### The Rise and Fall of Cooperativity

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- 2. All final rises share this same semantic core (cf. discussion).

### Outline

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- 1. Theory
- 2. Predictions
- 3. Conclusion
- 4. Discussion and comparison

### 1. Theory

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- 1.1. Translation into logic
- 1.2. Attentive semantics
- 1.3. Pragmatics

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	(cf. Coppock & Brochhagen, 2013)	

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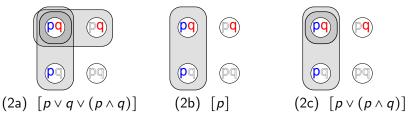
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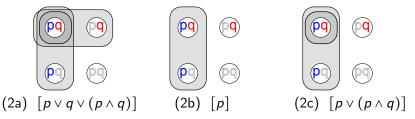
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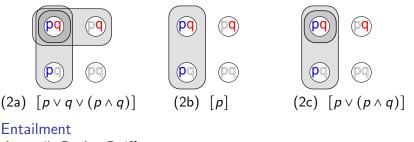


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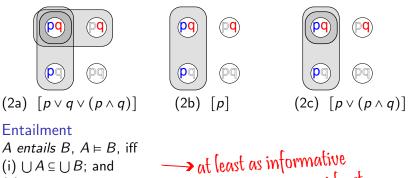
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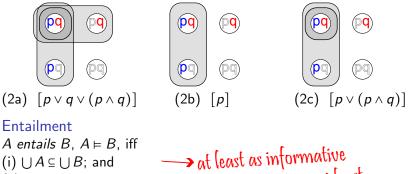
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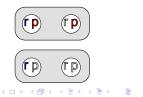


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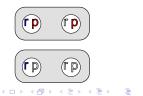


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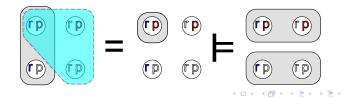
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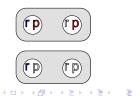


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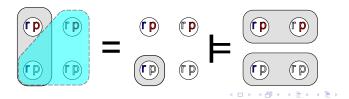




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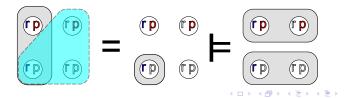
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(cf. Groenendijk and Stokhof, 1984; Roberts, 1996; Spector, 2007)

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### 2. Predictions

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- 2.2. Non-cooperativity

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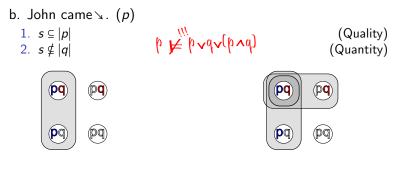
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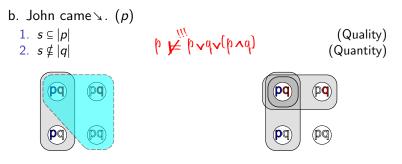
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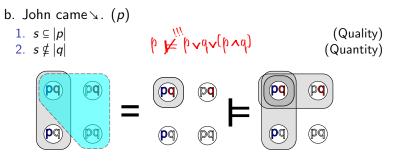
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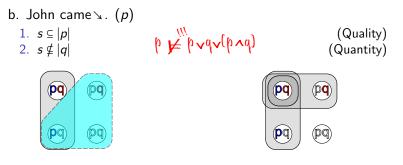
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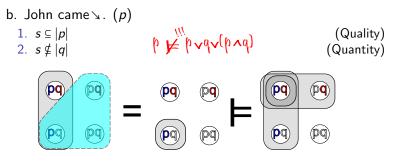
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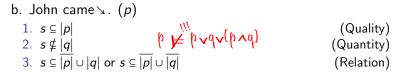
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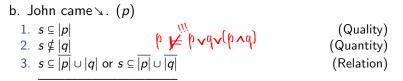
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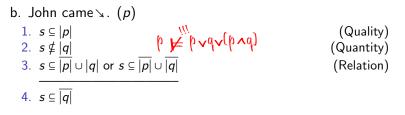


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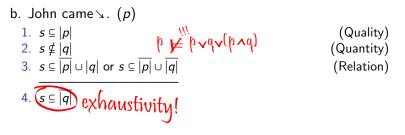
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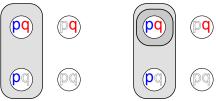
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Appendix A. Semantics (Roelofsen, 2011)

### Ingredients

- Possibility: a set of worlds (a, b)
- Proposition: a set of possibilities (A, B, [φ])
- Informative content:  $|\varphi| \coloneqq \bigcup [\varphi]$
- A restricted to b,  $A_b := \{a \cap b \mid a \in A, a \cap b \neq \emptyset\}$

### Semantics of relevant fragment

1. 
$$[p] = \{\{w \in Worlds \mid w(p) = true\}\}$$

- 2.  $[\varphi \lor \psi] = ([\varphi] \cup [\psi])_{|\varphi| \cup |\psi|} = [\varphi] \cup [\psi]$
- 3.  $[\varphi \land \psi] = ([\varphi] \cup [\psi])_{|\varphi| \cap |\psi|}$

#### Entailment

A entails B,  $A \models B$ , iff (i)  $\bigcup A \subseteq \bigcup B$  and (ii)  $B_{\bigcup A} \subseteq A$ .

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