

**Notes on Link 1987**  
**“Generalized quantifiers and plurals”**

**I. Type Theory with Pluralities (Typed LP)**

DEFINITION 1.1 (Typed LP-types)

- $t, e \in \mathbf{Typ}$
- $(ab) \in \mathbf{Typ}$  if  $a, b \in \mathbf{Typ}$

DEFINITION 1.2 (Basic Typed LP-terms)

- $\mathbf{Con}_e = \{john_e, mary_e, \dots\}$
- $\mathbf{Con}_{(ee)} = \{fa_{(ee)}, ma_{(ee)}, \dots\}$
- $\mathbf{Con}_{(et)} = \{enter_{(et)}, \dots\}$
- $\mathbf{Con}_{(e(et))} = \{see_{(e(et))}, talk.to_{(e(et))}, \dots\}$
- $\mathbf{Con}_{((et)(et))} = \{^D, *, \dots\}$  (Link 1987, 1983)
- $\mathbf{Var}_e = \{x, y, z, x', y', z', \dots, z_1, z_2, \dots\}$
- $\mathbf{Var}_t = \{p, q, p', q', \dots\}$
- $\mathbf{Var}_{(et)} = \{P, Q, P', Q', \dots\}$

DEFINITION 1.3 (Typed LP syntax).

- $b \quad \alpha \in \mathbf{Term}_a$  if  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Con}_a$  or  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Var}_a$
- $a \quad \alpha\beta \in \mathbf{Term}_a$  if  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Term}_{(ba)}$  and  $\beta \in \mathbf{Term}_b$
- $\lambda \quad \lambda u[\alpha] \in \mathbf{Term}_{(ba)}$  if  $u \in \mathbf{Var}_b$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Term}_a$
- $\sigma \quad \sigma u.\alpha \in \mathbf{Term}_e$  if  $u \in \mathbf{Var}_e$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Term}_t$  (Link 1987:152)
- $+$   $(\alpha + \beta) \in \mathbf{Term}_e$  if  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Term}_e$  and  $\beta \in \mathbf{Term}_e$  (Link 1987:152)
- $\wedge \quad (\alpha \wedge \beta) \in \mathbf{Term}_t$  if  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Term}_t$  and  $\beta \in \mathbf{Term}_t$
- $\neg \quad \neg\alpha \in \mathbf{Term}_t$  if  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Term}_t$
- $= \quad (\alpha = \beta) \in \mathbf{Term}_t$  if  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Term}_a$  and  $\beta \in \mathbf{Term}_a$

DEFINITION 2.1 (Typed LP-frames).

- $D_t = \{1, 0\}$
- $D_e = \{X \mid \emptyset \subset X \subseteq A\}$ , where  $A$  (set of atoms) is a non-empty set disjoint from  $D_t$
- $D_{(ab)} = \{f \mid \text{Dom } f = D_a \text{ \& Ran } f \subseteq D_b\}$

DEFINITION 2.2 (Typed LP-models and assignments)

- A Typed LP-model is a structure  $M = \langle D^M, \llbracket \cdot \rrbracket^M \rangle$  such that:
  - (i)  $D^M = \{D_a^M : a \in \mathbf{Typ}\}$  is a Typed LP-frame.
  - (ii)  $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket^M$  is a function that assigns to any  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Con}_a$  a denotation  $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^M \in D_a^M$ .
  - (iii) for any  $f \in D_{(et)}^M, d \in D_e^M$ :
    - $\llbracket ^D \rrbracket^M(f)(d) = 1$  iff  $\{d' \in D_e^M : |d'| = 1 \text{ \& } d' \subseteq d\} \subseteq \{d' \in D_e^M : f(d') = 1\}^1$
    - $\llbracket * \rrbracket^M(f)(d) = 1$  iff  $d \in \{\cup X : \emptyset \subset X \subseteq \{d' \in D_e^M : f(d') = 1\}\}^2$
- An  $M$ -assignment is a function  $\theta$  that assigns to any  $u \in \mathbf{Var}_a$  a value  $\theta(u) \in D_a^M$ . If  $d \in D_a^M$  then  $\theta[u/d]$  is the  $M$ -assignment s.t. (i)  $\theta[u/d](u) = d$ , and (ii)  $\theta[u/d](u') = \theta(u')$  if  $u' \neq u$ .

<sup>1</sup> Link 1987:171:  $^DVP := \lambda x \forall y [y \Pi x \rightarrow VP(y)]$ , where ‘ $x \Pi y$ ’ stands for ‘ $x$  is an atomic part of  $y$ ’

<sup>2</sup> Link 1983:315:  $\llbracket *P \rrbracket := \{x \in E \mid \exists X \subseteq \llbracket P \rrbracket \text{ \& } X \neq \emptyset \text{ s.t. } x = \sup_i X\}$

DEFINITION 2.3 (Typed LP-semantics)

