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INTRODUCTION

This annotated bibliography is a by-product of a project aimed at the development of a classification system for educational objectives, psychomotor domain.

In reviewing related literature, Mrs. Griggs and Mrs. Carlson, research assistants on the project, became aware of a number of references that they believed would prove helpful to those concerned with the development of physical abilities and skills. It was their desire to share these references with others so concerned which prompted development of this publication.

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In the words of the author, this book has "a dual purpose, first, to review and examine the trend of psychological thinking about perception and, second, to tell the reader something about the solution I have found for my own problem and the possible relation of that solution to the problems which perceptual experiment and theory must solve." Two chapters are devoted to sensory and motor factors in perception.


The purpose of this study was to investigate task specificity versus generality in the learning of two motor skills involving balance. The initial and final skill, and amount of learning, were studied on two 10-trial large muscle motor learning tasks. Three hundred and twenty males and females were tested.


This experiment investigates the transfer effects of varying amounts of verbal training upon the subsequent learning of a motor task. A discrimination learning problem in which the subject learned to press the appropriate one of four switches upon the appearance of a red or green light was the motor task used in this experiment.


The role of awareness both as an object of study and as a factor in the activities of those who study it is emphasized rather than the retention of mentalistic concepts and usages. Criticism of commonly used definitions of the terminology used in psychology are provided in the hope of clarifying verbal communication about human behavior.

A collection of important papers is arranged in a sequence which the author hopes will present an understanding of "why things look as they do."


This book "is an inventory of knowledge: the present state of scientific knowledge about human behavior." There are 1,045 findings which are supported by summaries of extensive research by scholars in the fields of anthropology, psychology, sociology, and related fields. The authors dedicated a chapter to perceiving.


A battery of dexterity tests and vision tests were given to identify a tweezer dexterity factor and to determine the relationship between fine dexterities and visual skills. From the centroid method of analysis three of the five hypothesized factors were identified: manual dexterity, visual sensitivity, visual feedback. The tweezer dexterity and finger dexterity factors failed to appear.


Fundamental contributions from current publications in the area of child development have been incorporated in this edition of *Child Development*. Practical application of theory has resulted in an eclectic point of view. Parts of the book are devoted to perception and motor control.


Stress is focused upon the child who is being taught. Reading, writing, arithmetic, and science must be made meaningful to him. Motor skill is emphasized at different age levels.

The purpose of this study was "to compare the performance and learning rates of a fine motor task and of a gross motor task, while holding constant the sensory cues and the maze patterns utilized." The subjects, 60 male university students, were given the task of learning to travel two irregularly patterned mazes using tactual kinesthetic cues.


The author's purpose is to provide physical educators and others who are concerned with motor activity a clearer understanding of human movement and skill learning. Its focus is upon voluntary, observable movement and the factors which underlie individual performance and learning differences.


The investigator compared the large-pattern learning proficiencies of four groups of subjects to determine the influence of prior small pattern practice. The tasks were mazes containing irregular patterns and no blind alleys and were learned blindfolded. Traversal time was the learning criterion.


A brief account is given of motor development in early childhood and the value of proper motor development for further skill learning by the child. Implications for the teacher are given concerning how he should guide the learner in development of skill in any area. Three possible stages for learning motor skills are listed beginning with the initial spurt to the practice plateau to competence in that skill.

A selection of readings which begins with an explanation of what learning is, and moves quickly to a presentation of the (1) importance of general background in learning, (2) principles and conditions of learning, (3) various theories of learning, and (4) developmental aspects of learning. Excerpts are included from authorities in motor learning. One chapter devoted to the subject is of particular interest.


Topics which would be covered in a one-semester laboratory course in perception are incorporated in this book. Of particular interest to those who are studying motor learning are chapters 5-8 which include: Organization of Visual Perception, Influence of Context, Effects of Learning on Perception, and Set and Perception.


