# A manner adverbial analysis of clausal embedding

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### 1 Introduction

- There are two types of analyses of clausal embedding.
- (1) a. The clausal strategy: V[s...]
  - b. The nominal strategy: V[NP/DP[S...]]
- We argue for a manner adverbial analysis of clausal embedding, adopting independently motivated ingredients, i.e., manner modification with *event-kind* (Landman and Morzycki (2003)) and the *content* function (Kratzer (2006))
- (2) The manner adverbial analysis of clausal embedding V [Adv [S ...]]
- (3) Empirical topics of our talk
  - a. Manner expressions as propositional anaphors
  - b. The Japanese manner adverb soo and its intrasentential and intersentential anaphoric uses

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### 2 Data

- Manner expressions can function as quotative markers or propositional anaphors, cross-linguistically.
- (4) German (König (2015: 49))

  Er hat das so formuliert: "..."
  he have DEM so formulate
  'He put it this way: "..."
- (5) Polish (Guz (2024: 556))
  on mówi tak "to już wychodzisz?"
  he says τακ then already leave-2.sg
  'He says like this, "Are you leaving already?"
- (6) Anderson (1976: 172)

  Your mother was under the impression that you would be away tonight, and as you can see, I imagined so too.
- (7) Intersentential *zheme* 'so' in Mandarin Chinese (Wei and Li (2016: 193))

  Zhangsan renwei Mali hen congming, Lisi ye zheme renwei.

  Zhangsan think Mary very smart Lisi also so think

  'Zhsangsan thinks Mary is smart; Lisi also thinks so.'
- (8) Intrasentential *zheme* in Mandarin Chinese (Yangyu Sun and Muyi Yang, p.c.)
  - a. [Lisi lai le], Zhangsan zheme renwei. Lisi come ASP Zhangsan so think Lit. 'Lisi came, Zhagsan thinks so.'
  - b. Zhangsan zheme renwei, [Lisi lai le]. Zhangsan so think Lisi come ASP Lit. 'Zhagsan thinks so, Lisi came.'

### 2.1 Soo 'so' in Japanese

- The Japanese mannder adverbial *soo* 'so' can be used in intersentential or intrasentential anaphra.
- (9) Intersentential *soo* in Japanese
  - a. Taro-wa [Jiro-ga kita to] omot-teiru. Taro-тор Jiro-nom came c think-ASP.PRS 'Taro thinks that Jiro came.'
  - b. Aiko-mo soo omot-teiru.Aiko-also so think-ASP.PRS'Aiko also thinks so.' (so = Jiro came)

(10) Intrasentential *soo* in Japanese<sup>1</sup>

Taro-wa [Jiro-ga kita to] soo omot-teiru.

Taro-Top Jiro-Nom came c so think-ASP.PRS

'Taro thinks that Jiro came.'

- Soo is an adverbial expression and never be followed by a case particle, as in (10b) and (11).
- (10) a. Taro-wa [Jiro-ga kita to] omot-teiru.

  Taro-Top Jiro-Nom came c think-ASP.PRS

  'Taro thinks that Jiro came, and Aiko also thinks so.'
  - b. \*Aiko-mo soo-o omot-teiru. Aiko-also so-ACC think-ASP.PRS 'Aiko also thinks so.' (so = Jiro came)
- (11) \*Taro-wa [Jiro-ga kita to] soo-o omot-teiru.

  Taro-top Jiro-nom came c so-ACC think-ASP.PRS

  'Taro thinks that Jiro came.'

### 2.2 The anti-factive property of soo

- (12) Kiparsky and Kiparsky (1970: 362)
  - a. John regretted that Bill had done it, and Mary regretted {it | \*so}, too.
  - b. John supposed that Bill had done it, and Mary supposed {it | so}, too.
- (13) Mandarin Chinese (Wei and Li (2016: 193))

Zhangsan {zhidao | houhui} ta mei zuo shenme, Zhangsan know regret he not do anything,

\*Lisi ye zheme {zhidao | houhui}. Lisi also so know regret

'Zhangsan {knows | regrets} that he did not do anything; \*Lisi {knows | regrets} so, too.'

(i) a. Hanako-wa Aiko-ni [Taro-ga shigoto-o yame-ta to] it-ta. Hanako-top Aiko-to Taro-nom job-acc quit-pst c say-pst

'Hanako told Aiko that Taro quit his job.'

b. Aiko-wa [Taro-no kaisha-wa brakku-kigyoo dat-ta to] soo shinzi-teiru. Aiko-top Taro-gen company-top black-corporation cop-pst c so believe-asp.prs

'Aiko believes that Taro's company has terrible working conditions.'

