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Outline of the talk:

- Some general remarks about refutation
 - weak and strong refutability
 - refutation of formulas versus refutation of entailment statements
- A semantics and a natural deduction system for refutation as falsification
- Mention a recent result by Sergey Drobyshevich

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What is refutability?

Refutability as a property of formulas

classical logic



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formulas that are unsatisfiable

formulas that are not true (have a non-designated value) in some model

formulas that are not true in any model

formulas that are false in some model

formulas that are false in every model

falsifiable/refutable

strongly falsif./strongly refutable

strongly refutable implies refutable

formulas whose negation is true in some model

formulas whose negation is true in every model

formulas whose negation is not false in some model

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Consider **separated many-valued logics** in which a distinction is drawn between a set of *designated* (algebraic) values and a set of *anti-designated* (algebraic) values [Shramko and Wansing 2011], where it is not required that these sets are exhaustive or disjoint.

Then the following situation may arise:

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| formulas not true (not designated) in at least one model | formulas not true (not designated) in any model | formulas false (anti-designated) in at least one model | formulas false (anti-designated) in every model |
| very weakly refutable | weakly refutable | refutable | strongly refutable |

strongly refutable implies refutable
weakly refutable implies very weakly refutable

refutable does not imply very weakly refutable if formulas can be both designated and anti-designated

Are there any interesting logics containing formulas that are strongly refutable and true in at least one model?

There are *nontrivial* 'dialectical' logics, like the connexive logics C [Wansing 2005] or 2C [Wansing 2016] containing formulas that are both strongly refutable in the sense that in their relational (Kripke) semantics every state of every model supports their falsity and are also *valid* (i.e., every state of every model supports their truth).

There are **non-separated many-valued logics** in which the classically equivalent characterizations of the refutable formulas fail to be equivalent.

Consider the so-called "Logic of paradox," **LP**.



valid formulas

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receive a designated value
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formulas that are not true
in some model (have a non-
designated value in some model)

not refutable

refutable

~~formulas whose negation is false
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(designated) in some model~~

$(p \vee \sim p)$ is valid
 $\sim (p \vee \sim p)$ has a designated value in
some model

every formula can receive the
infectious value and hence also every
negated formula, but there *are*
formulas that are not refutable in the
sense of receiving a designated
value in every model

In **LP** there are no formulas that receive an anti-designated value in every model (in this case also no formulas that receive a non-designated value in every model), that is, there is no formula that is strongly refutable (or weakly refutable, since both notions coincide). But perhaps the focus lies on formulas that are not true (not-designated) in at least one model anyway.

In any case in **LP** every formula is not anti-designated in some model (in this case every formula is not non-designated in some model). The notion of being not anti-designatable (or being not non-designatable) is *trivial*.

Given a not uncommon preoccupation with positive notions in comparison to negative ones, this might seem unproblematic.

Nevertheless already in **LP** we are primarily interested not in the set of all valid formulas (i.e., the classical tautologies) or its complement but in the relation of valid consequence.

This interest in the relation of valid consequence is maybe more obvious in the case of Keene's strong three-valued logic, **K3**.



In **K3** there are no valid formulas, thus every formula is refutable (does not receive a designated value in any model). In **K3**, the notion of a refutable formula is *trivial*.

K3 provides one more reason to focus not on the notion of refutable formulas but instead on the notion of refutable entailment statements.

Refutability as a property of entailment statements $\Delta \vDash A$ **classical logic**

valid entailment preserves truth from the premises to the conclusion:

for every model M , if all premises are true in M , then so is the conclusion

and non-truth from the conclusion to the premises:

for every model M , if the conclusion is not true in M , then at least one of the premises is not true in M

and if non-truth means falsity, then for every model M , if the conclusion is false in M , then at least one of the premises is false in M

Thus, if falsity means non-truth, then in valid entailment falsity is preserved from the conclusion to at least one of the premises.

If negation expresses non-truth, then valid entailment guarantees contraposition:

$$A \vDash B \text{ iff } \sim B \vDash \sim A$$

However, if negation expresses falsity and falsity does not amount to non-truth, negation is not guaranteed to validate contraposition.

In a four-valued setting, we may draw a number of distinctions:

valid entailment as preservation of support of truth

For every model M , if the truth of all premises is supported in M , then the truth of the conclusion is supported in M .

weak refutability

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strong refutability

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When it comes to inferences, we would want to capture valid entailment by **derivability** and strong refutability by another relation, which we might want to call **dual derivability**.

