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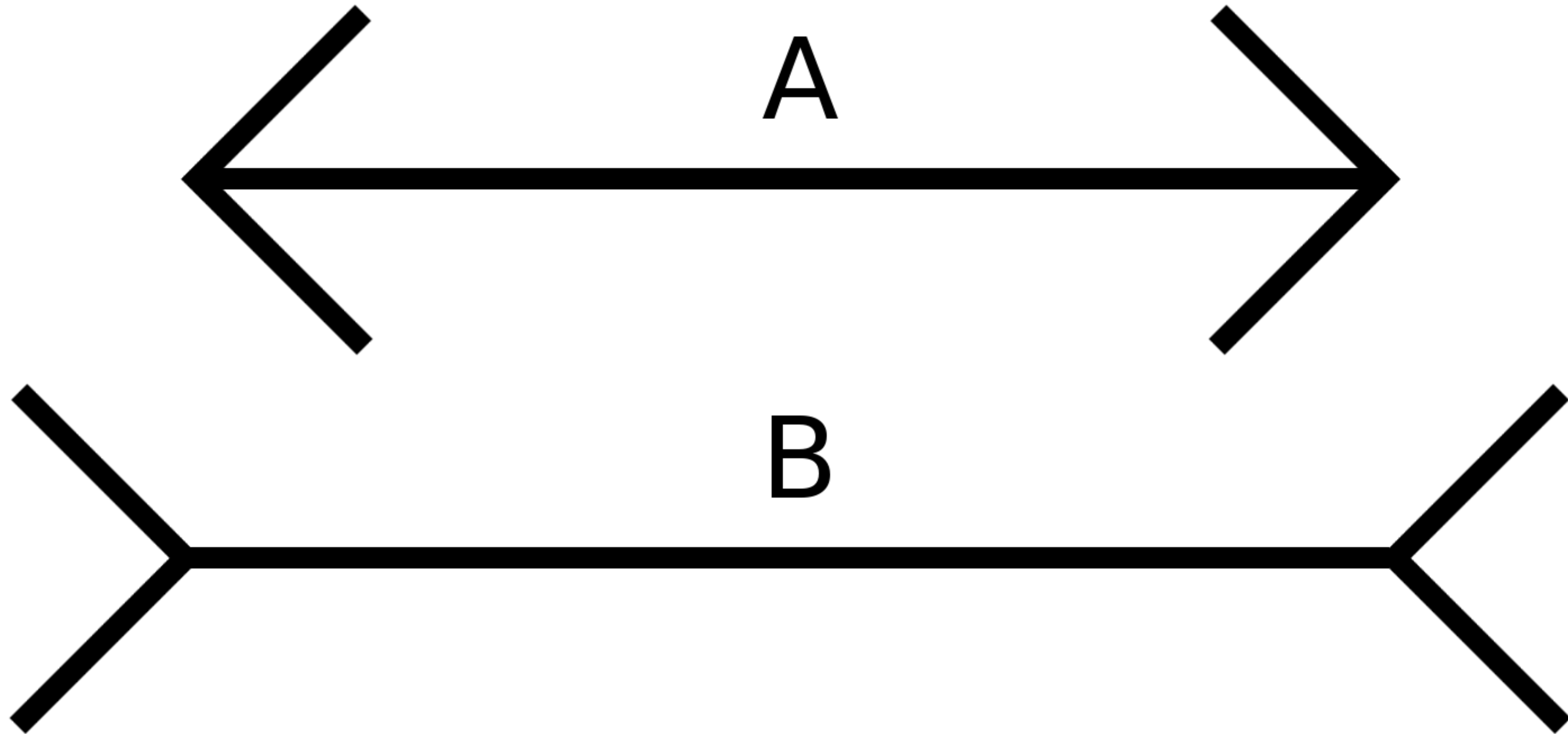
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RECAP OF LECTURE 5:



