Reasoning About the World

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Reasoning

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There is no pistol.
Therefore, the butler did not kill the man.

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There is a knife.
Therefore, the cook killed the man.

Reasoning

If $\overbrace{\text{the butler killed the man}}^{B}$, then $\overbrace{\text{there must be a pistol}}^{P}$.
There is no pistol.
Therefore, the butler did not kill the man.

If $\overbrace{\text{the cook killed the man}}^{C}$, then $\overbrace{\text{there must be a knife}}^{K}$.
There is a knife.
Therefore, the cook killed the man.

Reasoning

If B, then P.
$\overline{P}$.
Therefore, $\overline{P}$.

If C, then K.
K.
Therefore, C.

Reasoning

$$B \implies P$$
$$\overline{P}$$
$$\therefore \overline{B}$$

$$C \implies K$$
$$K$$
$$\therefore C$$

Reasoning

valid:
(modus tollens)

$$B \implies P$$
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invalid:
(logical fallacy)

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$$K$$
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Plausible Reasoning

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- Reasoning depends on background information.

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Goal: figure out what exactly plausibility is.

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Lemma (Representation)

Plausibility can be represented by real numbers.

Plausible Reasoning: Truth

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Assumption (Truth)

- There exists a plausibility T such that $(A \mid X) \leq \mathsf{T}$ for all A.
- $(\text{tautology} \mid X) = \mathsf{T}$.

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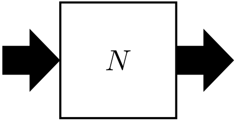

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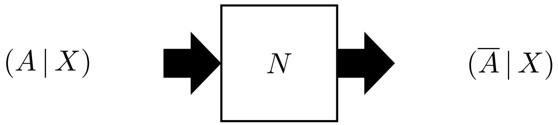

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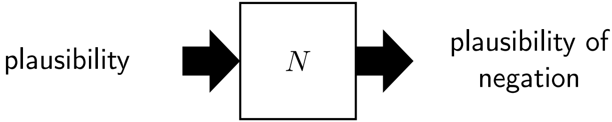

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Assumption (Negation)

There exists a decreasing function N such that

$$(\overline{A} \,|\, X) = N(A \,|\, X)$$

for all A.

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$\Rightarrow$ $(A \mid X) \geq \mathsf{F}$. (Definition of N and F)

QED.

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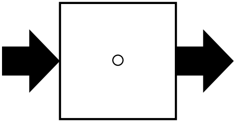

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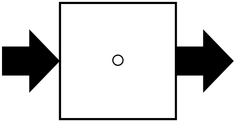

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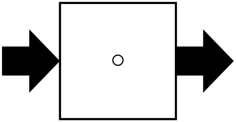

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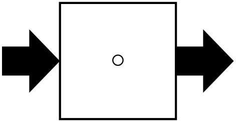

$(AB \mid X)$

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\begin{aligned}
A &= \text{a blue eye,} \\
B &= \text{brown hair,} \\
AB &= \text{a blue eye and brown hair.}
\end{aligned}
$$

Plausible Reasoning: Conjunction

$(A \,|\, X) = \text{high}$

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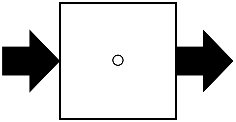

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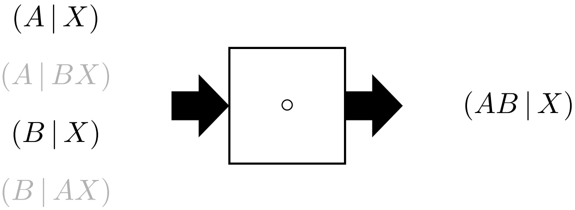

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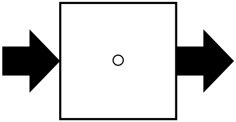

$(AB \mid X) = \text{low}$

$$A = \text{a blue eye},$$
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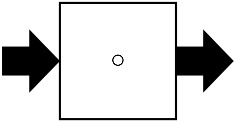

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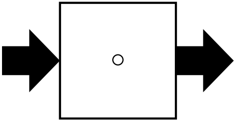

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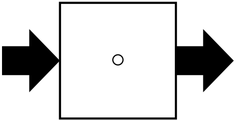

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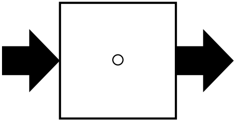

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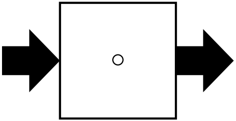

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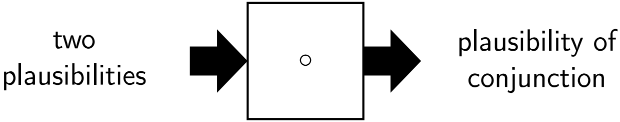

Plausible Reasoning: Conjunction

Assumption (Conjunction)

There exists a function $\circ$ such that

$$(AB \mid X) = (A \mid X) \circ (B \mid AX)$$

for all A and B.

