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On Investigating Human Operant Behavior

In the last three decades or so, there has been a remarkable increase in the volume and extent of research conducted into operant behavior. The increase has taken place on two fronts: (i) basic research, conducted almost entirely with animal subjects, and (ii) research into practical applications of the techniques of operant psychology. Between these, however, there remains an important area of investigation that has received less attention than it should have: the variables that affect human operant behavior have not been analyzed in any degree of detail comparable to the work conducted on animals. It is, of course, possible to hold the view, as many appear to do, that the basic behavior-environment relations observed with animals also occur, in the same way, in humans. The assertion is, however, an empirical one, dependent on empirical evidence; without such evidence it will remain at best an informed guess and at worst, mere dogma. When one turns to the existing human operant literature in search of empirical support for the assertion, one finds that the issue is substantially more complex than it may appear at first. The evidence may be summarized as follows.

When placed in an experimental situation involving simple responses and reinforcement, people produce more varied response patterns than do animals. On a given schedule of reinforcement different individuals may respond differently, and the same individual may respond differently from time to time. These variations are not, however, haphazard. They have two characteristics that are important to note. First, the variations observed on any one schedule fall into a few clearly identifiable classes. For example, on a fixed-interval (FI) schedule an individual may (a) respond at a steady rate throughout each interval, or (b) produce the pause-respond pattern characteristic of animal performance on this schedule, or (c) respond only once in each interval. Second; for a given schedule one of the several different types of response-patterns produced by people is similar to the pattern produced by animals on the same schedule.

This evidence would indicate that the variables affecting human operant behavior are orderly and amenable to experimental study; more so, perhaps, than operant researchers have previously thought. It would also suggest that in our research we should not seek similarities to animal response patterns but, rather, systematic

consistencies within the particular behavioral phenomena that are being investigated.

It is vitally important to avoid, however, a fallacy that may arise at this point; namely, the false conclusion that because human and animal response patterns are different, the variables controlling them have nothing in common.

Statements of uncompromising dichotomy, i.e., saying, in the present context, either that human and animal behavior are fundamentally (sic) the same or that they are entirely different, almost always result in conceptual muddles and confusion of empirical data. I propose the following as a helpful working "hypothesis": **The variables controlling the response patterns of animals also operate on people, but the operant behavior of people is affected by other, additional variables.**

This statement has, I believe, two main implications. First, it encompasses the existing literature, both human and animal. Second, and perhaps especially important, it points to areas of investigation that can only be conducted with human subjects. Both of these assertions need to be supported by examining the existing literature and by pointing in detail to what may be the specifically human variables in question. This brief editorial is not, of course, the place to attempt all that. For the present I offer the above observations in order to emphasize that apparent differences between human and animal response patterns do not pose a critical problem for reinforcement theory, and to invite readers of this Newsletter to consider the possibilities and intellectual promises of investigating those variables that may specifically relate to human behavior.

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RESEARCH NOTE

An Observation on Enhancing the Effectiveness of "Token" Reinforcement in Experimental Settings

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In the experimental analysis of nonhuman behavior, investigators typically use biologically relevant, consumable reinforcers such as food and

water. These reinforcers have several proven advantages: they are effective across many experimental sessions, and they can be delivered in controlled amounts.

In human operant research, however, investigators are rarely able to use biologically relevant, consumable reinforcers because of ethical and health-related considerations. Reinforcement in human operant research, then, consists of the presentation of "token" reinforcers—points, lights or marbles—that are delivered to subjects during the course of an experimental session and later exchanged for backup reinforcers such as small toys or money (cf. Bijou, 1958; Stella & Etzel, 1983). Although the effectiveness of token reinforcement in natural settings is well documented (see, e.g., the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis, 1968-present), the robustness and consistency of the effects of tokens in basic research settings are often hard to demonstrate across time, subjects and settings. The reasons for this are presumably attributable to the complexities of human reinforcement histories, as well as the setting and manner in which tokens are established as conditioned reinforcers (Morris, 1980). In this light, the development of procedures that enhance the effectiveness of token reinforcement would be of benefit to investigators working with human subjects in laboratory settings. Recently, in our research on the development and extinction of complex sequential units of behavior (Larsen, Todd, & Morris, Note 1; Todd, Larsen, & Morris, Note 2), we have come upon such a possible procedure and would like to report them here for consideration of this Newsletter's readers.