<b>b</b>	$\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta}$	$= \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^M$	if $\alpha \in \mathbf{Con}_\tau$
		$= \theta(\alpha)$	if $\alpha \in \mathbf{Var}_\tau$
<b>a</b>	$\llbracket \alpha \beta \rrbracket^{M, \theta}$	$= \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta} (\llbracket \beta \rrbracket^{M, \theta})$	
<b><math>\lambda</math></b>	$\llbracket \lambda u[\alpha] \rrbracket^{M, \theta}$	$= \langle \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta[u/d]} : d \in D_\sigma^M \rangle$	
<b><math>\sigma</math></b>	$\llbracket \sigma u.\alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta}$	$= \cup \{d \in D_e^M : \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta[u/d]} = 1\}$	
<b>+</b>	$\llbracket (\alpha + \beta) \rrbracket^{M, \theta}$	$= (\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta} \cup \llbracket \beta \rrbracket^{M, \theta})$	
<b><math>\wedge</math></b>	$\llbracket (\alpha \wedge \beta) \rrbracket^{M, \theta}$	$= 1,$	iff $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 1 \ \& \ \llbracket \beta \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 1$
<b><math>\neg</math></b>	$\llbracket \neg \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta}$	$= 1,$	iff $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 0$
<b>=</b>	$\llbracket (\alpha = \beta) \rrbracket^{M, \theta}$	$= 1,$	iff $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = \llbracket \beta \rrbracket^{M, \theta}$
<b>r</b>	$\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta}$	$\in D_\tau^M$	if $\alpha \in \mathbf{Term}_\tau$

DEFINITION 3 (Truth and equivalence).

- $\phi$  is *true* in  $M$  under  $\theta$ , written  $\models_{M, \theta} \phi$ , iff  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 1$
- $\alpha$  is *equivalent* to  $\beta$ , written  $\alpha \equiv \beta$ , iff, for all  $M$  and  $\theta$ ,  $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = \llbracket \beta \rrbracket^{M, \theta}$ .

ABBREVIATIONS 1 (standard). We write:

- $(\alpha \vee \beta)$  for  $\neg(\neg\alpha \wedge \neg\beta)$
- $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$  for  $\neg(\alpha \wedge \neg\beta)$
- $\forall u \alpha$  for  $(\lambda u[\alpha] = \lambda u[(u = u)])$
- $\exists u \alpha$  for  $\neg \forall u \neg \alpha$

FACT 1:

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|---|-----|---|
| • $\llbracket (\alpha \vee \beta) \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 0,$      | iff | $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 0 \ \& \ \llbracket \beta \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 0$ |
| $\llbracket (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 0,$ | iff | $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 1 \ \& \ \llbracket \beta \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 0$ |
| • $\llbracket \forall u \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 1$          | iff | $\{d \in D_a^M : \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta[u/d]} = 1\} = D_a^M$                     |
| $\llbracket \exists u \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 1$            | iff | $\{d \in D_a^M : \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta[u/d]} = 1\} \neq \{\}$                   |

ABBREVIATIONS 2 (plurality-based). We write:

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|-------------------------|----------|---|------------------------------------|
| • $(\alpha \leq \beta)$ | for      | $\exists x(\alpha + x = \beta)$   | Read:•                             |
| $(\alpha \circ \beta)$  | for      | $\exists x(x \leq \alpha \wedge x \leq \beta)$  | $\alpha$ is <i>part of</i> $\beta$ |
| <b>sg</b> $\alpha$      | for      | $\forall x(x \leq \alpha \rightarrow x = \alpha)$   | $\alpha$ <i>overlaps</i> $\beta$   |
| • <b>2</b>              | for      | $\lambda x[\exists y \exists y'(x = y + y' \wedge \mathbf{sg} \ y \wedge \mathbf{sg} \ y' \wedge \neg y \circ y')]$ | $\alpha$ is an <i>atom</i>         |
| <b>3</b>                | for      | $\lambda x[\exists y \exists y'(x = y + y' \wedge \mathbf{sg} \ y \wedge \mathbf{2} \ y' \wedge \neg y \circ y')]$  | <i>consists of two atoms</i>       |
| $\vdots$                | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$  | <i>consists of three atoms</i>     |

FACT 2: For any  $\alpha, \alpha', \beta \in \mathbf{Term}_e, d \in D_e^M$ :

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|---|-----|---|
| • $\llbracket (\alpha \leq \beta) \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 1$ | iff | $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta} \subseteq \llbracket \beta \rrbracket^{M, \theta}$        |
| $\llbracket (\alpha \circ \beta) \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 1$  | iff | $(\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta} \cap \llbracket \beta \rrbracket^{M, \theta}) \neq \{\}$ |
| $\llbracket \mathbf{sg} \ \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 1$  | iff | $ \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M, \theta}  = 1$  |
| • $\llbracket \mathbf{2} \rrbracket^{M, \theta}(d) = 1$       | iff | $ d  = 2$   |
| $\llbracket \mathbf{3} \rrbracket^{M, \theta}(d) = 1$         | iff | $ d  = 3$   |
| $\vdots$  |     |   |

## II. Collectivity and distributivity

### Examples:

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| (1) | [John and Mary] are a nice couple.   | collective VP   |
| (2) | [John and Mary] are students.  | distributive VP |
| (3) | [John and Mary] bought a house   | ambiguous VP    |
| (4) | [John and Mary] invited their <sub>dis</sub> parents to their <sub>coll</sub> place. | mixed VP        |

