
Modeling in Knowledge Representation: The Parthood Relation

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Why Mereotopology ?

Formalizing common-sense knowledge

- proved to be much harder than formalized expert knowledge
- is based on a common-sense ontology
- that includes objects of every day live
- rather than sets.

Mathematics (Topology)

- uses set theory to represent real world problems
- provides sophisticated tools for expert reasoning.

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Topology: A Reminder

Definition

- A *topology* on a carrier set D is (given by) a set $\mathcal{T} \subseteq 2^D$ having the following properties
 - $D, \emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$
 - $\forall S \subseteq \mathcal{T} [\bigcup S \in \mathcal{T}]$
 - $\forall X, Y \in \mathcal{T} [X \cap Y \in \mathcal{T}]$
- The elements of \mathcal{T} are called *open sets*.

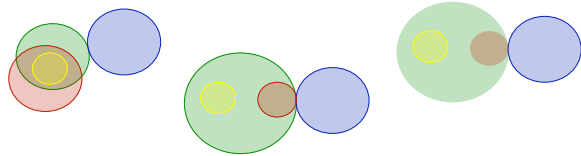
Simple Examples

- $\{D, \emptyset\}$ (trivial topology)
- 2^D (discrete topology)
- $\mathcal{T}_d = \{\bigcup M \mid M \subseteq \mathcal{B}_d\}$ (metric based topology)

Spatial Structure: Mereotopological Calculi

Basic idea

- (extended) regions are basic entities in the spatial ontology
- topological structure is crucial for spatial structure (→ qualitative)
- points and boundaries are abstractions from configurations of regions



Mereotopologies

A large selection of proposals exist

- Whitehead (1929), [Clarke](#) (1981), Randell & Cohn (1989), Egenhofer (1991), Randell Cui & Cohn ([RCC](#), 1992), Vieu (1993), Asher & Vieu ([A&V](#), 1995), [Roeper](#) (1997), Eschenbach ([CRC](#), 1999), Borgo, Guarino, Masolo ([BGM](#), 1996)
- Is there a common core to the proposals?
- Which approaches can be combined?
- How to choose between 'the proposals' for an application?

How to proceed?

Select terminologies

- Use notation that is neutral regarding the theories
- Identify the common terminological kernel
- Distinguish terms whose definitions differ
 - Mereological terminology (def. based on Part-of <)
 - Topological terminology (def. based on contact C)
 - Mereotopological terminology (def. based on < and C)

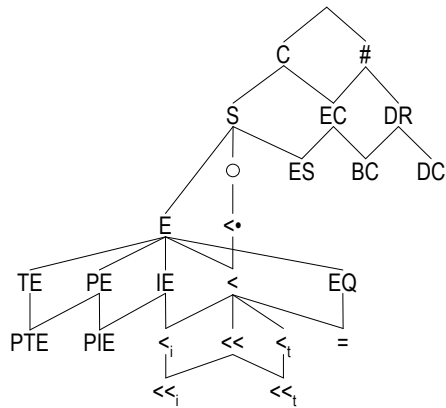
Identify a list of axioms

- such that every approach can be identified with a subset

Analyse the [interrelation between the axioms](#)

Select Terminologies

(Selection of) Binary Relations in Mereotopology



Identify a List of Axioms

Study interactions

Basic Assumptions Collected

The axioms used up to now are

$$\mathbf{M}: \quad \forall x y z [z < x \wedge x < y \Rightarrow z < y]$$

$$\mathbf{M}: \quad \forall x y [x < y \wedge y < x \Rightarrow x = y]$$

$$\mathbf{M}: \quad \forall x [x < x]$$

$$\mathbf{T}: \quad \forall x [C(x, x)]$$

$$\mathbf{T}: \quad \forall x y [C(x, y) \Rightarrow C(y, x)]$$

$$\mathbf{M+T}: \quad \forall x y [x < y \Rightarrow E(x, y)]$$

Types of Axioms

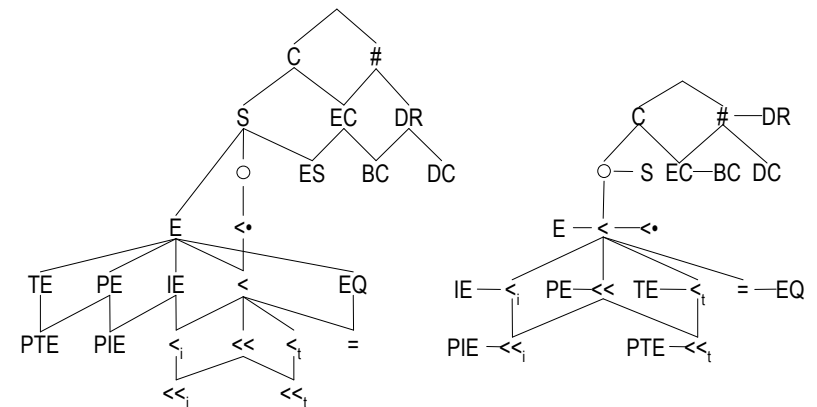
- ✓ Principles of **extensionality**, **supplementation** (individuation)
- ✓ **Interaction** between mereological and topological terminology
- ✓ Topological and mereological **universes**
- ✓ **Closed** regions
- Existence of **open** regions; **divisibility**
- A first map
- **Atoms** and **connectedness** of space
- Three types of **complements** and **connectedness**
- Mereological and topological completeness

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$$\text{t-univ}(x) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \forall y [C(y, x)]$$

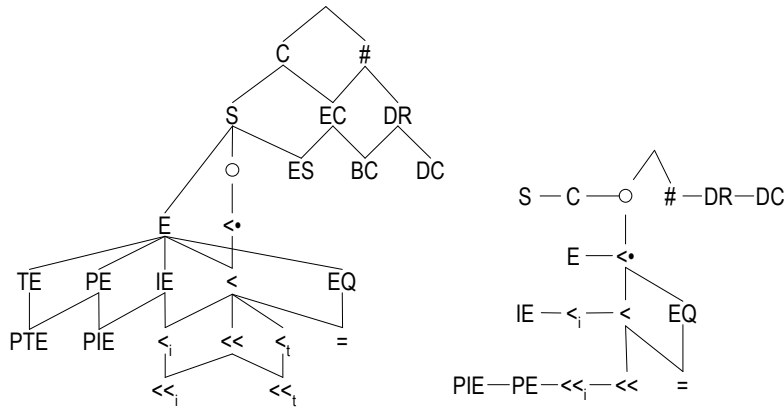
- The grey area is topologically universal but not mereologically universal.



