

How proofs are told.

Linguistic aspects of proof texts

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The origins of Naproche

- Originally mainly sentence-based translation of a controlled natural language into a formal language
- Builds on dynamic semantic approaches:
 - Conditional structures
 - Dynamic quantifying
 - Anaphoric relations

$$(\exists x \dots) \rightarrow \dots x \dots \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \forall x (\dots \rightarrow \dots x \dots)$$

$$(\exists x \dots) \wedge \dots x \dots \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \exists x (\dots \wedge \dots x \dots)$$

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Naproche-CNL

- Logical vocabulary
 - Connectives
 - Quantifiers
 - NP-structures
- Mainly sentence-based

- “Transsentential” phenomena:
 - Conditional nesting
 - Anaphora
 - Macro-structures (e.g. theorem, proof)

- Pragmatics? (everything we need to understand beyond semantics in order to get the interpretation right)

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- Based on textbook proofs
- Features:
 - Proof texts are characterized by **recursive nested structures** (conditionals, case distinctions, subproofs).
 - Most proof texts make vast use of **formal notation**.
- Main theses:
 - Proof texts exhibit (nearly) all features of texts in other domains that make automatic interpretation hard, differing in degree.
 - Proof texts resemble narratives in small worlds.

Proof texts, outline of the talk

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- Argumentative gaps
- Metaphor of time
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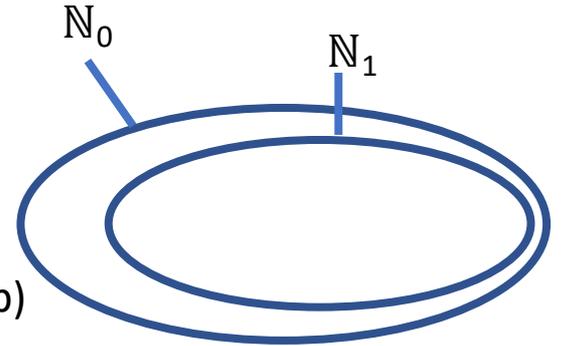
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Sharpness

- Vagueness is almost absent in mathematical texts (except some comments in proof texts).
- Vagueness: gradable property (child, tall, rich, ...)
- Polysemy (form of ambiguity):
 - Child: young human (vague), offspring of someone (sharp)
 - “natural numbers” starting with 0 or 1



time

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Argumentative gaps

General relevance
principle:

Tell exactly what is
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recipient to get
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▀ Implicature

The metaphor of time

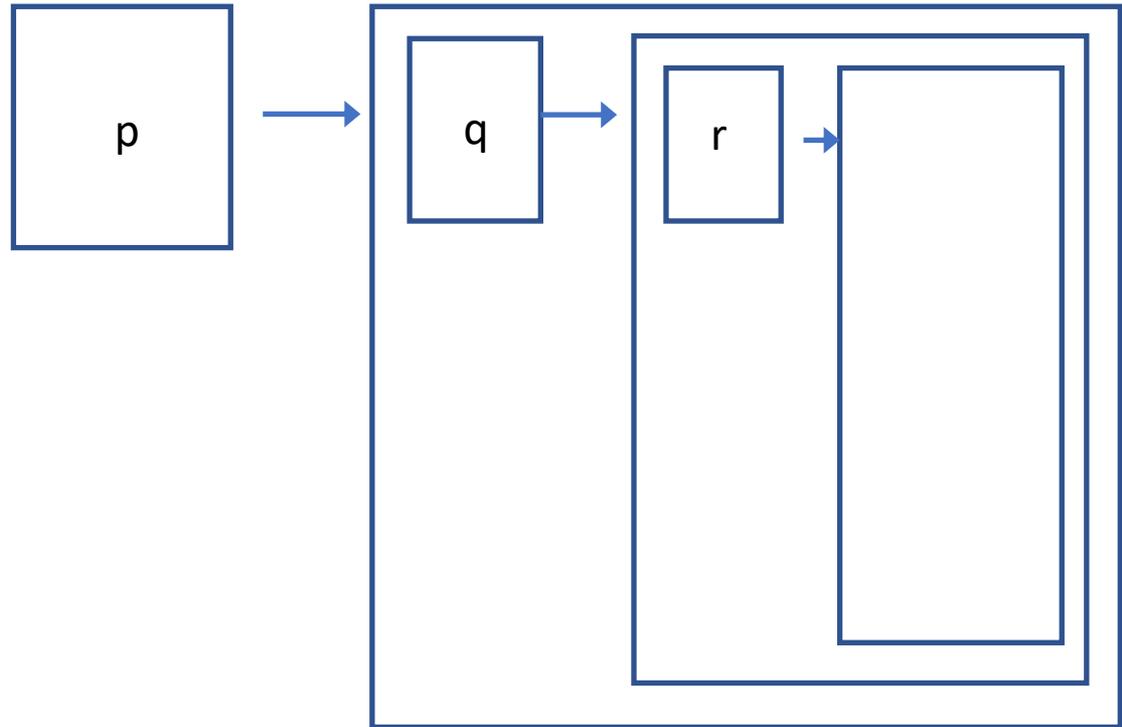
- Proof texts make wide use of the metaphor of time, derivations are conceptualized as successions in time:
 - Terminology: “follow”, “antecedent”, “conclusion”
 - Tense, temporal expression:
 - “as we have proven”
 - “as we will show”
 - “now”, “first”, “next”
- The temporal structure is essentially the linear text structure, but may be some abstract structure, too, if referring to omitted parts.
- Techniques from narrative texts
- Macro-structures mostly have a (conventional) linear order. Conventional order can be overridden, esp. locally:
 - Postponed conditionals: ..., if n is even; postponed quantifiers: ... for all natural number

Nested structures: Conditionals

Assume $p \dots$

Suppose $q \dots$

If $r \dots$



Conditionals and existential quantification

(1) Suppose there are natural numbers n , m .

(2) Let g be a group.

- Historically these constructions go back to an ancient greek imperative of the 3rd person.

(“The situation should be such that ...”)

- Cf.: Let’s imagine there are pink unicorns. People would chase them and keep them in zoos. They would be an attraction.

Anaphora

Coreference to an object mentioned previously.

- Pronouns
- Definite NPs
- Proper nouns

- Mathematics: Variables

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Notions of a. relevant for machine interpretation

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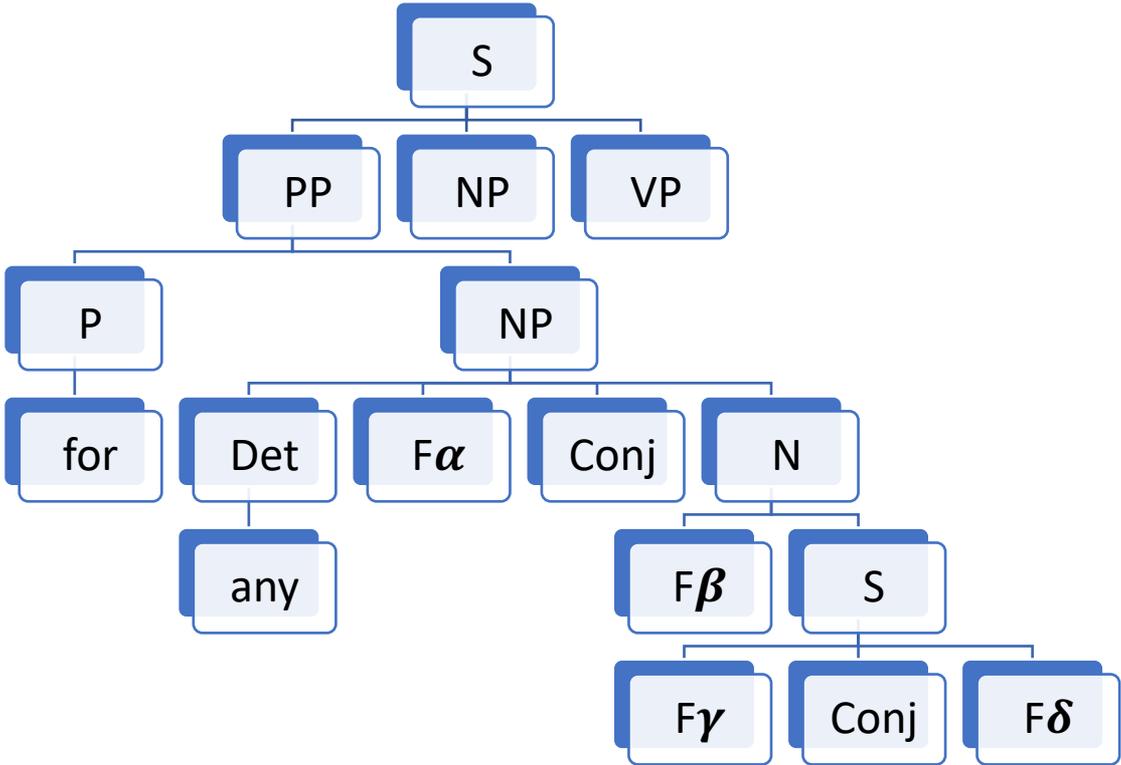
⇒ “Avoid ambiguities!” in the sense of is not a feasible strategy in proof writing.

