# **Psychoanalytic**

Freud's psychosexual theory

Structure: id (pleasure principle), ego (reality principle), superego (morals, ideals)

Levels of awareness: conscious, pre-

conscious, unconscious

Development: oral, anal, phallic (Oedipal complex, penis envy), la-

tency, genital Fixations

Defense mechanisms - reduce anxiety

Repression (primary)

Regression

Reaction formation

Rationalization

Displacement

Sublimation

Projection

Denial

Neo-Freudians

Adler—social, not sexual tensions

\* Birth order, inferiority complex Horney—rejected penis envy idea Carl Jung—collective unconscious

Assessment

Projective tests

Rorschach

TAT - Thematic Apperception Test

Draw-a-person

Sentence completion

### Evaluation:

- \* Repression often not shown (vivid memory often results after trauma)
- \* Terror management theory

## **PERSONALITY**

### Humanism

Maslow—self-actualization

Hierarchy of needs

\* Safety—security—love—selfesteem—self-actualization

Carl Rogers—person-centered

Genuineness

Unconditional positive regard Empathy

# **Trait theory**

Greeks—4 humors (choleric, sanguine, melancholic, phlegmatic)

Allport (student of Freud)

Eysenck—unstable/stable; introverted/extroverted

Costa & McCrae (Big 5)

OCEAN (openness, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness, neuroticism)

Assessment

MMPI (used factor analysis, empirically derived)

Cattell's 16PF

Person-situation controversy

Walter Mischel—emphasizes power of situational factors

Expressive style—thin slices

Barnum effect—astrology, etc.

### Social-cognitive

Reciprocal determinism—interplay of

Personal factors/internal cognition Behavior

Environment

Personal control (Julian Rotter)

External locus of control

Internal locus of control

\*Without internal locus, learned helplessness results

Explanatory style (Martin Seligman)

Optimistic

Unstable, specific, external

Pessimistic

Stable, global, internal

Bandura

Personality influenced by observational learning, outside influences (Bobo doll study)

Self-efficacy (belief in ability to do things that lead to positive outcomes)

### The self

Hazel Markus— "possible selves" Spotlight effect

Self-referencing effect

Self-esteem

Defensive vs. secure Self-serving bias

# **Stress response**

Stressor—leads to eustress or distress Depends on appraisal Fight-or-flight—Walter Cannon Adrenal glands

- \* Epinephrine (quick response)
- \* Glucocorticoids (slow response)

General Adaptation Syndrome—Selve Alarm—activation of sympathetic nervous system

Resistance—deal with/fight Exhaustion—breakdown of immune system (telomeres in DNA affected, can't replicate); hippocampus can't make new memories as well

Illness

Heart (Friedman & Rosenman study)

Type A—anger, reactive vs.

Type B—relaxed

69% of heart attack victims were A Immune system impaired

- \* B lymphocytes (fight bacteria formed in bone marrow)
- \* T lymphocytes (formed in thymus, fight viruses, cancers)
- \* Macrophages ("big eaters

Conditioning the immune system (Ader & Cohen study)

- \* Sweetened water with immune suppressing drug—created classically conditioned immune suppression
- \* Placebo effect in illness?

# STRESS & HEALTH

# **Coping**

Problem-focused (address stressor) Emotion-focused (seeks support from others) Exercise Biofeedback Meditation

Spiritual connection

### **Conflict**

Approach-approach Win-win situation Avoidance-avoidance Lose-lose situation Approach-avoidance One choice, pros and cons

### **Obesity & health**

Physiology

Fat cells—30-40 million Divide if too full, can't get rid of fat cells

Set-point/metabolism

Fat cells—low metabolic rate Metabolism slows when fat cells are deprived, tries to maintain fat level

Genetics

Adopted children's weight not correlated to adoptive parents Identical twins correlation +.72 Fraternal twins correlation +.32

Chemical effect

Leptin in rats—when up, weight down

Losing weight? 2/3 of women, 1/3 of men trying

## **LEARNING**

# **Classical conditioning**

### Associative learning

- allows prediction (associate stimuli)
- respondent behavior

Pavlov's dogs (1904 Nobel prize)

- \* US (food) leads to: UR (salivation to food)
- \* CS (bell) becomes associated with US, leads to:
- \* CR (salivation to bell)

Elements of classical conditioning:

Acquisition

Extinction

Spontaneous recovery

Generalization

Discrimination

### Implications:

Rescorla's research on predictability Garcia's research of biological predispositions

- \* easier to condition food aversions to taste rather than sight or sound
- \* easiest to condition behaviors that promote survival

#### Applications:

Aversive conditioning—pairing a negative stimulus with a desired stimulus can help kick bad habits

Drug addicts sometimes have cravings related to environment

Classical conditioning of immune response (Ader & Cohen study)

Extinction can help cure phobias

# **Operant conditioning**

### Associative learning

- consequences of behavior
- operant behavior

Thorndike's Law of Effect

#### Skinner

- \* Operant chamber (Skinner Box)
- \* Shaping
  - Successive approximations
- \* Discrimination

