



## Brain Quadrant Model Learning Styles



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### Abstract

This work was carried out with the interest of identifying learning styles based on the brain quadrant model to improve teaching. Current pedagogical orientations show a growing interest in teaching strategies, which circumvent traditional models, benefiting learning effectively and innovatively. The brain quadrant model helps guide people's personal and professional roles based on existing Sperry models (left and right hemisphere) and the McLean model (cortical and limbic brain). Herrmann crossed these two models to find the source of personal creativity based on the dominance of one or the other quadrant in each person so that they can recognize what would be the effective way to improve teaching. Through explanatory inquiry, cognitive innovation developed in teaching and honing cognitive, affective-social psychomotor skills to achieve different styles of learning and applicability is evaluated in content in daily life.

### Keywords

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## 1 Introduction

Reasoning in the human brain is a continuous legacy of several publications not fully explained. The levels of application of the apprehended and the use of the educated, posed by The Piagetian science, transforms the supposed guidelines taken and resolved with valuable levels of experiential, vocational, social and interaction Cognitive.

From the beginning of how it assimilates the human psyche to the divergence of others on Earth. It innovates the path of a practitioner who combines his cognitive, emotional-emotional and spiritual learning, how the necessary mediation is allowed from education, with an opinion and qualifying profile (Flórez *et al.*, 2015).

The current educational model aims to devise better learning, during the teaching process, from a new vision, schools should orient teaching-learning efforts towards dynamic processes that meet the needs of companies that are continuously transformed (Arellano *et al.*, 2017; Mendoza *et al.*, 2019; Vasquez *et al.*, 2019).

The student's learning styles are due to endogenous and exogenous elements of the biological or socio-cultural nature, such as sex, age and educational practices, the role of parents in their formation, socioeconomic status and various factors that afflict career and personal perspectives such as academic benefit, study skills, professional and occupational decision-making, self-esteem (Gravini, 2006).

The objective of this present work is to identify the learning styles in the brain quadrant model for better teaching, through the purpose of the explanatory inquiry.

## 2 Materials and Methods

For the research, the methodology of explanatory inquiry was used, in which the content and cognitive innovation developed in the teaching and improvement of cognitive, affective-social psychomotor skills are evaluated, based on the analysis of content in the review of different bibliographic sources. In which the benefits of this style of teaching were identified.

## 3 Results and Discussions

The learning style is part of the undeniable fact that they are different people, and this divergence is reflected in traits such as age, the level of knowledge and theme interests that has become a complex field of study (Rojas *et al.*, 2006; Chávez *et al.*, 2019; Suarez *et al.*, 2019).

In the basic and health sciences, important efforts have arisen to conceptualize the characteristics of learning in students. These initiatives have sought ways to create educational environments that promote effective learning. In recent decades some research Correa (2006), has shown that people have different ways of learning and set different strategies, known as cognitive styles. A term first used, in the 1950s by cognitivist psychologists.

The first studies were based on the expression of particular ways of perceiving and processing the information of individuals. These cognitive styles are defined as the individual variation of ways to perceive, remember, and think, or as different ways to learn, store, transform, and use information. For their part, Learning Styles are considered as a set of strategies that subjects use on a regular basis to meet learning objectives. These strategies cover not only cognitive strategies but also involve motivational, personality and affective and physiological traits that serve as relatively stable indicators (Martínez *et al.*, 2013).

Cognitive traits have to do with the way students structure content, how they use concepts, interpret information, solve problems, and select the appropriate means of representation whether: visual, auditory or

kinesthetic. For its part, affective traits are more linked to the motivations and expectations that influence learning, while physiological traits are related to the biotype and biorhythm of the student (Alonso *et al.*, 2002). In short, styles refer to various ways of capturing information and addressing task solution.

It is clear that any style can be related to aspects of personality, environment, education, among others. In addition, both educational and family forms, and the interaction between the cognitive style of the student and the teacher have significant repercussions on the way of learning. The theory of learning styles seems to confirm that some differences detected among students are due to their personal style of learning, and linked to it is the current pedagogical intervention, which is aimed at putting the student in the provision of learn to learn (Martínez *et al.*, 2013; Alava & Martínez, 2019; Reina, 2019).

### 3.1 Brain Quadrant Model

The Brain Quadrant model by Ned Herrmann, a German psychoanalyst researcher, makes an analogy of the brain with a globe: with four cardinal points, representing four different ways of operating, thinking, believing and learning (Rojas *et al.*, 2006; Tuarez *et al.*, 2019).

The author Hénard (2010), developed the model that has had a profound impact on an educational level, is based on David McLean's Triune brain theory. Figure 1 shows the brain regions raised.

