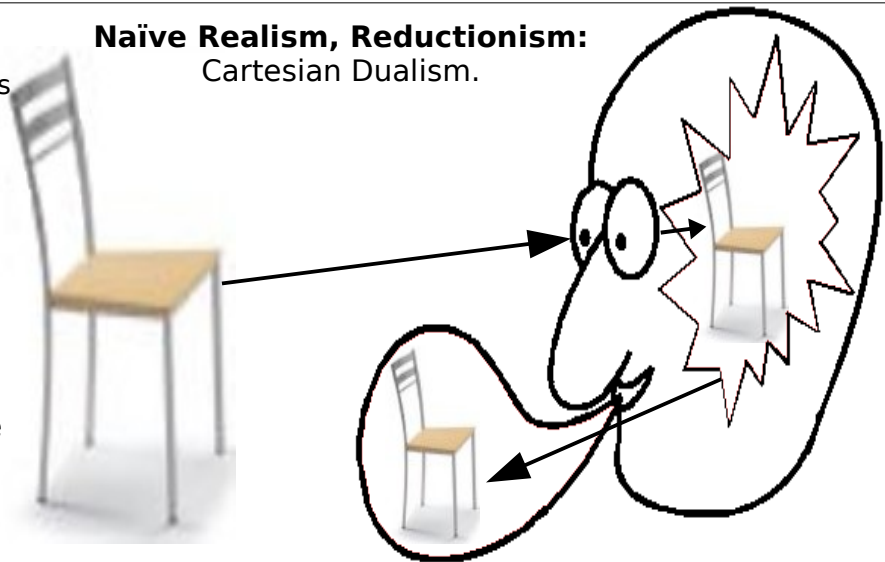


Three Metaphysical Perspectives

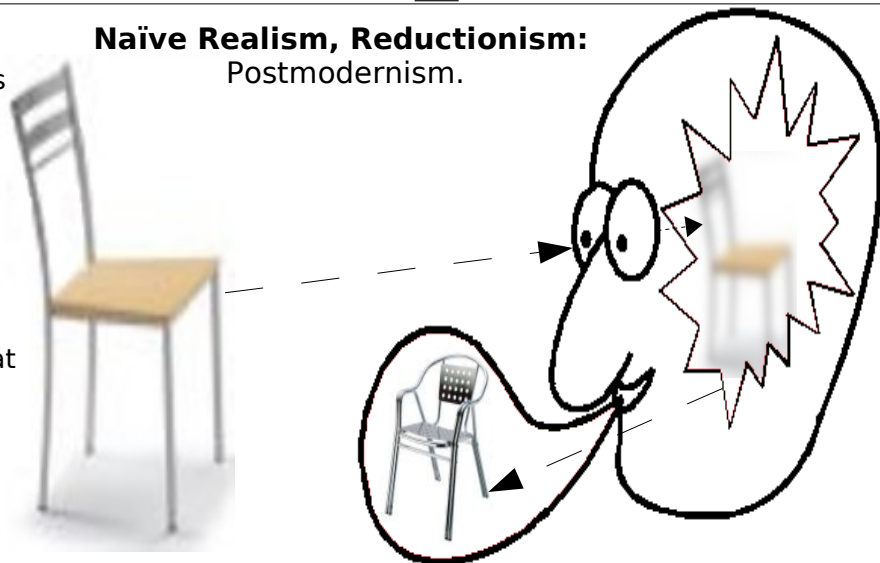
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Naïve Realism, Reductionism:
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Naïve Realism, Reductionism:
Postmodernism.

There is 'something' that inexplicably exists and forms a holistic field of existence within which there are no independent objects. The field has flow and regions of intensity. All things are eddies within the unified field of existence. Some regions are experienced as 'I' and some are experienced as 'objects' of perception. Some of these eddies are sensory experiences and thoughts, which depend on the structure of the mind, which channels the flow. Hence one may interpret things as 'objects' in space or as experiences stirred up by the field of existence, which can be conceived of as a non-material essence that induces experiences of material forms - such as in a virtual reality.

Scientific Realism, Holism: Quantum Physics, Computational Metaphysics, Perennial Philosophy.

