New Semantics for the Extensional but Hyper-intensional Part \mathcal{L}_{α} of the Modal Sense Language $S\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}^{\nu}$

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Abstract In a previous paper ("On the interpreted sense calculus SC^{ν}_{α} ") the author constructed an interpreted modal sense language $S\mathcal{L}^{\nu}_{\alpha}$, in which a certain logical calculus is valid, in order to deal with, e.g., iterated belief sentences whose sense orders are smaller than the (possibly transfinite) ordinal α . It contains descriptions, modal operators, nonlogical operators, and wfe's having both types (of all finite levels) and (arbitrary) sense orders $<\alpha$.

In the semantics of $S\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}^{\nu}$ properties are represented by sets of QS's (quasi-senses), and paradoxes are avoided by considering any belief relation B^{β} sensitive only up to the sense order β ($0 < \beta < \alpha$). $S\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}^{\nu}$ differs from the languages considered by Church, Parsons, and Quine in that, for example, the notions of *possible world* or *the sense* (QS) *of* . . . need not be primitive in $S\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}^{\nu}$.

The present work concentrates on the extensional (but hyper-intensional) part \mathcal{L}_{α} of $\mathcal{SL}_{\alpha}^{\nu}$ deprived of nonlogical operators. By two successive changes in \mathcal{L}_{α} 's semantics (and ontology) the interpreted extensional sense languages $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}^{\vee}$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}^{\vee}$ respectively arise. In these the hyper-intensionality axiom $f = g \equiv (\forall x_1, \ldots, x_n) . f(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = g(x_1, \ldots, x_n) (\parallel r = q \equiv . r \equiv q)$ [the instantiation axiom $(\forall x)F(x) . \supset F(\Delta)$ (x free for Δ in F(x))] is valid for more and more [for more] general choices of the sense orders for the wfe's f, g, and x_1 to x_n [x, Δ , and $F(\Delta)$]. In $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}^{\vee}$ these choices are the most general ones for which, according to the present point of view, it is convenient to render these axioms valid.

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