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Continuations, Scope, and Natural Language

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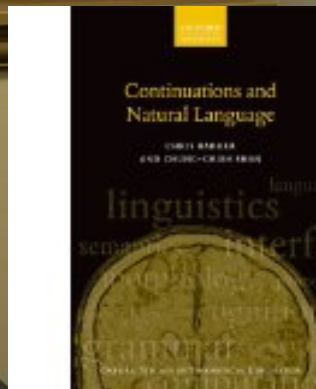
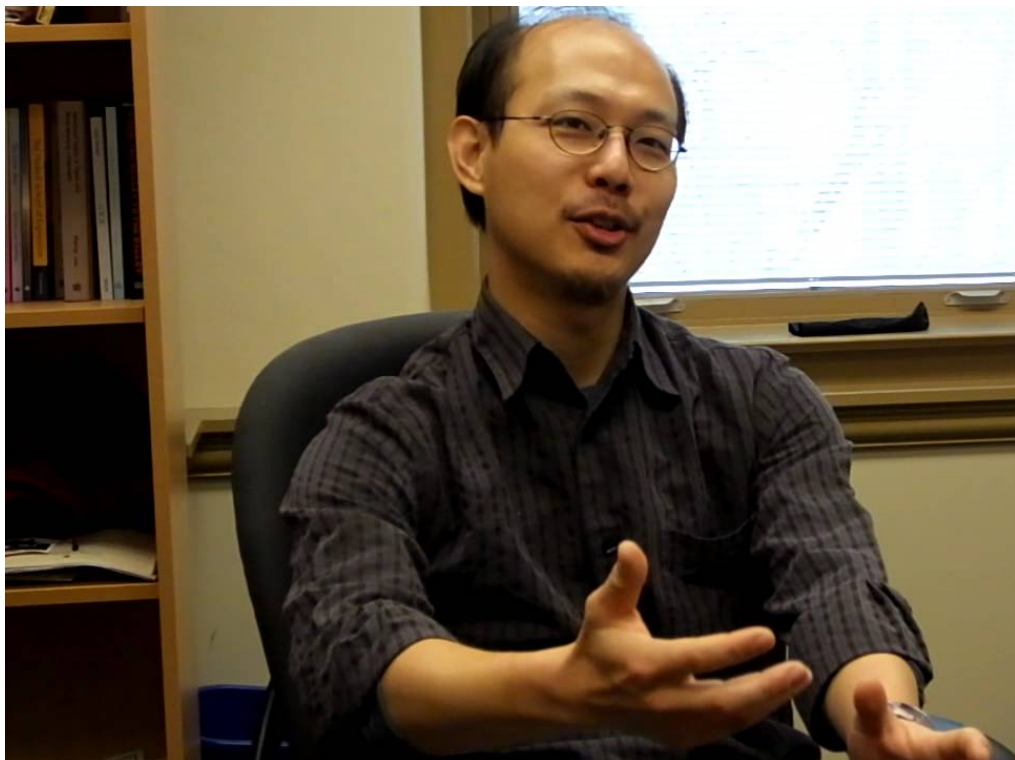
Abstract Scope-taking is a hallmark of natural language: not only is it widespread in the world's languages, it is pervasive within individual languages. It is so familiar to us linguists that it is sometimes hard to appreciate just how astonishing it is for an expression to take material that surrounds it as its semantic argument. For instance, in *Ann gave everyone cookies*, the semantic argument of the quantificational DP *everyone* is the property constructed by abstracting over the direct object position, i.e., $\lambda x.\mathbf{gave}(x)(\mathbf{cookies})(\mathbf{Ann})$. Clearly, a deep and complete understanding of scope-taking is of foundational importance. Building on joint work with Chung-chieh Shan, I will bring to bear insights and techniques from the theory of programming languages, in particular, the concept of a CONTINUATION. One potential advantage of continuations over other approaches is that continuations allow fine-grained control over the order of evaluation. This allows a new account of sensitivity to linear order in weak crossover, reconstruction, negative polarity licensing, and dynamic anaphora. I will go on to explain how continuations allow understanding the traditional method of Quantifier Raising not as an ad-hoc heuristic for constructing so-called logical forms, but as a bone fide logical inference rule in the context of a substructural logic. This will lead to an account of parasitic scope and recursive scope, as in adjectives such as *same* and *different*, as well as of sluicing as a kind of anaphora, including accounts of sprouting examples (*Ann left, but I dont know when*) and Andrews Amalgams (*Ann ate I dont know what yesterday*).

Plan

- Lecture 1
 - Scope
 - * Scope basics
 - * Quantificational binding and c-command
 - * Theories of scope
 - * Kinds of scope
 - Parasitic scope
 - Recursive scope
 - Continuations and order
 - * Continuation basics: COMBINE, LIFT, and LOWER
 - * Weak crossover
 - * Order asymmetries in discourse anaphora
 - * Linear order sensitivity in negative polarity
- Lecture 2
 - WH-movement
 - * In-situ WH
 - * Fronted WH

- * Pied Piping
- Reconstruction
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 - * Reconstructed crossover
- Lecture 3
 - The logic of QR
 - * What is the logical content of QR?
 - * Lambek + QR
 - * Parasitic scope
 - * Same
 - Scope and Sluicing
 - * Theories of sluicing: LF copying, PF deletion, anaphora
 - * Anaphora to a continuation
 - * Recursive scope: Andrews Amalgams

Some results joint work with Chung-chieh (Ken) Shan 5/64

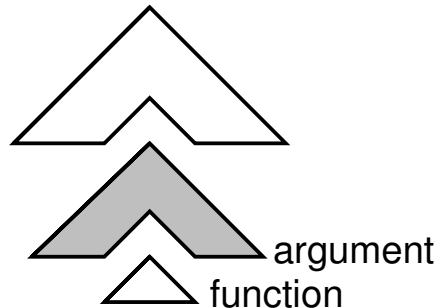


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Continuations in Natural Language. OUP.

