

LIST READINGS OF CONJOINED SINGULAR 'WHICH'-PHRASES

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ROADMAP

1. The puzzle:
Conjoined singular 'which'-phrases have list readings with collective predicates but not with distributive predicates.
2. Theoretical Background:
 - Intersective semantics for conjunction, Distributivity and Collectivity (Winter 2001, Champollion 2015)
 - ANS-operator and uniqueness presupposition (Dayal 1996)
3. Our analysis
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THE PUZZLE

KEY OBSERVATION

Conjoined singular 'which'-phrases = 'which NP and which NP'.

(See appendix for 'which NP and NP')

They typically invite **single-tuple answers**.

- (1) Which boy and which girl sneezed?
- a. #John and Mary sneezed, Fred and Sue sneezed, and Ed and Laura sneezed.
 - b. John and Mary sneezed.

Observation

Conjoined singular 'which'-phrases can receive a **list answer** with collective predicates like 'live together'.

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KEY OBSERVATION (CONT.)

- (2) Which boy and which girl live together?
- a. % John and Mary live together, Fred and Sue live together, and Ed and Laura live together.
 - b. John and Mary live together.

Since we have found the judgements at issue to be fairly delicate, we ran an experiment (see Appendix).

- (2) is acceptable but its felicity seems to be subject to **inter-speaker variation**.
- (2) is a felicitous answer to (2) for everyone.

We will develop an account of why distributive and collective predicates differ (and how speakers differ).

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PROPOSAL IN A NUTSHELL

We propose that the list readings of conjoined singular 'which'-phrases with collective predicates are due to **plurality**, similarly to (3).

- (3) Which boys left the party?
— John, Bill and Fred left the party.

(See Appendix for why they are different from 'pair-list answers').

- Winter's (2001) theory of intersective conjunction, distributivity and collectivity (see also Champollion 2015).
- Dayal's (1996) ANS-operator to explain single-tuple vs. list answers.
- Constraints on the distributivity operator D (cf. De Vries 2015)

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THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

NON-INTERSECTIVE READINGS

Conjoined nominals give rise to distributive and collective readings.

- (4) John and Mary } live together. (Collective)
A man and a woman } sneezed. (Distributive)

Winter (2001) derives both readings with a single meaning for 'and' (also Champollion 2015).

- (5) **Intersective semantics for 'and'**
 $[[\text{and}]]^w = \lambda P_{r,t} . \lambda Q_{r,t} . \lambda x_r . x \in P \wedge x \in Q$

Collective readings are derived with two operators, **MIN** and **ER**.

(We won't distinguish sets and their characteristic functions)

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CONJOINED PROPER NAMES

Let's first see how the distributive and collective readings of 'John and Mary' are derived.

Proper names denote Montagovian individuals of type $\langle e, t \rangle$.

$$(6) \llbracket \text{John} \rrbracket^w = \lambda P_{e,t} . j \in P \quad \llbracket \text{Mary} \rrbracket^w = \lambda P_{e,t} . m \in P$$

$$(7) \llbracket \text{John and Mary} \rrbracket^w = \llbracket \text{and} \rrbracket^w (\llbracket \text{John} \rrbracket^w) (\llbracket \text{Mary} \rrbracket^w) \\ = \lambda P_{e,t} . j \in P \wedge m \in P \\ = \{ P_{e,t} \mid j \in P \wedge m \in P \}$$

The distributive reading of 'John and Mary' is straightforwardly derived.

$$(8) \llbracket \text{John and Mary sneezed} \rrbracket^w = j \in \text{SNEEZED}_w \wedge m \in \text{SNEEZED}_2$$

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MIN

In order to derive the collective interpretation an operator **MIN** ('Minimization') is necessary.

$$(9) \llbracket \text{MIN} \rrbracket^w = \lambda Q_{\langle \text{et}, t \rangle} . \lambda P_{\text{et}} . P \in Q \wedge \forall P' [P' \subset P \rightarrow P' \notin Q]$$

MIN applies to a quantifier (a set of sets) Q and gives back the smallest predicates in Q (minimal subsets of Q).

$$\begin{aligned} (10) \llbracket \text{MIN} \rrbracket^w (\llbracket \text{John and Mary} \rrbracket^w) & \\ &= \llbracket \text{MIN} \rrbracket^w (\{ \{ P_{\text{et}} \mid j \in P \wedge m \in P \} \}) \\ &= \llbracket \text{MIN} \rrbracket^w (\{ \{ j, m \}, \{ j, m, a \}, \{ j, m, b \}, \{ j, m, a, b \} \dots \}) \\ &= \{ \{ j, m \} \} \end{aligned}$$

{j, m} represents the plurality consisting of John and Mary.

