

Chapter 4 Conceptual Work Sheets for Punishment (Positive Punishment)

Whenever a punishment contingency is in effect, there is also a concurrent reinforcement contingency which is maintaining that undesired behavior. This homework assignment will make this clear to you. In analyzing a particular behavior for a punishment contingency, you will see either that same behavior or a behavior from the same response class in analyzing the concurrent reinforcement contingency.

Traditional vs. Principles of Behavior (POB)

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Contingency Table with POB Terms

	Present	Absent
Reinforcer		
Aversive Stimulus		

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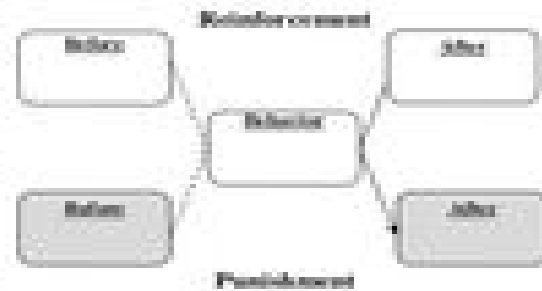
Contingency Table with Traditional Terms

	Present	Absent
Reinforcer		
Aversive Stimulus		

In the Skinner Box

The rat has not had water for 24 hours. Each time it presses the lever it immediately gets a drop of water. It also immediately gets a brief electric shock. Please put this example in the following two contingency diagrams.

1. First analyze the reinforcement contingency. (For now, do not fill in the shaded area of the diagram.) (2)



Use the Contingency Diagramming Kit (and its guide) to make sure your diagram is correct.

4. Is a reinforcer presented in the after condition?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
5. What is the traditional term for reinforcer?
 - A. Reinforcer
 - B. Positive Reinforcer
6. What kind of contingency did you diagram?
 - A. Reinforcement
 - B. Punishment
7. Now diagram the reinforcement and punishment contingency (2).

