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Bounds and Probabilities

ABSTRACT

I will argue for a contextualist theory of the probabilities of conditionals which combines van Fraassen (1976)'s approach to the probabilities of conditionals with a particular kind of 'bounded' contextualism about conditionals that I argue for in 'If p, then p'

Nadine Theiler

An Epistemic Bridge for Presupposition Projection in Questions

ABSTRACT

It is often assumed that presuppositions in wh-questions project universally. The question in (1), for instance, presupposes that the addressee has made all five recipes before.

(1) Which of these five recipes would you make again?

In recent work, however, examples of wh-questions have been noted that exhibit weaker projection patterns (Schwarz & Simonenko 2018). I propose a pragmatic solution: by reasoning about question-answer discourse, I arrive at a version of Stalnaker's bridge principle that is sensitive to what the speaker already knows about the true answer to the question. This Epistemic Bridge predicts universal projection for canonical information-seeking questions, but less than universal projection for certain non-canonical questions such as quiz questions or reference questions.

Mike Deigan

Wondering is Wanting to Know

ABSTRACT

I present an analysis according to which wondering Q is wanting to know Q, defend it against objections from Friedman (2013), Carruthers (2018), and Drucker (forthcoming), and briefly explore what implications the analysis might have for rational constraints on wondering.

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