

Again, the third example is simply a heckler's "What about my tea?", when some stump orator proposes the abolition of all imports as his panacea for the depression. Hecklers and other people bring up instances to confute sweeping generalisations; the instance is the reason and the middle term. Now, if this is the right interpretation of syllogism, it is fairly plain that syllogism is a poor expression of this meaning. Aristotle himself recognised that the second and third figure arguments were ~~poor~~ poor expressions of the meaning and would reduce them to the first figure. However, of all the moods of syllogism, only Cesare and Festino are at all natural when reduced to first figure; ^{further,} the first figure itself is not happy. Not only do the numerous ~~ist~~ meanings that have been put upon syllogism attest to this, but in the face of Mill's objection, one has to admit that the major premise of the first figure does not mean what it says.

Reduction to hypothetical form may be accomplished as follows.

~~First and Second Figures:~~

~~If S is or is not M, it is or is not P;~~

~~S is or is not M,~~

~~therefore, S is or is not P.~~

~~Third Figure:~~

~~If M is or is not P, S may be P or S need not be P;~~

~~M is or is not P;~~

~~Distribution of terms is ignored the subject is ignored.~~

Barbara and Darii:

If S is M, then S is P; S is M; so S is P.

he is mortal.

If Socrates is mortal, he is mortal; Socrates is a man; therefore, [^]

Celarent, Ferio, Cesare and Festino:

If S is M, then S is not P; S is M; so, S is not P.

If the saints see God, they do not suffer;

But the saints see God; therefore, they do not suffer.

N.B. In syllogism this would be first figure if the major read

"Whoever sees God does not suffer."

It would be second figure, if the major were

"Whoever suffers is not seeing God."

Camestres and Baroco:

If S is not M, then S is not P; S is not M; therefore, S is not P.

If none of these boys are languid, none of them are tubercular;

But none of them are languid;

Therefore none of them are tubercular.