### In general:

- *Collective predicates* are predicated of pluralities
- *Distributive predicates* are distributed over pluralities (by <sup>D</sup> or \*)
- *Mixed predicates* involve both collective predication and distribution

### Typed LP translations:

- John and Mary  $\rightarrow \lambda P[P(\text{john} + \text{mary})]$  Link 87:157
- are a nice couple  $\rightarrow \text{nice.couple}$  collective VP
  - (1)  $\rightarrow \text{nice.couple}(\text{john} + \text{mary})$
- are students  $\rightarrow \text{}^D\text{student}$  distributive VP
  - (2)  $\rightarrow \text{}^D\text{student}(\text{john} + \text{mary})$
- bought a house  $\rightarrow \lambda x[\exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } yx)]$  collective reading
  - (3<sub>coll</sub>)  $\rightarrow \exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } y(\text{john} + \text{mary}))$
- bought a house  $\rightarrow \text{}^D\lambda x[\exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } yx)]$  distributive reading
  - (3<sub>dis</sub>)  $\rightarrow \text{}^D\lambda x[\exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } yx)(\text{john} + \text{mary})]$
- invited their<sub>dis</sub> parents to their<sub>coll</sub> place
  - $\rightarrow \lambda x[\exists z(\text{plc.of } x'z \wedge \text{}^D\lambda x[\text{inv.to } z(\text{oy. prnt.of } xy) x]x')]$
  - (4) mixed VP
    - $\rightarrow \exists z(\text{plc.of } (\text{john} + \text{mary})z \wedge \text{}^D\lambda x[\text{inv.to } z(\text{oy. prnt.of } xy) x](\text{john} + \text{mary}))$

### Truth conditions and models:

(1) John and Mary are a nice couple

1.  $\models_{M, \theta} \text{nice.couple}(\text{john} + \text{mary})$
2.  $\llbracket \text{nice.couple}(\text{john} + \text{mary}) \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 1$  D3
3.  $\llbracket \text{nice.couple} \rrbracket^M (\llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M) = 1$  D2.3:a, +, b

e.g. true in any  $M$  s.t.:

$$\llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M = \{J\} \quad \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M = \{M\} \quad \llbracket \text{nice.couple} \rrbracket^M (\{J, M\}) = 1$$

(2) John and Mary are students.

1.  $\models_{M, \theta} \text{}^D\text{student}(\text{john} + \text{mary})$
2.  $\llbracket \text{}^D\text{student}(\text{john} + \text{mary}) \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 1$  D3
3.  $\llbracket \text{}^D \rrbracket^M (\llbracket \text{student} \rrbracket^M) (\llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M) = 1$  D2.3:a, +, b
4.  $\{d \in D_e^M : |d| = 1 \ \& \ d \subseteq \llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M\}$  D2.2:<sup>D</sup>
  - $\subseteq \{d \in D_e^M : \llbracket \text{student} \rrbracket^M(d) = 1\}$

e.g. true in any  $M$  s.t.:

$$\llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M = \{J\} \quad \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M = \{M\} \quad \llbracket \text{student} \rrbracket^M (\{J\}) = 1 \quad \llbracket \text{student} \rrbracket^M (\{M\}) = 1$$

(3<sub>coll</sub>) John and Mary bought a house (jointly).

1.  $\models_{M, \theta} \exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } y(\text{john} + \text{mary}))$
2.  $\llbracket \exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } y(\text{john} + \text{mary})) \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 1$  D3
3.  $\{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket \text{house} \rrbracket^M(d) = 1$  F1: $\exists$ , D2.3: $\wedge$ ,  $a$ ,  $+$ ,  $b$ ,  
 $\& \llbracket \text{buy} \rrbracket^M(d)(\llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M) = 1\} \neq \emptyset$  D2.2. $\theta[u/d]$

e.g. true in any  $M$  s.t.:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M &= \{J\} & \llbracket \text{house} \rrbracket^M(\{H\}) &= 1 & \llbracket \text{buy} \rrbracket^M(\{H\})(\{J, M\}) &= 1 \\ \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M &= \{M\} \end{aligned}$$

(3<sub>dis</sub>) John and Mary bought a house (each)

1.  $\models_{M, \theta} \text{D} \lambda x[\exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } yx)](\text{john} + \text{mary})$
2.  $\llbracket \text{D} \lambda x[\exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } yx)](\text{john} + \text{mary}) \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 1$  D3
3.  $\llbracket \text{D} \rrbracket^M(\llbracket \lambda x[\exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } yx)] \rrbracket^{M, \theta})(\llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M) = 1$  D2.2: $a$ ,  $+$ ,  $b$
4.  $\{d \in D_e^M: |d| = 1 \& d \subseteq \llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M\}$   
 $\subseteq \{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket \lambda x[\exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } yx)] \rrbracket^{M, \theta}(d) = 1\}$  D2.2:<sup>D</sup>
5.  $\{d \in D_e^M: |d| = 1 \& d \subseteq \llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M\}$  D2.3: $\lambda$ , df.  $\langle -; - \rangle$ ,  
 $\subseteq \{d \in D_e^M: \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket \text{house} \rrbracket^M(d') = 1$  F1: $\exists$ , D2.3: $\wedge$ ,  $a$ ,  $+$ ,  $b$ ,  
 $\& \llbracket \text{buy} \rrbracket^M(d')(d) = 1\} \neq \emptyset$  D2.2. $\theta[u/d]$

e.g. true in any  $M$  s.t.:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M &= \{J\} & \llbracket \text{house} \rrbracket^M(\{H\}) &= 1 & \llbracket \text{buy} \rrbracket^M(\{H\})(\{J\}) &= 1 \\ \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M &= \{M\} & \llbracket \text{house} \rrbracket^M(\{H'\}) &= 1 & \llbracket \text{buy} \rrbracket^M(\{H'\})(\{M\}) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

(4<sub>dc</sub>) John and Mary invited their<sub>dis</sub> parents to their<sub>coll</sub> place.

