Quantifiers for All?

Fefor, 15 June 2006 Emily M. Bender MRS wellformedness constraint: All nominal indices (ARGOs of nominal relations) must be bound by a quantifier.

Not MRS specific!

Most of the world's languages don't express quantifiers (every, some) within NPs

Are our standard semantic representations in fact built on Indo-European assumptions? Practical consequences:

Spindly NP -> NOM rules

MRSs perhaps less motivated in other languages

Plentiful uninteresting scoping possibilities

Practical (?) alternatives:

DRT-style top box

Direct model-theoretic interpretation of MRS