

Computational Semantics

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Outline

1 Introduction

Introduction

- Semantics is the study of *meaning*.

- Entailment

Eric is the husband of Rebecca and the father of John.

→ *Eric is the father of John.*

→ *Eric is the husband of Rebecca.*

- Formal semantics:

- The meaning of an utterance depends upon its *form*, i.e., its linguistic structure.
- The tools used to account for the meanings of utterances are *formal* mathematical tool.

- Truth conditional semantics.

- Model theoretic semantics.

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Naive set theory

Membership

$$x \in A$$

- x is an element (or a member) of the set A .
- x belongs to A .

$$x \notin A$$

- x does not belong to A .

Inclusion

$$A \subset B$$

- the set A is a subset of the set B .
- every element x that belongs to A belongs to B .

Naive set theory

Definition by extension

$$\{a, b, c\}$$

- the set whose elements are a , b , and c .

Definition by comprehension

$$\{x \in A : P\}$$

- the set whose elements are the elements of A that obey the property P .
- example: $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : n > 0 \text{ and } n \leq 4\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Naive set theory

Powerset

$\mathcal{P}(A)$

- the set whose elements are the subsets of A .
- example:

$$\mathcal{P}(\{a, b, c\}) = \{\{\}, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$$

Naive set theory

Intersection

$$A \cap B$$

- the set whose elements belongs to both A and B .
- example: $\{a, b, c\} \cap \{b, c, d\} = \{b, c\}$

Union

$$A \cup B$$

- the set whose elements belongs to A or B (or both).
- example: $\{a, b, c\} \cup \{b, c, d\} = \{a, b, c, d\}$

Difference

$$A \setminus B$$

- the set whose elements belongs to both A but does not belong to B .
- example: $\{a, b, c\} \setminus \{b, c, d\} = \{a\}$

Naive set theory

Ordered pair

(a, b)

- the ordered pair whose first component (coordinate) is a and second component is b .

Cartesian product

$A \times B$

- the set of all the ordered pairs (a, b) such that $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.

$A \times B \times C$

- the set of all the 3-tuples (a, b, c) such that $a \in A$, and $b \in B$, and $c \in C$.

$A \times B \times C \times D \times \dots$

- ...

Naive set theory

Empty set

\emptyset

- the set that does not have any member.
- for every element x , $x \notin \emptyset$.

Natural numbers

$$0 = \emptyset$$

$$1 = \{0\} = \{\emptyset\}$$

$$2 = \{0, 1\} = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$$

$$n = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$$

Disjoint Union

$$A + B$$

- $A + B = (\{0\} \times A) \cup (\{1\} \times B)$

Relations

Binary relation

$$R \in \mathcal{P}(A \times B)$$

- A binary relation R between A and B is a subset of the cartesian product $A \times B$.
- In case $(a, b) \in R$, one says that a is related to b by R , and one writes $a R b$ or $R(a, b)$.

n-ary relation

$$R \in \mathcal{P}(A_1 \times A_2 \dots \times A_n)$$

- In case $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in R$, one writes $R(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$.

Functions

Function

A function f from A to B is a binary between A and B such that:

- for every $a \in A$, there is a $b \in B$ such that $(a, b) \in f$ (totality);
- for every $a \in A$ and every $b, c \in B$, if $(a, b) \in f$ and $(a, c) \in f$ then $b = c$ (functionality).
- In case $(a, b) \in f$, one says that f maps a to b , and one writes $f(a) = b$.

Set of functions

B^A

- is the set of functions from A to B .

Functions

Characteristic function

- Let $B \subset A$. The characteristic function $\kappa_B \in 2^A$ is defined as follows:

$$\kappa_B(a) = 1 \text{ iff } a \in B$$

- Let $f \in 2^A$. The fiber $f^{-1}(1)$ is the set defined as follows::

$$f^{-1}(1) = \{a \in A : f(a) = 1\}$$

- Let $B \subset A$. $\kappa_B^{-1}(1) = B$ and κ_f .
- Let $f \in 2^A$. $\kappa_{f^{-1}(1)} = f$.
- $\mathcal{P}(A)$ and 2^A are isomorphic.

Identities

The set-theoretic notations (product, sum, exponential, natural numbers) are such that high-school algebraic identities hold between sets (up to isomorphism).

Examples:

$$A \times A \simeq A^2$$

$$A^0 \simeq 1$$

$$A^1 \simeq A$$

$$A^B \times A^C \simeq A^{B+C}$$

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 - Interpretation

Model

Informal definition

A model is an abstract mathematical structure made of a set of entities (the interpretation domain), together with operations (i.e. functions) and relations on that set.

Example

- $D = \{e, j, r\}$.
- $F, H \in D^2$.
- $F = \{(e, j)\}$.
- $H = \{(e, r)\}$.

Object language

Definition

A first-order language consists in two sets of symbols:

- A set \mathcal{F} , together with an arity function $\text{ar}_{\mathcal{F}} \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{F}}$, whose elements are called *function symbols*.
- A set \mathcal{R} , together with an arity function $\text{ar}_{\mathcal{R}} \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{R}}$, whose elements are called *relation symbols*.

Example

- $\mathcal{F} = \{\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{father}\}$;
- $\text{ar}_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathbf{e}) = 0, \text{ar}_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathbf{j}) = 0, \text{ar}_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathbf{r}) = 0, \text{ar}_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathbf{father}) = 1$;
- $\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{Is}, \mathbf{Husband}\}$;
- $\text{ar}_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathbf{e}) = 2, \text{ar}_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathbf{j}) = 2$.

Object language

Terms

Let \mathcal{X} be a countably infinite set of symbols whose elements are called *variables*. The set of terms is inductively defined as follows:

- every $x \in \mathcal{X}$ is a term;
- every $a \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $\text{ar}_{\mathcal{F}}(a) = 0$ is a term,
- if $f \in \mathcal{F}$ with $\text{ar}_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = n$ and $n > 0$, and if t_1, \dots, t_n are terms, then $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is a term.

Proposition

- if $R \in \mathcal{R}$ with $\text{ar}_{\mathcal{R}}(R) = n$, and if t_1, \dots, t_n are terms, then $R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is an atomic proposition.

Example

- Terms: **e**; **father(j)**; **father(father(r))**; **father(x)**.
- Proposition: **Is(e, father(j))**; **Husband(e, r)**.

