

# TURNING CONTEXT INTO MEANING

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# WAYS OF DEMONSTRATING (CLARK 1996)

→ *indicating*



*'Can you jump over this spout?'*

→ *demonstrating*



*'then the house is like this'*

# OUTLINE

- 1 The gesture event
- 2 Gesture vectorisation
- 3 Pointing and deferred reference
- 4 Plurals

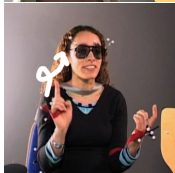
# THE GESTURE EVENT

# WHY DEMONSTRATIONS? (IMAGE SOURCES: SAGA/LÜCKING 2013)



‘die Skulptur die hat ’n BETONsockel’  
‘the sculpture it has a concrete base’

→ good continuation



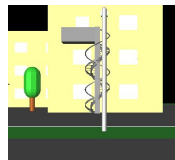
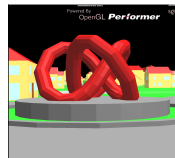
‘Ich glaube das sollen TREPPEN sein’  
‘I think that should be staircases’

→ hyponym



‘dann ist das Haus halt so’  
‘then the house is like this’

→ complete demonstration

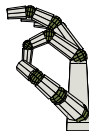


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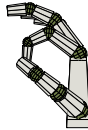


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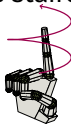
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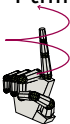


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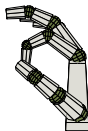


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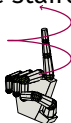
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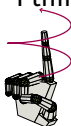


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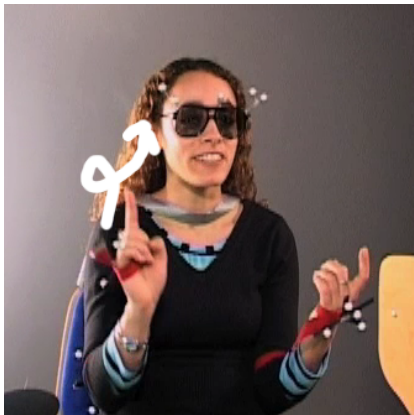
- *'mixed syntax'* (Slama-Cazacu 1976)

He is a bit [*rotating index finger on front of temple*]



1. How is a gesture capable of
  - ▶ indicating linguistically unexpressed properties?
  - ▶ invoking hyponymic meanings of affiliated expressions?
  - ▶ providing complete demonstrations?
2. And how to integrate it into grammar?

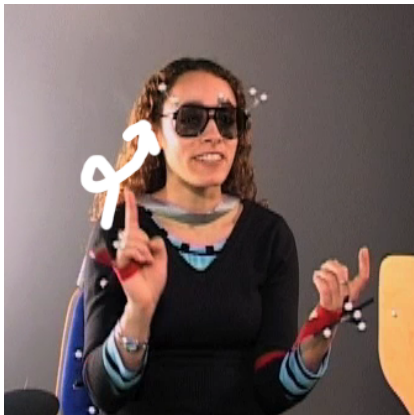
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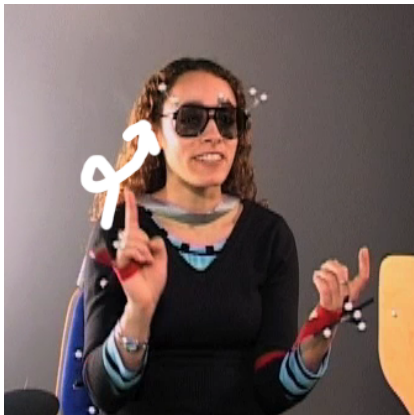
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How many events are involved in the spiral gesture?

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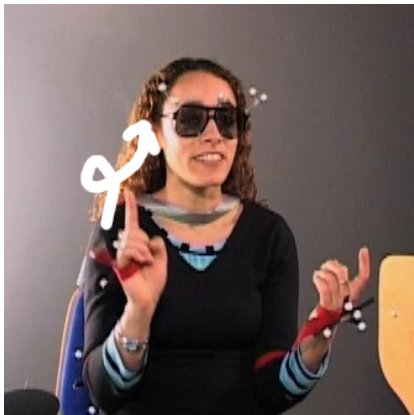


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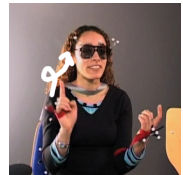
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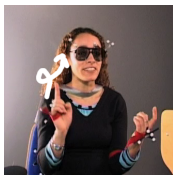


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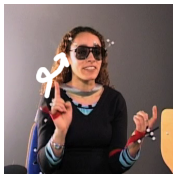
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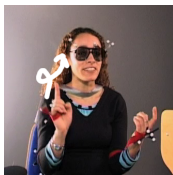


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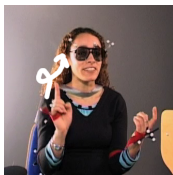
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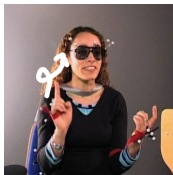
‘[...] generic events seem to be just those properties whose possession by an object bestows upon it a causal power or potency, or whose possession by an object indicates its being subjected to such powers.’

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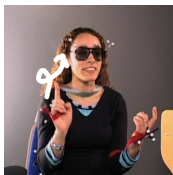
Quickness can have different causal relations than mere movement.

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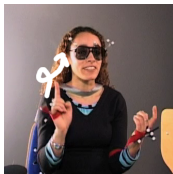
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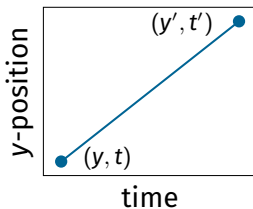
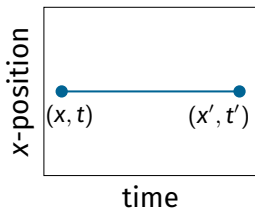
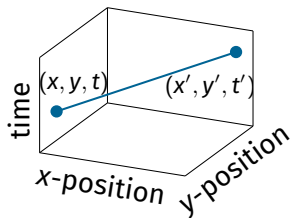
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# FROM METAPHYSICS TO PERCEPTION

- Implicitly, the spiral upwards movement is treated as one single movement.
- But why not decompose it into two events?
  - $e'$ : circular movement;
  - $e''$ : upward movement.
- (Lombard (1986)) has no decisive answer to the general question of what dimension(s) exactly span the quality space.



