

REASONING ABOUT THE WORLD

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Therefore, the butler did not kill the man.

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If the cook killed the man, then there must be a knife.

There is a knife.

Therefore, the cook killed the man.

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.

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

Therefore, \overline{B} .

If C , then K .
 K .

Therefore, C .

$$B \implies P$$

$$\overline{P}$$

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$$C \implies K$$

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$$\therefore C$$

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(logical fallacy) K

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- Reasoning depends on **background information**.

Notation (Plausibility)

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Goal: figure out what exactly plausibility is.

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Lemma (Representation)

Plausibility can be represented by **real numbers**.

Truth

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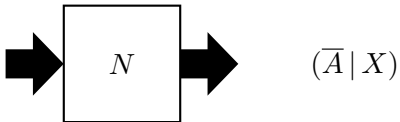
- There exists a plausibility \top such that $(A \mid X) \leq \top$ for all A .
- $(\text{tautology} \mid X) = \top$.

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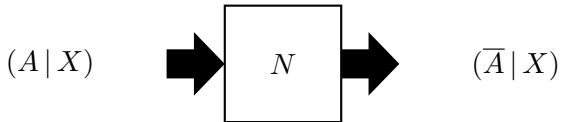
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$$(\overline{A} \mid X)$$

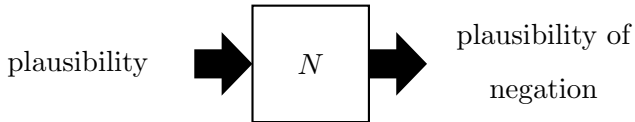
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Assumption (Negation)

There exists a decreasing function N such that

$$(\overline{A} \mid X) = N(A \mid X)$$

for all A .

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- Define $F = N(\mathsf{T})$.
- $F \leq (A \mid X) \leq \mathsf{T}$:
 - $(\overline{A} \mid X) \leq \mathsf{T}$.

(Definition of T)

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- Define $F = N(\top)$.
- $F \leq (A | X) \leq \top$:
 - $(\overline{A} | X) \leq \top$. (Definition of \top)
 - $\Rightarrow N(\overline{A} | X) \geq N(\top)$. (N is decreasing)

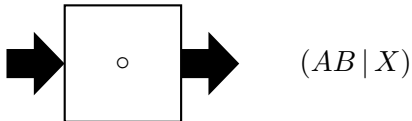
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- Define $F = N(T)$.
 - $F \leq (A | X) \leq T$:
 - $(\bar{A} | X) \leq T$. (Definition of T)
 - $\Rightarrow N(\bar{A} | X) \geq N(T)$. (N is decreasing)
 - $\Rightarrow (A | X) \geq F$. (Definition of N and F)
- QED.

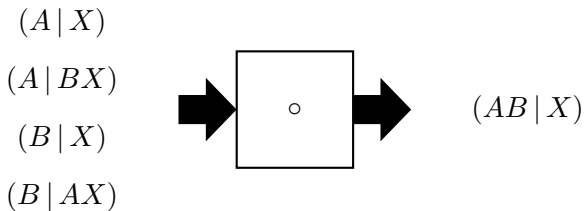
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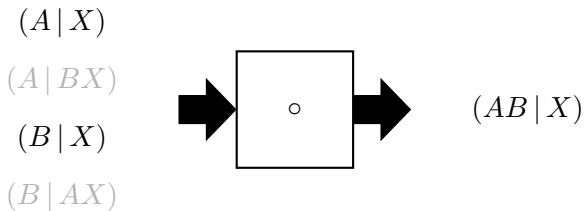
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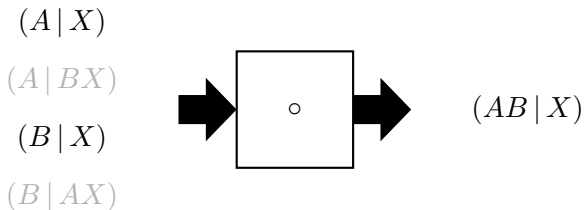
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B = brown hair,

