

# A Paraconsistent View on B and S5

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# Paraconsistency

- In classical logic (and most other logics), the explosive non-contradiction principle

$$\varphi, \neg\varphi \vdash \psi$$

allows us to derive any formula out of a contradiction. This makes any inconsistent theory trivial, and so no sensible reasoning can take place in the presence of contradictions.

- Paraconsistent logics do allow non-trivial inconsistent theories, i.e., in a logic  $\mathbf{L}$  there are formulas  $\varphi, \psi$ , such that

$$\varphi, \neg\varphi \not\vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \psi$$

# The fathers of paraconsistent logic



S. Jaśkowski, 1948:  
*...PL should be rich enough  
to enable practical inferences.*



N.C.A. da Costa, 1963:  
*...PL should contain as much  
as possible of classical logic.*

# The Brazilian School: C-systems

## Definition

Let  $\mathbf{L}$  be a logic for  $\mathcal{L}$ . A (primitive or defined) connective  $\circ$  of  $\mathbf{L}$  is a *consistency operator* with respect to  $\neg$  if:

**(b)**  $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}} (\circ\psi \wedge \neg\psi \wedge \psi) \supset \varphi$  for every  $\psi, \varphi \in \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{L})$ .

$\circ$  is a *strong consistency operator* if it is a consistency operator which satisfies also **(k)**  $\circ\psi \vee (\neg\psi \wedge \psi)$  for every  $\psi \in \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{L})$ .

## Definition

$\mathbf{L}$  is a *C-system* if it is paraconsistent and has a strong consistency operator  $\circ$ .

# The basic C-system: BK

## Definition

The logic **BK** is obtained by extending **CL**<sup>+</sup> with the axioms **(b)** and **(k)**.

Family of C-systems: extensions of **BK** with various subsets of the following axioms:

- |                                    |   |                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>(c)</b>                         | $\neg\neg\varphi \supset \varphi$                               | <b>(e)</b>                         | $\varphi \supset \neg\neg\varphi$                               |
| <b>(n<sub>∧</sub><sup>l</sup>)</b> | $\neg(\varphi \wedge \psi) \supset (\neg\varphi \vee \neg\psi)$ | <b>(n<sub>∧</sub><sup>r</sup>)</b> | $(\neg\varphi \vee \neg\psi) \supset \neg(\varphi \wedge \psi)$ |
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| <b>(o<sub>#</sub><sup>1</sup>)</b> | $\circ\varphi \supset \circ(\varphi\#\psi)$                     | <b>(o<sub>#</sub><sup>2</sup>)</b> | $\circ\psi \supset \circ(\varphi\#\psi)$                        |
| <b>(a<sub>#</sub>)</b>             | $(\circ\varphi \wedge \circ\psi) \supset \circ(\varphi\#\psi)$  | <b>(a<sub>¬</sub>)</b>             | $\circ\varphi \supset \circ\neg\varphi$                         |
| <b>(l)</b>                         | $\neg(\varphi \wedge \neg\varphi) \supset \circ\varphi$         | <b>(d)</b>                         | $\neg(\neg\varphi \wedge \varphi) \supset \circ\varphi$         |
| <b>(i<sub>1</sub>)</b>             | $\neg\circ\varphi \supset \varphi$                              | <b>(i<sub>2</sub>)</b>             | $\neg\circ\neg\varphi \supset \neg\varphi$                      |

## Replacement Property

Let  $\mathbf{L} = \langle \mathcal{L}, \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \rangle$  be a logic.

- Formulas  $\psi, \varphi \in \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{L})$  are *equivalent* in  $\mathbf{L}$ , denoted by  $\psi \dashv\vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \varphi$ , if  $\psi \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \varphi$  and  $\varphi \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \psi$ .
- Formulas  $\psi, \varphi \in \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{L})$  are *congruent* (or *indistinguishable*) in  $\mathbf{L}$ , if for every formula  $\sigma$  and atom  $p$  it holds that  $\sigma[\psi/p] \dashv\vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \sigma[\varphi/p]$ .
- $\mathbf{L}$  has the *replacement property* if any two formulas which are equivalent in  $\mathbf{L}$  are congruent in it.

Question: Which C-systems with “nice” negation have this property?

# Propositional Logic

A pair  $\langle \mathcal{L}, \vdash \rangle$ , where  $\mathcal{L}$  is a propositional language, and  $\vdash$  is a relation between sets of formulas of  $\mathcal{L}$  and formulas of  $\mathcal{L}$  that satisfies:

**Reflexivity:** if  $\varphi \in \mathcal{T}$  then  $\mathcal{T} \vdash \varphi$ .

**Monotonicity:** if  $\mathcal{T} \vdash \varphi$  and  $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{T}'$  then  $\mathcal{T}' \vdash \varphi$ .