#### Reinforcement

Positive reinforcement—pleasurable stimulus after a response (strengthens the response)

Negative reinforcement—reduces or removes a negative stimulus (still strengthens the response)

- \* Primary reinforcers (water, food, etc.) vs. secondary reinforcers (money, etc.)
- \* Schedules of reinforcement Continuous (rapid learning) Partial (intermittent)
  - Ratio (certain # of behaviors)
    - \* Fixed (5 visits to restaurant = free meal)
    - \* Variable (slot machine)
  - Interval (certain period of time)
    - \* Fixed (ex. each day @ 3 p.m.)
    - \* Variable (ex. shooting stars)

#### Punishment

Positive punishment (add bad thing)
Negative punishment (take away good)
\*Both create avoidance behaviors
(ex. lie—becomes neg. reinforced)

### **Latest contributions**

### Latent learning (Tolman)

- cognitive maps (demonstrate learning after award is given)

Intrinsic motivation (desire to do something for its own sake)

- When rewards are given for activity that is intrinsically rewarding, enjoyment declines (overjustification effect)

Extrinsic motivation (desire to do something for reward)

- Should be recognition for a job well done

### Biological predispositions

- Easier to condition behaviors that match natural behavior

#### Legacy of Skinnerian thinking

 Criticism of deterministic philosophy, dehumanization, loss of personal freedom

### **Observational learning (modeling)**

Mirror neurons (biological basis)

- promote empathy

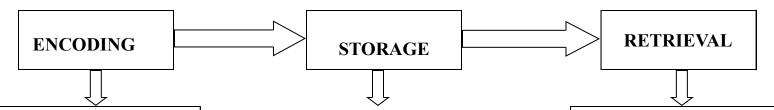
Bandura's Bobo doll study Child watches adult, mimics Increase of violence, aggression

Media influence

Violent crimes—87% on TV, 13% real life

Violent action is correlated to viewing violence (media, video games) - leads to desensitization

### **MEMORY**



Controlled by attention

Types:

Acoustic

Visual

Semantic

Affected by:

Chunking

Self-reference effect

Elaboration

Rehearsal

Spacing

Hierarchies

Next-in-line effect

Serial position effect

Primacy effect

Recency effect

Mnemonic devices

Peg-words

Method of loci

Alliteration

Music

Information-processing theory Sensory  $\Longrightarrow$  STM  $\Longrightarrow$  LTM

Sensory memory (Sperling)

Iconic

Echoic

STM

7 +/- 2 chunks

LTM

Explicit (declarative)

Semantic memory (facts)

Episodic memory (incidents)

Flashbulb memory

(emotional incidents)

Prospective memory (remember to do something in the future)

# **BIOLOGICAL FACTORS**

Lashley's research

Hippocampus

Amygdala

Long-term potentiation

Cerebellum

Stress hormones

Aids (retrieval cues):

Context

State-dependent

Mood-congruent

Priming

Recognition vs. recall

Retrieval failure:

Forgetting curve

(Ebbinghaus)

Tip-of-the-tongue

Reconstructive memory

(Elizabeth Loftus)

\*Misinformation effect

\*Source amnesia

\*Rosy retrospection

Interference

Proactive

Retroactive

Amnesia

Anterograde

Retrograde

Repression

### PHYSICAL

# Prenatal

**Zygote** 

Embryo (2-8 wks)

Fetus (8+ wks)

### Teratogens

Fetal alcohol syndrome

Radiation

(8-15th week, migration)

Radiation: stops short

FAS: too far

#### Reflexes

Moro

Rooting

Babinski

Palmar

#### Maturation

Cephalocaudal

Proximodistal

### Puberty

Primary sex characteristics Secondary sex characteristics Frontal lobe development

### Old age

Recall vs. recognition Decay of fluid intelligence Consistency of crystallized Intelligence Dementia

Alzheimer's disease

### DEVELOPMENT

### SOCIAL

Lev Vygotsky (social-cognitive) Zone of proximal development Mentors

Lorenz's study of imprinting

Harlow's research on touch

Stranger anxiety

Ainsworth's attachment theory

Strange situation paradigm

Secure attachment (60%)

Insecure attachment

**Ambivalent** 

**Avoidant** 

Baumrind's parenting styles

Authoritarian

Authoritative

Permissive

Erikson's stages (psychsocial)

Trust vs. mistrust

(0-1) basic trust

Autonomy vs. shame & doubt

(1-2) independence

Initiative vs. guilt

(3-5) initiation of tasks

Competence vs. inferiority

(6-12) accomplishment

Identity vs. role confusion

(13-20s) sense of self

Intimacy vs. isolation

(20s to 40s) relationship

Generativity vs. stagnation

(40s to 60s) contribution

Integrity vs. despair

### **COGNITIVE**

Schemas

Assimilation Accommodation

Sensorimotor stage (0-2) Object permanence (6 mos)