1.  $\models_{M, \theta} \exists z(\text{plc.of } (\text{john} + \text{mary})z \wedge \text{D} \lambda x[\text{inv.to } z (\text{sy. prnt } xy) x](\text{john} + \text{mary}))$
2.  $\llbracket \exists z(\text{plc.of } (\text{john} + \text{mary})z \wedge \text{D} \lambda x[\text{inv.to } z (\text{sy. prnt } xy) x](\text{john} + \text{mary})) \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 1$  D3
3.  $\{d'' \in D_e^M: \llbracket \text{plc.of} \rrbracket^M(\llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M)(d'') = 1$   
 $\& \llbracket \text{D} \rrbracket^M(\llbracket \lambda x[\text{inv.to } z \text{ sy. prnt } xy x] \rrbracket^{M, \theta[z/d'']})(\llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M) = 1\} \neq \emptyset$  F1: $\exists$ , D2.3: $\wedge$ ,  $a$ ,  $+$ ,  $b$
4.  $\{d'' \in D_e^M: \llbracket \text{plc.of} \rrbracket^M(\llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M)(d'') = 1$   
 $\& \{d \in D_e^M: |d| = 1 \& d \subseteq \llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M\}$   
 $\subseteq \{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket \lambda x[\text{inv.to } z \text{ sy. prnt } xy x] \rrbracket^{M, \theta[z/d'']}(d) = 1\} \neq \emptyset$  D2.2:<sup>D</sup>
5.  $\{d'' \in D_e^M: \llbracket \text{plc.of} \rrbracket^M(\llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M)(d'') = 1$   
 $\& \{d \in D_e^M: |d| = 1 \& d \subseteq \llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M\}$   
 $\subseteq \{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket \text{inv.to} \rrbracket^M(d'')(\cup \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket \text{prnt} \rrbracket^M(d)(d') = 1\})(d) = 1\} \neq \emptyset$  D2.2: $\lambda$ , df.  $\langle -; - \rangle$   
D2.3: $\lambda$ ,  $a$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  
D2.2: $\theta[u/d]$

e.g. true in any  $M$  s.t.:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M &= \{J\} & \cup \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket \text{prnt} \rrbracket^M(\{J\})(d') = 1\} &= \cup \{\{J'\}, \{J''\}\} = \{J', J''\} \\ \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M &= \{M\} & \llbracket \text{inv.to} \rrbracket^M(\{H\})(\{J', J''\})(\{J\}) &= 1 \\ \llbracket \text{plc.of} \rrbracket^M(\{J, M\})(\{H\}) &= 1 & \cup \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket \text{prnt} \rrbracket^M(\{M\})(d') = 1\} &= \cup \{\{M'\}, \{M''\}\} = \{M', M''\} \\ & & \llbracket \text{inv.to} \rrbracket^M(\{H\})(\{M', M''\})(\{M\}) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

**III. Distributivity (<sup>D</sup>) vs. pluralization (\*)****D2.2.iii**For any  $f \in D_{(et)}^M$ ,  $d \in D_e^M$ :

- $\llbracket^D \rrbracket^M(f)(d) = 1$  iff  $\{d' \in D_e^M: |d'| = 1 \text{ \& } d' \subseteq d\} \subseteq \{d' \in D_e^M: f(d') = 1\}$   
[every atomic part of  $d$  satisfies  $f$ ]
- $\llbracket^* \rrbracket^M(f)(d) = 1$  iff  $d \in \{\cup X: \emptyset \subset X \subseteq \{d' \in D_e^M: f(d') = 1\}\}$   
[ $d$  consists of parts that satisfy  $f$ ]

**Example:**

(5) John and Mary and Tom [bought a house].

**(5) with distributive VP**

1.  $\models_{M,\theta}^D \lambda x[\exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } yx)]((\text{john} + \text{mary}) + \text{bill})$
2.  $\llbracket^D \lambda x[\exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } yx)]((\text{john} + \text{mary}) + \text{bill}) \rrbracket^{M,\theta} = 1$  D3
3.  $\llbracket^D \rrbracket^M(\llbracket \lambda x[\exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } yx)] \rrbracket^{M,\theta})(\llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{bill} \rrbracket^M) = 1$  D2.2:**a, +, b**
4.  $\{d \in D_e^M: |d| = 1 \text{ \& } d \subseteq (\llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{bill} \rrbracket^M)\}$   
 $\subseteq \{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket \lambda x[\exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } yx)] \rrbracket^{M,\theta}(d) = 1\}$  D2.2:<sup>D</sup>
5.  $\{d \in D_e^M: |d| = 1 \text{ \& } d \subseteq (\llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{bill} \rrbracket^M)\}$  D2.3:**λ**, df.  $\langle -; - \rangle$ ,  
 $\subseteq \{d \in D_e^M: \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket \text{house} \rrbracket^M(d') = 1$  F1:**∃**, D2.3:**λ, a, +, b**,  
&  $\llbracket \text{buy} \rrbracket^M(d')(d) = 1\} \neq \emptyset\}$  D2.2.θ[u/d]

