# Week3

Second meditation

“I exist” => “I” => method of doubt

Q: What according to Descartes is his true nature?

A thinking thing. Possibly Disenbodied thinker.

Q: How does he agree for this conclusion?

Sensations/ideas (can be wrong of what it is, but cannot be wrong about what it appears to be) [locomotion, cell]

Q: Is he correct?

Wax example? What is it supposed to show?

Essence vs forms

Retains identity through change,

faculty of judgement vs faculty of sensation

sensory experience (doesn’t give you access to the true nature, not always veridical) vs judgement pure thought->intellect (gives you essential nature of things) [Extension Thought]

Pre-theoretical

“I exist” -> Imaginable->Possible

Strong connection between

Epistemic Certainty->Metaphysical Necessity

“That person might not be who I think he is” -> “That person might not be who he is”

D’s danger: Limits of his capacity of thinking is the limits of the capacity of the world (He thinks mind is infallible guide)