$$\forall y \exists x [cl(x; y)]$$

$$\mathbf{M+T} \models \forall x [\text{OP}(x) \Leftrightarrow \text{int}(x; x)]$$

Terminological Simplifications in Discrete Spaces



Open Regions, Inner Parts and Interiors

A region is **open**, iff it has no external contacts.

$$OP(x) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \neg \exists y [EC(y, x)]$$

An **interior** of a region y is a region connected to exactly those regions that overlap y .

$$int(x; y) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \forall z [C(z, x) \Leftrightarrow z \circ y]$$

M+IT: All regions have an interior

$$\forall y \exists x [int(x; y)]$$

M+T+B: All regions have an inner part

$$\forall x \exists y [y <_i x]$$

$$x <_i y \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} x < y \wedge \forall z [C(z, x) \Rightarrow z \circ y]$$

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$$int(x; y) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \forall z [C(z, x) \Leftrightarrow z \circ y]$$

$$\models \forall x y z [int(x; z) \Rightarrow (int(y; z) \Leftrightarrow EQ(x, y))]$$

$$\models \forall x y [EQ(x, y) \Rightarrow \forall z [int(x; z) \Leftrightarrow int(y; z)]]$$

$$\models \forall x y [x < \circ y \Rightarrow \forall z [int(z; x) \Leftrightarrow int(z; y)]]$$

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$$\mathbf{M+T} \models \forall x y [int(x; y) \Rightarrow IE(x, y)]$$

$$\mathbf{M+T} \models \forall x y [int(x; y) \Rightarrow x < \bullet y]$$

Diagram illustrating a lattice structure of mathematical expressions, likely representing a formal system or a proof structure. The expressions are arranged in a hierarchical, branching manner, connected by lines indicating relationships or derivations.

Key expressions and relationships shown:

- Top level: $M+(K)T$
- Second level: $M+(K)OT$, $M+(K)ET$, $M+(K)WT$, $M+(K)T-B$
- Third level: $M+(K)OET$, $M+(K)WET$, $M+(K)IT$, $M+(K)ET-B$
- Fourth level: $M+(K)ST$, $M+(K)IST$, $M+(K)ST-B$, $M+(K)IET$
- Fifth level: $M+WT_{CL}$, $M+WET_{CL}$, $M+T-B_{CL}$, $M+ET-B_{CL}$
- Sixth level: $M+ST_{CL} = EM+WT$, $M+ST-B_{CL} = EM+T-B$

Additional labels and context:

- Left side: $M+T_{CL}$, $M+ET_{CL}$, $EM+T$, $EM+ET$, $EM+OT$, $EM+OET$
- Right side: $A\&V$ Clarke
- Bottom: RCC Roepner BGM

Axioms of modal logics

M+WT: $\forall x y [E(x, y) \Rightarrow x <_{\bullet} y]$

M+ST: $\forall x y [E(x, y) \Rightarrow x < y]$

M+KT: $\forall y \exists x [cl(x; y)]$

M+T_{CL}: $\forall x y [y <_{\bullet} x \Rightarrow E(y, x)]$

EM: $\forall x y [x <_{\bullet} y \Rightarrow x < y]$

M+T-B: $\forall x \exists y [y <_i x]$

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M+(K)T

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M+WT_{CL}

EM+T

M+ST_{CL} = EM+WT

A&V Clarke

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EM: $\forall x y [x < \cdot y \Rightarrow x < y]$
M+T \neg B: $\forall x \exists y [y <_i x]$
M+IT: $\forall y \exists x [int(x; y)]$
M+T \neg B = M+WT

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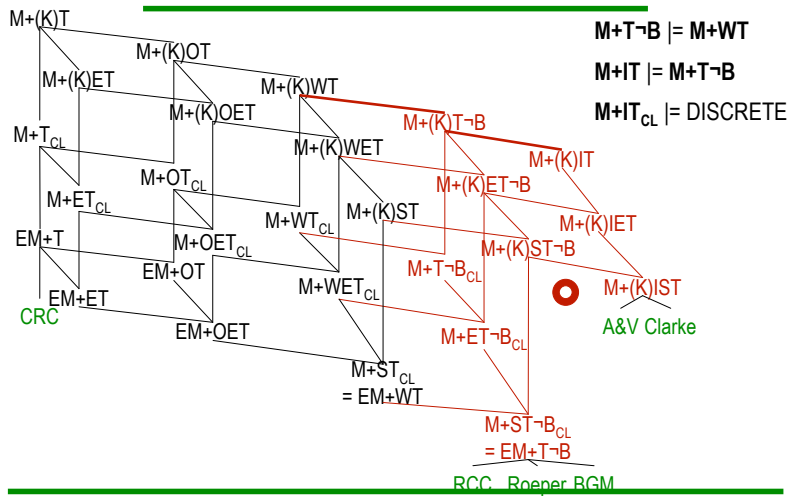
M+T-B: $\forall x \exists y [y <_i x]$

M+IT: $\forall y \exists x [\text{int}(x; y)]$

M+IT \models **M+T-B**

M+IT_{CL} \models **DISCRETE**

A first map



Some Remarks on $M+T \rightarrow B$

All regions have interior parts.

- In this theory, the mereotopological operators behave similar to their topological counterparts on regular sets.

All interiors are open. All closures are closed.

$$M + T \vdash B \models \forall x y [\text{int}(x; y) \Rightarrow \text{OP}(x)]$$

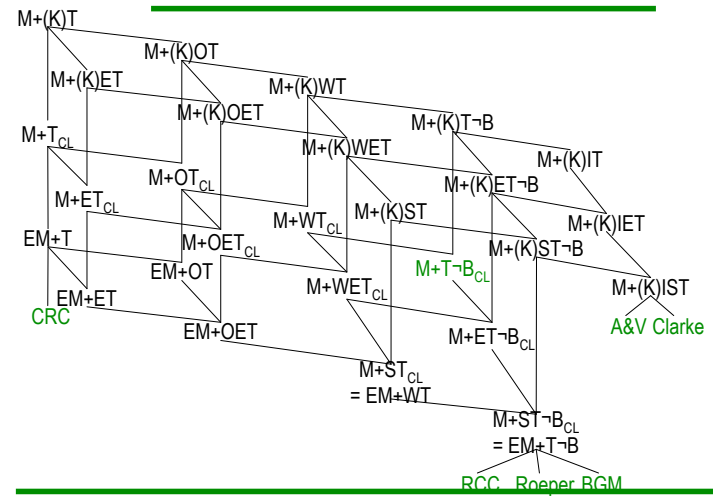
$$\mathbf{M+T+B} \models \forall x y [\text{cl}(x; y) \Rightarrow \text{CL}(x)]$$

int and cl do not add region-parts

$$\mathbf{M+T+B} \models \forall x y [\text{int}(x; y) \Rightarrow x <\cdot> y]$$

$$\mathbf{M+T \neg B} \models \forall x y [\text{cl}(x; y) \Rightarrow x <\cdot> y]$$

