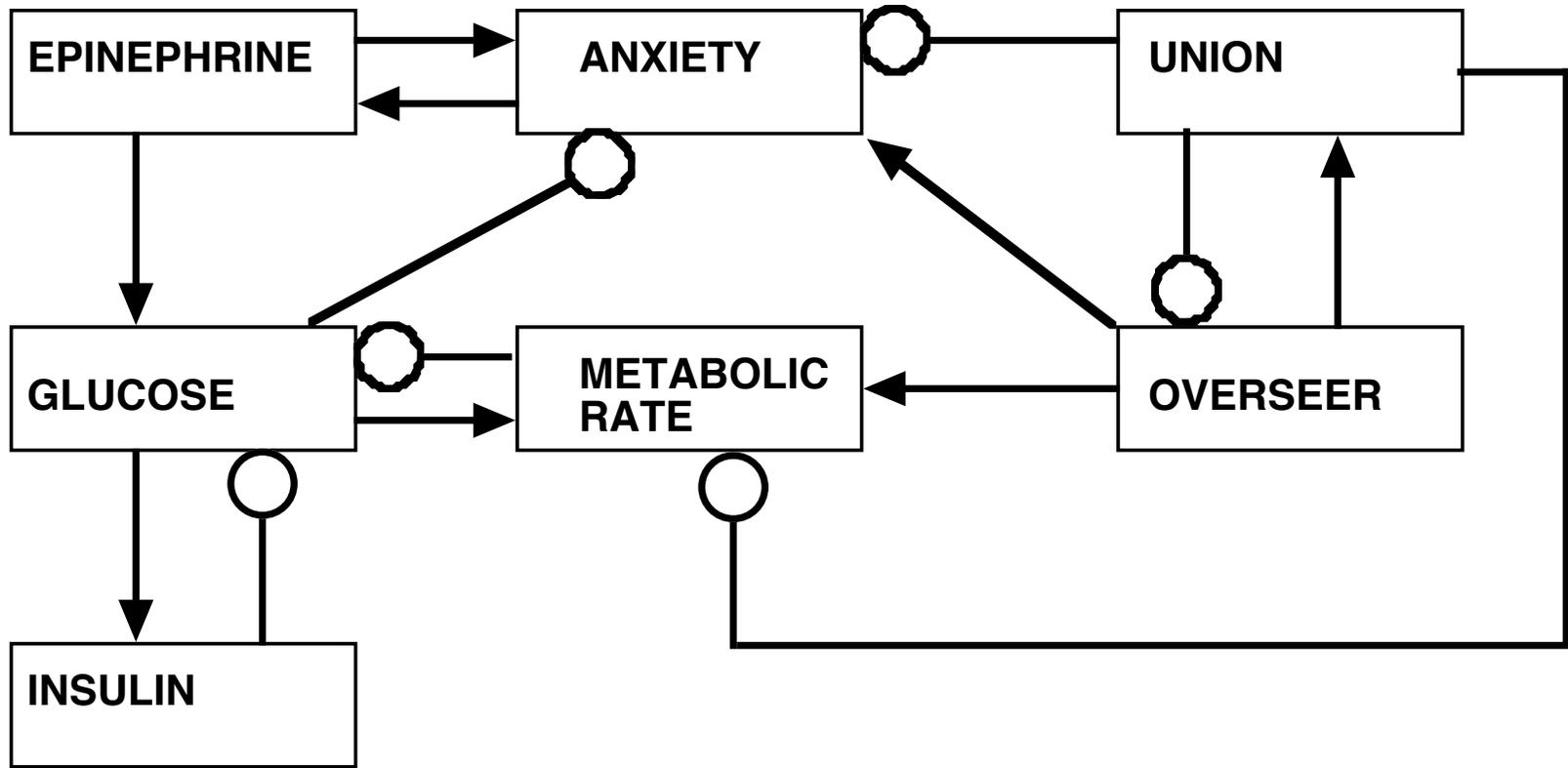
= situations that

1. consist of **heterogeneous components**
2. are built up over time and subject to **ongoing restructuring**
3. are **embedded** in wider dynamics