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QED.

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$\Rightarrow (\overline{A\overline{A}} \mid X) = \mathsf{T}$. (Definition of T)

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$x \circ \mathsf{F} = \mathsf{F}$:

$\Rightarrow$ $(\overline{A\overline{A}} \,|\, X) = \mathsf{T}$. (Definition of T)

$\Rightarrow$ $N(\overline{A\overline{A}} \,|\, X) = N(\mathsf{T})$.

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$\Rightarrow$ $\mathsf{F} = (A \,|\, X) \circ \mathsf{F}$.

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$x \circ (y \circ z) = (x \circ y) \circ z$:

$$\begin{aligned} (ABC \mid X) &= (A(BC) \mid X) \\ &= (A \mid X) \circ (BC \mid AX) \\ &= (A \mid X) \circ \Big((B \mid AX) \circ (C \mid ABX) \Big), \end{aligned}$$

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&= \Big((A \mid X) \circ (B \mid AX) \Big) \circ (C \mid ABX). \text{ QED.}
\end{aligned}
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Plausible Reasoning: Conjunction

$$x \circ \mathsf{T} = \mathsf{T} \circ x = x$$
$$x \circ \mathsf{F} = \mathsf{F} \circ x = \mathsf{F}$$
$$x \circ (y \circ z) = (x \circ y) \circ z$$

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$$x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x$$
$$x \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot x = 0$$
$$x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z$$

Cox's Theorem

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- $p(B \mid AX) = \dfrac{p(AB \mid X)}{p(A \mid X)}$.

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$p(\mathsf{F}) = 0$.

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$\Rightarrow$ $0 \leq p(A \mid X) \leq 1$.

QED.

Lemma (Sum Rule)

It holds that

$$p(\overline{A} \mid X) = 1 - p(A \mid X)$$

for all A.

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  $\Rightarrow$ $N \cong 1 - \bullet$.

Cox's Theorem

Theorem (Cox)

Plausibility is probability.

Reasoning: Revisited

valid: (modus tollens)

$B \implies P$

$\overline{P}$

$\therefore \overline{B}$

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invalid: (logical fallacy)

$C \implies K$

K

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K

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Reasoning: Revisited

valid:
(modus tollens)

$$\overbrace{B \implies P}^{X}$$
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Reasoning: Revisited

valid: (modus tollens)	$(P \mid BX)$ $\overline{P}$ $\therefore \overline{B}$	$\overbrace{B \implies P}^{X}$ $\overline{P}$ $\therefore \overline{B}$
invalid: (logical fallacy)	$C \implies K$ K $\therefore C$	$C \implies K$ K $\therefore C$

Reasoning: Revisited

valid: (modus tollens)	$(P \mid BX) = \mathsf{T}$ $\overline{P}$ $\therefore \overline{B}$	$\overbrace{B \implies P}^{X}$ $\overline{P}$ $\therefore \overline{B}$
invalid: (logical fallacy)	$C \implies K$ K $\therefore C$	$C \implies K$ K $\therefore C$

Reasoning: Revisited

valid: (modus tollens)	$p(P \mid BX) = 1$ $\overline{P}$ $\therefore \overline{B}$	$\overbrace{B \implies P}^{X}$ $\overline{P}$ $\therefore \overline{B}$
invalid: (logical fallacy)	$C \implies K$ K $\therefore C$	$C \implies K$ K $\therefore C$

Reasoning: Revisited

valid: (modus tollens)

$$p(P \mid BX) = 1$$

$$p(B \mid \overline{P}X) = \dots$$

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$$\overline{P}$$
$$\therefore \overline{B}$$

invalid: (logical fallacy)

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Reasoning: Revisited

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$$= \frac{p(\overline{P} \mid BX)p(B \mid X)}{p(\overline{P} \mid X)} \qquad \text{(Product Rule)}$$

