

Abstract: On a certain conception of metaphysical necessity

Abstract: Are the laws of ontology metaphysically contingent? I do not intend to give a full answer to this question in this paper. But I shall give a partial answer to it. In particular, Gideon Rosen (2006) has argued that there is a certain conception of metaphysical necessity, which he calls the Non-Standard conception, according to which the laws of ontology, or at least some of them, are metaphysically contingent. I shall argue that the Non-Standard conception is incoherent and, therefore, that the contingency of (any of) the laws of ontology cannot be secured through such a conception of metaphysical necessity.