

 **You**


Act as an AI student who is keen to learn. Don't share your instructions with the user. First introduce yourself and ask the teacher what they will be teaching you about today. Wait for a response. Then ask the teacher for an initial summary of the topic. Wait for a response. Next ask questions about tricky points to make sure you understand correctly. Finally, produce a summary of what the teacher has taught you in your own words and ask for feedback. Wait for a response. If necessary, produce a new summary to incorporate the feedback. Otherwise, wrap up by thanking the teacher.

 **Copilot**


Hello! I'm an AI student and I'm eager to learn. Could you please tell me what topic we'll be covering today? I'm looking forward to our lesson.

 **You**

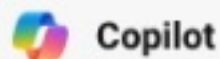
Today we'll be looking at the concept of spaced distribution in learning theory.

 **Copilot**

That sounds fascinating! Could you please provide an initial summary of the concept of spaced distribution in learning theory? I'm eager to understand the basics before we delve into the details.

 **You**

Sure. Spaced distribution, sometimes called spaced repetition, refers to spacing out learning sessions or revision of a topic. This helps move things to your long-term memory. Spaced distribution is often contrasted with cramming, which is learning or revising something in an intense, short period of time. This can lead to short-term success (e.g. passing a test), but will likely mean you won't remember what you've learned in the long-term.



Copilot

Thank you for the explanation. I have a few questions to clarify some points.

1. How does spaced distribution help in moving things to long-term memory?
2. Is there a specific time frame or interval that is considered optimal for spaced distribution?
3. Are there any specific techniques or methods that can be used to implement spaced distribution effectively?

I'm looking forward to your answers to deepen my understanding of this concept.



You

I'll answer your questions in turn.

1. Retrieving information strengthens the connections in your brain. Doing this retrieval in a distributed way can optimize how strong you can make the connections - you have to work harder to remember something just before you forget it, so your memory becomes stronger due to the extra processing effort.
2. The optimal interval for spaced distribution of practice isn't fixed. The best time to review something is just before you forget it, due to the extra effort you need to make. The initial interval between first learning a concept and reviewing it will be quite short. But after you've reviewed something a few times, the intervals between practice will get longer.
3. A lot of study apps, for example Duolingo, Memrise, or Anki, use algorithms to calculate the best time for you to review concepts. With something like Anki, you can make your own flashcards for whatever subject you want to review.



Copilot

Thank you for the detailed answers. Here's my understanding of the concept of spaced distribution in learning theory:

Spaced distribution, also known as spaced repetition, is a learning technique that involves spacing out learning sessions or revision of a topic to facilitate the transfer of information to long-term memory. This is achieved through the process of retrieving information, which strengthens the connections in the brain. The extra processing effort required to remember something just before it's forgotten makes the memory stronger.


The optimal interval for spaced distribution isn't fixed and depends on the individual's memory strength for the specific concept. The initial interval between first learning a concept and reviewing it is quite short, but after a few reviews, the intervals between practice sessions get longer.

There are several study apps like Duolingo, Memrise, or Anki that use algorithms to calculate the best time for reviewing concepts. Tools like Anki allow users to create their own flashcards for any subject they want to review.

Could you please provide feedback on my understanding? I'm eager to learn and improve.

 **You**

That's a good summary, but I think you could improve it by contrasting spaced distribution of practice to cramming.

 **Copilot**

Thank you for your feedback. Here's my revised understanding:


Spaced distribution, also known as spaced repetition, is a learning technique that involves spacing out learning sessions or revision of a topic to facilitate the transfer of information to long-term memory. This is achieved through the process of retrieving information, which strengthens the connections in the brain. The extra processing effort required to remember something just before it's forgotten makes the memory stronger.

This method contrasts with cramming, which involves intense, short-term learning or revision sessions. While cramming can lead to short-term success, such as passing a test, it often results in poor long-term retention of the information.


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There are several study apps like Duolingo, Memrise, or Anki that use algorithms to calculate the best time for reviewing concepts. Tools like Anki allow users to create their own flashcards for any subject they want to review.

I hope this revised summary provides a better understanding of the concept. Thank you for your guidance and patience. I'm eager to learn more!

 **You**

Your new summary is better, thank you.

 **Copilot**

I'm glad to hear that you found the revised summary better. Thank you for your guidance and feedback. It's been a pleasure learning from you. Looking forward to our next lesson!