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Carrier



*Motion carriers*



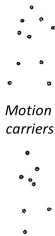


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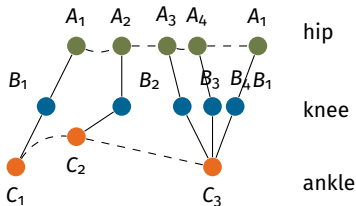
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Carrier movement



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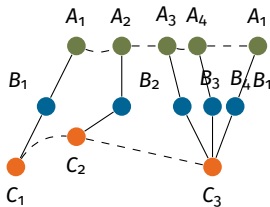


Carrier



*Motion carriers*

Carrier movement

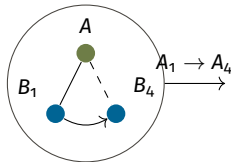


Abstract vector model

hip

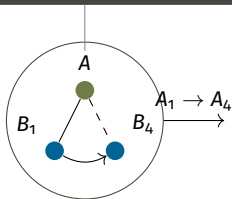
knee

ankle



factoring out common movement shares

Conceptual Vector Meaning: *walking*

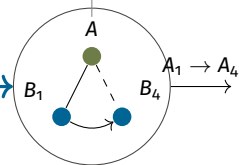


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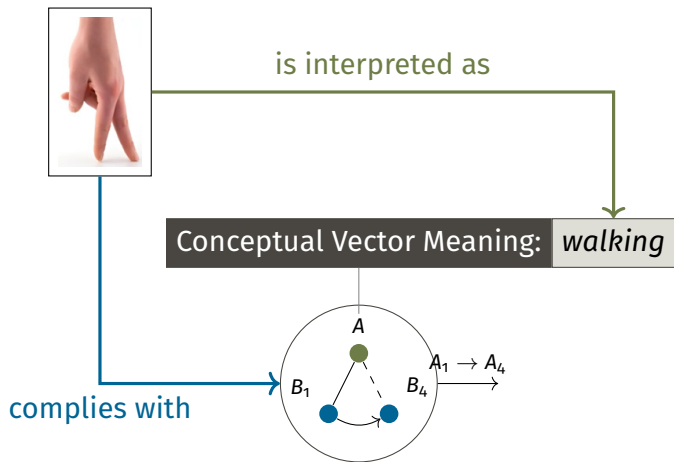


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complies with



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# GESTURE VECTORISATION

# REPRESENTING GESTURES

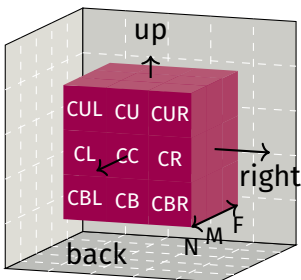


hand	=	right
hs	=	claw
carrier	=	[boh = none
		plm = none
		wrst = MR>MB>ML
		move = line>line>line]
sync	=	[sloc = CBR-F
		eloc = CBR-N
		stime = 2:32
		etime = 2:33]
rel	=	none

- Annotation format:
  - ▶ handedness (right, left)
  - ▶ handshape (modified ASL lexicon)
  - ▶ movement carrier (back-of-hand, palm or wrist; path of movement)
  - ▶ synchronized info (temporal, local)
  - ▶ relation to other hand
- The values of the features are of type *AP* (*annotation predicate*), e.g. [hs : AP]

# GESTURE SPACE MODEL

start and end locations of gesture movements are given in terms of three-dimensional **gesture space** (adapted from McNeill 1992)



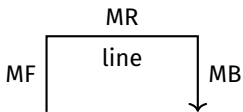
CBL:	center below left
CL:	center left
CUL:	center upper left
CB	center below
CC:	center center
...	...
N:	near
M:	middle
F:	far



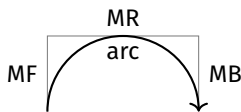
# MOVEMENTS: LINES VS. ARCS

- A movement is captured in terms of a **direction** seen from the speaker (e.g. *move forward* (MF)) and
- a concatenation type which distinguishes straight (“line”) from roundish (“arc”) trajectories.
- Complex movements are built by combinations of directions (‘>’).

[ wrst = MR>MB>ML  
move = **line>line>line** ]



[ wrst = MR>MB>ML  
move = **arc>arc>arc** ]

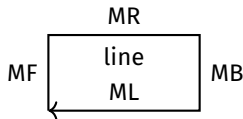
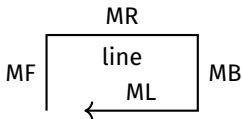


# OPEN VS. CLOSED PATHS

- Movements are underspecified with regard to the lengths of the movement parts.
- Closed and open paths are discriminated in terms of the *sync*-feature.

wrst	= MF>MR>MB>ML
move	= line>line>line>line
sloc	= CC-M
<b>eloc</b>	<b>≠sloc</b> = CR-M

wrst	= MF>MR>MB>ML
move	= line>line>line>line
sloc	= CC-M
<b>eloc</b>	<b>=sloc</b> = CC-M



- Based on 'String Theory of Events' (Fernando 2007, Cooper 2012).
- The gesture annotation using '>' is equivalent to a 'string event' notation using '^', using ' $\widehat{line}$ ' and ' $\widehat{arc}$ ' as line and arc variants.

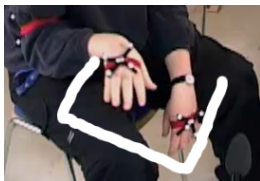
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 \widehat{line} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{wrst} = \text{MB} \\ \text{sync} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{sloc} = p5 = p4 \\ \text{eloc} = p6 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right] \widehat{line} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{wrst} = \text{ML} \\ \text{sync} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{sloc} = p7 = p7 \\ \text{eloc} = p8 = p1 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

- Gesture annotations are mapped onto vector sequence representations  $\mathbf{p}$  form spatial vector semantics (Zwarts 2003):  
 $\mathbf{p} : [0, 1] \mapsto \mathbf{V}$ .
- Format:
  - ▶ **Type:** axis, place, outline, ... (Zwarts 2005)
  - ▶ **Path:** description of contour (Zwarts 2003)
  - ▶ **Shapes:** shape constraint (cf. Weisgerber 2006)
- $Vec =_{\text{def}} \left[ \begin{array}{l} vt : \text{Vtype} \\ pt : \text{Vpath} \\ sh : \text{multiset}(\text{Vshape}) \end{array} \right]$
- Rule-based translation from gesture event to vector type:  $\pi_V$  and  $\pi_d$ .

