

Review of: "On a Loophole in Causal Closure: Reply to Berber & Đorđević"

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This paper represents a reply to the criticism Berber & Đorđević (2022) offered to Gamper's loophole view of the causal closure. With that in mind, I will only comment on the paper as a response to criticism, I will not comment on its argumentative strength *per se*. Firstly, it is important to note that Berber & Đorđević criticize the way in which the loophole view was introduced methodologically and argumentatively, not the view itself.

In his reply, Gamper is spelling out his view on the reasons why the principle of causal closure was introduced in the first place. In his opinion, the principle was introduced as the hypothesis which should corroborate the basic assumption that everything consists of one kind of things. Further, he points out that this basic assumption could be changed and that the principle of causal closure could be redefined accordingly.

The problems with this answer are as follows. In my opinion, this kind of redefinition of the principle of causal closure proposed by Gamper essentially boils down to its abandonment. This is the main point of criticism offered by Berber and Đorđević (2022). In a nutshell, it seems that the disagreement between Gamper, on one side, and Berber and Đorđević, on the other, is whether the principle of causal closure can "survive" this kind of redefinition suggested by Gamper. Gamper is of the opinion that it can, while Berber and Đorđević argue that it cannot.

Additionally, this paper presents a somewhat independent argumentative thread that supports the loophole view with respect to the argumentation presented in Gamper 2017, which was criticized by Berber and Đorđević on argumentative and methodological grounds. Thus, the paper somewhat parallels the criticism offered by Berber & Đorđević. On the other hand, it contributes to the loophole view itself by introducing it more clearly.

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