Scope

- Scope-taking is one of the most fundamental, one of the most characteristic, and one of the most dramatic features of the syntax and semantics of natural languages.
- A phrase **takes scope** over a larger expression that contains it when the larger expression serves as the smaller phrase's semantic argument.

(1) John said [**Mary called [everyone] yesterday**] with relief.



Scope versus quantification

Quantificational expressions that arguably require (non-trivial) scope

- quantificational DPs (e.g., *everyone*)
- quantificational determiners (*every*)
- quantificational adverbs (*mostly*)
- adjectives (*occasionally, same* and *different*)
- comparatives and superlatives (*-er, -est*).

Quantificational expression that occur in predicate position, and so do not need to take scope: tense, modal auxiliaries, dynamic negation, etc.

Expressions that arguably take displaced scope, but which are not necessarily quantificational: question particles, *wh*-words, disjunction, some analyses of proforms (both overt and silent), expressives such as *damn*, etc.

Displaced scope gives rise to ambiguity

- (2)
- a. Ann intends to marry each man she meets.
 - b. *Each* takes wide scope over *intend*:
For each man x , Ann intends to marry x .
 - c. *Intend* takes wide scope over *each*:
Ann intends for her marriage partners to exhaust the set of men that she meets.

Relative scope ambiguity

- (3) a. A man ate every cookie.
b. **Linear scope**: *a* outscopes *every*:
There is a man who ate every cookie.
c. **Inverse scope**: *every* outscopes *a*:
For every cookie x , there is some potentially different man who ate x .
- (4) Every woman saw every man. [Still ambiguous!]
- The more prominent reading is the linear one.
 - The preference for linear scope is robust across construction types and across languages.
 - If any scoping is available, at least the linear scoping will certainly be available.

Inverse scope versus inverse linking

- (5)
- a. [Some person from [every city]] loves it.
 - b. There is a person who is from every city and who loves some salient thing.
 - c. For every city x , there is some person y who is from x , and y loves x .

Scope islands

- (6)
- a. Someone thought [everyone left].
 - b. There is a person who thought that everyone left.
 - c. For each person x , there is some person y such that y thought x left.

Relative clauses are particularly strong scope islands:

- (7)
- a. A woman from every borough spoke.
 - b. A woman [who is from every borough] spoke.
- Scope islands are sensitive to the identity of the scope-taking element in question. In particular, indefinites are able to escape from any scope island

Scope ambiguity and ellipsis

- (8) a. A woman watched every movie, and a man did too.
b. A woman watched every movie, and Mary did too.
- linear scope for both conjuncts ok
 - inverse scope for both conjuncts ok
 - mismatched scope relations across the conjuncts not ok
 - **Derivational economy?** Quantifiers take inverse scope only if doing so has a detectable effect on truth conditions
- (9) A woman watched every movie, but I don't know who.

Sluicing example also unambiguous, but for a different reason...

C-command not required for quantificational binding

Heim and Kratzer 1998:261:

A DP A semantically binds a non-null DP B iff

- A and B are co-indexed
- A c-commands B
- A is in an argument position
- Minimality holds (there is no C that semantically bind B and is closer to B) 2

- (10) a. [Everyone_i's mother] thinks he_i's a genius.
b. [Someone from every_i city] hates it_i.
c. John gave [to each_i participant] a framed picture of her_i mother.
d. We [will sell no_i wine] before it_i's time.
e. [After unthreading each_i screw], but before removing it_i...
f. The grade [that each_i student receives] is recorded in his_i file.

Theories of scope

- Quantifying In (Montague)
- Quantifier Raising (May)
- Cooper Storage
- Flexible Montague Grammar (Hendriks)
- Scope as surface constituency (Steedman)
- Type-logical grammar (Lambek)
 - Lambek-Grishin calculus (Moortgat & Bernardi)
 - Discontinuous Lambek Grammar (Morrill & Valentín)
- Continuation-based systems (Barker and Shan, de Groote)

Quantifying In (Montague)

- Verbs and other predicates denote relations over generalized quantifiers
- No type clash
- In addition, Quantifying In:

$QI_{\text{SYN}}(\text{everyone}, [\text{John} [\text{called he}]]) = [\text{John} [\text{called everyone}]]$.

$QI_{\text{SEM}}(\mathbf{everyone}, \mathbf{called} \times \mathbf{john}) = \mathbf{everyone}(\lambda x. (\mathbf{called} \times \mathbf{john}))$

Quantifier Raising (May)

- Dominant in linguistics and philosophy of language
- Easy to teach and easy to understand
- Canonical presentation: Heim and Kratzer 1998
- Covert movement (pace Kayne)

$$[\text{John} [\text{called everyone}]] \stackrel{\text{QR}}{\Rightarrow} [\text{everyone}(\lambda x [\text{John} [\text{called } x]])]$$

QR easily accounts for inverse scope by allowing QR to target quantifiers in any order.

Linear scoping : [someone [called everyone]]

QR
 \Rightarrow [everyone(λx [someone [called x]])]

QR
 \Rightarrow [someone(λy [everyone(λx [y [called x]])])]

Inverse scoping : [someone [called everyone]]

QR
 \Rightarrow [someone(λy [y [called everyone]])]

QR
 \Rightarrow [everyone(λx [someone(λy [y [called x]])])]

Inverse linking: $[[\text{some} [\text{friend} [\text{of everyone}]]][\text{called}]]$

QR
 $\Rightarrow [[\text{some} [\text{friend} [\text{of everyone}]]](\lambda x[x \text{ called}])]$

QR
 $\Rightarrow [\text{everyone}(\lambda y[[\text{some} [\text{friend} [\text{of } y]]](\lambda x[x \text{ called}])]]]$

Unbound trace: $[[\text{some} [\text{friend} [\text{of everyone}]]][\text{called}]]$

QR
 $\Rightarrow [\text{everyone}(\lambda y[[\text{some} [\text{friend} [\text{of } y]]][\text{called}])]]]$

QR
 $\Rightarrow [[\text{some} [\text{friend} [\text{of } y]]](\lambda x[\text{everyone}(\lambda y.x)][\text{called}])]]]$