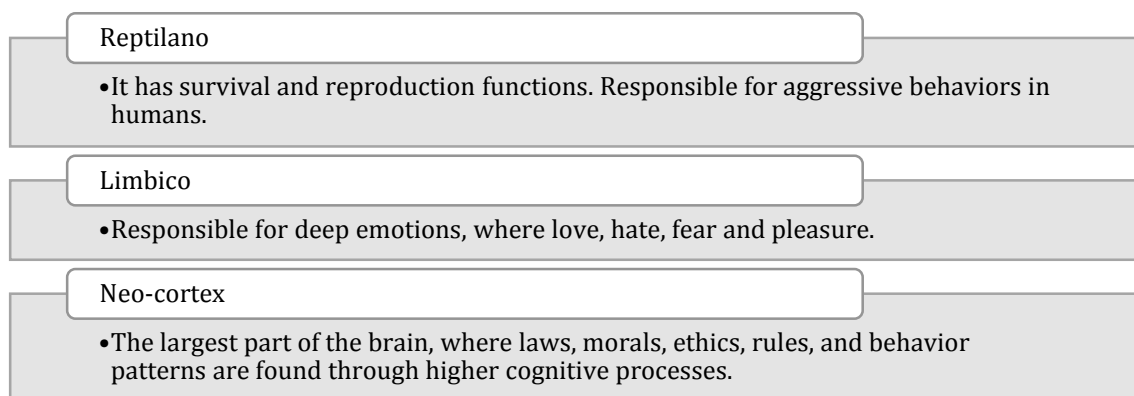


Figure 1. Brain regions  
Source: (Hénard 2010)

The brain can be divided into two halves, Sperry model, called hemispheres: left, responsible for logical processes, language, mathematical processes, order, and structure. Right is creative, artistic, both are related. Each activity is involved in a part of the hemispheres. From this mixture of three regions and two hemispheres, Herrmann draws his interpretive model of how reality is perceived in terms of dominance. Its model is inspired by the knowledge of brain functioning, where one of these quadrants has its own characteristics (Celis *et al.*, 2014).

Scientist Herrmann developed a model that draws inspiration from the knowledge of brain functioning, he describes as a metaphor the different ways of living with the world (Rojas *et al.*, 2006).

Herrmann describes the preferences of thought by partnering them in some quadrant of the brain that allows knowing about the ways of thinking of students, this helps to have good results, in stimulating aspects of the higher psychological functions, by the neuropsychology includes the functions of attention, language, reading and writing, praxis, gnosis, memory, thought, executive functions and the state of wakefulness (Aregón & Jiménez, 2009).

The quadrants represent the different ways the subject has to operate, think, learn and live with the world around them, these explain that the model proposed by Herrmann within educational field helps to recognize relevant characteristics of the (Velasquez *et al.*, 2007).

### 3.2 Left Cortical (Rational)

This part of the brain has difficulty integrating knowledge from informal experiences, prefers to know the theory, how things work before moving on to experimentation. Likes solid, argued classes, supported by facts and evidence, the student goes to class to learn, take notes, advance the program to strengthen knowledge at the end of the course (Celis *et al.*, 2014), as shown in Figure 2.

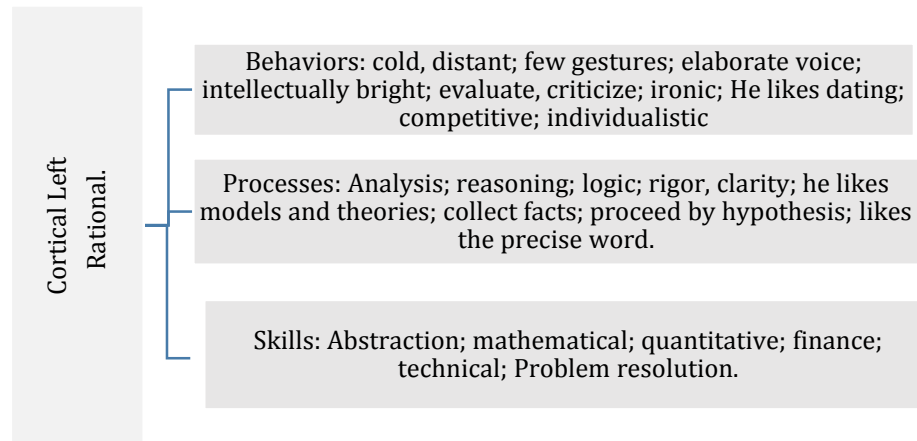


Figure 2. Rational left cortical

Source: (Celis *et al.*, 2014)

### 3.3 Left Limb (organized)

The left limb attaches to the organization, likes planned advances, needs a structured class to integrate knowledge and have the encouragement available to them (Celis *et al.*, 2014), as shown in Figure 3.

