

Enduring, Perduring and Exduring Objects in Spacetime

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Abstract

The paper attempts to define three modes of persistence: endurance, perdurance and exdurance, in a generic spacetime framework, starting with the notion of *absolute chronological precedence*. Exdurance presents a special problem, for exduring objects are instantaneous stages which persist by bearing non-modal counterpart relations to other such stages. There is a sense in which exduring objects are multi-located in spacetime. But the same is true of enduring objects. How then is exdurance different from endurance? I offer a definition of ‘exdurance’ that clearly sets it apart from other modes of persistence.