Interpretation

Model

Given a first-order language, a model consists of a set D and an interpretation function \mathcal{I} defined on $\mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{R}$ such that:

- for every $f \in \mathcal{F}$ with $\text{ar}_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = n$, $\mathcal{I}(f) \in D^{D^n}$;
- for every $R \in \mathcal{R}$ with $\text{ar}_{\mathcal{R}}(R) = n$, $\mathcal{I}(R) \in 2^{D^n}$.

Example

- $D = \mathbb{N}$
- $\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{e}) = 6$
- $\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{j}) = 3$
- $\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{r}) = 7$
- $\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{father}) = f \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ such that $f(n) = 2n$
- $\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{Is}) = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{N}^2 : a = b\}$
- $\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{Husband}) = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{N}^2 : a = 2n \text{ and } b = a + 1 \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

Interpretation

Interpretation of the ground terms

Given a first-order language, and a model, the interpretation of the ground terms is inductively defined as follows:

- $\llbracket a \rrbracket = \mathcal{I}(a)$, for $a \in \mathcal{F}$ with $\text{ar}_{\mathcal{F}}(a) = 0$;
- $\llbracket f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rrbracket = \mathcal{I}(f)(\llbracket t_1 \rrbracket, \dots, \llbracket t_n \rrbracket)$, for $f \in \mathcal{F}$ with $\text{ar}_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = n$ and $n > 0$.

Example

$$\begin{aligned}
 \llbracket \mathbf{father}(\mathbf{father}(\mathbf{r})) \rrbracket &= \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{father})(\llbracket \mathbf{father}(\mathbf{r}) \rrbracket) \\
 &= 2 \cdot (\llbracket \mathbf{father}(\mathbf{r}) \rrbracket) \\
 &= 2 \cdot (\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{father})(\llbracket \mathbf{r} \rrbracket)) \\
 &= 2 \cdot (2 \cdot \llbracket \mathbf{r} \rrbracket) \\
 &= 2 \cdot (2 \cdot 7) \\
 &= 28
 \end{aligned}$$

Interpretation

Interpretation of the closed atomic propositions

Given a first-order language, and a model, the interpretation of the closed atomic propositions is defined as follows:

- $\llbracket R(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rrbracket = \mathcal{I}(R)(\llbracket t_1 \rrbracket, \dots, \llbracket t_n \rrbracket)$, for $R \in \mathcal{R}$ with $\text{ar}_{\mathcal{R}}(R) = n$.

Example

$$\begin{aligned}
 \llbracket \mathbf{Is}(\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{father}(\mathbf{j})) \rrbracket &= \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{Is})(\llbracket \mathbf{e} \rrbracket, \llbracket \mathbf{father}(\mathbf{j}) \rrbracket) \\
 &= \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{Is})(\llbracket \mathbf{e} \rrbracket, \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{father})(\llbracket \mathbf{j} \rrbracket)) \\
 &= \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{Is})(6, 2 \cdot 3) \\
 &= \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{Is})(6, 6) \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Interpretation

Valuation

Given a first-order language, and a model, a valuation is a function $\xi \in D^{\mathcal{X}}$.

Interpretation of the terms

Given a first-order language, and a model, the interpretation of the terms is inductively defined as follows:

- $\llbracket x \rrbracket_{\xi} = \xi(x)$, for $x \in \mathcal{X}$;
- $\llbracket a \rrbracket_{\xi} = \mathcal{I}(a)$, for $a \in \mathcal{F}$ with $\text{ar}_{\mathcal{F}}(a) = 0$;
- $\llbracket f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rrbracket_{\xi} = \mathcal{I}(f)(\llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_{\xi}, \dots, \llbracket t_n \rrbracket_{\xi})$, for $f \in \mathcal{F}$ with $\text{ar}_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = n$ and $n > 0$.

Interpretation

Interpretation of the atomic propositions

Given a first-order language, and a model, the interpretation of the closed atomic propositions is defined as follows:

- $\llbracket R(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rrbracket_{\xi} = \mathcal{I}(R)(\llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_{\xi}, \dots, \llbracket t_n \rrbracket_{\xi})$, for $R \in \mathcal{R}$ with $\text{ar}_{\mathcal{R}}(R) = n$.

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Propositional logic

propositions

Given a first-order language, the set of proposition is inductively defined as follows:

- every atomic proposition is a proposition;
- if α is a proposition then $\neg\alpha$ is a proposition;
- if α and β are propositions then $(\alpha \wedge \beta)$ is a proposition;
- if α and β are propositions then $(\alpha \vee \beta)$ is a proposition;
- if α and β are propositions then $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ is a proposition.

Example

$\text{Husband}(\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{r}) \wedge \text{Is}(\mathbf{e}, \text{father}(\mathbf{j}))$

Propositional logic

Negation

$\neg\alpha$

- *not* α .
- $\llbracket \neg\alpha \rrbracket_{\xi} = 1$ iff $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket_{\xi} = 0$.

α	$\neg\alpha$
0	1
1	0

Propositional logic

Conjunction

$\alpha \wedge \beta$

- α and β .
- $\llbracket \alpha \wedge \beta \rrbracket_{\xi} = 1$ iff $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket_{\xi} = 1$ and $\llbracket \beta \rrbracket_{\xi} = 1$.

α	β	$\alpha \wedge \beta$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Propositional logic

Disjunction

$\alpha \vee \beta$

- α or β .
- $\llbracket \alpha \vee \beta \rrbracket_{\xi} = 1$ iff $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket_{\xi} = 1$ or $\llbracket \beta \rrbracket_{\xi} = 1$ (or both).

α	β	$\alpha \vee \beta$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

Propositional logic

Implication

$$\alpha \rightarrow \beta$$

- *If α then β ; α implies β .*
- $\llbracket \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rrbracket_{\xi} = 1$ iff $\llbracket \beta \rrbracket_{\xi} = 1$ whenever $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket_{\xi} = 1$.

α	β	$\alpha \rightarrow \beta$
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

Quantification

first-order formulas

Given a first-order language, the set of first-order formulas is inductively defined as follows:

- every atomic proposition is a first-order formula;
- if α is a first-order formula then $\neg\alpha$ is a first-order formula;
- if α and β are first-order formulas then $(\alpha \wedge \beta)$ is a first-order formula;
- if α and β are first-order formulas then $(\alpha \vee \beta)$ is a first-order formula;
- if α and β are first-order formulas then $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ is a first-order formula;
- if α is a first-order formula and x a variable then $(\forall x. \alpha)$ is a first-order formula;
- if α is a first-order formula and x a variable then $(\exists x. \alpha)$ is a first-order formula.