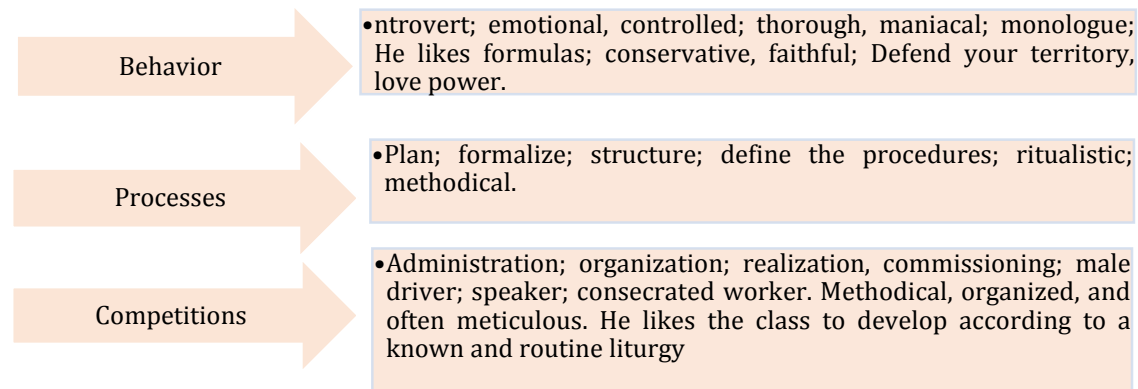


Figure 3. Left limb. (organized)

Source: (Celis *et al.*, 2014)

This part needs openness and long-term vision of the future appreciates the originality, novelty, and concepts that make you think. He takes few notes because he knows how to select the essentials, sometimes he impresses as a dreamer or disconnected, but another surprise with unexpected observations and original projects (Celis *et al.*, 2014), as seen in Figure 4.

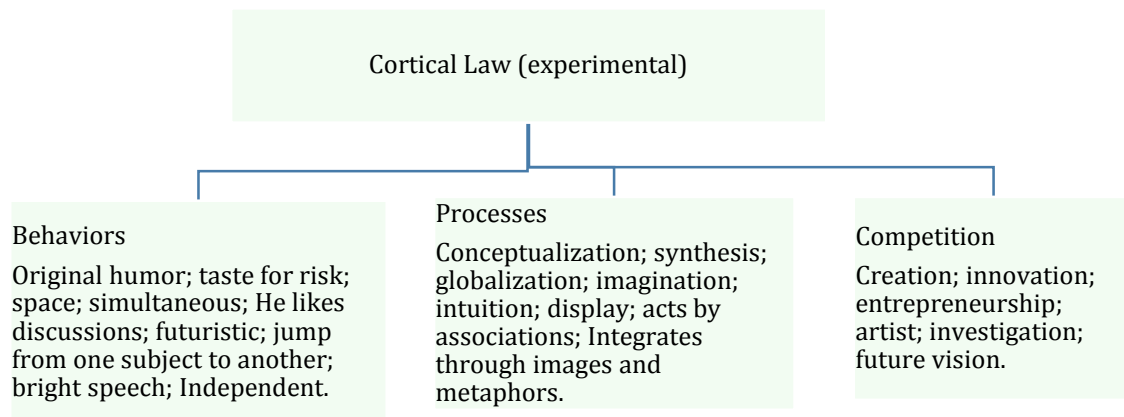


Figure 4. Cortical right. (experimental)  
Source: (Celis *et al.*, 2014)

### 3.5 Right (Sentimental)

In this case people are limited to communication and relationship. It works by feeling and instinct, you need to share what you hear to verify that you have understood the lesson (Celis *et al.*, 2014), as seen in Figure 5.

