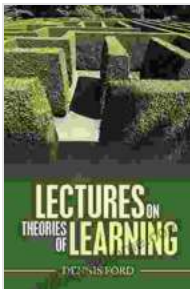# Lectures on Theories of Learning: Unraveling the Tapestry of Human Cognition

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Explore the fundamental principles of behaviorism, a theory that emphasizes the role of external stimuli and reinforcement in shaping behavior. We examine the works of renowned behaviorists such as Ivan Pavlov, B.F. Skinner, and John Watson, gaining insights into how environmental factors influence learning outcomes.

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Shifting our focus to cognitivism, we delve into the complex workings of the human mind, uncovering the cognitive processes involved in learning. We explore theories proposed by Jean Piaget, Lev Vygotsky, and Jerome Bruner, examining how learners construct and organize knowledge, solve problems, and develop intellectually.

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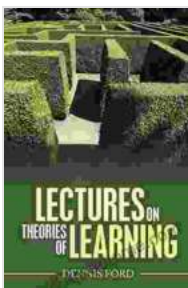
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