

*A theory proposed by the US psychologist Harry Helson () in an article in the American Journal of Psychology in , according to which the adaptation level is determined for a class of stimuli by members of the class already sampled or attended to, by stimuli having a background or.*

Venkatesan in the design and running of the experiments and Roy Ageloff in the programming for data analysis is gratefully acknowledged. But how this information is processed by the buyer, or under what conditions the price cue is determinant of the purchase decision is not known. More important is the implied assumption of most of the germane research that the price cue is uni-dimensional. That is, the only price information processed by the buyer is the dollar quotation. These forces are not random, and the pooled effect of three classes of cues, focal, contextual, and organic, determines the adjustment or adaptation level AL underlying behavior. Focal cues are the stimuli the individual is directly responding to, i. And contextual or background cues are all other stimuli in the behavioral situation providing the context within which the focal cues are operative. This adaptation process results in behavioral responses that are commonly expressed along a continuum ranging from rejection to acceptance with a neutral zone or point of indifference in the transitional region s between rejection and acceptance. Perceptual judgment of a stimulus depends on the relationship between the physical value of that stimulus and the physical value of the current AL. It has been found that when stimuli outside the normal range are introduced AL shifts in the direction of the extreme values [Parducci, ]. In addition, the original stimuli tend to be rejudged as smaller, lighter, or shorter than they had been before the extension of the stimulus range by larger, heavier, or longer stimuli [Parducci, ]. And, an extension of the stimulus range produces a greater shift in judgment than does a restriction of the range [Parducci, ]. Each stimulus, whether singled out for judgment or merely presented as background pulls the AL toward its own value [Engel ar. Finally, judgments are made as though the judged stimulus was being compared with the whole series of stimuli [Parducci and Hohle, ]. Although the hypothesis of price serving as an adaptation level for price judgments has not been previously tested, evidence reviewed in Monroe [] supports the plausibility of this hypothesis. Essentially, previous price research has documented the existence of reference prices that affect price judgments, but these findings have been ancillary to the objectives of the reported research. Experimental evidence of the applicability of adaptation-level theory to price perception was generated by Doob, et al. They performed five field experiments where a new brand was introduced at a "low introductory" price in one set of stores, while in a matched set of stores the brand was introduced at the normal selling price. After a short period of time the low introductory price was raised to the normal selling price and sales were monitored in both sets of stores during the entire experimental period. The hypothesis derived from cognitive dissonance theory was that initially the low introductory price would produce more sales than the control condition, but that after the low price has been raised to the normal selling price sales would become higher for the control condition. The results of these experiments are summarized in Table 1. In all experiments the direction of the hypothesis was substantiated, and in three of the product tests the hypothesis was significantly substantiated. In a combined test of the hypothesis over all products the results were significant in favor of the hypothesis p. Although one might hastily conclude that the sales results in the experimental conditions simply reflect a downward-sloping demand curve, the time series pattern of sales in the experiment belies such a simple explanation. While the control sales curves exhibit a generally monotonic growth in sales, the experimental sales curves drop and remain below the control sales curves after the price is changed. In fact, for the products and prices studied, aggregate sales volume was greater for the high-price condition. The behavioral phenomena in the Doob study can be explained by dissonance as well as by adaptation-level theory: Briefly, subjects rated prices for eight products on a seven-point, absolute judgment rating scale. Each subject rated 14 prices for each product and judged relative expensiveness by indicating the degree the price was perceived to be a high or low price. Each product was judged by four groups of subjects separated into two sets of prices: Within each price set, one group of subjects was serially presented with prices ranging from the lowest price for that set to the highest price; the second group of subjects was serially