**true if:**

$$\begin{array}{lll} \llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M = \{J\} & \llbracket \text{house} \rrbracket^M(\{H\}) = 1 & \llbracket \text{buy} \rrbracket^M(\{H\})(\{J\}) = 1 \\ \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M = \{M\} & \llbracket \text{house} \rrbracket^M(\{H'\}) = 1 & \llbracket \text{buy} \rrbracket^M(\{H'\})(\{M\}) = 1 \\ \llbracket \text{bill} \rrbracket^M = \{B\} & \llbracket \text{house} \rrbracket^M(\{H''\}) = 1 & \llbracket \text{buy} \rrbracket^M(\{H''\})(\{B\}) = 1 \end{array}$$

**false if:**

$$\llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M = \{J\} \qquad \llbracket \text{buy} \rrbracket^M(d)(\{J\}) = 0 \text{ for all } d \in D_e^M$$

**(5) with plural VP**

1.  $\models_{M,\theta}^* \lambda x[\exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } yx)]((\text{john} + \text{mary}) + \text{bill})$
2.  $\llbracket^* \lambda x[\exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } yx)]((\text{john} + \text{mary}) + \text{bill}) \rrbracket^{M,\theta} = 1$  D3
3.  $\llbracket^* \rrbracket^M(\llbracket \lambda x[\exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } yx)] \rrbracket^{M,\theta})(\llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{bill} \rrbracket^M) = 1$  D2.2:**a, +, b**
4.  $(\llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M) \cup \llbracket \text{bill} \rrbracket^M$   
 $\in \{\cup X: \emptyset \subset X \subseteq \{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket \lambda x[\exists y(\text{house } y \wedge \text{buy } yx)] \rrbracket^{M,\theta}(d) = 1\}\}$  D2.2:\*
5.  $\exists X: \cup X = (\llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M \cup \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M) \cup \llbracket \text{bill} \rrbracket^M$  df.  $\langle -; - \rangle$ , D2.3:**λ**,  $\langle -; - \rangle$ ,  
&  $\emptyset \subset X \subseteq \{d \in D_e^M: \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket \text{house} \rrbracket^M(d') = 1$  F1:**∃**, D2.3:**λ, a, +, b**,  
&  $\llbracket \text{buy} \rrbracket^M(d')(d) = 1\} \neq \emptyset\}$  D2.2.θ[u/d]

**true if:**

$$\begin{array}{lll} \llbracket \text{john} \rrbracket^M = \{J\} & & \llbracket \text{buy} \rrbracket^M(d)(\{J\}) = 0 \text{ for all } d \in D_e^M \\ \llbracket \text{bill} \rrbracket^M = \{B\} & \llbracket \text{house} \rrbracket^M(\{H\}) = 1 & \llbracket \text{buy} \rrbracket^M(\{H\})(\{J, B\}) = 1 \\ \llbracket \text{mary} \rrbracket^M = \{M\} & \llbracket \text{house} \rrbracket^M(\{H'\}) = 1 & \llbracket \text{buy} \rrbracket^M(\{H'\})(\{M, B\}) = 1 \end{array}$$

since the scope of  $\exists X$  holds for  $X = \{\{J, B\}, \{M, B\}\}$

**IV. Definiteness and number (Link 1983 vs. Sharvy 1980)**

**Examples:**

(7) the boys

(8) the boy

**(7) according to Link 1983**

1.  $\llbracket \alpha x.*boy\ x \rrbracket^{M,\theta}$
2.  $\cup\{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket *boy\ x \rrbracket^{M,\theta[x/d]} = 1\}$  D2.3: $\sigma$
3.  $\cup\{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket * \rrbracket^M(\llbracket boy \rrbracket^M)(d) = 1\}$  D2.3: $a, b$ , D2.2: $\theta[u/d]$
4.  $\cup\{d \in D_e^M: d \in \{\cup X: \emptyset \subset X \subseteq \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket boy \rrbracket^M(d') = 1\}\}\}$  D2.2: $*$
5.  $\cup\{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket boy \rrbracket^M(d') = 1\}$  simplify

**(8) according to Link 1983**

1.  $\llbracket \alpha x.boy\ x \rrbracket^{M,\theta}$
2.  $\cup\{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket boy\ x \rrbracket^{M,\theta[x/d]} = 1\}$  D2.3: $\sigma$
3.  $\cup\{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket boy \rrbracket^M(d) = 1\}$  D2.3: $a, b$ , D2.2: $\theta[u/d]$

