

DEFINITIONS OF SEMANTICAL REFERENCE AND SELF-REFERENCE

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Consider a language, \mathcal{L} , which contains \mathbf{T} , as its only semantical predicate; $F_1^1 \dots F_n^1 \dots F_1^m \dots F_n^m$ as syntactical predicates; variables and quantifiers ranging over the sentences of \mathcal{L} .*

D-1: For any sentence p , p^* is a sentence just like p except that in p^* each occurrence of \mathbf{T} in p is replaced by the first monadic syntactical predicate not occurring in p (call it ' $*$ ').

D-2: An S -*-variant of \mathfrak{M}_i is a model, \mathfrak{M}_j , which is just like \mathfrak{M}_i except that the interpretation of $*$ may vary *outside* S . (where S is some subset of the domain of \mathfrak{M}_i).

D-3: A subset, S , of D_i is *determinative* in \mathfrak{M}_i for p iff p^* is true in all S -*-variants of \mathfrak{M}_i or false in all S -*-variants of \mathfrak{M}_i .

D-4: The intersection of the sets determinative in \mathfrak{M}_i of p is the set of sentences that p *directly semantically refers* to in \mathfrak{M}_i .

D-5: A sequence of sentences, such that each member (excepting a last member) directly semantically refers (in \mathfrak{M}_i) to its successor is a *sequence of semantical reference* (in \mathfrak{M}_i).

D-6: If A precedes B in a sequence of semantical reference (in \mathfrak{M}_i) then A *semantically refers* to B (in \mathfrak{M}_i).

D-7: If A semantically refers to A (in \mathfrak{M}_i), A is *semantically self-referential* (in \mathfrak{M}_i).

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