Cooper Storage

- Syntactic parsing and semantic composition proceed bottom up
- Two structures build in parallel
 - A tree structure with a partial semantic interpretation
 - A multiset (unordered list) of quantifiers
- At a clause node, take quantifiers off the store
- A derivation is complete only when the store is empty

SYNTAX

1. called everyone
2. someone [called everyone]
3. someone [called everyone]
4. someone [called everyone]

SEMANTICS

- call** x
- call** $x y$
- s'one** $(\lambda y. \text{call } x y)$
- e'one** $(\lambda x. \text{s'one}(\lambda y. \text{call } x y))$ \square

STORE

- $[\langle \mathbf{e'one}, x \rangle]$
- $[\langle \mathbf{e'one}, x \rangle, \langle \mathbf{s'one}, y \rangle]$
- $[\langle \mathbf{e'one}, x \rangle]$

Flexible Montague Grammar (Hendriks)

Argument Raising (AR): if an expression ϕ has a denotation

$$\lambda x_1 \lambda x_2 \dots \lambda x_i \dots \lambda x_n [f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)]$$

with type

$$a_1 \rightarrow a_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow a_i \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow a_n \rightarrow r,$$

then ϕ also has the denotation

$$\lambda x_1 \lambda x_2 \dots \lambda x_i \dots \lambda x_n [x_i(\lambda x. f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x, \dots, x_n))]$$

with type

$$a_1 \rightarrow a_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow ((a_i \rightarrow r) \rightarrow r) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow a_n \rightarrow r.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 e \rightarrow e \rightarrow t & \text{AR} & G \rightarrow e \rightarrow t & & \text{AR} & & G \rightarrow G \rightarrow t \\
 \text{saw} & \Rightarrow & \text{saw} & \Rightarrow & & & \text{saw} \\
 \lambda x y. \text{saw } x y & & \lambda \mathcal{X} y. \mathcal{X}(\lambda x. \text{saw } x y) & & & & \lambda \mathcal{X} \mathcal{Y}. \mathcal{Y}(\lambda y. \mathcal{X}(\lambda x. \text{saw } x y))
 \end{array}$$

Flexible Montague Grammar (Hendriks)

Value Raising (VR): if an expression ϕ has a denotation

$$\lambda x_1 \dots \lambda x_n [f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \text{ with type } \alpha_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \alpha_n \rightarrow r,$$

then for all types r' , ϕ also has the denotation

$$\lambda x_1 \dots \lambda x_n \lambda \kappa [\kappa(f(x_1, \dots, x_n))] \text{ with type } \alpha_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \alpha_n \rightarrow (r \rightarrow r') \rightarrow r'.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} e \rightarrow e & \text{VR} & e \rightarrow G & \text{AR} & G \rightarrow G \\ \text{mother} & \Rightarrow & \text{mother} & \Rightarrow & \text{mother} \\ \lambda x. \mathbf{mom} x & & \lambda x \kappa. \kappa(\mathbf{mom} x) & & \lambda \mathcal{P} \kappa. \mathcal{P}(\lambda x. \kappa(\mathbf{mom} x)) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \text{left} \rrbracket (\llbracket \text{mother} \rrbracket \llbracket \text{everyone} \rrbracket) &= (\lambda \mathcal{P}. \mathcal{P} \mathbf{left}) ((\lambda \mathcal{P} \kappa. \mathcal{P}(\lambda x. \kappa(\mathbf{mom} x))) \mathbf{e}) \\ &= \mathbf{everyone}(\lambda x. \mathbf{left}(\mathbf{mom} x)) \end{aligned}$$

- Continuation-based system (see Barker and Shan, ch. 7)

Function composition: scope as surface constituency

NB, Lambek-style slashes:

- (10) a. everyone_a S/(DP\S) $\lambda\kappa\forall x.\kappa x$
 b. everyone_b ((DP\S)/DP)\(DP\S) $\lambda\kappa y\forall x.\kappa xy$
 c. no one_c (S/DP)\S $\lambda\kappa\neg\exists x.\kappa x$
 d. no one_d ((DP\S)/DP)\(DP\S) $\lambda\kappa y\neg\exists x.\kappa xy$

Linear scope:

$$\frac{\text{everyone}_a:S/(DP\S) \quad \frac{\text{loves}:(DP\S)/DP \quad \text{no one}_d:((DP\S)/DP)\(DP\S)}{\text{loves no one}_d:DP\S}}{\text{everyone}_a (\text{loves no one}_d):S} >$$

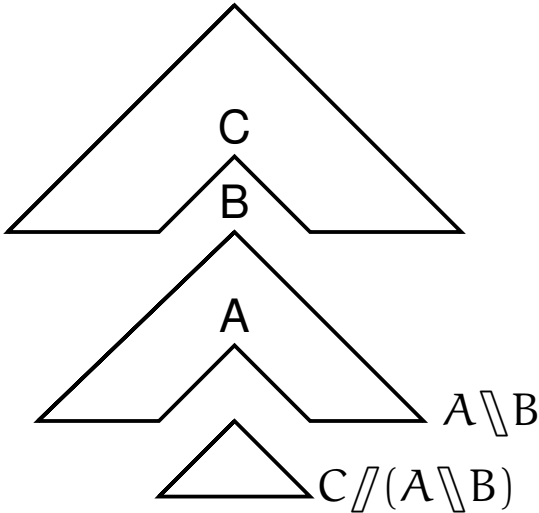
Inverse scope:

$$\frac{\text{everyone}_a:S/(DP\S) \quad \text{loves}:(DP\S)/DP}{\text{everyone}_a \text{ loves}:S/DP} > \mathbf{B} \quad \text{no one}_c:(S/DP)$$

$$\frac{\text{everyone}_a \text{ loves}:S/DP \quad \text{no one}_c:(S/DP)}{\text{everyone}_a \text{ loves no one}_c:S}$$

Does medial scope-taking really exist (yes)?

