

Mereological Flux: Solutions to a Perennial Problem

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A puzzle discussed by Chrysippus in opposition to sceptical Academics is the *Growing Argument*: How can a substance which gains or loses parts be the same substance before and after the change? Similar issues were raised in the Middle Ages, in early modern philosophy, and in 20th century philosophy, and a wide variety of solutions have been offered. I revisit the argument and its many solutions, reconsider the solution I offered in 1987 and whether it is still convincing, and discuss the implications for general mereology.