

THE_BRAIN_IN_TWO_PAGES

NEOCORTEX

- 1) excitatory cells (spiny--long range axons)
 - pyramidal (many subclasses)
 - spiny stellate (only in layer 4)
- 2) inhibitory cells (no spines--local axons)
 - basket (large)
 - chandelier (small, synapse on pyramidal axons' initial seg)
 - double bouquet (very small, vertical)
 - clutch (very small)
- 3) layers of the cortex
 - layer 1 (feedback input layer)
 - layers 2/3 (feedforward cortical output layer)
 - layer 4 (feedforward input)
 - layer 5 (descending output => striatum, SC, pontine nuc., spinal crd)
 - layer 6 (feedback output layer)

CEREBELLAR CORTEX

- 1) input axons (excitatory)
 - mossy fibers from many sources
 - climbing fibers from inferior olive
- 2) inhibitory
 - Purkinje (output cells => three deep cereb. nuc.)
 - basket, Golgi, stellate
- 3) excitatory
 - granule cells (give off parallel fibers)

BASIC PARTS OF THE BRAIN

- 1) spinal cord
 - dorsal horn (sensory)
 - ventral horn (motor)
- 2) medulla
 - lateral half (sensory)
 - medial half (motor)
- 3) pons
 - ditto

the pons-midbrain junction

(relative to body: crossed above, uncrossed below)

- 4) midbrain
 - tectum ('roof': superior & inferior colliculus)
 - tegmentum ('floor': red nucleus, substantia nigra, midbrain retic. fm.)
- 5) thalamus
 - epithalamus (e.g., habenula)
 - dorsal thalamus (e.g., dLGN)
 - ventral thalamus (e.g., subthalamic nucleus)
 - hypothalamus
- 6) forebrain
 - pallium (neocortex, hippocampus, amygdala)
 - septum
 - basal forebrain (caudate/putamen, globus pallidus)

SOMATOSENSORY SYSTEM

- 1) receptors
 - specialized distal ends of dorsal root ganglion cells
 - pain, cold, heat (free endings)
 - slowly adapting touch (Merkel, Ruffini)
 - rapidly adapting touch (Meissner, Pacinian)

- muscle length (muscle spindles)
 - force exerted by muscle (golgi tendon organs)
- 2) dorsal root ganglion cells => spinal cord, dorsal column nuclei
 - 3) spinal cord (dorsal horn)
 - spinocervical: spinal cord => lateral cervical nucleus
 - spinothalamic: spinal cord => posterior nuclei, intralaminar nuclei
 - 4) spinal cord (ventral horn)
 - pattern generators
 - motor neurons (synapse on muscles)
 - 5) dorsal column nuclei
 - cuneate nucleus (hand and upper body) => ventrobasal thalamus
 - gracile nucleus (foot and lower body) => ventrobasal thalamus
 - 6) principal sensory nucleus of the trigeminal (face)
 - also => ventrobasal thalamus
 - 7) ventrobasal thalamus (= VPL + VPM)
 - entire body representation
 - projects to cortical areas 3b, 1, and 2
 - 8) intralaminar nuclei (in dorsal thalamus)
 - 9) cortical areas list
 - 3a, 3b, 1, 2, 5, 7b, S-II, Ig, VS

AUDITORY SYSTEM--MAMMALS

- 1) hair cells
 - separate receptor cells synapse on distal end of ganglion cells
- 2) cochlear ganglion cells
- 3) cochlear nuclei
 - posterior ventral (PVCN; branched endings)
 - anterior ventral (AVCN; calyces of Held)
 - dorsal (DCN)
- 4) lateral superior olive (LSO)
- 5) medial superior olive (MSO)
- 6) dorsal and ventral periolivary nuclei
- 7) medial nucleus of the trapezoid body (MNTB)
- 8) nuclei of lateral lemniscus
 - dorsal (nLLd)
 - intermediate (nLLi)
 - ventral (nLLv)
- 9) inferior colliculus
 - central nucleus (ICc)
 - external nucleus (ICx)
 - dorsal nucleus (ICd)
 - medial nucleus (ICm)
- 10) medial geniculate complex
 - dorsal anterior (MGDA)
 - dorsal posterior (MGDP)
 - principal (MGP)
 - magnocellular (MGM--only non-tonotopic nucleus)
- 11) cortical areas list
 - A-I, RL, CM, paAlt, A-II, Tpt, T1, T2, T3

AUDITORY BRAINSTEM--OWLS

- 1) cochlear nuclei
 - nucleus angularis (NA; amplitude path--like mammalian PVCN)
 - nucleus magnocellularis (NM; time path--like mammalian AVCN)
 - there is nothing like DCN in birds
- 2) nucleus laminaris (NL; time path--like mammalian MSO)
 - first binaural nucleus
 - detects interaural time differences; phase ambiguity

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- 3) nuclei of the lateral lemniscus (VLVA, VLVP)
- 4) inferior colliculus
 - ICc core (time pathway--characteristic delay columns; input from NL)
 - ICc medial shell (amplitude pathway; input from VLVP)
 - ICx (space map--time, amplitude converge; input from both parts of ICc)

