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In responding to the objections against his thesis, Vasubandhu discusses how some objects could form or compose another object. Consider the following three objects: the planet Mercury, the Great Pyramid of Giza, and your phone. They are not very much alike, and neither are they touching each other. Is there a fourth object, composed or made up of these three? The “common sense” answer is no: there is no object composed of the planet Mercury, the Great Pyramid of Giza, and your phone. In option 2 that was discussed in class, the answer might be ‘yes’. But If you think the answer is no, then you face this question: (Q) Under what conditions do some objects compose another object? A sample answer to this question is: some objects compose another object if and only if they touch. This, however, does not seem satisfactory, since, if you touch your phone, we do not ordinarily suppose that a new thing has been created, composed of you and your phone which goes out of existence when you leave your phone on the table. Consider an alternative answer: some objects compose another object if and only if they are stuck together. Is that correct? If not, is there a better answer to (Q)?