

3.1 The lecture slides show how the reading in which “a book” takes scope over “every student” in the sentence “every student reads a book” can be derived with the Cooper-storage technique. Show that there is an alternative derivation for this reading (i.e., a different derivation for the same reading).

3.2 Try to extend the semantics lexicon from the lecture (slide 14) with an entry for the preposition “at.” The semantic representation should be a complex λ -term that uses a constant at' of type $\langle e, \langle e, t \rangle \rangle$.

Hint 1: The λ -term is similar to the λ -term for transitive verbs.

Hint 2: Assume that the semantic representation for the phrase “student at a university” is $\lambda x(\text{student}'(x) \wedge \exists y(\text{university}'(y) \wedge at'(y)(x)))$.

3.3 Compute one semantic representation for the sentence “every student at a university reads a book,” using either Cooper-Storage or Nested Cooper Storage. Beta-Reduce the result as far as possible.

You may assume $\lambda x(\text{student}'(x) \wedge \exists y(\text{university}'(y) \wedge at'(y)(x)))$ as the translation of “student at a university” if you have any troubles with exercise 3.2

3.4 The sentence “every student at a university reads a book” has in total five different scope readings:

(a) $\forall x((S(x) \wedge \exists y(U(y) \wedge A(y)(x))) \rightarrow \exists z(B(z) \wedge R(z)(x)))$

(b) $\exists y(U(y) \wedge \forall x((S(x) \wedge A(y)(x))) \rightarrow \exists z(B(z) \wedge R(z)(x)))$

(c) $\exists z(B(z) \wedge \forall x((S(x) \wedge \exists y(U(y) \wedge A(y)(x))) \rightarrow R(z)(x)))$

(d) $\exists z(B(z) \wedge \exists y(U(y) \wedge \forall x((S(x) \wedge A(y)(x))) \rightarrow R(z)(x)))$

(e) $\exists y(U(y) \wedge \exists z(B(z) \wedge \forall x((S(x) \wedge A(y)(x))) \rightarrow R(z)(x)))$

where S stands for “student,” U for “university,” B for “book,” R for “reads,” and A for “at.”

Show how these readings can be derived with *Nested Cooper Storage*. You don't need to compute the corresponding semantic representations explicitly - it is sufficient to indicate for each reading of the sentence which operation (storage, retrieval, or application) needs to be performed at which node in the syntax tree to derive the reading.

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