

Rebuttal Reply

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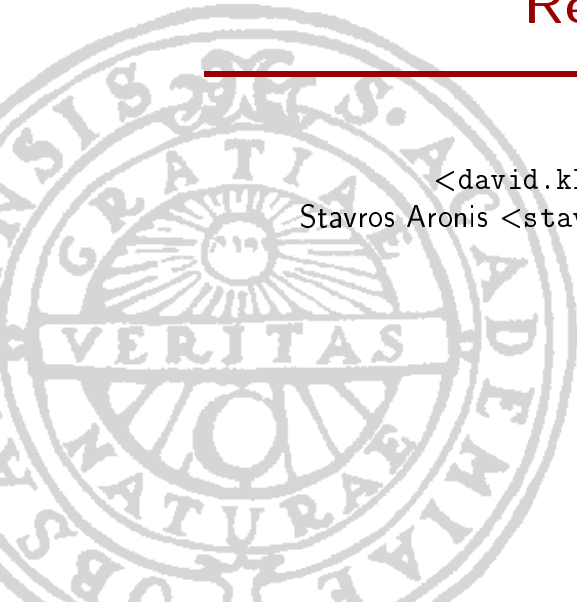
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Context

Story

- group of authors
- paper submitted
- theoretical and experimental part
- approximation of theoretical approach
- rebuttal: approximation of exact method compared to theory?



Context

Story

- authors: discovered implementation error after submission
- due to this, results not as good as theoretical approach
- but fixable before publication

Ethical Question

- what should be answered?
- truth over publishability?



Options

- no reply
- claim not to know about problem
- claim not to be able to reason about it yet
- claim problem is fixable before publication
- claim to already have fixed the problem



Arguments

No Reply

- concerns not addressed
- information not shared
- unprofessional

Claim Problem Unknown

- hiding information
- may not help publication
- at least there is a reply



Arguments

Claim Unable to Reason About

- aware of problem
- this is the theoretical point of view
- full solution is lacking
- not withholding knowledge
- no risks in answer: provable



Arguments

Claim Fixable

- aware of problem
- this is the practical approach
- full solution not yet finished

Claim Fixed

- problem already solved
- highest chance of publication
- this is lying



Discussion

Reasonable answers

- 1 claim unable to reason about
- 2 claim fixable

Differences

- (2) shares everything authors know / think
- (1) is sceptical of own abilities



Tools

Organisation, Learning and Ethics

- applies to projects
- does not handle specific questions well
- should be used when starting project

Heteronomy / Autonomy

- fast way of finding key aspects
- may be sufficient
- no real help for hard decisions



Tools

Autonomous Thinking

- gathers many aspects
- hard to draw conclusion from
- possibilities/risks not always applicable

Collab

- UI could be more responsive
- easy collaboration
- choose appropriate points
- still hard to draw conclusion from



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Questions?
