



Logical and Geometrical Complementarities between Aristotelian Diagrams

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central idea: **subdiagrams** / diagram embedding / diagram nesting

- smaller diagrams occur inside bigger diagrams
- Euler diagrams (Fish & Flower 2008), Venn diagrams (Flower, Stapelton & Rogers 2013), spider diagrams (Urbas, Jamnik, Stapelton & Flower 2012) or algebra diagrams (Cheng 2012)
- visual nesting and recursion (Engelhardt 2006): *“any object may contain a set of (sub-)objects within the space that it occupies. When this principle is repeated recursively, the spatial arrangement of (sub-)objects is, at each level, determined by the specific nature of the containing space at that level.”*
- set of transitively nested substates of a composite state (Jin, Esser & Janneck 2002): *“in every UML statechart there is an inherent composite state called the **top state** which covers all the (pseudo) states and is the container of the states.”*

central diagram: **rhombic dodecahedron (RDH)**

- Smessaert (2009/2012), Demey (2012)
- 3D representation for the visualisation of the Aristotelian relations between 14 contingent formulas.

central aims of talk

- to develop strategies for systematically charting the internal structure of the RDH
- to study various complementarities between Aristotelian diagrams inside the RDH
- to provide a more unified account of a whole range of diagrams which have so far mostly been treated independently of one another in the literature

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- Informally, two formulas are:

contradictory iff they cannot be true together and cannot be false together

contrary iff they cannot be true together, but can be false together

subcontrary iff they can be true together, but cannot be false together

in **subalternation** iff the first logically entails the second, but not vice versa

- Formally (relative to a logical system S), two formulas φ, ψ are

contradictory iff $S \models \neg(\varphi \wedge \psi)$ and $S \models \neg(\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi)$

contrary iff $S \models \neg(\varphi \wedge \psi)$ and $S \not\models \neg(\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi)$

subcontrary iff $S \not\models \neg(\varphi \wedge \psi)$ and $S \models \neg(\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi)$

in **subalternation** iff $S \models \varphi \rightarrow \psi$ and $S \not\models \psi \rightarrow \varphi$

- Formulas which do **not** stand in any Aristotelian relation are said to be **unconnected** or **logically independent**.

Partitioning the formulas from Classical Propositional Logic with two propositional variables p and q into **Pairs of Contradictories (PCDs)**

- 4 PCDs of **type C** ('cube')

a. $(p \wedge q)$	b. $\neg(p \rightarrow q)$	c. $\neg(p \leftarrow q)$	d. $\neg(p \vee q)$
a'. $\neg(p \wedge q)$	b'. $(p \rightarrow q)$	c'. $(p \leftarrow q)$	d'. $(p \vee q)$

- 3 PCDs of **type O** ('octahedron') + 1 non-contingent PCD

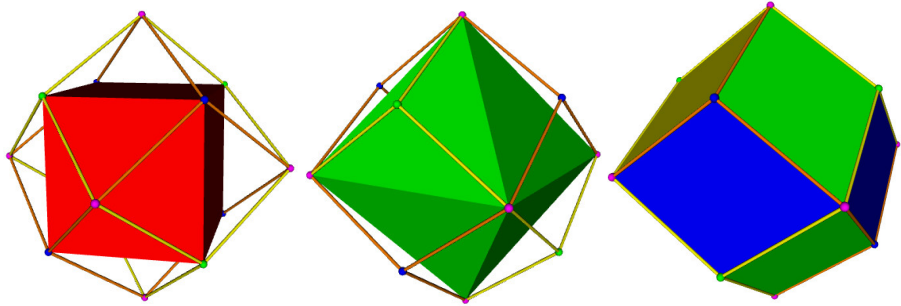
e. p	f. q	g. $(p \leftrightarrow q)$	h. $p \wedge \neg p$
e'. $\neg p$	f'. $\neg q$	g'. $\neg(p \leftrightarrow q)$	h'. $p \vee \neg p$

- Distinction between **levels**:

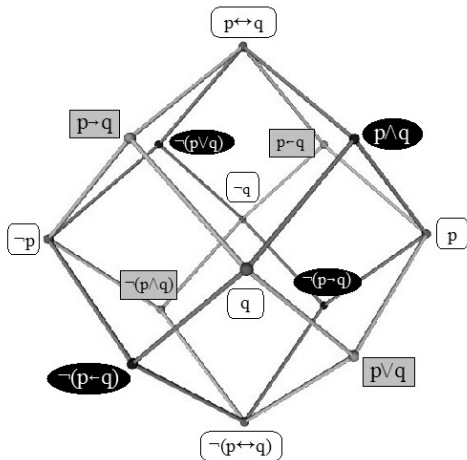
(a-d)	=	Level 1	⇒	pairwise contraries
(a'-d')	=	Level 3	⇒	pairwise subcontraries
(e-g) + (e'-g')	=	Level 2	⇒	pairwise unconnected
(h-h')	=	Level 0/4	⇒	disregarded!