Preoperational stage (2-7)

Egocentrism

Animism

Symbolic thought begins

Concrete operational stage (8-12)

Conservation

Volume

Area

Number

Reversibility

Formal operational stage (12+)

Hypothesis testing

Abstract thinking

Megacognition

Self concept

18 mo.—rouge test

### **MORAL**

Kohlberg's theory

Preconventional morality Avoiding punishment

Conventional morality

Accepting rules of society

Postconventional morality Ethics, abstract morality

No absolutes

Carol Gilligan

Men - Rules & ethics

Women - Relationships

Jonathan Haidt

Social intuitionist theory

Gut-level reactions

(limbic system)

## **METHODS OF STUDY**

Longitudinal research

Cross-sectional research

### **STAGES OF DEATH/DYING (Kubler-Ross)**

Denial ... Anger ... Bargaining ... Depression ... Acceptance

### **NEUROSCIENCE**

### **Neural communication**

Resting potential

-70 mV inside

Neuron is **polarized** 

Action potential (all-or-none)

Neurotransmitters bind to

dendrites

Neuron reaches –55 mV

Becomes depolarized

Sodium/potassium ions Signal moves down the axon

Signal moves down the axon

Neurotransmitters release to

synapse

Must repolarize

Reuptake of neurotransmitters

Return to -70 mV

Refractory period (can't fire)

Myelin sheath

Insulates motor neurons

Speeds message

Decay of myelin sheath

- multiple sclerosis

Intelligence

**Excitatory** neurotransmitters

Acetylcholine (skeletal muscles)

Serotonin (depression/general

well-being)

Dopamine (high - schizophrenia;

low—depression)

Norephinephrine (Alertness,

linked to fight-or-flight)

Endorphins (pain relief)

**Inhibitory** neurotransmitter (GABA)

Effect of agonists/antagonists

### The brain

Plasticity—neurons can be used for new purposes

#### Hindbrain:

Cerebellum—coordination

Medulla—breathing, heartbeat

Pons—sleep, arousal, dreams

Reticular formation—arousal

Midbrain:

At the intersection of forebrain & hindbrain (spatial awareness)

#### Forebrain:

Thalamus—sensory switchboard

Limbic system—emotion

Hippocampus (memory)

Amygdala (fear, anger)

Hypothalamus (biological needs,

e.g. hunger, sex, thirst)

Cerebrum/cerebral cortex

Prefrontal cortex (planning, or ganization, risk assessment)

Frontal lobes (motor cortex, mirror neurons)

\* Broca's area (speech)

Parietal lobes (somatosensory cortex)

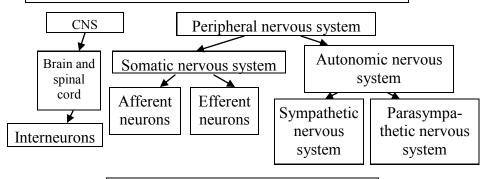
\* Angular gyrus

Temporal lobes (auditory cortex)

\* Wernicke's area

Occipital lobes (visual cortex)

# Organization of the nervous system



# Hemispheric specialization

Split-brain surgery (corpus callosum severed)
\*Used to treat uncontrolled seizures
Seen in left visual field, processed in rt. hemisphere

Left hemisphere Language/logic Right hemisphere Nonverbal/spatial/ musical/recognition

# **Methods of study**

Structure Lesions CT scan MRI Function EEG PET scan fMRI

The endocrine system

Pituitary—master gland (directed by the hypothalamus) Biochemically the same as neurotransmitters Adrenal gland—stress hormones

# **Perspectives**

Introspection

Wilhelm Wundt—1st lab, Germany Structuralism

William James—1st text, Harvard Functionalism

Gestalt—total experience "the whole" Perception

Psychoanalysis—Freud

Behaviorism—Watson (Little Albert),

Skinner (operant conditioning)

Humanism (Maslow, Rogers

Biological—brain chemistry, hormones, etc.

Evolutionary (sociobiology) —impact of traits that promote survival of species

Cognitive—thinking patterns Sociocultural—environment

### **Ethics**

Animal research

Clear scientific purpose

Humane treatment

Legal acquisition of subjects

Limit suffering to least feasible

Human research

Informed consent

Limit deception

No coercion

Protect from harm

Confidentiality

Debrief afterwards

# HISTORY & RESEARCH

# Psychological research

Limits of intuition

Hindsight bias

Overconfidence

Confirmation bias

Scientific attitude

Curiosity

Skepticism

Humility

Scientific method

Theories

Hypothesis

Operational definitions

Replication

Methodology

Case study

Survey

Wording effects

Random sampling

False consensus effect

Naturalistic observation

\* Must avoid Hawthorne Effect

Correlational studies

Prediction

NOT CAUSATION

Illusory correlation

Superstition

Experiment

(see experimentation)

# **Experimentation**

Cause & effect

Procedure:

Blind study

Double-blind study

Experimental condition vs.