The first Map with some Landmarks



Some Remarks on $M+T \dashv B$

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double cl and int

$$\mathbf{M+T+B} \models \forall x y z [\text{cl}(y; z) \Rightarrow (\text{cl}(x; y) \Leftrightarrow \text{EQ}(x; y))]$$

$$\mathbf{M+T+B} \models \forall x y z [\text{int}(y; z) \Rightarrow (\text{int}(x; y) \Leftrightarrow \text{EQ}(x; y))]$$

regularity

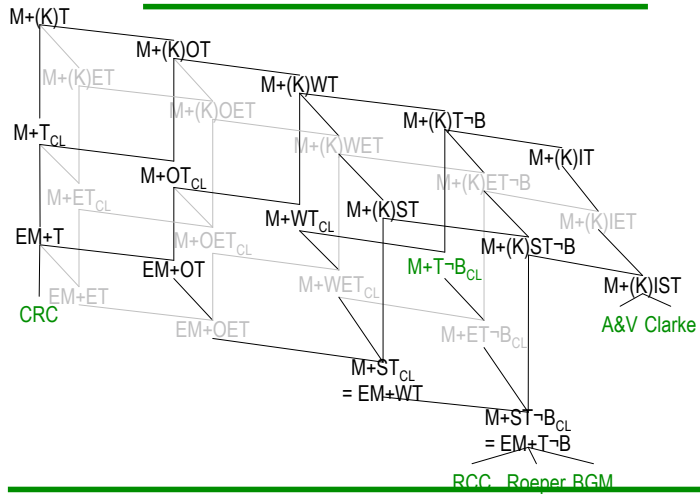
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interiors are the fusions of the inner parts

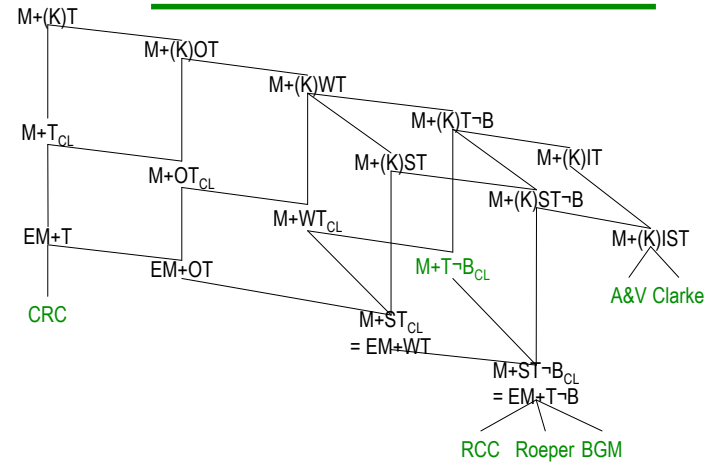
$$\mathbf{M+T \neg B} \models \forall x y [\text{int}(x; y) \Leftrightarrow \forall z [C(x, z) \Leftrightarrow \exists w [C(w, z) \wedge w <_i y]]]$$

An Interesting Part of the First Map



Connected Space

A Simplified Map



Connectedness of Space and Atomic Regions

A region that is both open and closed is *isolated* (from the rest of space)

$$\text{ISO}(x) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \text{OP}(x) \wedge \text{CL}(x)$$

$$\mathbf{M+T} \models \forall x [m\text{-univ}(x) \Rightarrow \text{ISO}(x)]$$

M+T_{CON}: Only mereologically universal regions are isolated

$$\forall x [\text{ISO}(x) \Rightarrow \text{m-univ}(x)]$$

A region without proper parts is an *atom*

$$\text{At}(x) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \neg \exists y [y \ll x]$$

MA: Every region has an atomic part

$$\forall y \exists x [At(x) \wedge x < y]$$

Atoms in $M+T \neg B_{CL}$

A region without proper parts is an *atom*

$$At(x) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \neg \exists y [y \ll x]$$

$$M+T \neg B \models \forall x [At(x) \Rightarrow OP(x)]$$

$$M+T \neg B_{CL} \models \forall x [At(x) \Rightarrow ISO(x)]$$

$$MA+T \neg B_{CL} \models \forall y [\exists x [x < y \wedge ISO(x)]]$$

$$M+T \neg B_{CON CL} \models \forall x [At(x) \Rightarrow m\text{-univ}(x)]$$

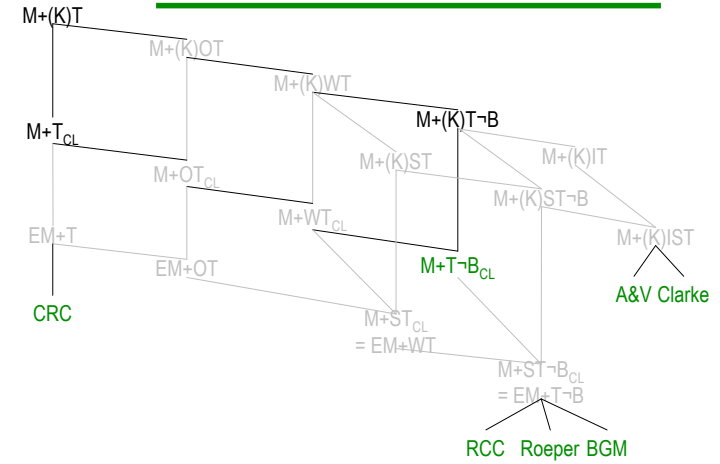
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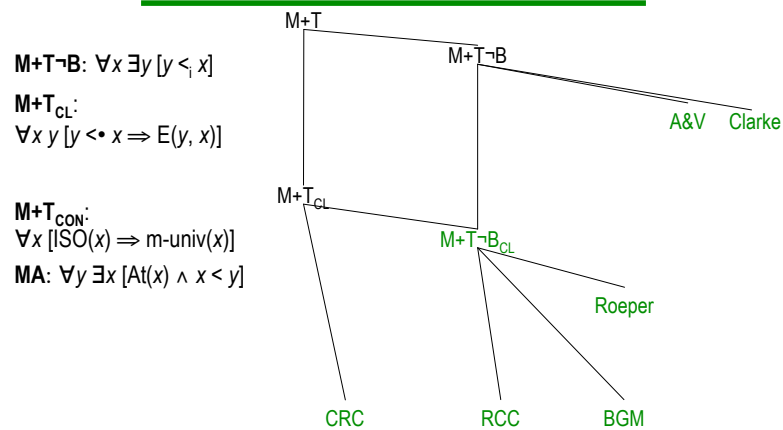
$$M+T \neg B_{CON CL}, \exists x [At(x)] \models \text{DISCRETE}$$