- 14 formulas/7 PCDs ⇒ 3D visualisation

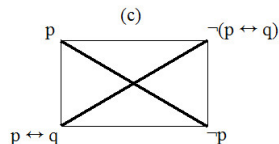
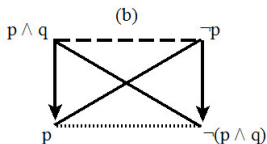
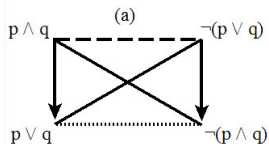
cube + octahedron = cuboctahedron $\xrightarrow{\text{dual}}$ **rhombic dodecahedron**
 Platonic Platonic Archimedean Catalan
 6 faces 8 faces 14 faces **12 faces**
 8 vertices 6 vertices 12 vertices **14 vertices**



central symmetry cube = 4 PCDs of type C (L1-L3)
 octahedron = 3 PCDs of type O (L2-L2)



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— contradictory - - - contrary subcontrary → subalternation — unconnected

**classical
balanced**

C_2O_0

L1-L3 + L1-L3

**classical
unbalanced**

C_1O_1

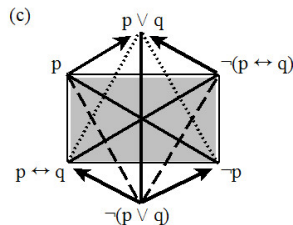
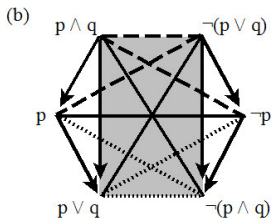
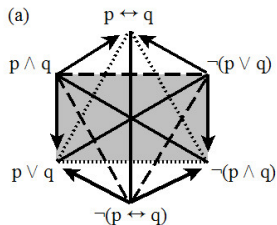
L1-L3 + L2-L2

**degenerate
balanced**

C_0O_2

L2-L2 + L2-L2

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**Jacoby-Sesmat-Blanché
(JSB)**

C_2O_1a

L1-L3/L1-L3+L2-L2

triangles of

(sub)contrariety

**Sherwood-Czezowski
(SC)**

C_2O_1b

L1-L3/L1-L3+L2-L2

triangles of

subalternation

**Unconnected-4
(U4)**

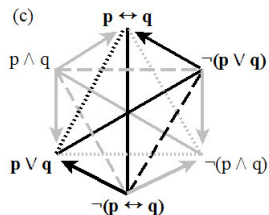
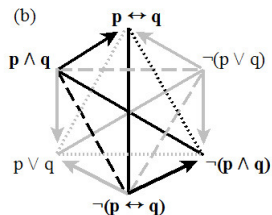
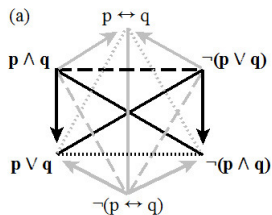
C_1O_2

L2-L2/L2-L2+L1-L3

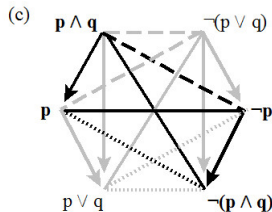
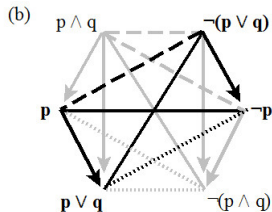
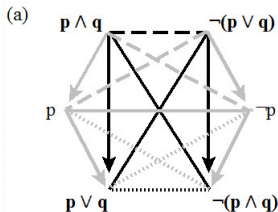
no triangles

→ V-shapes

(cfr. Smessaert, *Diagrams 2012*)

