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| **No False Belief Condition**<br>The proposition must not be based on a false belief or on a group of beliefs of which one is false.<br><br>Aka No False lemmas (a term used in logic to refer to a subsidiary/prior proposition that is assumed to be true and used to demonstrate another proposition) | I cannot be said to know that Sam is in the room if my knowledge is based on the false belief that I am seeing Sam when I am actually seeing Tim. | Doesn't deal with beliefs that are not based on false beliefs.<br>E.g. Barney is driving, unknowingly, through Fake Barn County. He turns his head and sees the only real barn in that vicinity and believes that he has seen a barn. No false belief here because he has indeed seen the real barn yet he has *luckily* saw the only real barn in that whole area. |
| **Defeasibility Condition**<br>There must not be any new information that would count against (or defeat) the justification. | I cannot be said to know that Sam is in the room if later on, I come to know that Tim is in the room masquerading as Sam. | May rule out all knowledge gained inductively, because in induction we can't test every case. |
| **Reliability Condition**<br>Our belief must be based on a reliable method (note though that reliabilists would claim this to be in place of the J condition instead). A reliable method is one that frequently produces truth. | I must use a reliable method (eg retina scan? DNA test) to know that Sam is in the room. | What defines a reliable method? A method we consider reliable may still possibly deceive us, or may not be equally applied by all humans.<br>E.g. DNA testing has errors |
| **Condition of Causal Connection**<br>There must be a direct link between my justification and my belief. | My belief that Sam is in the room is false when it is Tim that I see, but it would be true if it were Sam. | It is not easy to establish direct causal links and so we risk not admitting many pieces of knowledge:<br>Eg: 'All men are mortal' becomes problematic because there is no direct link between individuals dying and all people dying. So we are relying on induction to make this statement. |