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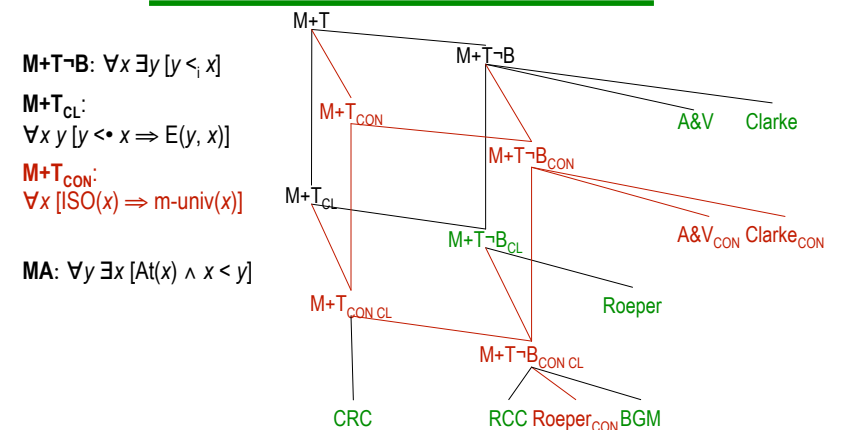
A Critical Region in the Simplified Map



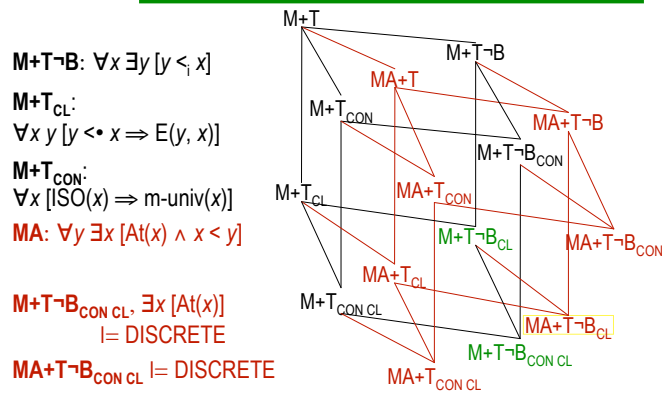
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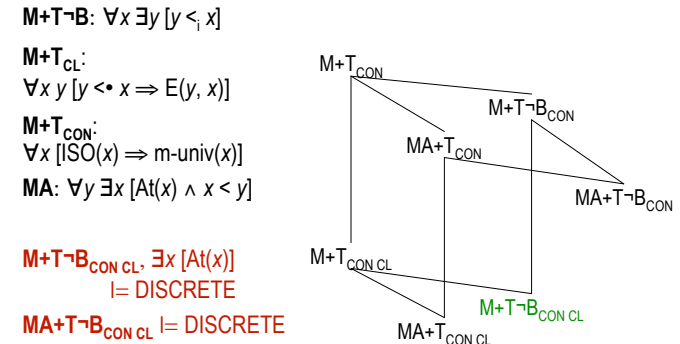
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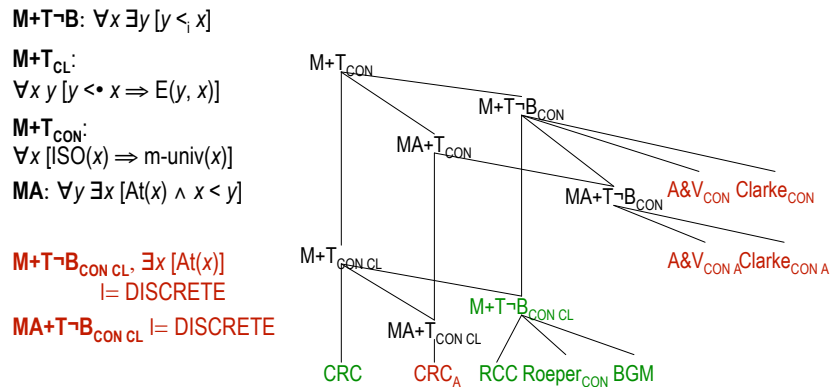
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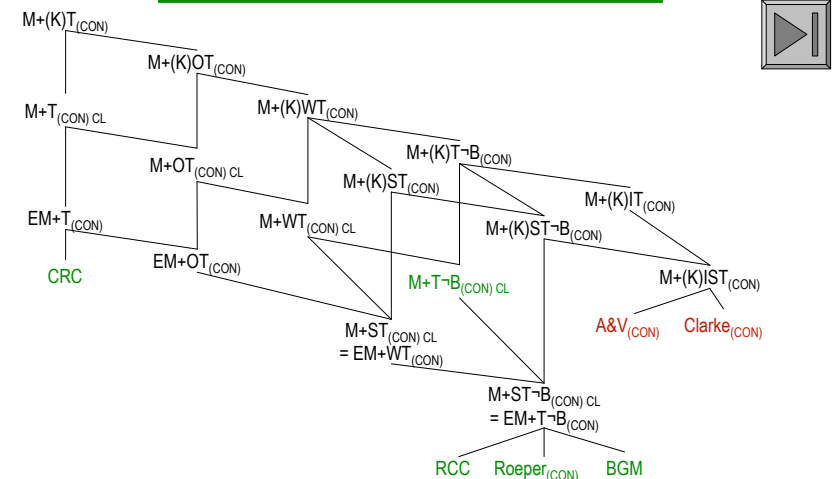
Connected Spaces and Atomic Regions



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A Simplified Map (of Connected Space)

