

Substructural approaches to paradox and the logic of semantic groundedness

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OUTLINE

This is work in progress:

- ▶ Brief overview of some substructural approaches to paradox and their motivation
- ▶ Semantic groundedness and infinite derivations
- ▶ Restriction to reflexivity and the logic of semantic groundedness

PART 1: PARADOX

We are interested in **naïve** or unrestricted rules for **truth** and (later) **consequence**. Similar remarks can be made for (non-extensional) class-membership, or property instantiation:

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, \text{Tr}^\ulcorner A^\urcorner \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{ (Tr L)} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \text{Tr}^\ulcorner A^\urcorner, \Delta} \text{ (Tr R)}$$

There is an important omission in the literature that I will admittedly follow. Given our language L and *any* model M for L , it is always assumed a set $N \subset |M|$ of distinguished names $^\ulcorner \cdot^\urcorner$ for L -sentences and a (bijective) **denotation function** $d: N \rightarrow \text{Sent}_L$ such that

$$\lambda := d(^\ulcorner \lambda^\urcorner) = \neg \text{Tr}^\ulcorner \lambda^\urcorner$$

It's completely unclear to me how this semantic approach could be integrated into a proof system by maintaining the intended properties.

LIAR

Let λ be $\neg \text{Tr}^\Gamma \lambda^\neg$, $\neg \lambda$ be $\text{Tr}^\Gamma \lambda^\neg$,

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PART 2: SUBSTRUCTURAL APPROACHES

NO GLUTS

We will not consider **non-transitive** approaches, in which the structural rule of **cut** is restricted.

The reason is that it is compatible with paradoxical sentences such as the Liar sentence λ and its negation $\neg\lambda$ to be both provable. Of course allowing **cut** would trivialize the theory.

Nontransitive theorists such as Dave Ripley would argue that proofs are not about what we can assert, but about what we **cannot strictly deny**. I don't understand well this idea and I will leave this aside.

We let Γ, Δ be multisets of formulas (sentences in the infinitary systems). We limit ourselves to multiplicative connectives: the addition of additive quantifiers is straightforward.

CONTRACTION-FREE NAÏVE TRUTH

$$\frac{\Gamma, P(t) \Rightarrow P(t), \Delta \quad [0] \quad \Gamma_0 \Rightarrow \Delta_0, A \quad [\alpha] \quad A, \Gamma_1 \Rightarrow \Delta_1 \quad [\beta]}{\Gamma_0, \Gamma_1 \Rightarrow \Delta_0, \Delta_1 \quad [\alpha + \beta]} \text{ (CUT)}$$

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$$\frac{\Gamma_0 \Rightarrow \Delta_0, A \quad [\alpha] \quad \Gamma_1 \Rightarrow \Delta_1, B \quad [\beta]}{\Gamma_0, \Gamma_1 \Rightarrow \Delta_0, \Delta_1, A \wedge B \quad [\alpha + \beta]} \text{ (}\wedge \text{R)}$$

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By adding **only multiplicative quantifiers** we obtain a variant of the theory of non-contractive truth defended by Zardini (2011).

By adding additive rules for **additive connectives** we obtain a notational variant of **Grišin's set theory** studied by Grišin 1982 and Cantini 2003.

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- ▶ The second important drawback is the lack of any *intuitive picture* of truth behind it. Crucially there is no known plausible semantics for naïve principles, only heavy metaphysics.

...however, there is an alternative.

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This suggests to look at infinitary proof systems for I_Φ .

STRONG KLEENE SYSTEM SK^ω

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($\neg \wedge$ R) if $\vdash_\rho^\alpha \Gamma \Rightarrow \neg A_i, \Delta$, then $\vdash_\rho^\gamma \Gamma, \neg(A \wedge B)$ for $\alpha, \beta < \gamma, i = 0, 1$

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More precisely, the induction aims at matching the ordinal norm

$$|A| := \min\{\alpha < \omega_1^{ck} \mid A \in I_\Phi^+\}$$

and heights $\vdash_\rho^\alpha A$ of derivations in the systems, clearly with $\alpha \geq \rho$.
Similarly for I_Φ^- .

If we don't allow for side-formulae, **Tr-paths** are always traceable and we have, by induction on $(\rho, \text{compl}(A), \alpha, \beta)$,

CUT ADMISSIBILITY

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As before, the distinctions resurface if one introduces a predicate $C(\cdot, \cdot)$ for consequence, requiring that, in the same spirit as the rules for $\text{Tr}(\cdot)$, we satisfy:

$$\frac{\Gamma, \varphi \Rightarrow \psi, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow C(\ulcorner \varphi \urcorner, \ulcorner \psi \urcorner), \Delta} \text{ (CR)} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \varphi, \Delta \quad \Gamma, \psi \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, C(\ulcorner \varphi \urcorner, \ulcorner \psi \urcorner) \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{ (CL)}$$

It's clear that there is no hope of extending SK^ω with the naïve rules of consequence.

We get straight the **internal Curry** back.

$$\vdash_\rho^\alpha x \Rightarrow x$$

$$\vdash_\rho^\beta \perp \Rightarrow \perp$$

$$\vdash_\sigma^\gamma x, C(\ulcorner x \urcorner, \ulcorner \perp \urcorner) \Rightarrow \perp \qquad \gamma > \alpha, \beta, \sigma > \rho$$

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It turns out that IL_Φ , in the form of the ‘navigating device’ \Rightarrow for TS^ω can now be consistently internalized. To see this, however, we generalize Φ .

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As before, we call I_Ψ the minimal fixed point of Ψ .

TSC^ω

It is the infinitary system extending TS^ω and ‘read off’ from Ψ. Crucially we can have full rules for negation and unrestricted rules from C.

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By letting

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$$\text{F} \ulcorner A \urcorner := C(\ulcorner A \urcorner, \ulcorner \perp \urcorner)$$

COROLLARY

For $A \in L_{\text{Tr}, \text{F}} \cap L_C$:

$$\text{TS}^\omega \vdash \Rightarrow A \text{ iff } \text{TSC}^\omega \vdash \Rightarrow A \text{ iff } A \in I_\Phi^+$$

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