due Dec 6, before class

We've been assigning the same syntactic types to nouns like *woman* and verb phrases like *loves John* or *sleeps*. There is an obvious error in doing so. Under this assumptions the sentence *Every woman woman* must be as grammatical as *Every woman loves John*, but it isn't. Strictly speaking, English nouns are not expressions that take a noun phrase to their right to form sentences. From here on we will correct this error by taking nouns to be of type N, rather than $S \setminus NP$. With this move, we will have two different syntactic types with the same semantic type, namely, both $S \setminus NP$ and N will be of type et. There is no harm in this, since semantic types are the types of the logical interpretation of an expression.

Altering the syntactic category of nouns will effect the category of determiners/quantifers. We also add the object position categories of *a* and *every*. And, we update the type declarations to the minimalist format. Here is a simple lexicon:

(1)
$$sleeps := S \setminus NP \qquad : \lambda x.sleep'x \qquad ::et$$

$$loves := (S \setminus NP)/NP \qquad : \lambda x \lambda y.love'xy \qquad ::e(et)$$

$$John := NP \qquad :j' \qquad ::e$$

$$Mary := NP \qquad :m' \qquad ::e$$

$$woman := N \qquad : \lambda x.woman'x \qquad ::et$$

$$a := (S \setminus (S \setminus NP))/N \qquad : \lambda p \lambda q. \exists x.px \wedge qx \qquad ::et(ett)$$

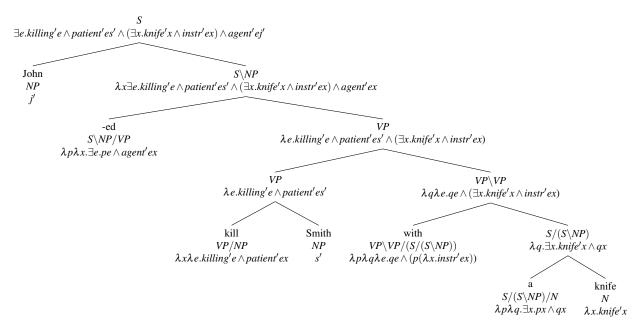
$$a := (S \setminus NP) \setminus (S \setminus NP/NP)/N \qquad : \lambda p \lambda q. \exists x.px \wedge qx \qquad ::?$$

$$every := (S \setminus NP) \setminus (S \setminus NP/NP)/N \qquad : \lambda p \lambda q. \forall x.px \rightarrow qx \qquad ::et(ett)$$

$$every := (S \setminus NP) \setminus (S \setminus NP/NP)/N \qquad : \lambda p \lambda q. \forall x.px \rightarrow qx \qquad ::?$$

If you remeber, when we were integrating event semantics to our interpretative model, we discussed the benefits of, or reasons for, making subjects totally external to the verb phrase. Here is the derivation of our previous example:

(2) John killed Smith with a knife.



Q1. Complete the missing semantic types of *every* and *a* in Lexicon 1. Eliminate as many parentheses as you can.

Q2.

Let us assume that eventualities are of a different type than other individuals. Let's say s. We now have three types: t for truth values, s for eventualities, and e for individuals.

Give the semantic types of -ed, with, and kill Smith in 2.

Q3.

Derive the meaning of the following sentence, including the event semantics.

(3) Smith read every book.