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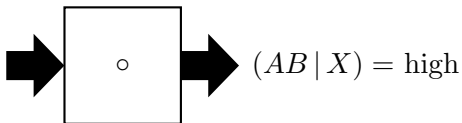
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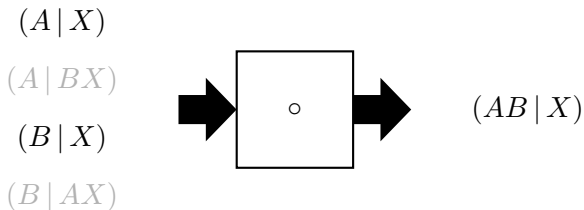
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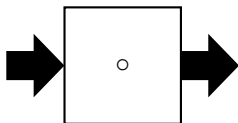
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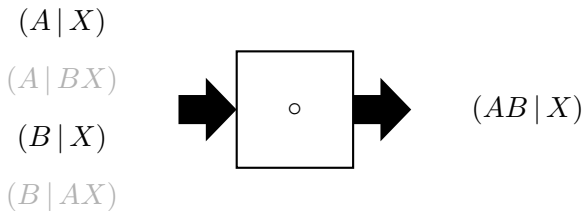
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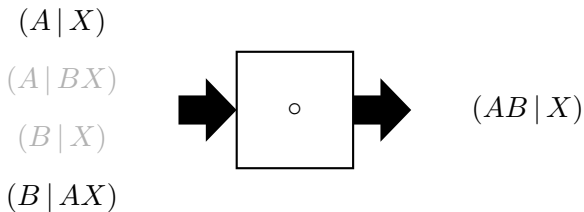
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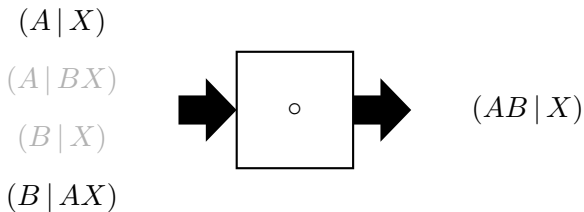
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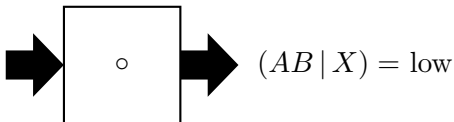
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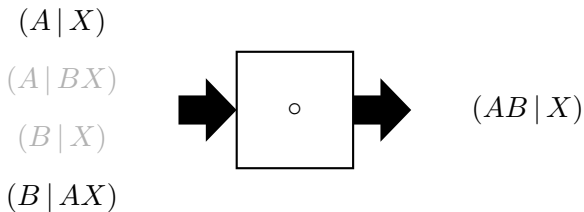


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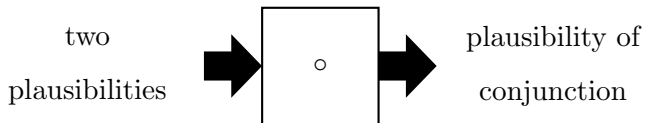
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$$\Rightarrow F = (A | X) \circ F.$$

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Conjunction

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$$x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x$$

$$x \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot x = 0$$

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

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Theorem (Cox)

Plausibility is probability.

Revisited

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(modus tollens)	\overline{P}	\overline{P}
	$\therefore \overline{B}$	$\therefore \overline{B}$
invalid:	$C \implies K$	$C \implies K$
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valid:
 (modus tollens)
 $p(\textcolor{teal}{P} \mid \textcolor{red}{B}X) = 1$
 $\overline{\textcolor{teal}{P}}$
 $\therefore \overline{\textcolor{red}{B}}$

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

$$\overline{P}$$

$$\therefore \overline{B}$$

invalid:
 (logical fallacy)
 $\textcolor{red}{C} \implies \textcolor{teal}{K}$
 $\textcolor{teal}{K}$
 $\therefore \textcolor{red}{C}$

$$C \implies K$$

$$K$$

$$\therefore C$$

Revisited

valid:

$$p(\textcolor{teal}{P} \mid \textcolor{red}{B}X) = 1$$

(modus tollens)

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

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

$$\overline{P}$$

$$\therefore \overline{B}$$

invalid:

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$$p(\textcolor{red}{B} \mid \overline{\textcolor{teal}{P}}X)$$

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Revisited

$$\begin{aligned} p(\textcolor{red}{B} \mid \overline{\textcolor{teal}{P}}X) &= \frac{p(\textcolor{red}{B}\overline{\textcolor{teal}{P}} \mid X)}{p(\overline{\textcolor{teal}{P}} \mid X)} && \text{(Product Rule)} \\ &= \frac{p(\overline{\textcolor{teal}{P}} \mid \textcolor{red}{B}X)p(\textcolor{red}{B} \mid X)}{p(\overline{\textcolor{teal}{P}} \mid X)} && \text{(Product Rule)} \end{aligned}$$

Revisited

$$\begin{aligned} p(B | \overline{P}X) &= \frac{p(B\overline{P} | X)}{p(\overline{P} | X)} && \text{(Product Rule)} \\ &= \frac{p(\overline{P} | BX)p(B | X)}{p(\overline{P} | X)} && \text{(Product Rule)} \\ &= \frac{(1 - p(P | BX))p(B | X)}{p(\overline{P} | X)} && \text{(Sum Rule)} \end{aligned}$$

Revisited

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

Revisited

$$\begin{aligned} p(\textcolor{red}{B} \mid \overline{\textcolor{teal}{P}}X) &= \frac{p(\textcolor{red}{B}\overline{\textcolor{teal}{P}} \mid X)}{p(\overline{\textcolor{teal}{P}} \mid X)} && \text{(Product Rule)} \\ &= \frac{p(\overline{\textcolor{teal}{P}} \mid \textcolor{red}{B}X)p(\textcolor{red}{B} \mid X)}{p(\overline{\textcolor{teal}{P}} \mid X)} && \text{(Product Rule)} \\ &= \frac{(1 - p(\textcolor{teal}{P} \mid \textcolor{red}{B}X))p(\textcolor{red}{B} \mid X)}{p(\overline{\textcolor{teal}{P}} \mid X)} && \text{(Sum Rule)} \\ &= \frac{(1 - 1)p(\textcolor{red}{B} \mid X)}{p(\overline{\textcolor{teal}{P}} \mid X)} && (X = (\textcolor{red}{B} \implies \textcolor{teal}{P})) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Revisited

valid:

$$p(\textcolor{teal}{P} \mid \textcolor{red}{B}X) = 1$$

(modus tollens)

