ONE BALL IS SUFFICIENT

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When the ball is thrown by a quarterback, it is a football.

When the ball is thrown by a pitcher, it is a baseball.

When the ball is not permitted to be thrown, it is a soccerball.

Generally, context contains enough information to fill in details.

In virtual space, an object can have multiple, concurrent, contradictory interpretations, disambiguated by context.

All languages are multiply ambiguous. (Jerome Bruner)

By nature, words and descriptions highlight differences in perspective, differences in meaning. When we communicate (symbolically) via language, we generate and propagate contradictions. Context is needed to determine truth and consistency.

This is known in graphics circles as TEAPOT SPLITTING.