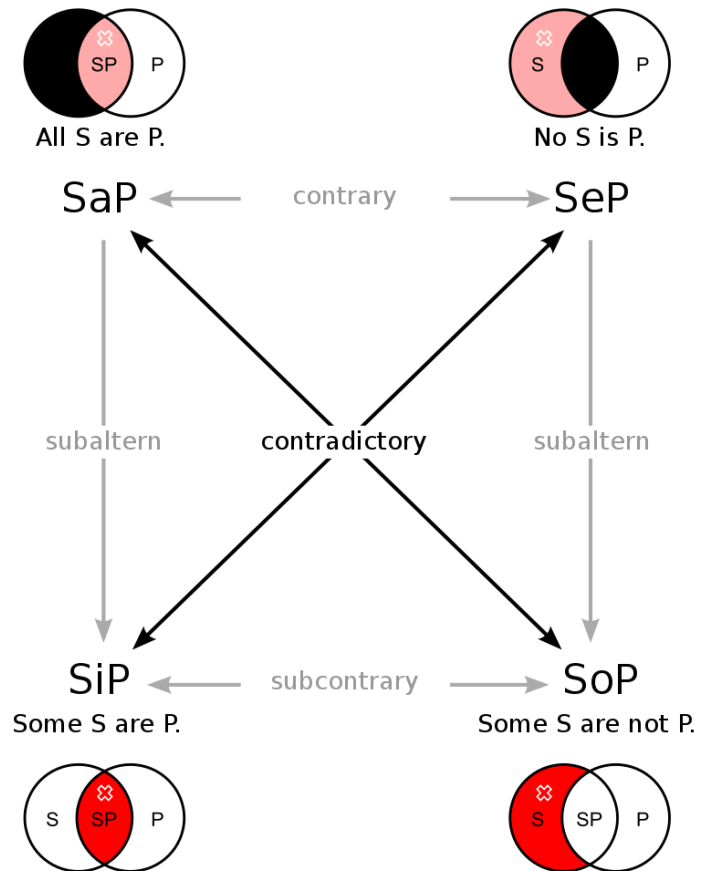


Discovering Aristotle's Syllogistic via indirect proofs: a metatheoretical account

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- Few words on Syllogistic
- Syllogistic proofs: Aristotle's account
- Syllogistic proofs: indirect account
- Results and conclusions