Example

$$\forall x. \exists y. \text{Is}(y, \text{father}(x))$$

Quantification

Universal quantification

$\forall x. \alpha$

- *every entity* x is such that α .
- $\llbracket \forall x. \alpha \rrbracket_{\xi} = 1$ iff $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket_{\xi[x:=d]} = 1$ for every $d \in D$.

Quantification

Existential quantification

$\exists x. \alpha$

- *There is some entity x such that α .*
- $\llbracket \exists x. \alpha \rrbracket_{\xi} = 1$ iff $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket_{\xi[x:=d]} = 1$ for some $d \in D$.

Interpretation

Let a first-order language be given, and let ϕ , \mathcal{M} , and ξ be respectively a first-order formula, a model, and a valuation.

$$\mathcal{M}, \xi \models \phi$$

- \mathcal{M} and ξ *satisfy* ϕ .
- ϕ is *valid* in \mathcal{M} according to ξ .
- $[[\phi]]_{\xi} = 1$.

$$\mathcal{M} \models \phi$$

- \mathcal{M} *satisfies* ϕ .
- ϕ is *valid* in \mathcal{M} .
- $\mathcal{M}, \xi \models \phi$ for every possible valuation ξ .

$$\models \phi$$

- ϕ is *valid*.
- $\mathcal{M} \models \phi$ for every possible model \mathcal{M} .

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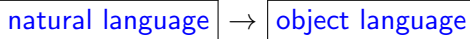
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Using an object language

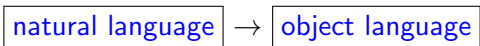
Using an object language

natural language

Using an object language



Using an object language



Eric is tall and thin

Using an object language

natural language \rightarrow object language

Eric is tall and thin \rightarrow **tall**(e) \wedge **thin**(e)

Using an object language

natural language \rightarrow object language

Eric is tall and thin \rightarrow **tall(e)** \wedge **thin(e)**

Rebecca has a husband

Using an object language

natural language \rightarrow object language

Eric is tall and thin \rightarrow **tall**(e) \wedge **thin**(e)

Rebecca has a husband \rightarrow $\exists x$. **husband**(x, r)

Using an object language

natural language \rightarrow object language

Eric is tall and thin \rightarrow **tall**(e) \wedge **thin**(e)

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Eric has a wife

Using an object language

natural language \rightarrow object language

Eric is tall and thin \rightarrow **tall**(**e**) \wedge **thin**(**e**)

Rebecca has a husband \rightarrow $\exists x$. **husband**(x , **r**)

Eric has a wife \rightarrow $\exists x$. **husband**(**e**, x)

Using an object language

natural language \rightarrow object language

Eric is tall and thin \rightarrow **tall**(e) \wedge **thin**(e)

Rebecca has a husband \rightarrow $\exists x$. **husband**(x, r)

Eric has a wife \rightarrow $\exists x$. **husband**(e, x)

Everybody has a father

Using an object language

natural language \rightarrow object language

Eric is tall and thin \rightarrow **tall**(e) \wedge **thin**(e)

Rebecca has a husband \rightarrow $\exists x$. **husband**(x, r)

Eric has a wife \rightarrow $\exists x$. **husband**(e, x)

Everybody has a father \rightarrow $\forall x$. $\exists y$. **Is**(y, **father**(x))

Using an object language

Using an object language

natural language

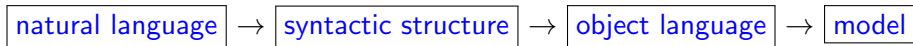
Using an object language

natural language → syntactic structure

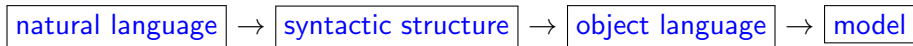
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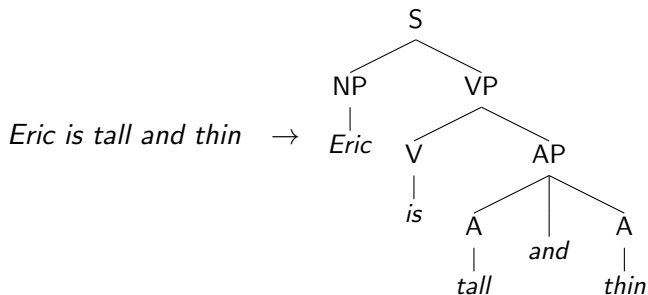
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Eric is tall and thin

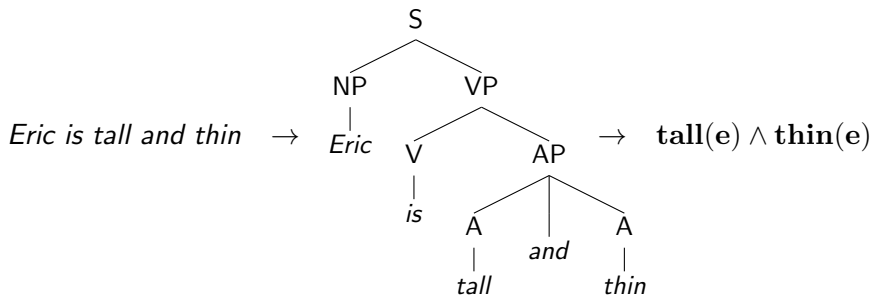
Using an object language

natural language → syntactic structure → object language → model



Using an object language

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Compositionality

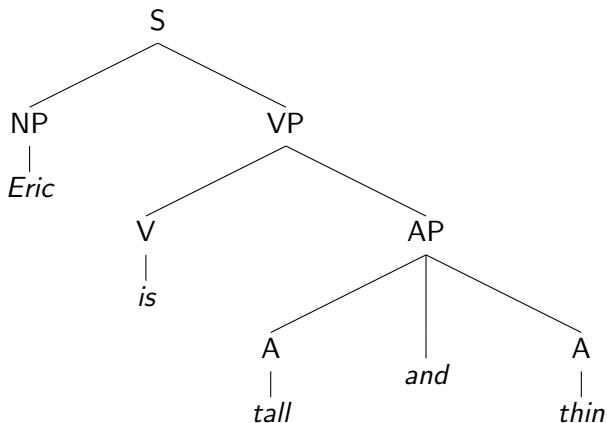
The principle of compositionality

Also known as Frege's principle:

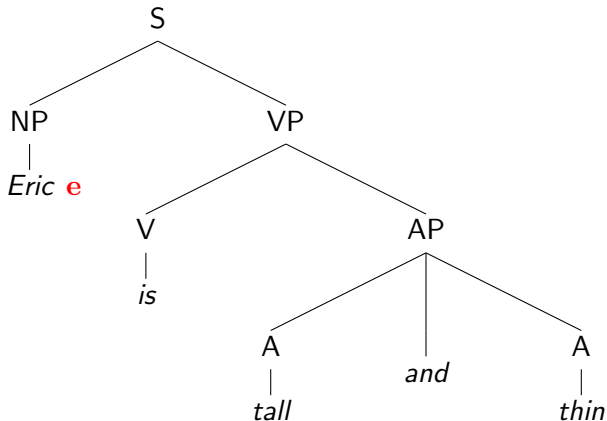
The meaning of a complex expression is determined by its structure and the meanings of its constituents.