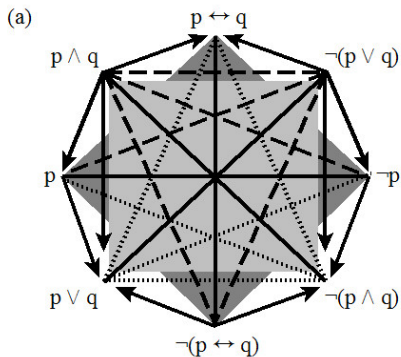


squares in Jacoby-Sesmat-Blanché hexagon (JSB)

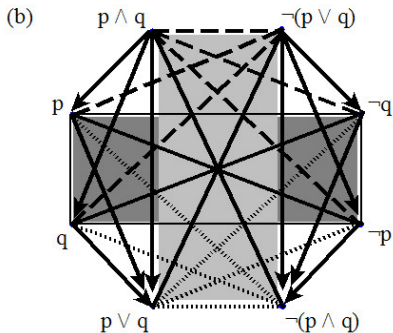


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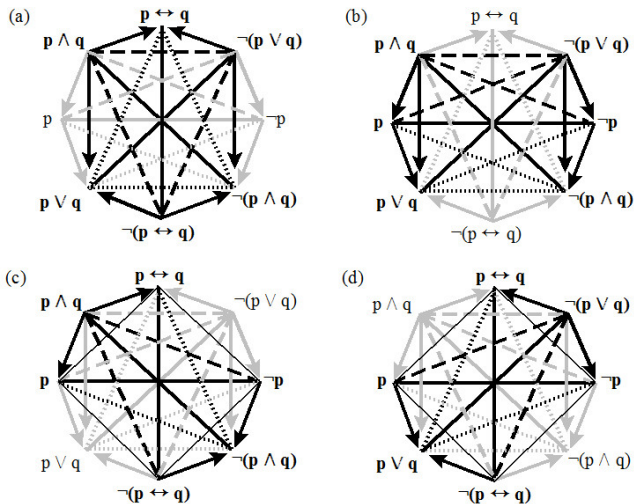
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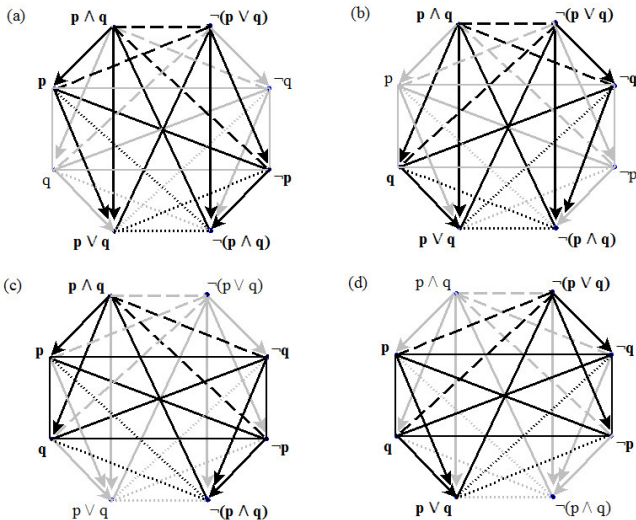
**Béziau octagon** C_2O_2b

2 triangles of (sub)contrariety
2 triangles of subalternation

**Buridan octagon** C_2O_2a

0 triangles of (sub)contrariety
4 triangles of subalternation





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Fundamental complementarity: $C_k O_\ell + C_{4-k} O_{3-\ell} = C_4 O_3 = RDH$

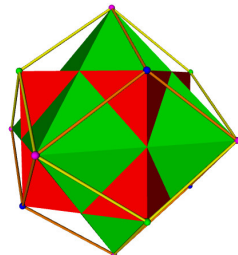
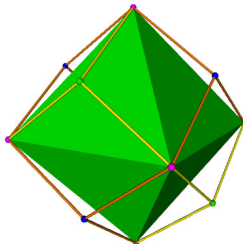
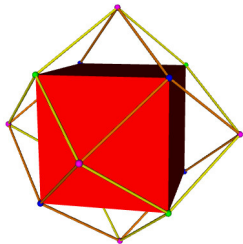
$C_4 O_0$
cube

