

Ancora sul paradosso della mera addizione. Risposta a Filippo Magni

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More on the Mere Addition Paradox. A Reply to Filippo Magni

Abstract: The person-affecting form of utilitarianism defended by Filippo Magni faces the mere addition paradox. Magni is unwilling to abandon his view, and the only way for him to avoid the paradox is to accept that the relations “better than” and “no worse than” are not transitive relations. In a previous paper, I argued that this strategy for avoiding the paradox is deeply problematic, since it entails a contradiction. In the present paper, I develop and expand upon that earlier argument.

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