

# REASONING ABOUT THE WORLD

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There is no pistol.

Therefore, the butler did not kill the man.

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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,  $C$ .

$$B \Rightarrow P$$

$$\overline{P}$$

$$\therefore \overline{B}$$

$$C \Rightarrow K$$

$$K$$

$$\therefore C$$

valid:  $B \implies P$

(modus tollens)  $\overline{P}$

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invalid:  $C \implies K$

(logical fallacy)  $K$

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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**.

Truth

## Truth

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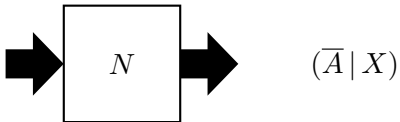
- There exists a plausibility  $\top$  such that  $(A | X) \leq \top$  for all  $A$ .
- $(\text{tautology} | X) = \top$ .

## Negation

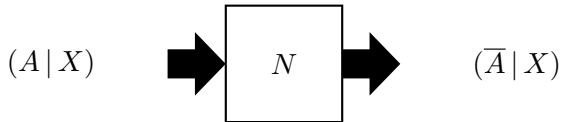
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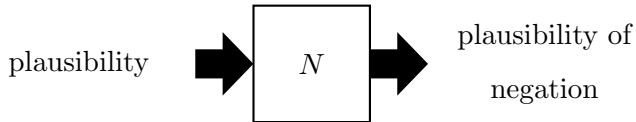


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### Assumption (Negation)

There exists a decreasing function  $N$  such that

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

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

(Definition of  $\mathsf{T}$ )

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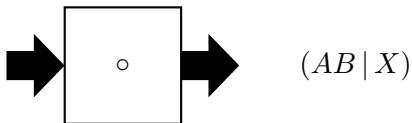
- Define  $F = N(T)$ .
  - $F \leq (A | X) \leq T$ :
    - $(\bar{A} | X) \leq T$ . (Definition of  $T$ )
    - $\Rightarrow N(\bar{A} | X) \geq N(T)$ . ( $N$  is decreasing)
    - $\Rightarrow (A | X) \geq F$ . (Definition of  $N$  and  $F$ )
- QED.

## Conjunction

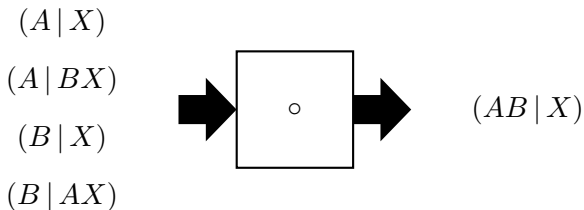
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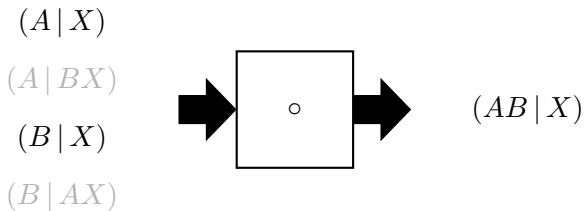
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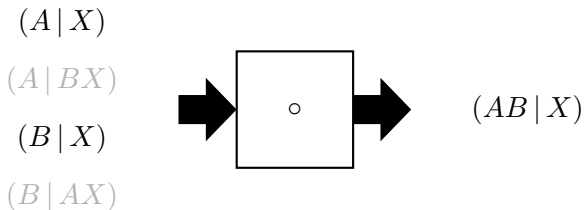
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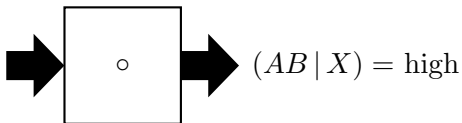
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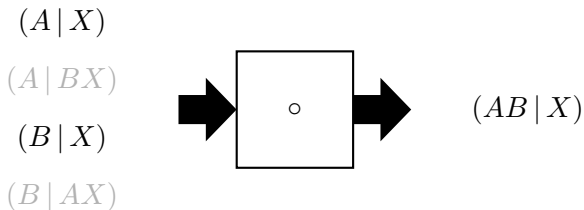
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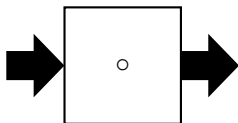
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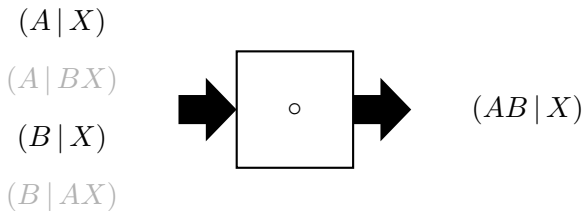
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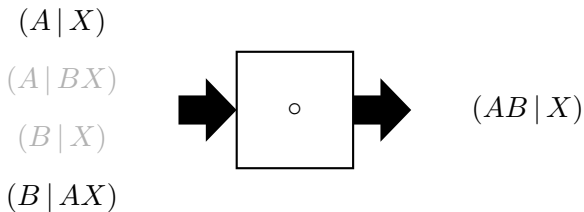
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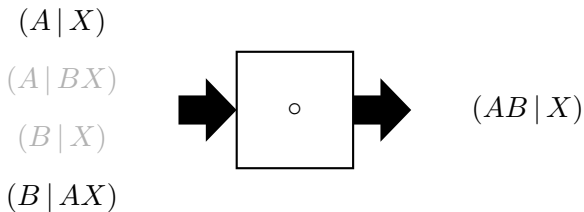