Configuration	= Vector $\pi_v$	→ Constraints $\pi_d$
Handshape $\in \{C, 5, B, O, Y\}$ {MF, MR, MB, ML}	= { <b>u</b> } = <b>u</b>	→ volume → translational
$\emptyset$	= -	→ -
MF>MR + line	= <b>u</b> $\perp$ <b>v</b>	→ orthogonal
MR>MB + line	= <b>u</b> $\perp$ <b>v</b>	→ orthogonal
MB>ML + line	= <b>u</b> $\perp$ <b>v</b>	→ orthogonal
MF>ML + arc	= <b>u</b> $\circ$ <b>v</b>	→ quadrant
MF>MR + arc	= <b>u</b> $\circ$ <b>v</b>	→ quadrant
...	= ...	→ ...
MF + ... + MB	= <b>u</b> , <b>u</b> <sup>-1</sup>	→ inverse
ML + ... + MR	= <b>u</b> , <b>u</b> <sup>-1</sup>	→ inverse
sloc = eloc	= <b>u</b> (0) = <b>v</b> (1)	→ closed
sloc $\neq$ eloc	= <b>u</b> (0) $\neq$ <b>v</b> (1)	→ open
lh.sloc = rh.sloc + lh.eloc = rh.eloc [two-handed]	= <b>u</b> (0) = <b>v</b> (0) = <b>w</b> (1) = <b>x</b> (1)	→ closed
quadrant + quadrant + invers		semicircle
semicircle + semicircle + closed		circle
orthogonal + orthogonal + invers + open		rectangular
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...		...

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MF>ML + arc	= <b>u</b> $\circ$ <b>v</b>	→ quadrant
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semicircle + semicircle + closed		circle
orthogonal + orthogonal + invers + open		rectangular
orthogonal + orthogonal + invers + closed		rectangle
...		...

# VECTORIZING OUR EXAMPLE



- $\pi_v \left( \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{wrst} = \text{MR} > \text{MB} > \text{ML} \\ \text{move} = \text{line} > \text{line} > \text{line} \\ \text{sync} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{sloc} = \text{p1} \\ \text{eloc} = \text{p2} \neq \text{p1} \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right] \right) = \left[ \text{pt1} : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{u} \perp \mathbf{v} \perp \mathbf{w} \\ \mathbf{u}(0) \neq \mathbf{w}(1) \end{array} \right] \right]$
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(results of  $\pi_v$  and  $\pi_d$  are often lumped together in the following)



- The intensions of some predicates have a **Conceptual Vector Meaning (CVM)**, representing their perceptual impression in terms of **vector sequences** (Lücking 2013).
- $\llbracket \text{U-shaped} \rrbracket =$

$$f = \lambda r : \text{bg} . \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{bg} = [x : \text{Ind}] \\ \\ \left( \begin{array}{l} c_u : \text{U-shaped}(r.x) \\ \\ \text{cvm} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{vt} : \text{axis-path}(r.x, \text{pt}) \\ \text{pt} : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{u} \perp \mathbf{v} \perp \mathbf{w} \\ \mathbf{u}(0) \neq \mathbf{w}(1) \end{array} \right] \\ \text{sh} : \{ \text{rectangular}, \text{open} \} \end{array} \right] : \text{Vec} \\ \\ c_{\text{shape}} : \text{shape}(r.x, \text{cvm}) \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right]$$



## Simple Update Model (Larsson 2015):

- ‘Standard update’ **C-upc** (informal):

if information state  $s_t$  is compatible with  $\llbracket e \rrbracket.bg$ , then update to  $s_{t+1} = s_t + \llbracket e \rrbracket.bg$

- Gestures are part of the (list-valued) display situation (dp) of the utterance of an expression at a given state  $s_t$ .

- ‘Gesture update’ **C-upc** (informal):

if a gesture occurs at  $s_t$ , it updates  $\llbracket e \rrbracket.cvm$  in  $s_{t+1}$  and adds a **perceptual linking constraint ‘cvm=dp’**.



‘dann ist das Haus halt so’  
‘then the house is like this’



Annotation:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{wrst} = \text{MR} > \text{MB} > \text{ML} \\ \text{move} = \text{line} > \text{line} > \text{line} \\ \text{sync} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{sloc} = \text{p1} \\ \text{eloc} = \text{p2} \neq \text{p1} \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right]$$

Vector representation:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{pt1} : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{u} \perp \mathbf{v} \perp \mathbf{w} \\ \mathbf{u}(0) \neq \mathbf{w}(1) \end{array} \right] \\ \text{sh} : \{ \text{rectangular, open} \} \end{array} \right]$$

- Lexical entry:  $\llbracket \text{house} \rrbracket =$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{bg} = [x : \text{Ind}] \\ f = \lambda r : \text{bg} . \left( \left[ \begin{array}{l} c_{\text{hs}} : \text{house}(r.x) \\ \text{cvm} : \text{Vec} \\ c_{\text{shape}} : \text{shape}(r.x, \text{cvm}) \end{array} \right] \right) \end{array} \right]$$

- Information state after processing the noun:

$$s_{t+1} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} x : \text{Ind} \\ c_{\text{hs}} : \text{house}(x) \\ \text{cvm} : \text{Vec} \\ c_{\text{shape}} : \text{shape}(x, \text{cvm}) \end{array} \right]$$

- Gesture updates cvm of  $s_{t+2}$  and introduces additional predicate *U-shaped* via perceptual linking:

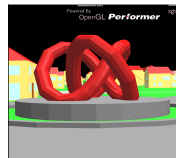
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- $\approx$  'U-shaped house'

# MODIFIER + GOOD CONTINUATION



‘die Skulptur die hat ’n BETONsockel’  
 ‘the sculpture it has a concrete base’



$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{hands} = \text{both} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{hand} = \text{right} \\ \text{hs} = \text{C} \\ \text{rh} = \text{carrier} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{wrst} = \text{MR} > \text{MF} \\ \text{move} = \text{arc} \end{array} \right] \\ \text{sync} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{sloc} = \text{lh.sync.sloc} = \text{CC-N} \\ \text{eloc} = \text{CR-M} \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right] \\ \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{hand} = \text{left} \\ \text{hs} = \text{C} \\ \text{lh} = \text{carrier} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{wrst} = \text{ML} > \text{MF} \\ \text{move} = \text{arc} \end{array} \right] \\ \text{sync} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{sloc} = \text{CC-N} \\ \text{eloc} = \text{CL-M} \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right] \\ \text{rel} = \text{axissymmetric} \end{array} \right]$$