**Transitivity:** if  $\mathcal{T} \vdash B$  and  $\mathcal{T}, B \vdash \varphi$  then  $\mathcal{T} \vdash \varphi$ .

**Structurality:**  $\mathcal{T} \vdash \varphi$  then  $\sigma(\mathcal{T}) \vdash \sigma(\varphi)$

**Consistency**  $p \not\vdash q$

# Positive Fragment of CL

$$\mathcal{L}_{CL^+} = \{\wedge, \vee, \supset\}$$

$\mathbf{IL}^+$  is the minimal logic  $\mathbf{L}$  in  $\mathcal{L}_{CL^+}$  such that:

- $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} A \supset B$  iff  $\mathcal{T}, A \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} B$
- $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} A \wedge B$  iff  $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} A$  and  $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} B$
- $\mathcal{T}, A \vee B \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} C$  iff  $\mathcal{T}, A \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} C$  and  $\mathcal{T}, B \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} C$

$\mathbf{CL}^+$  is  $\mathbf{IL}^+$  extended with the axiom  $A \vee (A \supset B)$ .



$$\mathcal{L}_{CL} = \{\wedge, \vee, \supset, \neg\}$$

A propositional logic  $\mathbf{L} = \langle \mathcal{L}, \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \rangle$  is  $\neg$ -**classical** if

- $\mathcal{L}_{CL} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$
- the  $\mathcal{L}_{CL}$ -fragment of  $\mathbf{L}$  is  $\mathbf{CL}^+$
- $\mathbf{L}$  satisfies:
  - $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} A \supset B$  iff  $\mathcal{T}, A \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} B$
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# Paraconsistent Logics

A  $\neg$ -classical logic is **paraconsistent** if  $\not\vdash_{\mathbf{L}} (p \wedge \neg p) \supset q$ .

# Strongly Paraconsistent Logics

A  $\neg$ -classical logic is **strongly paraconsistent** if:

- $\not\vdash_{\mathbf{L}} (p \wedge \neg p) \supset \neg q$
- $\not\vdash_{\mathbf{L}} p \supset \neg p$
- $\not\vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \neg p \supset p$ .

# Negation Properties

- $\neg$  is **complete** :  $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \varphi$  whenever  $\mathcal{T}, \psi \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \varphi$  and  $\mathcal{T}, \neg\psi \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \varphi$ .
- $\neg$  is **right-involutive**:  $\varphi \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \neg\neg\varphi$ .
- $\neg$  is **left-involutive**:  $\neg\neg\varphi \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \varphi$ .
- $\neg$  is **contrapositive**:  $\neg\varphi \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \neg\psi$  whenever  $\psi \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \varphi$ .

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By right-involutiveness,  $p \wedge \neg p \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \neg q$

# What can we have?

$CLuN$  :  $CL^+$  and  $[t] \neg\psi \vee \psi$  (completeness)  
(Batens, 1998)

$C_{min}$ :  $CLuN$  and  $[c] \neg\neg\psi \supset \psi$  (completeness and  
left-involutivity)  
(Carnielli, Coniglio and Marcos, 2007)

...and either right-involutivity or contraposition (BUT NOT  
BOTH!)

# Can we construct a C-system with replacement property (and nice negation)?

Possible solution: adding axioms that ensure replacement condition:

$$\varphi \supset \psi, \psi \supset \varphi \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \sigma[\psi/p] \supset \sigma[\varphi/p]$$

## Proposition

Let **CAR** be the logic which is obtained from **CLuN** by adding  $(\psi \supset \varphi) \wedge (\varphi \supset \psi) \supset (\neg\psi \supset \neg\varphi)$  as axiom. Then **CAR** is not strongly paraconsistent.

## Second Attempt

- Refinement: allow inference of  $\neg\varphi \supset \neg\psi$  from  $\varphi \supset \psi$  and  $\psi \supset \varphi$  only when the premises are **theorems**.
- This can be done by including this rule in the corresponding proof systems not as a rule of derivation, but just as a **rule of proof**.
- *Rule of proof: a rule that is used only to define the set of axioms of the system, but not its consequence relation.*
- To make  $\neg$  also contrapositive, we will adopt as a rule of proof the inference of  $\neg\varphi \supset \neg\psi$  from just  $\psi \supset \varphi$ .

# Contraposition and Replacement

## Reminder

$\mathbf{L}$  has the *replacement property* if any two formulas which are equivalent in  $\mathbf{L}$  are congruent in it.

## Proposition

Let  $\mathbf{L}$  be a  $\neg$ -classical logic in  $\mathcal{L}_{CL}$  which extends  $\mathbf{LL}^+$ , in which  $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \neg\varphi \supset \neg\psi$  whenever  $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \psi \supset \varphi$ . Then  $\mathbf{L}$  has the replacement property.