- (11) [[The man who builds] each clock] also repairs it.
- (12) a. [Some student from each department who had failed] complained.
b. [The man who puts each clock into its velvet case] also repairs it.
c. See if the nursing home is willing to give you the names of [some of each doctor's other patients in the facility]



(12)

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} \frac{S \mid S}{DP} & \frac{S \mid S}{DP \setminus S} \\ \hline everyone & left \\ \forall y. [] & [] \\ \hline y & \mathbf{left} \end{array} \right) = \frac{\frac{S \mid S}{S}}{\frac{\forall y. []}{\mathbf{left}(y)}}$$

Crossover

(22)

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} \text{DP} \triangleright \text{S} & \text{S} & \text{S} \\ \hline \text{DP} & \text{DP} \setminus \text{DP} & \text{S} \\ \text{his} & \text{mother} & \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} \text{S} & \text{S} & \text{S} \mid \text{DP} \triangleright \text{S} \\ \hline (\text{DP} \setminus \text{S}) / \text{DP} & \text{DP} & \\ \text{loves} & \text{everyone} & \end{array} \right) = \frac{\text{DP} \triangleright \text{S} \mid \text{DP} \triangleright \text{S}}{\text{S}} \text{ his mother loves everyone}$$

- (23) a. Which of his_i relatives does everyone_i love the most?
 b. the relative of his_i that everyone_i loves the most

Kinds of scope-taking

- Lowering
- Spill scope
- Parasitic scope
- Recursive scope

Lowering ('total reconstruction')

- (24) a. Some politician_i is likely [_{t_i} to address John's constituency
b. There is a politician x such that x is likely to address John's
c. The following is likely: that there is a politician
who will address John's constituency.

Split scope

- Ger. *kein* = negation + indefinite

(25) a. How many people should I talk to?

b. What number n is such that there are n -many people I should talk to?

c. What number n is such that I should talk to n -many people?

(26) a. This paper is 10 pages long. It is required to be exactly 5 pages long.

b. $(d = 15) > \text{required} > \text{a } d\text{-long paper}$: it is necessary for the paper to be exactly 15 pages long.

c. $(d = 15) > \text{required} > \text{a } d\text{-long paper}$: the maximum length of the paper is required to be at least that long is 15 pages.

The ambiguity is analyzed by assuming that the comparative operator *-er* takes split scope. The reading in (26b) arises when *required* takes scope over both parts contributed by *-er*, and the reading in (26c) arises when the top part of the split scope of *-er* takes wider scope over *required*.

Normal scope:

$$\frac{E \mid F}{A}$$

Split scope:

$$\frac{E \mid F}{\left(\frac{C \mid D}{B} \right)}$$

Existential versus distributive quantification

- (27) a. If three relatives of mine die, I'll inherit a house.
 b. If there exists any set of three relatives who die, I'll inherit a house.
 c. There exists a set of three relatives each with the following property: if that person dies, I'll inherit a house.
 d. There exists a set of three relatives such that if each member of that set dies, I'll inherit a house.

(28) Every child tasted every apple.

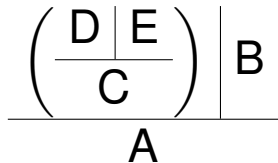
$$\frac{\exists X.[\]}{\forall x \in X.[\]} : \frac{S \mid S}{DP}$$

Parasitic scope

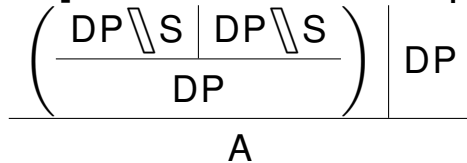
1. everyone[read[the[same book]]]
2. everyone($\lambda x.[x[read[the[same book]]]]$)
3. everyone(same($\lambda f \lambda x.[x[read[the[f(book)]]]]$))

$$\frac{DP \setminus S \mid DP \setminus S}{ADJ}$$

Recursive scope



(29) Ann and Bill know [some of the same people].



(13) Sally ate [I don't know what ...] today

[Way too complicated to get into today. Choice functions, List monads, functional readings, pseudoscope, sigh.]

- (31) a. Each student read every paper that discussed some problem.
b. Every student is such that there is some problem such that the student read every paper that discussed the problem.

Branching quantifiers

[Way too complicated to get into today. Skolemization, partially ordered quantifiers, functional readings, sigh.]

(32) Some relative of each villager and some relative of each townsman hate each other.

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \forall x \quad \exists x' \\ \forall y \quad \exists y' \end{array} \right). (\mathbf{villager}_x \wedge \mathbf{townsman}_y) \rightarrow (\mathbf{rel}_x x' \wedge \mathbf{rel}_y y' \wedge \mathbf{hate}_{x'y'})$$

$$\exists f \exists g \forall x \forall y. (\mathbf{villager}_x \wedge \mathbf{townsman}_y) \rightarrow (\mathbf{rel}_x (fx) \wedge \mathbf{rel}_y (gy) \wedge \mathbf{hate}(fx)(gy))$$

- (38) a. Two boys read three books.
b. two $>$ three: Two boys are such that each of them read three books.
c. three $>$ two: Three books are such that each of them was read by two boys.
d. cumulative: a group of two boys were involved in reading all three books.

De dicto/de re

(39) a. Lars wants to marry a Norwegian.

b. **wants**($\exists x$.**norwegian** $x \wedge$ **marry** x **lars**) **lars**

c. $\exists x$.**norwegian** $x \wedge$ **wants**(**marry** x **lars**) **lars**

(40) Mary wants to buy an inexpensive coat.

- (14) **The continuation hypothesis:** some natural language expressions denote functions on their continuations, i.e., functions that take their own semantic context as an argument.

