

Lesson 23: Three Different Types of Extension (OA)



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New Situations



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A new situation may have varying degrees of resemblance to an old situation; therefore, the degree of resemblance may be the result of having either many relevant or irrelevant features in common with a previous situation.

Relevant Stimulus Feature	Irrelevant Stimulus Feature
A property of an object or event that must be present before a response is reinforced	A property of an object or event upon whose presence reinforcement is not contingent

Types of Extension



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This fact allows for three general categories of extension based upon the degree to which a novel stimulus shares relevant or irrelevant features with a stimulus which has already gained some measure of control over a particular verbal response. Skinner restricted almost his entire treatment of extension to the tact relationship, and that is perhaps the relationship whose extensions are most interesting. Indeed, the names of the categories are based upon tact extensions. Extension of the mand is treated separately because the mand is somewhat free from stimulus control.

- 1 Generic extension
- 2 Metaphorical extension
- 3 Metonymical extension

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**Irrelevant Stimulus
Feature**

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Review



There are three general categories related to the **extension of verbal behavior**: generic extension, metaphorical extension, and metonymical extension.



These categories are based upon the degree to which a novel stimulus **shares relevant or irrelevant features** with a stimulus which has already gained some measure of control over a particular verbal response.

End of Lesson