

# the free choice challenges, part 1

### the acceptability and variation challenge

- (1) Tina is allowed to attend any class.
- (2) \*Tina is allowed to ever attend a class.

#### operators and environments

- (3) [allowed] is not a DM function.
- (4)  $\lambda X$ . [T is allowed to attend any class] [any class  $\rightarrow X$ ] is not a DM function.

#### illustration of non-DMness

(5) Tina is allowed to attend a(ny) class⇒ Tina is allowed to attend two classes/every class/most classes

the free choice challenges, parts 2 and 3

## the strength challenge

- (6) Tina is allowed to attend any class. (also: imperatives, generics)
- (7) \*Tina is required to attend any class.

### the plural/mass challenge

- (8) Tina is allowed to attend any class.
- (9) \*Tina is allowed to attend any classes.
- (10) \*Tina is allowed to donate any blood.

# the guiding intuition

### approaching the acceptability, variation, and strength challenge

- (11) Gali is allowed to attend any class⇒ Gali is allowed to attend two classes/every class/most classes
- (12) Gali is allowed to attend any class

  ⇒ Gali is allowed to attend any difficult class/any logic class/etc
- (13) Gali is required to attend a class

  → Gali is required to attend a difficult class/any logic class/etc.

# the guiding intuition

## potential revisions (cf Kadmon & Landman on any)

- (14) **Env-Condition (old):** An NPI is acceptable iff it occurs at LF in a constituent that is DM\* with respect to its position.
- (15) Env-Condition-any: An any-DP is acceptable iff it occurs at LF in a constituent that is DM\* with respect to the position of its complement.
- (16) **Env-Condition-ever:** An *ever-*AdvP is acceptable iff it occurs at LF in a constituent that is DM\* with respect to its position.

### (all but) impossible revision

(17) Op-Condition: An NPI is acceptable iff it is c-commanded at LF by a constituent that denotes a DM\* function.

\* (and not UM)



#### free choice

#### existential vs. universal modal, episodic environments

- (18) Gali is allowed to attend syntax or semantics.
  - ⇒ Gali is allowed to attend syn ∧ Gali is allowed to attend sem
- (19) Gali is required to attend syntax or semantics.
  - ⇒ Gali is required to attend syn ∧ Gali is required to attend sem
- (20) Gali attended syntax or semantics.

## exhaustification and disjunction

(21) Gali is allowed to attend syntax or semantics

#### alternatives

- (22) a. Gali is allowed to attend syntax
  - b. Gali is allowed to attend semantics
  - c. Gali is allowed to attend syntax and semantics

### (innocently) excludable alternatives

- (24) Gali is allowed to attend syntax and semantics

## exhaustification and disjunction

## (innocently) includable alternatives

- $incl(S) = \bigcap \{M \mid M \text{ is a maximal subset of ALT}(S)\}$ (25)such that  $\{p \mid p \in M\} \cup \{\neg q \mid q \in excl(S)\}\$  is consistent $\}$
- (26)a. Gali is allowed to attend syntax Gali is allowed to attend semantics

#### exhaustification

- $exh_C(S) = [S] \land \forall S' \in incl(S): [S'] \land \forall S' \in excl(S) \cap C: \neg [S']$ (27)
- (28) $exh_C$  (Gali is allowed to attend syntax or semantics) =
  - $\Diamond$ (Gali attends syntax or semantics)  $\land$
  - $\Diamond$ (Gali attends syntax)  $\land$

  - $\Diamond$ (Gali attends syntax)  $\land$
  - $\neg\Box$ (Gali attends syntax and semantics) (if in C)

(Bar-Lev and Fox 2020)