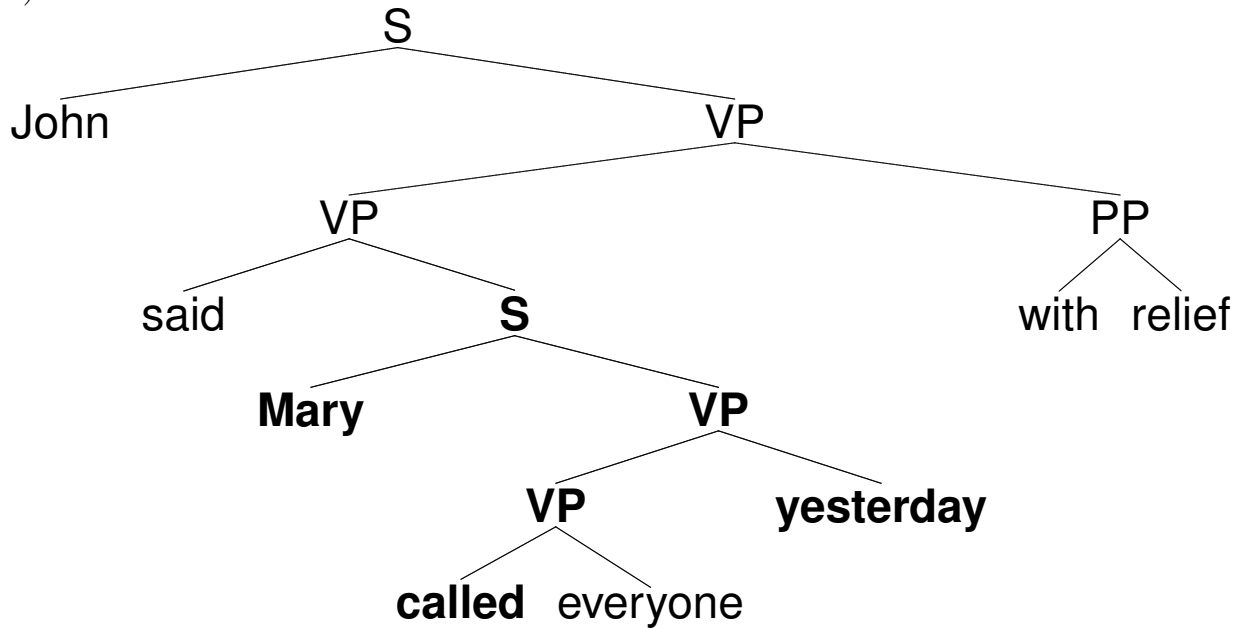
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What's a continuation?

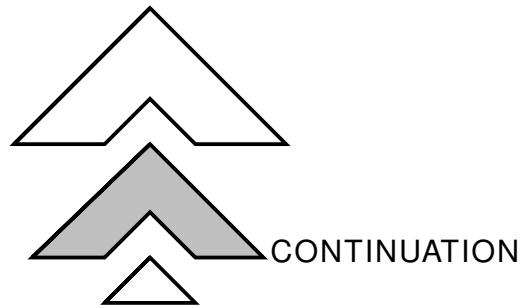
A CONTINUATION is a portion of the context surrounding an expression.

- (15) John said [**Mary called** everyone **yesterday**] with relief.

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(17)



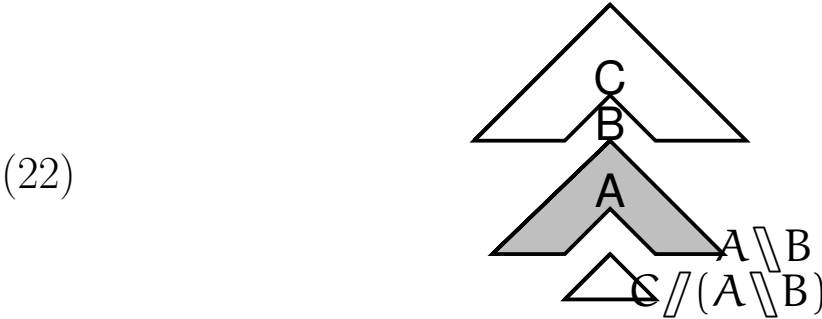
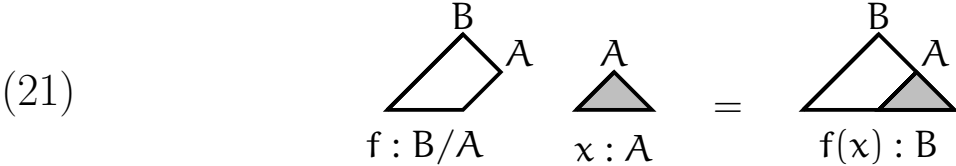
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What makes continuations essential?

- (18) a. Everyone_i loves his_i mother.
b. *His_i mother loves everyone_i.

- (19) a. Which of his_i relatives does every man_i love the most?
b. The relative of his_i that every man_i loves most is his mother.

(20)
$$\begin{pmatrix} DP & DP \setminus S \\ John & left \\ \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{left} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{matrix} S \\ John\ left \\ \mathbf{left(j)} \end{matrix}$$



TOWER NOTATION

$$(23) \quad \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \text{S} & \text{S} \\ \hline \text{DP} & \text{DP} \setminus \text{S} \\ \textit{everyone} & \textit{left} \\ \hline \forall y. [] & [] \\ \hline y & \textbf{left} \end{array} \right) = \begin{array}{c|c} \text{S} & \text{S} \\ \hline \text{S} & \\ \hline \forall y. [] & \\ \hline \textbf{left} & y \end{array}$$

First, purely as a matter of notation, syntactic categories of the form $C // (A \setminus B)$ can optionally be written as $\frac{C \mid B}{A}$. This is what we call the ‘tower’ convention.

$$(24) \quad \begin{array}{c} S // (DP \setminus S) \\ \textit{everyone} \\ \lambda \kappa \forall y. \kappa y \end{array} \equiv \begin{array}{c|c} \text{S} & \text{S} \\ \hline \text{DP} & \\ \hline \forall y. [] & \\ \hline y & \end{array}$$