# The logic NB

$Th(NB)$  is the minimal set  $S$  of formulas in  $\mathcal{L}_{CL}$ , such that:

- 1  $S$  includes all axioms of  $HC_{min}$ .
- 2  $S$  is closed under [MP] and the following rule:

$$[CP] \frac{\vdash \psi \supset \varphi}{\vdash \neg\varphi \supset \neg\psi}$$

## Definition

$HNB$  is the Hilbert-type system whose set of axioms is  $Th(NB)$  and has [MP] for  $\supset$  as its sole rule of inference.

# Properties of NB

- Minimal extension of  $\mathbf{CL}^+$  in  $\mathcal{L}_{CL}$  in which  $\neg$  is complete, contrapositive, and left-involutive
- strongly paraconsistent
- has the replacement property
- decidable
- is a C-system
- is the modal logic  $\mathbf{B}$  in disguise!

# A Gentzen-style System for NB

- The system  $GNB$  is obtained from  $LK$  by replacing  $([\neg \Rightarrow])$  by:

$$[\neg \Rightarrow]_B \quad \frac{\Gamma, \neg \Delta \Rightarrow \psi}{\neg \psi \Rightarrow \neg \Gamma, \Delta}$$

(version of system proposed in Takano'92 and studied in Wansing'02. )

- $GNB$  does not admit cut-elimination:  
 $\vdash_{GNB} \neg(p \vee q), \neg(p \vee q) \rightarrow r \Rightarrow r$ , but no cut-free proof.
- However, a weaker version of cut-elimination does hold, and implies decidability of **NB**.

# Kripke-style Semantics for NB

$\langle W, R, \nu \rangle$  is called a **NB-frame** for  $\mathcal{L}_{CL}$ , if:

- $W$  is a nonempty (finite) set (of “worlds”)
- $R$  is a reflexive and symmetric relation on  $W$
- $\nu : W \times \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{L}_{CL}) \rightarrow \{t, f\}$  satisfies the following conditions:
  - $\nu(w, \psi \wedge \varphi) = t$  iff  $\nu(w, \psi) = t$  and  $\nu(w, \varphi) = t$ .
  - $\nu(w, \psi \vee \varphi) = t$  iff  $\nu(w, \psi) = t$  or  $\nu(w, \varphi) = t$ .
  - $\nu(w, \psi \supset \varphi) = t$  iff  $\nu(w, \psi) = f$  or  $\nu(w, \varphi) = t$ .
  - $\nu(w, \neg\psi) = t$  iff there exists  $w' \in W$  such that  $wRw'$ , and  $\nu(w', \psi) = f$ .

## Definition

Let  $\langle W, R, \nu \rangle$  be a **NB**-frame.

- A formula  $\varphi$  is *true* in a world  $w \in W$  ( $w \Vdash \varphi$ ) if  $\nu(w, \varphi) = t$ .
- A sequent  $s = \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$  is *true* in a world  $w \in W$  ( $w \Vdash s$ ) if  $\nu(w, \varphi) = f$  for some  $\varphi \in \Gamma$ , or  $\nu(w, \varphi) = t$  for some  $\varphi \in \Delta$ .
- A formula  $\varphi$  is *valid* in  $\langle W, R, \nu \rangle$  ( $\langle W, R, \nu \rangle \models \varphi$ ) if it is true in every world  $w \in W$ .
- A sequent  $s$  is *valid* in  $\langle W, R, \nu \rangle$  ( $\langle W, R, \nu \rangle \models s$ ) if it is true in every world  $w \in W$ .

# Semantic Consequence

## Definition

- Let  $\mathcal{T} \cup \{\varphi\}$  be a set of formulas in  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{CL}}$ .  $\varphi$  *semantically follows in **NB*** from  $\mathcal{T}$  if for every **NB**-frame  $\langle W, R, \nu \rangle$  and every  $w \in W$ : if  $w \Vdash \psi$  for every  $\psi \in \mathcal{T}$  then  $w \Vdash \varphi$ .
- Let  $\mathcal{S} \cup \{s\}$  be a set of sequents in  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{CL}}$ .  $s$  *semantically follows in **NB*** from  $\mathcal{S}$  if for every **NB**-frame  $\mathcal{W}$ , if  $\mathcal{W} \models s'$  for every  $s' \in \mathcal{S}$ , then  $\mathcal{W} \models s$ .  $s$  is **NB-valid** if  $s$  semantically follows in **NB** from  $\emptyset$  (that is,  $s$  is valid in every **NB**-frame).

