

eventsemantics-1

Davidsonian and Neo-Davidsonian Events

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constants of type e : a b g l m o u h w
variables of type t : p q
constants of type <e,t> : P Q; display as: one-place predicate
variables of type e : x y z
variables of type v : e
variables of type <e,t> : X Y; display as: one-place predicate
variables of type <e,<v,t>> : V
variables of type <v,t> : U
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multiple letter identifiers

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use rule function application
use rule non-branching nodes
use rule predicate modification
use rule lambda abstraction
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define Aragorn: a
define Boromir: b
define Gimli: g
define Legolas: l
define Merry: m
define the-orc: o
define Ugluk: u
define HelmsDeep: h
define Anduril: w
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define dwarf,dwarves: Lx.dwarf(x)
define elf,elves: Lx.elf(x)
define hobbit,hobbits: Lx.hobbit(x)
define orc,orcs: Lx.orc(x)
define ranger: Lx.ranger(x)
define king: Lx.king(x)
define captain: Lx.captain(x)
define warrior: Lx.warrior(x)
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define brave: Lx.brave(x)
define tall: Lx.tall(x)
define short: Lx.short(x)
define elven: Lx.elven(x)
define dwarven: Lx.dwarven(x)
define gondorian: Lx.gondorian(x)
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define experienced: LX.Lx.experiencedas(X,x)
define alleged: LX.Lx.allegedas(X,x)
define former: LX.Lx.former(X,x)
define fake: LX.Lx.fake(X,x)
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define runs,run: Lx.Le.runs(x,e)
define sprints,sprint: Lx.Le.sprints(x,e)
define chases,chase: Lx.Ly.Le.chases(y,x,e)
define fears,fear: Lx.Ly.Le.fears(y,x,e)
define kills,kill: Lx.Ly.Le.kills(y,x,e)
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define runE: Le.runv(e)
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define sprintE:      Le.sprintv(e)
define chaseE:      Le.chasev(e)
define fearE:       Le.fearv(e)
define killE,killedE: Le.killv(e)

define slowly:  LV.[Lx.[Le.[V(x)(e) & slowly(e)]]]
define quickly: LV.[Lx.[Le.[V(x)(e) & quickly(e)]]]

define in:  Lz.LV.[Lx.[Le.[V(x)(e) & in(e,z)]]]
define with: Lz.LV.[Lx.[Le.[V(x)(e) & with(e,z)]]]

define slowlyE: Le.slowly(e)
define quicklyE: Le.quickly(e)
define inE:     Lz.Le.in(e,z)
define withE:   Lz.Le.with(e,z)

define Agent: Lx.Le.agent(e,x)
define Theme: Lx.Le.theme(e,x)

define E: LU.Ee.U(e)

define every,Every,all: LX[LY[Ax[X(x) -> Y(x)]]]
define some,Some:      LX[LY[Ex[X(x) & Y(x)]]]
define no,No:         LX[LY[~Ex[X(x) & Y(x)]]]

define is,are: LX.Lx.X(x)

define and: Lp.[Lq.[p & q]]
define or:  Lp.[Lq.[p v q]]

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# SECTION 1: Semantic Types
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exercise semantic types
title Semantic Types with Events and Adverbs
directions Give the semantic type of each of the following lambda-expressions.

Lx.Le.runs(x,e)
Lx.Ly.Le.kills(y,x,e)
LV.[Lx.[Le.[V(x)(e) & slowly(e)]]]
LU.Ee.U(e)
LX.Lx.experiencedas(X,x)
LX[LY[Ax[X(x) -> Y(x)]]]

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# SECTION 2: Davidsonian Events
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exercise tree
title Davidsonian Events
directions Each tree includes an existential closure head E at the top. Use function application and non-branching nodes to compute the truth conditions.

instructions Gimli runs.
[.S' E [.S [.DP Gimli ] [.VP [.V runs ] ] ] ]

instructions Gimli runs slowly.
[.S' E [.S [.DP Gimli ] [.VP [.VP [.V runs ] ] [.AdvP slowly ] ] ] ]

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