# exhaustification and disjunction (simplified)

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(29) \operatorname{exh}_{\mathcal{C}} (Gali is required to attend syntax or semantics) = \neg \Box (\operatorname{Gali attends syntax}) \wedge \qquad \qquad (\text{if in C})\neg \Box (\operatorname{Gali attends semantics})\Rightarrow \Diamond (\operatorname{Gali attends syntax}) \wedge \Diamond (\operatorname{Gali attends semantics})
(30) \operatorname{exh}_{\mathcal{C}} (Gali attended syntax or semantics) = \neg (\operatorname{Gali attended syntax and semantics}) \qquad (\text{if in C})
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Culprit for missing conjunctive inferences: the conjunctive inference is equivalent to the conjunctive alternative to the sentence (it is incompatible with the exclusion of excludable alternatives, prior to the pruning of alternatives)

## exhaustification and indefinites

(31) Gali is allowed to attend any class

#### alternatives

- (32) a. Gali is allowed to attend a(ny) Dom
  - b. Gali is allowed to attend every Dom

for brevity, we assume  $[Dom] \Rightarrow [class]$  throughout

## (innocently) excludable alternatives

(33) Gali is allowed to attend every Dom, where  $card(\llbracket Dom \rrbracket) \geq 2$ 

### (innocently) includable alternatives

(34) Gali is allowed to attend a(ny) Dom, where  $card(\llbracket Dom \rrbracket) \ge 1$ 

#### exhaustification

(35)  $\begin{array}{ll} & \mathsf{exh}_{\mathcal{C}} \mbox{ (Gali is allowed to attend any class)} = \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & & \\ &$ 

# exhaustification and indefinites (simplified)

#### universal modal sentences

(36) 
$$\operatorname{exh}_{\mathcal{C}}$$
 (Gali is required to attend a class) =  $\square$  (Gali attends a class)  $\wedge$   $\forall$  Dom: Dom  $\Rightarrow$   $\mathbb{C}$  class  $\rightarrow$   $\neg\square$  (Gali attends a Dom)

#### episodic sentences

(37) 
$$\operatorname{exh}_{\mathcal{C}}$$
 (Gali attended a class) = Gali attended a class  $\wedge \neg (\operatorname{Gali attended every class})$ 

excursus: necessity of a condition

non-trivial exhaustification in existential and universal modal environments

if we get rid off the env-conditions on npis, other conditions would be needed to replace it to account for their distribution in modal environments; indeed Chierchia replaces it with 'the wide-scope constraint' and 'the modal containment'.

(40) **Env-Condition-any:** An *any-DP* is acceptable iff it occurs at LF in a constituent that is DM\* with respect to the position of its complement.

this seems to suffice

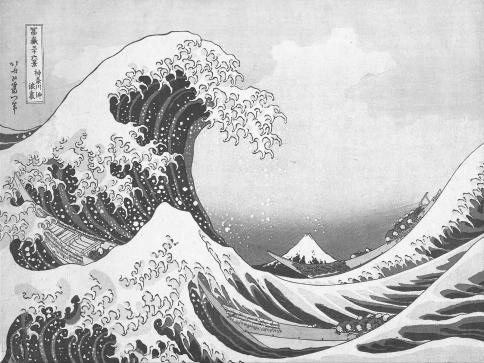
but greater care is needed – domain of exh:

(43) 
$$\begin{array}{ll} \operatorname{\mathsf{exh}}_{\mathsf{C}}\left(\operatorname{\mathsf{Gali}} \text{ is allowed to attend any class}\right) = \\ & \forall \operatorname{\mathsf{Dom}} \colon \operatorname{\mathsf{card}}(\llbracket\operatorname{\mathsf{Dom}}\rrbracket) \geq 1 \to \Diamond(\operatorname{\mathsf{Gali}} \text{ attends a Dom}) \land \\ & \forall \operatorname{\mathsf{Dom}} \colon \operatorname{\mathsf{card}}(\llbracket\operatorname{\mathsf{Dom}}\rrbracket) \geq 2 \to \neg \Diamond(\operatorname{\mathsf{Gali}} \text{ attends every Dom}) \\ \end{array}$$

an issue for DM-ness:

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condition on domain of exh in  $[exh_C S]$ :  $C \subseteq excl(S)$ 



# the remaining challenge

- ✓ the acceptability and variation challenge
- ✓ the strength challenge

# the plural/mass challenge

- (45) Tina is allowed to attend any class.
- (46) \*Tina is allowed to attend any classes.
- (47) \*Tina is allowed to donate any blood.