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ER

Collective predicates are true of pluralities like {j, m}.

$$(11) \llbracket \text{live together} \rrbracket^w = \lambda X_{\text{et}} . X \in \text{LIVE.TOGETHER}_w$$

Since $\llbracket \text{MIN} \rrbracket^w (\llbracket \text{John and Mary} \rrbracket^w) = \{ \{ j, m \} \}$ is a type- $\langle \text{et}, t \rangle$ quantifier, it cannot combine directly with a collective predicate.

To solve the type-mismatch, **ER** ('Existential Raising') is used.

$$(12) \llbracket \text{ER} \rrbracket^w = \lambda P_{\tau t} . \lambda Q_{\tau t} . \exists x [x \in P \wedge x \in Q]$$

$$\begin{aligned} (13) \llbracket \text{ER} \rrbracket^w (\llbracket \text{MIN} \rrbracket^w (\llbracket \text{John and Mary} \rrbracket^w)) & \\ &= \llbracket \text{ER} \rrbracket^w (\{ \{ j, m \} \}) \\ &= \lambda P_{\langle \text{et}, t \rangle} . \exists X [X \in \{ \{ j, m \} \} \wedge X \in P] \\ &= \lambda P_{\langle \text{et}, t \rangle} . \{ j, m \} \in P \end{aligned}$$

$$(14) \llbracket \text{ER MIN John and Mary live together} \rrbracket^w = \{ j, m \} \in \text{LIVE.TOGETHER}_w$$

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CONJOINED QUANTIFIERS: DISTRIBUTIVE

The same mechanism accounts for the distributive and collective readings of conjoined quantifiers like 'a man and a woman'.

$$(15) \begin{aligned} \text{a. } \llbracket \text{a man} \rrbracket^w &= \lambda Q_{\text{et}} . \exists x [x \in \text{MAN}_w \wedge x \in Q] \\ \text{b. } \llbracket \text{a woman} \rrbracket^w &= \lambda Q_{\text{et}} . \exists y [y \in \text{WOMAN}_w \wedge y \in Q] \end{aligned}$$

By intersecting these with 'and', we get:

$$(16) \llbracket \text{a man and a woman} \rrbracket^w = \lambda Q_{\text{et}} . \exists x \exists y [x \in \text{MAN}_w \wedge y \in \text{WOMAN}_w \wedge x, y \in Q]$$

This accounts for a distributive interpretation.

$$(17) \llbracket \text{A man and a woman sneezed} \rrbracket^w = \exists x \exists y [x \in \text{MAN}_w \wedge y \in \text{WOMAN}_w \wedge x, y \in \text{SNEEZED}_w]$$

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CONJOINED QUANTIFIERS: COLLECTIVE

Using MIN and ER, we can derive the collective interpretation.

$$(18) \llbracket \text{MIN} \rrbracket^w (\llbracket \text{a man and a woman} \rrbracket^w) = \text{MIN}(\{ Q_{\text{et}} \mid \exists x \exists y [x \in \text{MAN}_w \wedge y \in \text{WOMAN}_w \wedge x, y \in Q] \}) = \{ \{ x, y \} \mid x \in \text{MAN}_w \wedge y \in \text{WOMAN}_w \}$$

This is a set of sets containing a man and a woman and nothing else. Unlike for 'John and Mary', there are multiple such sets.