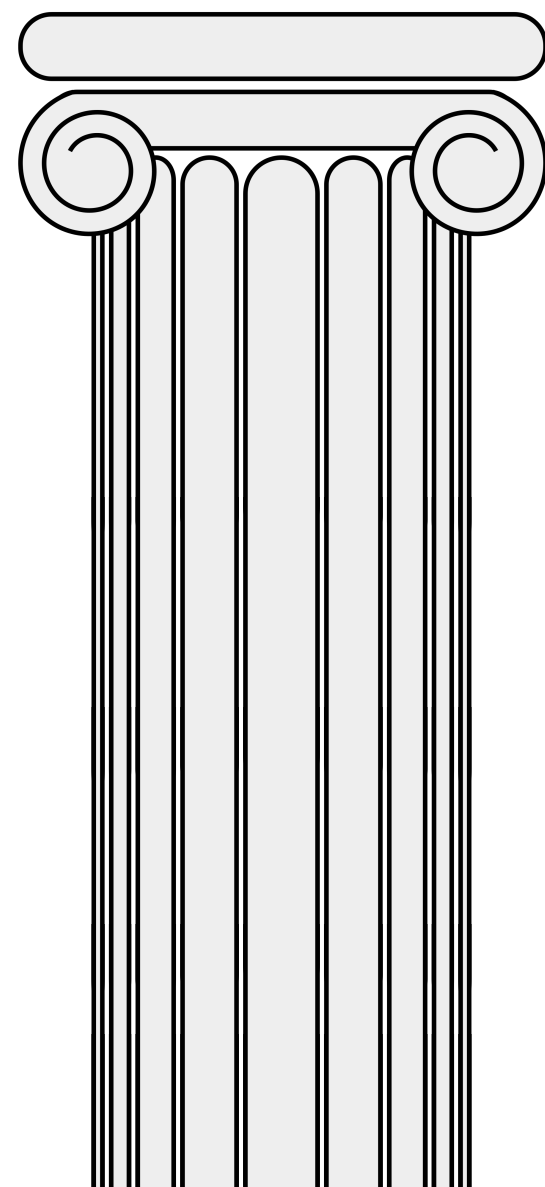
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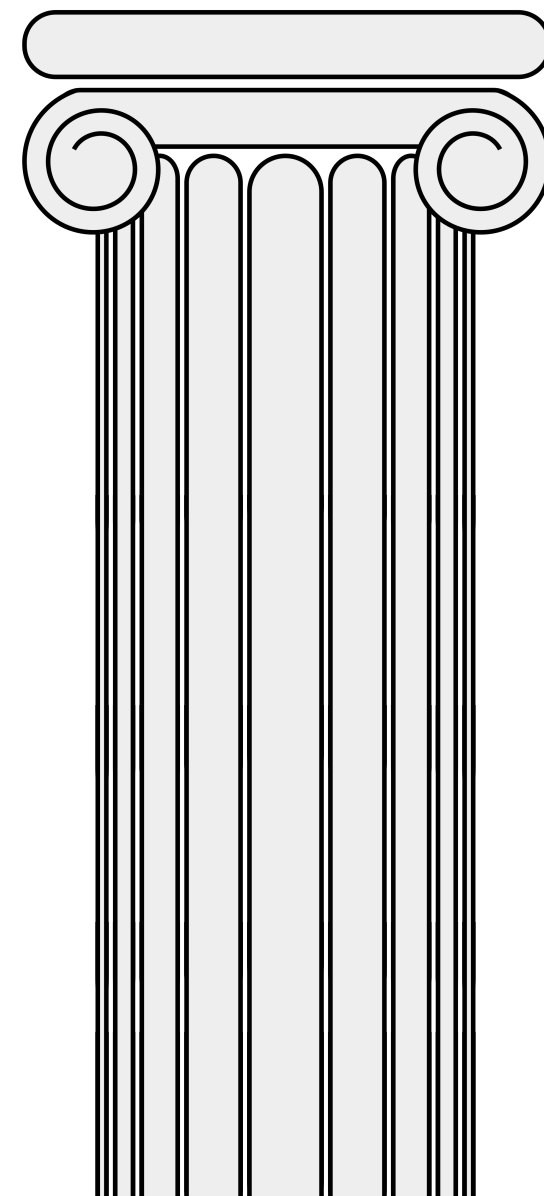
TODAY:

What Exists and What Is Imaginary?

