

Kaplan: “Quantifying In”

Notional Belief (‘B’)

16. Hegel **B** “nine is greater than five”

Relational Belief (‘Bel’)

18. Hegel **Bel** (“x is greater than five,” nine)

Quantifying into (18) is no problem. We get:

$\exists y$ Hegel **Bel** (“x is greater than five,” y)

The denotation predicate, Δ

Δ (“nine,” nine)

Δ (“Cicero,” Cicero)

Δ (“the man in the brown hat,” Orcutt)

Fregean version of relational in terms of notional belief

25. $\exists \alpha [\Delta(\alpha, \text{nine}) \wedge \text{Hegel } \mathbf{B} (\ulcorner \alpha \text{ is greater than five} \urcorner)]$

Exportation: does (26) imply (29)?

(26) Ralph **B** “the man in the brown hat is a spy”

(29) Ralph **Bel** (“x is a spy,” the man in the brown hat)

The proposed “Fregean” version of (29) is:

(31) $\exists \alpha [\Delta(\alpha, \text{the man in the brown hat}) \wedge \text{Ralph } \mathbf{B} (\ulcorner \alpha \text{ is a spy} \urcorner)]$

But since it is “nearly analytic” that

Δ (“the man in the brown hat,” the man in the brown hat)

(31) follows from (26). So the “Fregean” analysis justifies exportation.

Exportation rejected

(38) Ralph **B** “ $\exists y$ y is a spy”

(39) Ralph **B** “the shortest spy is a spy”

(40) Ralph **Bel** (“x is a spy,” the shortest spy)

(41) $\exists y$ Ralph **Bel** (“x is a spy,” y)

Clearly, (38) does not entail (41). But if we allow exportation (the move from (39) to (40)), we can derive (41) from (38).

Vivid Names, etc.

A name represents an object for a person if it denotes the object, is *of* the object, and is (sufficiently) vivid:

“ α represents x to Ralph if and only if (i) α denotes x , (ii) α is a name *of* x for Ralph, and (iii) α is (sufficiently) vivid.”

Final Analysis

Ralph believes, of Ortcutt, that he is a spy.

Ralph **Bel** (“ x is a spy,” Ortcutt).

(44) $\exists\alpha$ [**R**(α , Ortcutt, Ralph) & Ralph **B** ‘ α is a spy’].

Note carefully

Not every α such that **R**(α , Ortcutt, Ralph) makes (44) true.

Let α = “the man in the brown hat”:

Then **R**(α , Ortcutt, Ralph) and Ralph **B** ‘ α is a spy’.

Let α = “the man seen at the beach”:

Then **R**(α , Ortcutt, Ralph) and \neg Ralph **B** ‘ α is a spy’.

Where we can quantify in

From a relational belief ascription:

(44) $\exists\alpha$ [**R**(α , Ortcutt, Ralph) & Ralph **B** ‘ α is a spy’].

We may quantify in:

(44a) $\exists y\exists\alpha$ [**R**(α , y , Ralph) & Ralph **B** ‘ α is a spy’]

And we can obtain (44) from:

(30) Ralph **B** “the man in the brown hat is a spy”

Because we also have:

R (“the man in the brown hat,” Ortcutt, Ralph)

Where we can’t quantify in

From the notional belief ascription:

(39) Ralph **B** “the shortest spy is a spy”

we cannot obtain the relational belief ascription:

(39a) $\exists\alpha$ [**R**(α , the shortest spy, Ralph) & Ralph **B** ‘ α is a spy’]

because:

$\neg\exists x$ **R** (“the shortest spy,” x , Ralph)