# Completeness and Analyticity

## Definition

A proof in  $G$  of  $s$  from  $S$  is called *analytic* if every formula occurring in it belongs to the set of subformulas of formulas in  $S \cup \{s\}$ .

## Theorem

If  $s$  semantically follows in **NB** from  $S$  then  $s$  has an analytic proof in  $GNB$  from  $S$ .

## Corollary

**NB** is decidable.

# NB is a C-system

Reminder:

A *strong consistency operator* with respect to  $\neg$  satisfies:

- **(b)**  $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}} (\circ\psi \wedge \neg\psi \wedge \psi) \supset \varphi$  for every  $\psi, \varphi \in \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{L})$ .
- **(k)**  $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \circ\psi \vee (\neg\psi \wedge \psi)$

**NB** has a strong consistency operator, which is **unique** (up to congruence):

$$\circ\varphi =_{def} (\varphi \wedge \neg\varphi) \supset \neg(\varphi \supset \varphi)$$



# NB and axioms of C-systems

- (c)  $\neg\neg\varphi \supset \varphi$
- (n $_{\wedge}^l$ )  $\neg(\varphi \wedge \psi) \supset (\neg\varphi \vee \neg\psi)$
- (n $_{\vee}^l$ )  $\neg(\varphi \vee \psi) \supset (\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi)$
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- (l)  $\neg(\varphi \wedge \neg\varphi) \supset \circ\varphi$
- (i $_1$ )  $\neg\circ\varphi \supset \varphi$

- (e)  $\varphi \supset \neg\neg\varphi$
- (n $_{\wedge}^r$ )  $(\neg\varphi \vee \neg\psi) \supset \neg(\varphi \wedge \psi)$
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- (a $_{\neg}$ )  $\circ\varphi \supset \neg\circ\varphi$
- (a $_{\supset}$ )  $(\circ\varphi \wedge \circ\psi) \supset \circ(\varphi \supset \psi)$
- (d)  $\neg(\neg\varphi \wedge \varphi) \supset \circ\varphi$
- (i $_2$ )  $\neg\circ\varphi \supset \varphi$

# NB is the modal logic B!

- Modal logic **B**:

- The language of **B** is usually taken to be  $\{\wedge, \vee, \supset, F, \Box\}$  (or  $\{\wedge, \vee, \supset, \neg, \Box\}$ , where  $\neg$  denotes the *classical* negation).
- Its semantics is given by Kripke frames:

- accessibility relation  $R$  - reflexive and symmetric
- notion of a 'Kripke frame' is defined like in **NB**, except that instead of the clause there for  $\neg$  we have a clause for  $\Box$ :

$\nu(w, \Box\psi) = t$  iff  $\nu(w', \psi) = t$  for every  $w' \in W$  s.t.  $wRw'$ .

- Languages of **B** and **NB** have the same expressive power, and  $\neg$  and  $\Box$  are interdefinable:

- In the language of **NB**:

$\Box\varphi =_{\text{def}} \sim\neg\varphi$ , where  $\sim\psi =_{\text{def}} \psi \supset F$  and  $F =_{\text{def}} \neg(p_1 \supset p_1)$ .

- In the language of **B**:

$$\neg\varphi =_{\text{def}} \sim\Box\varphi$$

# Advantages of the new presentation of **B**

- **Simpler language:** **NB** really has only two basic connectives:  $\supset$  and  $\neg$ , while the standard presentation of **B** needs  $\supset$ ,  $F$ , and  $\Box$ .
- **Simpler Hilbert-style calculus:** the standard system for **B** is obtained from *HCL* by the addition of:
  - the necessitation rule (if  $\vdash \varphi$  then  $\vdash \Box\varphi$ ).
  - three axioms:
    - **(K)**  $\Box(\varphi \supset \psi) \supset (\Box\varphi \supset \Box\psi)$
    - **(T)**  $\Box\varphi \supset \varphi$
    - **(B)**  $\varphi \supset \Box\Diamond\varphi$ , where  $\Diamond\varphi =_{def} \sim\Box\sim\varphi$ .

The system for **NB** is obtained by the addition of one rule of proof, and just two simple and natural axioms.

# The axiom $(i_2) \neg \circ \varphi \supset \varphi$

- By adding the axiom  $(i_2)$  to **NB**, we obtain another interesting logic, **NS5**.
- Studied by Béziau (2002), Batens (2002) and Osorio et al (2014).
- **NS5** is a strongly paraconsistent decidable logic with a complete, left-involutive and contrapositive negation and the replacement property.
- **NS5** is equivalent to the famous **S5**.

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- Stay tuned: another investigation of paraconsistent logics from a modal viewpoint - upcoming talk by J. Marcos tomorrow (Lahav, Marcos and Zohar, 2016)...