

MATH 218M2: RESPONSE PROMPTS FOR PLUMWOOD 2
DUE 11/11

Val Plumwood, “The politics of reason: towards a feminist logic” (1993). Sections V–VII (pages 453–459).

Earlier we read the first three sections of “The politics of reason”. We return to this paper with some experience under our belts to look at Plumwood’s proposal for what a feminist logic should be.

RESPONSE PROMPTS

For each prompt you should write one or more paragraphs. You are not writing a full essay, but you should write enough to fully respond to the question.

- (1) Plumwood calls classical logic the “logic of domination”. What are her reasons for making that charge?
- (2) What are Plumwood’s requirements for a logic to avoid the problematic features of classical logic?
- (3) We have been studying fuzzy logic. In your view, does fuzzy logic fulfill Plumwood’s requirements for a feminist logic? Why or why not?

SUGGESTED EXTENDED READING

These are selections from the extended reading which address topics related to this week’s core reading.

- Thomas Macaulay Ferguson, “From excluded middle to homogenization in Plumwood’s feminist critique of logic” (2023).
- Val Plumwood, “Some false laws of logic” (2023).
- Catharine Saint-Croix and Roy T. Cook, “(What) is feminist logic? (What) do we want it to be?” (2024).