Impossible: 'Aiko believes that Taro quit his job, by (metnally) saying that his company has terrible working conditions.'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>When both an intersentential antecedent and an intrasentential antecedent are preset, *soo* refers only to the intrasentential antecedent as in (i). This may be caused by some sort of the lifespan effect of *soo*.

- Soo exhibits the anti-factive behavior as exemplified in (14b) and (15).<sup>2</sup>
- (14) a. Taro-ga kaisya-o yameta. Taro-nom company-ACC quit 'Taro quit the company.'
  - b. \*Hanako-wa soo sit-teita. Напако-тор so know-аsр.рsт Lit. 'Hanako knows so.'
- (15) \*Taro-wa [kare-ga uwaki-o sita to] soo kuyan-deiru.
  Taro-тор he-nom affiar-ACC did C so regret-ASP.PRS
  Lit. 'Taro<sub>1</sub> regretted so that he<sub>1</sub> had an affair.'

### 2.3 The anti-interrogative property of soo

- Soo exhibits the anti-interrogative behavior as exemplified in (16b) and (17).
- (16) a. Taro-wa naitei-ga toreta no? Taro-тор job.offer-noм got.can Q 'Did Taro get a job offer?'
  - b. ima Aiko-ga {sore-o | \*soo} tashikame-teiru yo. now Aiko-nom it-acc so confirm-asp.prs sfp Lit. 'Aiko is confirming {it | so} now.'

    Int. 'Aiko is confirming whether Taro got a job offer or not.'
- (17) \*ima Aiko-ga [Taro-ga naitei-ga toreta ka] soo tashikame-teiru yo. now Aiko-nom Taro-nom job.offer-nom got.can Q so confirm-asp.prs sfp 'Aiko is confirming whether Taro got a job offer or not.'

## 3 Formal analysis

• We construct a manner modification approach to propositional anaphora with two ingredients, both of which receive independent empirical motivation.

(i) Taro-wa [zibun-wa uwaki-o suru-beki-de-wa nakatta to] soo kuyan-deiru. Таro-тор self-тор affiar-асс did-мор-сор-тор neg.pst с so regret-аsр.prs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The quotative construal does not exhibit the anti-factive property, as in (i).

<sup>&</sup>quot;Taro1 was regretful by (mentally) saying "I1 should not have had an affair."

- (18) a. There is a function from events to their propositional content.
  - b. Manner modification makes reference to a contextually salient event-kind.
- First, we adopt that the CONT function, which maps an individual x and a world w onto the propositional content of x in w (Kratzer 2006, Moulton 2015:among many others).
- We assume that cont is also defined for the domain of events  $(D_v)$  (Elliott 2020:et seq).
- The eventive-cont (E-cont) function is defined as in (19).
- (19) E-CONT maps a world  $w \in D_s$  and an event  $e \in D_v$  to e's unique content  $p \in D_{(s,t)}$ .
- Note that its inverse function is not always defined. This will be crucial later.
- Second, we assume that manner modifiers make reference to the contextually salient event-kinds (Landman and Morzycki 2003) as exemplified in (35) with English *so*.
- (20)  $\llbracket so_i \rrbracket^w = \lambda e. [e \text{ realizes } k_i]$
- We assume that an event-kind is the cross-world maximal sum of events just like an individual kind (a.o. Schwarz 2014, Gehrke 2017), which is formed via the ∩-operator (Chierchia 1998).
- (21) For any property P and world w,  $\cap P = \lambda w \iota P(w)$  if  $\lambda w \iota P(w)$  is in the domain of kinds K; undefined, otherwise. (Chierchia 1998)
- Now, we are ready to spell out our analysis with these independently motivated ingredients.
- We propose that *soo* refers to propositions by mapping an *event-kind* to its content.
- The rationale is that one may obtain the maximal subset of events that have the same propositional content and construct an event-kind with it, i.e.  $\cap (\lambda w \lambda e [E-CONT_w(e) = p])$ .
- Thus, whenever a new proposition is introduced to the discourse, *soo* may refer to it via anaphora to an event-kind constructed this way.
- Recall that E-CONT maps an event e to its unique propositional content p in w.
- The inverse is not true: two events e and e' may have the same propositional content.
- Thus, it is not trivial how one may retrieve an event e in w from p such that  $E-CONT_w(e) = p$ .
- In order to use E-CONT $_W(e) = p$  for retrieving an event from a proposition, one has to find a mapping in which its inverse is defined.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>One may adopt a single function from contentful entities, either individuals or events, to their contents.