If we think of *constructive* derivability, we may consider intuitionistic logic, where derivability is internalized by **intuitionistic implication**.

We then have to supplement intuitionistic derivability by its dual and by a connective that internalizes dual derivability: **constructive co-implication**.

Thus, in a four-valued setting we may still be interested in the complement of the relation of valid entailment and the complement of the set of valid formulas, i.e., in weak refutability, but **strong refutability** is a genuine notion of refutability as well.

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- 1 $N2Int$ restricted to \mathcal{L}_{Int} , sets of assumptions, and the I_p and E_p rules is a natural deduction proof system $NInt$ for Int .
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The proof system $\mathsf{N2Int}$ is sound and complete with respect to its relational semantics.

Theorem

Let A be an $\mathcal{L}_{2\text{Int}}$ -formula and let $\{A_1, \dots, A_k\}$, $\{B_1, \dots, B_m\}$ be finite, possibly empty sets of $\mathcal{L}_{2\text{Int}}$ -formulas.

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Normal derivations in N2Int

Detour conversions

In addition to the intuitionistic detour (or β) conversions for proofs there are now detour conversions for dual proofs. Let \mathcal{D} , \mathcal{D}' , \mathcal{D}_1 , \mathcal{D}_2 stand for derivations in N2Int. The derivations on the left hand side of \rightsquigarrow are converted into the derivations on the right hand side of \rightsquigarrow ; $i \in \{1, 2\}$:

\wedge -conversions:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\mathcal{D}_1}{A_1} \quad \frac{\mathcal{D}_2}{A_2}}{A_1 \wedge A_2}}{A_i} \rightsquigarrow \frac{\mathcal{D}_i}{A_i}$$

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$$\frac{\frac{\frac{D}{A_i}}{A_1 \vee A_2} \quad \frac{[A_1] \quad D_1}{C} \quad \frac{[A_2] \quad D_2}{C}}{C} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \frac{D}{A_i} \quad \frac{D_i}{C} \quad \frac{\frac{D_1}{A_1} \quad \frac{D_2}{A_2}}{A_1 \vee A_2}}{A_i} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \frac{D_i}{A_i}$$

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Permutation conversions

Depending on whether \vee -eliminations from proofs or \wedge -introductions into dual proofs are permuted over eliminations from proofs or dual proofs, we get four different kinds of permutation conversions.

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Next to simplification conversions arising from \vee -eliminations (from proofs) in which no assumptions are discharged, we also consider simplification conversions arising from \wedge -introductions (into dual proofs) in which no counterassumptions are cancelled.

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where no assumptions are cancelled by $\vee E_p$ or $\wedge E_{dp}$ in \mathcal{D}_i for $i \in \{1, 2\}$.

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Observation

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$$(s1^-) \quad (A \rightarrow B) \multimap (A \vee \neg B)^-,$$

$$(s2^+) \quad \neg(A \rightarrow B) \leftrightarrow (A \wedge \neg B)^+,$$

$$(s2^-) \quad \neg(A \multimap B) \multimap (A \vee \neg B)^-,$$

$$(s3^+) \quad \neg(A \multimap B) \rightarrow \neg(B \rightarrow \neg A)^+,$$

$$(s3^-) \quad (\neg A \multimap \neg B) \multimap \neg(B \rightarrow A)^-.$$

The rules of inference of H2Int are:

$$\frac{A^+ \quad (A \rightarrow B)^+}{B^+} \text{ (mp)} \quad \frac{(B \multimap A)^- \quad A^-}{B^-} \text{ (dmp)}$$

and the following interaction rules:

$$\frac{A^+ \quad B^-}{(A \multimap B)^+} \text{ (r1}^+\text{)} \quad \frac{(A \multimap B)^+}{B^-} \text{ (r2}^+\text{)}$$

$$\frac{A^+ \quad B^-}{(A \rightarrow B)^-} \text{ (r1}^-\text{)} \quad \frac{(A \rightarrow B)^-}{A^+} \text{ (r2}^-\text{)}$$

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Conclusion

- There is more than one notion of refutability.
- In a four-valued semantics it makes sense to distinguish between entailment and dual entailment: strong refutability.
- If strong refutability is meant to characterize a constructive inference relation that is independent from a constructive inference relation characterized by valid entailment, dual derivability in 2Int is such a refutability relation.

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