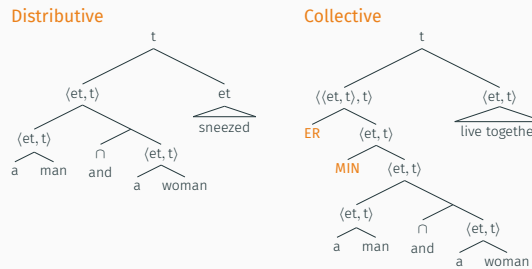
Using ER, we derive the correct interpretation.

$$(19) \llbracket \text{ER} \rrbracket^w (\llbracket \text{MIN} \rrbracket^w (\llbracket \text{a man and a woman} \rrbracket^w)) = \llbracket \text{ER} \rrbracket^w (\{ \{ x, y \} \mid x \in \text{MAN}_w \wedge y \in \text{WOMAN}_w \}) = \lambda P_{\langle \text{et}, t \rangle} . \exists X [X \in \{ \{ x, y \} \mid x \in \text{MAN}_w \wedge y \in \text{WOMAN}_w \} \wedge X \in P]$$

$$(20) \llbracket \text{ER MIN a man and a woman live together} \rrbracket^w = \exists X \left[\begin{array}{l} X \in \{ \{ x, y \} \mid x \in \text{MAN}_w \wedge y \in \text{WOMAN}_w \} \wedge \\ X \in \text{LIVE.TOGETHER}_w \end{array} \right]$$

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EXAMPLES



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PLURAL NOUNS

We follow Winter and assume that plural nouns denote sets of sets of individuals; they can be derived from the meaning of the singular noun via the application of **D**:

$$(24) \llbracket \text{boys} \rrbracket^w = D(\llbracket \text{boy} \rrbracket^w)$$

The semantics of D is as in (25):

$$(25) \llbracket D \rrbracket^w = \lambda Q_{\tau t} . \lambda P_{\tau t} . P \neq \emptyset \wedge P \subseteq Q$$

D applies to a set and returns the power set of that set, minus \emptyset ($D = \rho^+$). Note that it raises the type from σt to $\langle \sigma t, t \rangle$.

$$(26) \llbracket D \rrbracket^w (\{ \{ b_1, b_2, b_3 \} \}) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{ b_1, b_2, b_3 \}, \\ \{ \{ b_1, b_2 \}, \{ \{ b_2, b_3 \} \}, \{ \{ b_1, b_2 \} \}, \\ \{ \{ b_1 \}, \{ \{ b_2 \} \}, \{ \{ b_3 \} \} \end{array} \right\}$$

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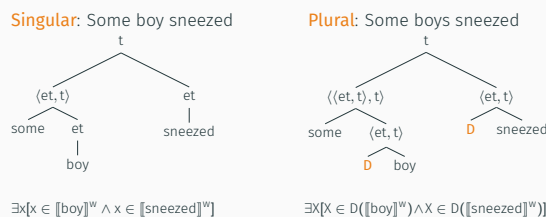
PLURALS EXAMPLE

$\llbracket D \text{ boy} \rrbracket^w$ is of type $\langle \text{et}, t \rangle$ (a set of sets).

'Some' is a cross-categorical existential quantifier (type $\langle \tau t, t \rangle$).

'Some boys' combines directly with a collective predicate (type $\langle \text{et}, t \rangle$).

To combine with a distributive predicate of type $\langle e, t \rangle$, another instance of D is necessary.



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SUMMARY: INTERSECTIVE SEMANTICS

Both distributive and collective readings are derived from the intersective semantics of 'and'.

$$(21) \llbracket \text{and} \rrbracket^w = \lambda P_{\tau t} . \lambda Q_{\tau t} . \lambda x . x \in P \wedge x \in Q$$

The collective interpretation requires extracting a minimal set (= plural individual) {x, y} in the extension of the quantifier.

$$(22) \llbracket \text{MIN} \rrbracket^w = \lambda Q_{\langle \text{et}, t \rangle} . \lambda P_{\text{et}} . P \in Q \wedge \forall P' [P' \subset P \rightarrow P' \notin Q]$$

$$(23) \llbracket \text{ER} \rrbracket^w = \lambda P_{\tau t} . \lambda Q_{\tau t} . \exists x [x \in P \wedge x \in Q]$$

Both Winter and Champollion use choice-functions instead of ER, but this complication is unnecessary here.

See Champollion (2015) for an extension of this account for 'Q NPs and NPs'.

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QUESTION SEMANTICS

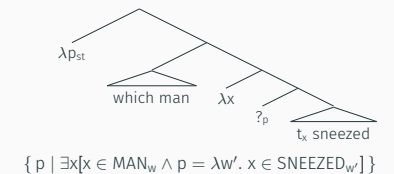
Questions denote sets of propositions.

