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The «Ontological Square» and Modern Type Theories

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Logical Form?

1. *John is a man.*
2. *John is happy.*

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- ▶ Substances vs. Accidents
- ▶ P – Universal Substance: if x is P , then x is P at every time at which x exists
- ▶ Universal vs. Individual
- ▶ An individual object is a unique object

Againts «Fantology»

«A dark force haunts much of what is most admirable in the philosophy of the last one hundred years. It consists, briefly put, in the doctrine to the effect that one can arrive at a correct ontology by paying attention to certain superficial (syntactic) features of first-order predicate logic as conceived by Frege and Russell. More specifically, fantology is a doctrine to the effect that the key to the ontological structure of reality is captured syntactically in the ‘Fa’ (or, in more sophisticated versions, in the ‘Rab’) of first-order logic, where ‘F’ stands for what is general in reality and ‘a’ for what is individual».

(Smith 2005, 153)

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«..Frege's object/function distinction rides roughshod over two traditional ontological distinctions, between substance and property and between particular and universal».

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Frege's reduction of OS

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- ▶ $Realizes(x, y)$, for: individual process x realizes individual function y

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- ▶ $Realizes(x, y) \rightarrow \exists z(Dep(x, y) \wedge Dep(y, z))$
- ▶ $Exemp(x, y) \rightarrow \exists z(Inst(z, y) \wedge Inhere(z, x))$

Problems of Smith's Solution

- ▶ set of predicates
- ▶ non-compositional

Another solution: MTTs

- ▶ Types as Manageable Sets
- ▶ MTTs and Montague Grammar

Types as Manageable Sets

- ▶ $a \in A$
- ▶ $a : A$
- ▶ $a : A$ is decidable

MTTs

Martin- L f's type theory (Martin-L f (Martin-L f 1984),
propositions-as-types principle

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- ▶ type of pairs of natural numbers s.t $a \leq b$:
 $\Sigma x:\mathbb{N}. \lambda n. a + n = b$

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 $\prod x:\mathbb{N}. List(x)$

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