- An event-kind makes it possible:
- for any p, one may find a unique event-kind k such that any realisation of it is mapped to p.
- To implement it, we take E-CONT to be defined for event-kinds.
- (22) a. E-CONT<sup>-</sup>(p) is defined iff  $\cap (\lambda w \lambda e [CONT_w(e) = p])$  is defined.
  - b. If defined, E-CONT $^-(p) = ^{\cap} (\lambda w \lambda e [CONT_w(e) = p])$ .
- Whatever analysis of propositional antecedent *p* one adopts, we can retrieve the event-kind from it via the E-CONT<sup>-</sup> function.
- Now, the semantics of *soo* as a manner adverbial results in a parallel composition with clausal complementation with e modifier *that*-clause.<sup>4</sup>
- (23) a. Taro thinks that p
  - b. **[** *that p* **]**  $^{w} = \lambda e$ . [ E-CONT $_{w}(e) = p$ ]
  - c.  $[(23a)]^w$ =  $\exists e : e \in Dom(e-cont_w(e)).[AGENT(e)=Taro \land think_w(e) \land e-cont_w(e) = p]$
- (24) a. Taro thinks  $so_i$ .
  - b. Context: E-cont $^-(p) = k_i$
  - c.  $[soo_i]^w = \lambda e.[e \text{ realizes } k_i]$
  - d.  $[(24a)]^w = \exists e: e \in Dom(\text{E-CONT}_w(e)).[AGENT(e) = Taro \land think_w(e) \land e \text{ realizes } k_i]$ =  $\exists e: e \in Dom(\text{E-CONT}_w(e)).[AGENT(e) = Taro \land think_w(e) \land \text{E-CONT}_w(e) = p]$
- This way, *soo* achieves propositional anaphora in the way of manner modification.
- Note that one may adopt whatever theory of propositional anaphora.
- Once a propositional antecedent is given, E-CONT provides the event-kind antecedent for soo.
- Thus, the proposed manner adverbial anapysis can be combined with any theory of propositional anaphora.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>For our purpose, one may alternatively take *soo* as a bare occurrence of an event-kind variable and the interpretation in (24a) is achieved via *Derived Kind Predication* (Chierchia 1998), which replaces a kind variable to an existentially bound individual variable when a kind variable is applied to non-kind predicates. However, this alternative requires some type-shifting operation when *so* is used as a manner adverbial.

# 4 Anti-factivity and unavailability of question antecedent

- We have suggested a manner adverbial analysis of propositional anaphora, which only requires independently motivated ingredients.
- In this section, we further show that anti-factivity of *soo* follows from an independently motivated property of *sub-kinds*.
- We suggest that the event-sub-kinds formed via E-CONT are *ad hoc* sub-kinds (Mendia 2020), which are not given as natural taxonomic classes, but contextually constructed.
- (25) a. The lions that eat people are widespread.
  - b. The dogs that bite are dangerous.

(Mendia 2020)

- Carlson (1977) suggests a generalisation on sub-kinds such that sub-kinds must not have an instance that realises more than one sub-kinds.<sup>5</sup>
- (26) Two kinds of dog are sitting in the next room.
  - a. There are three bull-dogs and two beagles in the next room.
  - b. # There is only Fido, who is a border collie and a watch-dog in the next room.

(Mendia 2020)

- Carlson (1977) postulates it as *Disjointness Condition*.
- (27) **Disjointness Condition** (Carlson 1977): A kind-referring expression can only refer to a contextually defined subset of all the possible subkinds that the noun is true of, such that:
  - a. the subkinds in this subset are disjoint and share no realizations,
  - b. the subkinds collectively cover all the space of realizations of the kind.
- We propose that an event-kind constructed with E-CONT is also an *ad hoc* sub-kind.
- The disjointness condition is trivial for those event-sub-kinds, though:
- since those events are in the domain of E-CONT by definition, they have a unique propositional content, and thus  $E-CONT^-(p)$  and  $E-CONT^-(q)$  do not overlap,
- i.e. there is no event e in w such that  $E-CONT_w(e) = p$  and  $E-CONT_w(e) = q$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>We take it for granted that an event-kind based on its propositional content is necessarily a sub-kind in the sense that different events are mapped to different propositional contents for E-CONT to be meaningful at all. If so, any events that have a non-trivial propositional content should be a sub-kind.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>This does not deny the possibility that  $E-CONT_w(e) = p \wedge q$ .