'Which'-phrases are existential quantifiers.

$$(27) \llbracket \text{which man} \rrbracket^w = \lambda Q_{\text{et}} . \exists x [x \in \text{MAN}_w \wedge x \in Q] \quad (= \llbracket \text{a man} \rrbracket^w)$$

'Wh'-phrases obligatorily take scope over the question operator (for syntactic reasons). p gets bound at the top-most node.

$$(28) \llbracket [?_p] \rrbracket^w = \lambda Q_{st} . p = q$$



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ANS-OPERATOR

We use Dayal's (1996) **ANS**-operator to derive the uniqueness presupposition of singular 'which'-phrases.

$$(29) \llbracket \text{ANS} \rrbracket^w = \lambda Q_{\langle st, t \rangle} : \exists! p [p \in \text{maxinf}_w(Q)]. \iota p [p \in \text{maxinf}_w(Q)]$$

$$(30) \text{maxinf}_w(Q) = \{ p \in Q \mid w \in p \wedge \forall p' \rightarrow p \subseteq p' \}$$

ANS applies to a question denotation Q and denotes the maximally informative true answer to Q.

(ANS is essentially a definite determiner)

The uniqueness presupposition of singular 'which'-phrases comes from the presupposition that there is a unique maximally informative true answer.

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EXAMPLES: SINGULAR

(31) Which boy sneezed?

(32) w_1 : John sneezed, and Bill and Martin didn't sneeze.

$$\llbracket \text{ANS} \rrbracket^{w_1} \left(\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda w'. j \in \text{SNEEZED}_{w'} \\ \lambda w'. b \in \text{SNEEZED}_{w'} \\ \lambda w'. m \in \text{SNEEZED}_{w'} \end{array} \right\} \right) = \lambda w'. j \in \text{SNEEZED}_{w'}$$

(33) w_2 : John and Bill sneezed, Martin didn't sneeze.

$$\llbracket \text{ANS} \rrbracket^{w_2} \left(\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda w'. j \in \text{SNEEZED}_{w'} \\ \lambda w'. b \in \text{SNEEZED}_{w'} \\ \lambda w'. m \in \text{SNEEZED}_{w'} \end{array} \right\} \right) = \text{undefined}$$

In (33) $\lambda w'. j \in \text{SNEEZED}_{w'}$ and $\lambda w'. b \in \text{SNEEZED}_{w'}$ are equally informative.

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EXAMPLES: PLURAL

If the noun is plural and the predicate has D, there is always a unique maximally true answer.

(34) Which boys D sneezed?

(35) w_2 : John and Bill sneezed, Martin didn't sneeze.

$$\llbracket \text{ANS} \rrbracket^{w_2} \left(\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda w'. j \in \text{SNEEZED}_{w'} \\ \lambda w'. b \in \text{SNEEZED}_{w'} \\ \lambda w'. m \in \text{SNEEZED}_{w'} \\ \lambda w'. j, b \in \text{SNEEZED}_{w'} \\ \lambda w'. j, m \in \text{SNEEZED}_{w'} \\ \dots \end{array} \right\} \right) = \lambda w'. j, b \in \text{SNEEZED}_{w'}$$

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OUR ANALYSIS

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Combining Winter's theory of conjunction and collectivity and Dayal's ANS-operator, we are now in a position to account for our observation.

Observation

Conjoined singular 'which'-phrases can receive a **list answer** with collective predicates like 'live together', but not with distributive predicates like 'sneezed'.

We will proceed as follows:

1. Single-tuple reading with 'live together'
2. List reading with 'live together'
3. Single-tuple reading with 'sneezed'
4. *List reading with 'sneezed'

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SINGLE-TUPLE READING WITH A COLLECTIVE PREDICATE

The single-tuple reading with 'live together' is derived by the operators ER and MIN, just as in the case of 'a man and a woman'.

Assume $\text{BOY}_w = \{ b_1, b_2 \}$ and $\text{GIRL}_w = \{ g_1, g_2 \}$.

