

432018 PHILOSOPHY OF PHYSICS (Spring 2002)

Instructions for the seminar in Week 7

Reading: For the seminar, as well as the preliminary reading for the lecture, please read the following:

H. G. Alexander (ed.), *The Leibniz-Clarke Correspondence* (Manchester University Press, 1956), pp. xiii-xl of his Introduction.

Please don't take this book out of the library since other people will need to refer to it.

Instructions: In the seminar, I would like to concentrate on the the views of space put forward by Leibniz and Clarke (a follower of Newton).

As such, I would like you to prepare a few questions for the class to discuss. Note that these questions may serve different purposes, and in particular, you should ask yourself whether

- you are more attracted to Leibniz's or Newton's account of space.
- you agree or disagree with any of the arguments given by Leibniz and Clarke/Newton.

and see what questions these give rise to. In the seminar these questions will be discussed and so you should, if possible, prepare answers to your own questions or questions which other people may raise.