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Introduction to Formal Semantics

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Exercise sheet n.7

Total points -/25

Note: Are there questions you would like to discuss during the tutorial? If yes, please send them to me (nddascalu@lsv.uni-saarland.de) so that we can go through them together.

Exercise 1 (-/8)

- (i) Mention the presupposition trigger/-s for each sentence and (ii) paraphrase the connected inference/-s.
- e.g. Mark's brother is a lawyer.
- (i) Possessive "s": existential inference
- (ii) >> Mark has a brother/There is a brother of Mark.
- (1) Researchers observed that dark chocolate improves concentration.
- (2) Theresa has finally gotten over Mark.
- (3) Matthias managed to pass the bar examination.
- (4) I tell you by now, if you've listened to me, you'll be rich as Donald Duck
- (5) After earning good grades in semantics, she realized that she was ready for new challenges.
- (6) What Jessica liked most about the Bakery, was their carrot cake.
- (7) When did Cate apply for the PhD position?
- (8) They are going to build the new department next to the GKU research lab.

Exercise 2 (-/4)

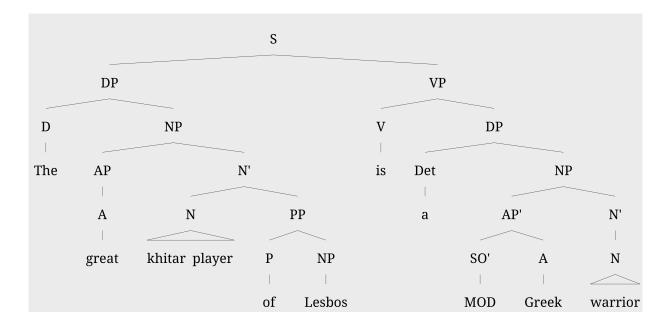
Answer the following questions:

- (1) What is the difference between weak and strong Kleene Connectives?
- (2) What is a presupposition failure? How can we interpret it?

Exercise 3 (-/11)

Represent the correct types and lambdas abstractions (as well as beta reductions) of the following sentence

(1) The great khitara player of Lesbos was a Greek warrior.



Exercise 4 (-/2)

Apply **definedness conditions** to the sentences below and translate these into lambda formulas (L_{λ}) :

(1) Every costumer was satisfied. [cardinality 43]

(2) No participant won the lottery. [cardinality 100]