

Title: Primitivism and Probabilism for validity.
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Abstract: Hartry Field has recently developed a primitivist approach to validity. According to him, the concept of validity cannot be analyzed in terms of necessary truth preservation (cf Field 2008, 2009). Instead, Field insists that validity be taken as a sui generis concept. Nonetheless, an elucidation of the concept of validity is possible through so-called bridge principles between rational belief (or credence) management and valid arguments. I will investigate the proposed bridge principles, and argue that although they do interestingly connect rational belief and validity, they also need to be reformulated in order to allow for a sufficiently general (logic-neutral) concept of validity.