Control condition

Independent variable

Experimenter manipulates

Dependent variable

Experimenter measures

Confounding variables

Random selection

Random assignment

# Measuring data

Descriptive statistics

Central tendency (averages)

Mean

Median

Mode

Normal curve

Correlations (relationships)

Scatterplot

Correlation coefficient

Variation

Range

Standard deviation

Inferential statistics

Do my results matter?

- \* Sample size influence
- \* Significant differences p<.05 (alpha level)

### The basics

Sensation vs. perception Bottom-up processing Top-down processing Prosopagnosia Thresholds **Psychophysics** Absolute threshold Signal detection theory Subliminal messages Difference threshold (JND) Weber's Law/Fechner's Law Sensory adaptation Transduction Receptors

### Other senses

### Touch

Pressure, temperature, pain **Nociceptors** 

Gate-control theory

Taste (gustatory sense - chemical)

Sweet, sour, salty, bitter, umami

Taste buds

Sensory interaction

McGurk effect

Smell (olfactory sense - chemical)

Does not go through the thalamus

Direct route to limbic system

Kinesthesis

Vestibular sense

semicircular canals

Synaesthesia

# **SENSATION**

### Vision

Light energy

Wavelength (color)

Amplitude (brightness)

Parts of the eye

Cornea

Pupil

Lens

Accommodation

Retina (transduction here)

Rods (120 million)

Cones (6 million)

Fovea

Bipolar cells

Ganglion cells

Optic nerve to occipital lobe

Blind spot

Visual acuity

Nearsightedness/farsightedness

Feature detectors

Parallel processing

Blindsight

Change blindness

Retina to thalamus to cortex

Color interpretation

Young-Helmholtz theory Subtractive color mixing

Additive color mixing

Opponent-process theory

Afterimages

Color constancy

# **Audition (hearing)**

Sound energy

Frequency (pitch)

Amplitude (loudness)

Measured in dB (decibels)

Every 10 dB = 10 times louder

Parts of the ear

Outer ear

Pinna (visible part)

Auditory canal

Middle ear

Tympanic membrane (eardrum)

Ossicles (hammer, anvil, stirrup)

Inner ear

Oval window

Cochlea

Basilar membrane

Hair cells (transduction here)

Organ of Corti

Semicircular canals (NOT for

hearing)

Auditory nerve to temporal lobe

Perceiving sound

Place theory

Frequency theory

Volley principle

Sound localization

Hearing loss

Sensorineural hearing loss

Cochlear implant

Conduction hearing loss

### The basics

Sensation vs. perception
Bottom-up processing
Top-down processing
Prosopagnosia
Selective attention
Cocktail party effect
Inattentional (change) blindness
Choice blindness
Visual capture

# Perceptual organization

Figure-ground relationship

Gestalt principles

Proximity

Similarity

Continuity

Connectedness

Closure

# **PERCEPTION**

# Visual perception

Depth perception

Binocular cues

Retinal disparity

Convergence

Visual cliff

Monocular cues

Linear perspective

Relative size

Interposition

Relative clarity

Texture gradient

Relative height

Light & shadow

Motion perception

Relative motion (motion parallax)

Stroboscopic movement

Phi phenomenon

Constancies

Color constancy

Size constancy

Shape constancy

Lightness constancy

Illusions

Muller-Lyer illusion

Cultural influence

Ponzo illusion

Moon illusion

Sensory deprivation

Critical periods

# Other principles

Perceptual adaptation

Perceptual set

Context effects

**Human factors** 

ESP (extra-sensory perception)?

Parapsychology

Telepathy

Clairvoyance

Precognition

Psychokinesis

Way to test: Ganzfeld procedure

# STATES OF CONSCIOUSNESS

# **Biology of sleep**

#### Biological rhythms

Circadian rhythm (25 hr cycle)

Light (superchiasmic nucleus)

Pineal gland (near thalamus)

Melatonin

Adenosine (sleep-inducing)

#### Sleep stages

Prior to stage 1 (alpha waves)

Stage 1 (theta waves) 5 min.

Hypnagogic sensations

Stage 2 (K-complexes, sleep spindles)

Approx. 20 minutes

Stage 3 (<50% delta waves)

Stage 4 (>50% delta waves)

Stage 3 & 4—slow wave sleep

#### Order of stages

1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, REM, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2,

REM

REM—paradoxical sleep

Active brain, paralyzed body

#### Benefits

Memory consolidation

Concentration

Mood

Moderates hunger/reduces obesity

Improves immune response

### Disorders

Insomnia (10-15% of adults)

Narcolepsy

Sleep apnea

Night terrors (stage 4)

Sleepwalking (stage 4)

# **Dreaming**

### Freud's analysis

Manifest content vs.