Compositionality

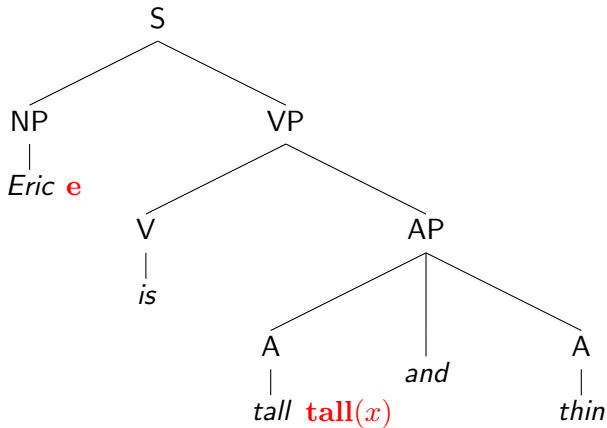
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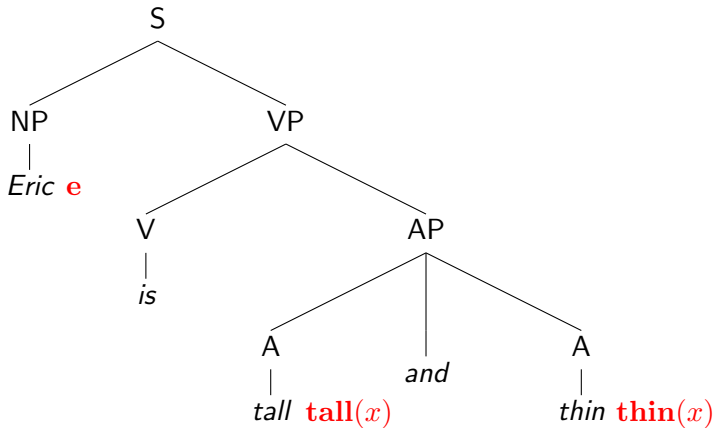
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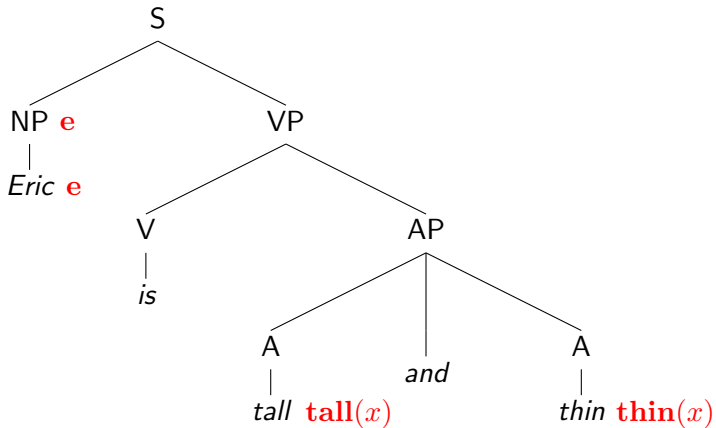
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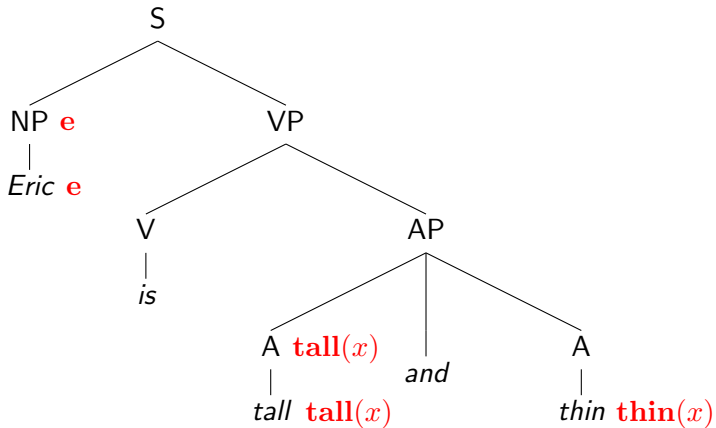
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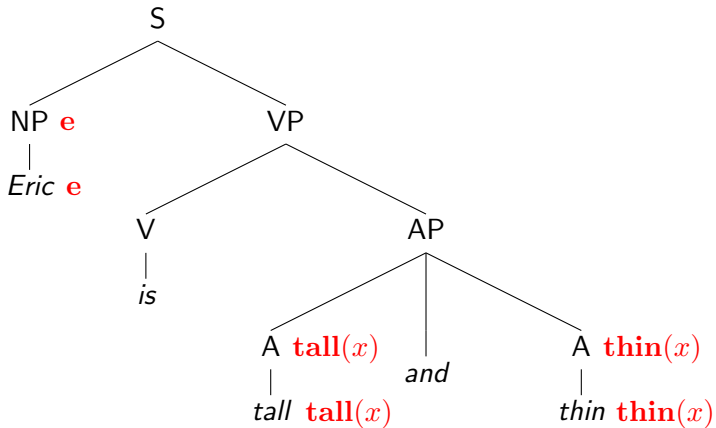
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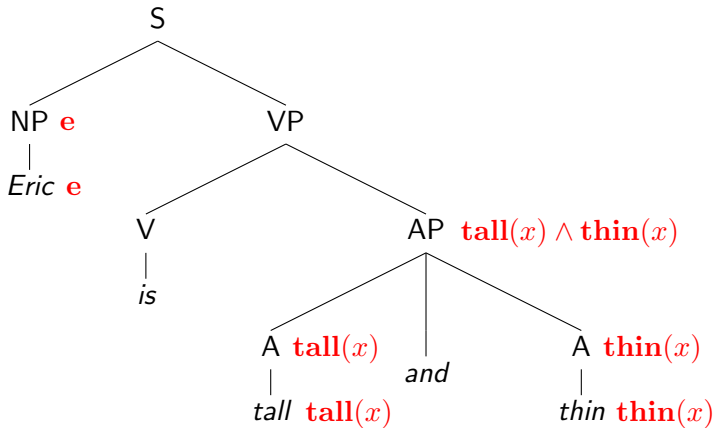
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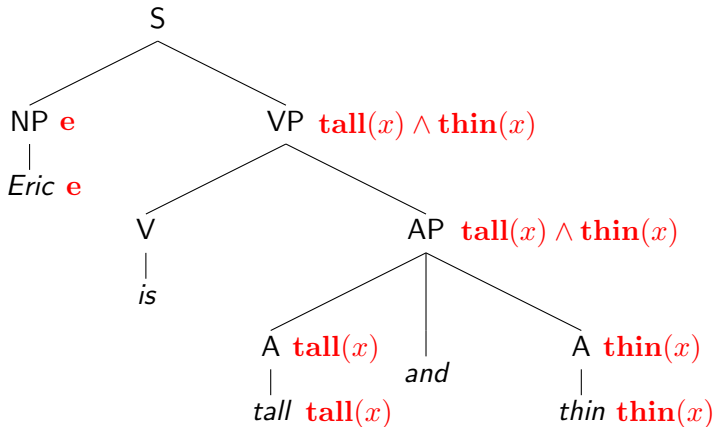
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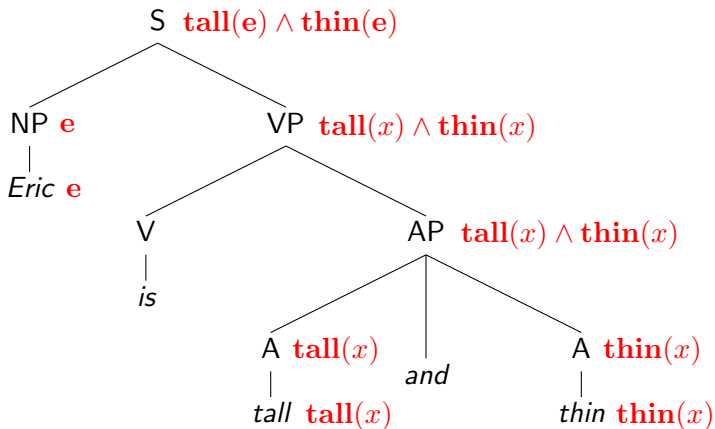
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Compositionality

