

We Need a Unified New Theory for Conditionals

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Abstract

We shall raise two new difficulties concerning conditionals in the present paper. We argue that many influential theories, including those of Lewis, Jackson and Stalnaker, do not provide satisfactory solutions to these difficulties. Moreover, in our arguments, we also indicate that a theory which can handle the difficulties should also provide a unified account of subjunctive conditionals and indicative conditionals. We give a rough sketch of such a theory in the final section.

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