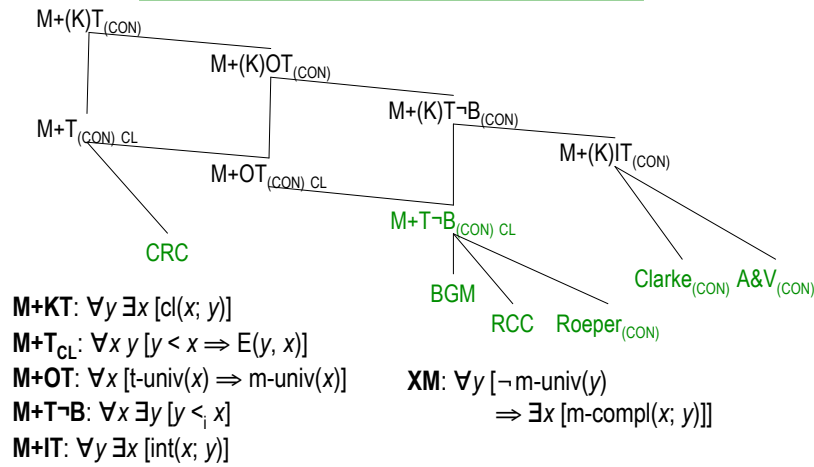


$$\text{m-compl}(x; y) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \forall w [x \circ w \Leftrightarrow \neg(w <_{\bullet} y)]$$
$$\text{t-compl}(x; y) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \forall z [C(z, x) \Leftrightarrow \neg E(z, y)]$$
$$\text{c-compl}(x; y) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \forall z [C(z, x) \Leftrightarrow \neg(z <_{\downarrow} y)] \wedge \forall z [z \circ x \Leftrightarrow \neg(z < y)]$$
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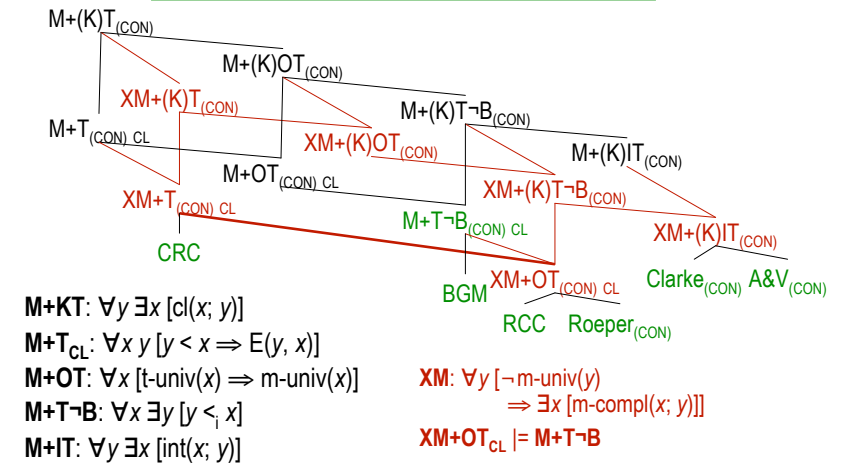
$$\mathbf{M} \models \forall x y [m\text{-compl}(x; y) \Rightarrow \neg m\text{-univ}(x) \wedge \neg m\text{-univ}(y)]$$

$$\forall y [\neg \text{m-univ}(y) \Rightarrow \exists x [\text{m-compl}(x; y)]]$$


Mereological Complements



Mereological Complements



Topological Complements

A *topological complement* x of a region y is connected to exactly those regions that are not enclosed by y

$$t-compl(x; y) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \forall z [C(z, x) \Leftrightarrow \neg E(z, y)]$$

$$T \models \forall x y [t-compl(x; y) \Rightarrow \neg C(x, y)]$$

$$M+T \models \forall x y [t-compl(x; y) \Rightarrow \neg(y \circ x)]$$

$$T \models \forall x y z [t-compl(x; y) \Rightarrow (\neg C(x, z) \Rightarrow C(y, z))]$$

$$T \models \forall x y [t-compl(x; y) \Leftrightarrow t-compl(y; x)]$$

$$T \models \forall x y [t-compl(x; y) \Rightarrow \neg t-univ(x) \wedge \neg t-univ(y)]$$

$$M+T \models \forall x y [t-compl(x; y) \wedge OP(y) \Rightarrow CL(x)]$$

Some Remarks on $M+T-B$

All regions have interior parts.

$$M+T-B \models \forall x y [t-compl(x; y) \Rightarrow m-compl(x; y)]$$

- In this theory, the mereotopological operators are dual regarding topological complement.

$$M+T-B \models \forall x y [t-compl(x; y) \Rightarrow (CL(y) \Leftrightarrow OP(x))]$$

$$M+T-B \models \forall x y u z [t-compl(x; u) \wedge t-compl(z; y) \Rightarrow (cl(x; y) \Leftrightarrow int(u; z))]$$

Topological Complements

A *mereological complement* of region y overlaps exactly those regions that are not covered by y

$$\text{m-compl}(x; y) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \forall w [x \circ w \Leftrightarrow \neg(w <^* y)]$$

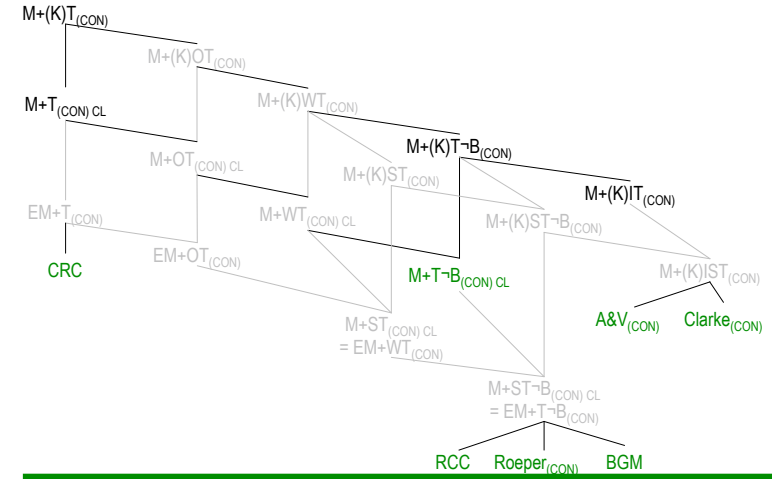
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M+XT: Existence of topological complements

$$\forall y [\neg \text{t-univ}(y) \Rightarrow \exists x [\text{t-compl}(x; y)]]$$

A Critical Region in the Simplified Map



Topological Complements

M+T-B: $\forall x \exists y [y <_i x]$

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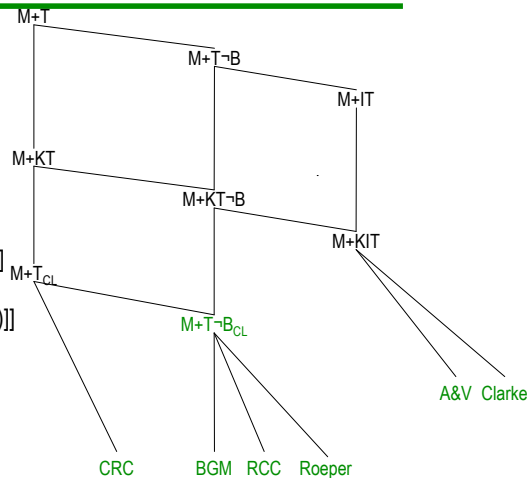
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M+T_{CL}: $\forall x y [y <^* x \Rightarrow E(y, x)]$

XT: $\forall y [\neg \text{t-univ}(y) \Rightarrow \exists x [\text{t-compl}(x; y)]]$

XM: $\forall y [\neg \text{m-univ}(y) \Rightarrow \exists x [\text{m-compl}(x; y)]]$

M+IT_{CL} = DISCRETE



Topological Complements

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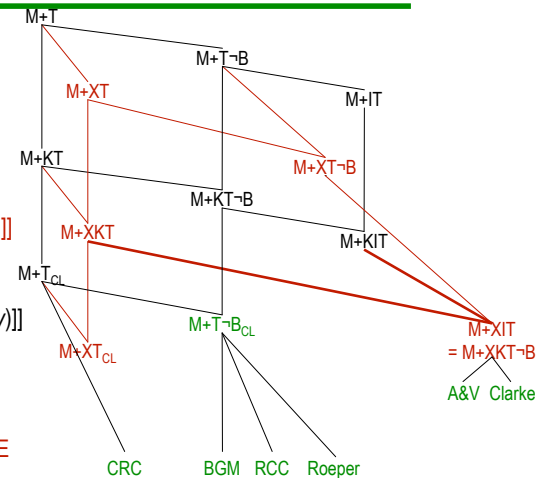
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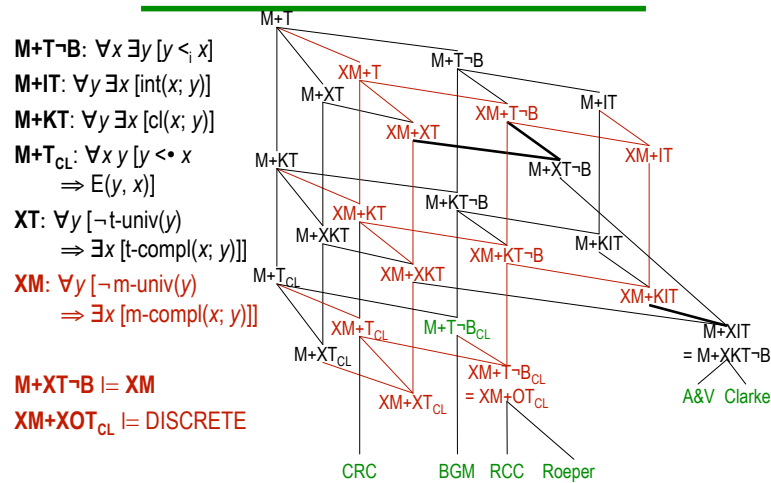
M+XIT = M+KT

M+XKT-B = M+IT

M+XT-B_{CL} = DISCRETE



Topological and Mereological Complements



Closed Complements

A *closed complement* of region y is connected to those regions that are not proper inner parts of y and overlaps those regions that are not part of y .

$$\text{c-compl}(x; y) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \forall z [C(z, x) \Leftrightarrow \neg(z <_i y)] \wedge \forall z [z \circ x \Leftrightarrow \neg(z < y)]$$

$$\mathbf{M+T} \models \forall x y [c\text{-compl}(x; y) \Rightarrow CL(x) \wedge CL(y)]$$

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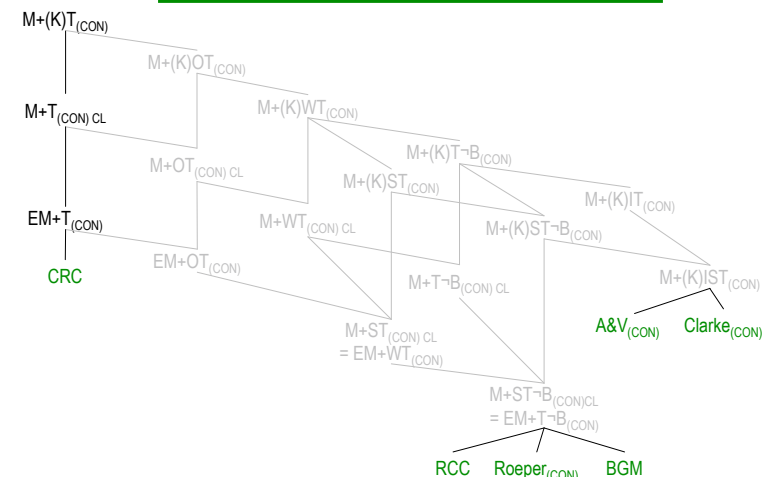
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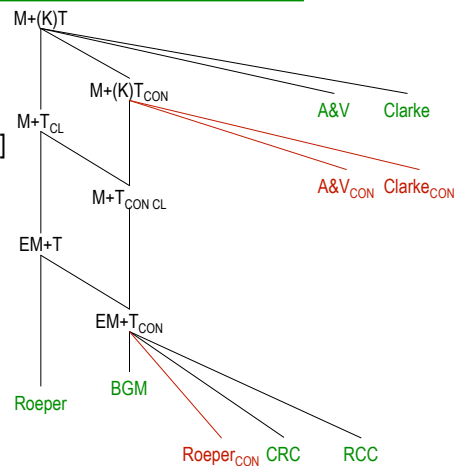
X'M+T: Existence of closed complements

$$\forall y [\neg \text{m-univ}(y) \Rightarrow \exists x [\text{c-compl}(x; y)]]$$

A Selection from the Simplified Map (of Connected Space)



Complements and Connectedness

$$\mathbf{M+KT}: \forall y \exists x [\text{cl}(x; y)]$$
$$\mathbf{M+T_{CL}}: \forall x y [y <^\bullet x \Rightarrow E(y, x)]$$
$$\text{EM: } \forall x y [x <^\bullet y \Rightarrow x < y]$$
$$\mathbf{M+T}_{\text{CON}}: \forall x [\text{ISO}(x) \Rightarrow \text{m-univ}(x)]$$
$$\text{XM: } \forall y [\neg \text{m-univ}(y) \Rightarrow \exists x [\text{m-compl}(x; y)]]$$
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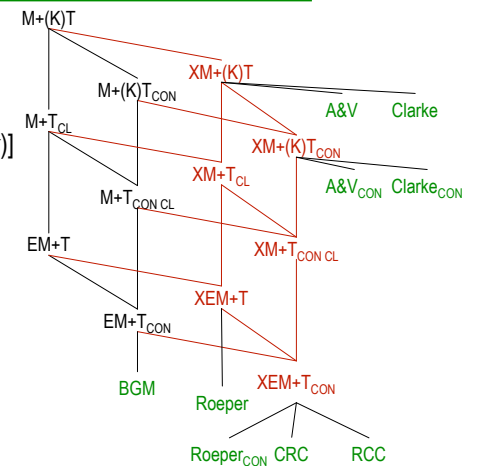
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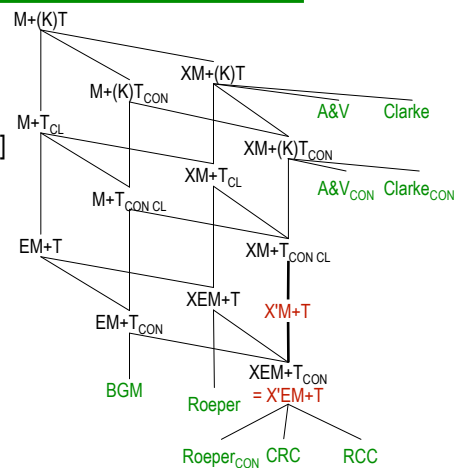
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Complements and Connectedness

$$\mathbf{M+KT: \forall y \exists x [cl(x; y)]}$$
$$\mathbf{M+T_{CL}}: \forall x y [y <^\bullet x \Rightarrow E(y, x)]$$

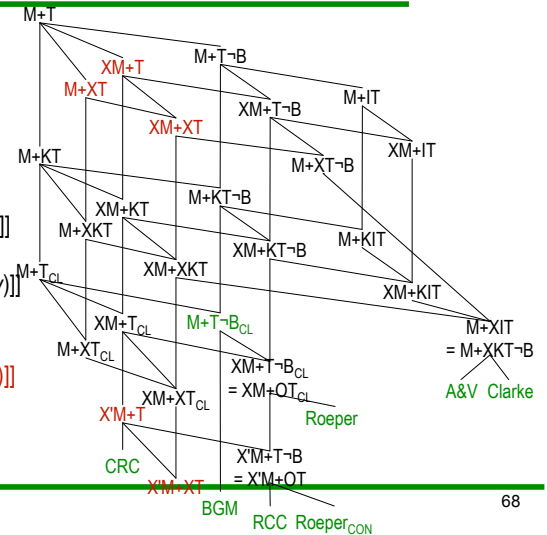
EM: $\forall x y [x <^\bullet y \Rightarrow x < y]$

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$$X'M+T \models XM+T_{CON CL}$$
$$XEM + T_{CON} = X'M + T$$


All Complements at one Glance

$$M+T \vdash B: \forall x \exists y [y <_i x]$$

M+IT: $\forall y \exists x [\text{int}(x; y)]$

$$M \vdash KI : \forall y \exists x [cl(x; y)]$$
$$\Rightarrow E(y, x)]$$
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Mereological and Topological Completeness

Mereological Sums, Intersections and Differences

Overlap-based definitions

$$(D) \quad m\text{-fus}(x; y, z) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \forall w [w \circ x \Leftrightarrow (w \circ y \vee w \circ z)]$$

$$(D) \quad m\text{-isct}(x; y, z) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \forall w [w \circ x \Leftrightarrow \exists v [w \circ v \wedge v < y \wedge v < z]]$$

$$(D) \quad m\text{-diff}(x; y, z) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \forall w [w \circ x \Leftrightarrow \exists v [w \circ v \wedge v < y \wedge \neg(v \circ z)]]$$

$$(D) \quad x \sigma y [\Phi] \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \forall z [z \circ x \Leftrightarrow \exists y [\Phi \wedge z \circ y]]$$

CM: Binary sums and intersections exist, if possible

$$\forall y z \exists x [m\text{-fus}(x; y, z)]$$

$$\forall y z [y \circ z \Rightarrow \exists x [m\text{-isct}(x; y, z)]]$$

DM: Differences exist, if possible

$$\forall y z [\neg(y < \bullet z) \Rightarrow \exists x [m\text{-diff}(x; y, z)]]$$

GM: Arbitrary sums exist, if possible

$$\exists y [\Phi] \Rightarrow \exists x \forall z [x \circ z \Leftrightarrow \exists y [\Phi \wedge y \circ z]]$$

Mereological Completeness Conditions

CM: $\forall y z \exists x [m\text{-fus}(x; y, z)]$

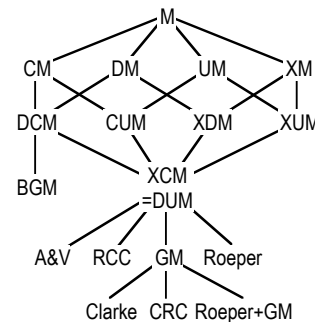
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XM: $\forall y [\neg m\text{-univ}(y) \Rightarrow \exists x [m\text{-compl}(x; y)]]$

UM+T: $\exists x [m\text{-univ}(x)]$



XCM |= **DUM**

DUM |= **XCM**

GM |= **XDCUM**

Topological Sums and Intersections

Connection-based definitions

$$(D) \quad t\text{-fus}(x; y, z) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \forall w [C(w, x) \Leftrightarrow (C(w, y) \vee C(w, z))]$$

$$(D) \quad t\text{-isct}(x; y, z) \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \forall w [C(w, x) \Leftrightarrow \exists v [C(w, v) \wedge E(v, y) \wedge E(v, z)]]$$

CT: Binary sums and intersections exist, if possible

$$\forall y z \exists x [t\text{-fus}(x; y, z)]$$

$$\forall y z [S(y, z) \Rightarrow \exists x [t\text{-isct}(x; y, z)]]$$

GT: Arbitrary sums exist, if possible

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Interaction between mereological and topological sum and intersection principles

From topological to mereological completeness

$$\mathbf{M+WT} \models \forall x y z [t\text{-isct}(x; y, z) \Rightarrow m\text{-isct}(x; y, z)]$$

$$\mathbf{M+T \vdash B} \mid= \forall x\ y\ z\ [t\text{-fus}(x; y, z) \Rightarrow m\text{-fus}(x; y, z)]$$

$$M + CT \neg B \models CM$$

From mereological to topological completeness

$$\mathbf{M+WT}_{\text{CL}} \models \forall x y z [\text{m-isct}(x; y, z) \Leftrightarrow \text{t-isct}(x; y, z)]$$

M+FT: Missing connections mean missing parts, generalized

$$\forall x y z [\exists u [C(u, x) \wedge \neg(C(u, y) \vee C(u, z))] \Rightarrow \exists w [w < x \wedge \neg(w \circ y \vee w \circ z)]]$$