presented with the prices ordered from the highest to the lowest price. Thus, for each product there were four price treatments: Details of the experiment are summarized in Table 2. To the degree that the judged stimulus is greater than the current AL the stimulus is judged "high" or higher than the standard to which it is being compared. The theory defines AL as the physical value of the stimulus which would be judged neutral or equivalent to the standard. AL theory suggests that stimuli are ordered judged as members of a set of stimuli, and these judgments reflect the adaptation made by an individual to the set of stimuli. That is, the pooled effects of present and past stimulation establish a subjective standard with respect to which comparative judgments are made. Thus, all judgments are relative to the level of adaptation that has been established under a given set of conditions. Adaptation-level theory yields the hypothesis that if a series of stimuli are presented for judgment in order of increasing magnitude, the stimuli in the series will tend to produce higher categories of judgment than if the series were presented in order of decreasing magnitude. This prediction results from the fact that for any stimulus value in the ascending series the mean of all the preceding stimuli is lower than the mean of the stimuli which would have preceded it if the series had been presented in descending order. Essentially, the subject compares each stimulus with the other stimuli he has seen. Because each successive stimulus is larger than the others he has seen when the order is ascending, he judges it with a "higher" category than he would use if it were smaller than the others. The above outlined theory provides the testable hypothesis: This hypothesis suggests that if subjects are initially exposed to relatively high or low prices for a given product, their frame of reference, or AL, is pulled toward the high or low price stimuli. This AL then serves to anchor subsequent judgments for other prices. Once the high AL has been established, then prices lower than the original anchoring prices will actually be perceived as "cheaper" or "less expensive" than in a low anchor context. On the other hand, once a low AT has been established, then prices higher than the original anchoring prices will be perceived as "more expensive than a high anchor context. RESULTS Determining the Stimulus-Response Function Since the adaptation level only fixes a point or region on the stimulus continuum, prediction of all responses must be made using a stimulus-response function covering the whole continuum. The shape of this stimulus-response function depends on the stimuli being judged, the experimental task, the psychophysical method, the method of analyzing the data, as well as the adaptation level. To determine the psychophysical function for the data generated a function derived by Helson [ ] was used. The function assumes that  $X_i$  is a stimulus value from a continuum of a measurable attribute, price, and that  $A$  is the value of adaptation level under the given conditions of stimulation. It is also assumed that a finite number of stimuli elicits judgments that are representative of the continuum [Helson, , p. In addition, the following specific assumptions provided the foundation for deriving the function [Helson, , p. JND refers to the psychophysical concept of just noticeable difference. From these assumptions the desired psychophysical function reflected in the judgment of the stimulus as derived by Helson [ ] is: These conditions can be satisfied by transforming equation 1 into linear form [Helson, , p. Typical curves derived by this method are shown in Figures 1 and 2. As the figures indicate, the curves are negatively accelerated and not symmetric.

## 2: The Set-point Theory of Happiness

*The Adaptation level theory presents a hypothetical concept Adaption level theory, also known as AL Theory is a Psychological concept which explains that the basis of an individual's judgment on a stimulus depending on past experiences and recollections of the encounters they have had with similar stimuli in the past.*

This is expressed in the idea of temperament, mood and emotion , where our natural temperament is stable, with slowly moving moods and momentary changes in experienced emotions. Discussion Set Point theory is supported by research such as Brickman et al. It has also been supported and explained using the Big Five model Costa and McCrea, where extraversion and neuroticism have been linked to subjective well-being by the notion that people who score higher on these scales will be more positive extraversion or less positive neuroticism about things. A question that this theory brings up is whether it is possible to get any happier, or whether we are just stuck with the happiness we have been dealt and that some people will always be more naturally cheerful than others. It seems a rather fatalistic position to take. Several governments have been looking at Subjective Well-Being as a measure of success, with the idea that good laws and policies will increase SWB. But if happiness is fixed at a set point, then this will not be the case. Perhaps it would be better just to test perception of how well-run the country is, although this may be too close to the mark for some politicians. The same question applies for the many therapists and others who make a living out of helping others towards a happier life. If our general temperament can be shifted by environmental and cognitive factors then maybe governments and therapists do have a chance after all. Set Point theory is valid in other areas, not just happiness. This includes body weight, where it seems we each have a natural weight, including the level of fat we would normally carry. As with happiness, this provides a concerning challenge to the industry that offers ways to diet and lose weight. Set Point theory is also known as or related to the hedonic treadmill, hedonic adaptation, adaptation level AL theory, personality theory, dynamic equilibrium theory, multiple discrepancies theory and homeostatic theory. When seeking to increase overall happiness of yourself and others, do not expect to make big changes. It is possible that people can become depressed by circumstances, apparently depressing their normal SWB level. A good approach if this is true is to seek and remove the causes of depression. Lottery winners and accident victims: *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 36, 8 , Happiness is a stochastic phenomenon. *Psychological Science*, 7,