Latent content

Information-processing theory

Filing experience

Synthesizing memory

Pruning connections

Build neural pathways

Activation-synthesis theory

Pons generates neural firing

Lucid dreams

Conscious awareness of dream state

# **Hypnosis**

### Mesmer (18th century)

Susceptibility

Creativity, desire influences

Therapeutic capacity

Posthypnotic suggestions

Pain alleviation

Selective attention?

#### Theories:

Social influence theory

Emphasizes desire of subjects to do well

Divided consciousness theory Emphasizes dissociation

Hilgard's "hidden observer"

# **Psychoactive drugs**

# Tolerance/withdrawal

Involves neuroadaptation Addiction

#### Depressants

Alcohol

Reduces inhibitions

Impairs activity of frontal lobe

Disrupts formation of LTM

Barbiturates (tranquilizers)

Reduce anxiety, mimic alcohol

Opiates (endorphin agonists)
Morphine, heroin, oxycontin

#### Stimulants

Amphetamines/meth

Cocaine—rush/crash

Ecstasy—also a hallucinogen

Stimulates serotonin

Interferes w/sleep, impairs memory, reduces immune re-

sponse

### Hallucinogens

LSD—serotonin agonist

Marijuana—cannabinoid agonist

Disrupts memory formation

Reverse tolerance

# **MOTIVATION**

# Physiology of hunger

Keys' research
Cannon's research
Body chemistry
Insulin up, glucose down
Hypothalamus stimulation
Lateral—hunger increases
Orexin produced
Ventromedial—hunger declines
Hormones
Ghrelin—hunger increases
PYY—suppresses hunger
Proteins
Leptin—decreases hunger
Orexin—increases hunger

# Psychology of hunger

Neophobia (avoidance of unfamiliar food)
Eating disorders
Anorexia nervosa
At least 15% underweight
Continue to view self as fat
Bulimia nervosa
Binge-purge pattern
Not necessarily low weight
Obesity (30% in US)

### **Theories of motivation**

Instinct theory (evolutionary)

- fixed patterns, unlearned

Drive-reduction theory (Clark Hull)

Object is homeostasis

- Pulled by incentives (external)

Arousal theory

Yerkes-Dodson Law

Easy task—high arousal

Difficult task—moderate

Maslow's hierarchy of needs

Physiological at base, then safety,

belonging & love, esteem,

self-actualization, transcendence

Need to belong

Ostracism—activates anterior cingulate cortex (also activates with pain)

### **Achievement motivation**

Flow

I/O psychology

Personnel psychology

To avoid the interviewer illusion

Structured interviews

360-degree feedback

Grit (determination, breeds success)

Theory X vs. Theory Y

Task leadership vs. social leadership

Great person theory

Transformational leadership

# Physiology of sex

Kinsey report

Masters & Johnson research

Sexual response cycle

Excitement—plateau—orgasm—

resolution (refractory period)

Sexual disorders

Premature ejaculation

Erectile dysfunction

Orgasmic disorder

Hormones

Estrogen / androgens (testosterone)

# Psychology of sex

External stimuli

Habituation occurs

Decreased satisfaction w/sexual partners

Gender roles/gender identity

Sexual orientation

Estimated 3-4% men, 1-2% women

But could be higher (response bias)

Identical twin studies support genetic basis

Hypothalamus differences (LeVay)

Anterior commissure differences

Fraternal birth order effect

Same sex attraction in animals (6-10%)

Finger length/fingerprint ridges (7th/16th week of development)

# **EMOTION**

### **Theories**

Emotion—arousal, expressive behavior, and conscious experience

James-Lange theory: physiological response 1st, emotion 2nd

Cannon-Bard theory: physiological response at the same time as experience of emotion

Schachter's two-factor theory: physiological arousal, then appraisal (cognition) creating emotion label Spillover effect: Stirred up physiological state can be misinterpreted as emotional state

Zajonc's theory: Subliminal processing of emotions (neural pathway is from thalamus to amygdale)

Lazarus: Cognitive appraisal controls emotion

# **Nervous system**

### Autonomic arousal

Sympathetic nervous system: pupils dilate, dry mouth, perspiration, fast breathing, accelerated heart rate, slowed digestion, stress hormones released (fight-or-flight)

Parasympathetic nervous system: returns body to original calm state

# **Expressed emotion**



Nonverbal communication
Easily detect threatening cues
Thin slices (quick views of interactions) - some better at reading
Gender differences

Women tend to be more able to read non-verbal cues

Also tend to communicate emotion better

Ekman's research

Microexpressions

Universal emotional expressions Happiness, surprise, fear, sad ness, anger, disgust

Facial feedback: we feel the emotion we show

Behavior feedback: we feel the emotion our body looks like it's feeling

Empathy: feeling another's emotion Mirror neurons

Reading emotion: autistic people show problems in reading emotional states of others

# **Experience of emotion**

Emotion = valence (pleasant/ unpleasant) and arousal (low/high)

Fear—learn early, through conditioning, observation

- \* Amygdala key
- \* Anterior cingulated cortex

### Anger -

Catharsis hypothesis—release
But creates more anger
Reinforcement
How to control?
Waiting to act

Exercise Forgiveness

Happiness (subjective well-being)

- \* Feel-good, do-good phenomenon
- \* People who value love over money report higher life satisfaction
- \* Adaptation-level phenomenon
- \* Relative deprivation principle

**Predictors:** high self-esteem, optimism, close friendships/marriage, engaging work, meaningful faith, good sleep, exercise

Contributors: know that wealth doesn't make you happy, control your time, act happy, seek enjoyable work, exercise, sleep, make relationships a top priority, help others, be grateful, seek spiritual fulfillment

### **COGNITION**

# **Concepts**

Metacognition—wow!

Organization:

Hierarchies

**Prototypes** 

# **Problem solving**

Barriers:

**Fixations:** 

Functional fixedness

Mental set

Confirmation bias

Overconfidence

Approaches:

Trial and error

Insight

Algorithm

Heuristics

Representativeness heuristic

Based on prototypes

Availability heuristic

Based on vivid experience

Issues:

Framing (wording)

Belief bias

Belief perseverance

Illusory correlation

Memory reconstruction

Self-serving bias

### Intuition

Factors:

Blindsight

Right-brain thinking

Moral thinking (Haidt's theory)

Automatic processing/implicit memory

Creativity

Thin slices

Subliminal stimulation

Microexpressions

Dual attitude system

Unconscious/conscious

Implicit/explicit

Gut-level/rational

# **About Language**

Structure

Phonemes

Morphemes

Grammar

Semantics

Syntax

Appearance

Babbling (approx. 4 months)

One-word stage (1 year)

Two-word stage (telegraphic speech)

At 1 1/2 years

No 3 word stage

# Theories of language development

Skinner—nurture

Behaviorist explanation

Follows usual learning pattern

(Reinforcement/punishment)

Chomsky—nature

Language acquisition device (innate)

Evidence:

\* Overregularization of language (or overgeneralization)

Ex: "I goed to the store."

\* Common elements

Surface structure (syntax)

Deep structure (semantics)

\* Critical period

Age 7 for language acquisition

Cochlear implants

Best results 2-4 year olds

# Language & Thinking

Whorf's linguistic determinism theory (or linguistic relativity theory)

- language shapes thinking

Evidence: bilingual advantage

Thinking in images (process simulation)
Animal thinking

- \* Concept formation
- \* Theory of mind—similar to 2 yr. old
- \* Language: honeybees, ape language

# Theories of intelligence

It's conceptual, not a thing (reification—assuming it's a thing) Single intelligence theory

Spearman: "g" represents related clusters of skills (used factor analysis)

Multiple intelligence theories

\* Based on evidence from savants Thurstone: primary mental abilities

7 clusters

Gardner: 8 intelligences

 linguistic, logical-mathematical, musical, spatial, kinesthetic, intrapersonal, interpersonal, naturalistic

Stenberg's triarchic theory

- analytical, creative, practical

Emotional intelligence (EQ)

Relates to success in family, career

# Creativity

Convergent vs. divergent thinking How to maximize:

Develop expertise

Keep a venturesome personality Stay intrinsically motivated Live in creative environment

### INTELLIGENCE

# Neurological evidence

Brain anatomy:

Larger brain (thickening of cortex due to enhanced connections?)

17% more synapses (maybe better neural plasticity?)

Einstein's brain—thicker in parietal lobe (math/spatial intelligence?)

Brain function:

Frontal lobe activity during IQ test questions

Perceptual speed correlates positively Neurological speed (evoked brain response faster)

More efficient glucose consumption Uses less, processes more efficiently? Genes:

Identical twins highly correlated Adopted children, little correlation Heritability

# **Assessing intelligence**

Binet's test (to identify special needs) Terman (Stanford)

Supported eugenics (Social Darwinism) American version (Stanford-Binet) MA/CA X 100 = IO

Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS) Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children

(WISC)

Bias: Stereotype threat, gender bias

# **Creating tests**

Standardization

Representative sample, compare scores Chart on normal curve

68-95-99.7 (standard deviation)

Flynn effect

IQ scores improving over time

Principles of test creation

Reliability: test needs to get same results each time it's given

Test-retest reliability

Split-half reliability

Validity: test needs to measure what it's designed to measure

Content validity (material reflects what should be tested)

Face validity

Criterion-related validity (matches in dependent measure of what the test is designed to measure)

Concurrent validity

Predictive validity

May be affected by range of scores tested

Construct validity (use a previous validated instrument and correlate to that test's results

Extremes of intelligence:

Mental retardation:

Mild (50-70 IQ), moderate (35-50 IQ), Severe (20-35 IQ)

Down syndrome (extra 21st chromosome)

Gifted (Terman's study — "Termites")

Healthy, well-adjusted, successful

No tracking, special treatment in China/ Japan

### PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS

### Medical model

### Foundation

U—unjustifiable

M—maladaptive

**A**—atypical

**D**—disturbing to self or others

Measurement

DSM-IV-TR (classification of disorders)

Axis 1—clinical syndrome?

