

Logical Pluralism

Meaning, Rules and Counterexamples

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Ingredients

Proofs and Syntax

Abstract Proofs

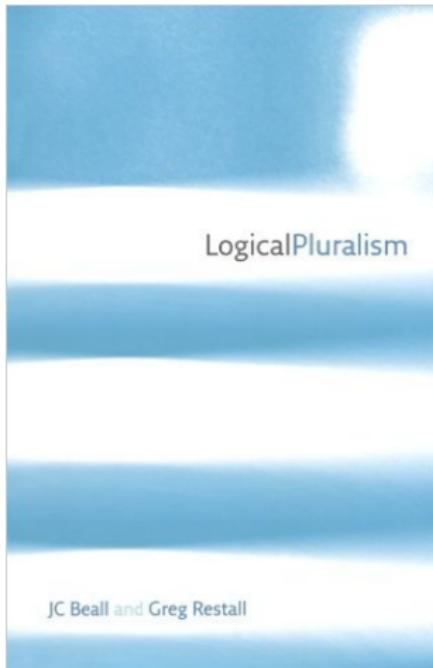
Warrant and Choice

Where we've got, and where to from here

INGREDIENTS



Beall and Restall Pluralism



- ▶ Pluralism about deductive logical consequence relations.
- ▶ Not pluralism about *truth*, or *languages*.
- ▶ Defined *representationally* or *model theoretically*.
- ▶ Different consequence relations correspond to different classes of *cases*.
- ▶ Including, at least, classical, constructive and paraconsistent logics.

Multiple Conclusions

MULTIPLE CONCLUSIONS

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Abstract: I argue for the following four theses. (1) Denial is not to be analysed as the assertion of a negation. (2) Given the concepts of assertion and denial, we have the resources to analyse logical consequence as relating arguments with *multiple* premises and *multiple* conclusions. Gentzen's multiple conclusion calculus can be understood in a straightforward, motivated, non-question-begging way. (3) If a broadly anti-realist or inferentialist justification of a logical system works, it works just as well for *classical* logic as it does for *intuitionistic* logic. The special case for an anti-realist justification of intuitionistic logic over and above a justification of classical logic relies on an unjustified assumption about the shape of proofs. Finally, (4) this picture of logical consequence provides a relatively neutral shared vocabulary which can help us understand and adjudicate debates between proponents of classical and non-classical logics.

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Multiple Conclusions

- A semantically antirealist defence of the classical sequent calculus.
- Bilateralism with respect to *assertion* and *denial*.
- Derivations of $X \succ Y$ related to the coherence of *positions* $[X : Y]$ consisting of assertions and denials.
- A defence of the *structural rules* of the classical sequent calculus in terms of norms governing assertion and denial.

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Abstract Beall and Restall's *Logical Pluralism* (2006) characterises pluralism about logical consequence in terms of the different ways *cases* can be selected in the analysis of logical consequence as preservation of truth over a class of cases. This is not the only way to understand or to motivate pluralism about logical consequence. Here, I will examine pluralism about logical consequence in terms of different standards of

- An attempt at a proof-first account of logical pluralism.
- Based on the sequent calculus: classical derivations for $X \succ Y$.
- Derivations with sequents where $|Y| \leq 1$ are *constructive*. Those with sequents where $|X| \leq 1$ are *paraconsistent*.
- Underivable positions are *counterexamples* (of each kind).

Abstract Proofs

PROOF TERMS FOR CLASSICAL DERIVATIONS

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Abstract: I give an account of *proof terms* for derivations in a sequent calculus for classical propositional logic. The term for a derivation δ of a sequent $\Sigma \succ \Delta$ encodes *how* the premises Σ and conclusions Δ are related in δ . This encoding is many-to-one in the sense that different derivations can have the same proof term, since different derivations may be different ways of representing the same underlying connection between premises and conclusions. However, not all proof terms for a sequent $\Sigma \succ \Delta$ are the same. There may be *different* ways to connect those premises and conclusions.

Proof terms can be simplified in a process corresponding to the elimination of cut inferences in sequent derivations. However, unlike cut elimination in the sequent calculus, each proof term has a *unique normal form* (from which all cuts have been eliminated) and it is straightforward to show that term reduction is strongly normalising—every reduction process terminates in that unique normal form. Furthermore, proof terms are *invariants* for sequent derivations in a strong sense—two derivations δ_1 and δ_2 have the same proof term if and only if some permutation of derivation steps sends δ_1 to δ_2 (given a relatively natural class of permutations of derivations in the sequent calculus). Since not every derivation of a sequent can be permuted into every other derivation of that sequent, proof terms provide a non-trivial account of the identity of proofs, independent of the syntactic representation of those proofs.

Abstract Proofs

- A *syntax-independent* account of classical (propositional) proof.
- It abstracts away from irrelevant features of a derivations.
- An abstract proof for $X \succ Y$ shows how X and Y are connected in a derivation.

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3. explains the significance of classical and constructive counterexamples.

PROOFS & SYNTAX



Positions

[X : Y]

A position in which
each member of X has been asserted
and each member of Y has been denied.