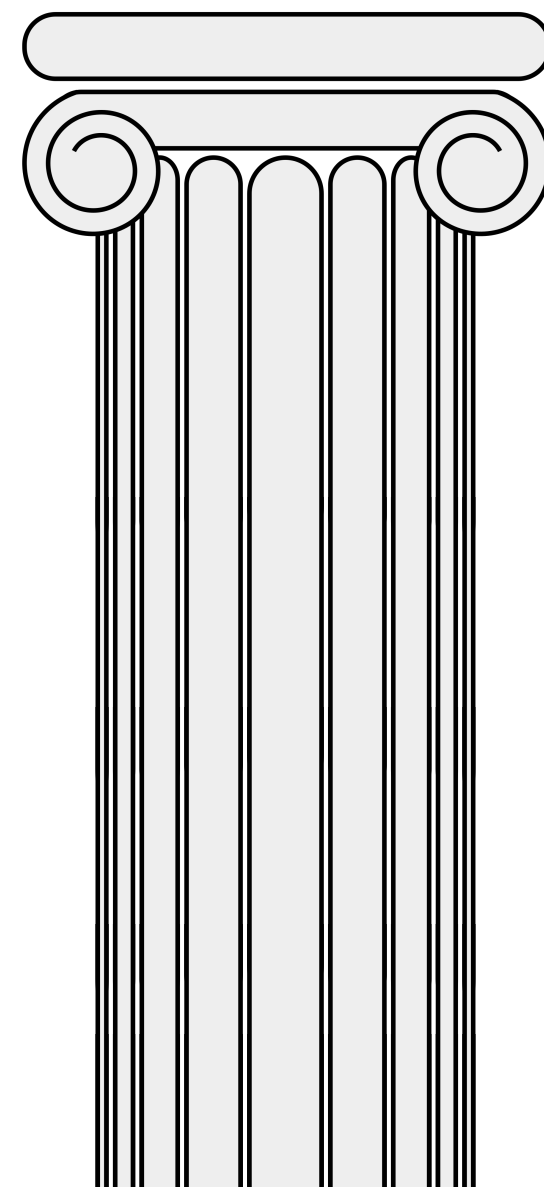
How Can We Know
We Are Real?