(36) $\llbracket \text{ER MIN which boy and which girl live together?} \rrbracket^w$

$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda w'. \{ b_1, g_1 \} \in \text{LIVE.TOGETHER}_{w'} \\ \lambda w'. \{ b_2, g_2 \} \in \text{LIVE.TOGETHER}_{w'} \\ \lambda w'. \{ b_1, g_2 \} \in \text{LIVE.TOGETHER}_{w'} \\ \lambda w'. \{ b_2, g_1 \} \in \text{LIVE.TOGETHER}_{w'} \end{array} \right\}$$

Applying the ANS-operator to this set derives the uniqueness presupposition and delivers the single-tuple answer.

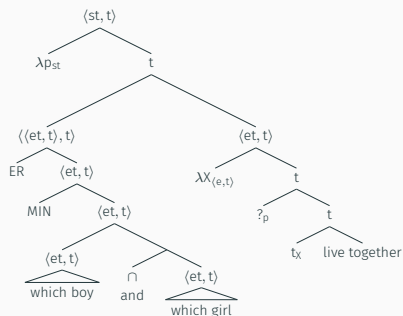
(37) w_1 : b_1 and g_1 live together, and nobody else lives together.

$$\llbracket \text{ANS} \rrbracket^{w_1} ((36)) = \lambda w'. \{ b_1, g_1 \} \in \text{LIVE.TOGETHER}_{w'}$$

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SINGLE-TUPLE READING WITH A COLLECTIVE PREDICATE

(38) Which boy and which girl live together?



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LIST READING WITH A COLLECTIVE PREDICATE

Proposal: The list reading with 'live together' can be derived via the insertion of D, one at the level of the 'which'-phrase and another at the level of the collective predicate.

(39) $\llbracket \llbracket \text{ER D MIN which boy and which girl} \rrbracket \llbracket \text{D live together?} \rrbracket^w \rrbracket^w$

This is no different from what we assumed for plural 'which'-question like 'which boys sneezed?' (except that in this case (40) is the only reading).

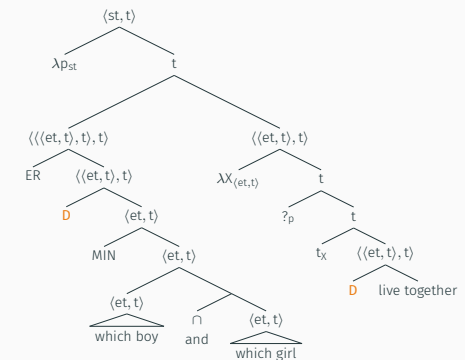
(40) $\llbracket \llbracket \text{which D boy} \rrbracket \llbracket \text{D sneezed?} \rrbracket^w \rrbracket^w$

What is crucial for our case is the relative scope of D with respect to MIN and ER.

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LIST READING WITH A COLLECTIVE PREDICATE

(41) Which boy and which girl live together?



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LIST READING WITH A COLLECTIVE PREDICATE

Recall that $\llbracket \text{MIN} \rrbracket^w$ ($\llbracket \text{which boy and which girl} \rrbracket^w$) delivers a set of all possible boy-girl pairs.

Applying D to this set delivers the set consisting of all possible subsets of $\llbracket \text{MIN} \rrbracket^w$ ($\llbracket \text{which boy and which girl} \rrbracket^w$)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{ \{ b_1, g_1 \}, \{ b_2, g_1 \}, \{ b_1, g_2 \}, \{ b_2, g_2 \} \}, \\ \{ \{ b_1, g_1 \}, \{ b_2, g_1 \}, \{ b_1, g_2 \} \}, \{ \{ b_1, g_1 \}, \{ b_2, g_1 \}, \{ b_2, g_2 \} \}, \dots \\ \{ \{ b_1, g_1 \}, \{ b_1, g_2 \} \}, \{ \{ b_1, g_1 \}, \{ b_2, g_1 \} \}, \dots \\ \{ \{ b_1, g_1 \} \}, \{ \{ b_2, g_1 \} \}, \{ \{ b_1, g_2 \} \}, \{ \{ b_2, g_2 \} \} \end{array} \right\}$$

Similarly, applying D to the collective predicate 'live together' delivers the power set of all possible cohabitants.

LIST READING WITH A COLLECTIVE PREDICATE

The question denotation contains propositions that make reference to plural individuals.

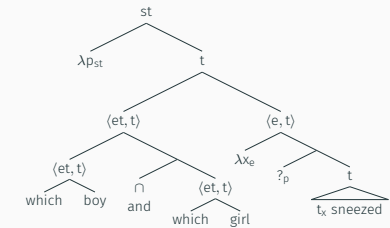
$$(42) \llbracket \text{ER D MIN which boy and which girl D live together?} \rrbracket^w = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda w'. \{ b_1, g_1 \} \in \text{LIVE.TOGETHER}_{w'} \\ \lambda w'. \{ b_2, g_2 \} \in \text{LIVE.TOGETHER}_{w'} \\ \lambda w'. \{ b_1, g_2 \} \in \text{LIVE.TOGETHER}_{w'} \\ \lambda w'. \{ b_2, g_1 \} \in \text{LIVE.TOGETHER}_{w'} \\ \lambda w'. \{ b_1, g_1 \}, \{ b_2, g_2 \} \in \text{LIVE.TOGETHER}_{w'} \\ \lambda w'. \{ b_1, g_2 \}, \{ b_2, g_1 \} \in \text{LIVE.TOGETHER}_{w'} \end{array} \right\}$$

An answer that names a plurality, namely a list answer, is acceptable.

$$(43) w_2: b_1 \text{ and } g_1 \text{ live together and } b_2 \text{ and } g_2 \text{ live together.} \\ \llbracket \text{ANS} \rrbracket^{w_2} ((42)) = \lambda w'. \{ b_1, g_1 \}, \{ b_2, g_2 \} \in \text{LIVE.TOGETHER}_{w'}$$

SINGLE-TUPLE READING WITH A DISTRIBUTIVE PREDICATE

Turning now to the distributive predicate 'sneezed', the single-tuple reading is generated with the following LF without covert operators.

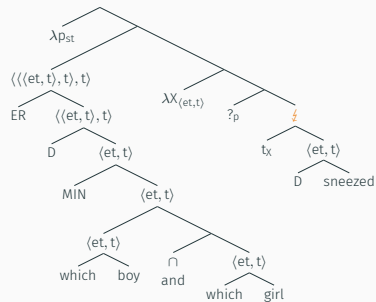


$$\{ p_{st} \mid \exists x, y [x \in \text{BOY}_w \wedge y \in \text{GIRL}_w \wedge p = [\lambda w'. x, y \in \text{SNEEZED}_w]] \}$$

LIST READING WITH A DISTRIBUTIVE PREDICATE

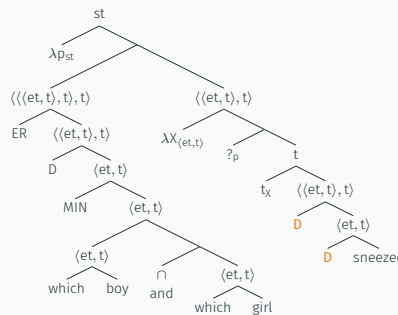
We generated the list reading with a collective predicate with D above MIN and below ER and on the predicate.

But this will result in a type-mismatch with a distributive predicate.



***DOUBLE D**

The type mismatch would be resolved if another D could be used.



This would derive the list reading with distributive predicates.

We need to assume that D cannot be stacked like this.

***D WITH A SINGULAR DP**

More generally, the distribution of D needs to be constrained (Winter 2001, De Vries 2015).

If covert D were freely available, it would make a singular NP plural!

- (44) a. *Which boy live together?
- b. Which boy sneezed?
 —# John, Bill and Fred sneezed.
- c. *A boy live(s) together.

DISTRIBUTION OF D

We assume that each occurrence of D needs to be licensed by [plural]-feature (cf. Winter 2001, De Vries 2015).

- Nominal conjunction 'and' introduces [plural] within the DP (Sauerland 2003, 2008) and licenses D.
- [plural] on the auxiliary/verb licenses D, but can only license one D (∴ *Double D).

NB: [plural] does not imply D. The LFs of (45) do not involve D.

- (45) a. John and Mary live together.
- b. A man and a woman live together.
- c. Which man and which woman live together?
 — John and Mary live together.

NON-CRISP JUDGMENTS

Recall the list reading of (46) is judged less good than the single tuple reading.

- (46) Which boy and which girl live together?

The single tuple reading requires only ER and MIN, while the list reading requires two instances of Ds.

We assume that in such a situation, the simpler LF is preferred. Speakers might differ in how willing they are to complicate the LF, hence inter-speaker variation.

For (47), there is only one coherent LF, so no degradation.

- (47) Which boys sneezed?

CONCLUSIONS

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Observation

Conjoined singular 'which'-phrases can receive a **list answer** with collective predicates but not with distributive predicates.

We combined Winter's (2001) theory of conjunction and plurality and Dayal's (1996) ANS-operator to derive list readings for conjoined singular 'which'-phrases with collective predicates.

But the resulting theory overgenerates. We postulated constraints on the distribution of D.

- D needs to be licensed by [plural] (De Vries 2015).
- Simpler LFs are preferred.

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APPENDIX

LIST READINGS ARE NOT THE SAME AS PAIR-LIST READINGS

Multiple singular 'which'-questions can receive pair-list answers (Dayal 1996, Fox 2012, Kotek 2014, a.o.).

(48) Which girl hugged which boy?

- Sue hugged Frank, Mary hugged Bill, and Jill hugged John.
- Sue hugged Frank.

It might be tempting to try to provide a common explanation for list readings of (i) multiple singular 'which' questions like (48), and (ii) conjoined singular 'which' questions.

But there are reasons to doubt that such a uniform analysis is desirable due to the following:

- Inter-speaker variation
- Predicate sensitivity
- Non-Exhaustivity

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WHICH NP AND NP

Our analysis predicts that 'which NP and which NP' and 'which NP and NP' should behave similarly.

- $\llbracket \text{man and woman} \rrbracket^w = \emptyset$
- $\llbracket \text{ER}(\text{man}) \text{ and } \text{ER}(\text{woman}) \rrbracket^w$
= $\lambda P_{\text{et}}. \exists x, y [x \in \text{MAN}_w \wedge y \in \text{WOMAN}_w \wedge x, y \in P]$
= $\{ P_{\text{et}} \mid \exists x, y [x \in \text{MAN}_w \wedge y \in \text{WOMAN}_w \wedge x, y \in P] \}$
- $\llbracket \text{MIN}(\text{ER}(\text{man}) \text{ and } \text{ER}(\text{woman})) \rrbracket^w$
= $\{ \{ x, y \} \mid x \in \text{MAN}_w \wedge y \in \text{WOMAN}_w \}$

Applying 'which' to this, we derive the single-tuple reading. If D applies before 'which' (and on the predicate), we derive the list reading.

(See Champollion 2015 for how to deal with plural nouns)

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TWO ROUTES TO DISTRIBUTIVE READINGS

The following two parses derive the same distributive reading.

- (49) a. A man and a woman sneezed.
b. ER MIN (a man and a woman) D sneezed.

The second strategy is necessary for cases like (50).

(50) A man and a woman went to a bar and had many beers.

According to our logic, (49b) should be dispreferred, because it involves more optional operations.

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EXPERIMENT: DESIGN

Inferential task: Does sincerely uttering S1 necessarily commit you to assume S2 is true?

S1: Ann knows which girl and which boy hugged each other.
S2: Only one girl and one boy hugged each other.

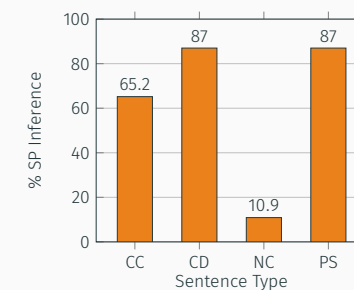
Conditions:

- Conjoined-Collective (CC): Ann knows which girl and which boy hugged each other.
- Conjoined-Distributive (CD): Tami knows which lawyer and which judge studied.
- Non-Conjoined: Rhonda knows which kid received which present.
- Pragmatically forced SP (PS): Pam knows which spy killed the present with which weapon.

6 items per condition. Each subject saw 2 items from each condition, and 16 filler items.

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EXPERIMENT: RESULTS



23 native speakers of English on Amazon Mechanical Turk

- CC vs. CD (p=0.03)
- CC vs. PS (p=0.02)

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