## 3: Adaptation-level theory - Oxford Reference

*Psychology. Helson's adaptation level theory deals with the psychology of human responses to focal, contextual and organic stimulus. The theory focuses and quantifies the way humans adapt to their environment, given the myriad of responses that human diversity provides.*

This is an open-access article distributed under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial License , which permits non-commercial use, distribution, and reproduction in other forums, provided the original authors and source are credited. This article has been cited by other articles in PMC. Abstract Models of tinnitus suggest roles for auditory, attention, and emotional networks in tinnitus perception. This theory attempts to describe how tinnitus audibility or detectability might change with experience and context. The basis of ALT and potential role of auditory scene analysis in tinnitus perception are discussed. The proposed psychoacoustic model lends itself to incorporation into existing neurophysiological models of tinnitus perception. It is hoped that the ALT hypothesis will allow for greater empirical investigation of factors influencing tinnitus perception, such as attention and tinnitus sound therapies. After a peripheral lesion, the pattern of sensory input to the auditory cortex changes Martin, ; Searchfield et al. Brain networks with elements not classically considered part of the auditory system then contribute to, or drive, the awareness and severity of tinnitus Zenner et al. The severity of tinnitus is likely to be determined by a multi-layered process that involves auditory, attention, and emotional networks Jastreboff, ; Kaltenbach, ; Zenner et al. The majority of studies investigating tinnitus processing have approached it from a neuroanatomical or physiology tradition Roberts et al. An additional approach is to consider tinnitus from a psychoacoustical perspective Penner and Bilger, in which audibility is governed by context, memory, attention, and personality Welch and Dawes, The process that the auditory system uses to identify and differentiate auditory objects has become known as auditory scene analysis ASA; Bregman, Tinnitus audibility is defined here as a stimulus dimension to which many variables contribute to tinnitus being heard. Tinnitus loudness is one, but not the only, contributing factor to its audibility. The multi-dimensional nature of tinnitus is well demonstrated by the incongruence between self-report of tinnitus magnitude and psychoacoustic intensity matches Baskill and Coles, A person who suffers from tinnitus may report it as sounding very loud, but match it to a low-intensity external sound Jakes et al. It is also known that the common report of tinnitus is far more frequent than complaints of tinnitus effects on quality of life Gopinath et al. Such observations are consistent with models of tinnitus distress that identify it not solely as an auditory phenomenon, but a process incorporating emotion and reaction Jastreboff, ; Zenner et al. The pioneering work of Heller and Bergman suggested that spontaneous auditory perceptions occur in a majority of people given an ideal signal detection context. Prolonged auditory deprivation through ear-plug use is associated with an increase in sensitivity to sound possibly through an adaptive plasticity process leading to centrally mediated increase in gain; opposite effects are seen with sound stimulation Formby et al. Such a mechanism may also be responsible for reduced tinnitus complaint with long-term stimulation with low-level sound Norena, Tinnitus loudness, alone, does not determine severity but a multi-dimensional concept of tinnitus audibility, expressed by ALT, may have ramifications for treatments that incorporate sound to reduce audibility or detection of tinnitus. Adaptation Level Theory The complex processing responsible for tinnitus perception Zenner et al. There are a number of overlapping terms to describe change in perception with repeated exposure including acclimatization, adaptation, stimulus failure, fatigue as well as habituation Helson, ; Mazess, ; McBurney and Balaban, The use of the terms are often governed by the training of the author, for example, adaptation is often used in physiology to describe a change, possibly short-term, in the response of sensory systems following stimulation, habituation is a decrease in response after repeated stimulation, sensitization an increase in response with repeated stimulation. In many other fields adaptation is a general term indicating broad effects across all biological and social levels Helson, ; Mazess, , for example, affective adaptation involves psychological processes that reduce responses to emotional events Wilson and Gilbert, Adaptation is a two-way process allowing both an increase or decrease in response Helson, Since all our senses work on the

