

PROGRESS & DECAY/DENANCE AS EXAMPLES OF POSITIVE FEED BACK CYCLES

The progress of knowledge exemplifies the positive feed back cycle: the more is known the more new knowledge can be produced. Progressive drug addiction is an instance of positive feed back as well: the more and harder drugs are taken the harder drugs are required in increased quantities.

If a positive feed back cycle is judged valuable, we call it a virtuous circle - if disvaluable, a vicious circle.

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