

LECTURE 10: AUFBAU §70–82

Wednesday's reading assignment: sections 170–183 (pages 273–300).

1. Structural definite descriptions (§13–15)

§15 "... a definite description through pure structure statements is generally possible to the extent in which scientific discrimination is possible at all."

- (a) Definition in terms of functional role
- (b) Adding more relations
- (c) The (scientific) identity of indiscernibles

2. Concepts from logic

- (a) Equivalence relation \Rightarrow Equivalence classes
 - *quasi-objects*
- (b) Similarity relation \Rightarrow Similarity circles
- (c) Theory of types
 - *isogeny spheres*

3. Outline of the construction from the autopsychological base

recollected similarity: $\text{Rs}(x, y)$ (asymmetric)

part similarity: $\text{Ps}(x, y) \equiv \text{Rs}(x, y) \vee \text{Rs}(y, x)$ (symmetric, reflexive)

- (a) Essential vs. accidental overlap
- (b) Quality classes (§81)

Defn. We say that B contains a considerable part of A just in case

$$\frac{\#(A \cap B)}{\#A} > \frac{1}{2}.$$

Defn. C is a quality class just in case:

- i. C is a class of elementary experiences;
- ii. For any similarity circle S , if S contains a considerable part of C , then C is contained in S ;
- iii. C is maximal with respect to the first two conditions.

Defn. Let C and D be quality classes. C is said to be *similar* to D just in case for any $x \in C$ and $y \in D$, we have $\text{Ps}(x, y)$.

(c) Sense classes (§115)

Defn. A *sense class* is a maximal class of qualities related by the ancestral of similarity.

(d) Sensations (§116)

Defn. A *sensation* is a pair consisting of a quality class and an elementary experience that belongs to that class.

(e) Dimension number

(f) Sight class := the five dimensional sense class.