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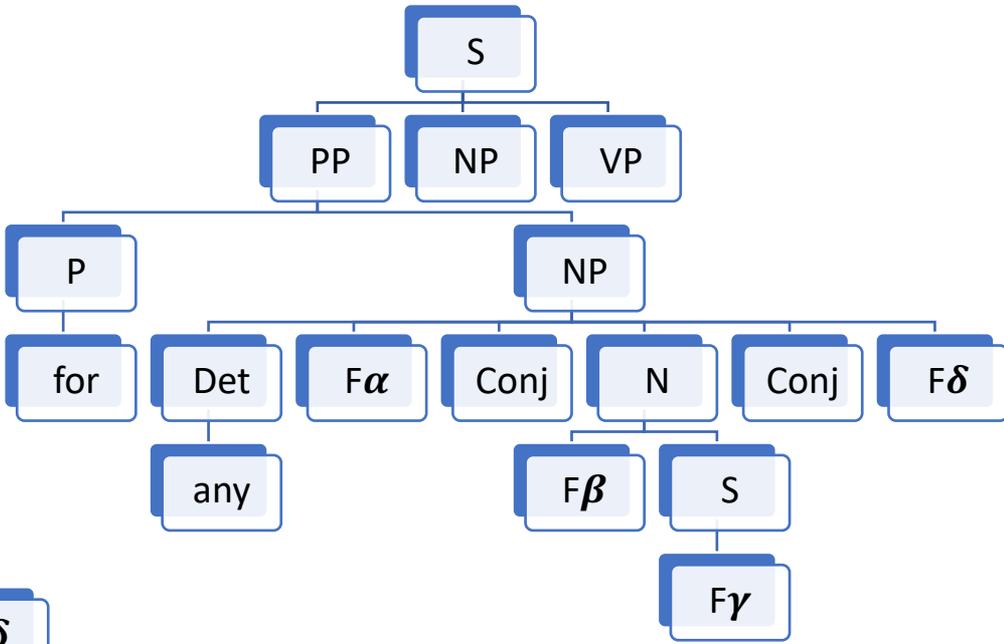
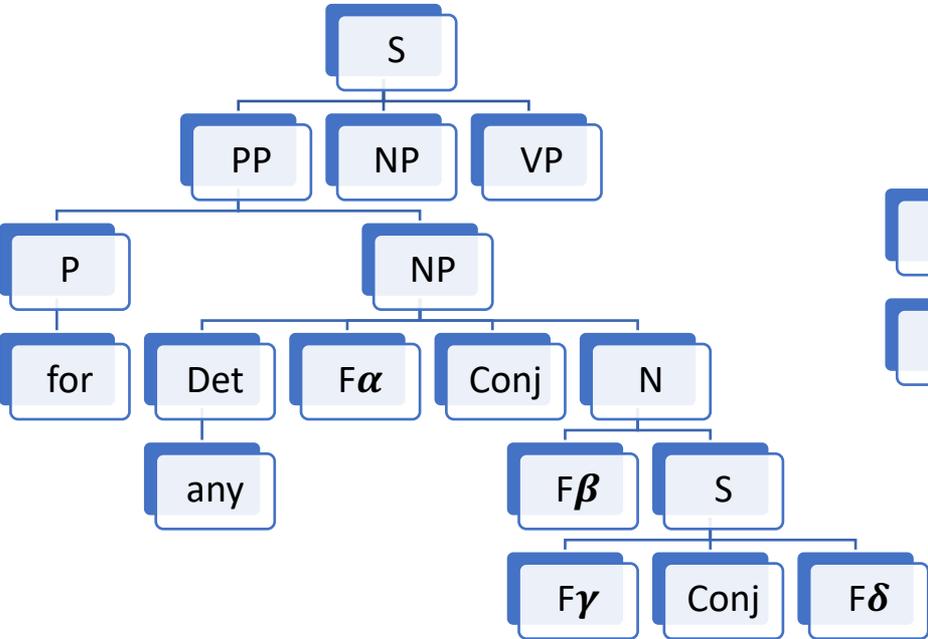
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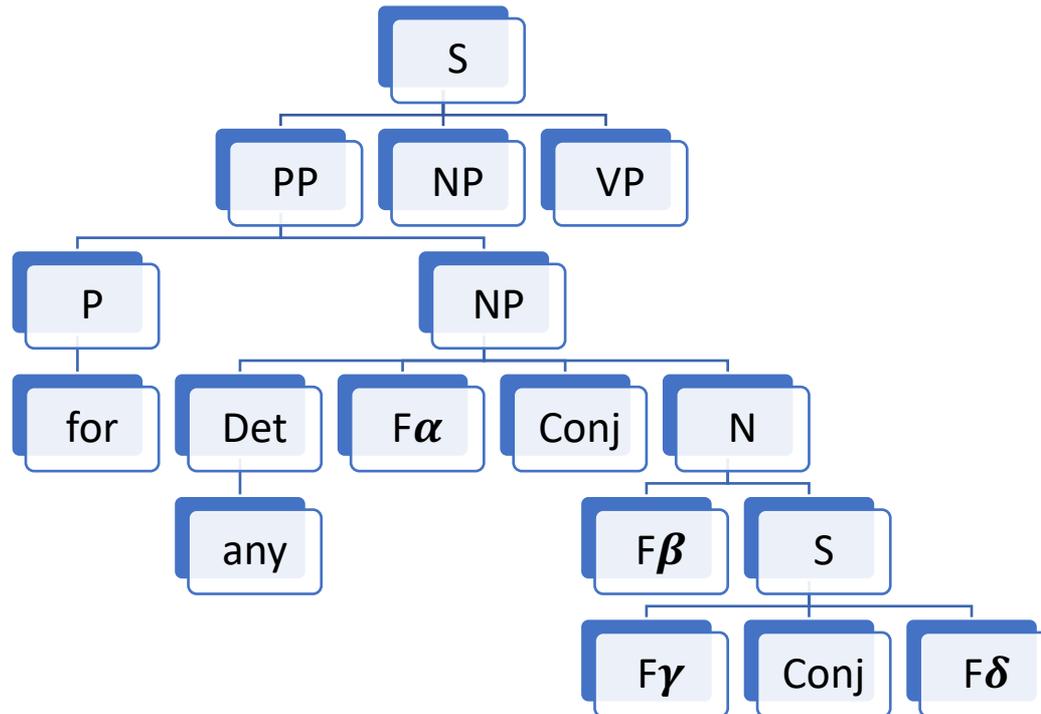
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 (formulas can be N(P) or S)



