

## REPRESENTORS AND ARTEFACTS

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*Abstract:* I'll examine the following strategy for defending formal theories against objections: attribute seemingly problematic features of the formalism to non-representational artefacts; so although the formalism has features lacked by its target, it doesn't represent the target as having those features; so those features don't render the theory inaccurate. I'll begin by trying to clarify the distinction between representational and non-representational features of a formal theory. I'll then defend the strategy against objections due to Rosanna Keefe and Nicholas J.J. Smith. I'll finish by criticizing two uses of the strategy: Stalnaker's defence of a possible worlds semantics that invalidates the Barcan formula; Roy T. Cook's defence of a many valued semantics for vagueness.