basis of differences between signals and background, and not on its absolute value, by decreasing the difference between the tinnitus signal and the background neuronal activity it is easier for the central nervous system to filter out or block tinnitus-related activity. Jastreboff, b , p. The basis of ALT is that no stimulus can be understood in isolation Helson, The adaptation level is an anchor or reference point for sensory magnitude and discrimination Helson, ; Coren and Ward, The strength of a stimulus is compared to the central point of reference the adaptation level , sensations below the ALT are less, above greater, the larger the distance between the adaptation level and stimulus the stronger it is Broadbent and Ladefoged, ; Lauterbach, Judgments of tinnitus magnitude are hypothesized to change over time according to situation, attention, and psychological factors. The adaptation level is the combined effects of present and past experience and is the level to which comparisons are made Helson, ; Della Bitta and Monroe, Helson postulated that the adaptation level was a weighted product of three components external and internal: The focal stimuli are those being attended to, the background stimuli are the context, and the residual stimuli are the sum of factors such as past experience i. We suggest that contributions of residuals, focal, and background stimuli need to be considered in judgment of tinnitus, along with the role of attention in emphasizing each elements importance. Helson , p. The weighting coefficients p, q, and r determine the relative contributions to adaptation level. In its application to tinnitus we propose A represents the adaptation level of tinnitus audibility in the environment, X is the focal stimulus tinnitus magnitude, B is background sound e. In the following discussion we suggest how these three components interact to create the tinnitus percept. Focal X and background B stimuli The processes involved in tinnitus perception are likely to be similar to the analysis of complex sounds Zenner et al. Tinnitus may be considered the focal or stimulus of interest, while background noises are competitive stimuli. ASA consists of at least two processes: The process of sound object perception requires memory, attention as well as processing of the auditory signal; many of these processes have recently come into focus for the generation and maintenance of tinnitus Zenner et al. Griffiths and Warren proposed four general principles of object analysis that can also be applied to analysis of tinnitus: Analysis of information from the sensory world. Separation of auditory object tinnitus from sensory world. Extraction and generalization of sensory information within the same dimension audition. Tinnitus is unusual in that its internal representation conflicts with our sensory expectations and ability to generalize to experience. Tinnitus is perceived as a distinct auditory object Principle 1 patients report specific tinnitus sounds and seek to identify their source Feldmann, Past experience may shape object formation. Mismatch between activity and expectations memory of auditory object representation such as multi-sensory interaction to confirm source of sounds, e. The mechanisms underpinning interaction of sound with tinnitus Principle 3 are not well understood. True sounds can cover mask each other by reducing probability of detection, interfere with different identifying features example pitch , or disruption of meaning Kidd et al. There are two general mechanisms of auditory masking. Tinnitus masking is believed to be the result of central processing Penner, as: However, the precise mechanism of tinnitus masking remains uncertain. The central auditory masking effect known as informational masking may, along with other mechanisms such as suppression Jastreboff, b , contribute to reducing tinnitus detectability in sound. In informational masking the signal may be represented, but detection is affected because of competition for limited processing capacity between signal and masker Watson, For example, competing speech makes hearing conversation difficult because of the information it contains, as well as any masking from overlapping spectral characteristics. Informational masking is likely to be influenced by attention and could be considered a weighting factor for tinnitus audibility in our ALT model of tinnitus. The generalization of tinnitus Principle 4 may lead to a conflict between tinnitus and our expectations for an auditory object; this conflict is possibly crucial to explain the annoyance and attention paid to tinnitus Feldmann, ; De Ridder et al. Unlike true sounds tinnitus does not have a source that can be seen, touched or correlated to other sensory input Feldmann, This conflict with the environment and memory of true sound characteristics may trigger adaptive tuning Grossberg et al. The level of sound in the environment affects tinnitus perception Heller and Bergman, this observation is important for understanding the role of ALT in the psychoacoustics of tinnitus. Most psychoacoustic evaluations are undertaken in the very quiet environment of sound treated audiological booths, quite unlike the normal soundscape of the individual with tinnitus. Tinnitus

