

LOCAL AND GLOBAL OPERATORS AND
 MANY-VALUED MODAL LOGICS

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1 Motivation In formal contexts, we may distinguish between two types of conditional operators.* The truth value of a *local* conditional is defined in terms of the truth values of its antecedent and consequent. The truth value of a *global* conditional is defined in terms of the possible truth-values of its antecedent and consequent. Global conditionals are usually formed by applying a modal operator to a local conditional. For example, strict implication is defined by applying the necessity operator to material implication. That is, " $p \supset q$ " is defined as " $L(p \text{ CO } q)$ ", where *CO* is the standard two-valued material implication and the properties of the necessity operator "*L*" are determined by the particular modal logic being employed.

There has been some move to formally treat ordinary language counterfactual conditionals as global conditionals of a certain sort. (See for example [1] and [3]). Viewed from this perspective, the local conditional involved is not the standard two-valued material implication, but is rather a three-valued operator.

We may use *T*, *F*, and *I* for "true", "false", and "indeterminate", respectively. We may then define the conditional *CI* as follows (contrasting it with material implication *CO*):

<i>CO</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>F</i>
<i>T</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>F</i>
<i>F</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>T</i>

<i>CI</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>F</i>
<i>T</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>F</i>
<i>I</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>F</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>I</i>

Some possible examples of conditional statements which may perhaps be appropriately translated by *CI* are: "If you trespass, you will be

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