

- The cognitive approach emphasizes mental processes such as perception, memory, and problem-solving, marking a shift away from strict behaviorism.

3. Modern Perspectives and Approaches:

- **Biopsychology:** Examines the biological bases of behavior, including the nervous system, genetics, and brain structure and function.
- **Cognitive Psychology:** Studies mental processes such as perception, memory, language, and problem-solving.
- **Developmental Psychology:** Investigates how individuals grow, change, and develop across the lifespan.
- **Social Psychology:** Focuses on how individuals think, feel, and behave in social situations, exploring topics such as conformity, prejudice, and interpersonal relationships.
- **Clinical Psychology:** Deals with the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of mental disorders, as well as promoting mental health and well-being.

4. Methodological Approaches:

- **Experimental Method:** Involves manipulating variables to observe their effects on behavior or mental processes.
- **Correlational Method:** Examines the relationship between variables without manipulation, assessing the degree of association between them.
- **Descriptive Method:** Involves observing and describing behavior or mental processes without manipulation.
- **Ethical Considerations:** Researchers must adhere to ethical guidelines, including obtaining informed consent, ensuring confidentiality, and debriefing participants.

5. Current Research and Applications:

- **Interdisciplinary Nature:** Psychology intersects with various other fields, including neuroscience, sociology, anthropology, and economics.
- **Applied Psychology:** The principles and findings of psychology are applied to real-world issues and challenges, such as improving education, enhancing workplace productivity, and promoting mental health.

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2. HISTORY OF PSYCHOLOGY

1. Ancient Philosophical Roots:

- **Greek Philosophers:**
 - **Plato and Aristotle:** Explored topics related to the mind, behavior, and emotions, laying the groundwork for later psychological inquiry.
 - **Plato:** Emphasized the importance of reason and intellect in understanding human behavior.
 - **Aristotle:** Studied the relationship between body and mind, proposing that the soul is not separable from the body.
- **Roman and Medieval Influence:**
 - Psychological concepts were further developed during the Roman and medieval periods, with scholars such as Augustine and Aquinas discussing the nature of the mind and soul.

2. Early Experimental Psychology:

- **Wilhelm Wundt (1832-1920):**
 - Established the first psychology laboratory in Leipzig, Germany, in 1879, marking the formal beginning of psychology as a scientific discipline.
 - Wundt's approach, known as **structuralism**, focused on analyzing the basic elements of consciousness through introspection.
- **Edward Titchener (1867-1927):**
 - A student of Wundt, Titchener further developed the ideas of structuralism, emphasizing the systematic study of conscious experience.
 - Structuralism aimed to identify and categorize the fundamental components of mental processes.

3. Functionalism and the Rise of Applied Psychology:

- **William James (1842-1910):**
 - Considered the father of American psychology, James proposed the functionalist approach, which emphasized the adaptive functions of behavior and mental processes.
 - Functionalism focused on understanding how mental processes serve to help individuals adapt to their environment.
- **Applied Psychology Emerges:**
 - During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, psychologists began to apply psychological principles to real-world problems, leading to the emergence of applied psychology fields such as educational psychology, industrial-organizational psychology, and clinical psychology.

4. Psychoanalysis and Behaviorism:

- Classical conditioning is a form of associative learning in which a neutral stimulus comes to elicit a response after being paired with a stimulus that naturally elicits that response.
- **Key Concepts:**
 - Unconditioned stimulus (UCS), unconditioned response (UCR), conditioned stimulus (CS), conditioned response (CR).
- **Examples:**
 - Pavlov's famous experiments with dogs demonstrated classical conditioning, in which the sound of a bell (CS) became associated with the presentation of food (UCS), leading to the dogs salivating (CR) in response to the bell alone.

3. Operant Conditioning:

- **Overview:**
 - Operant conditioning is a form of learning in which behavior is strengthened or weakened by the consequences that follow it.
- **Key Concepts:**
 - Reinforcement (increases the likelihood of a behavior), punishment (decreases the likelihood of a behavior), positive (addition of a stimulus) vs negative (removal of a stimulus) reinforcement/punishment.

- **Examples:**

- Skinner's experiments with rats and pigeons demonstrated operant conditioning, in which behaviors such as pressing a lever were reinforced with food rewards or punished with electric shocks.

4. Observational Learning:

- **Overview:**
 - Observational learning, also known as social learning or modeling, involves acquiring new behaviors or information by observing and imitating others.
- **Key Concepts:**
 - Modeling, vicarious reinforcement, vicarious punishment.
- **Examples:**

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