

## V. Formal Mereology

### [Characteristics]:

- [1] First-order.
- [2] Classical.
- [3] Complete.
- [4] Consistent.

PP  
O  
U  
P

[* <sub>1</sub> ]	Parthood	$P_{xy} \leftrightarrow \forall z [O_{zx} \rightarrow O_{zy}]$
[* <sub>2</sub> ]	Proper Part	$PP_{xy} \leftrightarrow (P_{xy} \wedge \neg P_{yx})$
[* <sub>3</sub> ]	Overlap	$O_{xy} \leftrightarrow \exists z [P_{zx} \wedge P_{zy}]$
[* <sub>4</sub> ]	Underlap	$U_{xy} \leftrightarrow \exists z [P_{xz} \wedge P_{yz}]$
[A <sub>1</sub> ]	Reflexive	$P_{xx}$
[A <sub>2</sub> ]	Antisymmetric	$(P_{xy} \wedge P_{yx}) \rightarrow x = y$
[A <sub>3</sub> ]	Transitive	$(P_{xy} \wedge P_{yz}) \rightarrow P_{xz}$
[A <sub>4</sub> ]	Weak Supplementation	$PP_{xy} \rightarrow \exists z [P_{zy} \wedge \neg O_{zx}]$
[A <sub>5</sub> ]	Strong Supplementation	$\neg P_{yx} \rightarrow \exists z [P_{zy} \wedge \neg O_{zx}]$
[A <sub>6</sub> ]	Atomistic Supplementation	$\neg P_{xy} \rightarrow \exists z [P_{zy} \wedge \neg O_{zy} \wedge \neg \exists v [PP_{vz}]]$
[A <sub>7</sub> ]	Top	$\exists x \forall y [P_{yx}]$
[A <sub>8</sub> ]	Bottom	$\exists x \forall y [P_{xy}]$
[A <sub>9</sub> ]	Sum	$U_{xy} \rightarrow \exists z \forall v [O_{vz} \leftrightarrow (O_{vx} \wedge O_{vy})]$
[A <sub>10</sub> ]	Product	$O_{xy} \rightarrow \exists z \forall v [P_{vz} \leftrightarrow (P_{vx} \wedge P_{vy})]$
[A <sub>6</sub> ]	Unrestricted Fusion	Where $[\phi(x)]$ is a first-order wff and $x$ a free variable: $\exists x [\phi(x)] \rightarrow \exists z \forall y [O_{yz} \leftrightarrow \exists x [\phi(x) \wedge O_{yx}]]$
[A <sub>12</sub> ]	Atomicity	$\exists y [P_{yx} \wedge \neg \forall z [PP_{zy}]]$

### Notes

- [A<sub>11</sub>] entails [A<sub>7</sub>]
- [A<sub>8</sub>] is controversial

### Systems

<b>*</b>	$\{*_1, *_2, *_3, *_4\}$
<b>M</b>	$* \cup \{A_1, A_2, A_3\}$
<b>MM</b>	$M \cup \{A_4\}$
<b>EM</b>	$M \cup \{A_5\}$

<b>CEM</b>	$\mathbf{EM} \cup \{A_9, A_{10}\}$
<b>GM</b>	$\mathbf{M} \cup \{A_{11}\}$
<b>AGEM</b>	$\mathbf{M} \cup \{A_6, A_{11}\}$