Axis 2—personality disorder or mental retardation?

Axis 3—general med. Condition?

Axis 4—psychosocial or environmental problems?

Axis 5—global assessment of functioning (0-100)

### Diagnostic labeling

Advantages:

Appropriate treatment

Stimulate research

Payment of insurance

Disadvantages:

Rosenhan's study—labeling leads to self-fulfilling prophecies? Cause interpretations of behavior?

#### Insanity—when?

M'Naughten rule—is the defendant unable to distinguish right from wrong because of mental defect?

90% of those with disorders are not dangerous to others

### **Anxiety disorders (#7)**

#### Panic disorder

- strikes suddenly
- panic attacks (seem like heart attacks)
- often linked to agoraphobia

Phobias—focused fear

Obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD)

Obsessions—thoughts

Compulsions—behaviors

PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder)

GAD (generalizaed anxiety disorder) Free-floating anxiety

#### Source:

- Behavioral interpretation
  - \* Classical conditioning & generalization
  - \* Negative reinforcement maintains the fear
- Observational learning?
- Biology (natural selection, genes, activity in anterior cingulated cortex, activity in amygdale, GABA)

### **Dissociative disorders (#10)**

### Dissociative identity disorder

- multiple personality

Dissociative fugue

- person doesn't remember past, wakes up in strange location

Dissociative amnesia

- person doesn't remember past No biological explanations

### **Mood (affective) disorders (#6)**

Depression (common cold of disorders)
Major depressive disorder (more than 2
weeks of debilitating depression)
Dysthymic disorder (more than 2 years

Dysthymic disorder (more than 2 years feeling bad most days)

Bipolar disorder

Mania (restlessness, risk-taking, craziness, fast talking) alternates with depression

- May be fast cycling or slow cycling

### Explanations:

Genetic predispositions (linkage analysis, association studies)

Brain chemistry (serotonin, norephinephrine, dopamine; decreased activity in left frontal lobe

Social-cognitive

Self-defeating beliefs (learned helplessness)

Optimistic Explanatory Style Stable, global, internal (depressed) Temporary, specific, external (non-depressed)

Vicious cycle of depression:

Stressful experience....leads to
Negative explanatory style... leads to
Depressed mood... leads to
More stressful experiences...and the
cycle begins again

Fight depression by: changing environment, reducing self-blame, making positive predictions about the future, exercise, become focused on helping others, laugh more

# **DISORDERS (CONTINUED)**

### Schizophrenia (#5)

Considered the "cancer" of disorders 1% of population worldwide (suggests biological basis)

Involves a break with reality (psychosis)

### NOT multiple personality

Common symptoms:

- \* Disorganized thinking -Delusions (false beliefs) Paranoia (persecution) Word salad (bizarre speech)
- \* Disturbed perceptions
  Hallucinations (auditory most often)
- \* Inappropriate actions/emotions Reactivity Flat affect Catatonia
- Subtypes of symptoms:

Positive symptoms (exhibit odd behavior)

Negative symptoms (normal behavior absent)

 Either chronic (process—develops slowly) or acute (reactive develops quickly)

#### Patterns:

Paranoid schizophrenia Disorganized schizophrenia Catatonic schizophrenia Undifferentiated schizophrenia Residual schizophrenia

# **Explanations of schizophrenia**

Brain abnormalities

Dopamine overactivity

\* D4 receptors 6 X normal

Glutamate—may relate to negative symptoms

Enlarged ventricles

Shrunken thalamus

Environmental factors

- \* Low birth weight, famine, oxygen deprivation?
- \* Virus during pregnancy? Flu link during 2nd trimester

Genetic factors

\* Much higher chance of shared schizophrenia with identical vs. fraternal twins

Psychological factors/warning signs

- \* Birth complications
- \* Mother with schizophrenia
- \* Separation from parents
- \* Disruptive or withdrawn behavior
- \* Poor muscle coordination
- \* Poor attention span
- \* Poor peer relationships/solo play
- \* Emotional unpredictability

Typical onset—teens or early 20s

## Personality disorders (#16)

Cluster A (eccentric)

Paranoid personality disorder

Schizoid personality disorder—odd, withdrawn behavior

Schizotypal personality disorder—with some schizophrenic-like symptoms

Cluster B (dramatic)

Antisocial personality disorder—lack of remorse, empathy (mirror neurons); typical onset about 8 yrs.

