ORACLES AND CHOICE SEQUENCES FOR TYPE-THEORETIC PRAGMATICS

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INTRODUCTION

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EVERY GRAMMATICAL SENTENCE HAS A MEANING

...but only some of them denote propositions (types)!

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Corollary

The meaning of a judgment $\mathscr{J}$ must be explained in terms of its forcing condition, $\boxed{w \Vdash \mathscr{J}}$, for any stage/world w.

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Remark

Contra Dummett, I by no means take the above as requiring that the following shall be true in a constructive metatheory, divorced from time:

$$\forall w.\forall \mathscr{J}.\ [\![w \Vdash \mathscr{J}]\!] \vee \neg [\![w \Vdash \mathscr{J}]\!] \qquad \text{(Dummett's infelicity)}$$

The above is impossible in a Beth model.

MEANING THEORY WITHOUT UNIFORMITY CONSTRAINTS

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Husserl, Dummett, Martin-Löf ⇒ *Brouwer?, Beth, Kripke, Grothendieck, Lawvere, Joyal*

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3. inclusion of neighborhoods is closed under refinement/extension

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(for $\alpha \in \mathfrak{S}$)

Questions?