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a Work-In-Progress Talk

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“The Role of Prototypes in a Theory of Concepts”

Prototype theories of concepts have been criticized on the grounds that they cannot account for the compositionality of concepts. Proponents of prototype theories have responded by arguing that prototype theories can account for compositionality. Both sides of the debate accept that, if prototypes are concepts, then prototypes must respect compositionality. I think that this is mistaken. I'll argue that whether prototypes respect compositionality is irrelevant to the question of whether prototypes are concepts.

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