- However, if applied to their contents, the disjointness condition becomes non-trivial.
- See Appendix for a way to derive (28) from (27) by letting E-CONT preserve the partition structure as a homomorphism.
- (28) **Disjointness Condition for contentful kinds**: A kind-referring expression can only refer to a contextually defined subset of all the possible contentful subkinds that the expression is true of, such that:
  - a. the propositional contents of the subkinds in this subset are disjoint,
  - b. **the propositional contents** of the subkinds collectively cover the logical space.
- Let us adopt the following abbreviation.<sup>7</sup>
- (29) Abbreviation:  $E-CONT_w(k) = p$  iff  $\forall e [e \text{ is realisation of } k \rightarrow E-CONT_w(e) = p]$
- Now, the disjointness condition on the content of event-sub-kinds is defined with a partition function  $\Pi$  *a la* Mendia (2020) as shown in (30).
- (30) Let K an event-kind, c the context set, and  $\Pi$  a partition function. An event-sub-kind k based on E-CONT is defined iff:
  - a.  $k \in \Pi(K)$ , (k is a sub-kind)
  - b.  $c \notin \{\text{E-CONT}_w(k) : k \in \Pi(K)\},\$

(non-triviality)

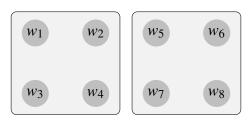
c.  $\cup \{\text{E-CONT}_w(k) : k \in \Pi(K)\} = c$ , and

(collective exhaustivity)

d.  $\forall k, k' \in \Pi(K)$  [E-CONT<sub>w</sub>(k)  $\cap$  E-CONT<sub>w</sub>(k') =  $\emptyset$ ].

- (disjointness)
- This requires that the context c is partitioned to a non-singleton set of mutually incompatible propositions.
- Suppose  $c = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6, w_7, w_8\}.$
- (31)  $\sqrt{p} = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4\}, q = \{w_5, w_6, w_7, w_8\}$

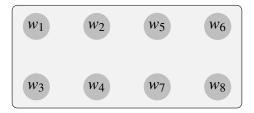
⇒ well-defined partition



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>See Appendix for a way to derive it, too.

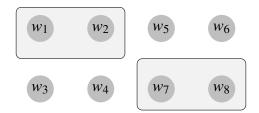
(32)  $\mathbf{X}$   $p = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6, w_7, w_8\}$ 

⇒ violation of non-triviality

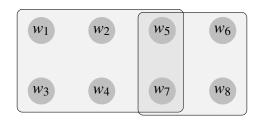


(33)  $\mathbf{X} p = \{w_1, w_2\}, q = \{w_7, w_8\}$ 

⇒ violation of collective exhaustivity



- (34)  $\mathbf{X} p = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6\}, q = \{w_5, w_6, w_7, w_8\}$
- ⇒ violation of disjointness



- We leave it open where this disjointness condition comes from, but let us take it as a presupposition of *soo* for concreteness sake.
- Let  $\text{disjoint}^{\Pi,K}(k)$  abbreviate (30).<sup>8</sup>
- (35)  $\llbracket so_i \rrbracket^{w,c} = \lambda e$ : Disjoint  $\Pi,K(k_i)$ .  $[e \text{ realizes } k_i]$
- Anti-factivity:
- Suppose that *soo* is evaluated under the complement of a factive verb.
- Factivity inference for p requires that p is entailed in c, i.e.  $c \subseteq p$ .
- (32) examplifies a relation between c and p when c entails p.

 $<sup>\</sup>overline{^{8}}$ One may assume that  $\Pi$  and K are existentially closed or they are contextually given.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>A simple presupposition  $w \in p$  does not give us a clear picture of how it contradicts with the partition requirement.

- From (32), it either violates non-triviality or disjointness:
- if p is the only member of  $c \notin \{E\text{-CONT}_w(k) : k \in \Pi(K)\}$ , non-triviality is violated, and
- if there is q such that  $p \neq q$  and  $q \in \{E\text{-CONT}_w(k) : k \in \Pi(K)\}, q \subset p$  and thus disjointness is violated.
- Therefore, the conjunction of factivity presupposition and DISJOINT presupposition always leads to contradiction, giving rise to Logical triviality (Gajewski 2002:et seq).