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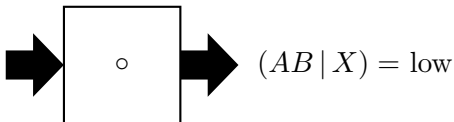
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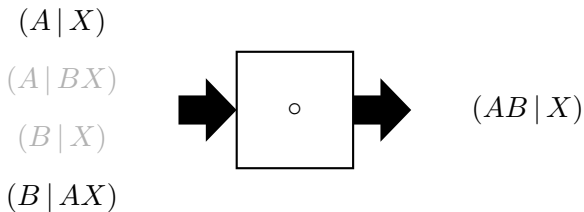


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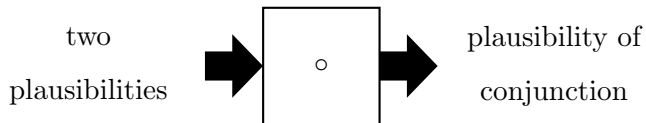
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### Assumption (Conjunction)

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

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

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

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

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

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QED.

- $p(\text{F}) = 0$ .

- $0 \leq p(A | X) \leq 1$

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  - $\mathbf{F} \leq (A | X) \leq \mathbf{T}$ .

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## Theorem (Cox)

Plausibility is probability.

## Revisited

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 (modus tollens)  $(\textcolor{teal}{P} \mid \textcolor{red}{B}X) = \top$   
 $\overline{\textcolor{teal}{P}}$   
 $\therefore \overline{\textcolor{red}{B}}$

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

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

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

## Revisited

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

$$\overline{\textcolor{teal}{P}}$$

$$\therefore \overline{\textcolor{red}{B}}$$

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

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$$\overline{P}$$

$$\therefore \overline{B}$$

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## Revisited

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

## Revisited

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

## 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

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

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

$$= \frac{(1 - p(\textcolor{teal}{P} \mid \textcolor{red}{B}X))p(\textcolor{red}{B} \mid X)}{p(\overline{\textcolor{teal}{P}} \mid X)} \quad (\text{Sum Rule})$$

## Revisited

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

## 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)

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

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

(logical fallacy)

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

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

$$\overline{P}$$

$$\therefore \overline{B}$$

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

$$K$$

$$\therefore C$$



## 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

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

## 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**

$$(A \mid X) \quad \longrightarrow \quad p \longrightarrow \quad p(A \mid X)$$

Plausibility

Probability

$(A \mid X)$

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

$p(A \mid X)$

“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)