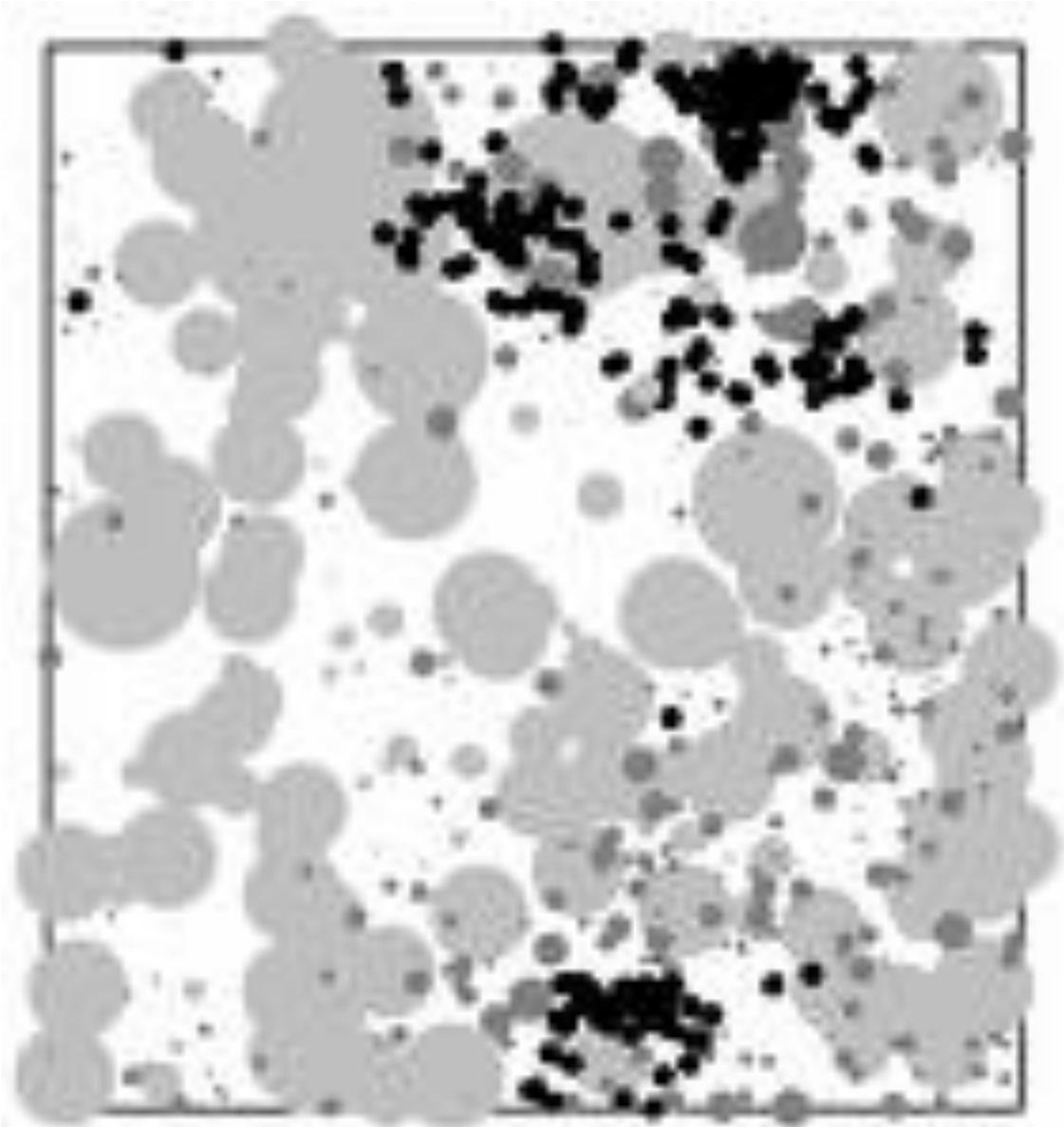
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heterogeneity



