

Logical and Methodological Reflections on Certain  
Meaning Postulates

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0. Constraints on Meaning Postulates

- Indirect interpretation:

(i)  $L_x + M_x$

(ii)  $T: L_n \rightarrow L_x$

(iii) restriction  $\rho: M_x^e \subseteq M_x$ , induces  $M_n^e$

(EP) If  $m$  and  $m'$  are models for  $L_x$  and  $T(m)$   
and  $T(m')$  are  $L_n$ -equivalent, then:  
 $m \models \Pi$  iff  $m' \models \Pi$ .

1. Kurt's Problems

(KP)  $\lambda x \lambda Q \sqsupset [ \Sigma(\hat{\lambda} J(Q))(x) \Leftrightarrow Q \hat{\lambda} y \Sigma(\hat{\lambda} J(y^*)) (x) ]$

(P1) (KP) is 'non-compositional'

(P2) (KP) is not general enough: complex VP's

(P3) —: — : transparent readings of opaque verbs

2. Arnim's Solution

(AP)  $\lambda R (Tr(Q) \rightarrow \lambda x \lambda Q [ \Sigma(\hat{\lambda} R \{ Q \} (x) \Leftrightarrow Q \hat{\lambda} y \Sigma(\hat{\lambda} R \{ \hat{P} P \{ y \} \} (x) ) ]$

(2-1)  $\lambda x \lambda Q [ R \{ x, Q \} \Leftrightarrow Q \hat{\lambda} y [ R \{ x, \hat{P} P \{ y \} \} ] ]$

(2-3)  $\lambda x \sqsupset \lambda Q \lambda R$

$[ [ \hat{P} \Sigma(P)(x) ] \hat{\lambda} y \hat{\lambda} Q \hat{\lambda} y [ R \{ x, y \} ] ] ]$

$\Leftrightarrow Q \hat{\lambda} y [ \hat{P} \Sigma(P)(x) ] \hat{\lambda} y [ R \{ x, y \} ] ] ]$

3. Scopeless Quantifiers

(3-1)  $\{ x \in D \mid \{ y \in D \mid x r y \} \in q \} \in q'$

$\Leftrightarrow \{ y \in D \mid \{ x \in D \mid x r y \} \in q \} \in q'$

(3-3)  $q$  scopeless  $\Leftrightarrow q = x^+$ , for some  $x \in D$

(3-9)  $\models \lambda R \sqsupset [ \underline{Q} \{ x \} \underline{Q}' \{ y \} R \{ x, y \} ] ]$

$\Leftrightarrow \underline{Q}' \{ y \} \underline{Q} \{ x \} R \{ x, y \} ] ]$

$Q$  purely extensional iff:  $P_0(i) = P_n(j)$  implies  $P_0 \in Q(i)$  iff  $P_n \in Q(j)$

(3-12)  $Q$  is scopeless iff  $\models \underline{Q} = [ \hat{P} P \Sigma x ]$ , f.s.  $x$

4. Factivity and Triviality

(4-1)  $\forall f \sqsupset (T = \lambda P \lambda x P \{ f(x) \})$

(F)  $\sqsupset \lambda P \lambda x ( \Sigma(P)(x) \rightarrow P \{ x \} )$

(AP)  $\equiv (T = \lambda P \vee P)$

5. Compositionality

(5-1)  $g = \Sigma \circ J$

$\pi$  establishes  $R$  among  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  iff for all  $\beta, \gamma$ :

$(m \text{ based on } B \Rightarrow m \in M_n^{\beta, \gamma}) \Leftrightarrow$

$R( \|\alpha_1\|^B, \dots, \|\alpha_n\|^B )$

(P4)  $\underline{I}$  exist

(P5) seek = try to find

(P6) compositionality of what?

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