

8.4.xa. Exercise answers

1. a. using Russell's analysis:

Sam guessed the winning number

the winning number is such that (Sam guessed it)

$(\exists x: x \text{ is a winning number} \wedge \text{only } x \text{ is a winning number})$ Sam guessed x

$(\exists x: Wx \wedge (\forall y: \neg y = x) \neg y \text{ is a winning number})$ Gsx

$$(\exists x: Wx \wedge (\forall y: \neg y = x) \neg Wy) Gsx$$

$$\exists x (Wx \wedge \forall y (\neg y = x \rightarrow \neg Wy) \wedge Gsx)$$

or:

$$(\exists x: Wx \wedge (\forall y: Wy) x = y) Gsx$$

$$\exists x (Wx \wedge \forall y (Wy \rightarrow x = y) \wedge Gsx)$$

[G: λxy (x guessed y); W: λx (x is a winning number); s: Sam]

[Note: λx (x is a winning number) might be open to further analysis as λx (x is a number \wedge x won)]

with the description operator:

Sam guessed the winning number

G Sam the winning number

Gs(ιx x is a winning number)

$$Gs(\iota x Wx)$$

b. using Russell's analysis:

The winner who spoke to Tom was well-known

The winner who spoke to Tom is such that (he or she was well-known)

$(\exists x: x \text{ is a winner who spoke to Tom} \wedge \text{only } x \text{ is a winner who spoke to Tom})$ x was well-known

$(\exists x: (x \text{ is a winner} \wedge x \text{ spoke to Tom}) \wedge (\forall y: \neg y = x) \neg (y \text{ is a winner} \wedge y \text{ spoke to Tom}))$ Kx

$$(\exists x: (Wx \wedge Sxt) \wedge (\forall y: \neg y = x) \neg (Wy \wedge Syt)) Kx$$

$$\exists x ((Wx \wedge Sxt) \wedge \forall y (\neg y = x \rightarrow \neg (Wy \wedge Syt)) \wedge Kx)$$

or:

$$(\exists x: (Wx \wedge Sxt) \wedge (\forall y: Wy \wedge Syt) x = y) Kx$$

$$\exists x ((Wx \wedge Sxt) \wedge \forall y ((Wy \wedge Syt) \rightarrow x = y) \wedge Kx)$$

K: λx (x was well-known); S: λxy (x spoke to y); W: λx (x is a winner); t: Tom]

with the description operator:

The winner who spoke to Tom was well-known

The winner who spoke to Tom was well-known

K *the winner who spoke to Tom*

$K(\lambda x (x \text{ is a winner who spoke to Tom}))$

$K(\lambda x (x \text{ is a winner} \wedge x \text{ spoke to Tom}))$

$K(\lambda x (Wx \wedge Sxt))$

c. using Russell's analysis:

The winner, who spoke to Tom, was well-known.

The winner is such that (he or she, who spoke to Tom, was well-known).

$(\exists x: x \text{ is a winner} \wedge \text{only } x \text{ is a winner}) x, \text{ who spoke to Tom, was well-known}$

$(\exists x: x \text{ is a winner} \wedge (\forall y: \neg y = x) \neg y \text{ is a winner}) (x \text{ spoke to Tom} \wedge x \text{ was well-known})$

$(\exists x: Wx \wedge (\forall y: \neg y = x) \neg Wy) (Sxt \wedge Kx)$

$\exists x (Wx \wedge \forall y (\neg y = x \rightarrow \neg Wy) \wedge (Sxt \wedge Kx))$

or:

$(\exists x: Wx \wedge (\forall y: Wy) x = y) (Sxt \wedge Kx)$

$\exists x (Wx \wedge \forall y (Wy \rightarrow x = y) \wedge (Sxt \wedge Kx))$

[$K: \lambda x (x \text{ was well-known})$; $S: \lambda xy (x \text{ spoke to } y)$; $W: \lambda x (x \text{ is a winner})$; $t: \text{Tom}$]

with the description operator:

The winner, who spoke to Tom, was well-known.

The winner spoke to Tom \wedge *the winner was well-known*

S *the winner* Tom \wedge K *the winner*

$S(\lambda x x \text{ is a winner})t \wedge K(\lambda x x \text{ is a winner})$

$S(\lambda x Wx)t \wedge K(\lambda x Wx)$

d. using Russell's analysis:

Every number greater than one is greater than its positive square root

$(\forall x: x \text{ is a number greater than one}) x \text{ is greater than its positive square root}$

$(\forall x: x \text{ is a number} \wedge x \text{ is greater than one}) x \text{ is greater than the positive square root of } x$

$(\forall x: Nx \wedge Gxo)$ *the positive square root of } x \text{ is such that (x is greater than it)*

$(\forall x: Nx \wedge Gxo) (\exists y: y \text{ is a positive square root of } x \wedge \text{only } y \text{ is a positive square root of } x) x \text{ is greater than } y$

$(\forall x: Nx \wedge Gxo) (\exists y: (y \text{ is positive} \wedge y \text{ is a square root of } x) \wedge (\forall z: \neg z = y) \neg (z \text{ is positive} \wedge z \text{ is a square root of } x)) Gxy$

$(\forall x: Nx \wedge Gxo) (\exists y: (Py \wedge Syx) \wedge (\forall z: \neg z = y) \neg (Pz \wedge Szx)) Gxy$
 $\forall x ((Nx \wedge Gxo) \rightarrow \exists y ((Py \wedge Syx) \wedge \forall z (\neg z = y \rightarrow \neg (Pz \wedge Szx)) \wedge Gxy))$

or:

$(\forall x: Nx \wedge Gxo) (\exists y: (Py \wedge Syx) \wedge (\forall z: Pz \wedge Szx) y = z) Gxy$
 $\forall x ((Nx \wedge Gxo) \rightarrow \exists y ((Py \wedge Syx) \wedge \forall z ((Pz \wedge Szx) \rightarrow y = z) \wedge Gxy))$

[G: $\lambda x (x \text{ is greater than } y)$; N: $\lambda x (x \text{ is a number})$; P: $\lambda x (x \text{ is positive})$; S: $\lambda xy (x \text{ is a square root of } y)$]

with the description operator:

Every number greater than one is greater than its positive square root

$(\forall x: x \text{ is a number} \wedge x \text{ is greater than one}) \underline{x}$ *is greater than the positive square root of* x

$(\forall x: Nx \wedge Gxo) G \underline{x}$ *the positive square root of* x

$(\forall x: Nx \wedge Gxo) Gx(\text{ly } y \text{ is a positive square root of } x)$

$(\forall x: Nx \wedge Gxo) Gx(\text{ly } (y \text{ is a positive} \wedge y \text{ is a square root of } x))$

$(\forall x: Nx \wedge Gxo) Gx(\text{ly } (Py \wedge Syx))$
 $\forall x ((Nx \wedge Gxo) \rightarrow Gx(\text{ly } (Py \wedge Syx)))$

2. a. $(\exists x: x \text{ owns Spot} \wedge (\forall y: \neg y = x) \neg y \text{ owns Spot})$ *x called*
 $(\exists x: x \text{ owns Spot} \wedge \text{only } x \text{ owns Spot})$ *x called*
The owner of Spot is such that (it called)

Spot's owner called

- b. *John found* $(\text{lx } (x \text{ is a photographer} \wedge x \text{ enlarged } (\text{ly } y \text{ is a picture of John})))$
John found $(\text{lx } (x \text{ is a photographer} \wedge x \text{ enlarged the picture of John}))$
John found $(\text{lx } (x \text{ is a photographer who enlarged the picture of John}))$

John found the photographer who enlarged the picture of him