LIN6049 Advanced Semantics: Puzzles in Meaning 2022/2023

Puzzle 6: general feedback

If you are turning in Puzzle 6 for assessment on 20 April 2023, you need to make sure your revised version addresses all of the following points (in addition to any issues I may have pointed out in my personalized feedback):

- 1. Before you begin with your analysis of each quantified NP, introduce the background you will need to set up your argument. That involves presenting the aspects of the semantics of nouns and quantification from Handouts 1, 2 and 6 that are relevant to the problem. Do be mindful of the word count here: you want to leave as much space for the application of these tools to the examples as possible
- 2. The discussion of *each* quantified NP should contain (a) an example sentence that uses it (in subject position!) with a distributive VP, (b) the semantics our theory now gives to the N', (c) the effect of using (b) for the semantics of the quantified NP, and its consequences for the truth-conditions of your sentence in (a), (d) an example sentence that uses the quantified NP (in subject position) with a collective VP, and (e) the effect of using (b) and the resulting meaning of the quantified NP for the truth-conditions of your sentence in (d)
- 3. As always, when you explain anything, be specific and provide concrete examples.

Ideas for developing Puzzle 6 into (part of) your final assignment (submission on 9 May):

1. Consider quantified NPs we haven't considered so far: what problems do they raise for our theory as it currently stands? You could try to solve some of these problems if at all possible.