Realism vs.
Relativism

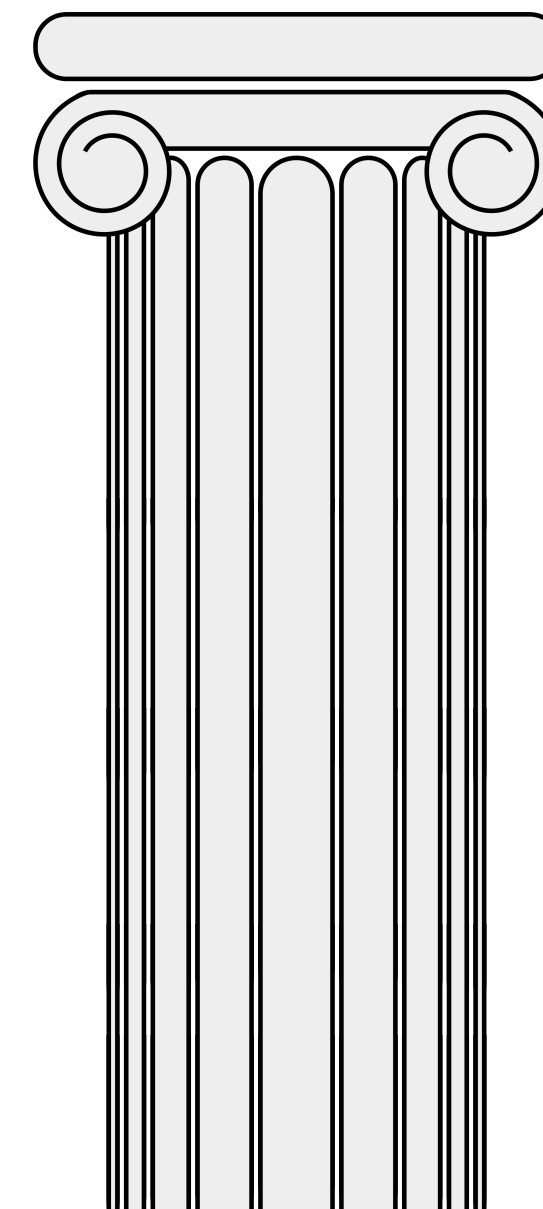


Categories of
Existence

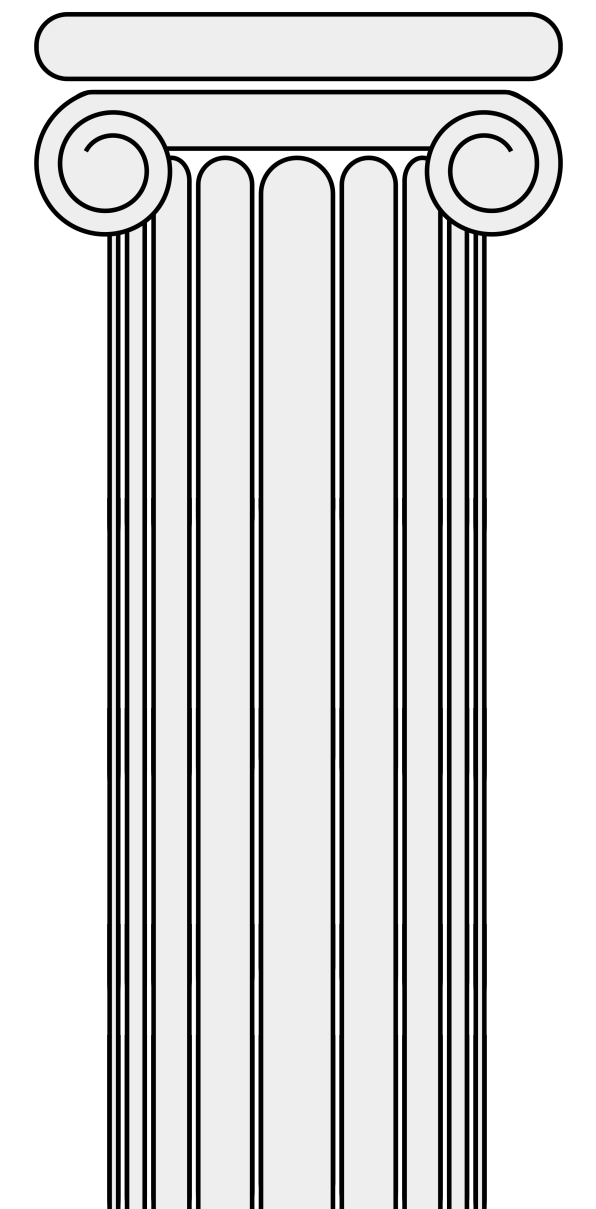


BREAK

The Conceptual
Scheme



The Reality of
Imagination



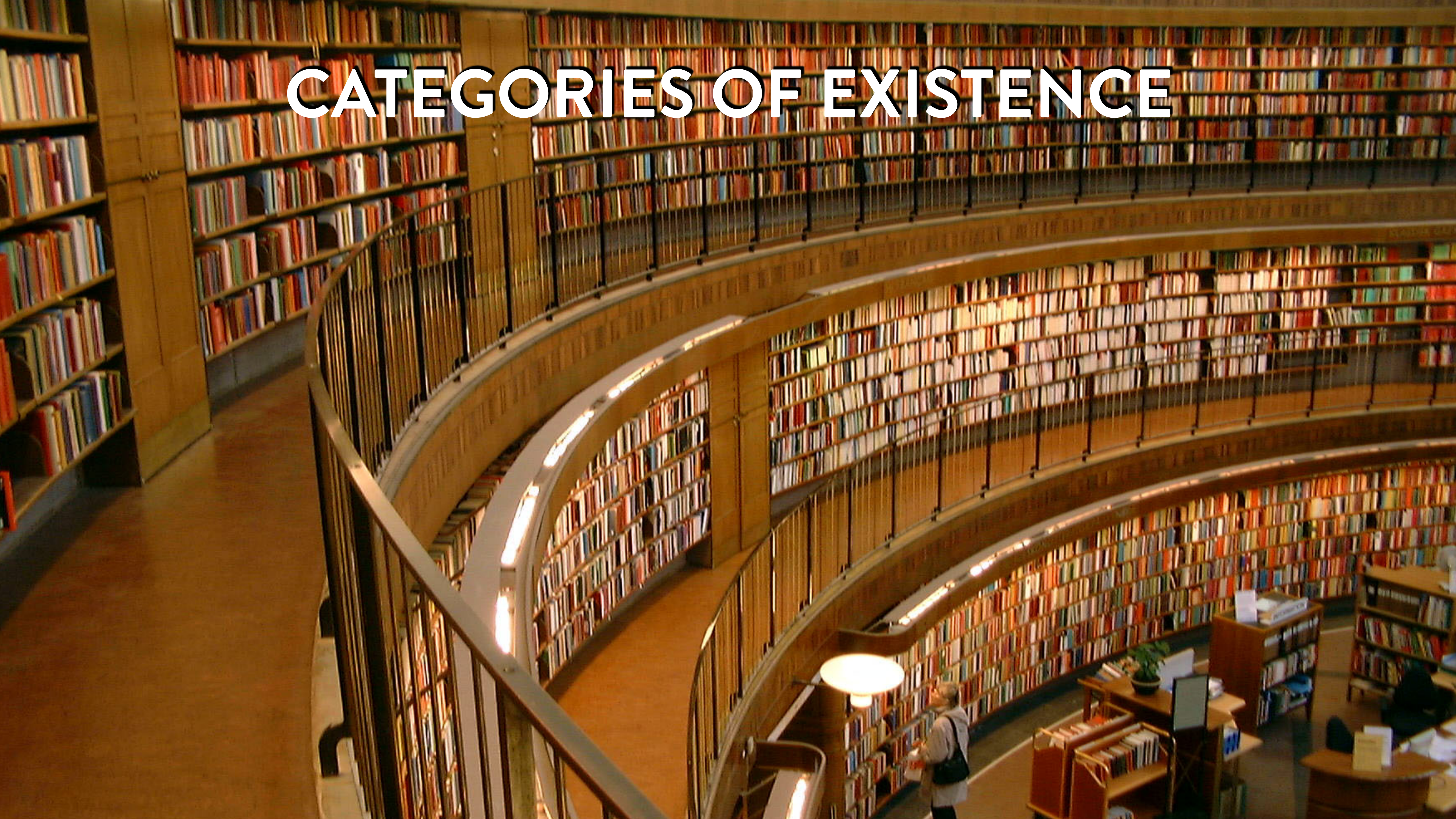
HOW CAN WE KNOW WE ARE REAL?

- Imaginary vs real -> reality can also be perceived by others – but: question of pain?
- Does it matter if something's real? Fake pain? Feeling it even if it's "not there" -> it doesn't matter if it's real if you perceive it, or it's real for you
- It doesn't really matter if something is real or not -> feel like yourself is real, but no clue if everyone else is real or just product of imagination -> could be in a movie
- Playing with Barbies -> who's playing with you?
- Don't know if you are real -> dreams -> sometimes you know that you are dreaming, when you wake up that it was not reality? How do you know that this is reality before something proves it's not?
- Does it matter?
- How about mental illnesses? If you're happy, why change it?
- Shared experience of knowing the reality -> senses about reality, heartbeat, feeling of surfaces -> shared with majority of human beings
- What if you don't share the experience with others? Acceptance in the community? Are you neglected or isolated or treated badly?
- Society is built on the idea that people are bad -> the book switches it around that people are good
- Does it matter? People are really into gaming, alternate realities, creating a world that is kind of different
- Subjective or objective? -> using our senses to analyze and perceive, or is it a perception we have? Cf. blind person's reality is different than from one who can see
- How we can cause certain things, results and effects in our surrounding, cause things that have feedback -> what could be a non-reality? Simulation? No free will?
- What is between the unreal and the real, are these the only two options?

