

Chapter 7

1. What are the differences between the discrete-trial and free-operant methods?
2. Why is response variability critical to the shaping of new responses?
3. Why is a delay in reinforcement detrimental to instrumental conditioning? How can a delay in reinforcement be “bridged”?
4. What types of associations may be formed in instrumental conditioning? Which of these was the basis for Thorndike’s Law of Effect?
5. What are the implications of the associative structure of instrumental conditioning for the neurobiology of instrumental learning?