

## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Who am I ?

- 1.1.1 Zachary Weaver – not important
- 1.1.2 In short a Lojbanist, I.e a conlanger gone bad
- 1.1.3 Hence I'm interested in logical languages

Transition: Hence Davin

### 1.2 Davin

- 1.2.1 Davin itself as a language is a product of boredom (discrete)
- 1.2.2 The language as used here is rather irrelevant
- 1.2.3 It's simply a syntactic vehicle for the set semantics

### 1.3 Before we begin

- 1.3.1 Does everyone know what a mathematical set is ?
  - 1.3.1.1 A set is something that has other things in it
  - 1.3.1.2 There are many operations, which we will review as needed
- 1.3.2 Davin in three minutes
  - 1.3.2.1 Despite that it's only tangential, it is our chosen tool
  - 1.3.2.2 Thus lets learn the basics

## 2 Body

### 2.1 Davin in three minutes

- 2.1.1 Davin for linguists
  - 2.1.1.1 Isolational
  - 2.1.1.2 Head final
  - 2.1.1.3 Ergative SV AOV
  - 2.1.1.4 This is mostly pointless
- 2.1.2 Phonology
  - 2.1.2.1 It's best written in Njɔjsɪɸ
  - 2.1.2.2 But we can use these letters too
  - 2.1.2.3 They look like IPA, but aren't
- 2.1.3 Davin Word classes
  - 2.1.3.1 aŋtah
    - 2.1.3.1.1 Pronouns, articles, pronouns
    - 2.1.3.1.2 Start with consonants
    - 2.1.3.1.3 aŋtah are pushed
  - 2.1.3.2 owpys
    - 2.1.3.2.1 Nouns, verbs, adjectives, adpositions, etc.
    - 2.1.3.2.2 Start with vowels
    - 2.1.3.2.3 owpys are operators, pop 1 or 2 then push
- 2.1.4 owpys conjugation
  - 2.1.4.1 Default to intransitive
  - 2.1.4.2 Assimilate nasal on first consonant
  - 2.1.4.3 Glossed with -T
  - 2.1.4.4 Group 5 -> Prefix l
- 2.1.5 An iprid is an iprid is an iprid.
  - 2.1.5.1 An iprid is a clause
  - 2.1.5.2 A single aŋtah is an iprid
  - 2.1.5.3 iprid are made by combining smaller iprid with an owpys
  - 2.1.5.4 owpys by default take one iprid
  - 2.1.5.5 owpys are conjugated to be transitive by nasalizing the first syllable
- 2.1.6 afov
  - 2.1.6.1 There are 10 special words
  - 2.1.6.2 We'll explain them as we go

Transition: So now you're all fluent in Davin, right ?

## 2.2 The set semantic model

### 2.2.1 Premise

- 2.2.1.1 Humans like to tell stories
- 2.2.1.2 However, Davin is declarative
- 2.2.1.3 We use sets to specify what instead of how

Transition: Let's show this with a story

### 2.2.2 let alter.

- 2.2.2.1 Two people are venturing through a forest
- 2.2.2.2 It's a poorly drawn tiger !
- 2.2.2.3 Or so Bob wants to express from his semantic model
- 2.2.2.4 He formulates a sentence which resolves to a set containing the tiger
- 2.2.2.5 Sue hears the formula and creates an internal set to examine
- 2.2.2.6 Then they run
- 2.2.2.7 Unfortunately, bab su emfis.

### 2.2.3 We specify sets that we want people to pay attention to

### 2.2.4 It's a call to realization

## 2.3 Basic Set building

### 2.3.1 $\text{a}\eta\text{t}\text{a}\text{h}$

- 2.3.1.1 Whole sets.
- 2.3.1.2 Besides names, rather rare.
- 2.3.1.3 These are the sets of all possible interpretations
- 2.3.1.4 Not necessarily static

### 2.3.2 $\lambda x$ comprehension

- 2.3.2.1 Reify noun owpys
- 2.3.2.2 Comprehend over set, and get back the right elements
- 2.3.2.3 These can be put into other comprehensions
- 2.3.2.4 Acts like conjunction

### 2.3.3 Relations

- 2.3.3.1 Simply describing things cannot relate them
- 2.3.3.2 All owpys are, in fact, defined transitive

### 2.3.4 $\lambda x \lambda y$ comprehension

- 2.3.4.1 Iterate over both
- 2.3.4.2 Not respective, every he is matched with every ji
- 2.3.4.3 Only ji escapes

Transition: Then what was really happening with intransitivity ?