+
+

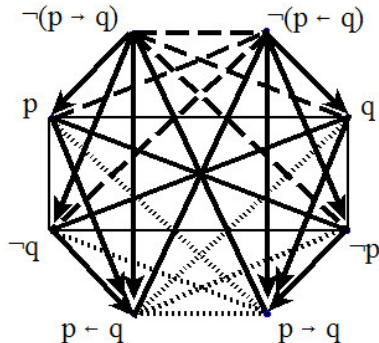
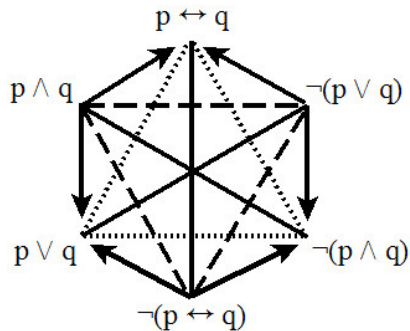
$C_0 O_3$
octahedron

=
=

$C_4 O_3$
RDH



C_2O_1a + C_2O_2a
 Jacoby-Sesmat-Blanché hexagon + Buridan octagon
 (2 SC hexagons)



C_2O_1a

+

C_2O_2a

=

C_4O_3

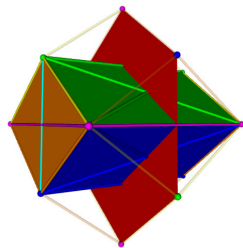
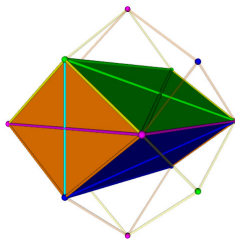
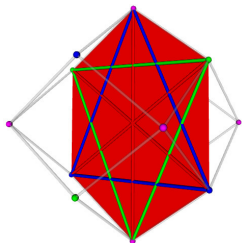
Jacoby-Sesmat-
Blanché hexagon

+

Buridan
octagon

=

rhombic
dodecahedron



hexagonal plane

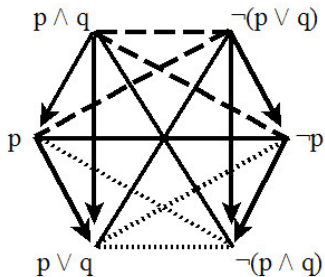
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rhombicube

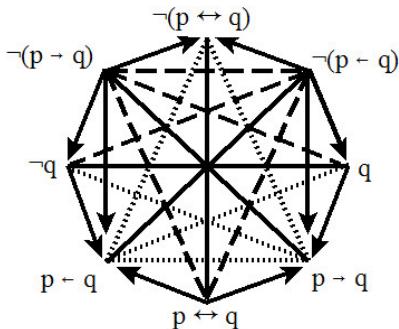
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RDH

C_2O_1b
Sherwood-Czezowski hexagon



+ C_2O_2b
+ Béziau octagon
(1 JSB + 1 SC hexagon)



C_2O_1b

+

 C_2O_2b

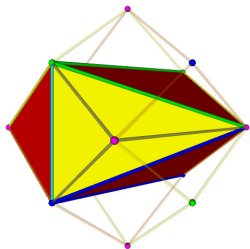
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 C_4O_3 Sherwood-Czezowski
hexagon

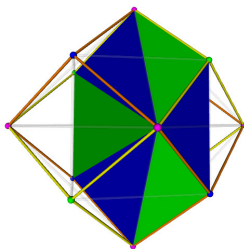
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Béziau
octagon

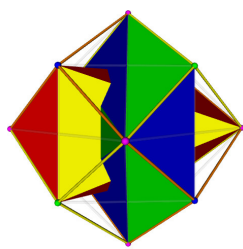
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rhombic
dodecahedronsqueezed
octahedron

+

squeezed hexa-
gonal bipyramid

=



RDH

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develop strategies for systematically charting the internal structure of RDH

- distinguish families of *squares* in terms of 2 embedded *PCDs*
- distinguish families of *hexagons* in terms of 3 embedded *squares*
- distinguish families of *octagons* in terms of 4 embedded *hexagons*

study various complementarities between Aristotelian diagrams inside RDH

- difference in visual appeal \approx geometric difference (reflection symmetries)
- SC hexagons naturally come in pairs (Buridan octagon/rhombicube)
- JSB-Buridan complementarity respects this pairing
- SC-Béziau complementarity cuts across this pairing

provide a more unified account of a whole range of diagrams which have so far mostly been treated independently of one another in the literature

⇒ exhaustive typology of RDH subdiagrams (combinatorial analysis)

Thank you!

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