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“TIME-SLICE EPISTEMOLOGY FOR BAYESIANS”

Abstract:

Norms of diachronic rationality are norms that tell us how we should behave over time. Many have argued that there can be no such norms. Recently this idea has been extended to the Bayesian framework, where critics have raised worries for the norm of Conditionalization: the norm that tells you how you should revise your beliefs when you get evidence. In response, some proponents of Bayesianism have formulated alternative versions of Conditionalization that claim to avoid this worry.

In this discussion, I argue that these alternative versions of Conditionalization are unsuccessful. They each fail for different reasons. I go on to provide my own alternative version of Conditionalization, which both avoids the worries of critics of diachronic norms, and the worries I raise for these other alternatives.