

# PAPER TOPICS II

## CONFIRMATION THEORY

More suggested paper topics for you.

1. With the help of examples, explain Glymour's relevance problem (the problem as to which parts of a theory are confirmed by a given piece of evidence entailed by the theory). How successful is Glymour's own approach to dealing with the problem?
2. Can Bayesian confirmation theory solve Glymour's relevance problem?
3. Compare and contrast one aspect of confirmation on which the Bayesian and instantialist approaches differ. Which approach, if either, is the more satisfactory?
4. What should and should not count as your evidence? Answer this question with respect to one or two putative properties of evidence statements (e.g., being true, being concerned with what is observable).
5. How might the social structure of science be relevant to confirmation theory, or to topics that concern confirmation theory?