

## 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.