

These is the beginning of Robert Boyd's thoughts on the [workshop on cultural evolution](#) convened by Dan Dennett in Santa Fe in May 2014. Boyd's full text, because it contains mathematical symbols, is in PDF format and is accessible here.

Some thoughts about things I learned at Dan Dennett's excellent party

I have been thinking about the relationship between the kind of models that Pete, Joe and I have made and the ECM framework sketched by Dan and Nicolas in their paper. In particular, I have trying to understand how the mechanistic processes represented in our approach relate to homo-hetero distinction central to the ECM approach. In my remarks on Sue Blackmore's papers I sketched a simple model in which there were two variants with a selection stage and a transformation stage. So, rst I'd like to convert this model to the ECM framework developed by Sperber and Cladiere.

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