

**Kamp & Reyle 1993, Ch. 5 (4)**  
**DRS Construction for Sequences of Tensed Sentences**

• EVENTS, STATES AND NARRATIVE TIME

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| (1) | <sup>(1)</sup> A man entered the White Hart.<br><sup>(2)</sup> He was whistling an Irish jig.<br><sup>(3)</sup> Bill served him a beer.  | $t_1 < n, \quad e_1 \subseteq t_1$<br>$t_2 < n, \quad s_2 \circ t_2, \quad e_1 \subseteq s_2$<br>$t_3 < n, \quad e_3 \subseteq t_3, \quad e_1 < e_3$   |
| (2) | <sup>(3)</sup> Bill served a customer a beer.<br><sup>(2)</sup> The man was whistling an Irish jig.<br># <sup>(1)</sup> He entered the pub.  | $t_3 < n, \quad e_3 \subseteq t_3$<br>$t_2 < n, \quad s_2 \circ t_2, \quad e_3 \subseteq s_2$<br>$t_1 < n, \quad e_1 \subseteq t_1, \quad e_3 < e_1$   |
| (3) | <sup>(1)</sup> A man entered the White Hart.<br><sup>(2)</sup> He was whistling an Irish jig.<br><sup>(3)</sup> Bill served him a beer.<br><sup>(4)</sup> The man paid.<br><sup>(5)</sup> He drank the beer.<br><sup>(6)</sup> It tasted good.<br><sup>(7)</sup> Some of it ran down his chin. | $t_1 < n, \quad e_1 \subseteq t_1$<br>$t_2 < n, \quad s_2 \circ t_2, \quad e_1 \subseteq s_2$<br>$t_3 < n, \quad e_3 \subseteq t_3, \quad e_1 < e_3$<br>$t_4 < n, \quad e_4 \subseteq t_4, \quad e_3 < e_4$<br>$t_5 < n, \quad e_5 \subseteq t_5, \quad e_4 < e_5$<br>$t_6 < n, \quad s_6 \circ t_6, \quad e_5 \subseteq s_6$<br>$t_7 < n, \quad e_7 \subseteq t_7, \quad e_4 < e_7$ |

• PROBLEMS WITH NEGATION, AGAIN

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| (4) | <sup>(1)</sup> John looked at Mary.<br><sup>(2)</sup> She didn't smile.   | $t_1 < n, \quad e_1 \subseteq t_1$<br>$t_2 < n, \quad \neg \exists e_2 (e_2 \subseteq t_2, \quad e_1 < e_2)$     |
| (5) | <sup>(1)</sup> John looked at Mary.<br><sup>(2)</sup> She wasn't smiling. | $t_1 < n, \quad e_1 \subseteq t_1$<br>$t_2 < n, \quad \neg \exists s_2 (s_2 \circ t_2, \quad e_1 \subseteq s_2)$ |

• TENSE AS ANAPHOR (Webber 1988 and others)

According to Moens & Steedman (1987), events come with a tripartite structure consisting of three phases: preparatory activity (*prep*) < event < consequent state (*con*)

Webber (1988) links new location times to phases of salient events. Which phase depends on the RHETORICAL RELATION to prior discourse (see Lascarides & Asher 1993) — roughly,

ELABORATION ~ *event*, CONTINUATION ~ *con*.

In what follows we write **aft**(*e*) for **loc**(*con*(*e*)) ('after-time of *e*').

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| (1') | <sup>(1)</sup> A man entered the White Hart.<br><sup>(2)</sup> He was whistling an Irish jig.<br><sup>(3)</sup> Bill served him a beer.  | [ELA]<br>[CTD]                                     | $t_2 = \mathbf{loc}(e_1),$<br>$t_3 = \mathbf{aft}(e_1),$   | $t_1 < n, \quad e_1 \subseteq t_1$<br>$t_2 < n, \quad s_2 \circ t_2, \quad e_1 \subseteq s_2$<br>$t_3 < n, \quad e_3 \subseteq t_3$  |
| (2') | <sup>(3)</sup> Bill served a customer a beer.<br><sup>(2)</sup> The man was whistling an Irish jig.<br># <sup>(1)</sup> He entered the pub.  | [ELA]<br>[CTD?]                                    | $t_2 = \mathbf{loc}(e_3),$<br>$t_1 = \mathbf{aft}(e_3),$   | $t_3 < n, \quad e_3 \subseteq t_3$<br>$t_2 < n, \quad s_2 \circ t_2, \quad e_3 \subseteq s_2$<br>$t_1 < n, \quad e_1 \subseteq t_1$  |
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| (4') | <sup>(1)</sup> John looked at Mary.<br><sup>(2)</sup> She didn't smile.  | [CTD]  | $t_2 = \mathbf{aft}(e_1)$  | $t_1 < n, \quad e_1 \subseteq t_1$<br>$t_2 < n, \quad \neg \exists e_2 (e_2 \subseteq t_2)$  |
| (5') | <sup>(1)</sup> John looked at Mary.<br><sup>(2)</sup> She wasn't smiling.  | [ELA]  | $t_2 = \mathbf{loc}(e_1),$   | $t_1 < n, \quad e_1 \subseteq t_1$<br>$t_2 < n, \quad \neg \exists s_2 (s_2 \circ t_2, \quad e_1 \subseteq s_2)$   |

