

The internal readings of symmetrical adjectives and adverbials

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URL of the pre-recorded presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y00RHj9XLWc>

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