

You Can't Mean That: Yablo's Figuralist Account of Mathematics

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Abstract

Burgess and Rosen argue that Yablo's figuralist account of mathematics fails because it says mathematical claims are really only metaphorical. They suggest Yablo's view is implausible as an account of what mathematicians say and confused about literal language. I show their argument isn't decisive, briefly exploring some questions in the philosophy of language it raises, and argue Yablo's view may be amended to a kind of revolutionary fictionalism not refuted by Burgess and Rosen.

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