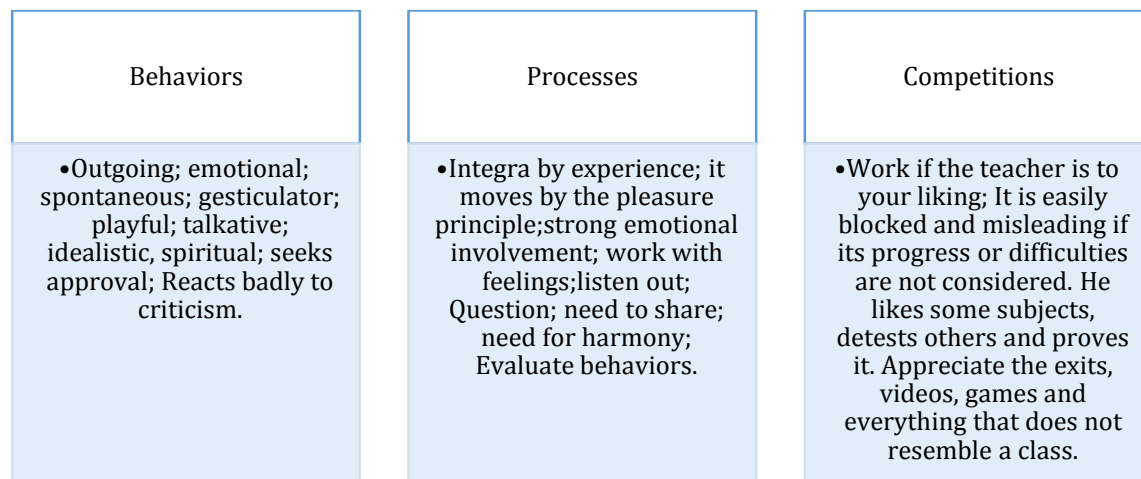


Figure 5. Right limb (sentimental)  
Source: (Celis & *et al.*, 2014)

The development of the cerebral cortex stimulates one of the four quadrants predominantly, generating that individuals tend to have particular tastes, preferences, mental processing and personality outlining (Alcalá *et al.*, 2013).

And this results in expressions being activated in complex simple methods, since creativity is not located in a specific place of the cerebral cortex (Ramírez, 2015), gaining learning from creativity.

### 3.6 Research on learning styles according to the brain quadrants

Table 1 shows the reflections made by the following authors who have worked on the learning styles according to the brain quadrant model.

Table 1  
Analysis of authors' approaches

Author	Year	Reflection
Gravini	2006	It proposes that students' learning styles follow internal and external elements of biological order.
Martinez & et al	2013	He mentions that they're not just cognitive strategies. They also involve motivational, personality and cognitive, affective and physiological traits that serve as relatively stable indicators.
Henard	2010	It states that the brain was divided into three regions.
Celis & et al	2014	I propose that the brain can be divided into two halves; the Sperry model, called hemispheres.
Aregón & Jiménez	2009	They considered that their model is inspired by the knowledge of brain functioning, where each of these quadrants has its own characteristics.

The current educational model, proposes to devise a better teaching during the instruction process, from a new vision, schools should orient their teaching-learning efforts towards more dynamic processes, which meet the needs of societies that are continually transformed.

While the styles of the students, they follow endogenous and exogenous elements of biological or sociocultural order, such as sex, age and educational practices, the role of parents in their formation, socioeconomic status and various factors that afflict career and personal perspectives such as academic benefit, study skills, professional and occupational decision-making, self-esteem (Gravini, 2006).

The first studies are based on the expression of particular ways of perceiving and processing the information of individuals. These cognitive styles are defined as the individual variation of ways to perceive, remember, and think, or as different ways to learn, store, transform, and use information. For their part, learning styles are considered as a set of strategies that subjects use on a regular basis to meet the objectives of learning. These strategies cover not only cognitive strategies, but also involve motivational, personality and cognitive, affective and physiological traits that serve as relatively stable indicators (Martínez *et al.*, 2013).

The philosopher Hénard (2010), developed the model that has had a profound impact on an educational level, and is based from David McLean's triune brain theory which established that the brain was divided into three regions, while (Celis *et al.*, 2014), I propose that the brain can be divided into two halves; the Sperry model, called hemispheres; one left, in charge of logic, language, mathematics, order and structure, and the right is the creative - artistic both are related.

In all the activities carried out a part of each hemisphere is involved, of this composition of three regions and two hemispheres Herrmann draws its interpretative model from how the situation in techniques of dominance is observed. While (Aregón & Jiménez, 2009), they considered that their model is inspired by knowledge of brain activity, where each of the quadrants has differences of its own. It also describes the preferences of thinking by partnering them in a quadrant of the brain allowing to know about the ways of analyzing and thinking students, this helps to have good results, in stimulating aspects of psychological functions neuropsychology's functions include attention, language, reading and writing, praxis, gnosis, memory, thinking, executive functions and wakefulness

#### 4. Conclusion

Learning styles are content that changes the way you educate yourself or learn and teach. It is inevitable to take them into account when executing, planning and evaluating the contents, for teachers and students, it is necessary to modernize them, thus optimizing the chances of success of their students, in the process of teaching-learning.

In conclusion, the student must be instructed in an inherent, inclusive and efficient way. Creativity, knowledge, teaching, decision-making and problem solving need the established action of the brain and so the

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brain quadrant model was based on the reason that benefits to guide the own and professional roles of individuals to effectively achieve excellent teaching.

It is inescapable to provide instructions on learning styles, as well as to train the student taking into account all the particularities will manage to reason, through experience.

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