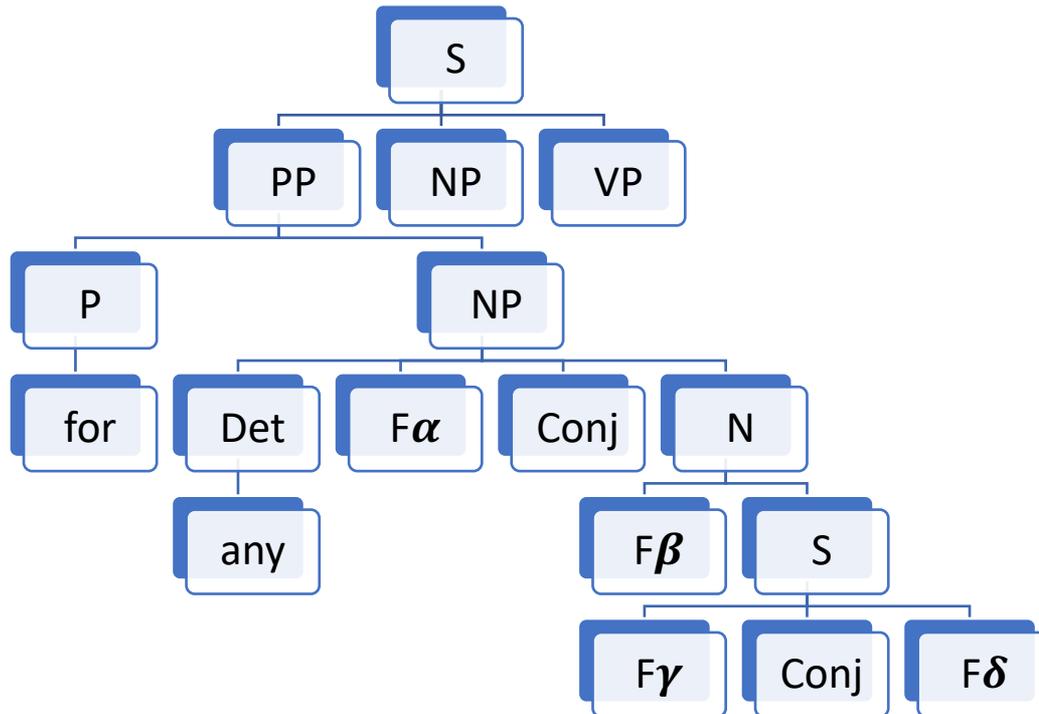
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Semantic ambiguities

Scope ambiguities:

- Scope of assumptions
- Scope of connectives
- Quantifier scope
- Distributive and collective readings (plurals, NP conjunctions)

Semantic ambiguities: quantifier scope

(3) All students of our university should read a book.

$\forall \exists, \exists \forall$?

(4) Some element of any nonempty set S is not a subset of S . (Andrei Paskevitch)

(5) Any points belong to some line. (Andrei Paskevitch)

Semantic ambiguities: scope

- (3) All students of our university should read a book.
- (6) At the UDE *Olivias Garten* by Alina Bremer was chosen in the program of the Stifterverband “Eine Uni Ein Buch”.

- AE !

Semantic ambiguities: scope

- Scope ambiguities are everywhere

Scope and plurals

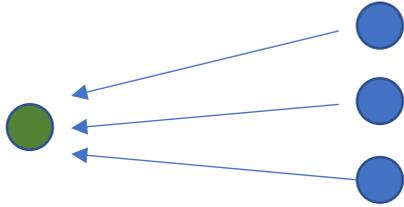
(Plurals in the Naproche CNL, cf. Cramer, Schröder, 2010)

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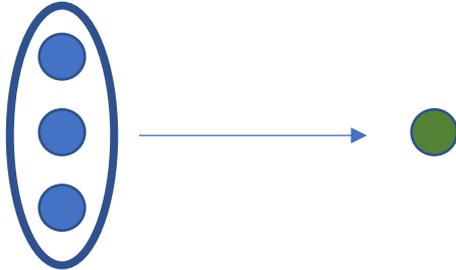
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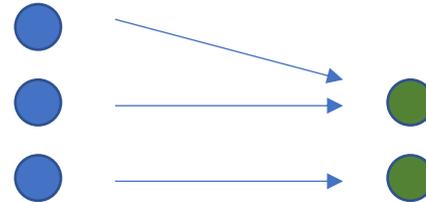
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(plural entity, **collective** reading)



Let p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots be a sequence of primes in increasing order ...

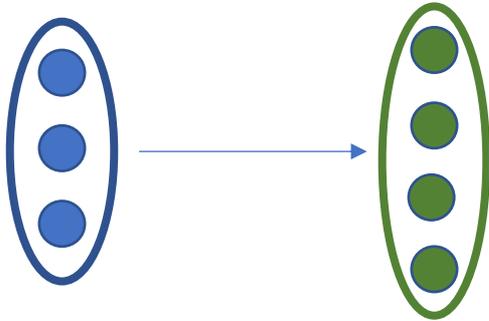
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- Three musicians of the chamber orchestra played a string instrument.
(**distributive** reading)



Scope and plurals

- Three of the guests drank four bottles of wine.
(**cumulative** reading, often used in statistics)

