

## Axioms for Mereology

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In this paper I shall present some related axioms for mereology and outline deductions from them. I presume an acquaintance with ontology, and I make no explicit references to theses of ontology in my proofs.<sup>1</sup>

**Section 1** I shall begin by deriving three theses from an ordinary basis of mereology. That basis consists of four theses:

- T1.1**  $[AB] : A \in el(B) \supset B \in B$   
**T1.2**  $[ABC] : A \in el(B) \cdot B \in el(C) \supset A \in el(C)$   
**D1**  $[Aa] :: A \in Kl(a) \equiv \therefore A \in A \therefore [B] : B \in a \supset B \in el(A) \therefore$   
 $[B] : B \in el(A) \supset [\exists CD] \cdot C \in a \cdot D \in el(B) \cdot D \in el(C)$   
**T1.3**  $[Aa] : A \in a \supset Kl(a) \in Kl(a)$ .<sup>2</sup>

From these we can prove theses D2, T2.1, and T2.3 as follows:

- T1.4**  $[ABa] : A \in Kl(a) \cdot B \in a \supset B \in el(A)$  [D1]  
**T1.5**  $[ABa] : A \in Kl(a) \cdot B \in el(A) \supset [\exists CD] \cdot C \in a \cdot D \in el(B) \cdot$   
 $D \in el(C)$  [D1]  
**T1.6**  $[Ba] : B \in a \supset B \in el(Kl(a))$  [T1.3, T1.4]  
**T1.7**  $[Ba] : B \in a \supset [\exists D] \cdot D \in el(B)$  [T1.3, T1.6, T1.5]  
**T1.8**  $[AB] : B \in el(A) \supset [\exists CD] \cdot C \in el(A) \cdot D \in el(B) \cdot$   
 $D \in el(C)$  [T1.7]  
**T1.9**  $[A] : A \in A \supset A \in Kl(el(A))$  [T1.8, D1]  
**T1.10**  $[Aa] : A \in Kl(a) \supset [\exists C] \cdot C \in a$  [T1.7, T1.5]  
**T1.11**  $[ABa] : A \in Kl(a) \cdot B \in Kl(a) \supset A \in B$  [T1.10, T1.3]  
**T1.12**  $[AB] : B \in Kl(el(A)) \supset A \in B$  [T1.10, T1.1, T1.9, T1.11]  
**T1.13**  $[AB] : B \in el(A) \supset B \in el(Kl(A))$  [T1.1, T1.6, T1.2]  
**T1.14**  $[AB] : A \in A \cdot B \in el(Kl(A)) \supset [\exists D] \cdot D \in el(B) \cdot D \in el(A)$   
 [T1.1, T1.5]