**Problem:**

- if  $\{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket boy \rrbracket^M(d) = 1\} = \{\{B\}, \{B'\}\}$ , then  $\llbracket \alpha x.*boy\ x \rrbracket^{M,\theta} = \llbracket \alpha x.boy\ x \rrbracket^{M,\theta} = \{B, B'\}$
- if  $\{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket boy \rrbracket^M(d) = 1\} = \{\{B\}\}$ , then  $\llbracket \alpha x.*boy\ x \rrbracket^{M,\theta} = \llbracket \alpha x.boy\ x \rrbracket^{M,\theta} = \{B\}$

**D4 (generalized  $\iota$ )**

Syn.  $uu.\alpha \in \mathbf{Term}_e$  if  $u \in \mathbf{Var}_e$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Term}$ , (Sharvy 1980:610)

Sem.<sup>1</sup>  $\llbracket uu.\alpha \rrbracket^{M,\theta} = \max_{\subseteq} \{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^{M,\theta[u/d]} = 1\}$ , if it exists  
 = undefined, otherwise

**(7) according to Sharvy 1980**

Suppose  $\{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket boy \rrbracket^M(d') = 1\} \neq \emptyset$

1.  $\llbracket \iota x.*boy\ x \rrbracket^{M,\theta}$
2.  $\max_{\subseteq} \{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket *boy\ x \rrbracket^{M,\theta[x/d]} = 1\}$  D4: $\iota$
3.  $\max_{\subseteq} \{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket * \rrbracket^M(\llbracket boy \rrbracket^M)(d) = 1\}$  D2.3: $a, b$ , D2.2: $\theta[u/d]$
4.  $\max_{\subseteq} \{d \in D_e^M: d \in \{\cup X: \emptyset \subset X \subseteq \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket boy \rrbracket^M(d') = 1\}\}\}$  D2.2: $*$
5.  $\cup\{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket boy \rrbracket^M(d') = 1\}$  simplify

**(8) according to Sharvy 1980**

1.  $\llbracket \iota x.boy\ x \rrbracket^{M,\theta}$
2.  $\max_{\subseteq} \{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket boy\ x \rrbracket^{M,\theta[x/d]} = 1\}$  D2.3: $\sigma$
3.  $\max_{\subseteq} \{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket boy \rrbracket^M(d) = 1\}$  D2.3: $a, b$ , D2.2: $\theta[u/d]$

**Correct:**

- if  $\{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket boy \rrbracket^M(d) = 1\} = \{\{B\}, \{B'\}\}$ , then  $\llbracket \iota x.*boy\ x \rrbracket^{M,\theta} = \{B, B'\}$   
 but  $\max_{\subseteq} \{\{B\}, \{B'\}\}$  does not exist  
 so  $\llbracket \iota x.boy\ x \rrbracket^{M,\theta}$  is **undefined**
- if  $\{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket boy \rrbracket^M(d) = 1\} = \{\{B\}\}$ , then  $\llbracket \iota x.boy\ x \rrbracket^{M,\theta} = \max_{\subseteq} \{\{B\}\} = \{B\}$

<sup>1</sup> Let  $\langle A, \leq \rangle$  be a partially ordered set,  $B \subseteq A$ , and  $x \in A$ . Then:

- $x$  is the  $\leq$ -maximum of  $B$ , denoted by  $x = \max_{\leq} B$  iff (i)  $x \in B$ , and (ii)  $\forall y \in B: y \leq x$
- $x$  is the  $\leq$ -minimum of  $B$ , denoted by  $x = \min_{\leq} B$  iff (i)  $x \in B$ , and (ii)  $\forall y \in B: x \leq y$
- $x$  is the  $\leq$ -supremum of  $B$ , denoted by  $x = \sup_{\leq} B$ , iff (i)  $x = \min_{\leq} \{z \in A: \forall y \in B: y \leq z\}$

**V. Numerals and partitivity**

**Examples:**

- (9) Two students can carry this.  
(cf. A first-year student can do this.)
- (10) Last week two students presented a paper.  
(cf. Last week a first-year student presented a paper.)
- (11) Last week two of the students presented a paper.

**Basic ideas:**

- *Numerals* translate into cardinality predicates and combine with the head noun like intersective adjectives (e.g. two tables ~ four-legged table).
- A bare numeral+noun is associated with a contextually determined *quantificational force* (e.g. universal in (7), existential in (8)), like an indefinite (see Lewis 1975, Heim 1982)
- Partitive *of* translates into the part-of relation ( $\leq$ ).

**Typed LP translations:**

- students  $\rightarrow$  \*student
- two  $\rightarrow$   $\lambda Q\lambda x[2x \wedge Qx]$
- [ $\forall$ ]  $\rightarrow$   $\lambda Q\lambda P[\forall x(Qx \rightarrow Px)]$
- [ $\exists$ ]  $\rightarrow$   $\lambda Q\lambda P[\exists x(Qx \wedge Px)]$
- the  $\rightarrow$   $\lambda Q[\sigma x.Qx]$  (ok with bare plurals)
- of  $\rightarrow$   $\lambda y\lambda x[x \leq y]$
  