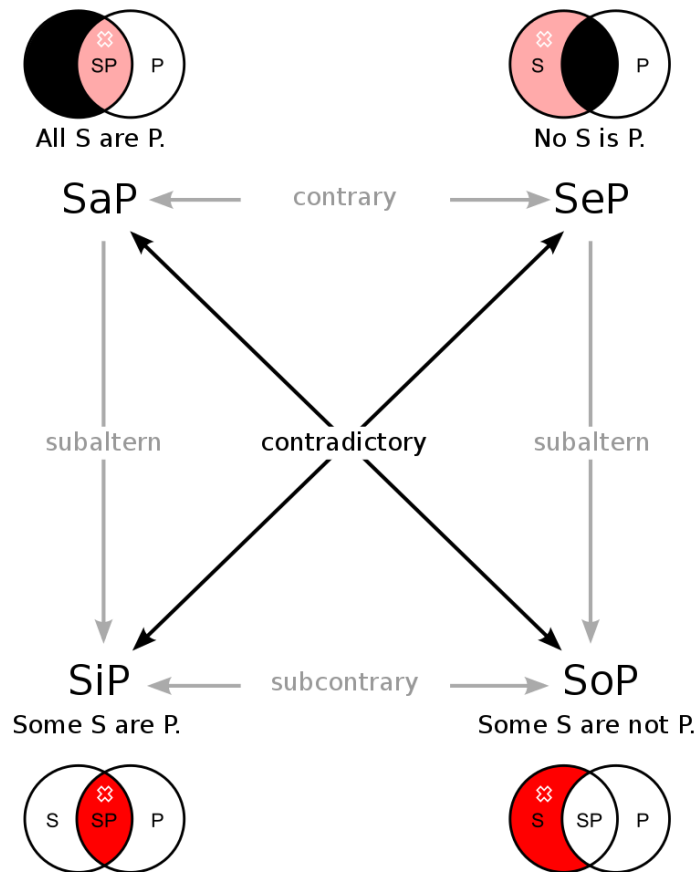
All M are P
All S are M

All S are P

MaP
SaM

SaP

Barbara



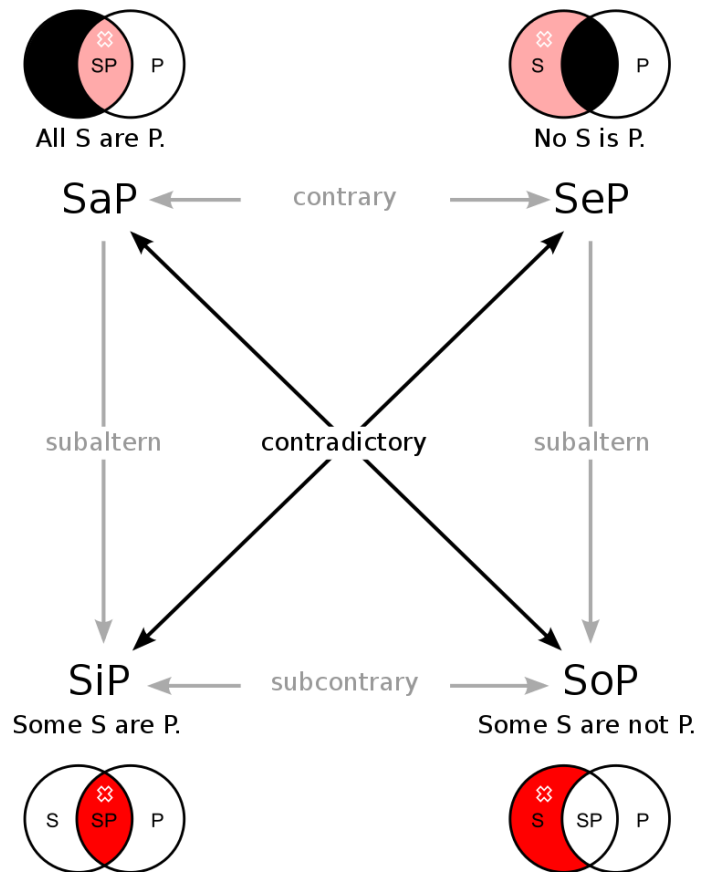
All M are P
All S are M

Some S are P

MaP
SaM

SiP

Barbari



No P are M
All S are M

No S are P

PeM
SaM

SeP

Cesare

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Cesare, Camestres, Festino, Baroco secundae;
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Conversions: s-conversion(s), p-conversion

$\text{MeP} \rightarrow \text{PeM}$

$\text{MiP} \rightarrow \text{PiM}$

$\text{MaP} \rightarrow \text{PiM}$ (p-conversion)

Subalternations:

$\text{MaP} \rightarrow \text{MiP}$

$\text{MeP} \rightarrow \text{MoP}$ etc...

Reducing (i.e. “proving by”):

Cesare

PeM
SaM
——
SeP

s-conversion



Celarent

MeP
SaM
——
SeP

...

What is the minimal set of inference rules needed to prove all the moods?

Was Aristotle right?



(Wapniarski and Urbański 2024a)

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Indirect proofs: sets of single-premise inference rules

1. No single-premise inference rule (null-set)
2. Subalternation-only
3. Conversion-only
4. Subalternation and conversion

Example proof-procedure (for Cesaro):

Mood Cesaro:

1. No P is M (PeM) (major premise)
2. All S are M (SaM) (minor premise)
3. Some S are not P (SoP) (conclusion)

Proof premises:

1. PeM (major premise)
2. SaM (minor premise)
3. SaP (indirect premise from the negation of SoP)

Example proof-procedure (for Cesaro):



Example proof cases:

1. PeM

2. SaM

3. SaP

4. SoM

(1, 3, Celaront)

1. PeM

2. SaM

3. SaP

4. PiM

(2, 3, Darapti)

All possible indirect proofs: null-set

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All possible indirect proofs: subalternation

[illegible]

All possible indirect proofs: conversion

[illegible]

All possible indirect proofs: conversion and subalternation

[illegible]

Conversion and subalternation: arranged

[illegible]

Conversion and subalternation: arranged and reduced



	Barbara	Baroco	Bocardo	Group C	Group D	Group F	Bramantip-barbari	Fesapo-Felapton	Celaront-cesaro	Camestros-camenos	Darapti
Barbara											
Baroco											
Bocardo											
Group C											
Group D											
Group F											
Bramantip-Barbari											
Fesapo-Felapton											
Celaront-Cesaro											
Camestros-camenos											
Darapti											

- 1) Barbara-Baroco-Bocardo
- 2) Group C: Celarent, Cesare, Camestres, Camenes
- 3) Group D: Darii, Disamis, Datisi, Dimaris
- 4) Group F: Ferio, Festino, Ferison, Fresison
- 5) Other pairs

So...

- Null-set and subalternation: Aristotelian reduction does not hold
- Conversion and conversion plus subalternation: different alternative scenarios (B + C/F Group)

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All proofs arranged:



	Barbara-Baroco-Bocardo	C, D, and F group	Subalternated group	Celaront-Cesaro-Darapti
Barbara-Baroco-Bocardo				
C, D, and F group				
Subalternated group				
Celaront-Cesaro-Darapti				

- 1) Barbara-Baroco-Bocardo
- 2) C, D, F Group
- 3) S Group
- 4) Celaront-Cesaro-Darapti

Conclusions:

Dictum: any mood from B group + any mood from C/D/F Group

- Indirect structure different from direct

Questions:

Why Celaront-Cesaro-Darapti?



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