Embedded Scalars Corpus Study

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1 Procedure

- extract utterances from database

- Replicate degen 2015: strength rating task by comparison between original 'some' sentence and 'some but not all' variant

- additionally include 'some and possibly all' comparison?

2 Following Degen (2015)

- Syntactic partitiveity of *some*-NP

- determiner strength

- discourse accessibility of the *some*-NP

  – linguistic mention of the embedded NP referent
  – topicality of the some-NP
  – modification of the head of some-NP

3 Following Pierre

- collocation with pre-verbal quantifiers: every, no, none, exactly one

- categorization wrt morophosyntactic paraphrase

  – replaceable by *a*
  – some is "omittable"?
  – "strong":
  – "approximative" uses excluded: cases where 'some' modifies a numeral (14 from pierre, 'some twenty chefs', 'some fifteen years')

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4 total

- Embedded versus Root SI

- embedded under:

  - Quantifiers: every, no, none, exactly one
  - modals? (in virtue of their quantificational force)
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