- REVISED ANALYSIS OF FRAME ADVERBS

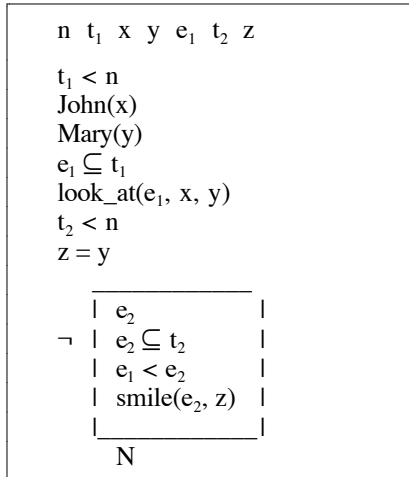
(6)	( <sup>1</sup> ) John came last Friday.		$t_1 < n, t_1 \subseteq \text{last\_Fri}(n)$	$e_1 \subseteq t_1$
	( <sup>2</sup> ) It was raining.	[ELA]	$t_2 = \mathbf{loc}(e_1), t_2 < n,$	$s_2 \circ t_2, e_1 \subseteq s_2$
	( <sup>3</sup> ) But <i>the next day</i> it was sunny.	[CTD]	$t_3 = \mathbf{aft}(e_1), t_3 < n, t_3 \subseteq \text{next\_day}(t_2)$	$s_3 \circ t_3$
(7)	( <sup>1</sup> ) John came last Friday.		$t_1 < n, t_1 \subseteq \text{last\_Fri}(n)$	$e_1 \subseteq t_1$
	( <sup>2</sup> ) It was raining.	[ELA]	$t_2 = \mathbf{loc}(e_1), t_2 < n,$	$s_2 \circ t_2, e_1 \subseteq s_2$
	# ( <sup>3</sup> ) It was sunny.	[ELA]	$t_3 = \mathbf{loc}(e_1), t_3 < n$	$s_3 \circ t_3, e_1 \subseteq s_2$
(8)	John came <i>today</i> .		$t_1 < n, t_1 \subseteq \text{today}(n)$	$e_1 \subseteq t_1$
(9)	John will come <i>today</i> .		$n < t_1, t_1 \subseteq \text{today}(n)$	$e_1 \subseteq t_1$

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**Kamp & Reyle 1993, Ch. 5 (5)  
Problems with Negation in Discourse**

- NEGATED EVENT SENTENCE IN CONTEXT
- (4) <sup>(1)</sup> John looked at Mary. <sup>(2)</sup> She didn't smile
- DRS  $K_4$  for (4):



- Intuitively, the discourse of (4) is *false* in the anchored model  $\langle M_4, \phi_4 \rangle$  diagrammed below:

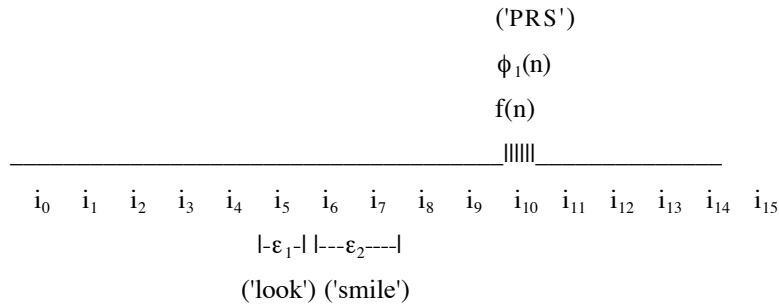
$$M_4 = \langle U_{M_4}, E_{M_4}, S_{M_4}, I_{M_4}, T_{M_4}, Loc_{M_4}, Name_{M_4}, Fun_{M_4}, Pred_{M_4} \rangle$$

$$U_{M_4} = \{a, b, c\} \quad E_{M_4} = \{\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_1, \dots\} \quad I_{M_4} = \langle \{i_0, i_1, \dots\}, < \rangle, \text{ where } i_0 < i_1 < \dots$$

$$Loc_{M_4}(\varepsilon_1) = \{i_5\} \quad Loc_{M_4}(\varepsilon_2) = \{i_6, i_7\} \quad Pred_{M_4}(\text{smile}) = \{\langle \varepsilon_2, b \rangle\}$$

$$Name_{M_4}(\text{John}) = a \quad Name_{M_4}(\text{Mary}) = b \quad Pred_{M_4}(\text{look\_at}) = \{\langle \varepsilon_1, a, b \rangle\}$$

$$\phi_1 = \{\langle n, \{i_{10}\} \rangle\}$$



Also, the truth of discourse (4) intuitively depends only on what happens shortly *after* the looking event. The time *before* the looking is irrelevant.

The PROBLEM for Kamp & Reyle's analysis is that, in conflict with these intuitions, their formal semantics predicts that their DRS  $K_4$ , which is supposed to represent discourse (4), is *true* in  $\langle M_4, \phi_4 \rangle$ . Moreover, the following proof of this counterintuitive result crucially relies on a verifying embedding which maps the location time  $t_2$ , for smiling, to a time period *before* the looking event, counter to the intuition that this time has no bearing on the truth of discourse (4).

