

Instrumental or Operant Conditioning

The Traditions of Thorndike and Skinner

- Methodological considerations

The Initial Learning of an Instrumental or Operant Response

- Learning where and what to run for

- Constructing new responses from familiar components

- Shaping new responses

The Importance of Immediate Reinforcement

Associative Mechanisms in Instrumental Conditioning

- The R-O association

- The S-O association

- The S(R-O) association

Implications for Biological Constraints on Instrumental Conditioning

Implications for Neural Mechanisms of Instrumental Conditioning