Borderline personality disorder—on the borderline of psychosis

Histrionic personality disorder—dramatic personality

Narcissistic personality disorder—extreme self-absorption

Cluster C (anxious)

Avoidant personality disorder—stays away from others

Dependent personality disorder

Obsessive-compulsive personality disorder

# Somatoform disorders (#8)

Somatization disorder—body problem caused by psychological problem (ex. ulcers)

Conversion disorder—psychological problem converted to non-biological physical problem (ex. paralysis in "Heidi")

Hypochondriasis

# **THERAPIES**

# **Psychoanalysis**

Based on Freudian ideas

Repressed ideas must be accessed

Insight is the goal

Methods

Free association

Resistance

Dream analysis

Latent content most important

Transference

Duration

Years

Psychodynamic therapy—same foundation, less intense

### Humanistic

Focus: boost self-actualization (Maslow)
Become more self-accepting

Method:

Client-centered therapy

- active listening (no judgment) Reflect feelings of client
- non-directive

Therapist: genuineness, unconditional positive regard, empathy

Goal: promote personal growth, personal responsibility

### **Behavioristic**

Classical conditioning applications:

- Counterconditioning—replace previous fear response with new relaxation response
  - Exposure therapy (Mary Cover Jones) Gradual exposure to feared object
  - Systematic desensitization (Wolpe) Anxiety hierarchy, then relaxation
  - Virtual reality exposure therapy
  - Implosion therapy Includes flooding
- Aversive conditioning (substitute neg. response for unwanted behavior)

Operant conditioning applications:

- punishment (bed-wetting buzzers)
- behavior modification
  - \* token economy

# Cognitive therapy

Aaron Beck (cognitive triad)

Albert Ellis (RET)

Stress inoculation training (change in thinking patterns to stress)

Cognitive-behavioral therapy

# Group/family therapy

Saves time/money

Humanistic foundation

Often as effective as individual therapy

### **Effectiveness**

People report that therapy is effective

- \* But regression toward the mean?
- \* Selective recall
- \* Eysenck's research: 2/3 improved with or without therapy

Depression: cognitive, interpersonal, behavior

Anxiety: cognitive, exposure, behavioral

Bulimia: cognitive-behavioral therapy

Other unusual treatments:

EMDR—For trauma victims

Light exposure therapy—for SAD

# **Biomedical therapy**

1950's—deinstitutionalization

Antipsychotic medications (D2 antagonists):

Chlorpromazine (Thorazine) - pos. symptoms Clozapine (Clozaril) - negative symptoms

\* Problem: tardive dyskinesia

Atypical antipsychotics (D2 & serotonin antagonists) - fewer side effects

Antianxiety meds: Xanax, Valium, Ativan (GABA agonists)

Antidepressants: also for OCD, anxiety SSRI's—Prozac, Zoloft, Paxil, etc.

Mood stabilizers

Lithium—bipolar

Depakote—bipolar (originally for seizures)

Brain stimulation

ECT (electroconvulsive therapy)

rTMS (magnetic stimulation)

Surgery: Lobotomy (Moniz)

# **Attribution theory**

Internal vs. external attributions

- \* Fundamental attribution error
- \* Actor-observer bias
- \* Self-serving bias

# Attitude change

Cognitive/affective components of attitudes (attitude vs. opinion)

Action affecting attitudes

- \* Foot-in-the-door
- \* Door-in-the-face

Persuasion

- \* Central route to persuasion
- \* Peripheral route to persuasion

Role playing (Zimbardo prison study) Cognitive dissonance (Festinger)

# **Group influence**

Conformity (Asch study)

- \* chameleon effect
- \* mood linkage (mimicry)

Normative social influence vs. Informational social influence

Obedience (Milgram's study)

# **SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY**

# **Group behavior**

Social facilitation vs. social inhibition

\* related to Yerkes-Dodson Law

Social loafing

Deindividuation

\* loss of identity, others don't know who you are

Group polarization

\* movement to more extreme positions

Groupthink (Janus)

\* influenced by desire for harmony

Minority influence

\* self-confidence, determination key

Prejudice (attitude) — leads to discrimination (behavior)

- \* Social roots: social inequality, blame-thevictim, in-group vs. out-group leading to in-group bias
- \* Emotional roots: Fear, anger (leads to scapegoating)
- \* Cognitive roots: Categorization, availability heuristic, just-world phenomenon
- \* Jane Eliot study—children and stereotyping self-fulfilling prophecies

# **Aggression and conflict**

Biology: genetics, amygdala, decreased frontal lobe activity, testosterone levels

Psychology

- \* Frustration-aggression principle
- \* Modeling (observational learning)
- \* Social scripts (mental tapes on how to act)
- \* Video games?
- \* Catharsis hypothesis (builds more anger)

#### Conflict

- \* Social traps
  - pursue self-interest, everyone loses
- \* Enemy perceptions
  - mirror-image perceptions

### Attraction and altruism

Passionate love (two-factor theory)

- vs. companionate love (key is equity, self-disclosure)
- \* Physical attractiveness key
- \* Similarity
- \* Proximity (mere exposure effect)

Altruism

Bystander affect

- \* diffusion of responsibility
- \* pluralistic ignorance
- \* Explained by social exchange theory
  - \* Reciprocity norm
  - \* Social responsibility norm

Peacemaking, GRIT

\*Superordinate goals