Taxonomy of heterogeneities

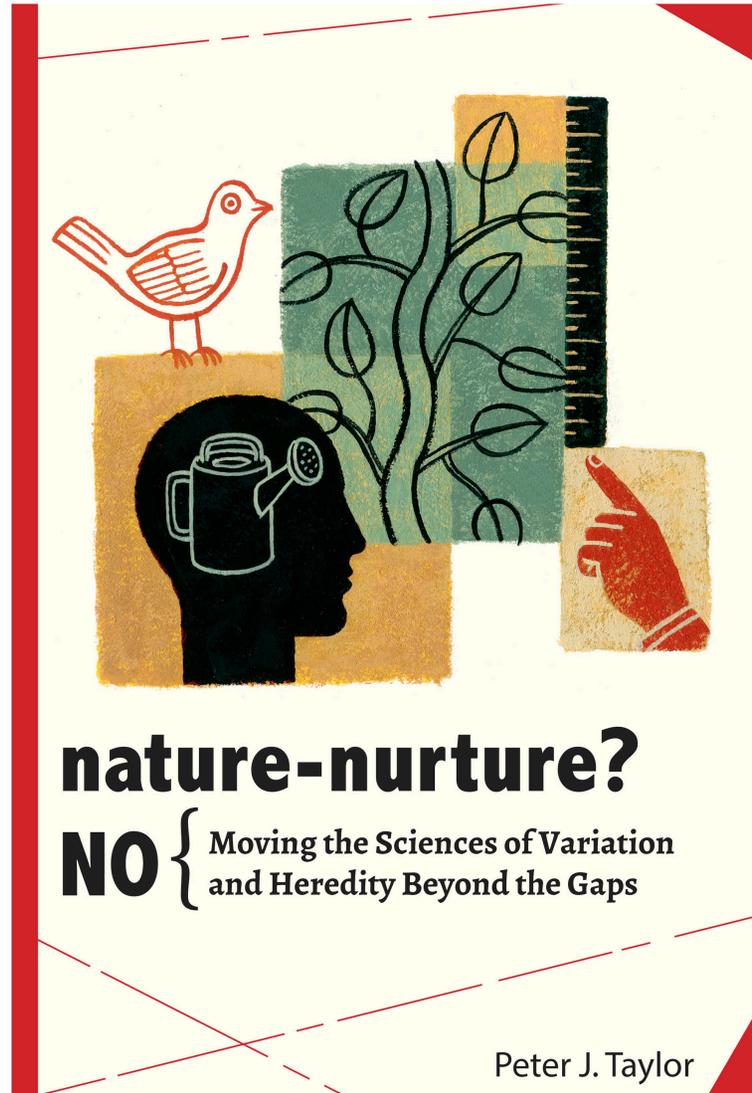
Static	1. There is an <i>assortment</i> , each a separate type ("cabinet of curiosities")
	2. <i>Mixture</i> of types (e.g., allelic heterogeneity & locus heterogeneity in genetics)
	3. Trait = <i>composite</i> of types (analogy: the 3 components of a triathlon)
Variational	4. There is noise or error, but that is <i>deviation from the type</i> or essential trajectory
	5. Variation in a set of traits involves a <i>composite of variance/covariance structures</i> (statistical heterogeneity)
	6. There is <i>variation, not types</i>
	7. <i>Possibility of underlying heterogeneity</i> : When similar responses of different individual (e.g., genetic) types are observed, it is not necessarily the case that similar conjunctions of risk or protective factors have been involved in producing those responses
Dynamic	8. Variation produces <i>qualitative changes in results</i> from standard theory based on uniform units (e.g., theory about Malthusian population growth, tragedy of the commons, prisoner's dilemma)
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Dynamic-participatory	10. <i>Participatory restructuring</i> of the dynamics (intersecting processes, unruly complexity, or heterogeneous construction) that generated the data.
	11. <i>Transversal engagement</i> --Participatory restructuring thru multiple points of engagement, occurring in tension with deployment or withholding of trans-local knowledge and resources.

