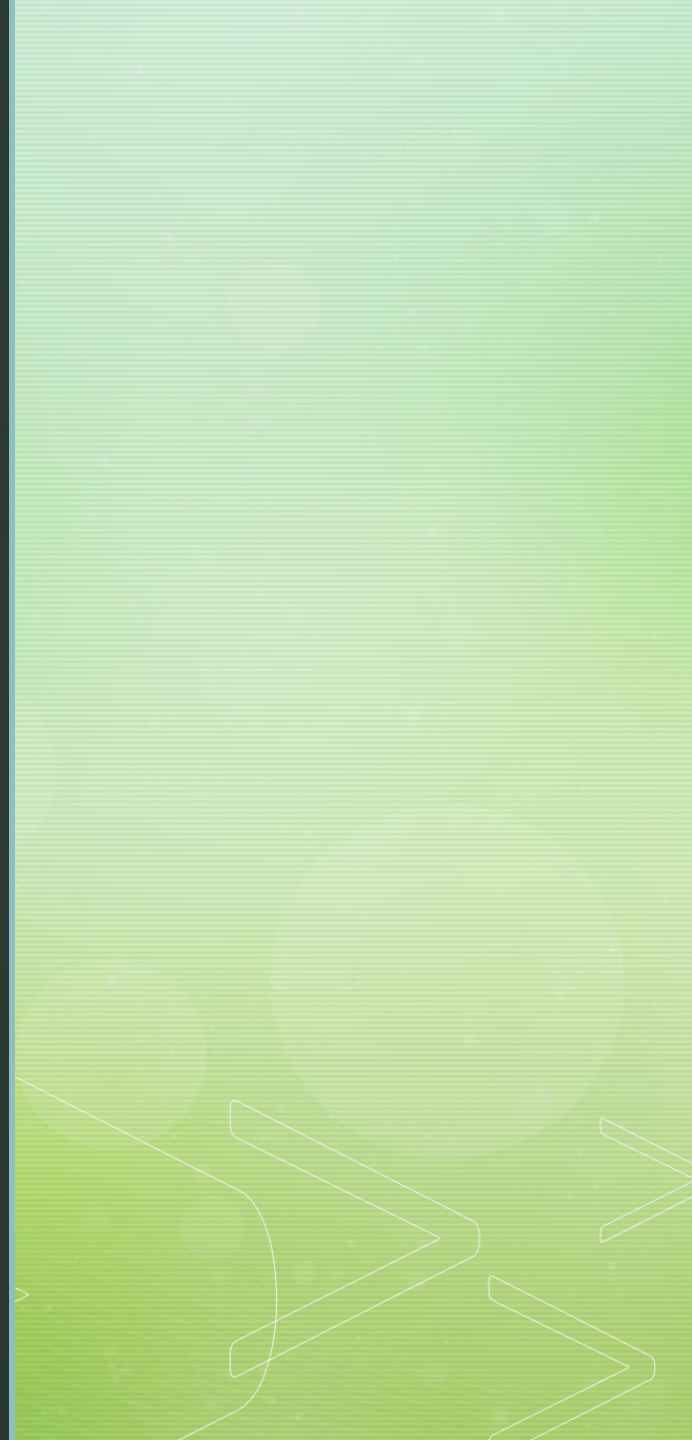


Operant Conditioning

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What is Operant Conditioning?

- **Behavioural psychologist B.F. Skinner defined and researched operant conditioning theory.**
- **Operant conditioning is the method of teaching through positive and negative reinforcement, where depending on the behaviours, actions are either reinforced or diminished.**

The experiment he conducted

Specific consequences are associated with a voluntary behaviour

Rewards introduced to increase a behaviour



Punishment introduced to decrease a behaviour



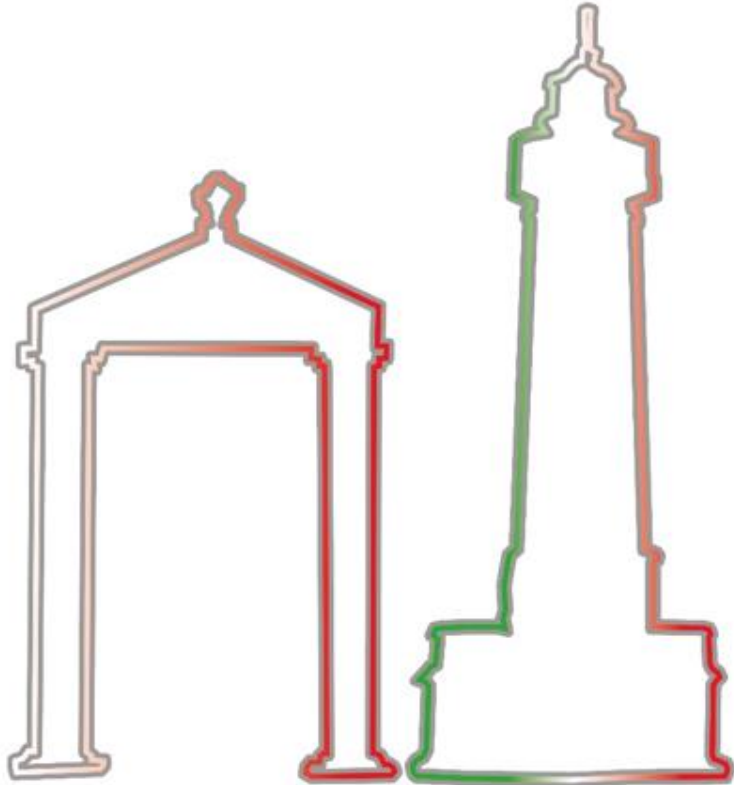
Activity

- **1 person leaves the room.**
- **Everyone else decides on a task that the person who left the room would have to complete.**
- **Invite the person back into the room.**
- **Let them try to complete the task, but don't give any instructions!**
- **If they are performing the task correctly, clap your hands.**
- **If they are performing the wrong task, stop clapping.**
- **Once the person understands what they're meant to do, let them explain the task.**
- **Did they get it right?**

Tasks

- **3 tasks + materials**
- **1. Draw Pancake: Pancake, paper, pencils, rubber next to each other, and objects to distract or confuse the participant (e.g. scissors, popsicle sticks, etc.)**
- **2. Stack chairs: chairs in random places around the room**
- **3. Fill a box/ container: box/ container in the middle of the room, with random objects spread around the room (e.g. scissors, popsicle sticks, papers, etc.)**

Thank you! Any questions?



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