#### • Unavailability of question antecedent:

- Suppose that *soo* takes an event-kind whose content is a question.
- Here, assume that denotations of declaratives and denotations of interrogatives have the same semantic type.
- Still, questions violate the non-triviality condition of (30) by virtue of being non-informative:
- the information content of a question is the same as c and thus it may never meet (30) as in (32).
- As a result, E-CONT $^-(Q)$  is undefined because an event-sub-kind associated with Q is undefined due to violation of non-triviality.
- Therefore, *soo* cannot find an event-sub-kind antecedent whenever its targeted antecedent is a question.

#### Taking stock:

- Anti-factivity and unavailavility of question antecedent do not follow from vanilla propositional anaphora.
- However, these puzzling properties follow if one applies a general constraint on sub-kinds to their propositional contents as well.
- This hinges on the idea that propositional anaphora via manner adverbial pro-form makes reference to event-kinds.
- Thus, these two properties are now taken as pieces of support for our manner adverbial analysis of propositional anaphora.

### 5 Conclusion

- Clausal embedding comprises contentful individuals (at least underlyingly) (Kratzer 2006, Moulton 2009, 2015, Uegaki 2015, Elliott 2020:a.o.).
- Moulton (2015) argues that the English clausal anaphor *so* is an argument of a clause-taking predicate, while *that*-clauses are modifiers of an argument slot.

- In this view, it is puzzling why some languages adopt adverbial pro-forms, e.g., English *so*, Japanese *soo*, Mandarin *zheme*, for clausal anaphora.
- In our analysis, they have the semantics as a manner modifier.
- Nonetheless, cont-based event-subkinds allow it to achieve clausal anaphora in exactly the same way as how *that*-clause combines with its content under event-based modifier analyses of *that*-clause (e.g., Elliot 2020).
- The presence of clausal anaphora via adverbial pro-forms offers a novel piece of support to the modifier view of clausal embedding.
- Furthermore, we have shown that a general disjointness constraint on sub-kinds derives antifactivity and unavailability of question antecedent with *soo*, which would remain puzzling, otherwise.

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# **Appendix: Some technical details**

- Disjointness condition on event-subkinds:
- Domain of events  $D_{\nu}$  is closed under the sum operation '+' and partially ordered based on the sub-part relation ' $\sqsubseteq$ ' (Link 1983:*et seq*).
- The basic mereological operations:
- (36) a. Overlap:  $x \circ y \Leftrightarrow \exists z [z \sqsubseteq x \& z \sqsubseteq y]]$ 
  - b. Generalised Sum:  $\oplus P = \iota x. \forall y [P(y) \rightarrow y \sqsubseteq x] \& \forall z [z \sqsubseteq x \rightarrow \exists z' [P(z') \& z' \circ z]]$
- The disjointness condition on event-subkinds is defined as (37).
- (37) Let K the 'relevant' event-kind, and  $\Pi$  a partition function.

An event-subkind *k* is defined in a world *w* iff:

- a.  $k \in \Pi(K)$ , (k is a subkind)
- b.  $K \notin \Pi(K)$ , (non-triviality)
- c.  $\oplus \Pi(K) = K$ , and (collective exhaustivity)
- d.  $\forall k, k' \in \Pi(K) [\neg (k_w \circ k'_w)]$  (disjointness)
- We leave it open what kind of event-kind K is, but the easiest option is to say that K is an event-kind that has an information content, i.e.  $K = (\lambda w \lambda e [e \in Dom(E-CONT_w(e))])$ .

#### • Inquisitive setting

- For a general reason and a specific reason, we assume that declaratives and interrogatives both denote a set of sets of possible worlds (Ciardelli et al. 2018:a.o.).
- An *information state* (state) s is a set of possible worlds.
- A proposition p is a downward closed set of information states.
- (38) A set of states S is downward closed iff for any state  $s \in S$ , if there is another  $s' \subseteq s$ ,  $s' \in S$ .
- Let W be the domain of possible worlds.
- The context c is a downward closed set of states. 10
- One may single out the largest state which is not a subset of any other state.
- (39) A state s is a maximal state of p iff for any state  $s' \in p$ ,  $s \not\subset s'$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>The initial context  $c_0 = \mathcal{P}(W)$ .

- *p* is *inquisitive* iff *p* has more than one maximal states and *p* is *non-inquisitive* iff *p* has a unique maximal state.
- One may retrieve the information content of p by taking the grand union of its states.
- (40) a. For any proposition p,  $INFO(p) = \bigcup p$ , where INFO(p) is the information content of p.
  - b. A proposition *p* is *informative* iff  $INFO(p) \neq INFO(c)$ .
  - c. A proposition p is non-informative iff INFO(p) = INFO(c).
- A declarative denotes an informative proposition and an interrogative denotes a non-informative proposition.
- From now on, we parametrise []] with c instead of w:
- $[\![\phi]\!]^c = \{s \in c : \forall w \in s[\![\![\phi]\!]^w = 1]\}$ , i.e. a set of sets of worlds in which  $\phi$  is true.
- Accordingly, we parametrise E-CONT with INFO(c): it maps an event e to its content p relative to the information stored in c.
- One may assume an accessibility relation wRw' such that w' is compatible with the epistemic states of the interlocutors in w (cf. Stalnaker 2006: on common knowledge).
- This makes  $\text{E-CONT}_{w} = \text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}$  iff  $\cup c = \{w' : wRw'\}$ .
- As a result, one may map E-CONT<sub>W</sub> to a unique corresponding E-CONT<sub>UC</sub> relative to R.
- We assume that for any e, E-CONT $_{\cup c}(e)$ , if defined, is compatible with  $\cup c$  (cf. Kratzer 2006, Moulton 2015)
- Lastly, the definition of kinds is adjusted.
- Recall  $k = \lambda w \iota . P(w)$ , where k is a kind associated with property P.
- So far, we have been implicitly assuming that E-CONT<sub>w</sub>(k)=E-CONT<sub>w</sub>(k<sub>w</sub>), where  $k_w = \iota . P(w)$
- Now, we assume  $\text{E-cont}_{\cup c}(k) = \text{E-cont}_{\cup c}(\oplus \{k_w : w \in \cup_c\})$ .
- We abbreviate  $\oplus \{k_w : w \in \cup c\}$  as  $k_{\cup c}$

#### • Homomorphism from event-subkinds to their contents

- We propose that E-CONT is a homomorphism from the partition of *ad hoc* event-subkinds to the partition of their propositional contents.
- More specifically, the following equation has to hold:
- $\text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(e+e') = \text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(e) \cup \text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(e')$

- Note that + and ∪ are join operations respectively in the mereology and in the set theory often used in theories of natural language semantics.
- It requires E-CONT function to be *cumulative* with respect to events and propositions,
- i.e. whenever  $\text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(e) = p$  and  $\text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(e') = q$ , then  $\text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(e + e') = p \cup q$ .
- Notice that if  $\text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(e) = p$  and  $\text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(e') = p$ , then  $\text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(e + e') = p$
- e.g., if  $p = \{s_1, ..., s_n\}, p \cup p = \{s_1, ..., s_n\} = p$ .
- Now, the domain of E-CONT contains event-kinds without any effort.
- (41) E-CONT $_{\cup c}(k)$  = E-CONT $_{\cup c}(e_1 + ... + e_n)$  such that  $\bigoplus \{e_1, ..., e_n\} = k_{\cup c}$ =  $\bigcup \{\text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(e) : e \text{ is a realisation of } k_{\cup c} \& \text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(e) \cap \bigcup c \neq \emptyset \}$
- This can be extended to consider the value of E-CONT $\cup_c(K)$ .
- We adopt the naive assumption that E-CONT is a function onto the domain of propositions compatible with  $\cup c$ :  $Range(E-CONT_{\cup c}) = \{p : p \cap \cup c \neq \emptyset\}$ .
- $\text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(K) = \cup \{\text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(e) : e \text{ is realisation of } K_{\cup c} \& \cup \text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(e) \cap \cup c \neq \emptyset \}$
- As an abbreviation, let  $c_K = \text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(K)$ .
- Whatever it is,  $\cup c \subseteq \cup c_K \subseteq W$ .
- We are ready to see how the disjointness condition on the event-subkinds leads to the partition condition on their contents.
- We assume that the relevant homomorphism is from the domain of events to the domain of 'classical' propositions, i.e. the information contents of propositions.
- INFO(E-CONT<sub>UC</sub>(e + e')) =INFO(E-CONT<sub>UC</sub>(e))  $\cup$  INFO(E-CONT<sub>UC</sub>(e'))
- (42) shows the effect of event-sub-kind disjointness condition on their propositional contents.
- Here,  $k \circ k'$  in the domain of events corresponds to  $p \cap q \neq \emptyset$  in the domain of propositions.