sufferers will report, and magnitude estimations support, tinnitus as a loud intrusive sound, however, psychoacoustical tinnitus loudness matches are low, rarely greater than 20 dB above threshold Penner, Attempts to explain the difference between the sufferers rating of tinnitus magnitude and loudness match to external sounds have centered on loudness recruitment Penner, Loudness recruitment occurs in the presence of hearing loss and is an elevation in threshold without an increase in loudness discomfort levels; this results in a reduced dynamic range and more rapid growth of loudness Penner, Studies attempting to accommodate for recruitment in tinnitus loudness match have provided mixed results Penner, Henry and Meikle undertook monaural and binaural measures of loudness growth at both reference and tinnitus frequencies. Consequently much of the paradoxical loudness of tinnitus remains unexplained Henry and Meikle, ALT potentially explains some of the paradox, as it has in pain perception research. Pain is often used as a model for tinnitus Moller, Patients with chronic pain have higher thresholds for unpleasantness, and experimental pain stimuli e. According to ALT persons experiencing chronic pain have higher internal anchor points for pain, which lowers the subjective severity of induced experimental pain Rollman, ; Boureau et al. If these findings are applied to tinnitus some of the variability between psychoacoustic loudness matches and magnitude estimations may be explained. The experimental condition and simple addition of a comparison sound can bias the adaptation level. In magnitude estimations tinnitus is usually compared to the quiet environment of the consultation room or research laboratory. Loudness matches using an external matching sound are not compared to the absence of sound, but instead to a new adaptation level which incorporates the test stimulus with the existing reference point of tinnitus. The relationship between the stimulus matching sound and prevailing level tinnitus determines its perceived magnitude and quality. The mere presence of a comparison stimulus alters the adaptation level, creating a new anchor point so that tinnitus is matched to an external matching sound at a level that is lower than anticipated. Memories and past experience may prime tinnitus and sound therapy effects. The detection and maintenance of tinnitus in the sensory and cognitive domains will interact with individual differences in health, coping, acceptance, motivation, and personality to determine magnitude of response Helson, ; Revelle, If tinnitus is seen as being behaviorally important Jastreboff and Hazell, or perceived out of context, conflicting with reality Feldmann, it will take on greater importance relative to other sounds. A loss of control over the environment, such as the uncontrollable experience of sounds that have no auditory source in the environment tinnitus, may lead to learned helplessness including a reduction in coping behaviors Overmier, Welch and Dawes found that, in a population sample of 32 year olds, those who experienced tinnitus were less close to others, less constrained, and more negatively emotional. It was concluded that personality traits biased tinnitus reporting and influenced tinnitus signal detection Welch and Dawes, Weighting factors  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  Increasing evidence points toward the role of attention in tinnitus perception Cuny et al. In ALT, attention has an important role in determining focus and possibly weighting of different components to the adaptation level. Alertness and orientation effects are likely to affect the perception of loudness Stallen, The sound levels in different environments busy office, quiet bedroom, and party can increase or decrease audibility of tinnitus in a manner predicted by ALT. If there is a reduction in background sound levels or a change in focus there will be a greater weighting to tinnitus. In an interesting addition to the classic Heller and Bergman experiment of listening for sound in quiet, Knobel and Sanchez manipulated attention while keeping background sound constant. When simply listening for sounds Interpreting the results in an ALT framework the focus  $X$ , tinnitus and background  $B$ , silence were constant, as were residuals  $R$  for the given individual, but the weighting factors  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$ ; attention and arousal varied. Greater cognitive load reduced tinnitus perception.