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*GoCont* can be formulated as a constraint over *types* of input and output display situations:

*GoCont* =<sub>def</sub>

$$\lambda r : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{ap1} = \text{open} : AP \\ \text{cc} = \widehat{\text{line}} \vee \widehat{\text{arc}} : \text{Vpath} \\ \text{dp}_{\text{in}} : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{sh} : \text{set}(AP) \\ \text{pt} : \text{Vpath} \\ \text{vt} : \text{Vtype} \end{array} \right] \\ \text{C}_{\text{memb}} : \text{member}(\text{ap1}, \text{dp}_{\text{in}}.\text{sh}) \\ \text{C}_{\text{conc}} : \text{member}(\text{cc}, \text{dp}_{\text{in}}.\text{pt}) \\ \text{cvm} : \emptyset \end{array} \right] \cdot \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{T} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{svec} : \text{Vpath} \\ \text{C}_{\text{cond}} : \text{init}(\text{svec}, r.\text{pt}) \\ \text{spt} = \text{svec}^{-1} : \text{Vpath} \\ \text{dp}_{\text{out}} : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{pt} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} r.\text{dp}_{\text{in}}.\text{pt} \quad r.\text{cc} \quad \text{spt} \\ r.\text{dp}_{\text{in}}.\text{pt}(\text{o}) = \text{spt}(\text{r}) \end{array} \right] \\ \text{vt} = r.\text{dp}_{\text{in}}.\text{vt} : \text{Vtype} \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right) \cdot \pi_d(T)$$

- Idea: if shape is **open**, get the concatenation type ( $\widehat{\text{line}}$  or  $\widehat{\text{arc}}$ ) and suffix it at the output
- Add a new vector that is inverse to the start of the input vector (where 'init' is taken from (Cooper ms)) such that the new output path is closed



Applying (the two-handed extension of) *GoCont* to the incomplete gesture gives rise to a voluminous circle, that is, a **cylinder**:

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 C_{cb} \quad : \text{concrete-base}(x) \\
 C_{cy} \quad : \text{cylinder}(x) \\
 C_{\text{shape}} : \text{shape}(x, \text{cvm})
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# POINTING AND DEFERRED REFERENCE

# WAYS OF DEMONSTRATING (CLARK 1996)

➔ *demonstrating*



*'then the house is like this'*

➔ *indicating*



*'Can you jump over this spout?'*

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*This painter* [nodding towards a canvas] is the most expensive one.

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- **Problems:**
  - ▶ **No index** in case of endophoric uses.
  - ▶ **Directly referential** assignment  $g(i)$  is too simplistic.
  - ▶ No representation of **demonstration act**.

- The *reprise content* of exophoric DemNPs is *restricted to the index*.

(1) A. This[] painting is by Chagall.

B. This[] painting?

↪ *The object over there?*

↪ **??** *What do you mean “painting”?*

↪ **??** *Which one?*

A. Right, this painting. / No, the one to the left.

**??** Well, maybe it’s a drawing.



- Only unspecific clarification,  
*no index available.*

(2) A. I saw a painting; yesterday.  
This painting; was shocking.

B. This painting?

↪ ?? *The object over there?*

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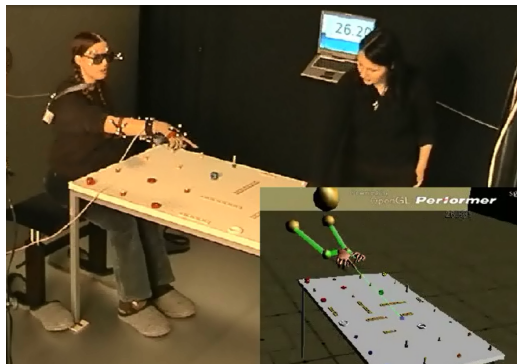
↪ *Which one?*

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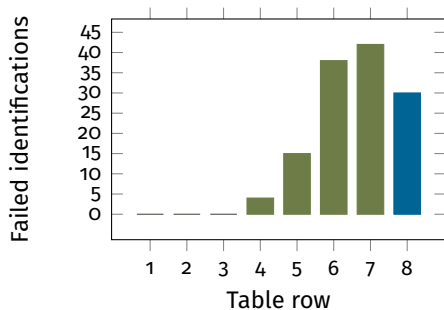
?? Yes/No.

# DIRECT REFERENCE? (LÜCKING, PFEIFFER & RIESER 2015)



■ *Experimental pragmatics study.*

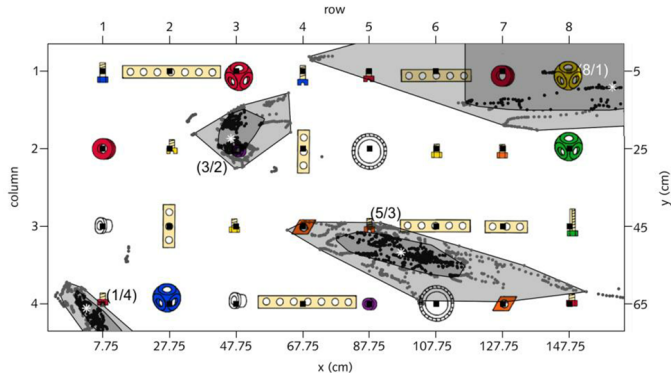
■ *Tracking of pointer: simulate and 'measure' pointing.*

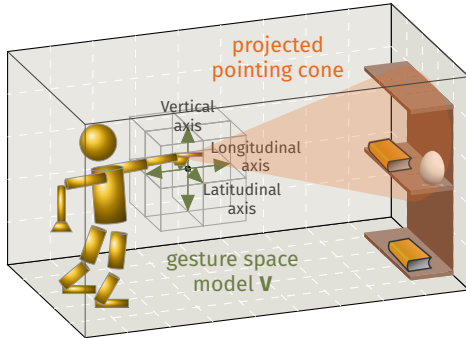


- For the addressee, the identifying force of pointings ceases in distal area.
- Note: decrease in row 8 due to 'gestural hyperbole'.

