PLIN3004/PLING218 Advanced Semantic Theory

Assignment 8

## 1 Monotonicity

Assume the following lexical entries:

(1) a.  $\llbracket a \rrbracket^{a,M} = [\lambda g \in D_{\langle e,t \rangle} \cdot [\lambda f \in D_{\langle e,t \rangle} \cdot 1 \text{ iff } \operatorname{set}(f) \cap \operatorname{set}(g) \neq \emptyset]]$ b.  $\llbracket \operatorname{at most five} \rrbracket^{a,M} = [\lambda g \in D_{\langle e,t \rangle} \cdot [\lambda f \in D_{\langle e,t \rangle} \cdot 1 \text{ iff } |\operatorname{set}(f) \cap \operatorname{set}(g)| \leq 5]]$ c.  $\llbracket \operatorname{exactly five} \rrbracket^{a,M} = [\lambda g \in D_{\langle e,t \rangle} \cdot [\lambda f \in D_{\langle e,t \rangle} \cdot 1 \text{ iff } |\operatorname{set}(f) \cap \operatorname{set}(g)| = 5]]$ d.  $\llbracket \operatorname{More than 20\% of the} \rrbracket^{a,M} = [\lambda g \in D_{\langle e,t \rangle} \cdot [\lambda f \in D_{\langle e,t \rangle} \cdot 1 \text{ iff } |\operatorname{set}(f) \cap \operatorname{set}(g)| = 5]]$ 

For each of the these quantifiers, indicate its monotonicity properties by completing the following table. The choices are  $Up(\uparrow)$ ,  $Down(\downarrow)$  or *Non-monotonic* (*N*). Motivate your answers with data showing entailment patterns (no need for formal proofs, which are left for the optional exercise).

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## 2 (Optional) Proofs

For each of your answers in Exercise 1 that is  $\uparrow$  or  $\downarrow$ , give a proof.