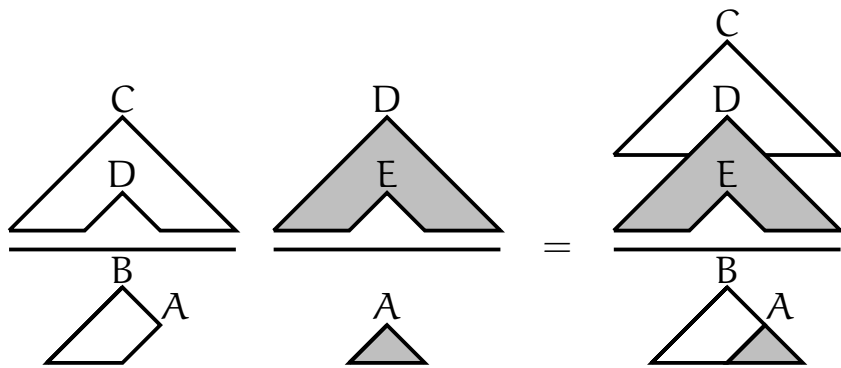
In general, a function of the form $\lambda\kappa.g[\kappa f]$ can optionally be written as $\frac{g[\]}{f}$.

THE COMBINATION SCHEMA

(25) **The combination schema** ('/' variant):

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} C & D \\ \hline B/A & A \\ \text{left.exp} & \text{right.exp} \\ \hline g[\] & h[\] \\ \hline f & x \end{array} \right) = \begin{array}{c|c} C & E \\ \hline B & \\ \hline \text{left.exp} & \text{right.exp} \\ \hline g[h[\]] & \\ \hline f(x) & \end{array}$$

(26)

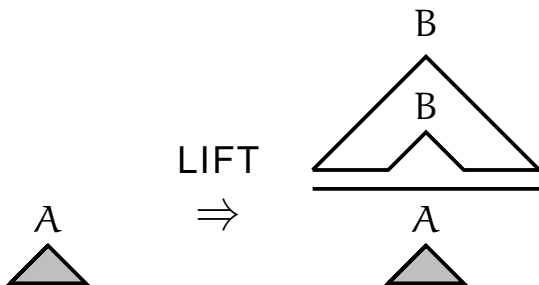


The LIFT type-shifter

(27)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 A \quad \text{LIFT} \quad \frac{B \mid B}{A} \\
 \textit{phrase} \Rightarrow \textit{phrase} \\
 \chi \quad \frac{[]}{\chi}
 \end{array}$$

(28)



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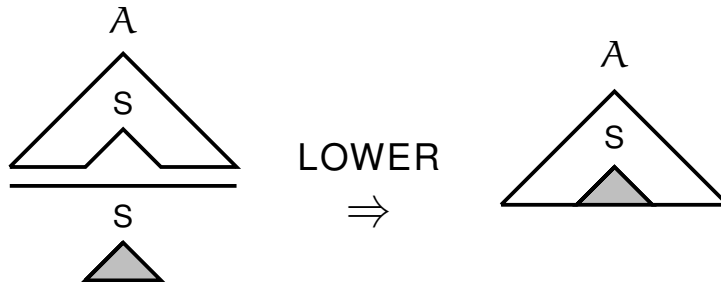
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{DP LIFT DP} \\ \text{(a) } \mathbf{John} \Rightarrow \mathbf{John} \\ \mathbf{j} \qquad \qquad \frac{[\]}{\mathbf{j}} \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{DP \backslash SLIFT DP \backslash S} \\ \text{(b) } \mathbf{left} \Rightarrow \mathbf{left} \\ \mathbf{left} \qquad \qquad \frac{[\]}{\mathbf{left}} \end{array}$$

The LOWER type-shifter

(30)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{A \mid S}{S} \text{ LOWER } A \\
 \textit{phrase} \Rightarrow \textit{phrase} \\
 \frac{f[\]}{x} \qquad \qquad f[x]
 \end{array}$$

(31)



(32)

$$\frac{\frac{S \mid S}{S}}{\forall y. []} \text{ LOWER } \Rightarrow \frac{\forall y. \mathbf{left} y}{\mathbf{left} y} \text{ S}$$

everyone left \Rightarrow *everyone left*

A linear scope bias

$$(33) \quad \frac{\frac{S \mid S}{DP} \text{ *someone* }{\exists x. []}}{x} \left(\begin{array}{cc} \frac{S \mid S}{(DP \setminus S) / DP} \text{ *loves* }{[]} & \frac{S \mid S}{DP} \text{ *everyone* }{\forall y. []} \\ \text{loves} & y \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{S \mid S}{S} \text{ *someone loves everyone* }{\exists x. \forall y. []}}{\text{loves } y x} \quad \text{LOWER} \quad \frac{S}{\exists x. \forall y. \text{loves } y x} \text{ *someone loves everyone*}$$

A scope ambiguity due to LOWER

(34) Mary wants everyone to leave.

$$(35) \frac{\frac{S \mid S}{DP} \text{ Mary} \left[\right]}{m} \left(\frac{\frac{S \mid S}{(DP \setminus S) / S} \text{ wants} \left[\right]}{\mathbf{wants}} \left(\frac{\frac{S \mid S}{DP} \text{ everyone to leave} \left[\right]}{x} \frac{\frac{S \mid S}{DP \setminus S} \text{ leave} \left[\right]}{\mathbf{leave}} \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{S \mid S}{S} \text{ M.w.e.t.l} \left[\right]}{\mathbf{wants(leave } x) m}} \quad \text{LOWER} \Rightarrow \quad \frac{S \text{ Mary wants everyone to leave} \left[\right]}{\forall x. \mathbf{wants(leave } x) m}$$

Binding and crossover

- (36) a. Everyone_i loves his_i mother.
 b. *His_i mother loves everyone_i.

