

## Re: set of a set etc.

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On Tue, 19 Jul 2005, G. Frege wrote:

> "The distinction between  $x$  and  $\{x\}$  is one of the merits of Peano's  
> symbolic logic, as well as Frege's. On the basis of our theory of  
> classes, the necessity for the distinction is of course obvious. But  
> apart from this, the following consideration makes the necessity  
> apparent. Let  $/a/$  be a class; then the class whose only member is  $/a/$   
> has only one member, namely  $/a/$ , while  $/a/$  may have many members. Hence  
> the class whose only member is  $/a/$  cannot be identical with  $/a/$ .\*"

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The difference between  $a$ ,  $\{a\}$ ,  $\{\{a\}\}$  and  $\{\{\{a\}\}\}$  is a is something  
 $\{a\}$  is a in a box,  $\{\{a\}\}$  is a in a box within a box and  $\{\{\{a\}\}\}$   
is a in a box within a box within yet another box and etc for  
so on.

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