Reasoning: Revisited

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\begin{aligned}
p(B \mid \overline{P} X) &= \frac{p(B\overline{P} \mid X)}{p(\overline{P} \mid X)} && \text{(Product Rule)} \\
&= \frac{p(\overline{P} \mid BX)p(B \mid X)}{p(\overline{P} \mid X)} && \text{(Product Rule)} \\
&= \frac{(1 - p(P \mid BX))p(B \mid X)}{p(\overline{P} \mid X)} && \text{(Sum Rule)}
\end{aligned}
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&= \frac{(1 - 1)p(B \mid X)}{p(\overline{P} \mid X)} && (X = (B \implies P))
\end{aligned}
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&= \frac{(1 - 1)p(B \mid X)}{p(\overline{P} \mid X)} && (X = (B \implies P)) \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}
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Reasoning: Revisited

valid: (modus tollens)	$p(P \mid BX) = 1$ $p(B \mid \overline{P}X) = 0$	$\overbrace{B \implies P}^{X}$ $\overline{P}$ $\therefore \overline{B}$
invalid: (logical fallacy)	$C \implies K$ K $\therefore C$	$C \implies K$ K $\therefore C$

Reasoning: Revisited

valid: (modus tollens)	$p(P \mid BX) = 1$ $p(B \mid \overline{P}X) = 0$	$\overbrace{B \implies P}^{X}$ $\overline{P}$ $\therefore \overline{B}$
invalid: (logical fallacy)	$p(K \mid CY) = 1$ $p(C \mid KY) = \ldots$	$\overbrace{C \implies K}^{Y}$ K $\therefore C$

Reasoning: Revisited

$$p(C \mid K Y)$$

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$$= \frac{p(K \mid CY)p(C \mid Y)}{p(K \mid Y)} \qquad \text{(Product Rule)}$$

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$$p(C \mid KY) = \frac{p(CK \mid Y)}{p(K \mid Y)} \qquad \text{(Product Rule)}$$

$$= \frac{p(K \mid CY)p(C \mid Y)}{p(K \mid Y)} \qquad \text{(Product Rule)}$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot p(C \mid Y)}{p(K \mid Y)} \qquad (Y = (C \implies K))$$

Reasoning: Revisited

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\begin{aligned}
p(C \mid KY) &= \frac{p(CK \mid Y)}{p(K \mid Y)} && \text{(Product Rule)} \\
&= \frac{p(K \mid CY)\,p(C \mid Y)}{p(K \mid Y)} && \text{(Product Rule)} \\
&= \frac{1 \cdot p(C \mid Y)}{p(K \mid Y)} && (Y = (C \implies K)) \\
&= \frac{p(C \mid Y)}{p(K \mid Y)}.
\end{aligned}
$$

Reasoning: Revisited

valid:
(modus tollens)

$$p(P \mid BX) = 1$$

$$p(B \mid \overline{P}X) = 0$$

$$\overbrace{B \implies P}^{X}$$
$$\overline{P}$$
$$\therefore \overline{B}$$

invalid:
(logical fallacy)

$$p(K \mid CY) = 1$$

$$p(C \mid KY) = \frac{p(C \mid Y)}{p(K \mid Y)}$$

$$\overbrace{C \implies K}^{Y}$$
$$K$$
$$\therefore C$$

Reasoning: Revisited

valid:
(modus tollens)

$$p(P \mid BX) = 1$$

$$p(B \mid \overline{P}X) = 0$$

$$\overbrace{B \implies P}^{X}$$
$$\overline{P}$$
$$\therefore \overline{B}$$

invalid:
(logical fallacy)

$$p(K \mid CY) = 1$$

$$p(C \mid KY) \geq p(C \mid Y)$$

$$\overbrace{C \implies K}^{Y}$$
$$K$$
$$\therefore C$$

valid:
(modus tollens)

$$p(P \mid BX) = 1$$

$$p(B \mid \overline{P}X) = 0$$

$$\overbrace{B \implies P}^{X}$$
$$\overline{P}$$
$$\therefore \overline{B}$$

$$p(C \mid KY) = \frac{p(K \mid CY)p(C \mid Y)}{p(K \mid Y)}$$

Reasoning: Revisited

$$p(B \mid \overline{P} X) = \frac{p(\overline{P} \mid B X) p(B \mid X)}{p(\overline{P} \mid X)}$$

$$p(C \mid K Y) = \frac{p(K \mid C Y) p(C \mid Y)}{p(K \mid Y)}$$

Interpretation of Probability

Plausibility		Probability
$(A \mid X)$	$\xrightarrow{\quad p \quad}$	$p(A \mid X)$

Interpretation of Probability

Plausibility | Probability

$$(A \mid X) \xleftarrow{\quad p^{-1} \quad} p(A \mid X)$$

It is clear that, not only is the quantitative use of the rules of probability theory as extended logic the only sound way to conduct inference; it is the failure to follow those rules strictly that has for many years been leading to unnecessary errors, paradoxes, and controversies.

(Jaynes, 2003, p. 143)