

## Refutation of reversing the counterfactual analysis of causation

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**Abstract:** The seminal formula of C causes E iff  $(\sim C \Box \rightarrow \sim E)$  is *not* tautologous, that is, it is *not* a theorem, from which the conjecture is derived. Hence reversing the counterfactual analysis of causation is refuted. Therefore the conjecture forms a *non* tautologous fragment of the universal logic VŁ4.

We assume the method and apparatus of Meth8/VŁ4 with Tautology as the designated proof value, **F** as contradiction, **N** as truthity (non-contingency), and **C** as falsity (contingency). The 16-valued truth table is row-major and horizontal, or repeating fragments of 128-tables, sometimes with table counts, for more variables. (See ersatz-systems.com.)

LET  $\sim$  Not,  $\neg$ ; + Or,  $\vee$ ,  $\cup$ ,  $\sqcup$ ; - Not Or; & And,  $\wedge$ ,  $\cap$ ,  $\square$ ,  $;$ ; \ Not And;  
 $>$  Imply, greater than,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\mapsto$ ,  $>$ ,  $\supset$ ,  $\succ$ ;  $<$  Not Imply, less than,  $\in$ ,  $<$ ,  $\subset$ ,  $\neq$ ,  $\neq$ ,  $\ll$ ,  $\lesssim$ ;  
 $=$  Equivalent,  $\equiv$ ,  $:=$ ,  $\Leftrightarrow$ ,  $\leftrightarrow$ ,  $\hat{=}$ ,  $\approx$ ,  $\simeq$ ; @ Not Equivalent,  $\neq$ ;  
 $\%$  possibility, for one or some,  $\exists$ ,  $\diamond$ , **M**; # necessity, for every or all,  $\forall$ ,  $\square$ , **L**;  
 $(z=z)$  **T** as tautology,  $\top$ , ordinal 3;  $(z@z)$  **F** as contradiction,  $\emptyset$ , Null,  $\perp$ , zero;  
 $(\%z\>\#z)$  **N** as non-contingency,  $\Delta$ , ordinal 1;  $(\%z\<\#z)$  **C** as contingency,  $\nabla$ , ordinal 2;  
 $\sim(y < x)$  ( $x \leq y$ ), ( $x \subseteq y$ );  $(A=B)$  ( $A \sim B$ ).  
 Note for clarity, we usually distribute quantifiers onto each designated variable.

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Abstract: The counterfactual analysis of causation has focused on one particular counterfactual conditional, taking as its starting point the suggestion that C causes E iff  $(\sim C \Box \rightarrow \sim E)$ . (1.1)

**Remark 1.1:** We interpret  $(\sim C \Box \rightarrow \sim E)$  to mean  $\Box(\sim C \rightarrow \sim E)$ .

LET  $p, q$ : C, E.

$$\#(\sim p \succ \sim q) \succ (p \succ q); \quad \text{TCTT TCTT TCTT TCTT} \quad (1.2)$$

Eq. 1.2 as rendered is *not* tautologous, that is *not* a theorem, from which the conjecture is derived. Hence reversing the counterfactual analysis of causation is refuted.