# POINTING CONE (LÜCKING, PFEIFFER & RIESER 2015)

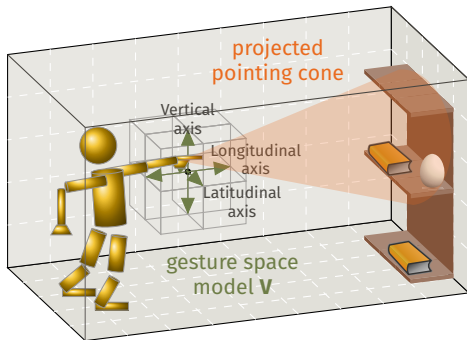
- Even in proximal area pointings do not hit their targets.
- ➔ Demonstrative reference rests on a *pre-semantic pragmatic inference*.





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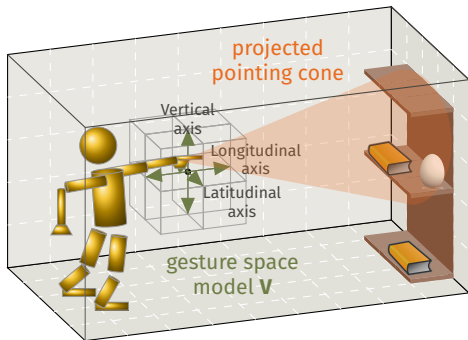
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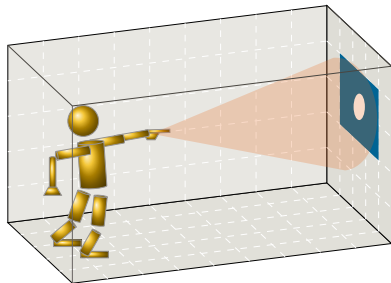
- This[pointing] book is great:

$\lambda s. \iota x x$  is a book in  $s'$  &  $\text{pointing}(s') \mapsto \max_i$  is great in  $s$ .

(using Elbourne's (2013) situation semantics system)

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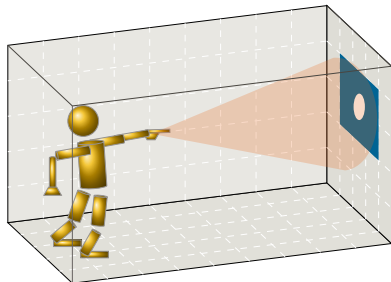
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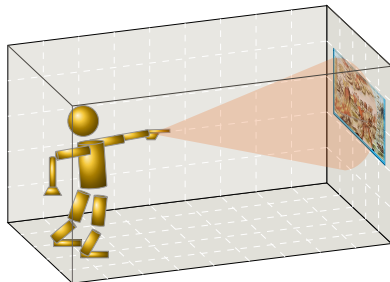
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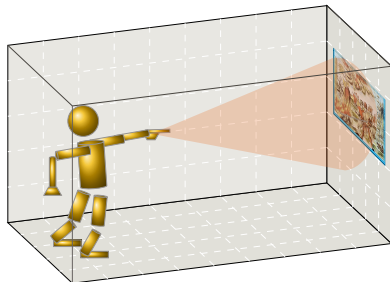
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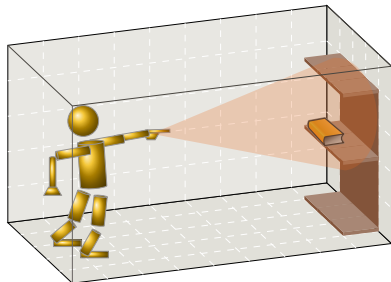
- Three stage process:

1. Identify index
2. Identify intermediate referent (subject)
3. Identify referent by means of a *salient relation* (historic epoche of subject)

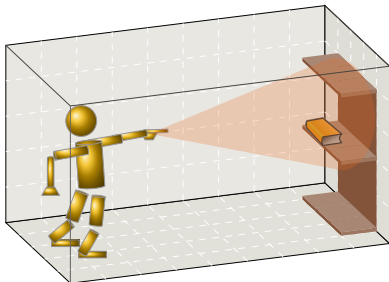


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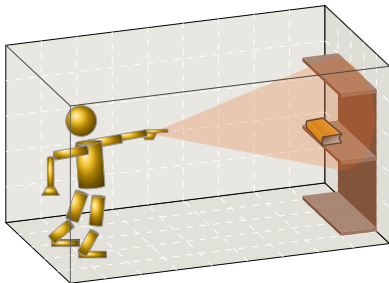
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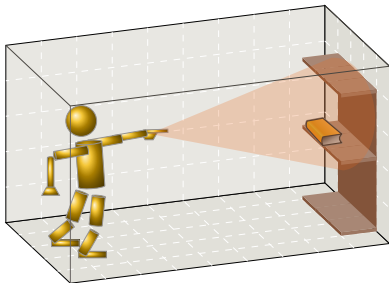
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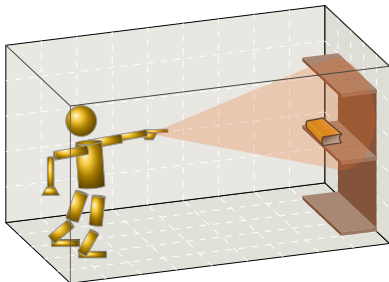
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'salient functional relation':

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2. 1. + *producer* relation.

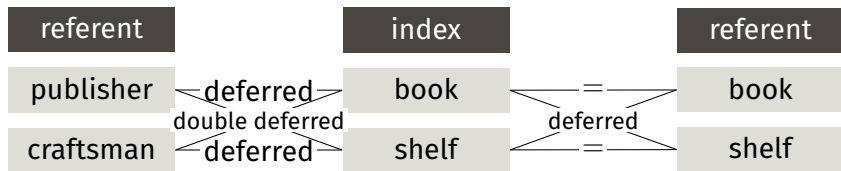
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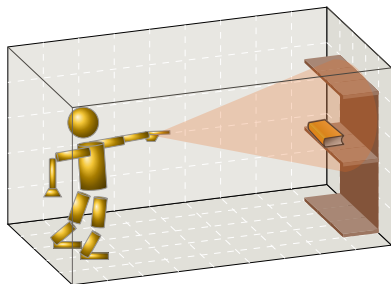




