

Generalized quantifiers, situation types and clarification in dialogue

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Abstract. We will examine the anatomy of generalized quantifiers from the perspective of TTR (Type Theory with Records) and emphasize the importance of relational situation types in relating the type theoretical approach to classical generalized quantifier theory. Purver and Ginzburg introduce the Reprise Content Hypothesis (RCH) relating to the interpretation of reprise clarification requests in dialogue and use it to argue for a non-generalized quantifier approach to quantifiers. We create a synthesis of their approach with ours and suggest that this gives us the best account of the dialogue phenomena associated with RCH.