*Note:* The following proof assumes that clause (i.a) of DRT semantics is extended in the obvious way so that an embedding  $f$  verifies ' $e_1 < e_2$ ' in  $\langle M, \phi \rangle$  iff  $Loc_M(e_1) <_T Loc_M(e_2)$ .

• *Proof:*

To verify the negated condition  $\neg N$  of  $K_4$  in  $\langle M_4, \phi_4 \rangle$  we just need a  $\phi_4$ -extension  $f$  s.t.  $f(t_2) <_T f(t_1)$ , e.g.:

$f = \{ \langle n, \{i_{10}\} \rangle, \langle t_1, \{i_5\} \rangle, \langle x, a \rangle, \langle y, b \rangle, \langle e_1, \varepsilon_1 \rangle, \langle t_2, \{i_2, i_3\} \rangle, \langle z, b \rangle \}$ .

For if  $f(t_2) <_T f(t_1)$  and  $f$  verifies ' $e_1 \subseteq t_1$ ', then  $f$  cannot be extended to also verify ' $e_2 \subseteq t_2$ ' and ' $e_1 < e_2$ ' in  $N$ . So any such embedding will verify  $\neg N$ . In particular, for the above  $f$  the definition of DRT semantics gives:

- ' $t_1 < n$ ' is verified, by clause (i.a), because  $f(t_1) = \{i_5\} <_T \{i_{10}\} = f(n)$
- 'John(x)' is verified, by clause (i.b), because  $f(x) = a = \text{Name}_{M_4}(\text{John})$
- 'Mary(y)' is verified, by clause (i.b), because  $f(y) = b = \text{Name}_{M_4}(\text{Mary})$
- ' $e_1 \subseteq t_1$ ' is verified, by clause (i.a), because  $\text{Loc}_{M_4}(f(e_1)) = \text{Loc}_{M_4}(\varepsilon_1) = \{i_5\} \subseteq \{i_5\} = f(t_1)$
- 'look\_at(e, x, y)' is verified, by clause (i.e), because  $\langle f(e_1), f(x), f(y) \rangle = \langle \varepsilon_1, a, b \rangle \in \text{Pred}_{M_4}(\text{look\_at})$
- ' $t_2 < n$ ' is verified, by clause (i.a), because  $f(t_2) = \{i_2, i_3\} <_T \{i_{10}\} = f(n)$
- ' $z = y$ ' is verified, by clause (i.a), because  $f(z) = b = f(y)$
- ' $\neg N$ ' is verified, by clause (i.f), because there is no  $f$ -extension which verifies  $N$  in  $\langle M_4, \phi_4 \rangle$ .

For suppose there was one, call it  $g$ . Then, to verify ' $e_1 < e_2$ ' and ' $e_2 \subseteq t_2$ ' (by clause (i.a)) there would have to be some  $\varepsilon \in E_{M_4}$  such that (1) and (2):

(1)  $\text{Loc}_{M_4}(g(e_1)) = \text{Loc}_{M_4}(f(e_1)) = \{i_5\} <_T \text{Loc}_{M_4}(\varepsilon)$

(2)  $\text{Loc}_{M_4}(\varepsilon) \subseteq g(t_2) = f(t_2) = \{i_2, i_3\}$

Consider now any  $i \in \text{Loc}_{M_4}(\varepsilon)$ . Then from (1) we infer  $i_5 < i$  (by def.  $<_T$ ). Moreover, (2) implies either  $i = i_2$  or  $i = i_3$ . But this cannot be as it contradicts either  $i_2 < i_5$  or  $i_3 < i_5$ .

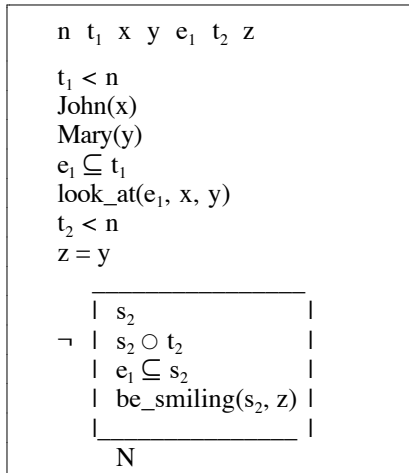
So  $K_4$  has a  $\phi_4$ -extending embedding which verifies it in  $\langle M_4, \phi_4 \rangle$  (to wit  $f$ , by clause (ii)) and so is true in  $\langle M_4, \phi_4 \rangle$  (by clause (iii)).

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• NEGATED STATE SENTENCE IN CONTEXT

(5) <sup>(1)</sup> John looked at Mary. <sup>(2)</sup> She wasn't smiling.

• DRS  $K_5$  for (5):



• *What exactly are the counterintuitive predictions we get in this case?*

Show just how the DRS  $K_5$  fails to represent the intuitive meaning of (5) in as much detail as shown above for the DRS  $K_4$  as the representation of (4).