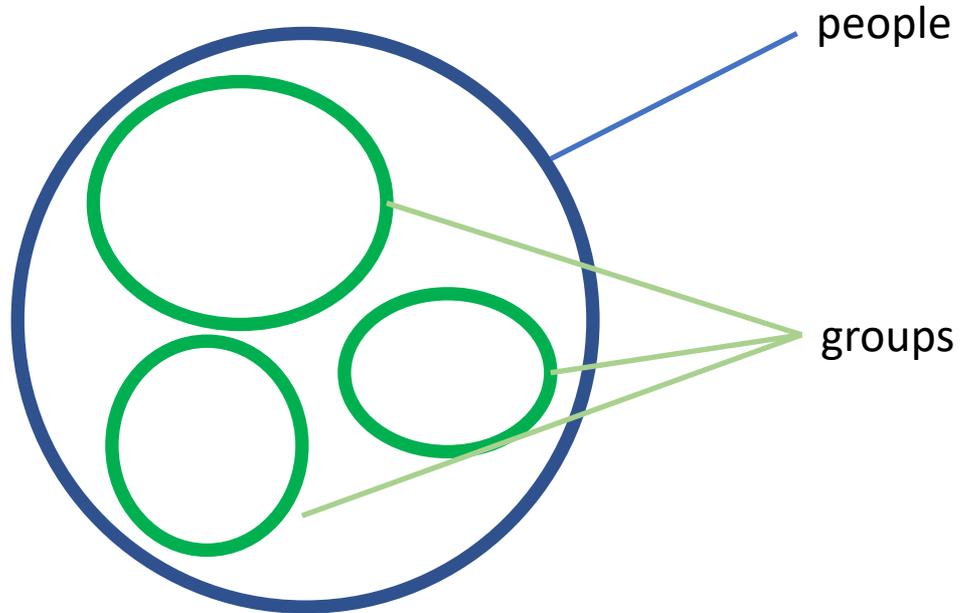


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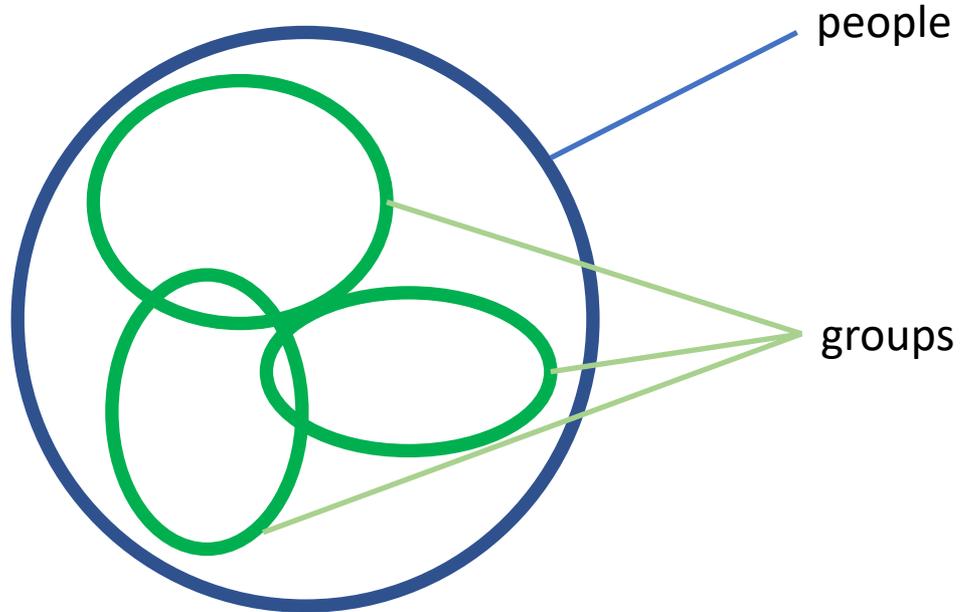
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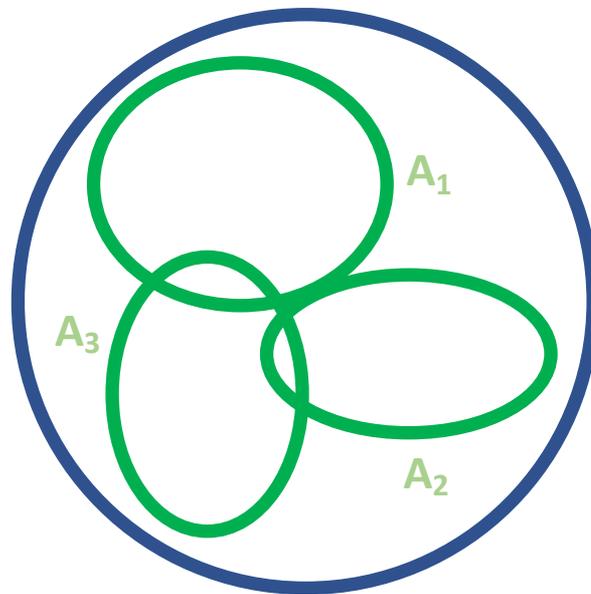
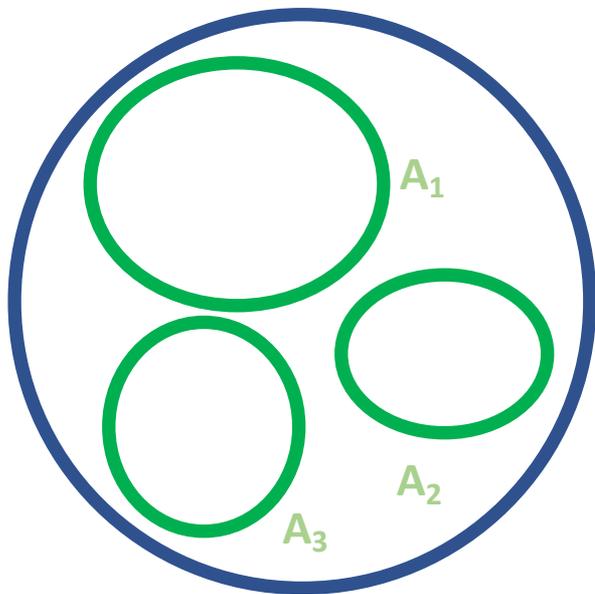
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• Negation of: *In each group were the same people.*
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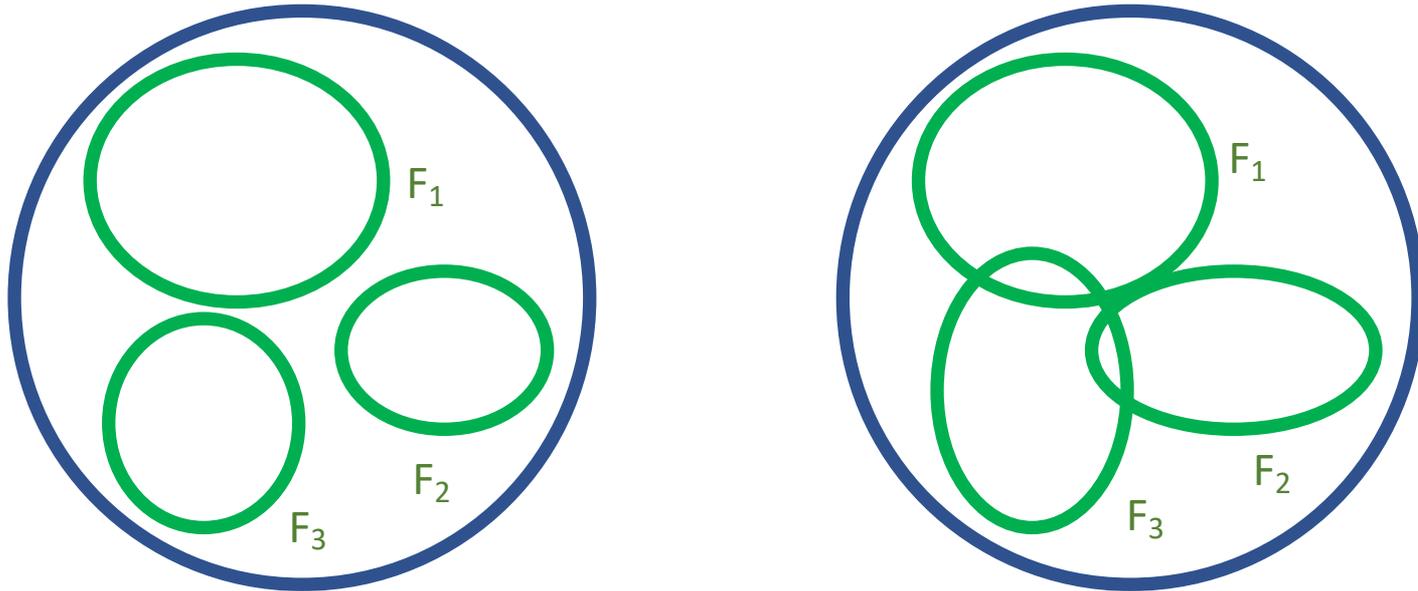
(9) The sets A_1, A_2, A_3 consist of different members.

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Let us now look at N_s . We write every $n \leq N$ which has only small prime divisors in the form $n = a_n b_n^2$, where a_n is the square-free part. Every a_n is thus a product of *different* small primes, and we conclude that there are precisely 2^k different square-free parts. Furthermore, as $b_n \leq \sqrt{n} \leq \sqrt{N}$, we find that there are at most \sqrt{N} different square parts, and so

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- $\lambda P(\forall x,y \in P \wedge x \neq y \rightarrow xRy)$: $x \neq y$ could mean: “elements at different positions in the sequence”

Presuppositions

(Cramer, Schröder, Kühlwein, 2010)

- Types, definitions ranges of functions are usually presupposed.
- Ambiguity between a local and a global presupposition.

(12) Assume $\frac{1}{x}$.

- $x \neq 0$:
 - Part of the assumption (local presupposition).
 - Proven, stated before (global presupposition).

Explicature

Most sentences in NL do not allow a direct truth conditional evaluation.

(13) It is raining.

Where? When?

(14) Max: How was the party? Did it go well?

(15) Amy: There wasn't enough drink and everyone left early.
(Carston/Hall, 2012)

Enough? What kind of drink? Everyone of which group? What did they leave?

Explicature

(16) By Lagrange's theorem [...] we know that the order of every element divides the size of the group, that is, we have $p \mid q - 1$, and hence $p < q$.

Which element? Which group?

Implicature

- What is meant, but is not content of the compositional truth-conditional meaning and of explicature.

(17) She injured her leg and she fell to the floor.

(18) She fell to the floor, and she injured her leg.

Implicated: Succession in time, causation

- Implicature in comments:

(19) First, the second statement is indeed more precise than the first:

...

Thoughts on a CNL

- A CNL avoiding ambiguous NL constructions would be a too reduced fragment to represent proof in an efficient manner.
- CNL as an unambiguous language fragment: simple rules for canonical readings are needed:
 - Quantifier scope: sequence + depth first
 - Plurals: strictly type dependent on predicates
 - Bracketing constructions in NL (e.g. *thus* releasing an assumption)
 - Longest/shortest match of embedded constructions
 - ...Increasing deviation from naturalness.
- Alternative approach: more ambitious disambiguation heuristics, visualisation of disambiguation

Formal notation

- Constants \approx proper names
- Variables \approx ?
- Constants can be used as variables:
 - We introduce a binary operation + ...
- Complex notation

Variables

- Variables (compared to proper names)
 - Act of naming contained in the text
 - Presupposition of *relative uniqueness*
 - **Locality**

- Proper names have a presupposition of existence and uniqueness.

Absolute uniqueness

(20) On three successive days Ms Smith taught a different class. Each day she asked Greta the first question.

- *the respective Greta or the Greta in the respective class or the girl called ,Greta'*

Relative uniqueness of variables:

(21) On three successive days Ms Smith taught a different class. Each day she asked the pupil A the first question.

Variables as nouns?

- Use with and without determiner: *an x*, *the x*, *x*.
- Type restriction comparable to the property expressed by noun?
ambiguous, domain-dependent
- Usually several variables for each type: *i*, *j*, *k*, ... (**referentially differentiated**)
- Coreferential substitutions (by pronouns, NP) unusual.