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Twin Pair

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TP1

{ DZT

TP2

{ MZT AAbbccDDee // FghiJ

TP3

{ MZT

genetic factors
(pairs of alleles)

TP4

{ DZT

sequence of
environmental
factors

TP5

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TP6

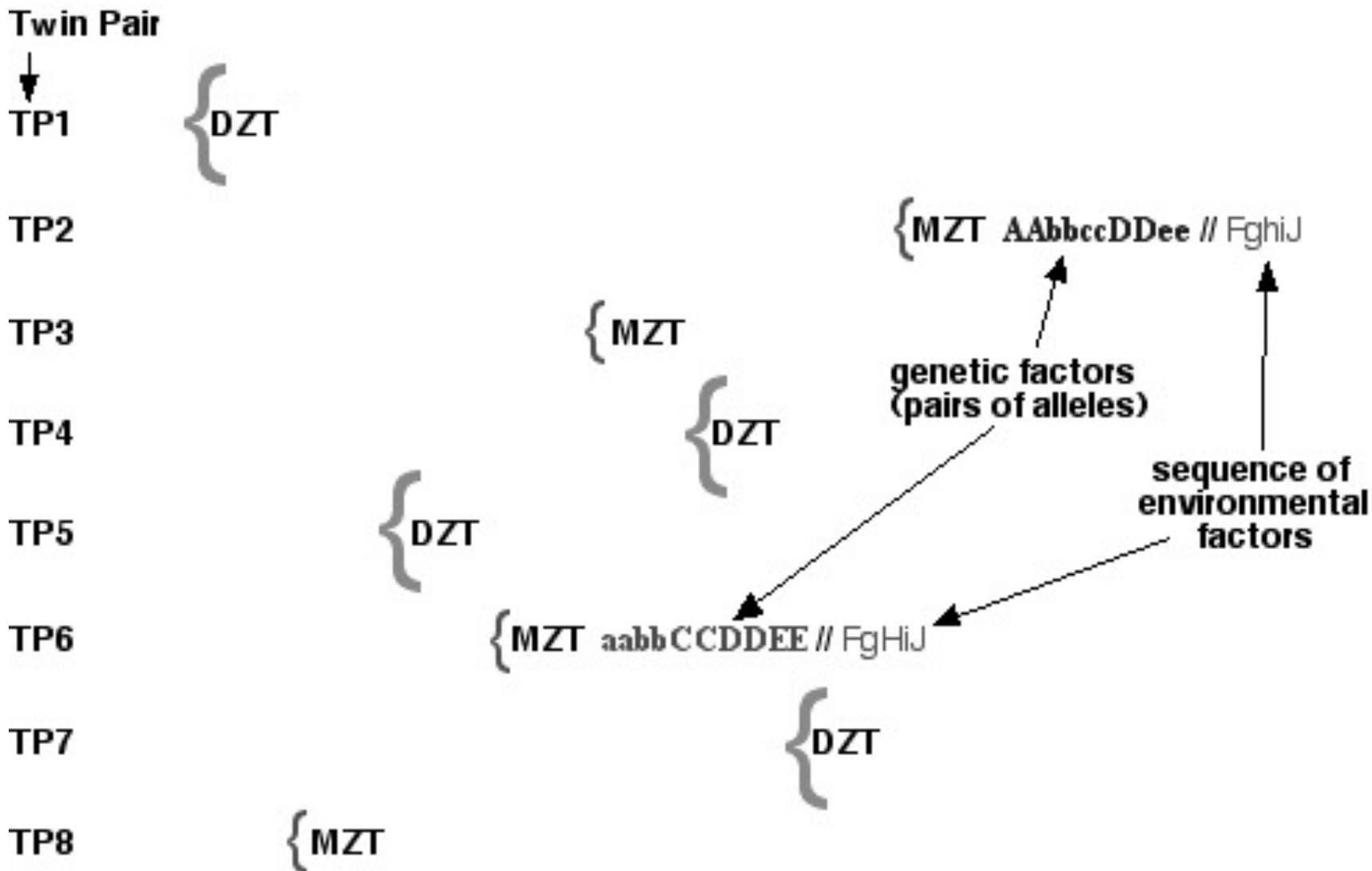
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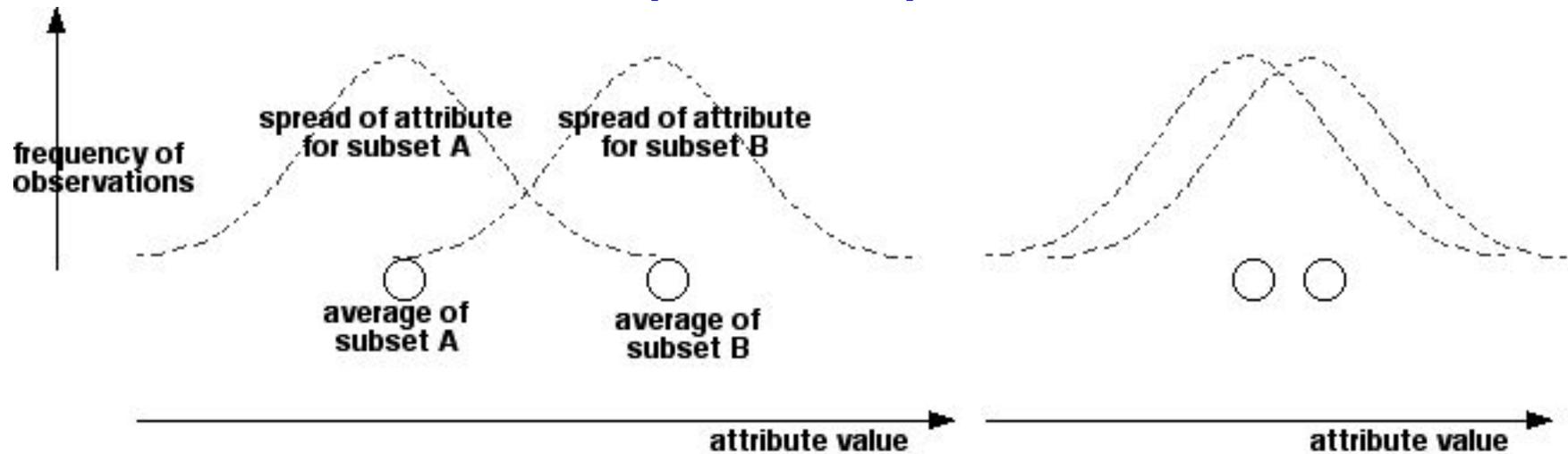


