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The purpose of this thesis is to explain and evaluate the trope nominalistic view about the basic ontological entities, abstract particulars or tropes, from which the universals of realism are derived, and the concrete particulars of another nominalisms are constituted.

There are at present three different versions of trope theory; bundle theory of trope, substance trope theory, and nuclear theory. At the first stage, I tried to find the most appropriate version for the trope nominalism. The studies revealed that the bundle theory of trope is the case. At the second stage, I introduce the arguments of the bundle theory of trope from Williams and Campbell, which appeared in 'The Elements of Being' and 'Abstract Particulars' respectively. To strengthen the proposal, I include and evaluate Campbell's support to the trope theory, arguing that it has an advantage over theory of universals and resemblance nominalism.

There have been two important objections to the bundle theory of trope. First is the problem of the particularization of attributes. I consider three problems; the troubles with the term 'abstract particulars', particularization of relations, and swapped tropes. Second is the problem of similarity set and concurrence sum of tropes. This section is divided into two topics. The first topic, similarity set of tropes, is considered from the argument from singular term and general term, resemblance regress, and identity of the terms referring to null set. The second topic, concurrence sum of tropes, is considered from the relation of concurrence, insubstantiality of tropes, analyticalization of subject-predicate statements, and relations of concrete particulars. Due to the fact that some problems have already been answered by Campbell, I examine his answers along with them. I will strengthen Campbell's answer, and show why all of these objections to the trope theory are invalid and not successful in overthrowing the trope nominalistic view.

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