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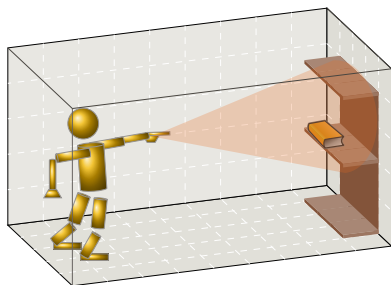
- Contra-intuitive
- Four meanings (two deferrings, two double deferrings) more than necessary: violation of a variant of *Modified Occam's Razor* (Grice 1978): **Do not multiply deferrings beyond necessity!**



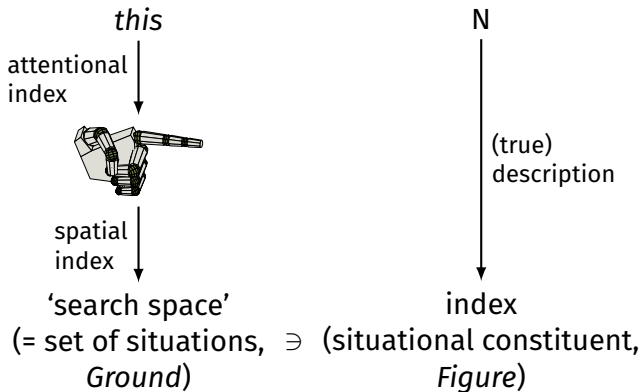
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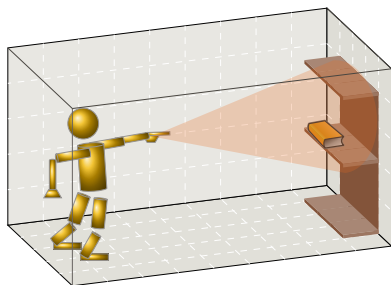
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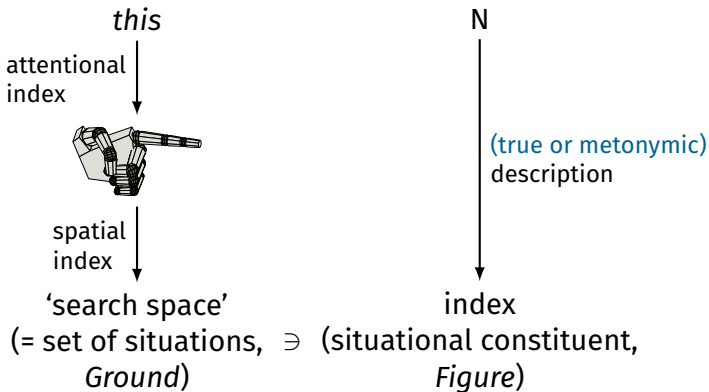
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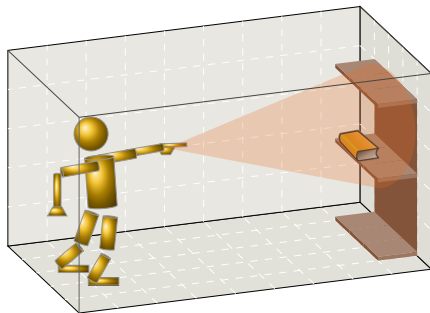
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# NEW PROPOSAL: FIGURE-GROUND MODEL, MODIFIED

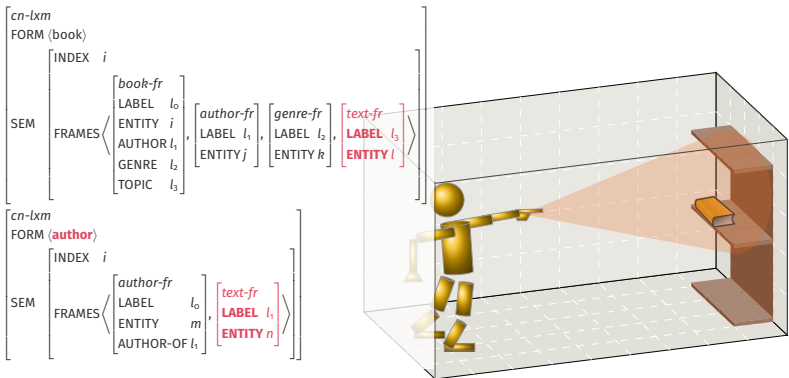


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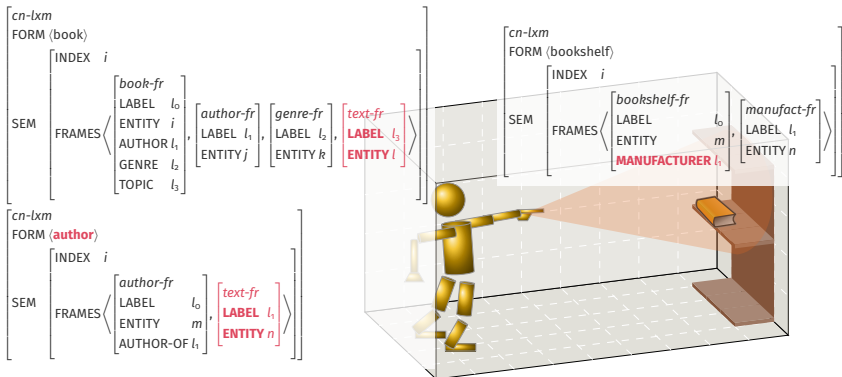




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- Let  $Fr(\phi)$  be the frame elements of a type  $\phi$ .
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  - ▶  $s : T$ , or
  - ▶ there is a type  $T'$  such that  $Fr(T) \cap Fr(T') \neq \emptyset$  and  $s : T'$  (indirect classification).

Nunberg (2004:271) argues that metonymic uses of demonstratives do not extend to discourse.

### Nunberg's example

I can point at Tiger Woods and say (25):

(25) That's what I want to take lessons in.

But this use of the demonstrative doesn't have a parallel in (26):

(26) ?Whenever Mary sees Tiger Woods on TV, she wants to take lessons in that.

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But this perfectly extends to discourse:

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## Upshot

Exophoric reference differs from endophoric reference: the former provides **thick particulars** while discourse referents are **thin particulars**.

# PLURALS



‘die rechte Kirche die hat zwei spitze Türme’

*the church to the right it has to pointed towers*

- LF of **two pointed towers** contributes group variable  $X$  and member variable  $y$ :  
$$\exists X [\forall y [y \in X \rightarrow \textit{tower}'(y) \wedge \textit{pointed}'(y)] \wedge |X| = 2]$$
- Gesture interpretation:
  - ▶ Each hand/finger represents one of the towers.
  - ▶ Neither attaching the gesture to  $X$  nor to  $y$  captures the desired interpretation.