Let “tall” be a function from terms to formulas such that:

- $\text{tall}(t) = \mathbf{tall}(t)$

Similarly, let:

- $\text{thin}(t) = \mathbf{thin}(t)$

Let “and” be a function such that:

- $\text{and}(f)(g)(t) = f(t) \wedge g(t)$

If we write $(A \rightarrow B)$ for the set of functions B^A then “and” is a function belonging to the following set:

$$(\mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow ((\mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}))$$

where \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{F} are respectively the set of terms and the set of formulas of the object language.

Compositionality

Grammar:

$S \rightarrow NP VP$

$VP \rightarrow V AP$

$AP \rightarrow A \text{ and } A$

$A \rightarrow \textit{tall}$

$A \rightarrow \textit{thin}$

$NP \rightarrow \textit{Eric}$

Semantic rules:

$[[S]] = [[VP]] ([[NP]])$

$[[VP]] = [[AP]]$

$[[AP]] = \textit{and} ([[A_1]]) ([[A_2]])$

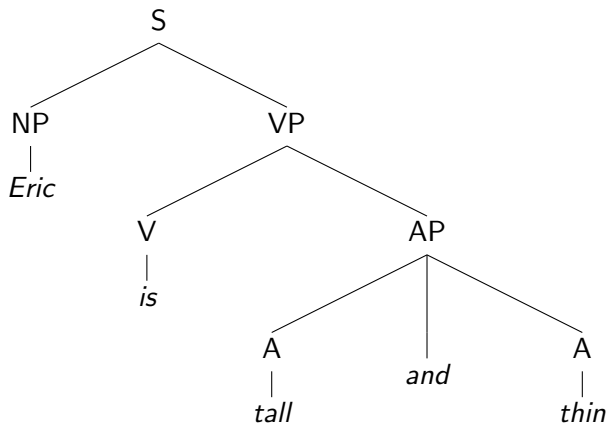
$[[A]] = \textit{tall}$

$[[A]] = \textit{thin}$

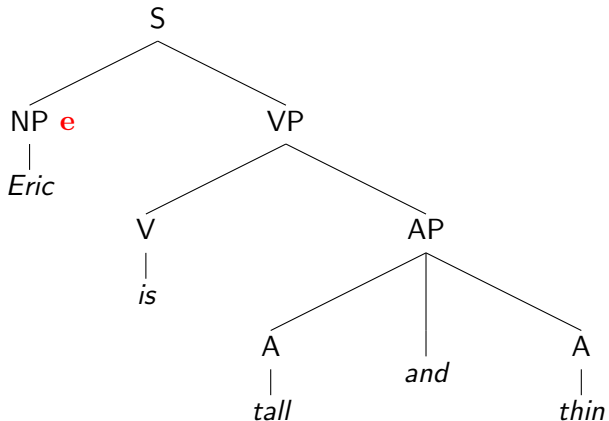
$[[NP]] = \textit{e}$

Compositionality

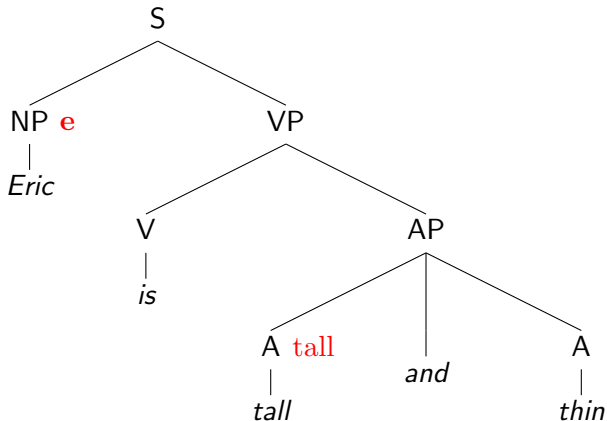
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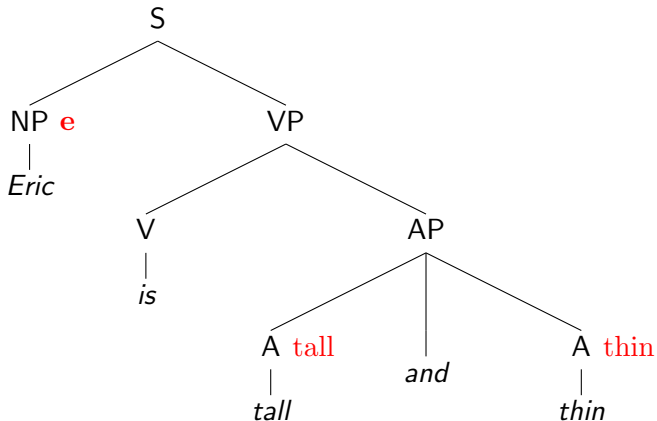
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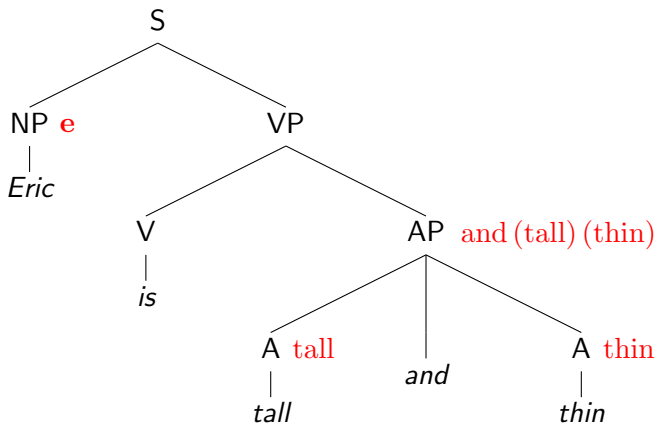
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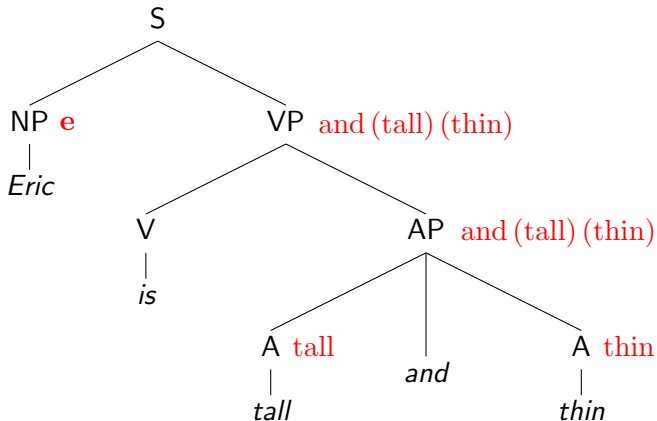
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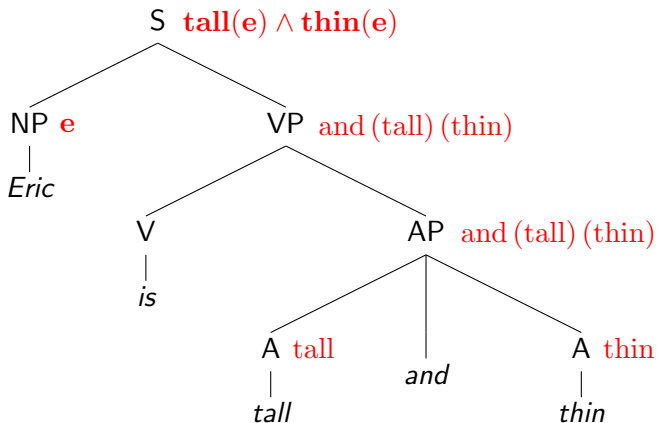
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Compositionality



Compositionality



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 - β -Reduction
 - Simple types
 - interpretation
 - Logical constants

λ -Notation

“ $2x + y$ ”

λ -Notation

“ $2x + y$ ”

$$f(x) = 2x + y$$

λ -Notation

“ $2x + y$ ”

$$f(x) = 2x + y$$

$$\lambda x. 2x + y$$

λ -Notation

“ $2x + y$ ”

$$f(x) = 2x + y$$

$$\lambda x. 2x + y$$

$$f(y) = 2x + y$$

λ -Notation

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$$x[x := u] = u$$

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Notion of β -reduction

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$$C[(\lambda x. t) u] \rightarrow_{\beta} C[t[x := u]]$$

Relation of β -reduction

The *reflexive, transitive* closure of the relation of β -contraction.

$$t \twoheadrightarrow_{\beta} u$$

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Corollary: unicity of the normal forms.

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A typing judgement is an expression of the form

$$\Gamma \vdash t : \alpha$$

where Γ is a typing environment, t a λ -term, and α a simple type.

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Typing rules

$$\Gamma \vdash c : \tau(c)$$

$$\Gamma, x : \alpha \vdash x : \alpha$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \alpha \vdash t : \beta}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x. t) : (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)}$$

