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Kant's ethics


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Distinctions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pure rationality • Instrumental rationality • A priori • A posteriori • Analytic • Synthetic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Categorical • Hypothetical • Perfect duties • Imperfect duties
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Categorical imperatives


<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st - Universal law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - act only in accordance with that maxim through which you can at the same time will that it become a universal law. • 3rd - Universal law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Idea of the will of every rational being as a will that legislates universal law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd - Humanity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - never act in such a way that we treat Humanity, whether in ourselves or in others, as a means only but always as an end in itself • Kingdom of Ends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - act in accordance with the maxims of a member giving universal laws for a merely possible kingdom of ends
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 **Moral motivation**


<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duty & the good will • Other motivations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Self-interest - Sympathy - Love - Happiness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objections?
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 **Autonomy**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autonomous <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Self-governing - Reason responsive - First cause 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-autonomous <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determined by natural law? - Acts from desire? - Addiction?
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 Philosophy gives the means to speak with apparent authority on all matters, and to make oneself admired by the less learned; while law, medicine and the other sciences bring honor and riches upon their practitioners.

- Rene Descartes, Discourse on Method