Our studies have been closely modelled after those of Vogel and Annau (1973) and Schwartz (1980) with pigeons. Four normal preschool children served as subjects. Their task was to press two response keys at the base of a panel in order to move a light from the bottom right corner to the top left corner of a six-by-six matrix of lights. Presses on the right key moved the light up one space; presses on the left key moved the light left one space. When the light reached the top left corner, the children pressed a third key which delivered a marble and reset the apparatus for another trial; a sixth response on either key reset the apparatus without marble delivery. In short, a marble was delivered for five presses on each key in any order or pattern. Upon completion of each 10 min daily session, the marbles were exchanged for a small toy.

Over 15 to 20 sessions, identifiable and relatively stable response patterns were established for each child. Subjects 1, 2 and 3 responded one to two times per sec while Subject 3 responded at a slightly higher rate, about three responses per sec. Once subjects' response rates stabilized, marble delivery was discontinued for three to four sessions, resulting in a considerable decrease in overall response rate and stability for Subjects 1, 2 and 4 but having little effect on Subject 3. The observation we made that is relevant to our discussion of enhancing token reinforcement occurred when we reintroduced the marbles. The overall response rate of Subjects 1, 2 and 4 increased 50-100% over levels observed in the initial token reinforcement phase. Moreover, variability decreased by about 50%. These subjects responded at approximately four responses per sec for three to four sessions after which their rates and stability decreased to previous levels.

These results are, of course, a by-product of research addressing a different question. However, the quick and reliable increase in response rate and stability for the three subjects is an interesting and potentially useful observation. These increases may have occurred for at least two reasons. First, the initial phase of the experiment, in which marbles were delivered for correct responses, might have established a baseline rate of marble delivery against which a level of "marble deprivation" could be generated. The increase in response rate and stability after extinction might therefore have been the result of an enhanced reinforcing effect after several sessions of "deprivation." The subsequent return to pre-extinction responding might then be due to a type of satiation.

A second possible explanation is in terms of behavioral contrast (Reynolds, 1968a, b). Research in this area has typically found that a decrease in the rate of reinforcement in one component of a two-component multiple schedule is followed by an abrupt increase in response rate in the other, unaltered component (see Williams, 1983, for a review of this literature). The present research produced a decrease in response rates during extinction which was then followed by an increase in response rates above baseline levels when marbles were reintroduced—a possible contrast effect.

Whatever the reason for increased response rates, the effects we observed might be potentially useful in other experiments involving human subjects. If the availability of experimenter time and access to subjects permit the incorporation of

a number of sessions of token reinforcement, deprivation might enhance the effectiveness of token reinforcement. The effects we observed have not been studied in detail nor were the effects the focus of the research; obviously, more research is needed to clarify our results.

In this light, we would be interested in other researchers' observations on this finding as well as views on the problems associated with token reinforcement in general. Even if the effect we observed proves to be an artifact of our procedure, an exchange of views on the most common reinforcement procedure used in human operant research would be useful in itself.

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RESEARCH PROFILES

The following descriptions are provided to inform our readers of the current research of group members. Future issues will describe other research.

