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Schematization

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P1 No direct interaction of mind and body, yet they are dualistic

P2 State of one affects the other’s state

P2 a) mind affects body and body changes mind- two-way causality

P2 b) plausible mechanism for the object’s interaction with each other

P2 c) it has agnostic free-will, but the system works perfectly in its absence

P2 d) law of physics/causality is conserved

P3 this theory is illustrated by just analyzing the physical phenomenon first

P3 a) it will prompt the concepts regarding indirect dealings

P4 the whole thing is put together by physical laws

P4 a) there is the formation of states in series

P4 b) it contains a particular arrangement of atoms as such objects are spatially extended

P5 laws of mental representation

P5 a) includes experiences, feelings, and qualia

P6 physical states interact with the mental capacities in a correlational physical state

Conclusion: Therefore, the interaction problem is solved.

**Critique of the Argument**

Descartes defended the theory of dualism; thus P1 is defended according to his theory of dualism. There are various reasons regarding this phenomenon that relate the mind with the body without them being physically directly linked (Alison, np).

As without interacting with each other directly, mind-body interaction takes place through each other’s states, this confirms P2 as well. These states are two-way causality, plausible mechanism, agnostic free-will and law of physics or causality.

According to P4, this interaction is dependent on physical law and law of mental representation, which is indeed justified by the states of atom defined in the law of causality. So every action is caused by the presence of some entity, which in this case is mind for the body. Due to this mind's state is connected with the state of the body.

Thus Cartesian dualism is justified as the p6 states that physical states interact with the mental capacities in a correlational physical state (Thibaut, p.3). So this interaction problem is solved through this method.

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