

### *Cartesian Dualism*

Substance: a "thing"; a "real being"; something that has properties, but is not a property of anything else; something able to exist (relatively) independently.

D1. x is a purely physical substance =df. x is a physical object, and every part of x (if any) is also a physical object.

D2. x is a purely mental substance =df x is a mind.

D3. x is a mixed substance =df. x is a substance; some parts of x are physical objects, and at least one part of x is a mind.

D4. x has property F essentially =df. x has F, and it is impossible for x to exist without having F.

### *An Interpretation of Descartes' Dualism*

A. Each person is a mixed substance composed of two substantial parts -- a mind (mental substance) and a body (physical substance).

B. Each mind is essentially thoughtful and unextended (in space).

C. Each body is essentially extended (in space and time) and thoughtless.

D. Mind and body are able to exist independently -- and generally do so after death.

E. Mind and body enter into two-way causal interaction.

### *A Revised Ontological Scheme*

1. Substances
  - A. Pure substances
    - i. Physical Objects
    - ii. Minds
  - B. Mixed substances (people belong in this category)
2. Properties
  - A. Physical
  - B. Mental
  - C. Other
3. Times
4. Places

5. Events
6. Sets
7. Propositions