DAN BERNSTEIN, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I am observing human subjects who live in a laboratory apartment for periods of up to four weeks. One line of work is assessing the importance of patterns of behavior as a determinant of reinforcement value. Procedures force subjects to change the typical bout length or typical time of day for activities, and contingency procedures provide restoration of the original values upon completion of instrumental performance. As part of this procedure session length will be varied to find the most appropriate baseline period for a limited repertoire of activities. Subjects will have two sets of activities in the laboratory, and each set will be available for part of the day. The percentage of the day available for each set will vary to see the effect on the relative proportion of time devoted to the activities. A second line of work is looking at the effects of marijuana on human performance under schedules of reinforcement. This work is being done in collaboration with Margaret Nellis and Joe Brady. Human subjects live for three weeks in groups of three in a multi-room lab, engaging in hobbies and some work activities. During alternating periods of two days they smoke either active or placebo marijuana cigarettes, while their individual performance is regulated by contingencies arranged between pairs of activities. The patterns of performance for drug and placebo conditions are compared to check for evidence of the "amotivational syndrome" reported in the psychiatric literature. Group contingencies are also

run to check for changes in the effectiveness of social behavior as a reinforcer.

MICHAEL J. DOUGHER & JACK CROSSEN, University of New Mexico. Our current research is concerned with three major issues: (i) the identification of the factors involved in covert or imagery based conditioning and the optimal arrangement of these factors, (ii) the development of an adequate conceptual framework to account for covert conditioning, (iii) the effects of covert conditioning upon human operant behavior, especially paradigms involving preference and choice behaviors. Recently we completed a study using Cautela's operant account of covert conditioning and found it to be untenable. Currently our research is focused upon the development of a respondent conditioning account of covert conditioning wherein the conditioning procedures are seen to alter the reinforcing capacity of conditional stimuli. Specifically, we are determining the effects of covert aversive conditioning on the reinforcing properties of stimuli presented as consequences on concurrent FR schedules.

STEPHEN R. MENICH, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. My current research is concerned mainly with the well-known finding that speed of responding declines with advancing age. Although one hypothesis is that the deficit is due to changes in the central nervous system, the tack being taken in this work is that older adults do not contact contingencies that engender fast responding. The procedure, controlled by a TRS-80 microcomputer, involves matching and delayed matching to sample with visual stimuli presented on a video monitor. The subject's task is to release a telegraph key in response to the matching comparison stimulus for monetary reinforcement. In addition, time limits are placed on responding, and slow responding is not reinforced. Improvements in speeded performances of elderly subjects are substantial and suggest that with remedial procedures, performances may be as competent as those observed in younger adults. A new project entails adjusting the time limit contingency dependent upon a limited sample of behavior. Computer programs have been developed that allow rapid determination of response speeds, and adjustment of time limit contingencies, even on a trial-to-trial basis. These more complex schedules may bring elderly subjects into closer contact with

environments in which emphasis is placed upon speeded responding.

HAROLD L. MILLER, Jr., Brigham Young University. In parallel with similar studies involving rat and pigeon subjects, a series of experiments uses human subjects to address the issue of whether choice in a concurrent operants procedure conforms to the matching principle or to a principle of maximization (optimization). Subjects have access to a keyboard and color terminal and are asked to play a "space wars" game in which they attempt to shoot enemy spaceships. Points are awarded for each "hit," and are subsequently exchanged for money. In actuality, the screen is divided into two sectors and the availability of enemy ships in the two sectors is determined by modified concurrent variable-interval (VI) schedules, with a changeover delay in effect as well.

The modification of the VI schedules lies in their interactive nature. Specifically, the reinforcement frequencies associated with the schedules are adjusted at regular intervals within the experimental session. The precise adjustment is a function of the subject's allocation of responses (or time spent responding) in the previous interval. Thus the schedule is in some sense "dynamic," i.e., present conditions of reinforcement are governed by past behavior.

The specific functions relating response (or time) allocation to reinforcement frequency are themselves varied to provide either sharp or shallow decreases in reinforcement as behavioral allocation varies from a preestablished value. In order to test the primacy of matching versus maximization, this value is set at the indifference point, i.e., at that value where the allocation is equivalent. It is at this point that the overall frequency of reinforcement is maximized.

The tendency of subjects to adhere to the matching principle can be assessed by varying the relative rates of reinforcement associated with the two alternatives while maintaining the maximum overall rate of reinforcement at the indifference point. In these circumstances, deviations from indifference in the direction of relative reinforcement frequency will result in lower overall reinforcement frequency, i.e., there is a cost associated with matching.

