

Problem Set #8

The eighth and final problem set, due next Wednesday (4/20) at noon:

For each of the quantifiers

"two", "several", "a few", "between three and six", "most", "exactly three", "at most five",

determine

(i) what their monotonicity properties are (most importantly, are they downward monotone with respect to one or both of their argument predicates),

(ii) whether they license NPIs in one or both of their argument predicates, and

(iii) whether any of the facts you establish constitute a problem for the Fauconnier-Ladusaw Hypothesis (that NPIs are licensed in downward monotone positions).

Answers to (i) and (ii) could be given in a table.

Answers to (iii) should be in a succinct paragraph or two.