Philosophy 133  
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Paper # 2 Topics (First Installment): DUE: Tuesday, March 18 in class

1. Both Frege and Russell were concerned with the fact that the following inference is not valid:

George IV wondered whether Scott was the author of Waverly.

Scott = the author of Waverly.

*George wondered whether Scott was Scott.

Explain how both Frege and Russell, in their respective analyses, blocked this inference, and what reasons motivated their explanations.

2. Consider the following statement:

The King of France is not bald.

Compare Frege's, Russell's and Strawson's analysis of this statement.

3. Putnam's Twin Earth story presents an influential argument against Fregean senses. Briefly present the argument and assess its validity and its import for internalism.

4. Discuss Donnellan's treatment of definite descriptions and Searle's response in Expression and Meaning to Donnellan. What are the strengths and flaws of Donnellan's analysis?

5. In Naming and Necessity Kripke claims that no analysis of proper names using Fregean senses can capture the proper truth conditions of the sentences that contain them.

Discuss Kripke's anti-Fregean argument, and his proposal for a better analysis of proper names.