Complex notation

- A unique feature of the formal sciences.
- Compositionality combined with
 - Referential relativity
 - Locality
 - Referential differentiation

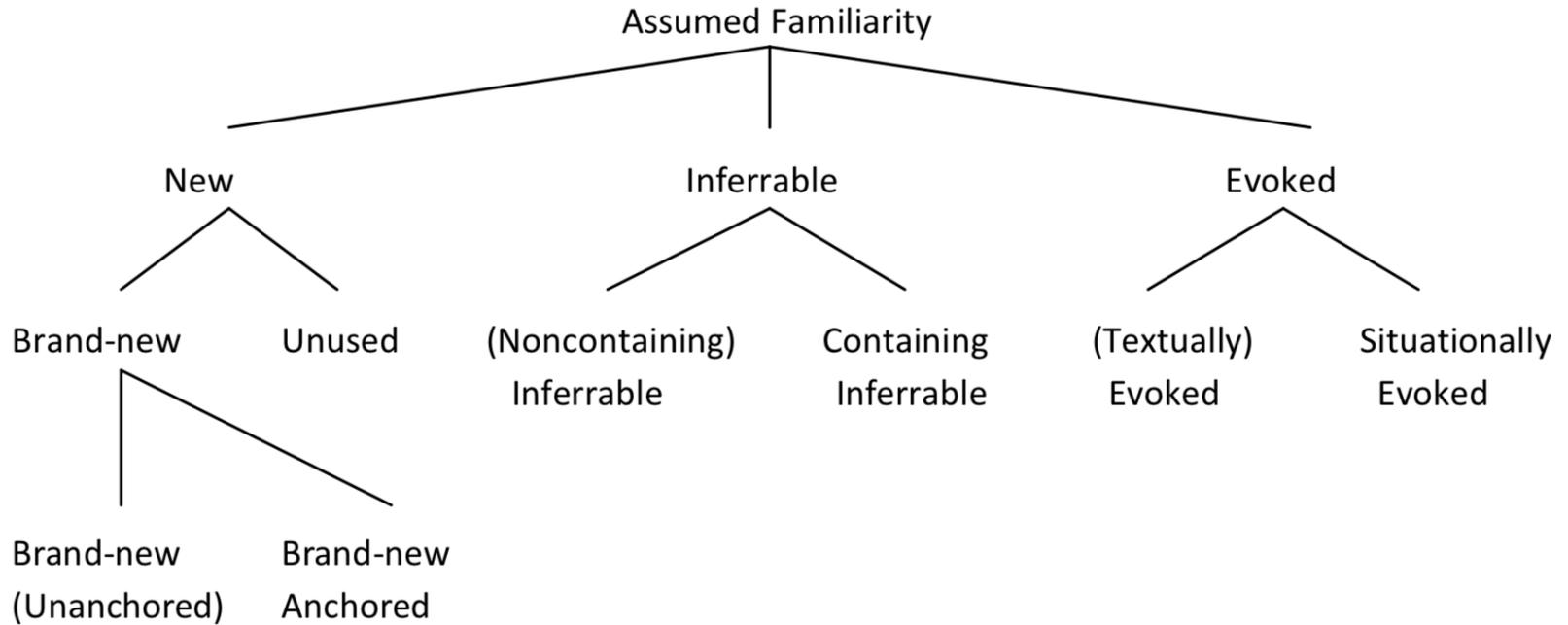
$$\mathbb{Z} \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{b-1} N_{a+i,b},$$

Givenness and activation

- Limited working memory, attention
- Referring expressions (indef. NP, def. NP, pronouns, zero reference)

- Givenness (Prince, 1981)
- Centering (Grosz et al., 1995, Walker et al. 1998)
- Landscape model of reading (van den Broek et al., 1996, van den Broek, 1999), „activation“

Prince, 1981



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- d. Harry knew perfectly well that Dudley had not been to tea anywhere;
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Cf: Dudley, gang,
evening, park
Cp: Dudley
Cb: Dudley

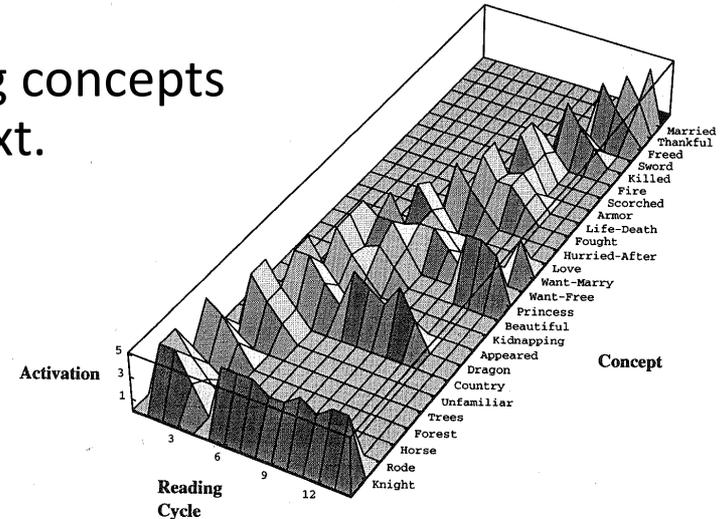
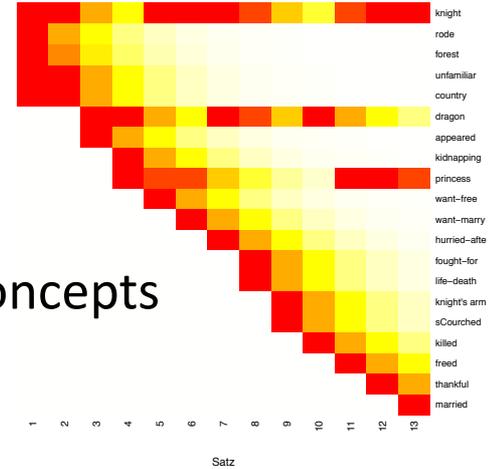
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Landscape model of reading

