

CCG Compositional Semantic Derivations

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1 Task

Provide FOL formulæ which capture the meaning of the 4 sentences below. Add a rule-to-rule type-driven compositional semantics to CCG using the lambda calculus which constructs these formulæ for each sentence from CCG derivations. To do this you will need to associate a semantics with each lexical item and a corresponding compositional rule with each syntactic combination rule (schema) you use in the derivation. Briefly discuss any issues which arise with respect to each example.

2 Sentences

- (1) The man gave Raymond the book.
- (2) Raymond gave the expensive book to every woman.
- (3) John gave Mary and provided Raymond with some books.
- (4) Raymond pitied the man who John brutally kicked.