

Title:

The Modality of Quantification

Abstract:

In reaction to some puzzling interactions between quantifiers, epistemic modals, and indicative conditionals, I develop the idea that quantified sentences, even on “accidental” readings, generally involve quantification, not just over individuals, but also over possible situations: there is a modal dimension to quantification. On the positive compositional semantics, following Humberstone [1981], possible situations are construed to correspond to regions, rather than to points, of logical space. The account could be described as a nonstandard kind of situation semantics.