Linguistic theorizing has to come up with all denotations, but only those denotations, that exhibit the property of being *referentially transparent*.

## Referential transparency (RT)

The semantic representation of an NP is referentially transparent if

- a. it provides antecedents for **pronominal anaphora**
- b. it provides the semantic type asked for by a **clarification request**
- c. it provides an attachment site for **co-verbal gestures**

- Our proposal: set/ind-based model of quantified noun phrases (QNPs).



$$NP_{\text{sem}} \mapsto \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{dgb-params} : [\theta : \mathbb{N}] \\ \\ \text{q-params} : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{maxset} : \text{Set}(\text{Ind}) \\ \text{c1} : \overrightarrow{\text{Ppty}}(\text{maxset}) \\ \text{refset} : \text{Set}(\text{Ind}) \\ \text{compset} : \text{Set}(\text{Ind}) \\ \text{c2} : \text{partition}(\text{refset}, \text{compset}, \text{maxset}) \end{array} \right] \\ \\ \text{q-cond} : \text{Rel}(\text{q-params.refset}, \text{q-params.compset}) \vee \text{Rel}(\text{refset}, \theta) \\ \text{q-persp} : \text{refset} = \emptyset \vee \text{refset} \neq \emptyset \vee \text{none} \end{array} \right]$$

- Every component is **referentially transparent**, that is, directly relates to clarification requests or pronominal anaphora.



$NP_{sem}$

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{dgb-params: } [\theta : \mathbb{N}] \\ \text{q-cond} \quad : \text{Rel}(\text{q-params.refset}, \text{q-params.compset}) \vee \text{Rel}(\text{refset}, \theta) \end{array} \right]$$

(4) A: Few students left. B: What do you mean by ‘few’?

a. Less than half.  $\rightarrow \text{Rel}(\text{refset}, \text{compset})$

b. Just two, I think.  $\rightarrow \text{Rel}(\text{refset}, \theta)$

(Note:  $\theta$  is also required to prevent any *van Benthem problem*.)

maxset / refset

$$\left[ \text{q-params:} \begin{bmatrix} \text{maxset: } \text{Set}(\text{Ind}) \\ \text{refset} : \text{Set}(\text{Ind}) \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

- (5) **Most demonstrators** came to the rally,
- a. and **they** raised their placards.  
→ *refset* (*demonstrators coming to the rally*)
  - b. but **they all** received an invitation.  
→ *maxset* (*all demonstrators*)

compset

$[q\text{-params} : [\text{compset} : \text{Set}(\text{Ind})]]$

- (6) a. **Few music lovers** admire Reger. **They** prefer Mozart.  
→ *compset (music lovers not admiring Reger)*
- b. **Many music lovers** admire Reger. **? They** prefer Mozart.

Compset anaphora only available with downward monotone proportional quantifier? (Nouwen 2003)

## q-persp

[q-persp : refset=  $\emptyset$   $\vee$  refset $\neq$   $\emptyset$   $\vee$  none]

- (7) a. A: Few students passed the exam. [q-persp : refset=  $\emptyset$ ]  
 b. B: Did any? / But someone did?  
 c. ?B: Did all? / Someone failed?
- (8) a. A: Many students passed the exam. [q-persp : refset $\neq$   $\emptyset$ ]  
 b. ?B: Did any? / But someone did?  
 c. B: Did all? / Someone failed?
- 'positive' QNP: refset $\neq$   $\emptyset$ , 'negative' QNP: refset=  $\emptyset$
  - Availability constraint: Compset is available as antecedent just in case [q-persp : refset=  $\emptyset$ ]



## ■ complex reference objects (CROs)

(Eschenbach et al. 1989): group structures that also make available their members, **pointer objects**.

- A couple was walking by.
- He was wearing glasses, she was wearing a hat.

## ■ pointer objects are introduced for numbers smaller than 3:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{phon} \quad : \text{/two pointed towers/} \\ \\ \text{q-params : } \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{refset : Set(Ind)} \\ \text{c1} \quad : \overrightarrow{\text{tower}}(\text{refset}) \\ \text{x1} \quad : \text{Ind} \\ \text{x2} \quad : \text{Ind} \\ \text{i1} \quad : \text{member}(\text{refset}, \text{x1}) \\ \text{i2} \quad : \text{member}(\text{refset}, \text{x2}) \end{array} \right] \\ \\ \text{cont} \quad = \left[ \text{q-cond : } |\text{q-params.refset} = 2| \right] \text{ Rectype} \end{array} \right]$$



A: 'Also dann waren es eigentlich fünf Sachen'—B: 'Fünf müssen's sein, ja'

A: Well, then there actually were five things—B Five it has to be, yes

While uttering 'five', the speaker shows a five-finger hand, **symbolizing** the cardinal expression.





'wenn du halt diese sechs Fenster hast—eins, zwei, drei, vier, fünf, sechs'

well when you have these six windows—one, two, three, four, five, six

**Counting**

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➔ no CROs are constructed by means of symbolizing, counting or ‘distributing’

- Why a **'one-two-many'** number system for pointer objects?
- It is remarkable that paying attention to the many aspects of multimodal, face-to-face interaction often has **repercussions to standard semantic theory.**
- Do we need different semantics for **written and spoken** language?

THE END

# APPENDIX: PLURAL TYPES

## PLURAL TYPES $\vec{\phantom{T}}$

- If  $T$  is type with arity  $\langle Ind \rangle$ , then  $\vec{T}$  is the corresponding **plural type** with arity  $\langle Set(Ind) \rangle$ .
- **set type:**  $Set(Ind)$ , set judgements licensed in virtue of some group constituting property (e.g., perceptual grouping from Gestalt psychology)
- Accordingly, there are different ways of applying  $\vec{T}$  to a witnessing record, namely in terms of **teams** and **meetings**.

## MEETINGS AND TEAMS: MEETINGS

### **meeting:**

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with  $a, b, c, d$  and  $e$  being of type  $Ind$ .

- $meeting(r, Ind)$  returns the set  $\{a, b, c, d, e\}$ , being of type  $Set(Ind)$ .
- $meeting(l_3, Ind) = \{c, d\} : Set(Ind)$ .
- $meeting(r, Set(Ind)) = \{\{c, d\}\} : Set(Set(Ind))$

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- $\begin{bmatrix} tc = team(meeting(r, Ind)) : Ind \\ cc : circle(tc) \end{bmatrix}$

# GATHERING

- 'Peter, Paul and Mary gather.'