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Every typable term has a normal form.

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Definition à la Church

Let $\Sigma = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C}, \tau)$ be a signature, and let $(\mathcal{X}_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{A})}$ be a family of countably infinite disjoint sets, disjoint from \mathcal{C} , whose elements are called *typed λ -variables*. The set of typed λ -terms is inductively defined as follows:

- every $c \in \mathcal{C}$ is a λ -term of type $\tau(c)$;
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- if t is a λ -term of type $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ and u is a λ -term of type α then $(t u)$ is a λ -term of type β .

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A model consists of a family of sets $(D_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{A})}$ and an interpretation function \mathcal{I} defined on \mathcal{C} such that:

- $D_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta} = D_\beta^{D_\alpha}$;
- for every $c \in \mathcal{C}$, $\mathcal{I}(c) \in D_{\tau(c)}$.

Valuation

A typed valuation ξ is a function from $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{A})} \mathcal{X}_\alpha$ into $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{A})} \mathcal{D}_\alpha$ such that:

- if $x \in \mathcal{X}_\alpha$ then $\xi(x) \in \mathcal{D}_\alpha$.

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- $\llbracket x \rrbracket_{\xi} = \xi(x)$
- $\llbracket \lambda x. t \rrbracket_{\xi} = a \mapsto \llbracket t \rrbracket_{\xi[x:=a]}$
- $\llbracket t u \rrbracket_{\xi} = \llbracket t \rrbracket_{\xi}(\llbracket u \rrbracket_{\xi})$

Logical constants

Signature with logical constants

Let $\Sigma = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C}, \tau)$ be such that:

- $\mathcal{A} = \{e, t\}$;
- **not, and, or, implies, all, exists** $\in \mathcal{C}$;
- $\tau(\mathbf{not}) = t \rightarrow t$;
- $\tau(\mathbf{and}) = t \rightarrow t \rightarrow t$;
- $\tau(\mathbf{or}) = t \rightarrow t \rightarrow t$;
- $\tau(\mathbf{implies}) = t \rightarrow t \rightarrow t$;
- $\tau(\mathbf{all}) = (e \rightarrow t) \rightarrow t$;
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Let $\mathcal{M} = ((D_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{A})}, \mathcal{I})$ be such that:

- $D_t = 2$;
- $\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{not}) = \{(0, 1), (1, 0)\}$;
- $\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{and}) = \{(0, \{(0, 0), (1, 0)\}), (1, \{(0, 0), (1, 1)\})\}$;
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- $\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{all})(f) = 1$ iff $f(a) = 1$ for every $a \in D_e$;
- $\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{exists})(f) = 1$ iff $f(a) = 1$ for some $a \in D_e$.

