

ATOMISTIC MEREOLGY II

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4* In this section I will prove that which was mentioned at the beginning of this paper, that the axiom-system in which functor “**el**” occurs as the single primitive mereological notion of atomistic mereology, and which contains only two axioms, namely:

$$A \quad [AB] : \cdot A \varepsilon \mathbf{el}(B) . \equiv : B \varepsilon B : [Ta] : [C] : \cdot C \varepsilon T . \equiv : [E] : E \varepsilon a . \supset . E \varepsilon \mathbf{el}(C) : \\ [E] : E \varepsilon \mathbf{el}(C) . \supset . [\exists FG] . F \varepsilon a . G \varepsilon \mathbf{el}(F) . G \varepsilon \mathbf{el}(E) . \cdot B \varepsilon \mathbf{el}(B) . B \varepsilon a . \\ \supset . A \varepsilon \mathbf{el}(T)$$

and

$$V \quad [A] : \cdot A \varepsilon A . \supset . [\exists B] . \cdot B \varepsilon \mathbf{el}(A) : [C] : C \varepsilon \mathbf{el}(B) . \supset . C = B$$

is inferentially equivalent to the following four axioms:

$$S1 \quad [A] : A \varepsilon \mathbf{at}(B) . \supset . B \varepsilon B$$

$$S2 \quad [ABC] : A \varepsilon \mathbf{at}(B) . C \varepsilon \mathbf{at}(A) . \supset . C = A$$

$$S3 \quad [AB] . \cdot A \varepsilon A . B \varepsilon B : [C] : C \varepsilon \mathbf{at}(A) . \equiv . C \varepsilon \mathbf{at}(B) : \supset . A = B$$

$$S4 \quad [Aa] : \cdot A \varepsilon a . \supset . [\exists B] . \cdot [\exists E] . E \varepsilon \mathbf{at}(B) : [C] : C \varepsilon \mathbf{at}(B) . \equiv . [\exists D] . C \varepsilon \mathbf{at}(D) . \\ D \varepsilon a$$

in which Rickey’s functor “**at**” occurs, as their single mereological term.

4.1 Let us assume the axioms *A* and *V*. Since *A* is the single axiom of mereology, we have at our disposal all its consequences presented in section 2. Then:

$$DI \quad [A] . \cdot A \varepsilon A : [B] : B \varepsilon \mathbf{el}(A) . \supset . B = A : \equiv . A \varepsilon \mathbf{atm}$$

$$DII \quad [AB] : A \varepsilon \mathbf{atm} . A \varepsilon \mathbf{el}(B) . \equiv . A \varepsilon \mathbf{at}(B)$$

Cf. 3.3, points (A) and (B).

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