

1 Ellipsis

(1) Dan likes Golf, and George does, too.

- syntactic rule: $\| [VP \text{ does}] \| = \lambda x \lambda s. P(s, x)$ (P some free property variable)
- identify parallel elements: Dan / George
- mark *primary occurrence* of parallel element in semantic representation of antecedent clause

$$\lambda s. \text{LIKE}'(s, \underline{D}', \text{GOLF}')$$

- compositional interpretation

- $\lambda s. \text{LIKE}'(s, \underline{D}', \text{GOLF}')$
- $\lambda s. P(s, G')$

- Parallelism constraint

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda s. \text{LIKE}'(s, \underline{D}', \text{GOLF}') &= \phi(D') \\ \lambda s. P(s, G') &= \phi(B') \end{aligned}$$

- solve equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &\mapsto \lambda x \lambda s. \text{LIKE}'(s, \underline{D}', \text{GOLF}') \\ \phi &\mapsto \lambda x \lambda s. \text{LIKE}'(s, x, \text{GOLF}') \end{aligned}$$

- in the correct solution, the primary occurrence must not occur

$$\phi \mapsto \lambda x \lambda s. \text{LIKE}'(s, x, \text{GOLF}')$$

- compute pragmatic interpretation of ellipsis clause

$$\phi(B') = \lambda s. \text{LIKE}'(s, B', \text{GOLF}')$$

- ellipsis resolution:

$$P = \text{LIKE}'(\text{GOLF}')$$

(2) Dan likes his wife, and George does, too.

- $\| \text{his}_i \| = \lambda P. \text{OF}'(x_i, P)$

- compositional interpretation:

- Dan likes his₁ wife. $\rightsquigarrow \lambda s. \text{LIKE}'(s, \underline{D}', \text{OF}'(x_1, \text{WIFE}'))$
- George does (too). $\rightsquigarrow \lambda s. P(s, G')$

- contextual constraint: $x_1 = D'$

- replace all contextually constraint variables by constants:

Dan likes his wife. $\rightsquigarrow \lambda s.\text{LIKE}'(s, \underline{D}', \text{OF}'(D', \text{WIFE}'))$

- Parallelism:

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda s.\text{LIKE}'(s, \underline{D}', \text{OF}'(D', \text{WIFE}')) &= \phi(D') \\ \lambda s.P(s, G') &= \phi(G')\end{aligned}$$

- solve equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_1 &\mapsto \lambda x \lambda s.\text{LIKE}'(s, x, \text{OF}'(D', \text{WIFE}')) \\ \phi_2 &\mapsto \lambda x \lambda s.\text{LIKE}'(s, x, \text{OF}'(x, \text{WIFE}'))\end{aligned}$$

- interpretations of elliptical clause

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_1(G') &= \lambda s.\text{LIKE}'(s, G', \text{OF}'(D', \text{WIFE}')) \\ \phi_2(G') &= \lambda s.\text{LIKE}'(s, G', \text{OF}'(G', \text{WIFE}'))\end{aligned}$$

- ellipsis resolution:

$$P_1 = \text{LIKE}'(\text{OF}'(D', \text{WIFE}')) \quad (1)$$

$$P_2 = \text{LIKE}'(\text{OF}'(G', \text{WIFE}')) \quad (2)$$

(3) John's mother adores him, and Bill's mother does, too.

- antecedent clause: $\lambda s.\text{ADORE}'(s, \underline{J}', \text{MOTHER}', J')$
- ellipsis clause: $\lambda s.P(s, \text{OF}'(B', \text{MOTHER}'))$
- Parallelism constraints:

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda s.\text{ADORE}'(s, \underline{J}', \text{MOTHER}', J') &= \phi(J', \text{OF}'(J', \text{MOTHER}')) \\ \lambda s.P(s, \text{OF}'(B', \text{MOTHER}')) &= \phi(B', \text{OF}'(B', \text{MOTHER}'))\end{aligned}$$

- solutions:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_1 &\mapsto \lambda y \lambda x \lambda x.\text{ADORE}'(s, y, J') \\ \phi_2 &\mapsto \lambda y \lambda x \lambda x.\text{ADORE}'(s, y, x)\end{aligned}$$

- interpretation of elliptical clause

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_1(B', \text{OF}'(B', \text{MOTHER}')) &= \lambda s.\text{ADORE}'(s, \text{OF}'(B', \text{MOTHER}'), J') \\ \phi_1(B', \text{OF}'(B', \text{MOTHER}')) &= \lambda s.\text{ADORE}'(s, \text{OF}'(B', \text{MOTHER}'), B')\end{aligned}$$

- ellipsis resolution:

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= \text{ADORE}'(\text{J}') \\ P_2 &= \text{ADORE}'(\text{B}') \end{aligned}$$

(4) An U follows each X, and a Y does, too.

- Compositional interpretation:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda s. \forall x (X(s, x) \rightarrow \exists y (U(s, y) \wedge \text{FOLLOW}'(s, x, y))) \\ \lambda s. \exists y (Y(s, y) \wedge P(s, y)) \end{aligned}$$

- Parallelism:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda s. \forall x (X(s, x) \rightarrow \exists y (U(s, y) \wedge \text{FOLLOW}'(s, x, y))) &= \phi(\lambda Q \lambda s. \exists y (U(s, y))) \\ \lambda s. \exists y (Y(s, y) \wedge P(s, y)) &= \phi(\lambda Q \lambda s. \exists y (Y(s, y))) \end{aligned}$$

- Solution:

$$\phi = \lambda T \lambda s. \forall x (X(s, x) \rightarrow T(\lambda z \lambda s. \text{FOLLOW}'(s, x, z)))$$

- elliptical clause:

$$\phi(\lambda Q \lambda s. \exists y (Y(s, y))) = \lambda s. \forall x (X(s, x) \rightarrow \exists y (Y(s, y) \wedge \text{FOLLOW}'(s, x, y)))$$

- ellipsis resolution:

$$P = \phi$$

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(5) John read every book₁ that Paul did.

Prohibition of non-vacuous binding: Every λx_i that corresponds to a movement operation must bind at least one variable.