Logic and Language: Exercise (Week 6)

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1 Syntax

1.1

First, we define the rules of rightward extraction $\widehat{\alpha}_{\diamond}^r$, $\widehat{\sigma}_{\diamond}^r$:

$$\frac{f:A\otimes (B\otimes \Diamond C)\to D}{\widehat{\alpha}_{\diamond}^r f:(A\otimes B)\otimes \Diamond C\to D} \qquad \qquad \frac{f:(A\otimes \Diamond C)\otimes B\to D}{\widehat{\sigma}_{\diamond}^r f:(A\otimes B)\otimes \Diamond C\to D}$$

We can now proceed with the derivation of

$$n \otimes ((n \setminus n)/(s/\Diamond \Box np)) \otimes ((np/n) \otimes n) \otimes ((np \setminus s)/np)) \to n$$

as follows:

$$\frac{\overline{np \vdash np}}{\frac{np \vdash np}{(np \vdash np \land n \vdash n)}} \stackrel{1_{np}}{\stackrel{}{}} \overline{n \vdash n}} \stackrel{1_{np}}{\stackrel{}{}} \overline{np \vdash np}} \stackrel{1_{np}}{\stackrel{}} \overline{np \vdash np}$$

2 Interpretation

2.1

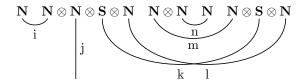
2.2

By working our way from the leaves of the proof tree, we get the following generalized Kronecker delta:

$$\mathbf{island}_i \otimes \mathbf{that}_{j,k,l,m} \otimes \mathbf{the}_{n,o} \otimes \mathbf{hurricane}_p \otimes \mathbf{destroyed}_{q,r,s} \xrightarrow{\delta_{j,t,r,s,q,p}^{i,k,l,m,n,o}} \mathbf{v}_r^{obj} \in \mathbf{N}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_r^{obj} = \mathbf{island}_i \otimes \mathbf{that}_{i,j,k,l} \otimes \mathbf{the}_{m,n} \otimes \mathbf{hurricane}_n \otimes \mathbf{destroyed}_{m,k,l} \quad \text{(relabeled)}$$

We give the matching diagram in the figure below:



2.3

In order to calculate the semantic value for the relative clause body 'the hurricane destroyed', we first apply \mathbf{the}_{MN} to $\mathbf{hurricane}_N$. The operation yields the noun-phrase \mathbf{the} $\mathbf{hurricane}_M$, represented by a row-vector equal to that of $\mathbf{hurricane}$. The verb $\mathbf{destroyed}_{MKL}$ is then applied to the resulting vector, hence we obtain the final result \mathbf{the} $\mathbf{hurricane}$ $\mathbf{destroyed}_{KL}$. Concretely, \mathbf{the} $\mathbf{hurricane}$ destroyed \mathbf{the}_{KL} ($\mathbf{the}_{MN}\mathbf{hurricane}_N$) is a 2 by 3 matrix, the elements of which are:

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} 12 & -19 & 3 \\ 5 & 10 & 1 \end{array}\right)$$

given by:

$$\mathbf{the\ hurricane\ destroyed}(k,l) = \sum_{n \epsilon N} \mathbf{hurricane}(n) \times \mathbf{destroyed}(n,k,l) \ \forall \ k \ \epsilon \ K, \ l \ \epsilon \ L \quad (1)$$

2.4

The interpreted type for the relative pronoun is:

$$\lceil (n \setminus n)/(s/\Diamond \Box np) \rceil = \lceil n \setminus n \rceil \otimes \lceil s/\Diamond \Box np \rceil = \lceil n \rceil \otimes \lceil n \rceil \otimes \lceil s \rceil \otimes \lceil \Diamond \Box np \rceil = N \otimes N \otimes S \otimes N$$

We can now give the following Frobenius recipe for that:

$$I \cong I \otimes I \xrightarrow{\eta_N \otimes \eta_N} N \otimes N \otimes N \otimes N \otimes N \cong N \otimes N \otimes N \otimes I \otimes N \xrightarrow{1_N \otimes \mu_N \otimes \zeta_S \otimes 1_N} N \otimes N \otimes S \otimes N$$

In order to obtain the final interpretation, we do the following (dictated from the above recipe):

1. Reduce the rank of the transitive verb by summing over the S component, thus obtaining the following matrix:

$$\mathbf{collapsed_destroyed} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} \left(& 9 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right) \\ \left(& 1 & -5 & 2 \end{array} \right) \\ \left(& -1 & -8 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

2. Apply collapsed_destroyed to the_hurricane in object position:

the_hurricane_destroyed =
$$\begin{pmatrix} 17 & -9 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Multiply the_hurricane_destroyed element-wise with island:

$$island_that_the_hurricane_destroyed = (-85 -36 0)$$

Note The matrix operations were computed in Python, as shown below: