

How does quantifier raising work? Let us compute the meaning of “loved some princess”. We have the following meanings:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \text{TV} \rrbracket &= \llbracket \text{loved} \rrbracket &&= \lambda x \lambda y. \text{Love}(x, y) \\ \llbracket \text{NP} \rrbracket &= \llbracket \text{some princess} \rrbracket &&= \lambda Q. \exists z. \text{Princess}(z) \wedge Q(z) \end{aligned}$$

In addition, we define the following rule:

$$\llbracket \text{VP} \rrbracket = \lambda s. \llbracket \text{NP} \rrbracket (\lambda o. \llbracket \text{TV} \rrbracket (s)(o))$$

Now we can plug in the meanings of “loved” and “some princess” for $\llbracket \text{TV} \rrbracket$ and $\llbracket \text{NP} \rrbracket$, respectively. For ease of exposition, we will do $\llbracket \text{TV} \rrbracket$ first. This just plugs in s and o for x and y in $\text{Love}(x, y)$, respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \text{VP} \rrbracket &= \lambda s. \llbracket \text{NP} \rrbracket (\lambda o. [\lambda x \lambda y. \text{Love}(x, y)](s)(o)) \\ &= \lambda s. \llbracket \text{NP} \rrbracket (\lambda o. [\lambda y. \text{Love}(s, y)](o)) \\ &= \lambda s. \llbracket \text{NP} \rrbracket (\lambda o. \text{Love}(s, o)) \end{aligned}$$

Now we will do $\llbracket \text{NP} \rrbracket$. First we plug in $\lambda o. \text{Love}(s, o)$ for Q , and then we plug in z for o :

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \text{VP} \rrbracket &= \lambda s. [\lambda Q. \exists z. \text{Princess}(z) \wedge Q(z)](\lambda o. \text{Love}(s, o)) \\ &= \lambda s. \exists z. \text{Princess}(z) \wedge [\lambda o. \text{Love}(s, o)](z) \\ &= \lambda s. \exists z. \text{Princess}(z) \wedge \text{Love}(s, z) \end{aligned}$$