(37)

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \text{DP} \triangleright \text{S} & \text{S} & \text{S} & \text{S} \\ \hline \text{DP} & & \text{DP} \setminus \text{S} & \\ \textit{he} & & \textit{left} & \\ \lambda y. [] & & [] & \\ \hline y & & \textbf{left} & \end{array} \right) = \frac{\text{DP} \triangleright \text{S} \mid \text{S}}{\text{S}} \text{ LOWER DP} \triangleright \text{S} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \textit{he left} \\ \lambda y. [] \\ \hline \textbf{left} y \end{array}$$

(38)

A	B		A	DP	▷	B
DP		BIND	DP			
<i>phrase</i>		⇒	<i>phrase</i>			
$f[\]$			$f[\ [\] x]$			
$\frac{\quad}{x}$			$\frac{\quad}{x}$			

(39)

S	S		S	DP	▷	S
DP		BIND	DP			
<i>everyone</i>		⇒	<i>everyone</i>			
$\forall x. [\]$			$\forall x. [\] x$			
$\frac{\quad}{x}$			$\frac{\quad}{x}$			

Binding and the irrelevance of c-command

$$(40) \quad \frac{S \mid DP \triangleright S}{DP} \left(\frac{DP \triangleright S \mid DP \triangleright S}{(DP \setminus S) / DP} \left(\frac{DP \triangleright S \mid S \quad S \mid S}{DP \quad DP \setminus DP} \right) \right)$$

$$\frac{\textit{everyone}}{\forall x. [\] x} \left(\frac{\textit{loves}}{[\]} \left(\frac{\textit{his}}{\lambda y. [\]} \quad \frac{\textit{mother}}{[\]} \right) \right)$$

$$\frac{\quad}{x} \quad \frac{\quad}{\textit{loves}} \quad \frac{\quad}{y} \quad \frac{\quad}{\textit{mom}}$$

$$= \frac{S \mid S}{S} \quad \text{LOWER} \quad S$$

$$= \frac{\textit{Everyone loves his mother}}{\forall x. (\lambda y. [\]) x} \Rightarrow \frac{\textit{Everyone loves his mother}}{\forall x. (\lambda y. \textit{loves} (\textit{mom } y) x) x}$$

$$\frac{\quad}{\textit{loves} (\textit{mom } y) x}$$

$$(41) \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} S & DP \triangleright S & DP \triangleright S \\ \hline DP & DP \setminus DP & DP \triangleright S \\ \text{everyone's} & \text{mother} & \\ \hline \forall x.[]x & [] & \\ \hline x & \mathbf{mother} & \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} DP \triangleright S & DP \triangleright S & DP \triangleright S & S \\ \hline (DP \setminus S)/DP & DP & DP \triangleright S & S \\ \text{loves} & \text{him} & DP \triangleright S & S \\ \hline [] & \lambda y.[] & DP \triangleright S & S \\ \hline \mathbf{loves} & y & DP \triangleright S & S \end{array} \right)$$

A FIRST CROSSOVER EXAMPLE

$$(42) \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} DP \triangleright S & S & S \\ \hline DP & DP \setminus DP & S \\ \text{his} & \text{mother} & \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c|c} S & S \\ \hline (DP \setminus S)/DP & DP \\ \text{loves} & \text{everyone} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \frac{DP \triangleright S \mid DP \triangleright S}{S}$$

his mother loves everyone

- (43) a. *He_i loves everyone_i.
 b. ?His_i mother loves everyone_i.

Reversing the order of evaluation

$$(44) \quad \left(\begin{array}{c|c} D & E \\ \hline A/B & B \\ \textit{left} & \textit{right} \\ \hline g[] & h[] \\ \hline f & x \end{array} \right) = \begin{array}{c|c} C & E \\ \hline A \\ \hline \textit{left} & \textit{right} \\ \hline h[g[]] \\ \hline f(x) \end{array}$$

$$(45) \frac{\frac{S|S}{DP} \text{ *someone* }{\exists x. []}}{x} \left(\begin{array}{cc} \frac{S|S}{(DP \setminus S)/DP} & \frac{S|S}{DP} \\ \text{loves} & \text{everyone} \\ \frac{[]}{\text{loves}} & \frac{\forall y. []}{y} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{S|S}{S} \text{ *Someone loves everyone* }{\forall y \exists x. []}}{\text{loves } y x} \quad \text{LOWER} \quad \frac{S}{\forall y. \exists x. \text{loves } y x} \text{ *Someone loves everyone*}$$

$$(46) \quad \frac{\text{DP} \triangleright \text{S} \mid \text{S}}{\text{DP}} \quad \left(\frac{\text{DP} \triangleright \text{S} \mid \text{DP} \triangleright \text{S} \quad \text{S} \mid \text{DP} \triangleright \text{S}}{(\text{DP} \setminus \text{S}) / \text{DP} \quad \text{DP}} \right)$$

$$\frac{\lambda x. []}{x} \quad \left(\frac{\text{loves}}{[]} \quad \frac{\text{everyone}}{\forall y. ([]y)} \right)$$

$$\frac{\text{S} \mid \text{S}}{\text{S}} \quad \text{LOWER} \quad \text{S}$$

$$= \text{He loves everyone} \Rightarrow \text{He loves everyone}$$

$$\frac{\forall y (\lambda x. ([]y))}{\text{loves } yx} \quad \forall y. (\lambda x. \text{loves } yx) y$$

DEFAULT EVALUATION ORDER IS LEFT-TO-RIGHT

(47) By default, natural language expressions are processed from left to right.

Order asymmetries in discourse anaphora

$$(48) \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \text{S} \mid \text{DP} \triangleright \text{S} & \text{DP} \triangleright \text{S} \mid \text{DP} \triangleright \text{S} \\ \hline \text{DP} & \text{DP} \setminus \text{S} \\ \textit{someone} & \textit{entered} \\ \exists y. ([] y) & [] \\ \hline y & \mathbf{entered} \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \text{DP} \triangleright \text{S} \mid \text{DP} \triangleright \text{S} & \\ \hline (\text{S} \setminus \text{S}) / \text{S} & \\ \textit{[period]} & \\ [] & \\ \hline \mathbf{\&} & \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \text{DP} \triangleright \text{S} \mid \text{S} & \text{S} \mid \text{S} \\ \hline \text{DP} & \text{DP} \setminus \text{S} \\ \textit{he} & \textit{left} \\ \lambda x. [] & [] \\ \hline x & \mathbf{left} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{S} \mid \text{S} \\ \hline \text{S} \end{array} \quad \text{LOWER, beta} \quad \text{S}$$

$$= \textit{Someone entered. He left} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \textit{Someone entered. He left}$$

$$\frac{\exists y. \lambda x. [] y}{\mathbf{\&(\textit{entered } y)(\textit{left } x)}}$$

$$\exists y. \mathbf{\&(\textit{entered } y)(\textit{left } y)}$$

Order effects in negative polarity licensing

- (49) a. No one saw anyone.
b. *Anyone saw no one.
- (50) a. I gave nothing to anybody.
b. *I gave anything to nobody.
c. I gave nobody anything.
d. *I gave anybody nothing.