X ⊢ Y

The position [X : Y] is *out of bounds*.

Classical Sequent Derivations

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$$X, A \succ A, Y \text{ } Id \qquad \frac{X \succ A, Y \quad X, A \succ Y}{X \succ Y} \text{ } Cut$$

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$X, A \succ A$ *Id*

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. . . and equally, I can transform
 a warrant *against* B
into a warrant *against* A.

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Are these *different proofs*, or *different ways of presenting the same proof*?

The background of the image features a repeating pattern of large, yellow, hexagonal panels. Between these panels are rectangular windows with dark frames, through which a bright blue sky is visible. The perspective is from below, looking up at the building's facade.

ABSTRACT PROOFS

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Term Representation

$$\lambda x^{\curvearrowleft} \vee y \\ x : p \wedge q \succ y : p \vee q$$
$$\lambda x^{\curvearrowright} \dot{\vee} y \\ x : p \wedge q \succ y : p \vee q$$

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$$\pi(x_1, \dots, x_m)[y_1, \dots, y_n]$$
$$x_1 : A_1, \dots, x_m : A_m \succ y_1 : B_1, \dots, y_n : B_n$$

Sequent Rules: Axioms

$$\Sigma, \textcolor{red}{x} : \perp \succ \Delta \quad \text{with } \textcolor{red}{x} \curvearrowleft$$

$$\Sigma, \textcolor{red}{x} : p \succ \textcolor{red}{y} : p, \Delta \quad \text{with } \textcolor{red}{x} \curvearrowleft \textcolor{red}{y}$$

$$\Sigma \succ \textcolor{red}{y} : \top, \Delta \quad \text{with } \curvearrowleft \textcolor{red}{y}$$

Sequent Rules: Axioms, Conjunction

$$\Sigma, \textcolor{red}{x} : \perp \succ \Delta \quad \frac{}{\textcolor{red}{x} \curvearrowleft} \quad \Sigma, \textcolor{red}{x} : p \succ \textcolor{red}{y} : p, \Delta \quad \frac{}{\textcolor{red}{x} \curvearrowleft \textcolor{red}{y}} \quad \Sigma \succ \textcolor{red}{y} : \top, \Delta \quad \frac{}{\curvearrowleft \textcolor{red}{y}}$$

$$\frac{\pi(x, y)}{\Sigma, \textcolor{red}{x} : A, \textcolor{red}{y} : B \succ \Delta} \wedge L \quad \frac{\pi[x] \quad \pi'[y]}{\Sigma \succ \textcolor{red}{x} : A, \Delta \quad \Sigma' \succ \textcolor{red}{y} : B, \Delta'} \wedge R$$

Sequent Rules: Axioms, Conjunction and Disjunction

$$\Sigma, \textcolor{red}{x} : \perp \succ \Delta \quad \frac{\textcolor{red}{x} \curvearrowleft}{\Sigma, \textcolor{red}{x} : \perp \succ \Delta}$$

$$\Sigma, \textcolor{red}{x} : p \succ \textcolor{red}{y} : p, \Delta \quad \frac{\textcolor{red}{x} \curvearrowleft \textcolor{red}{y}}{\Sigma, \textcolor{red}{x} : p \succ \textcolor{red}{y} : p, \Delta}$$

$$\Sigma \succ \textcolor{red}{y} : \top, \Delta \quad \frac{\curvearrowleft \textcolor{red}{y}}{\Sigma \succ \textcolor{red}{y} : \top, \Delta}$$

$$\frac{\pi(x, y)}{\Sigma, \textcolor{red}{x} : A, \textcolor{red}{y} : B \succ \Delta} \wedge L \quad \frac{\pi[x] \quad \pi'[y]}{\Sigma \succ \textcolor{red}{x} : A, \Delta \quad \Sigma' \succ \textcolor{red}{y} : B, \Delta'} \wedge R$$

$$\Sigma, \textcolor{red}{z} : A \wedge B \succ \Delta \quad \Sigma, \Sigma' \succ \textcolor{red}{z} : A \wedge B, \Delta, \Delta'$$

$$\frac{\pi(x) \quad \pi'(y)}{\Sigma, \textcolor{red}{x} : A \succ \Delta \quad \Sigma', \textcolor{red}{y} : B \succ \Delta'} \vee L \quad \frac{\pi[x, y]}{\Sigma \succ \textcolor{red}{x} : A, \textcolor{red}{y} : B, \Delta} \vee R$$

$$\frac{\pi(\vee z) \quad \pi'(\vee z)}{\Sigma, \Sigma', \textcolor{red}{z} : A \vee B \succ \Delta, \Delta'} \quad \Sigma \succ \textcolor{red}{z} : A \vee B, \Delta$$

Sequent Rules: Conditional

$$\frac{\pi[x] \quad \Sigma' \vdash y : B, \Delta'}{\Sigma \vdash x : A, \Delta \quad \Sigma', \dot{y} : B \succ \Delta'} \supset L$$
$$\frac{\pi[\dot{z}] \quad \pi'(\dot{z})}{\Sigma, \Sigma', z : A \supset B \succ \Delta, \Delta'}$$

$$\frac{\pi(x)[y] \quad \Sigma, x : A \succ y : B, \Delta}{\pi(\dot{z})[\dot{z}]} \supset R$$
$$\frac{}{\Sigma \succ z : A \supset B, \Delta}$$