In addition to variations in the shapes of the feedback function, the experiments also vary the duration of the interval within the session over which behavior is sampled prior to a new

adjustment of reinforcement frequencies. In this way, the properties of temporal discrimination which figure in behavioral allocation can also be assessed.

DAVID R. SCHMITT, University of Washington. Cooperative, competitive and individual contingencies are viable alternatives for motivating behavior in small groups when the task requires little or no collaboration among participants (i.e., low task means interdependence). Few studies have compared these contingencies under this very common condition, and none has addressed some major issues with which practitioners are often concerned. These are cost effectiveness, longitudinal effects, contingency combinations and group size. The research addresses the first three issues using a simple laboratory task for which motivation and performance appear to be positively related. Performance of pairs of subjects will be investigated under cooperative, competitive, individual and combined individual and competitive contingencies. Subjects will have a choice of tasks: one of the four contingencies and a lower paying alternative. Each of the contingencies will be favored over the alternative task by an identical amount of reward (money). The issue of cost effectiveness will be addressed by ascertaining how much behavior can be obtained from each contingency by this reward difference. The design will include both intra-subject and inter-group comparisons with an emphasis on both the transitional and steady-state effects of the contingencies. Various processes relating to characteristics of the participants, task and group predict that performances in these two states will often be very different.

MURIEL VOGEL-SPROTT, University of Waterloo. This research program investigates the development of behavioral tolerance to low doses of alcohol (.65 gm/Kg) in male social drinkers (19-63 years of age). The procedure entails a drug-free training period to establish a stable baseline level of performance on a psychomotor task, followed by repeated weekly drinking sessions where the same dose is administered and the task is performed. Drug effects are measured by the difference between the drug-free baseline and performance under the drug. The first dose of alcohol impairs task performance and the development of drug-compensatory behavior (i.e., tolerance) is measured by the reduction in

impairment when the dose is repeatedly administered.

Several studies have examined tolerance development when the consequences of drug-compensatory task performance are manipulated. Evidence to date indicates that when groups have identical exposure and task practice under the drug, those reinforced (e.g., 25 cents) for displaying drug-compensatory behavior develop tolerance more swiftly than those without such reinforcement. The efficacy of this reinforcement also appears to depend upon the schedule employed, and tolerance developed via reinforced task practice appears to "extinguish" when reinforcement is subsequently withheld.

Research currently underway examines: (a) the development and transfer of tolerance as a function of other types of training procedures which are known to facilitate the acquisition of instrumental responses; (b) whether the tolerance-facilitating effect of reinforced task practice depends upon when it occurs during the drug dose; and (c) subject characteristics which may predict individual differences in the development of tolerance. These investigations are designed to explore basic research questions about the nature of the drug-compensatory response and the factors which influence it. However, since the experimental paradigm (spaced administration of low alcohol doses to humans) bears some analogy to the social use of alcohol, the findings may also shed some light on the natural development of alcohol tolerance in social drinkers.

BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS PROGRAMS

The following descriptions are provided to inform students and other interested persons of the specific emphases, outstanding features and research facilities of particular graduate programs associated with the experimental analysis of behavior.

Temple University

Our program in behavior analysis is not a separate administrative entity; indeed, it lies within a formal program that covers the traditional areas of experimental psychology, and is part of a large department that is unusual for its balanced diversity. The key features that make ours a viable program in behavior analysis are twofold. One is the lively community within and surrounding the

research lab. Individual research projects — listed for undergraduate honors credit, or for supervised graduate research credits — provide but sketchy formal evidence of the teaching, learning and researching that proceed on a virtually continual basis. There are typically one or two informal reading groups that meet weekly to discuss articles relating to particular themes. Technical skills — in relay, solid state, and in computer programming — are taught as much through peer interaction as through faculty effort. The second key feature relates to a constructive tension with colleagues of other viewpoints within the Department. By our view, training in behavior analysis must include the development of repertoires of constructive interaction with the unconvinced, to understand the nature of our disagreements with them, as well as to disabuse them of common misconceptions regarding the behavior-analytic approach. (Too often, behavior analysts tend to label others' positions as misguided or stupid, which is not the effective way to change their behavior). In our program, we have a tradition of fairly constructive interaction; in several cases, support for behavior-analytic views can be found within other programs within the Department; in other cases, there is an uninformed, generally respectful agreement to disagree.

