Rejecting and Assuming (with a sketch of DLEAC, a Dialetheic Logic of Exclusive Assumptions and Conclusions)

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Abstract

If giving up the exclusivity of negation is the key to solving the semantic paradoxes, does not the exclusivity of denial land us back in paradox? I argue, first in an informal way, then formally, that intuitive norms for denial -- which dialetheists arguably accept -- give rise to paradox, provided one's language is rich enough to express deniability / rejectability. I consider some possible ways out, concerning both the formal language and the informal way of characterizing the paradox. In the appendix I propose a new logic -- a Dialetheic Logic with Exclusive Assumptions and Conclusions (DLEAC) -- including classical logic as a particular case. In DLEAC, exclusivity is expressed via the speech acts of assuming and concluding.