Sequent Rules: Conditional, Negation

$$\frac{\pi[x] \quad \pi'(y)}{\Sigma \succ x : A, \Delta \quad \Sigma', y : B \succ \Delta'} \supset L$$
$$\Sigma, \Sigma', z : A \supset B \succ \Delta, \Delta'$$

$$\frac{\pi(x)[y]}{\Sigma, x : A \succ y : B, \Delta} \supset R$$
$$\pi(\neg z)[\neg z]$$
$$\Sigma \succ z : A \supset B, \Delta$$

$$\frac{\pi[x]}{\Sigma \succ x : A, \Delta} \neg L$$
$$\Sigma, \neg z : \neg A \succ \Delta$$
$$\frac{\pi(x)}{\Sigma, x : A \succ \Delta} \neg R$$
$$\pi(\neg z)$$
$$\Sigma \succ z : \neg A, \Delta$$

Sequent Rules: Conditional, Negation and Cut

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \pi[x] \\ \Sigma \succ x : A, \Delta \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \pi'(y) \\ \Sigma', y : B \succ \Delta' \end{array}}{\begin{array}{c} \pi[\dot{\exists}z] \quad \pi'(\dot{\exists}z) \\ \Sigma, \Sigma', z : A \supset B \succ \Delta, \Delta' \end{array}} \supset L \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} \pi(x)[y] \\ \Sigma, x : A \succ y : B, \Delta \end{array}}{\pi(\dot{\exists}z)[\dot{\exists}z]} \supset R$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \pi[x] \\ \Sigma \succ x : A, \Delta \end{array}}{\begin{array}{c} \pi[\dot{\neg}z] \\ \Sigma, z : \neg A \succ \Delta \end{array}} \neg L \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} \pi(x) \\ \Sigma, x : A \succ \Delta \end{array}}{\pi(\dot{\neg}z)} \neg R$$

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Classical Derivations

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} x \rightsquigarrow y \\ x : p \succ y : p \end{array}}{\frac{x \rightsquigarrow \neg z}{x : p, z : \neg p \succ}} \neg L$$
$$\frac{x : p, z : \neg p \succ}{\frac{\lambda w \rightsquigarrow \neg \lambda w}{w : p \wedge \neg p \succ}} \wedge L$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} x \rightsquigarrow y \\ x : p \succ y : p \end{array}}{\frac{\neg z \rightsquigarrow y}{\succ y : p, z : \neg p}} \neg R$$
$$\frac{\succ y : p, z : \neg p}{\frac{\neg \dot{v} v \rightsquigarrow \dot{v} v}{\succ v : p \vee \neg p}} \vee R$$

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 \frac{x : p, z : \neg p \succ}{\lambda w \rightsquigarrow \lambda w} \wedge L \quad \frac{\succ y : p, z : \neg p}{\neg z \rightsquigarrow y} \vee R \\
 w : p \wedge \neg p \succ \quad \succ v : p \vee \neg p
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{x \rightsquigarrow y}{x : p \succ y : p} \supset R \\
 \frac{x : p \succ y : p \quad \succ y : p, z : p \supset q}{\neg z \rightsquigarrow y} \supset L \\
 \frac{\neg v \rightsquigarrow y \quad \neg \neg v \rightsquigarrow y}{v : (p \supset q) \supset p \succ y : p} \supset R \\
 \succ u : ((p \supset q) \supset p) \supset p
 \end{array}$$

Classical Derivations (outputs in blue)

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 \frac{x : p, z : \neg p \succ}{\lambda w \rightsquigarrow \lambda w} \wedge L \quad \frac{\succ y : p, z : \neg p}{\neg \forall v \rightsquigarrow \neg v} \vee R \\
 w : p \wedge \neg p \succ \quad \succ v : p \vee \neg p
 \end{array}$$

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This *doesn't* mean that we always possess a warrant *for* or *against* A.

It *does* mean that the only way a context has some clash with a warrant *for* A and a warrant *against* A is if it contains a clash within itself.

What is special about constructive proof terms?

$$\pi(x_1, \dots, x_n)[y]$$

- ▶ A *clash* between x_1, \dots, x_n (for A_1, \dots, A_n) and y (against B) can *also* be understood as a construction of a warrant *for* B .

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- ▶ This describes a warrant for $p \vee \neg p$, but it is not *hereditarily* single output. (Both $\neg v$ and v are in output position.) It gives a warrant for $p \vee \neg p$ without giving a warrant for either disjunct.

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- ▶ A hereditarily single (or zero) output proof term describes a *choice-free* clash between warrants.
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A scenic view of Bryce Canyon National Park, featuring a winding trail through a valley filled with red rock hoodoos. The foreground shows a dirt path with several people walking, leading towards a rocky cliff edge. The background features a vast landscape of more hoodoos and distant mountains under a clear blue sky.

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