Formally our program lies within the Division of Experimental Psychology. Departmental course requirements include four core courses — two inside and two outside one's Division — and two statistics courses. The balance of the requirements are the direct prerogative of the Experimental Division, and include topical seminars as well as research and readings courses. Our policy is to provide financial support to all Ph.D. students for at least four years, through research assistantships and a graduated set of teaching assistantships that progresses from assisting with a laboratory course to solo teaching at the undergraduate level.

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University of North Carolina-Greensboro

The Department of Psychology at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro offers graduate training leading to the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy. The department emphasizes scholarship and research, but students are also supplied with sufficient practical, and/or

clinical skills to function in a variety of academic, research and service settings.

The graduate program has an experimental orientation with six major areas of concentration: (i) Clinical includes training in clinical research and practice with a variety of populations and settings; (ii) Experimental analysis of behavior includes basic research in operant and respondent processes, the history of ideas within psychology and current behavior theory; (iii) Learning-memory and cognition includes basic research in human memory and cognition, and current cognitive theory; (iv) Developmental includes basic research in the cognitive and social development of infants, adolescents and adults; (v) Personality-social includes basic research in personality and social variables leading to consistencies and individual differences in behavior; and (vi) Physiological-sensory-perception-comparative includes basic research in physiological mechanisms, sensory and perceptual events and the behavior of other species including systematic research and theory on the ecology of learning processes. The EAB area will be elaborated below.

At the doctoral level, each area of concentration requires 24 semester hours of coursework within that area, 24 semester hours of coursework outside that area, 24 semester hours of research training and 9 semester hours of research "tool" courses (e.g., statistics) or passing a foreign language examination. Courses taken toward the Master's degree are included in these doctoral requirements. Clinical students are required to take 6 additional semester hours of practicum and 12 semester hours of internship training. A Master's thesis is required of all students. A preliminary examination (taken when coursework is nearing completion) and a Ph.D. dissertation and its oral defense is required of all students completing the Ph.D. program. Students should be able to complete the M.A. program in 2 1/2 years (if the student enters with a bachelor's degree in psychology) and the Ph.D. program in 5-6 years.

Full-time students who are interested in doctoral level training in psychology are encouraged to apply. Graduate training begins in the fall semester. To be considered for fall admission, completed application materials must be received by 1 February of the same calendar year. Students are accepted for graduate training in one of the six areas of concentration. Applications for admission, accompanied by academic transcripts, GRE scores, letters of recommendation, and statement of purpose, are filed by the applicant in

the office of the Graduate School. An Applicant Information Form is filed in the Department of Psychology. Application materials may be secured from and returned to: **Vice Chancellor of the Graduate School, 240 Mossman Building, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC 27412.**

The Psychology Department occupies a 58,000 square foot building, opened in the fall of 1977. Space is devoted to classrooms, research laboratories, the Psychology clinic, shops (electronic, photographic, wood), faculty, student, and secretarial offices, a computer room, a library and lounge. Active research laboratories in each speciality area contain a variety of specialized research equipment, for example, pigeon and rat test chambers with supporting controls as well as apparatus for research in operant behavior, videotape studies and polygraphs to assess psychophysiological responding. The services of the University Computer Center are available to faculty members and graduate students involved in research. The holdings of the University library include the major books and journals having relevance for graduate training in psychology.

Historically, all graduate students in the second through fifth years of training have received financial support through departmental resources, i.e., through teaching or research assistantships, fellowships, grant funds, or community internships. Stipends range from \$2000 to \$5000 annually.