- [ $\forall$ ] two std.  $\rightarrow$   $\lambda P[\forall x(2x \wedge *student\ x \rightarrow Px)]$  [ $\forall$ ] + numeral + noun
- can carry this<sub>z</sub>  $\rightarrow$   $\lambda x[can.carry\ zx]$  generic aspect
- (7)  $\rightarrow$   $\forall x(2x \wedge *student\ x \rightarrow can.carry\ zx)$
  
- [ $\exists$ ] two std.  $\rightarrow$   $\lambda P[\exists x(2x \wedge *student\ x \wedge Px)]$  [ $\exists$ ] + numeral + noun
- prsntd a paper  $\rightarrow$   $\lambda x[\exists y(paper\ y \wedge present\ yx)]$  episodic aspect, coll. VP
- $\rightarrow$   $\lambda x[\exists y(paper\ y \wedge present\ yx)]$  dis. VP
- (8<sub>coll</sub>)  $\rightarrow$   $\exists x(2x \wedge *student\ x$   
 $\wedge \exists y(paper\ y \wedge present\ yx))$
- (8<sub>dis</sub>)  $\rightarrow$   $\exists x(2x \wedge *student\ x$   
 $\wedge \lambda z[\exists y(paper\ y \wedge present\ yz)]x)$
  
- of the students  $\rightarrow$   $\lambda x[x \leq \sigma z.*student\ z]$  partitive *of*-NP
- [ $\exists$ ] two of ...  $\rightarrow$   $\lambda P[\exists x(2x \wedge x \leq \sigma z.*student\ z \wedge Px)]$  [ $\exists$ ] + numeral + *of*-NP
- prsntd a paper  $\rightarrow$   $\lambda x[\exists y(paper\ y \wedge present\ yx)]$  episodic aspect, coll. VP
- $\rightarrow$   $\lambda x[\exists y(paper\ y \wedge present\ yx)]$  dis. VP
- (9<sub>coll</sub>)  $\rightarrow$   $\exists x(2x \wedge x \leq \sigma z.*student\ z$   
 $\wedge \exists y(paper\ y \wedge present\ yx))$
- (9<sub>dis</sub>)  $\rightarrow$   $\exists x(2x \wedge x \leq \sigma z.*student\ z$   
 $\wedge \lambda z[\exists y(paper\ y \wedge present\ yz)]x)$

**Truth conditions and models:**

(9) Two students can carry this (together).

1.  $\models_{M, \theta} \forall x(2x \wedge *student\ x \rightarrow can.carry\ zx)$
2.  $\llbracket \forall x(2x \wedge *student\ x \rightarrow can.carry\ zx) \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 1$  D3
3.  $\{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket 2x \wedge *student\ x \rrbracket^{M, \theta[x/d]} = 1$  F1:  $\forall, \rightarrow$ , df.  $\{-:-\}$   
 $\quad \& \llbracket can.carry\ zx \rrbracket^{M, \theta[x/d]} = 0\} = \emptyset$
3.  $\{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket \mathbf{2} \rrbracket^{M, \theta}(d) = 1 \& \llbracket * \rrbracket^M(\llbracket student \rrbracket^M)(d) = 1$  D2.3:  $\wedge, a, b$ ,  
D2.2:  $\theta[u/d]$   
 $\quad \& \llbracket can.carry \rrbracket^M(\theta(z))(d) = 0\} = \emptyset$
4.  $\{d \in D_e^M: |d| = 2$  F2:  $\mathbf{2}$ ,  
D2.2:  $*$   
 $\quad \& d \in \{\cup X: \emptyset \subset X \subseteq \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket student \rrbracket^M(d') = 1\}\}$   
 $\quad \& \llbracket can.carry \rrbracket^M(\theta(z))(d) = 0\} = \emptyset$

Consider  $M$  s.t.:

$$\{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket student \rrbracket^M(d) = 1\} = \{\{J\}, \{M\}, \{B\}\}$$

Then:  $\{\cup X: \emptyset \subset X \subseteq \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket student \rrbracket^M(d') = 1\}\}$   
 $= \{\{J\}, \{M\}, \{B\}, \{J, M\}, \{J, B\}, \{M, B\}, \{J, M, B\}\}$

So the condition in 4. is true if  $M$  and  $\theta$  further satisfy:

$$\llbracket can.carry \rrbracket^M(\theta(z))(\{J, M\}) = 1$$

$$\llbracket can.carry \rrbracket^M(\theta(z))(\{J, B\}) = 1$$

$$\llbracket can.carry \rrbracket^M(\theta(z))(\{M, B\}) = 1$$

(10<sub>coll</sub>) Two students presented a paper (together).

