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Learning A relatively permanent change in an organism's behavior due to experience

Habituation An organism's decreasing response to a stimulus with repeated exposure to it

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Associative Learning Learning that certain events occur together. The events may be two stimuli (as in classical conditioning) or a response and its consequences (as in operant conditioning)

Conditioning Process of learning associations

Classical Conditioning A type of learning where one associates 2 stimuli and anticipates events

Behaviorism The view that psychology 1) should be an objective science that 2) studies behaviors without reference to mental process. Most research psychologists today agree with 1, but not with 2

Unconditioned Stimulus (US) In classical conditioning, a stimulus that unconditionally - naturally and automatically - triggers a response (the food in pavlov experiment)

Unconditioned Response (UR) In classical conditioning, the unlearned, naturally occurring response to the unconditioned stimulus (US) (dog salivation to the food before/during conditioning)

Neutral Stimulus In classical conditioning, a stimulus that produces a conditioned response (Bell that is paired with the food to cause salivation, and later causes salivation without the food)

Conditioned Stimulus In classical conditioning, an originally irrelevant stimulus that, after association with an unconditioned stimulus (US), comes to trigger a conditioned response (Bell that causes salivation after conditioning)

Conditioned Response In classical conditioning, the learned response to a previously neutral (but now conditioned) stimulus (dog salivates only after hearing the bell)

Acquisition In classical conditioning, the initial stage, when one links a neutral stimulus and an unconditioned stimulus so that the neutral stimulus begins triggering the conditioned

response. In operant conditioning, the strengthening of a reinforced response (kid doing his homework more and more and then receiving reward)

High-order Conditioning Procedure in which conditioned stimulus in one conditioning experience is paired with a new neutral stimulus, creating a second (weaker) conditioned stimulus. (ex: animal that has learned that a tone predicts food might learn that a light predicts a tone and begins responding to the light, but the tone more) AKA Second-order Conditioning

Extinction The diminishing of a conditioned response; occurs in classical conditioning when unconditioned stimulus (US) doesn't follow a conditioned stimulus (CS); occurs in operant conditioning when response is no longer reinforced (when food doesn't come after conditioned bell, creates less salivation)

Spontaneous Recovery The reappearance, after a pause, of an extinguished response (not giving food after bell-> extinction-> bell-> spontaneous response)

Generalization The tendency, once a response has been conditioned, for stimuli similar to the conditioned stimulus to elicit similar responses

Discrimination In classical conditioning, the learned ability to distinguish between a conditioned stimulus and stimuli that don't signal an unconditioned stimulus

Learned Helplessness The hopelessness and passive resignation an animal or human learns when unable to avoid repeated aversive events

Respondent Behavior Behavior that occurs as an automatic response to a stimulus

Operant Conditioning A type of learning in which behavior is strengthened if followed by a reinforcer or diminished if followed by a punisher

Operant Behavior Behavior that operates on the environment, producing consequences

Law of Effect Thorndike's principle that behaviors followed by favorable consequences become more likely, and that behaviors followed by unfavorable consequences becomes less likely

Skinner

BoxA chamber in operant conditioning created by B. F. Skinner, in which animals press a lever to obtain food, with devices recording heart rate and number of lever presses

Operant ChamberIn operant conditioning research, a chamber (AKA skinner box) containing a bar/key that an animal can manipulate to obtain a food/water reinforcer; attached devices record the animals rate of bar pressing or key pecking

ShapingAn operant conditioning procedure in which reinforcers guide behavior toward closer and closer approximations of the desired behavior (ex: giving rat good the closer it got to the bar, eventually requiring it to press bar to receive food)

Discriminative StimulusIn operant conditioning, a stimulus that elicits a response after association with a reinforcement (contrasts to related stimuli not associated with reinforcement) (ex: green light signals that a response will be reinforced)

ReinforcerIn operant conditioning, any event that strengthens the behavior it follows

Positive ReinforcementIncreasing behaviors by presenting positive stimulus, such as food. A positive reinforcer is any stimulus that, when presented after a response, strengthens the response

Negative ReinforcementIncreasing behaviors by stopping or deducting negative stimuli, such as shock. A negative reinforcer is any stimulus that, when removed after a response, strengthens a response. (Note: Negative reinforcement is not punishment)

Primary ReinforcerAn innately reinforcing stimulus, such as one that satisfies a biological need

Conditioned ReinforcerA stimulus that gains its reinforcing power through its association with a primary reinforcer, aka secondary reinforcer

Continuous ReinforcerReinforcing the desired response every time it occurs

Partial (intermittent) ReinforcementReinforcing a response only part of the time; results in slower acquisition of a response but much greater resistance to

extinction that does continuous reinforcement
Fixed-ratio ScheduleIn operant conditioning, a reinforcement schedule that reinforces a response only after a specified number of responses
Variable-ratio ScheduleIn operant conditioning, a reinforcement schedule that reinforces a response after an unpredictable # of responses
Fixed-interval ScheduleIn operant conditioning, a reinforcement schedule that reinforces a response only after a specified time has elapsed
Variable-interval ScheduleIn operant conditioning, a reinforcement schedule that reinforces a response at unpredictable time intervals
PunishmentAn event that decreases the behavior that it follows
Cognitive MapA mental representation of the layout of one's environment. For example, after exploring a maze, rats act as if they have learned a cognitive map of it
Latent LearningLearning that occurs but is not apparent until there is an incentive to demonstrate it
InsightA sudden and often novel realization of the solution to a problem
Intrinsic MotivationA desire to perform a behavior effectively for its own sake
Extrinsic MotivationA desire to perform a behavior to receive promised rewards or avoid threatened punishment
Observational LearningLearning by observing others. AKA social learning
ModelingThe process of observing and imitating a specific behavior
Mirror NeuronsFrontal lobe neurons that fire when performing certain actions or when observing another doing so. The brain's mirroring of another's action may enable imitation and empathy
Prosocial BehaviorPositive, constructive, helpful behavior. The opposite of antisocial behavior
Albert BanduraCreated experiment where kid sees woman beating up doll --> kid evidently also beats up this " Bobo doll" --> shows the power of observational learning. This psychologist was also pioneering researcher of observational learning
Little AlbertPart of an experiment done with John B.

Watson. Little kid was conditioned to see a white rat and feel fear.

Something he didn't feel before when seeing the rat. Ivan Pavlov Huge contributor to classical conditioning, showed that dogs can be conditioned to salivate in anticipation of food, at the sound of a tone Robert Rescorla Created Rescorla-Wagner model, supported Pavlovian conditioning. Model showed that animals can learn predictability of an event (tone associated with shock, animal flinches when hearing tone) Robert Seligman Discovered learned helplessness, hopelessness that human/animal presents when unable to avoid a repeated event John Garcia Discovered that rats develop aversions to tastes that make them sick --> example of classical conditioning (also put chemicals in sheep that makes wolves sick, wolves became afraid of sheep) John B. Watson Revealed that human emotion and behaviors are partially a bundle of conditioned responses (Little Albert experiment) Edward Thorndike Created the Law of Effect --> operant conditioning --> rewarded behavior is likely to occur, punished behaviors become less likely to occur