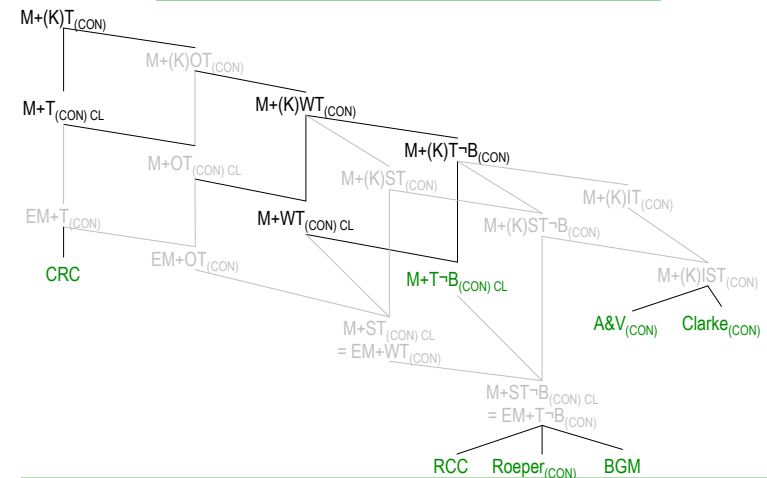
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$$M+FT \models M+T_{CL}$$

$$CM + FWT \mid = CT$$

$$M+CT \neg B_{CL} \models M+FT$$

Selection from the first map



Mereological and topological sum and intersection principles

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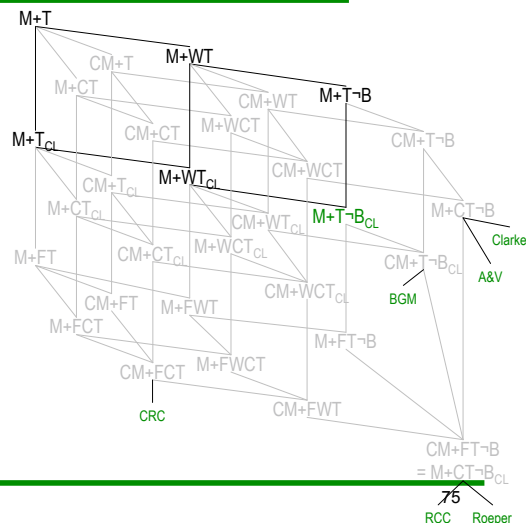
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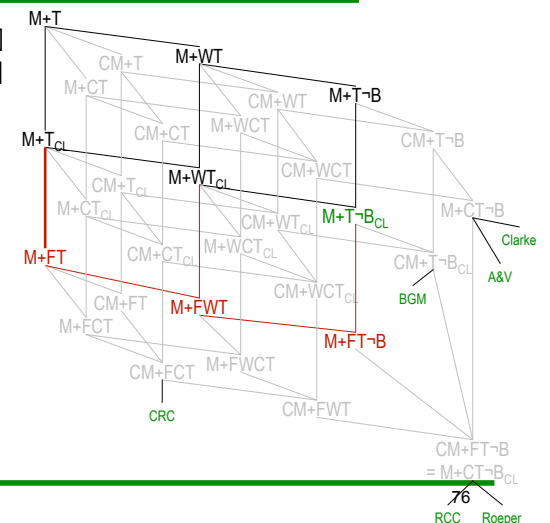
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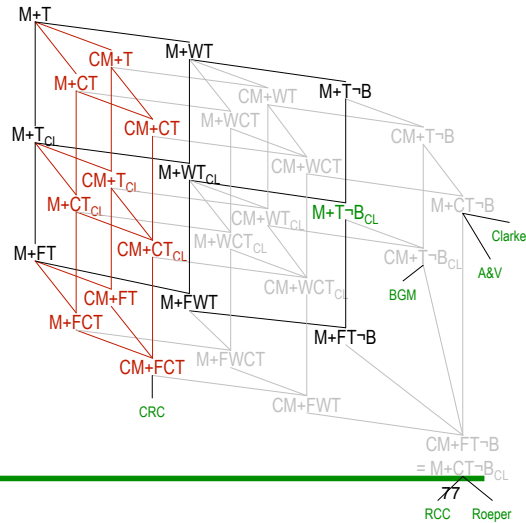
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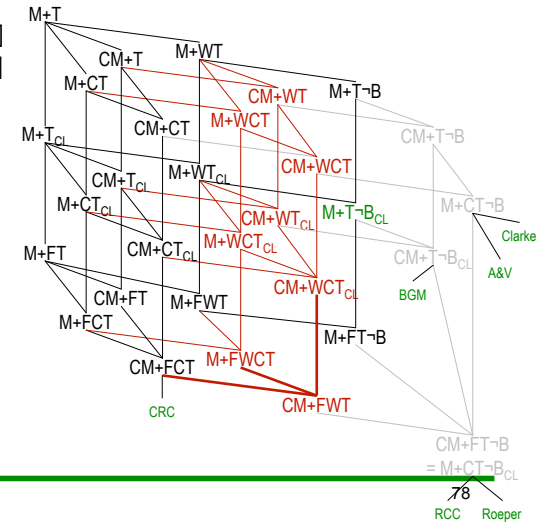


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$CM+FWT \models CT$

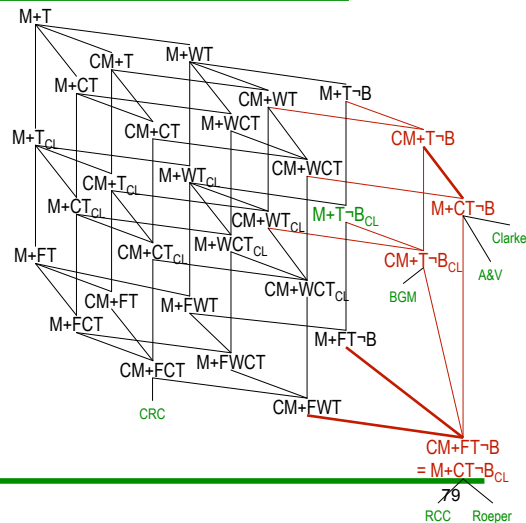


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$M+CT-B \models CM$
 $M+CT-B_{CL} \models M+FT$



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Conclusion

Avoid

Discrete spaces

- if you want topological distinctions

Theories of closed regions

- if you want interiors in non-discrete spaces

General existence of interiors

- if you want theories of closed regions or mereological extensionality

Theories of closed regions with inner parts

- if you want connected space with atoms
- if you want to guarantee topological complements

Allow

Space to be connected

- i.e. that only mereologically universal regions are isolated

Topologically universal regions that are not mereologically universal

- if you want to guarantee mereological complements without guaranteeing inner parts