REALISM VS. RELATIVISM

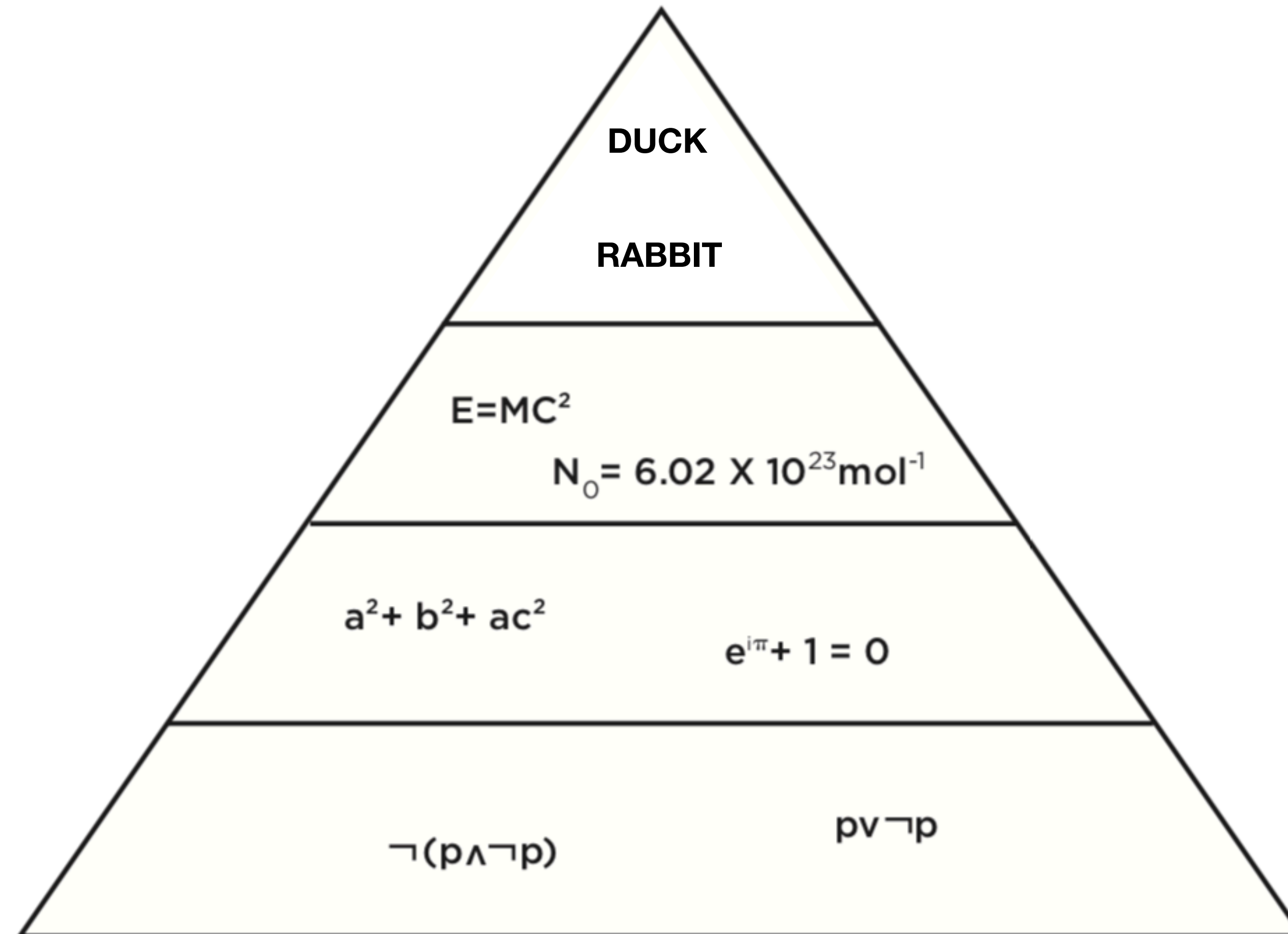


CATEGORIES OF EXISTENCE



BREAK

THE CONCEPTUAL SCHEME



THE REALITY OF IMAGINATION



NEXT TIME:

Lecture 7: Question Everything?

Pre-readings:

- 1. Kuhn – Structure of Scientific Revolutions (ch. 1)**
- 2. Davidson – On the Very Idea of a Conceptual Scheme**
- 3. (optional) Doyle – The Adventure of the Copper Beeches**

Thank You!

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