

Conditional Oughts and Simpson's Paradox

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Simpson's Paradox seems to provide a counterexample to modus ponens that is much like the "Miner's Puzzle" case from MacFarlane and Kolodny's "Ifs and Oughts." However, the semantics proposed there threatens to undermine a plausible dominance principle in decision theory. I try to reconcile the two.