AUDITORY CORTEX--BATS

- 1) DSCF area (doppler shift constant frequency)--in area A-I
 - expanded representation around 60 kHz
 - amplitude vs. frequency map
 - detect size, texture of object
- 2) CF/CF area (const. freq./const. freq.)
 - map of CF1 of outgoing vs. CF2,3 of echo
 - detect relative velocity of target
 - possible relation to formant perception in human speech
- 3) FM-FM area (freq. modulated-freq. modulated)
 - map of monaural delays between FM1 of outgoing & FM2,3,4 of echo
 - detect distance of object

VISUAL SYSTEM

- 1) retina
 - photoreceptors (red, green, blue cones, rods)
 - bipolar cells (ON, OFF, rod)
 - ganglion cells
 - midgenet or X-cells (ON and OFF types) => LGN parvo
 - parasol or Y-cells (ON and OFF types) => LGN magno
 - W cells => LGN, superior colliculus
 - direction selective => pretectum
 - thorn cells => superior colliculus
 - horizontal cells (synapses with photoreceptors and bipolars)
 - amacrine cells (synapses with bipolars and ganglion cells)
- 2) dorsal lateral geniculate nucleus (dLGN)
 - magnocellular layers (Y input)
 - parvocellular layers (X input)
- 3) input layers in area V1
 - layer 4C-alpha (magno/Y input layer)
 - layer 4C-beta (parvo/X input layer)
- 4) secondary stage layers in V1
 - layer 4B (magno pathway)
 - layer 3 blobs (parvo blob pathway)
 - layer 3 interblobs (parvo interblob pathway)
- 5) area V2
 - thick stripes (magno)
 - thin stripes (parvo blob)
 - interstripes (parvo interblob)
- 6) higher areas in magno pathways
 - thick stripes => MT => MST => 7a
 - other areas in magno pathway: V3, VIP, PO
- 7) higher areas in parvo pathways
 - thin and interstripes => V4 => PIT => AIT
 - other areas in parvo pathway: VP, CIT, TF
- 8) visual areas list
 - main input areas: V1, V2
 - 'parietal' areas: V4t, V3A, MT, MST, FST, DP, PO, PIP, LIP, VIP, MDP
 - 'temporal' areas: VP, VOT, PITv, PITd, CITv, CITd, AIT, TF, TH

MOTOR SYSTEM

- 1) four main descending pathways

- reticulospinal
 - vestibulospinal
 - rubrospinal (crossed)
 - corticospinal (crossed)
- 2) sensory info affecting motor outputs via the cerebellum
 - sensory cortex => pontine nuclei
 - pontine nuclei => (crossed) cerebellar cortex
 - cerebellar cortex => deep cerebellar nuclei
 - deep cerebellar nuclei => (crossed) red nucleus
 - red nucleus => (crossed) spinal cord
 - also
 - deep cerebellar nuclei => ventrolateral thalamus (VL; not VPL!)
 - ventrolateral thalamus => motor cortex
 - motor cortex => (crossed) spinal cord
 - 3) sensory info affecting motor outputs via the basal forebrain
 - sensory cortex => caudate and putamen
 - caudate and putamen => globus pallidus
 - also: caudate and putamen <=> substantia nigra
 - globus pallidus => ventrolateral thalamus
 - also: globus pallidus <=> subthalamic nucleus
 - ventrolateral thalamus => motor cortex
 - motor cortex => (crossed) spinal cord
 - 4) vestibulo-ocular reflex
 - vestibulo-ocular canals => vestibular nuclei => oculomotor neurons
 - 5) optokinetic nystagmus
 - retina => pretectal nuc. => vestibular nuclei => oculomotor nuc.
 - 6) pursuit eye movements
 - retina => LGN => visual cortex
 - visual cortex => pontine nuclei
 - pontine nuclei => flocculus
 - flocculus => vestibular nuclei
 - vestibular nuclei => oculomotor neurons
 - 7) orienting eye movements (subcortical pathway)
 - retina => superficial superior colliculus
 - superficial superior colliculus => deep superior colliculus
 - deep sup. colliculus, frontal eye fields => saccade patt. generators
 - saccade pattern generators => oculomotor neurons
 - (horizontal movement pattern generator is PPRF)
 - (vertical movement pattern generator is riMLF)
 - 8) orienting eye movements (parallel cortical pathway)
 - retina => LGN => visual cortex
 - visual cortex => frontal eye fields
 - frontal eye fields => saccade pattern generators

LIMBIC SYSTEM

- 1) medial forebrain bundle axis
 - septum <=> hypothalamus <=> limbic midbrain
- 2) hippocampus
 - dentate gyrus (input from entorhinal)
 - CA3 and CA1 (place cells; input from dentate gyrus)
 - subiculum (connections with entorhinal and hypothalamus)
 - entorhinal cortex (connections with tertiary cortex)
 - postsubiculum (head direction cells; vestibular & visual input)
- 3) amygdala
 - central nucleus (taste input)
 - corticomедial amygdala (limbic connections)
 - basolateral amygdala (tertiary sensory cortex connections)