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## Judgments

## Categories

### 1. Quantity

Universal

Particular

Singular

unity

Plurality

Totality (of condition)

### 2. Quality

Affirmative

Negative

Infinite

Reality

Negation

Limitation

### 3. Relation

Categorical

Hypothetical

Disjunctive

Inherence & Subsistence

Causality & Dependence

Community

### 4. Modality

Problematical

Assertorical

Apodictic

Possibility - Impossibility

Existence - Nonexistence

Necessity - Contingence



# System of the Principles ~~Universal Principles~~ of the Pure Understanding

## 1. Axioms of Intuition

All Intuitions are Extensive Quantities

## 2. Anticipations of Perception

In all phenomenon that which is an object of Sensation has Intensive Quantity

## 3. Analogies of Experience

Experience is possible only through the representation of a necessary connection of Perceptions

a) In all changes of Phenomenon, substance is permanent and its total quantity is fixed

b) All changes take place according to the law of connection of Cause and Effect

c) All substances in so far as they can be perceived in space at the same time exist in a state of complete reciprocity of action

a) = Principle of Permanence of Substance

b) = Principle of Succession of Time by Cause & Effect

c) = Principle of Coexistence by Law of Reciprocity or Community



#### 4. Postulates of Empirical Thought

- a) Postulate of Possibility: That which agrees with the formal conditions of experience (intuition & conception) is possible
- b) That which coheres with sensation is real
- c) That whose coherence with The real is determined according to universal conditions of experience is necessary.



Faculties of Reason <sup>critique</sup> (pp 476-495)

1. Faculty of Wit (Principle of Genera)
2. Faculty of Distinction (Principle of Species)
3. Law of Affinity

The above are restated as Principles of Reason

1. Principle of <sup>the</sup> Homogeneity
2. Principle of the Specification
3. Principle of the Continuity of Forms

These make up the Regulative Employment  
of The Ideas of Pure Reason  
and aka the Maxims of Reason

Reason does not possess constitutive principles

Discipline of Pure Reason — — —

Hypothesis: A supposition invented by  
imagination and connected as it ground of  
explanation<sup>to</sup> that which is really given and  
absolutely certain

Transcendental hypotheses are inadmissible  
Hypotheses are problematical in their  
nature and, as aids to the heuristic exercise  
of faculties, form the basis of the  
regulative principles for the systematic  
employment of the understanding in the  
field of experience



## Requisites for Admissability of a Hypothesis (560+)

1. Hypothesis must be grounded in experience
2. Hypothesis must be sufficient, i.e., determine *a priori* the consequences given in experience which follow from the hypothesis

## Discipline of Pure Reason in Proofs (568+)

Rule 1: Transcendental Proofs may not use Principles of the Understanding (no Dialectic arguments)

Rule 2: A Transcendental proposition may not rest upon more than a single proof

Rule 3: A Transcendental Proof must always be ostensive or direct and may never be apagogic or indirect



## CANON of Pure Reason (582+)

Ideal of Summum Bonum as a Determining  
Ground for Ultimate End of Pure Reason

1. What can I know?
2. What ought I to do?
3. What may I hope? (if I act as I ought to)

Hope has happiness as its objective

Happiness is the satisfaction of all our  
desires

## Other Principles

1. Law of Identity (whatever is, is)
2. Law of Contradiction (nothing can both be & not be)
3. Law of Excluded Middle (everything must be or <sub>not be</sub>)
4. Principle of Induction
5. Principle of Inference (syllogisms)



Judgments: Analytical - explicative judgments  
(predicate contained w/in subject)  
Synthetical - expansive judgment  
(predicate not contained w/in subject)

## Spheres of Principles

1. Law of Contradiction : Analytical Judgment
2. Law of Identity : Analytical Judgment
3. Law of co-existence : Synthetical Judgment