- Mentions of, references to concepts activate these concepts
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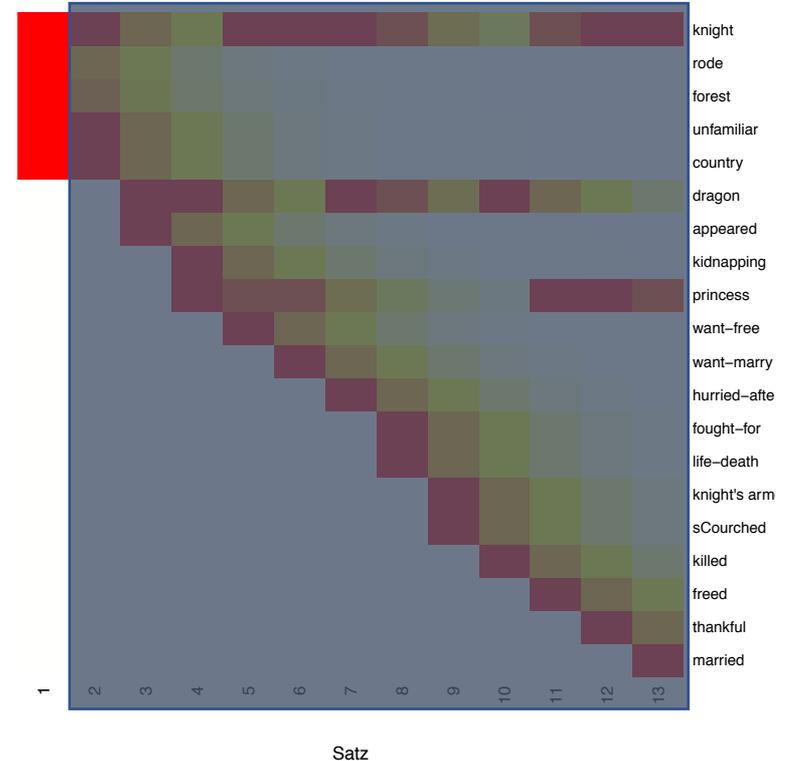
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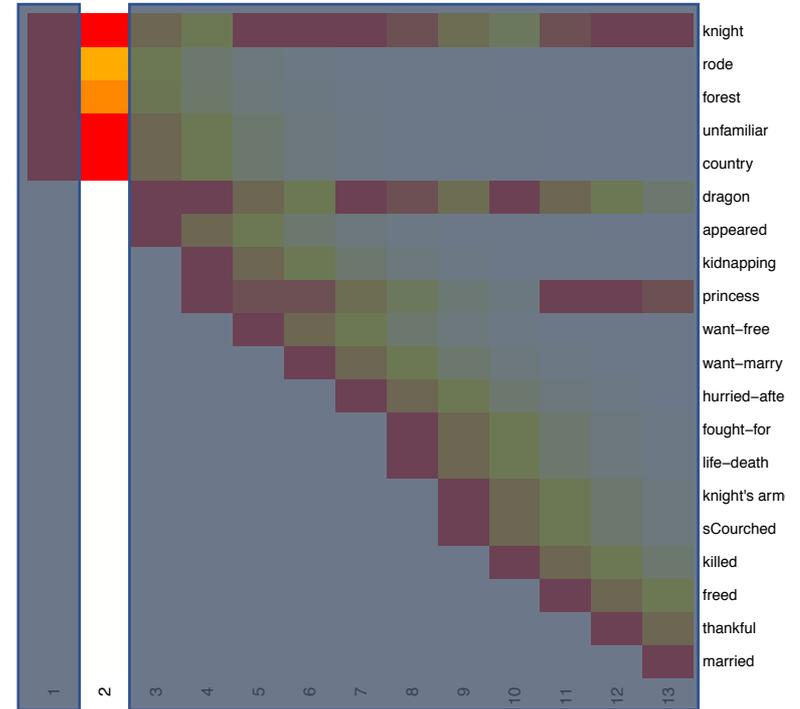
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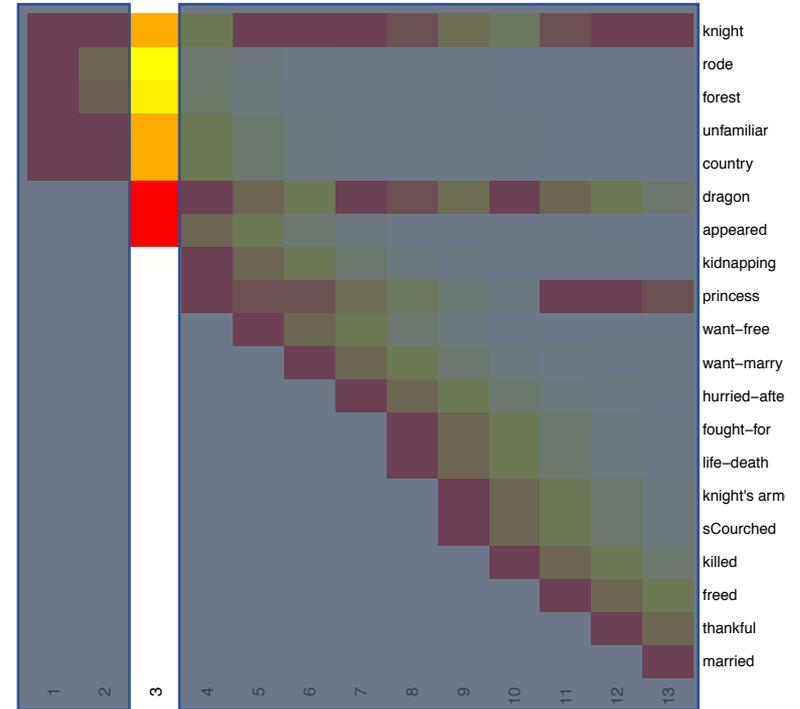
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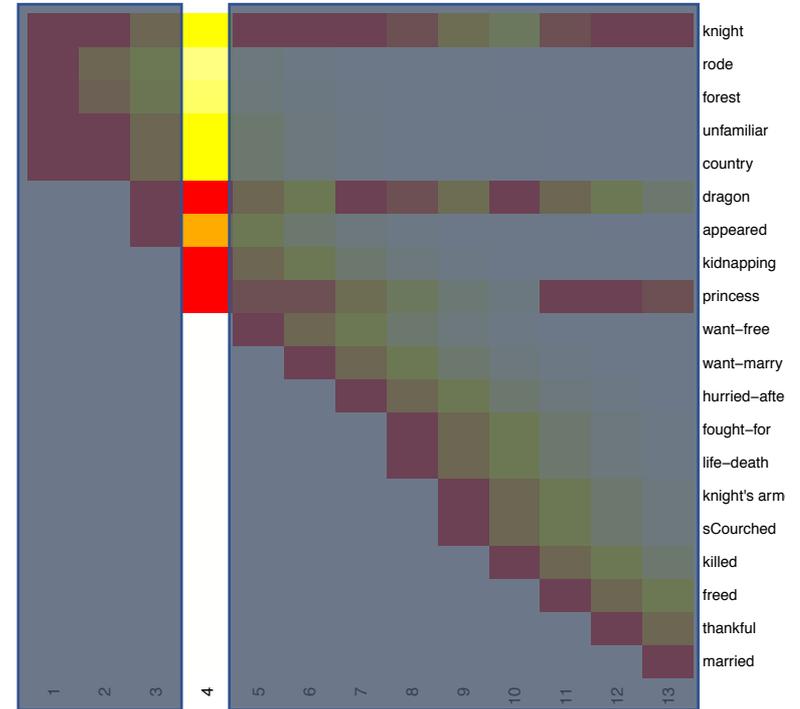
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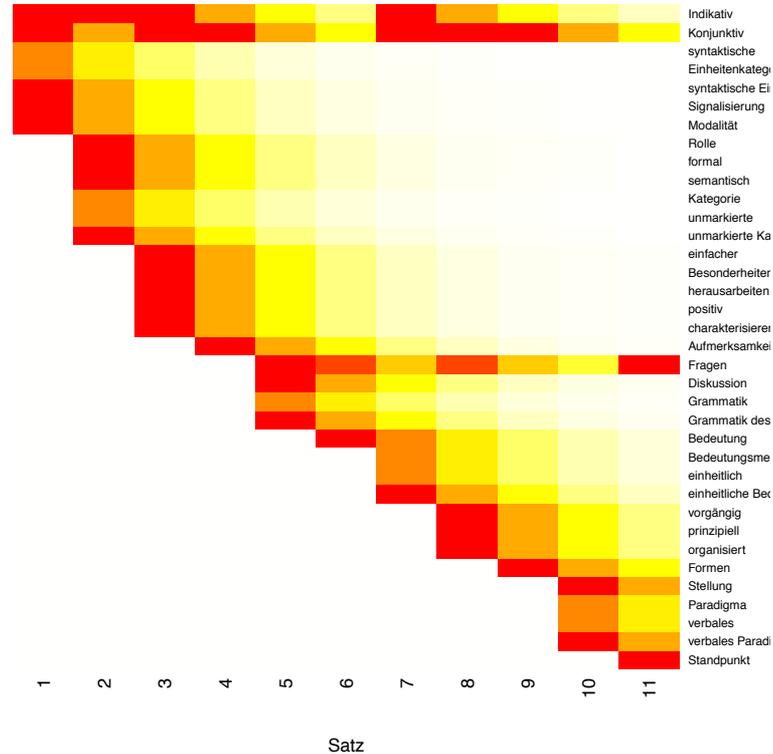


Satz

Activation of concepts, extension

- 5: Explicit mention; ***objects referenced by compound nouns and CN***
 - 4: pronominal anaphor, needed for coherence
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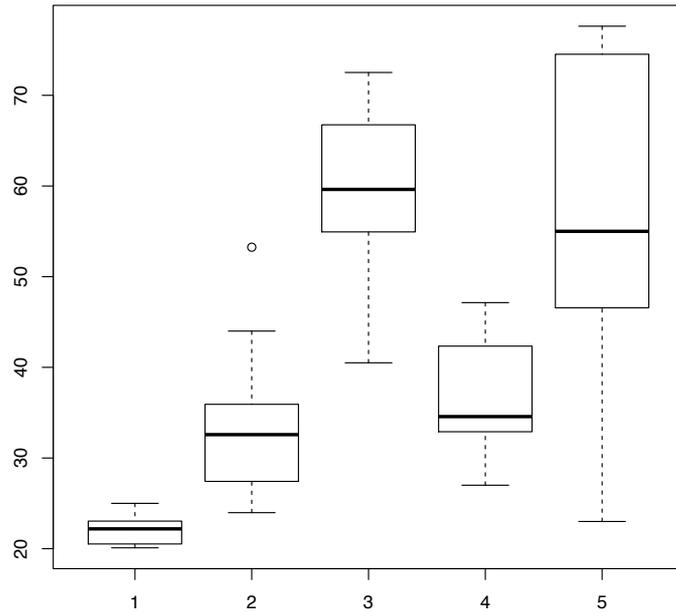
A linguistic text (Eisenberg: Der Satz)



From (Aigner/Ziegler 2010, 4)

