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Questions for April 25

These questions Kay's presentation and an article by John Schwenkler called "Do things look the way they feel?". The answers do not have to be turned in. You will probably have to read more than once to get the answers.

Background:

We'll start with Kay's Q and A. Next we'll continue our discussion of the question: How are we conscious of time and space? Today we're focusing on space. In particular, we're going to look at an article comparing visual spatial perception with tactile spatial perception, which, in addition to giving us insight into spacial perception, will allow us to see some potential contrasts between spacial perception and temporal perception, and also allow us to look at another hot topic right now, namely the ways in which our various forms of perception relate to each other.

Questions:

1. (*) What questions do you have for Kay?
2. (*) In the early parts of the first section (pages 86-7), Schwenkler introduces the question he will be focusing on. He thinks there is a key difference between spatial perception and temporal perception related to his question. What is the difference he thinks exists? Is he right? What is the question he will be focusing on?
3. (*) In the next part of the first section (pages 87-8), Schwenkler explains why he thinks the question he will be focusing on will be important for deciding between various theories of space perception. Why does he think this? He then introduces a question that William Molyneux posed to John Locke. What question is this and why does he think it's important? Is he right?

4. (*) In the next three sections (pages 89-94), Schwenkler introduces an experiment from Held that is supposed to help answer Molyneux's question. What is the experiment? What is Schwenkler's verdict on whether this experiment settles the issue? What does he propose going forward? Is he right and why?