Experimental Analysis of Behavior

At the core of this area is the philosophical position of Radical Behaviorism. Course work is designed to explore the general implications of this view and the manner in which it interfaces with other approaches to the study of psychology.

Theoretical and experimental interests are present in the basic mechanisms of operant and respondent conditioning and the involvement of these processes in more complex animal and human functioning. These interests are reflected in the following selected list of recent M.A. and Ph.D. work: "Deviations from optimal choice: Skilled performance, feedback and Bayesian decision making", "Choice between fixed-ratio schedules: Effects of absolute size", "Response strength in fixed and variable-interval schedules: An examination of resistance-to-change in multiple chains", and "Immediacy of reinforcement in autoshaping with pigeons".

Recent seminar topics have included "Cognitive and behavioral interpretations of animal learning", "Autoshaping and conditioning theory" and "Verbal behavior". Laboratory meetings and the monthly meeting of the "Beer and Behaviorism" group are additional occasions for lively and productive discussion.

Aaron Brownstein (learning theory and operant conditioning, concurrent and multiple schedules of reinforcement, Pavlovian factors in operant conditioning and human operant conditioning) and Richard Shull (learning theory and operant conditioning, choice, delay of reinforcement and conditioned reinforcement) are associated with the Experimental Analysis of Behavior area. In addition, students with an interest in human operant behavior often share common interests with Steve Hayes, a member of our clinical sub group. Among his interests in human operant behavior are the theoretical and empirical analysis of rule-governed behavior and its effect on direct contingency control. More specifically he has been interested in identifying functional units of rule-governed behavior, in the social basis of rules, and in the role of self-rules. Students working on these problems could include either basic operant students or clinical students and preparations range from traditional human operant tasks to clinical interventions.

Conclusion

While different aspects of psychology are emphasized by the different training areas within the Psychology Department, cross-fertilization across areas is possible and encouraged. For example, many students conduct significant research with faculty members outside their immediate concentration area. Thus, if a student is interested in EAB at the doctoral level, he or she is encouraged to apply to the Psychology Department of the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

Utah State University

The Department of Psychology at Utah State University offers the Ph.D. degree in two graduate areas: An APA accredited Professional-Scientific program and, an Analysis of Behavior program. The AOB program at USU began in the late 1960's when John Mabry, Peter Wolf and Marvin Daley created the experimental analysis laboratory. Following their departure, four operant conditioners (Cheney,

Crossman, Osborne and Powers) who had trained at Arizona State University with Michael, Goldiamond, Verhave, Keller, Meyerson, Falk, Sherman, Staats, Pliskoff, Bachrach and others joined the staff. Several years later additional faculty with backgrounds in the experimental analysis of behavior came from North Carolina (Ascione, who had trained with Ferster and Birnbrauer) and Kansas (Striefel, who had trained with Baer, Risley and Wolfe).

The AOB philosophy has expanded across the USU campus and now involves other faculty and academic departments. At present the AOB staff and students enjoy close affiliations with individuals in Philosophy, Special Education, Family and Human Development, Sociology, the Exceptional Child Center, Biology, Wildlife Science, and Nutrition.

Research facilities for staff and students in AOB include a well-equipped animal laboratory, child and human laboratories, a special child population at the ECC, semi-field facilities and wild animals, a public school network, and psychological service centers.

Current faculty research interests include: educational variables and boomtown growth (Osborne), stimulus equivalence (Osborne), establishing stimuli (Osborne); foraging and choice (Cheney), time allocation (Cheney); conditioned reinforcement (Crossman), schedule control (Crossman); social simulation (Powers), programmed instruction (Powers); biofeedback (Striefel), strategies for training disabled children (Striefel), generalization (Striefel); cooperation and sharing (Ascione), TV effects, and prosocial behavior (Ascione).