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

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

$$\overline{P}$$

$$\therefore \overline{B}$$

invalid:

$$\textcolor{red}{C} \implies \textcolor{teal}{K}$$

(logical fallacy)

$$\textcolor{teal}{K}$$

$$\therefore \textcolor{red}{C}$$

$$C \implies K$$

$$K$$

$$\therefore C$$

Revisited

valid:

$$p(\textcolor{teal}{P} \mid \textcolor{red}{B}X) = 1$$

(modus tollens)

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

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

$$\overline{P}$$

$$\therefore \overline{B}$$

invalid:

$$p(\textcolor{teal}{K} \mid \textcolor{red}{C}Y) = 1$$

(logical fallacy)

$$p(\textcolor{red}{C} \mid \textcolor{teal}{K}Y) = \dots$$

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

$$K$$

$$\therefore C$$

Revisited

$$p(\textcolor{red}{C} \mid \textcolor{teal}{K}Y)$$

Revisited

$$p(\textcolor{red}{C} \mid \textcolor{teal}{K}Y) = \frac{p(\textcolor{red}{C}\textcolor{teal}{K} \mid Y)}{p(\textcolor{teal}{K} \mid Y)} \quad (\text{Product Rule})$$

Revisited

$$\begin{aligned} p(C | KY) &= \frac{p(CK | Y)}{p(K | Y)} && \text{(Product Rule)} \\ &= \frac{p(K | CY)p(C | Y)}{p(K | Y)} && \text{(Product Rule)} \end{aligned}$$

Revisited

$$\begin{aligned} p(\textcolor{red}{C} \mid \textcolor{teal}{K}Y) &= \frac{p(\textcolor{red}{C}\textcolor{teal}{K} \mid Y)}{p(\textcolor{teal}{K} \mid Y)} && \text{(Product Rule)} \\ &= \frac{p(\textcolor{teal}{K} \mid \textcolor{red}{C}Y)p(\textcolor{red}{C} \mid Y)}{p(\textcolor{teal}{K} \mid Y)} && \text{(Product Rule)} \\ &= \frac{1 \cdot p(\textcolor{red}{C} \mid Y)}{p(\textcolor{teal}{K} \mid Y)} && (Y = (\textcolor{red}{C} \implies \textcolor{teal}{K})) \end{aligned}$$

Revisited

$$\begin{aligned} p(\textcolor{red}{C} \mid \textcolor{teal}{K}Y) &= \frac{p(\textcolor{red}{C}\textcolor{teal}{K} \mid Y)}{p(\textcolor{teal}{K} \mid Y)} && \text{(Product Rule)} \\ &= \frac{p(\textcolor{teal}{K} \mid \textcolor{red}{C}Y)p(\textcolor{red}{C} \mid Y)}{p(\textcolor{teal}{K} \mid Y)} && \text{(Product Rule)} \\ &= \frac{1 \cdot p(\textcolor{red}{C} \mid Y)}{p(\textcolor{teal}{K} \mid Y)} && (Y = (\textcolor{red}{C} \implies \textcolor{teal}{K})) \\ &= \frac{p(\textcolor{red}{C} \mid Y)}{p(\textcolor{teal}{K} \mid Y)}. \end{aligned}$$

Revisited

valid: $p(\textcolor{teal}{P} \mid \textcolor{red}{B}X) = 1$

(modus tollens)

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

invalid: $p(\textcolor{teal}{K} \mid \textcolor{red}{C}Y) = 1$

(logical fallacy)

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

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

$$\overline{P}$$

$$\therefore \overline{B}$$

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

$$K$$

$$\therefore C$$

Revisited

valid:

$$p(\textcolor{teal}{P} \mid \textcolor{red}{B}X) = 1$$

(modus tollens)

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

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

$$\overline{P}$$

$$\therefore \overline{B}$$

invalid:

$$p(\textcolor{teal}{K} \mid \textcolor{red}{C}Y) = 1$$

(logical fallacy)

$$p(\textcolor{red}{C} \mid \textcolor{teal}{K}Y) \geq p(\textcolor{red}{C} \mid Y)$$

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

$$K$$

$$\therefore C$$

Revisited

valid:

$$p(\textcolor{teal}{P} \mid \textcolor{red}{B}X) = 1$$

(modus tollens)

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

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

$$\overline{P}$$

$$\therefore \overline{B}$$

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

Revisited

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

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

Plausibility

Probability

$(A \mid X)$

$\longrightarrow p \longrightarrow$

$p(A \mid X)$

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$\longleftarrow p^{-1} \longrightarrow$

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“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)