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Notations

We write:

- $\neg a$ for (**not** a);
- $(a \wedge b)$ for ((**and** a) b);
- $(a \vee b)$ for ((**or** a) b);
- $(a \rightarrow b)$ for ((**implies** a) b);
- $(\forall x. a)$ for (**all** $(\lambda x. a)$);
- $(\exists x. a)$ for (**exists** $(\lambda x. a)$).

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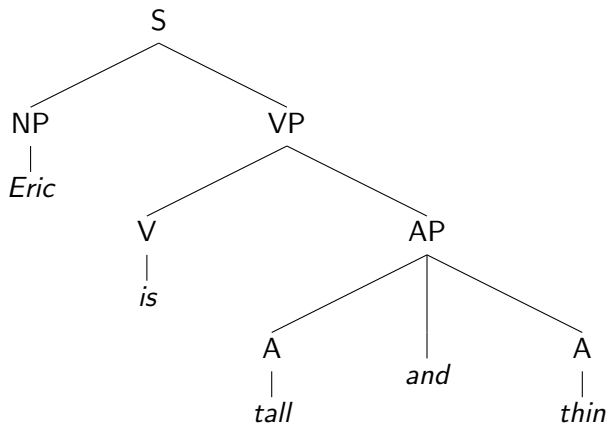
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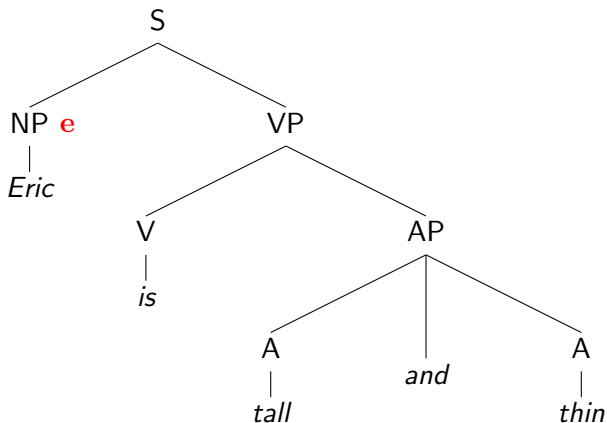
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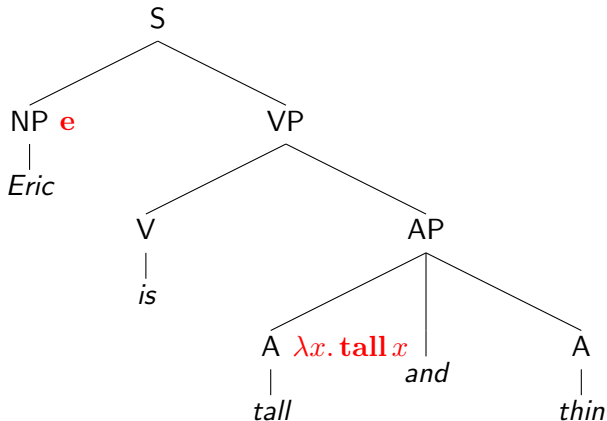
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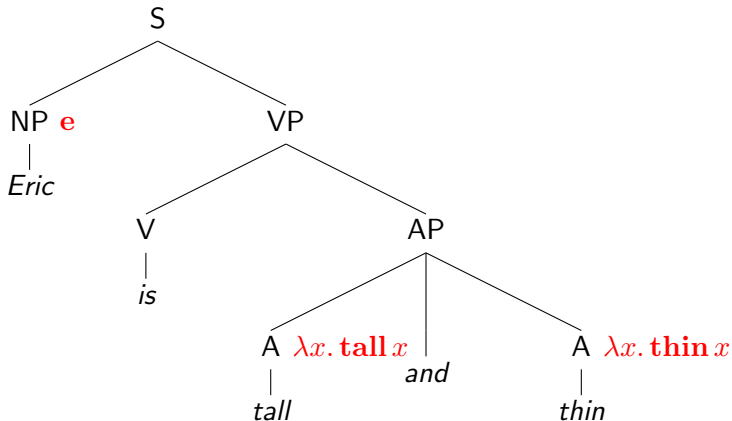
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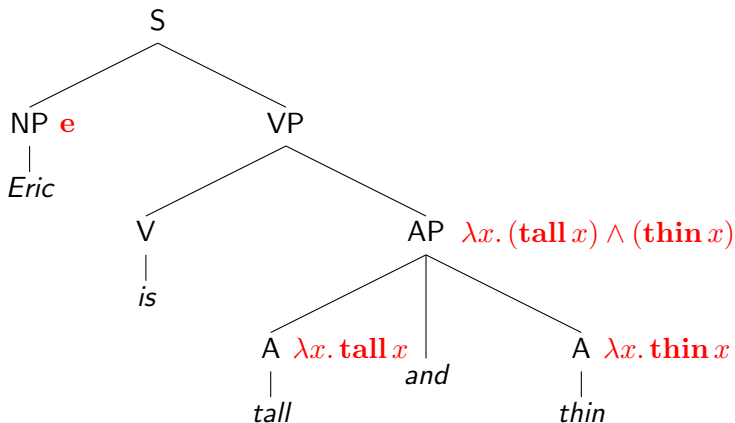
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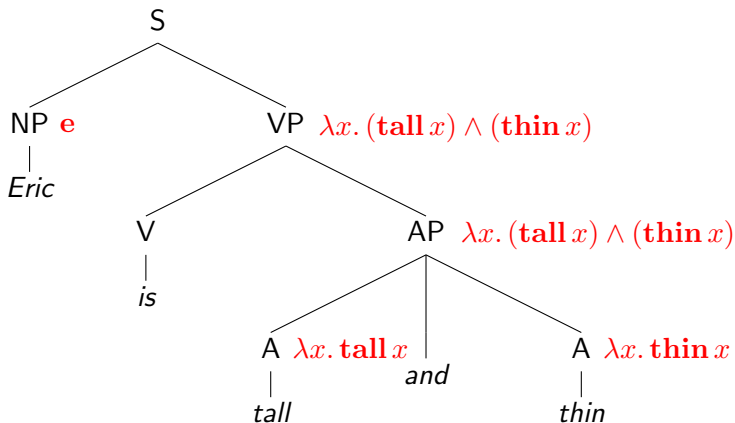
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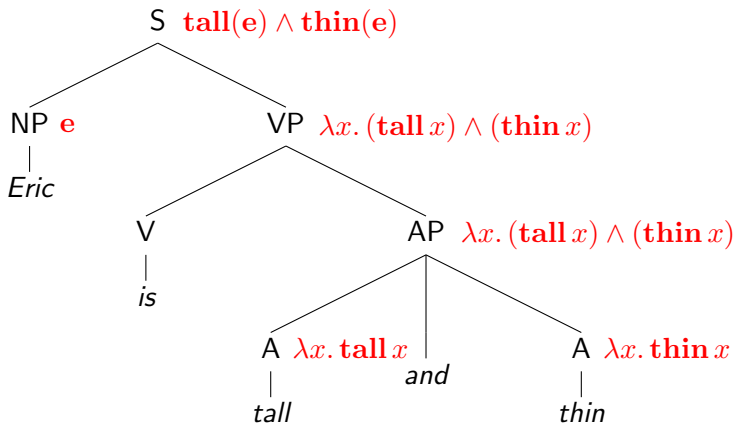
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Richard Montague (1970)

