AG lit. review questions: week 3

MT-semantics

(Q1) What is an MT-structure for a first-order language?

(Q2) How does the syntax of the language of generalized quantifiers differ from a first-order language?

(Q3) What about its semantics?

(Q4) Is extensionality an acceptable idealization in this context?

(Q5) Can the absolutist capture the intended interpretation of a mathematical theory or a natural language as an MT-interpretation?

(Q6) Can the relativist?

P- and SP-semantics

(Q7) How does 'ideology' differ from 'ontology'?

(Q8) How does the P-semantics for a first-order language differ from its MT-counterpart?

(Q9) Can the absolutist capture the intended interpretation of a mathematical theory or a natural language as a P-interpretation?

(Q10) How might an absolutist encode the extension of a quantifier whose domain is absolutely comprehensive? What about its determiner?

(Q11) Is there a more ideologically minimal way to do so?

(Q12) Can the absolutist make sense of plural quantification over the absolutely comprehensive domain?

(Q13) What about superplural quantification?

Semantic Optimism

(Q14) Does Semantic Optimism refute Quineanism about non-first-order resources?

(Q15) Do we have any good reason to accept Semantic Optimism?