4. Deviation from type

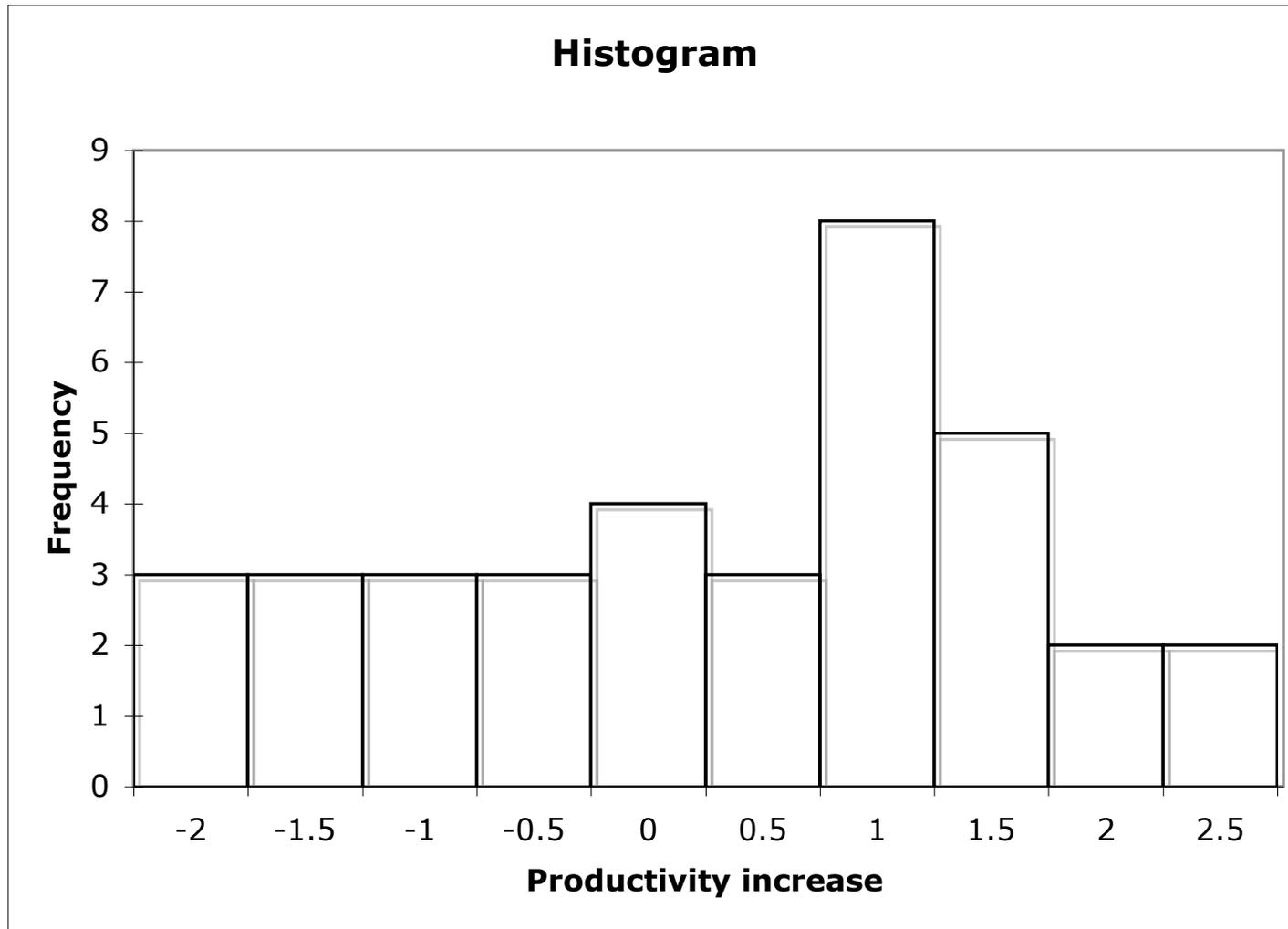
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4. Deviation from type (t-test)



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10. Participatory restructuring

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WEST NIPISSING VISION

February 1993

STRONG DIVERSIFIED ECONOMIC BASE			EXCITING ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY TO LIVE IN			ACTIVELY INVOLVED POPULATION		
WIDELY PROMOTED TOURISM BASE	EXPANDED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	APPROPRIATE NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT	WELL MAINTAINED EXPANDING INFRA-STRUCTURE	COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES	RESPONSIVE ACCOUNTABLE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT	ACTIVE INVOLVED COMMUNITY	IMPROVED RECREATION OPPORTUNITY	LIFELONG EDUCATION FACILITIES
Broad Based Tourism Promotion	Modern Recycling Facilities	Forestry Development	Improved Transportation Network Locally/Area	First Response Teams	Effective Cooperation Between Municipalities	Active Involvement of Citizens in All Community Developments	Youth Activities Promoted and Supported	Accessible Expanded Adult Education
Improved Four Season Accommodation	Northern Ontario Service Industry Centre	Expanded Local Agricultural Market		Community Based Services for Mental Health & Physically Challenged				
	Accessible Waterways and Waterfronts		Appropriate Natural & Resource Based Industry	Fish Hatcheries	Well Serviced Community	Expanded Local Access to Specialized Clinics	West Nipissing Friendly Welcoming Community	Focused Job Training Programs
Packaged Tourist Attractions & Tours	Incentive Programs to Attract Businesses	Clean Lake Nipissing	Environmentally Responsive Community		Coordinated Integrated Services under One Roof			
	Expanded Coordinated Community Festivals			Francophone Bilingual College	Expanded Vibrant Senior Citizen Community	Re-evaluate Land Use By-laws	Open Communication across West Nipissing	Improved Organized Sports
	Local Businesses meet all needs			Restructured Social Assistance System				
	Attract Government Offices					Youth Involved in Planning All Activities		

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