Universal Grammar, *Theoria* 36:373–398.

- Semantics must be obtained as a homomorphic image of syntax.

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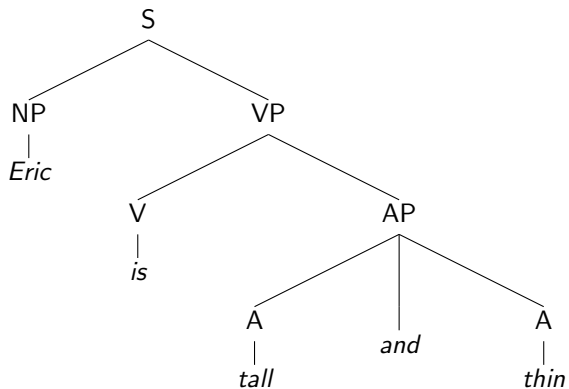
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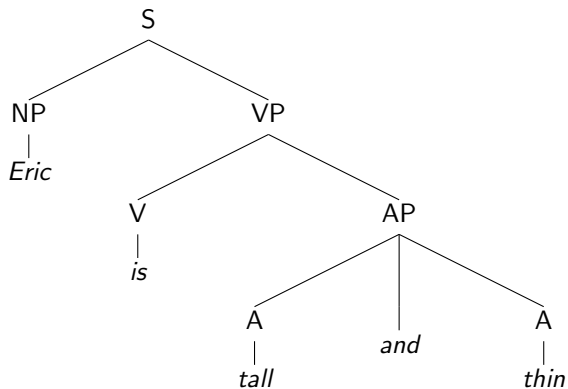
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[[IS (AND TALL THIN) ERIC]]

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Outline

- 8 Noun phrases and quantified noun phrases
 - A direct naive interpretation
 - Type raising

A direct naive interpretation

Syntax/semantics interface:

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ERIC : NP

REBECCA : NP

LOVES : NP \rightarrow NP \rightarrow S

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[[S]] = t

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Semantic interpretation:

$\llbracket \text{ERIC} \rrbracket = e$

$\llbracket \text{REBECCA} \rrbracket = r$

$\llbracket \text{LOVES} \rrbracket = \lambda y. \lambda x. \text{love } x y$

where:

$e, r : e$

$\text{love} : e \rightarrow e \rightarrow t$

A direct naive interpretation

- *Rebecca loves Eric*
- *Somebody loves Eric*
- *Everybody loves Eric*
- *Nobody loves Eric*

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Type raising

Exercise:

Give an appropriate semantic interpretation to **NOBODY**.

Outline

9 Noun and determiners

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ERIC	:	NP
REBECCA	:	NP
EVERYBODY	:	NP
SOMEBODY	:	NP
MAN	:	N
WOMAN	:	N
EVERY	:	$N \rightarrow NP$
A	:	$N \rightarrow NP$
LOVES	:	$NP \rightarrow NP \rightarrow S$

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$$\llbracket \text{LOVES} \rrbracket = \lambda o. \lambda s. s (\lambda x. o (\lambda y. \mathbf{love} \ x \ y))$$

where:

$$\mathbf{woman}, \mathbf{man} : e \rightarrow t$$

Outline

10 Relative clauses

Syntax/semantics interface:

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A	:	$N \rightarrow NP$
LOVES	:	$NP \rightarrow NP \rightarrow S$
WHO	:	$(NP \rightarrow S) \rightarrow N \rightarrow N$

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11 Adjectives

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$$\llbracket \text{FRENCH} \rrbracket = \lambda n. \lambda x. n x \wedge \mathbf{french} x$$

$$\llbracket \text{LOVES} \rrbracket = \lambda o. \lambda s. s (\lambda x. o (\lambda y. \mathbf{love} x y))$$

$$\llbracket \text{WHO} \rrbracket = \lambda r. \lambda n. \lambda x. n x \wedge r (\lambda k. k x)$$

where:

$$\mathbf{french} : e \rightarrow t$$

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Beware!!!! Some intensionality involved!

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12 Scope ambiguities

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$$\forall x.\mathbf{man} x \rightarrow (\exists y.\mathbf{woman} y \wedge \mathbf{love} x y)$$
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Scope ambiguities

Every man loves a woman

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Wide scope reading:

$$\text{QR} (\text{A WOMAN}) (\lambda o. \text{LOVE } o (\text{EVERY MAN}))$$

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13 De re and de dicto readings

De re and de dicto readings as scope ambiguities

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John seeks a unicorn

De re and de dicto readings as scope ambiguities

John seeks a unicorn

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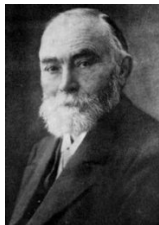
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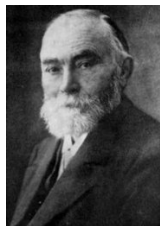
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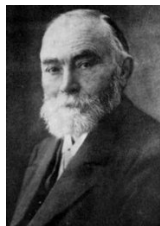


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