
Adjectives, conjunction, and anaphora

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Among the more intuitively appealing and elegant ideas in the analysis of adjectives is that they denote measure functions (Kennedy 1999). But as Bale 2007 pointed out, conjoined adjectives are problematic for this view. He, Schwarz 2010, Schwarzschild 2013, and have wrestled with the thorny issue of how to conjoin adjectival scales in ways that ultimately bear on the nature of degrees. In this talk I'll consider how this problem might be approached if degrees are understood in terms of kinds, and what that might predict about anaphora to conjoined adjectives (e.g. *Donald is ignorant and unpleasant, and his son even more so*).

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