1.  $\models_{M, \theta} \exists x(2x \wedge *student\ x$   
 $\quad \wedge \exists y(paper\ y \wedge present\ yx))$
2.  $\llbracket \exists x(2x \wedge *student\ x$  D3  
 $\quad \wedge \exists y(paper\ y \wedge present\ yx)) \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 1$
3.  $\{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket \mathbf{2} \rrbracket^{M, \theta[u/d]}(d) = 1 \& \llbracket * \rrbracket^M(\llbracket student \rrbracket^M)(d) = 1$  F1:  $\exists$ , D2.3:  $\wedge, a, b$ ,  
D2.2:  $\theta[u/d]$   
 $\quad \& \llbracket \exists y(paper\ y \wedge present\ yx) \rrbracket^{M, \theta[x/d]} = 1\} \neq \emptyset$
4.  $\{d \in D_e^M: |d| = 2$  F2:  $\mathbf{2}$   
D2.2:  $*$   
 $\quad \& d \in \{\cup X: \emptyset \subset X \subseteq \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket student \rrbracket^M(d') = 1\}\}$   
 $\quad \& \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket paper \rrbracket^M(d') = 1$  F1:  $\exists$ , D2.3:  $\wedge, a, b$ ,  
D2.2:  $\theta[u/d]$   
 $\quad \& \llbracket present \rrbracket^M(d')(d) = 1\} \neq \emptyset\} \neq \emptyset$

e.g. true in any  $M$  s.t.:

$$\{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket student \rrbracket^M(d) = 1\} = \{\{J\}, \{M\}, \{B\}\}$$

$$\llbracket paper \rrbracket^M(\{P\}) = 1$$

$$\llbracket present \rrbracket^M(\{P\})(\{J, B\}) = 1$$

(10<sub>dis</sub>) Two students (each) presented a paper.

1.  $\models_{M, \theta} \exists x(2x \wedge *student\ x$   
 $\wedge \text{D}\lambda x[\exists y(paper\ y \wedge present\ yx)]x)$
2.  $\llbracket \exists x(2x \wedge *student\ x$   
 $\wedge \text{D}\lambda x[\exists y(paper\ y \wedge present\ yx)]x \rrbracket^{M, \theta} = 1$  D3
3.  $\{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket 2 \rrbracket^{M, \theta[u/d]}(d) = 1 \ \& \ \llbracket * \rrbracket^M(\llbracket student \rrbracket^M(d) = 1$  F1:  $\exists$ , D2.3:  $\wedge$ ,  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  
 $\ \& \ \llbracket \text{D} \rrbracket^M(\llbracket \lambda x[\exists y(paper\ y \wedge present\ yx)] \rrbracket^{M, \theta[x/d]}(d) = 1) \neq \emptyset$  D2.2:  $\theta[u/d]$
4.  $\{d \in D_e^M: |d| = 2$  F2: **2**  
 $\ \& \ d \in \{UX: \emptyset \subset X \subseteq \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket student \rrbracket^M(d') = 1\}\}$  D2.2:  $*$ ,  $\text{D}$   
 $\ \& \ \{d' \in D_e^M: |d'| = 1 \ \& \ d' \subseteq d\}$   
 $\ \subseteq \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket \lambda x[\exists y(paper\ y \wedge present\ yx)] \rrbracket^{M, \theta[x/d]}(d') = 1\} \neq \emptyset$
5.  $\{d \in D_e^M: |d| = 2$  D2.3:  $\lambda$ , df.  $\langle -; - \rangle$   
 $\ \& \ d \in \{UX: \emptyset \subset X \subseteq \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket student \rrbracket^M(d') = 1\}\}$   
 $\ \& \ \{d' \in D_e^M: |d'| = 1 \ \& \ d' \subseteq d\}$   
 $\ \subseteq \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket \exists y(paper\ y \wedge present\ yx)] \rrbracket^{M, \theta[x/d][x'/d']} = 1\} \neq \emptyset$
6.  $\{d \in D_e^M: |d| = 2$  F1:  $\exists$ , D2.3:  $\wedge$ ,  $a$ ,  $b$   
 $\ \& \ d \in \{UX: \emptyset \subset X \subseteq \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket student \rrbracket^M(d') = 1\}\}$  D2.2:  $\theta[u/d]$   
 $\ \& \ \{d' \in D_e^M: |d'| = 1 \ \& \ d' \subseteq d\}$   
 $\ \subseteq \{d' \in D_e^M: \{d'' \in D_e^M: \llbracket paper \rrbracket^M(d') = 1$   
 $\ \ \& \ \llbracket present \rrbracket^M(d'')(d') = 1\} \neq \emptyset\} \neq \emptyset$

e.g. true in any  $M$  s.t.:

- $\{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket student \rrbracket^M(d) = 1\} = \{\{J\}, \{M\}, \{B\}\}$
- $\{d \in D_e^M: \llbracket paper \rrbracket^M(d) = 1\} = \{\{P\}, \{P'\}, \{P''\}\}$
- $\llbracket present \rrbracket^M(\{P\})(\{J\}) = 1$   
 $\llbracket present \rrbracket^M(\{P'\})(\{B\}) = 1$   
 $\llbracket present \rrbracket^M(\{P''\})(\{M, J\}) = 1$

since we then have:

- $|\{J, B\}| = 2$
- $\{J, B\} \in \{UX: \emptyset \subset X \subseteq \{d' \in D_e^M: \llbracket student \rrbracket^M(d') = 1\}\}$
- $\{d' \in D_e^M: |d'| = 1 \ \& \ d' \subseteq \{J, B\}\}$   
 $= \{\{J\}, \{B\}\}$   
 $\subseteq \{d' \in D_e^M: \{d'' \in D_e^M: \llbracket paper \rrbracket^M(d') = 1 \ \& \ \llbracket present \rrbracket^M(d'')(d') = 1\} \neq \emptyset\}$   
 $= \{\{J\}, \{M, J\}, \{B\}\}$