Generality & Existence II

Modality & Quantifiers

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in order to better understand
quantification, existence and identity.

My Aim for This Talk

Understanding the interactions between quantifiers and modal operators.

Today's Plan

Sequents & Defining Rules Hypersequents & Defining Rules Quantification & the Barcan Formula Positions & Models Consequences & Questions

SEQUENTS & DEFINING RULES

Sequents

$$\Gamma \succ \Delta$$

Don't assert each element of Γ and deny each element of Δ .

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Structural rules govern declarative sentences as such.

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And Back

$$\frac{A \succ A \quad B \succ B}{A, B \succ A \land B} \stackrel{[\land R]}{ \Gamma, A \land B \succ \Delta} \stackrel{[Cut]}{ \Gamma, A, B \succ \Delta}$$

This works for more than the classical logical constants

I want to see how this works for modal operators, and examine their interaction with the quantifiers.

Why this is important

Explaining why the modal operators have the logical properties they exhibit is an open question.

... possible worlds, in the sense of possible states of affairs are not really individuals (just as numbers are not really individuals).

To say that a state of affairs obtains is just to say that something is the case; to say that something is a possible state of affairs is just to say that something could be the case; and to say that something is the case 'in' a possible state of affairs is just to say that the thing in question would necessarily be the case if that state of affairs obtained, i.e. if something else were the case ...

We understand 'truth in states of affairs' because we understand 'necessarily'; not vice versa.

"Worlde Times and Solves"

— "Worlds, Times and Selves" (1969)



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- ▶ If modality is governed by the rules introduced here, then we can see *why* possible worlds are useful, and model the behaviour of modal concepts.

HYPERSEQUENTS 상 DEFINING RULES

Suppose it's necessary that p and necessary that q.

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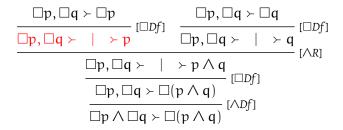
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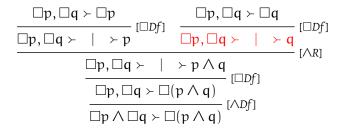
So the conjunction p and q is necessary.

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INDICATIVE: suppose I'm wrong and that...

SUBJUNCTIVE: suppose things go differently. or *had gone* differently.





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STEREOSCOPIC VISION:

Persons, Freedom, and Two Spaces of Material Inference

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© 2007 Mark Lance & W. Heath White <www.philosophersimprint.org/007004/> HAT IS A PERSON, as opposed to a non-person? One might begin to address the question by appealing to a second distinction: between agents, characterized by the ability to act freely and intentionally, and mere patients, caught up in events but in no sense authors of the happenings involving them. An alternative way to address the question appeals to a third distinction: between subjects – bearers of rights and responsibilities, commitments and entitlements, makers of claims, thinkers of thoughts, issuers of orders, and posers of questions – and mere objects, graspable or evaluable by subjects but not themselves graspers or evaluators.

We take it as a methodological point of departure that these three distinctions are largely coextensive, indeed coextensive in conceptually central cases. Granted, these distinctions can come apart. One might think that 'person' applies to anything that is worthy of a distinctive sort of moral respect and think this applicable to some fetuses or the deeply infirm elderly. Even if the particular respect due such beings is importantly different from 'what we owe each other', such respect couls till be thought to be of the kind distinctively due people, and think this even while holding that such people lack agentive or subjective capacity. Similarly, one might think dogs or various severely immaired humans to be attenuated subjects but not agent.

Without taking any particular stand on such examples, our methodological pypothesis is that such cases, if they exist, are understood as persons (agents, subjects) essentially by reference to paradigm cases and, indeed, to a single paradigm within which person/non-person, subject/object, and agent/patient are conceptually connected. Stated

 For one detailed development of this sort of paradigm-riff structure, and a defense of the possibility of concepts essentially governed by such a structure, see Lance and Little (2004). Discussions with Hilda Lindeman have helped

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- (Analogies: $\forall x$ from first order logic and natural language's 'all.' Frictionless planes. etc.)

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We open up a zone for consideration, in which we deny oSk, while keeping track of the initial zone where we assert it.

(And if we like, we can assert @oSk in the zone under the counterfactual supposition.)

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We don't have this:

$$a = b \succ \longrightarrow Fa \succ Fb$$

It's coherent for you to assert F α and deny Fb even if I take it that $\alpha=b$, and it's coherent for me to consider an alternative in which $\alpha\neq b$ even if I don't agree.

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- ► This gives us a motivation for a richer family of hypersequents.

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Think of these as scorecards, keeping track of assertions and denials.

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$$\mathcal{H}[\Gamma \succ \Delta \mid \Gamma' \succ \Delta']$$

$$\mathcal{H}[\Gamma \succ \Delta \ \| \ \Gamma' \succ \Delta']$$

Defining Rule for □

$$\frac{\mathcal{H}[\Gamma \succ \Delta \mid \rightarrow A]}{\mathcal{H}[\Gamma \succ \Box A, \Delta]} \; [\Box \textit{Df}]$$

Defining Rule for @

$$\frac{\mathcal{H}[\Gamma, A \succ_{@} \Delta \mid \Gamma' \succ \Delta']}{\mathcal{H}[\Gamma \succ_{@} \Delta \mid \Gamma', @A \succ \Delta']} [@Df]$$

Defining Rule for [e]

$$\frac{\mathcal{H}[\Gamma \succ \Delta \parallel \succ_{@} A]}{\mathcal{H}[\Gamma \succ [e]A, \Delta]} [[e]Df]$$

Example Derivation

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QUANTIFICATION & THE BARCAN FORMULA

The Standard Quantifier Rules

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Deriving the Barcan Formula

$$\frac{(\forall x) \Box \mathsf{Fx} \succ (\forall x) \Box \mathsf{Fx}}{(\forall x) \Box \mathsf{Fx} \succ \Box \mathsf{Fn}} [\forall Df]$$

$$\frac{(\forall x) \Box \mathsf{Fx} \succ | \rightarrow \mathsf{Fn}}{(\forall x) \Box \mathsf{Fx} \succ | \rightarrow (\forall x) \mathsf{Fx}} [\forall Df]$$

$$\frac{(\forall x) \Box \mathsf{Fx} \succ \Box (\forall x) \mathsf{Fx}}{(\forall x) \Box \mathsf{Fx} \succ \Box (\forall x) \mathsf{Fx}} [\Box Df]$$

$$\frac{(\forall x) \Box \mathsf{Fx} \succ \Box (\forall x) \mathsf{Fx}}{(\forall x) \Box \mathsf{Fx} \supset \Box (\forall x) \mathsf{Fx}} [\supset Df]$$

Where the derivation breaks down

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Here X is either a sentence or a term.

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Quantifier Rules, allowing for non-denoting terms

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for which the substituted term need be defined in some zone.

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But we also have Way Out Quantification

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What could it mean to rule a predicate in or out?

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