The view from Ladusaw 1979

Ladusaw (1979) notes this mystery in his Inherent Scope Condition: “If the NPI is clausemate with the trigger, the trigger must precede” (section 4.4). He goes on (section 9.2) to speculate that this left-right requirement is related to quantifier scope and sentence processing, just as we are claiming:

I do not at this point see how to make this part of the Inherent Scope Condition follow from any other semantic principle. This may be because the left-right restriction, like the left-right rule for unmarked scope relations, should be made to follow from the syntactic and semantic processing of sentences

Negative polarity, order, and scope

(51) $\forall s_1 \forall s_2. (\forall x. s_2(x) \rightarrow s_1(x)) \rightarrow q(s_1) \rightarrow q(s_2).$

- (52) a. No one saw anyone.
 b. *Everyone saw anyone.
 c. *Alice saw anyone.

(53) *No one thought everyone saw anyone.

- (54) a. No one gave anyone everything.
 b. $\neg \exists z \exists y \forall x. \mathbf{gave} \ x \ y \ z$
 c. $*\neg \exists z \forall x \exists y. \mathbf{gave} \ x \ y \ z$

- (55) a. No one_i called his_i mother.
 b. No one called anyone's mother.

- (56) a. [No one_i's mother] called him_i.
 b. [No one's mother] called anyone.

- (57) a. *His_i mother called no one_i.
b. *Anyone's mother called no one.
- (58) a. John sent no one_i his_i grade.
b. John sent no one_i anyone's grade.
- (59) a. John sent no one_i to his_i home town.
b. John sent no one_i to anyone's home town.
- (60) John gave [the phone number of no one's mother] to anyone.
- (61) a. *John sent his_i mother no one_i.
b. *John sent anyone's mother no one_i.
- (62) a. ?John sent his_i grade to no one_i's mother.
b. *John sent anyone's grade to no one's mother.

An evaluation-order account

$$(63) \quad \text{everyone: } \frac{s \mid s}{DP}, \quad \text{no one: } \frac{s \mid S^-}{DP}, \quad \text{anyone: } \frac{S^- \mid S^-}{DP}.$$

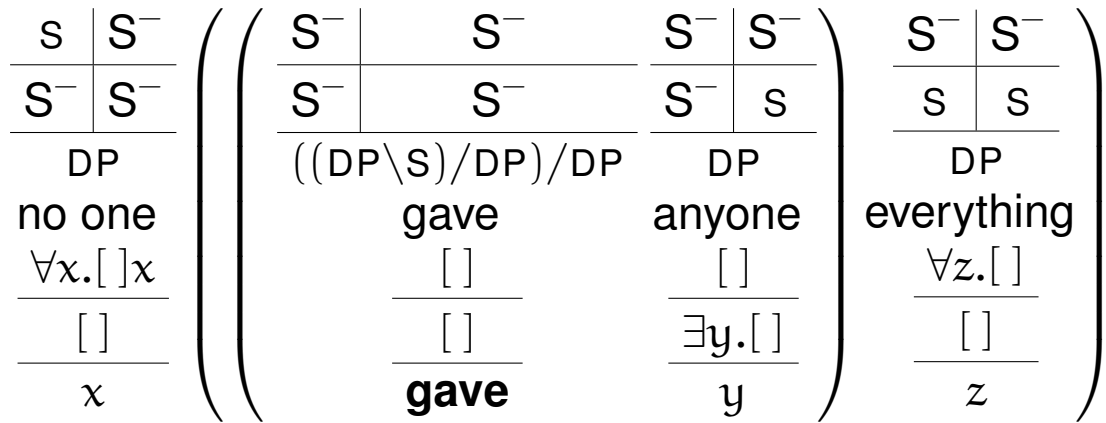
$$(64) \quad \left(\frac{\frac{s \mid S^-}{DP} \quad \frac{S^- \mid S^-}{DP \setminus DP}}{\text{no one's mother}} \quad \frac{\neg \exists x. [] \quad []}{\mathbf{mother}} \right) \left(\frac{\frac{S^- \mid S^-}{(DP \setminus S)/DP} \quad \frac{S^- \mid s}{DP}}{\text{loves anyone}} \right)$$

$$\frac{\quad}{\mathbf{loves}} \quad \frac{\quad}{\exists y. []} \quad \frac{\quad}{y}$$

$$(65) \quad \frac{\frac{s \mid S^-}{DP} \quad \left(\left(\frac{\frac{S^- \mid S^-}{((DP \setminus S)/DP)/DP} \quad \frac{S^- \mid s}{DP}}{\text{gave anyone}} \right) \quad \frac{s \mid s}{DP} \right)}{\text{no one everything}} \quad \frac{\neg \exists x. [] \quad \forall z. []}{\mathbf{gave}} \quad \frac{\quad}{z}$$

$$\frac{\quad}{x} \quad \frac{\quad}{y}$$

(66)



Other theories of order in NPI licensing

- (67) a. Examples with any relevance didn't come up in the discussion.
b. Examples with no relevance did come up in the discussion.
- (68) a. No man loves any woman.
b. *Any man loves no woman.
- (69) a. John gave [the address of no one's mother] to anyone.
b. *John gave [the address of anyone's mother] to no one.