

4. Disjunctions

4.1. *Or*: taking common content

4.1.0. Overview

The third connective we will study, *disjunction*, might be thought of as a logical mirror image conjunction; more precisely, the relation between them is another example of duality.

4.1.1. Hedging

While a conjunction adds the content of its components, a disjunction asserts only the content its components have in common.

4.1.2. Inclusive and exclusive disjunction

The distinction between implications and implicatures is especially important when assessing the meaning of *or* in English.

4.1.3. Disjunction in English

Many of the other issues that arise for disjunction are like those that arise for conjunction; and one of the ways of expressing it in English suggests a use of connectives to express certain numerical claims.

4.1.4. Further examples

We now have the means to give natural analyses to a wide variety of patterns in English, including a more natural analysis of sentences involving *neither-nor*.