"A tentative general theory of the meaning of human movement--kinesthesia as a somatic-sensory experience which can be conceptualized by the human mind was developed within the context of the basic assumptions of the philosophy of symbolic transformation as they relate to the nature of the process which enables human beings to find meaning in their sensory perceptions." The authors also identified the essential elements common to all forms of human movement. A vocabulary was developed to these elements. The relationships among these elements were analyzed in relation to the process of human thought by using this vocabulary.


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Gross motor skills may be retained to a high degree by all levels of skill ability after long periods of no practice; also, relearning to previous levels of proficiency can be rapid. It appears that initial performance in gross motor skills is a valuable index to future performance.


The changes of psychology are presented by the author in order to enable one to understand their actions and how to control the behavior of others.


An investigation of the effects of mild anoxia on three simple psychomotor and mental skills was conducted. The skills studied were finger dexterity, arm-hand coordination and simple addition. Two hundred and forty-four Army Air Corps Cadets served as subjects.


This study was designed to test the hypothesis that externally induced tension will facilitate performance on a relatively easy motor skill but it will impair performance on a more difficult motor skill. It was also designed to test the further hypothesis, based on the Hullian theory, that the learning per se will not be influenced by tension.

Correlational analysis of individual differences in sensory-motor coordinations has indicated the existence of areas in which tests are moderately related. Grouping of tests shows that the boundaries of the groups usually cut across those of (1) specific musculature and (2) specific sense-fields. Also, the grouping of tests shows that the group-boundaries mark off every similar pattern of movement.


Three types of learning theories are presented, which are as follows: (1) changes which are supposed to take place in the nervous system when an organism learns, (2) references to "mental" events, as in saying that an organism learns to behave in a certain way because it "finds something pleasant" or because it "expects something to happen, and (3) explanatory events are not directly observed.


This book can be divided into two basic sections: the historical development of the science of motion and perception, and concepts of neurogeometric theory, based on experimental evidence as cited. In working out the author's theory, they try to determine the nature of perceptual motor integration.


The purpose of this study was to compare the effects of visual, motor, mental, and guided practice upon the speed and accuracy of the performance of a simple eye-hand coordination task. The subjects were six different groups of ten male university students. Five groups received different types of practice between the tests and one group acted as a control.

Report of a study made to determine the relative effects of emphasizing speed, accuracy, or speed and accuracy equally, upon the learning and performance of a motor skill involving both speed and accuracy.


The cognition, S-S, and the stimulus-response, S-R theorists are compared and contrasted in respect to their interpretations of learning.


Stetson classifies movements into two groups: fixation, slow movements and fast movements. He feels that the purpose of many skilled movements occurs at the end of the stroke; therefore, he has developed a three-fold classification system of the termination of skilled movements. These are: the moving member swings loose about the joint and movement is terminated by ligaments and passive muscles; the moving member is arrested by the antagonistic muscle group; the moving member is arrested by an obstacle, a "block."


Straus begins by pointing out the dependence of modern psychology on Cartesian philosophy. The doctrine of conditioned reflexes is given careful critique. A discussion is presented on stimuli, signs, and signals. Sensing and movement are considered historiologically in very detailed account.


The wholeness of behavior both biological and sociocultural are emphasized in the first part of the book. In the latter part of the book, the following chapters are of particular interest: The Role of Biological Factors in Behavior and Attending and Perceiving.

Many questions concerning eye movements in reading are answered in this issue of American Educational Research Association. Some areas explored are: oculomotor activity, stopping vs. movement in reading, and the question as to whether the eye can be trained to move in a specific direction and speed.


A report of an experiment designed to examine the statistical significance of the difference in the learning of a motor skill through mental practice as differentiated from physical practice.


The author concludes that at beginning levels of learning, motor learning in gross motor activities is probably more dependent upon inherent physical makeup, strength, speed, and past experiences than upon intelligence and analytical reasoning.


Skills of the ageing and impairment of skill efficiency are of major concern to Welford. He lists basic characteristics of skill and gives a thorough outline of the processes including the receptor-effector aspect, the learned aspect and the serial nature of skill. Six ways to identify a breakdown or partial impairment of the efficiency of any stage are presented.


