

15a Note

If two people are arguing if p , will q ? & both ^{are} in doubt as to x
They are ~~as if~~ adding p hypothetically to their stock
of knowledge and arguing on that basis about q ; so that
in a sense if p, q and if p, \bar{q} are contradictions
we can say they are fixing their degrees of belief in q given p .
If p turns out false these matter ⁱⁿ degrees of belief are
rendered void. If either party believes \bar{p} for
certain, the question ceases to mean anything to him
except as a question about what follows from
certain laws or hypotheses see below p. 111