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(42) \quad \text{a.} \quad K \notin \Pi(K) \qquad \qquad (\text{non-triviality}) \\ \quad \to \operatorname{Info}(\operatorname{E-cont}_{\cup c}(K)) \notin \{\operatorname{Info}(\operatorname{E-cont}_{\cup c}(k)) : k \in \Pi(K)\} \\ \quad = \cup c_K \notin \{\cup \operatorname{E-cont}_{\cup c}(k) : k \in \Pi(K)\} \\ \text{b.} \quad \oplus \Pi(K) = K \qquad (\text{collective exhaustivity}) \\ \quad \to \cup \{\operatorname{Info}(\operatorname{E-cont}_{\cup c}(k)) : k \in \Pi(K)\} = \operatorname{Info}(\operatorname{E-cont}_{\cup c}(K)) \\ \quad = \cup \{\cup \operatorname{E-cont}_{\cup c}(k) : k \in \Pi(K)\} = \cup c_K \\ \text{c.} \quad \forall k, k' \in \Pi(K) [\neg (k \circ k')] \qquad (\text{disjointness}) \\ \quad \to \forall k, k' \in \Pi(K) [\operatorname{Info}(\operatorname{E-cont}_{\cup c}(k)) \cap \operatorname{Info}(\operatorname{E-cont}_{\cup c}(k')) = \emptyset] \\ \quad = \forall k, k' \in \Pi(K) [\cup \operatorname{E-cont}_{\cup c}(k) \cap \cup \operatorname{E-cont}_{\cup c}(k') = \emptyset]
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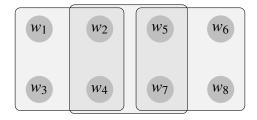
- This way, the proposed disjointness condition (30) on the contents of event-subkinds can be derived by letting E-CONT offer a homomorphism between the domain of event-subkinds and the domain of propositions.
- It is not a new idea that homomorphism is called for when one applies a constraint on one domain to another domain, e.g., measurement (Krifka 1989, Nakanishi 2007, 2008, Champollion 2017:among many others).
- Our proposition disjointness condition can be taken as another case, in which a disjointness condition on one domain is applied to another domain via homomorphism.

#### • Basic case

- Suppose  $\bigcup c_K = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6, w_7, w_8\}$  and  $\bigcup c = \{w_2, w_4, w_5, w_7\}$ 

 $(43) \quad \checkmark \cup p = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4\}, \cup q = \{w_5, w_6, w_7, w_8\}$ 

⇒ well-defined partition



#### Anti-factivity

- We omit the  $e \in Dom(E-CONT(w)(e))$  presupposition for an expository sake.
- (44) a. Taro knows so<sub>i</sub>.
  - b. Context: E-CONT $^-(p) = k_i$
  - c.  $\llbracket soo_i \rrbracket^w = \lambda e : PART^{\prod,K}(k_i).[e \text{ realizes } k_i \rrbracket$
  - d.  $[ (44a) ]^w = \exists e : \bigcup_C \subseteq \bigcup_P \& PART^{\Pi,K}(k_i). [AGENT(e) = Taro \land think_w(e) \land e realizes k_i ]$ **Assertion**:  $\exists e. [AGENT(e) = Taro \land think_w(e) \land E-CONT_{\bigcup_C}(e) = p]$

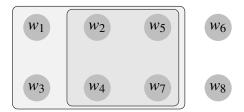
**Presupposition**:  $\cup c \subseteq \cup p \& PART^{\Pi,K}(k_i)$ 

 $= \cup c \subseteq \cup p \& \cup c_K \notin \{\cup \text{e-cont}_{\cup c}(k) : k \in \Pi(K)\} \& \cup \{\cup \text{e-cont}_{\cup c}(k) : k \in \Pi(K)\} = \cup c_K \& \forall k, k' \in \Pi(K) \forall k, k' \in \Pi(K) \mid \cup \text{e-cont}_{\cup c}(k) \cap \cup \text{e-cont}_{\cup c}(k') = \emptyset \}$ 

- The context with a factivity inference looks as follows.
- Suppose  $\bigcup c_K = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6, w_7, w_8\}$  and  $\bigcup c = \{w_2, w_4, w_5, w_7\}$

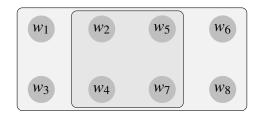
(45)  $\sqrt{y} = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6\}$  and  $y \in C \subseteq D$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  Factivity inference for p

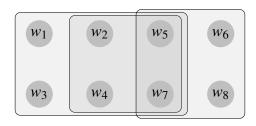


- $\cup c_K \notin \{ \cup \text{E-cont}(w)(k) : k \in \Pi(K) \}$  prohibits the following kind of context.
- (46)  $\mathbf{X} \cup p = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6, w_7, w_8\} = \cup c_K$