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Gross motor skills may be retained to a high degree by all levels of skill ability after long periods of no practice; also, relearning to previous levels of proficiency can be rapid. It appears that initial performance in gross motor skills is a valuable index to future performance.


The changes of psychology are presented by the author in order to enable one to understand their actions and how to control the behavior of others.


An investigation of the effects of mild anoxia on three simple psychomotor and mental skills was conducted. The skills studied were finger dexterity, arm-hand coordination and simple addition. Two hundred and forty-four Army Air Corps Cadets served as subjects.


This study was designed to test the hypothesis that externally induced tension will facilitate performance on a relatively easy motor skill but it will impair performance on a more difficult motor skill. It was also designed to test the further hypothesis, based on the Hullian theory, that the learning per se will not be influenced by tension.

Correlational analysis of individual differences in sensory-motor coordinations has indicated the existence of areas in which tests are moderately related. Grouping of tests shows that the boundaries of the groups usually cut across those of (1) specific musculature and (2) specific sense-fields. Also, the grouping of tests shows that the group-boundaries mark off every similar pattern of movement.


Three types of learning theories are presented, which are as follows: (1) changes which are supposed to take place in the nervous system when an organism learns, (2) references to "mental" events, as in saying that an organism learns to behave in a certain way because it "finds something pleasant" or because it "expects something to happen, and (3) explanatory events are not directly observed.


This book can be divided into two basic sections: the historical development of the science of motion and perception, and concepts of neurogeometric theory, based on experimental evidence as cited. In working out the author's theory, they try to determine the nature of perceptual motor integration.


The purpose of this study was to compare the effects of visual, motor, mental, and guided practice upon the speed and accuracy of the performance of a simple eye-hand coordination task. The subjects were six different groups of ten male university students. Five groups received different types of practice between the tests and one group acted as a control.

Report of a study made to determine the relative effects of emphasizing speed, accuracy, or speed and accuracy equally, upon the learning and performance of a motor skill involving both speed and accuracy.


The cognition, S-S, and the stimulus-response, S-R theorists are compared and contrasted in respect to their interpretations of learning.


Stetson classifies movements into two groups: fixation, slow movements and fast movements. He feels that the purpose of many skilled movements occurs at the end of the stroke; therefore, he has developed a three-fold classification system of the termination of skilled movements. These are: the moving member swings loose about the joint and movement is terminated by ligaments and passive muscles; the moving member is arrested by the antagonistic muscle group; the moving member is arrested by an obstacle, a "block."


Straus begins by pointing out the dependence of modern psychology on Cartesian philosophy. The doctrine of conditioned reflexes is given careful critique. A discussion is presented on stimuli, signs, and signals. Sensing and movement are considered historiologically in very detailed account.


The wholeness of behavior both biological and sociocultural are emphasized in the first part of the book. In the latter part of the book, the following chapters are of particular interest: The Role of Biological Factors in Behavior and Attending and Perceiving.

Many questions concerning eye movements in reading are answered in this issue of American Educational Research Association. Some areas explored are: oculomotor activity, stopping vs. movement in reading, and the question as to whether the eye can be trained to move in a specific direction and speed.


A report of an experiment designed to examine the statistical significance of the difference in the learning of a motor skill through mental practice as differentiated from physical practice.


The author concludes that at beginning levels of learning, motor learning in gross motor activities is probably more dependent upon inherent physical makeup, strength, speed, and past experiences than upon intelligence and analytical reasoning.


Skills of the ageing and impairment of skill efficiency are of major concern to Welford. He lists basic characteristics of skill and gives a thorough outline of the processes including the receptor-effector aspect, the learned aspect and the serial nature of skill. Six ways to identify a breakdown or partial impairment of the efficiency of any stage are presented.


There are detailed discussions on such ideas as preparatory set, the theories of motivation, perception and learning. The author tended to concentrate on motivation, perception, and learning.

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