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Title: An inquisitive approach to occasion-sensitivity

Abstract: I present a uniform account of occasion-sensitivity for a range of declarative and interrogative sentences using inquisitive semantics as the main semantic framework. I propose an extension to the basic inquisitive framework that takes into account the goal-sensitivity of interpretation. The main idea is that among the possible interpretations that a sentence may have, only those that are more conducive to the contextually salient goal than others are expected and ‘visible’ to speakers in a given discourse context. I use inquisitive meanings (i.e. downward closed sets of propositions) to model a range of possible interpretations that a sentence may have (the underspecificity of literal meaning) and define a pragmatic mechanism for determining which interpretation is appropriate in a given context.