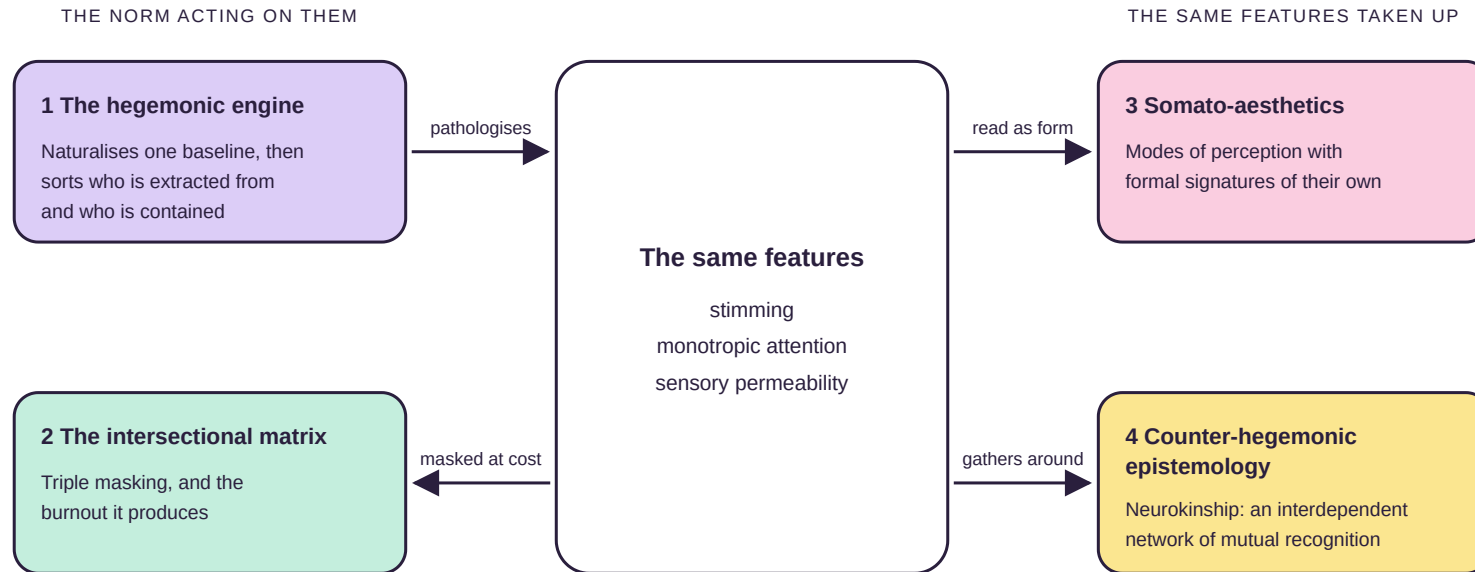


# The matrix of neuronormativity

The four-register model that organises Critical Neurodivergent Studies. Version 1.0, 7 October 2026.



**1 The hegemonic engine.** How a historically contingent cognitive-affective baseline is naturalised through diagnostic, legal and carceral institutions, and how capital sorts neurodivergent people into those who can be extracted from and those who are contained.

**2 The intersectional matrix.** Triple masking, the concurrent maintenance of three regimes of concealment (neurodivergent camouflage, gendered affective labour and racialised threat-mitigation), and the burnout it produces.

**3 Somato-aesthetics.** Stimming, monotropic attention and sensory permeability, reframed as modes of perception with formal signatures of their own.

**4 Counter-hegemonic epistemology.** Neurokinship: mutual recognition and support among neurodivergent people, organised as an interdependent network.

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The four registers are read together, because the features institutions pathologise are the same features neurodivergent communities recognise, make art from and organise around. Definitions are revised as the framework develops; cite the version shown above.