



Intuition and Mathematical Objects

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Abstract:

The view that mathematics deals with ideal objects to which we have epistemic access by a kind of perception ('intuition') has troubled many thinkers. Using ideas from Husserl's phenomenology, I will take a fresh look at these matters. The upshot of this approach is that there are non-material objects and that they can be recognized in a process very closely related to ordinary perception. In fact, the perception of physical objects may be regarded as a special case of this more universal way of recognizing objects of any kind.

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