## 4: Helson Adaptation Level Theory | Bizfluent

*Adaptation-Level Theory. When Austin's friend threw a box at him and Austin dodged it, they were proving Harry Helson's adaptation-level [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com) believed that when an individual receives a*

Overview[ edit ] Hedonic adaptation is a process or mechanism that reduces the affective impact of emotional events. Generally, hedonic adaptation involves a happiness "set point", whereby humans generally maintain a constant level of happiness throughout their lives, despite events that occur in their environment. Generally, the process involves cognitive changes, such as shifting values, goals, attention and interpretation of a situation. In the case of hedonics, the sensitization or desensitization to circumstances or environment can redirect motivation. This reorientation functions to protect against complacency, but also to accept unchangeable circumstances, and redirect efforts towards more effective goals. Frederick and Lowenstein classify three types of processes in hedonic adaptation: Shifting adaptation levels occurs when a person experiences a shift in what is perceived as a "neutral" stimulus, but maintains sensitivity to stimulus differences. For example, if Sam gets a raise he will initially be happier, and then habituate to the larger salary and return to his happiness set point. But he will still be pleased when he gets a holiday bonus. Desensitization decreases sensitivity in general, which reduces sensitivity to change. Those who have lived in war zones for extended periods of time may become desensitized to the destruction that happens on a daily basis, and be less affected by the occurrence of serious injuries or losses that may once have been shocking and upsetting. Sensitization is an increase of hedonic response from continuous exposure, such as the increased pleasure and selectivity of connoisseurs for wine, or food. Lottery winners and paraplegics were compared to a control group and as predicted, comparison with past experiences and current communities and habituation to new circumstances affected levels of happiness such that after the initial impact of the extremely positive or negative events, happiness levels typically went back to the average levels. Diener and colleagues point to longitudinal and cross-sectional research to argue that happiness set point can change, and lastly that individuals vary in the rate and extent of adaptation they exhibit to change in circumstance. This means that for most people, this baseline is similar to their happiness baseline. Typically, life satisfaction will hover around a set point for the majority of their lives and not change dramatically. However, for about a quarter of the population this set point is not stable, and does indeed move in response to a major life event. Major empirical findings[ edit ] In general there is conflicting evidence on the validity of the hedonic treadmill, if people always return to a baseline level of happiness or if some events have the ability to change this baseline for good. The event in the case of lottery winners had taken place between one month and one and a half years before the study, and in the case of paraplegics between a month and a year. The group of lottery winners reported being similarly happy before and after the event, and expected to have a similar level of happiness in a couple of years. These findings show that having a large monetary gain had no effect on their baseline level of happiness, for both present and expected happiness in the future. They found that the paraplegics reported having a higher level of happiness in the past than the rest due to a nostalgia effect , a lower level of happiness at the time of the study than the rest although still above the middle point of the scale, that is, they reported being more happy than unhappy and, surprisingly, they also expected to have similar levels of happiness than the rest in a couple of years. One must note that the paraplegics did have an initial decrease in life happiness, but the key to their findings is that they expected to eventually return to their baseline in time. Other research suggests that resilience to suffering is partly due to a decreased fear response in the amygdala and increased levels of BDNF in the brain. New genetic research have found that changing a gene could increase intelligence and resilience to depressing and traumatizing events. Recent research reveals certain types of brain training can increase brain size. The hippocampus volume can affect mood, hedonic setpoints, some forms of memory. A smaller hippocampus has been linked to depression and dysthymia. They did not find a return to baseline for marriage or for layoffs in men. This study also illustrated that the amount of adaptation that occurs is largely on an individual basis. Once people were released from prison, they were able to bounce back to their previous level of happiness. Silver found that accident victims were able to return to a happiness set point after