### 2.3.5 Contextualization

- 2.3.5.1 We intersect every comprehension with our context
- 2.3.5.2 Context fills in the omitted spaces
- 2.3.5.3 Abbreviate with C

### 2.3.6 Example

- 2.3.6.1 Break down piece by piece
- 2.3.6.2 Trace "hym" through the filter ( $a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c$ )

## 2.4 Raising

### 2.4.1 These are actually functional relationships

- 2.4.1.1 Functional *relationships* not functions
- 2.4.1.2 Needed to accommodate certain complex owpys
- 2.4.1.3 Most owpys are just an identity function
- 2.4.1.4 Functions map pairs to pairs

### 2.4.2 Comprehension under this model

- 2.4.2.1 We can represent functions as a set of tuples
- 2.4.2.2 Essentially, we find a pair that has sets with our elements in them
- 2.4.2.3 Then combine all such sets

Transition: This model helps explain two afov

- 2.4.3 Swapping things around
  - 2.4.3.1 es flips the relation
  - 2.4.3.2 ens chooses the result set
  - 2.4.3.3 When combined, they are written as one word
  - 2.4.3.4 Note for intransitive, ens lets the context escape

Transition: Motivates another really important idea

- 2.4.4 Motivate raising
  - 2.4.4.1 Refer to the relationships themselves
  - 2.4.4.2 Talk about the “ness” of a word
- 2.4.5 Raising an owpys
  - 2.4.5.1 Intransitive
    - 2.4.5.1.1 A “property”
    - 2.4.5.1.2 Two afov – one for convenience
    - 2.4.5.1.3 yp .. up are like parens
  - 2.4.5.2 Transitive
    - 2.4.5.2.1 A “relationship”
    - 2.4.5.2.2 Reuse eb
    - 2.4.5.2.3 Introduce ymp – let's us now what's coming up
  - 2.4.5.3 Special aŋtah
    - 2.4.5.3.1 Can be used anywhere
    - 2.4.5.3.2 Pose question in principal iprid
    - 2.4.5.3.3 Can be omitted if they occur at the beginning
- 2.4.6 Interpretation
  - 2.4.6.1 These are the same relations we explored earlier
  - 2.4.6.2 “Reified” so we can talk about them
  - 2.4.6.3 Intransitive just duplicates argument

Transition: So let's look at some uses

- 2.4.7 Filtering raised phrases and ilt
  - 2.4.7.1 Raise, describe, reapply
  - 2.4.7.2 Example is contrived, would just add efis at the end.
- 2.4.8 Defining aŋtah and owpys
  - 2.4.8.1 Use the definitions of the terms
  - 2.4.8.2 Quote with ow, pull out with ens

### 3 Conclusion

- 3.1 We have only scratched the surface
  - 3.1.1 Lists and numbers
  - 3.1.2 Negation and logic
  - 3.1.3 Questions and tense
- 3.2 This generally affects the language in interesting ways
- 3.3 Remember, this is not required knowledge for speaking
  - 3.3.1 Words can be used intuitively.
  - 3.3.2 Design features to make it feel natural - co-location
- 3.4 So we have built some sets. How again ?
  - 3.4.1 aŋtah are our base sets
  - 3.4.2 We get specific with intransitive owpys
  - 3.4.3 And relate things with transitive owpys
  - 3.4.4 We can get creative swapping things around
  - 3.4.5 We can raise phrases into concepts
- 3.5 Any questions ?
- 3.6 Out of time ! But you can grab me if you want to pontificate