⇒ violation of non-triviality



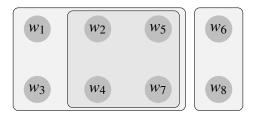
- As  $\cup p$  alone does not cover  $\cup c_K$ , there has to be q such that  $p \neq q$  and  $\cup p \cup \cup q = \cup c_K$ .
- However, recall that for any k,  $\text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(e) \cap \cup c \neq \emptyset$ .
- This prohibits the following kind of context.
- (47)  $\mathbf{X} \cup p = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6\}, \ \cup q = \{w_5, w_6, w_7, w_8\}$
- ⇒ violation of disjointness



- On this point, notice that  $\cup p \cap \cup q = \emptyset$  entails  $\cup c \cap \cup q = \emptyset$  since  $\cup c \subseteq \cup p$ .
- This means that the remaining possibility is also prohibited because q is not compatible with  $\cup c$  and such a proposition is not in the range of E-CONT $\cup c$ .

#### (48) $\mathbf{X} \cup p = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6\}, \cup q = \{w_7, w_8\}$

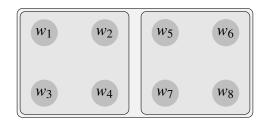
⇒ violation of compatibility



- Therefore, all the possible configuration of  $p, q \in \{ \cup_{E-CONT} \cup_{C} : k \in K(\Pi) \}$  leads to violation of some condition.
- i.e. the presupposition in (44a) always results in contradiction.
- Thus, this leads to ungramaticality via Logical analyticity.
- The gist is that any  $\cup q$  cannot be disjoint with  $\cup p$  and compatible with  $\cup c$  at the same time as long as  $\cup c \subseteq \cup p$ .

#### • No inquisitive antecedent

- The ?-operator and the inquisitive negation are defined below (Ciardelli et al. 2018).
- (49) a.  $\llbracket \phi? \rrbracket^c = \llbracket \phi \rrbracket^c \cup \llbracket \neg \phi \rrbracket^c$ 
  - b.  $\|\neg \phi\|^c = \{s : \forall s' \in \|\phi\|^c | s \cap s' = \emptyset \}$
- Suppose  $c = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6, w_7, w_8\}$
- If  $\cup p = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4\}$ , then  $\cup \neg p = \{w_5, w_6, w_7, w_8\}, \cup p? = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6, w_7, w_8\} = \cup c$



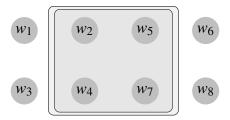
- Consider a case in which *soo* takes an inquisitive antecedent.
- (50) a. Taro thinks so<sub>i</sub>.
  - b. Context:  $E-CONT^-(p?) = k_i$
  - c.  $\| soo_i \|^w = \lambda e : PART^{\prod,K}(k_i) \cdot [e \text{ realizes } k_i]$

**Presupposition**:  $\cup c_K \notin \{ \cup \text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(k) : k \in \Pi(K) \} \& \cup \{ \cup \text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(k) : k \in \Pi(K) \} = \cup c_K \& \forall k, k' \in \Pi(K) \forall k, k' \in \Pi(K) [ \cup \text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(k) \cap \cup \text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(k') = \emptyset ]$ 

- Suppose  $W = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6, w_7, w_8\}$  and  $\cup c = \{w_2, w_4, w_5, w_7\}$ 

### (51) $\cup p? = \{w_2, w_4, w_5, w_7\} = \cup c$

 $\Rightarrow$  question



- By virtue of inquisitivity,  $\cup p$ ? =  $\cup c$  for any p.
- Suppose  $\cup c = \cup c_K$ .
- Since  $\cup p$ ?  $\in \{ \cup \text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(k) : k \in \Pi(K) \}$ ,  $\cup c_K \in \{ \cup \text{E-CONT}_{\cup c}(k) : k \in \Pi(K) \}$ .
- This violates non-triviality.
- Suppose  $\cup c \subset \cup c_K$ .
- By supposition, there has to be q such that  $p? \neq q$  and  $\bigcup p? \bigcup \bigcup q = \bigcup c_K$
- Notice that this leads to the same situation as we saw in cases of factivity,
- i.e.  $\cup p? = \cup c$ , one may not meet the disjointness  $(\cup p? \cap \cup q = \emptyset)$  and the compatibility  $(\cup c \cap \cup q \neq \emptyset)$  at the same time.
- Thus, both cases lead to contradiction and the presupposition in (50a) always results in contradiction.
- Thus, this leads to ungramaticality via Logical analyticity.
- The gist is that  $\cup p$ ? =  $\cup c$  by virtue of inquisitivity.