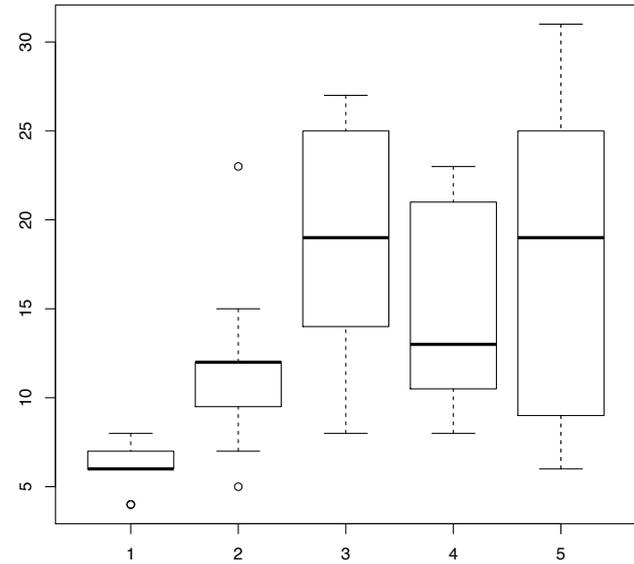
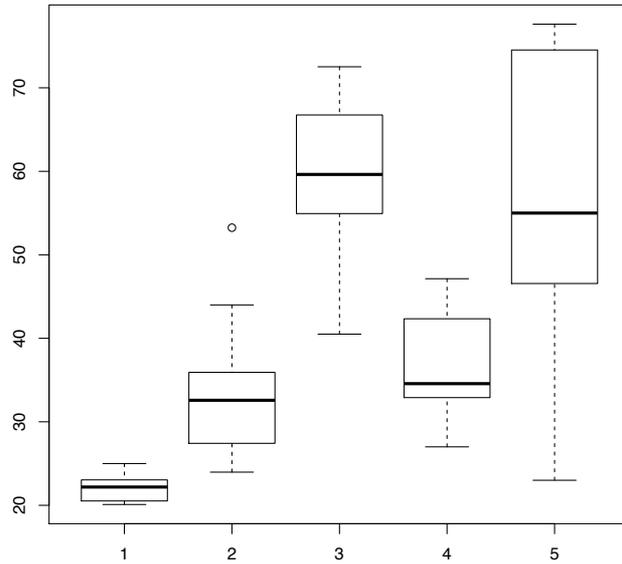
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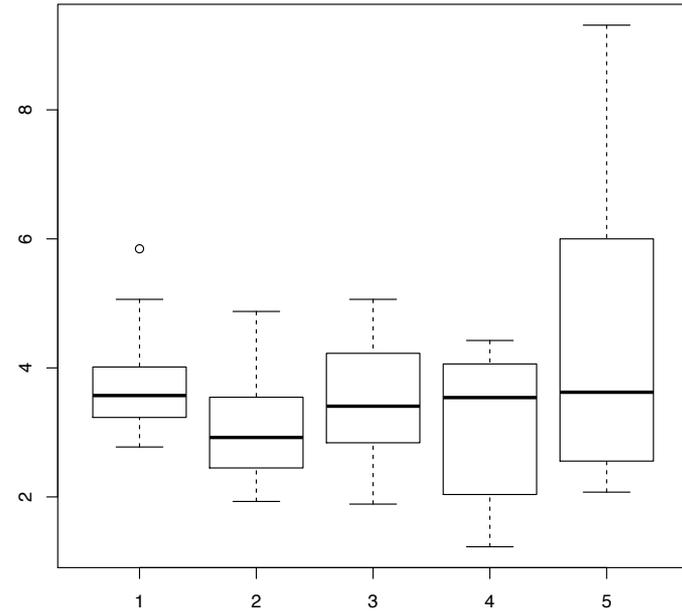
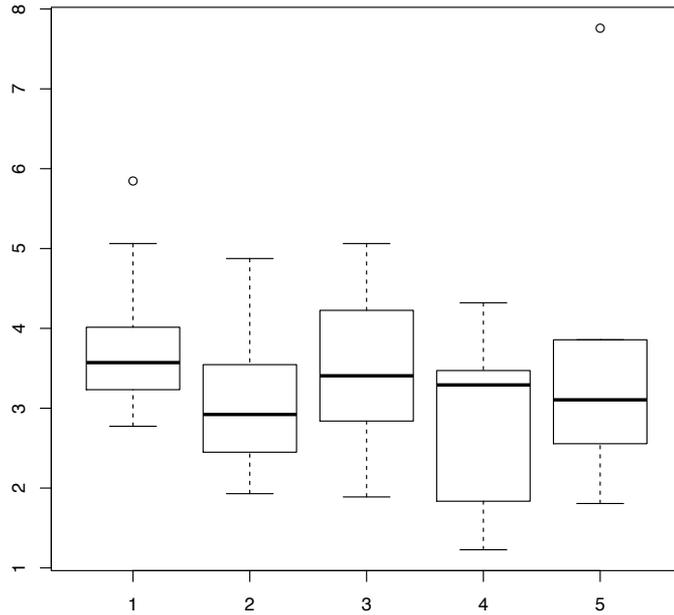
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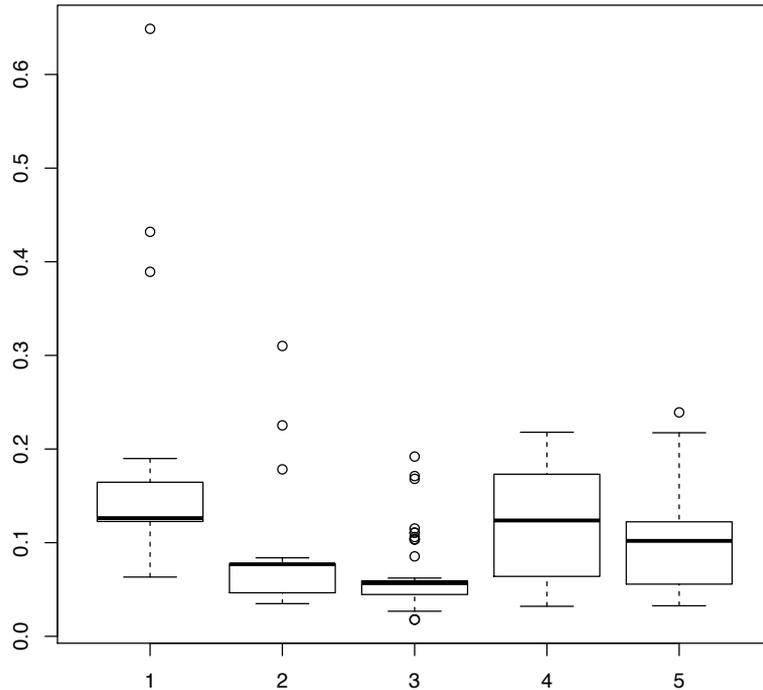


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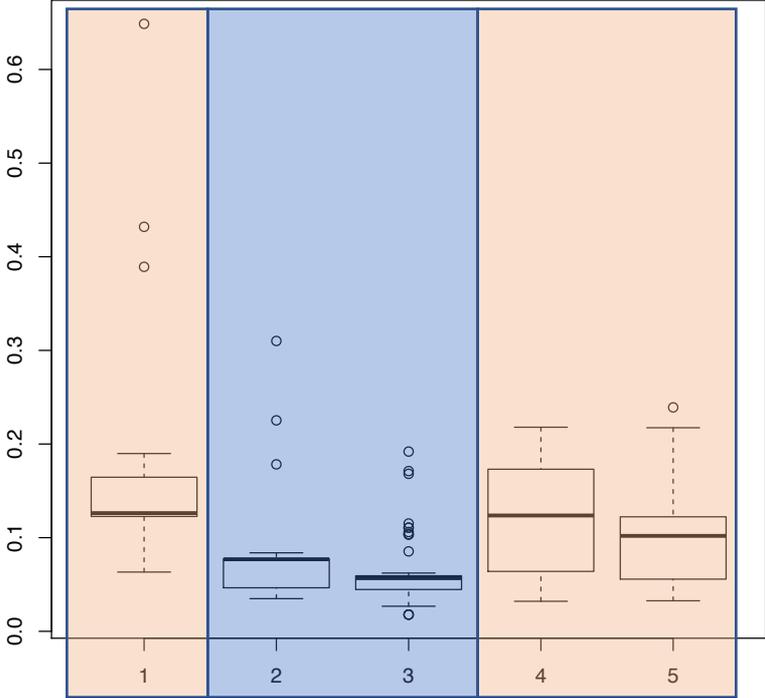


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Referential features of mathematical texts

- Activation relative to sentence length is comparable to other genres.
- Formal notation causes greater density (relative to character tokens).
- Activation focuses on less concepts than in most other genres, comparable to stories in small worlds.
- Proofs make use of a manageable number of objects (discourse referents). Similar activation pattern hint to arrangement in frames.

