

# Variations of Realism

Both Plato and Aristotle are realists. They both also agree that universals are needed to explain similarity and differences. But they differ on the details:

- Plato: universals (I) exist outside of space and time, (II) they are perfections - the universal F also \*has\* F, and (III) known through intellect alone.
- Aristotle: universals (I) exist in space and time, (II) they are not perfections, and (III) known by observation.



