



The Third Man Argument

Aristotle's Response to Plato

1. If a number of things, a , b , c , all have property P , there must be a single universal F in virtue of which a , b , c are all P . ✓
2. F is not identical to any of a , b , c . ✓
3. F has property P . ✗
4. Therefore, a , b , c , and F are all P . ✗