„mathematics describes a small world situation of facts about mathematical object in a time-less self-contained environment“

(Peter Koepke: An Brief Tutorial on Mathematical Formalizations in Naproche-SAD, 2019)

Frames in the Language of Mathematics

Joint work with

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A frame with standard slot values



Children's birthday party:

- Inviting child
- Invited children [$n \approx \text{age}$]
- Birthday cake
- Decoration [balloons]
- Events [Partial ordering: Welcome, Games, ..., Goodbye]
- Period [Start, End, Duration [approx. 3h]]

Frame slots often have standard values.

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- Coherence, presuppositions of definite NPs, ...

The Buy-Frame

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$$(v, f(v), \dots, f^{k-1}(v))$$

are linearly independent.

KOWALSKI, Emmanuel (Sept. 15, 2016). *Linear Algebra*. Lecture Notes, ETH Zurich, published at <https://people.math.ethz.ch/~kowalski/script-la.pdf>.

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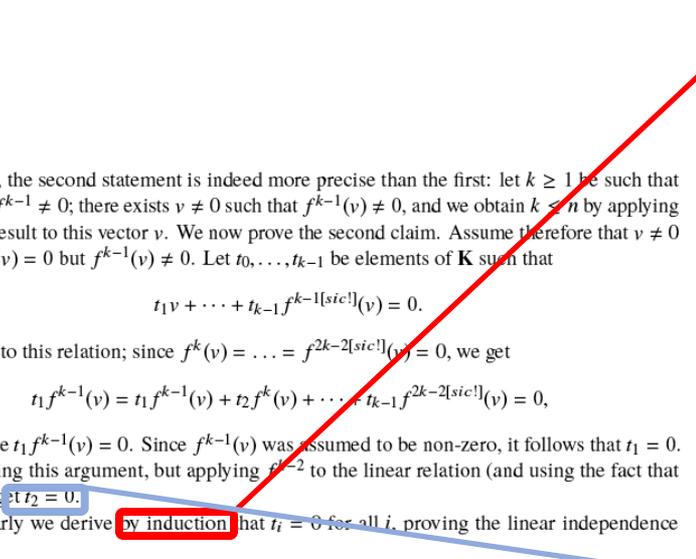
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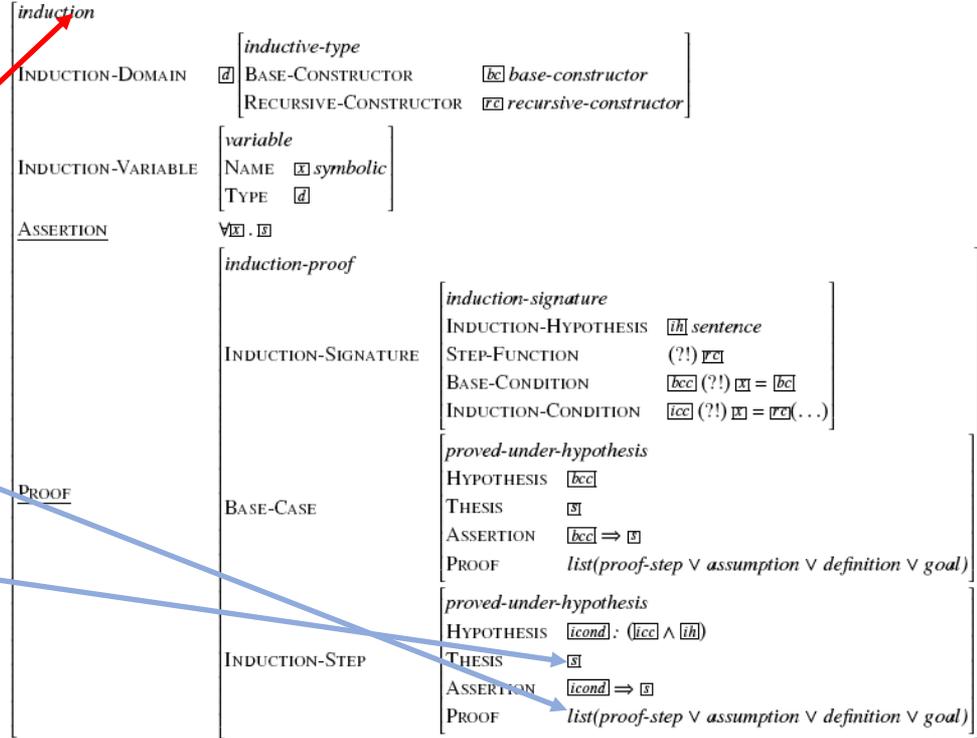
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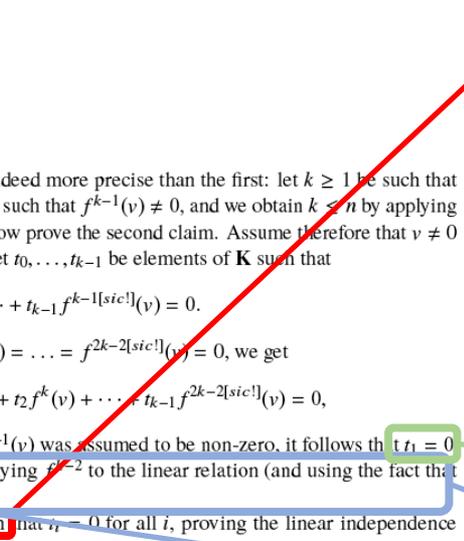
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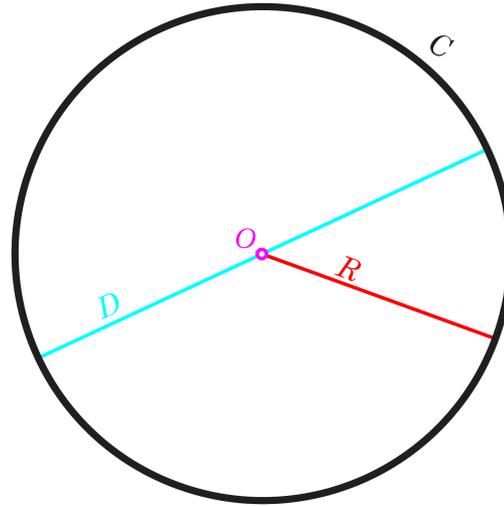
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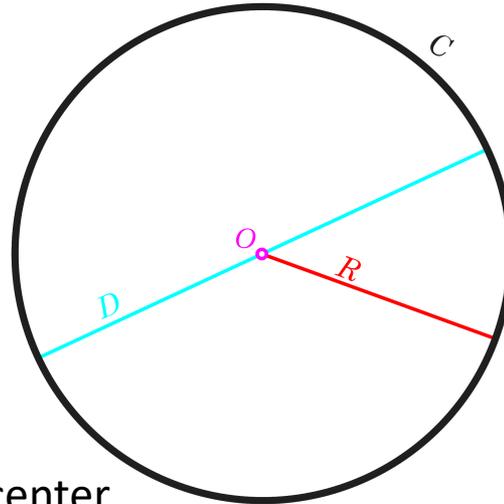
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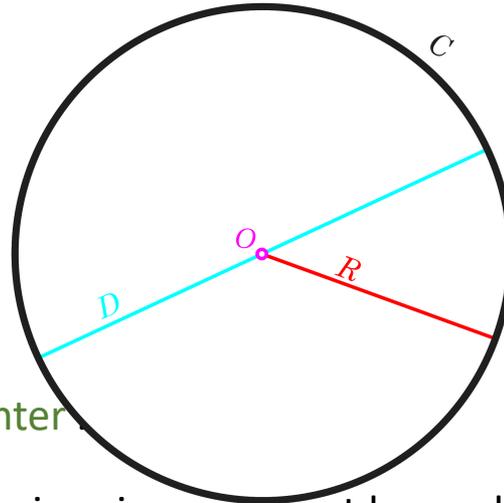
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Conclusion:

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 - Small/closed worlds.
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