Degree requirements in the AOB program are formulated along coursework and apprenticeship-type research and scholarly writing experiences. Stipends and assistantships are available. Interested students should contact Dr. Frank Ascione, Utah State University, Logan, UT, 84322.

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Conditioned Reinforcement Research with Humans

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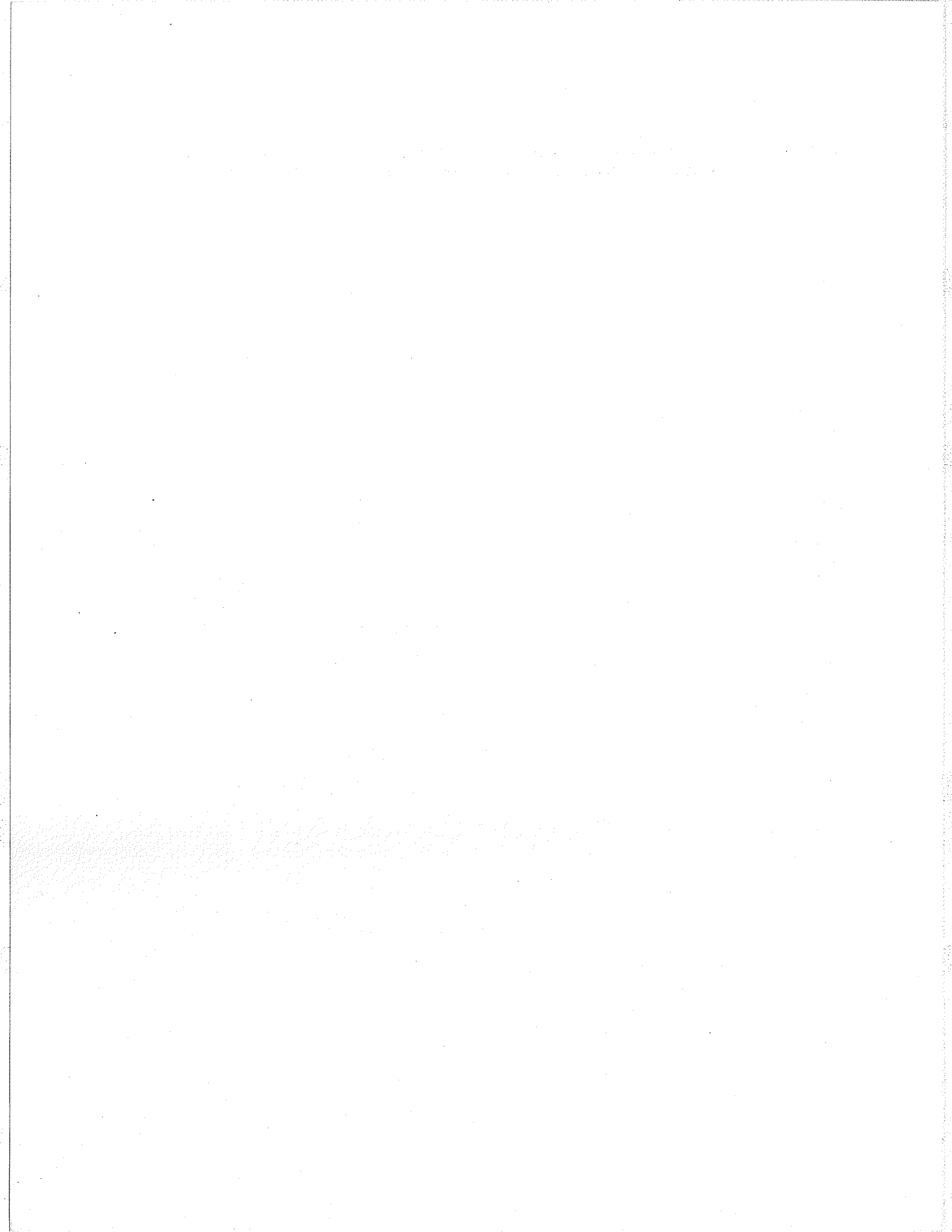
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