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In admitting that judgment, do we not allow a change in the reacting organism, whose constancy is a necessary presupposition of the psychophysical determination? This question constitutes the principal problem of the present study. We first tried to examine the doubtful judgment directly, and to determine whether it necessarily or even usually represents a change in the attitude of the reacting organism. It soon became evident however that we could not attack the problem successfully in this way. We therefore sought by an instruction to compel the observer to maintain a constant attitude or disposition while giving judgments. We wished to see whether or not doubtful judgments would occur under this instruction; and if they occurred whether they gave evidence of a dispositional shift which violated the instruction. The evidence of such a shift was to be obtained both directly, from the reports of the observers, and indirectly, from change in their reaction-times of judgment. We hoped also to secure evidence of other attitudinal changes, if they occurred, and to trace their influence. We planned further to examine the status of all the categories used by the observers under the instruction. We specifically suggested the or-categories, which are often used interchangeably with doubt, and the category no-difference, which we thought might prove to be a truly impressional judgment that could fitly replace the judgment doubtful. And since there is no a priori proof that an attitudinal change is not involved in the fundamental categories, greater, equal,...
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