

Another Go at Fake Tense

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Topic of this talk is fake tense, and, thereby, the difference between indicative and so called subjunctive conditionals. Fake tense concerns the observation that in English subjunctive conditionals past tense morphology is present that doesn't seem to be interpreted (Iatridou, 2000). I will react to a recent challenge brought forward by Mackay (2015) for Iatridou's (2000) and Schulz' (2014) solution of the fake tense puzzle. I will criticise Mackay's (2018) counterproposal and develop an alternative account that answers the challenge and solves the weaknesses of Mackay (2018).