## plurality as cumulation (for simplicity)

(48) a.  $[\![ classes ]\!] =$ the closure of  $[\![ class ]\!]$ on sum (+) formation b. if X, Y  $\in [\![ classes ]\!]$ , X+Y  $\in [\![ classes ]\!]$ 

#### target sentence

(49) \*Tina is allowed to attend any classes.

### (innocently) excludable alternatives

- (50) Gali is allowed to attend every Dom, where  $card(\llbracket Dom \rrbracket) \geq 2$
- (51) Gali is allowed to attend any Dom,  $\text{where } [\![ \text{class}]\!] \cap [\![ \text{Dom}]\!] = \emptyset$

## (innocently) includable alternatives

(52) Gali is allowed to attend a(ny) Dom, where  $\emptyset \neq \llbracket \mathsf{Dom} \rrbracket \subseteq \llbracket \mathsf{class} \rrbracket$ 

#### exhaustification

(53) 
$$\operatorname{exh}_{\mathcal{C}}$$
 (Gali is allowed to attend any classes) =  $\Diamond(\operatorname{Gali} \operatorname{attend} \operatorname{a} \operatorname{class}) \land \\ \forall \operatorname{Dom:} \emptyset \neq \llbracket \operatorname{Dom} \rrbracket \subseteq \llbracket \operatorname{class} \rrbracket \to \Diamond(\operatorname{Gali} \operatorname{attends} \operatorname{a} \operatorname{Dom}) \land \\ \forall \operatorname{Dom:} \operatorname{card}(\llbracket \operatorname{Dom} \rrbracket) \geq 2 \to \neg \Diamond(\operatorname{Gali} \operatorname{attends} \operatorname{every} \operatorname{Dom})$ 

#### non-DMness

(54)  $\operatorname{exh}_{\mathcal{C}}$  (Gali is allowed to attend any classes)  $\Rightarrow$   $\operatorname{exh}_{\mathcal{C}}$  (Gali is allowed to attend any X), where  $[\![X]\!] \cap [\![\operatorname{class}]\!] = \emptyset$ 

#### conclusion:

(55)  $[exh_C \text{ Gali is allowed to attend any classes}]$  is not DM wrt classes

but does this also mean?

- (56)  $[exh_C \text{ Gali is allowed to attend any class}] \text{ is not DM wrt } class$ ??
- recall namely the two formulations of DMness
- (57) A constituent C of a conjoinable type  $\beta$  is downward-monotone with respect to the position of a constituent A of a conjoinable type  $\alpha$  that C dominates iff  $[\lambda X_{\alpha}, [\![C]\!]^{[A \to X]}\!]$  is a DM function. (cf. Gajewski 2005)
- (58) A constituent C of a conjoinable type  $\beta$  is downward-monotone with respect to a constituent A of a conjoinable type  $\alpha$  that C dominates iff  $\forall X: [A] \Rightarrow [X] \rightarrow [C[A/X]] \Rightarrow [C]$  (or  $\forall X: [X] \Rightarrow [A] \rightarrow [C] \Rightarrow [C[A/X]]$ )

on the 'positional' notion of DMness

(59) **Env-Condition-any:** An *any-DP* is acceptable iff it occurs at LF in a constituent that is DM\* wrt the position of the resource domain of *any*.

$$[_S \ ... \ [[\mathsf{any} \ \mathsf{D}] \ \mathsf{NP}] \ ...]$$

on the 'phrasal' notion of DMness

- (60) **Env-Condition-any:** An *any-DP* is acceptable iff it occurs at LF in a constituent that is DM\* with respect to its complement.
- √ the acceptability and variation challenge
- ✓ the strength challenge
- √ the plural/mass challenge