- $$\left[ \begin{array}{l} p : \text{Ind} \\ c1 : \text{named}(p, \text{'Peter'}) \\ a : \text{Ind} \\ c2 : \text{named}(a, \text{'Paul'}) \\ m : \text{Ind} \\ c3 : \text{named}(m, \text{'Mary'}) \end{array} \right], \left[ \begin{array}{l} s : \text{Set}(\text{Ind}) \\ c4 : \text{gather}(s) \end{array} \right]$$

('gather' is a collective predicate)

- $$\left[ \begin{array}{l} p : \text{Ind} \\ c1 : \text{named}(p, \text{'Peter'}) \\ a : \text{Ind} \\ c2 : \text{named}(a, \text{'Paul'}) \\ m : \text{Ind} \\ c3 : \text{named}(m, \text{'Mary'}) \\ c4 : \text{gather}(\text{meeting}(s, \text{Ind})) \end{array} \right]$$

## Example

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} x : \text{Set}(\text{Ind}) \\ \xrightarrow{\text{carry-a-piano}} \\ c : \text{carry-a-piano}(x) \end{array} \right].$$

**Witness set:**  $\text{meeting}(\text{ctxt}, \text{Ind}) = \{u, v, w\} : \text{Set}(\text{Ind})$

- $\text{carry-a-piano}(l_1)$ ,  $\text{carry-a-piano}(l_2)$  and  $\text{carry-a-piano}(l_3)$ , that is, **fully distributive**; corresponding record: 
$$\text{ctxt} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} l_1 = u \\ l_2 = v \\ l_3 = w \end{array} \right].$$
- $\text{carry-a-piano}(\text{team}(\text{meeting}(\text{ctxt}, \text{Ind})))$  ( $u, v$  and  $w$  form a team), **outside collective**; corresponding record: 
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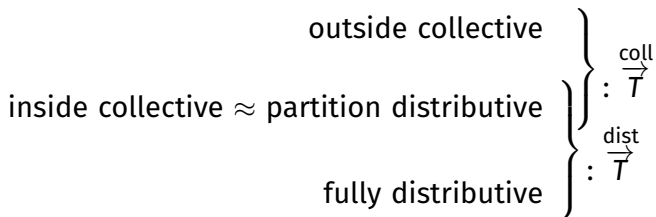


- $\text{carry-a-piano}(l_1)$  and  $\text{carry-a-piano}(\text{team}(\text{meeting}(l_4, \text{Ind})))$   
( $v$  and  $w$  form a team), **partition distributive** or **inside collective**; corresponding record:

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# POLYMORPHISM

- Inside collective focuses on sets, partition distributive focuses on individuals (this is part of what collective distinguishes from distributive).
- However, both allow for teams and hence may coincide.



- This overlap may offer an explanation for different taxonomies for collectivity/distributivity proposed in the literature.

APPENDIX:  
WHAT ABOUT SCOPE?

## CLARIFICATION PATTERN

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- b. Every student speaks two languages

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- ➔ functional *Wh*-question and same/different distinction
- ➔ clarified: **assignments** of dogs to cats/students to languages

The semantic type of *two languages*:

$$(11) \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{q-params:} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{refset: } \text{Set}(\text{Ind}) \\ \text{c} \quad : \overrightarrow{\text{language}}(\text{refset}) \end{array} \right] \\ \text{q-cond} \quad : |\text{refset}| = 2 \end{array} \right]$$

is re-interpreted as a **dependent function type**:

$$(12) \quad f : [x : \text{Ind}] \mapsto \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{q-params:} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{refset: } \text{Set}(\text{Ind}) \\ \text{c} \quad : \overrightarrow{\text{language}}(\text{refset}) \end{array} \right] \\ \text{q-cond} \quad : |\text{refset}| = 2 \end{array} \right]$$

The function from (12) depends on some individual  $x$ .

# EXAMPLE

## Every student speaks two languages

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{phon} \quad : \text{List}(\text{every student speaks two languages}) \\ \\ \text{q-params} : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{refset\_s} : \text{Set}(\text{Ind}) \\ \text{c\_s} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{dist}} \text{student}(\text{refset\_s}) \\ \\ \text{f} \quad : [x : \text{Ind}] \mapsto \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{q-params} : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{refset} : \text{Set}(\text{Ind}) \\ \text{c} \quad : \text{language}(\text{refset}) \end{array} \right] \\ \text{q-cond} \quad : |\text{refset}| = 2 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right] \\ \\ \text{cont} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{sit} = \text{s1} : \text{Rec} \\ \\ \text{sit-type} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{q-cond\_s} : |\text{refset\_s}| = |\text{maxset\_s}| \\ \text{nucl} \quad : \text{speak}^{1,2}(\text{refset\_s}, \text{f}(\text{refset\_s}).\text{q-params}.\text{refset}) \\ \text{anti-nucl} : \neg \text{speak}^{1,2}(\text{compset\_s}, \text{f}(\text{compset\_s}).\text{q-params}.\text{refset}) \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right] : \text{RecType} \end{array} \right] : \text{Prop}$$

## EXAMPLE

The described situation involves a witness set of three students:

$$(13) \quad \text{ctxt} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} x1 = \text{Tick} \\ x2 = \text{Trick} \\ x3 = \text{Track} \end{array} \right] : \text{Rec}$$

Applying the dependent function to ctxt results in the following pair-list reading:

$$(14) \quad \left[ \text{nucl} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{speak}(\text{ctxt}.x1, 2L.q\text{-params.refset}), \\ \text{speak}(\text{ctxt}.x2, 2L.q\text{-params.refset}), \\ \text{speak}(\text{ctxt}.x3, 2L.q\text{-params.refset}) \end{array} \right\} : \text{speak}^{1,2}(\text{refset}_s, f(\text{refset}_s).q\text{-params.refset}) \right]$$





Each student  $\text{ctxt}.x1$ ,  $\text{ctxt}.x2$ ,  $\text{ctxt}.x3$  is related to the refset of type '2L' which abbreviates the type of two-languages:

$$(15) \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} q\text{-params} : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{refset} : \text{Set}(Ind) \\ c \quad \xrightarrow{\quad} : \text{language}(\text{refset}) \end{array} \right] \\ q\text{-cond} \quad : |\text{refset}| = 2 \end{array} \right]$$



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