a period of time. For eight weeks, Silver followed accident victims who had sustained severe spinal cord injuries. About a week after their accident, Silver observed that the victims were experiencing much stronger negative emotions than positive ones. The results of this study suggest that regardless of whether the life event is significantly negative or positive, people will almost always return to their happiness baseline. They asked a panel of 3, German residents to rate their current and overall satisfaction with life on a scale of , once a year for seventeen years. They also found that those with a higher mean level of life satisfaction had more stable levels of life satisfaction compared to those with lower levels of satisfaction. Determining when someone is mentally distant from their happiness set point and what events trigger those changes can be extremely helpful in treating conditions such as depression. When a change occurs, clinical psychologists work with patients to recover from the depressive spell and return to their hedonic set point more quickly. Because acts of kindness often promote long-term well-being, one treatment method is to provide patients with different altruistic activities that can help a person raise his or her hedonic set point. Resilience is a "class of phenomena characterized by patterns of positive adaptation in the context of significant adversity or risk," meaning that resilience is largely the ability for one to remain at their hedonic setpoint while going through negative experiences. Psychologists have identified various factors that contribute to a person being resilient, such as positive attachment relationships see Attachment Theory , positive self-perceptions, self-regulatory skills see Emotional self-regulation , ties to prosocial organizations see prosocial behavior , and a positive outlook on life. Their findings suggest that drug usage and addiction lead to neurochemical adaptations whereby a person needs more of that substance to feel the same levels of pleasure. Sosis has argued the "hedonic treadmill" interpretation of twin studies depends on dubious assumptions. The similarities between twins such as intelligence or beauty may invoke similar reactions from the environment. Negative emotions often require more attention and are generally remembered better, overshadowing any positive experiences that may even outnumber negative experiences. And, contradicting set point theory, Headey found no return to homeostasis after sustaining a disability or developing a chronic illness. These disabling events are permanent, and thus according to cognitive model of depression , may contribute to depressive thoughts and increase neuroticism another factor found by Headey to diminish subjective well-being. Disability appears to be the single most important factor affecting human subjective well-being. The impact of disability on subjective well-being is almost twice as large as that of the second strongest factor affecting life satisfaction—the personality trait of neuroticism.

### 5: Adaptation-Level Phenomenon definition | Psychology Glossary | www.enganchecubano.com

*Harry Helson Adaptation Level Theory BIOGRAPHY He died in Berkeley, California, October 13, born on November 9, , in Chelsea, Massachusetts graduate of Bowdoin College, Helson went on to Harvard where he obtained the Ph.D. in experimental psychology. -His career opened as.*

### 6: adaptation-level theory - oi

*adaptation-level theory, and opponent process theory all predict temporal stability of job satisfaction, but each assumes a different set of explanations for that stability.*

### 7: adaptation level theory Psychology

*Adaptation-level theory describes the process by which a person becomes insensitive to the effects of constant stimuli. Description Early research on adaptation focused on sensory stimuli, such as the effects of continual exposure to unchanging visual, auditory, or olfactory stimuli (Helson, ).*

### 8: Hedonic treadmill - Wikipedia

## ADAPTATION-LEVEL THEORY pdf

*In psychology, adaptation-level phenomenon is the human tendency to adapt to stimuli while expecting future stimuli to be the same. The term was coined by author David G. Meyers. Adaptation-level phenomenon is a term used in the study of happiness as discussed in David G. Meyers' book, "The Pursuit.*

### 9: Harry Helson - Wikipedia

*51 Note on Adaptation Level Theory  $\log AL = (2 C \log X_i/n + \log C)/3$  That is, the series stimuli were given twice the weighting of the sub-jects' own weights whilst no additive constant was necessary to.*

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