

Quality-spaces: problematic aspects

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this car is red at time t

- $\text{RED}_t(\text{c\#1}) \leftrightarrow \text{RED}(\text{c\#1}, t)$
- $\text{c\#1} ::_t \text{red}$

the color of this car is red at time t

- $\text{color}(\text{c\#1}, t) = \text{red}$
- $\text{color}(\text{c\#1}) ::_t \text{red}$

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this car is 800kg heavy at time t

■ $800KG_t(c\#1)$

■ $c\#1 ::_t 800kg$

the width of this car is 2m at time t

■ **weight**($c\#1, t$) = 800kg

■ **weight**($c\#1$) :: $_t$ 800kg

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DOLCE adopts a reified version of

- **color**(c#1) ::_t red \wedge COLOR(red)

(finite) set of functions defined between objects and *individual qualities* \mathcal{Q}_T such that

- they are partial but cover the whole \mathcal{Q}_T
- they are bijective: **color**(x) = **color**(y) $\leftrightarrow x = y$
- different functions are disjoint: **color**(x) \neq **weight**(x)

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note 1

- qualities \mathcal{QT} are partitioned into *quality-kinds* \mathbb{Q}_i
 - $q \curvearrowright a \wedge q \curvearrowright b \rightarrow a = b$ (\curvearrowright is called *inherence*)
 - $\mathbb{Q}_i q \rightarrow \exists x(q \curvearrowright x)$
 - $\mathbb{Q}_i q \wedge \mathbb{Q}_i \bar{q} \wedge q \curvearrowright x \wedge \bar{q} \curvearrowright x \rightarrow q = \bar{q}$
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- $q = \mathbf{q}_i(x) \leftrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_i(q) \wedge q \curvearrowright x$
 - 1-1 correspondence between \mathbf{q}_i and \mathbb{Q}_i

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note 2

■ quality kinds/functions individuate classes of objects

$$\blacksquare Q_i(x) \triangleq \exists q(q = \mathbf{q}_i(x)) \leftrightarrow \exists q(Q_i \wedge q \curvearrowright x)$$

$$\blacksquare \text{e.g., COLORED}(x) \triangleq \exists q(q = \mathbf{color}(x))$$

(●) Q_i do not partitionate objects

(●) metrology: a Q_i is called a *general property (quantity)*

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note 3

(?) $\mathbf{color}(x) ::_t \text{scarlet} \wedge \mathbf{color}(x) ::_t \text{red}$

- (•) we assume here that spaces are *complete* and properties are *fully-determined* and *disjoint*: at every t , each quality is an instance of an unique property in a **given** space
- (•) given a space, $::_t$ is then functional (as 'q| $_t$ ' and 'loc $_t$ ')
- (•) metrology: a fully-determined property, i.e., a property that can be predicated of an object, is called *individual property*
- (•) here the structure of spaces is not considered

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given two different quality-functions \mathbf{q}_i and \mathbf{q}_k

$$(?) \mathbf{q}_i(x, t) = \mathbf{q}_k(y, t')$$

$$(?) \mathbf{q}_i(x) ::_t p \wedge \mathbf{q}_k(y) ::_{t'} p$$

(•) are properties/attributes *local* or *non-local* to quality kinds?

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DOLCE

- properties PT are partitioned in spaces \mathbb{S}_i

- $\mathbb{Q}_i(q) \wedge q ::_t p \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_j(p)$

$$\mathbf{q}_i(x) ::_t p \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_j(p)$$

- $\mathbb{S}_j(p) \wedge q ::_t p \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_i(q)$

$$\mathbb{S}_j(p) \wedge q ::_t p \rightarrow \exists x(q = \mathbf{q}_i(x))$$

- 1–1 correspondence between *quality kinds* and *spaces*
- *unique* and *local* spaces

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unicity

- $\mathbf{width}(x) ::_t 2mw \rightarrow \neg \exists p (\mathbf{width}(x) ::_t p \wedge p \neq 2mw)$

locality

- $2MW_t(x) \triangleq \mathbf{width}(x) ::_t 2mw$
- $2MH_t(x) \triangleq \mathbf{height}(x) ::_t 2mh$

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DOLCE-CORE

- properties PT are partitioned in spaces \mathbb{S}_i
 - $\mathbb{Q}_i(q) \wedge q ::_t p \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_j(p)$
 - $\mathbb{S}_j(p) \wedge q ::_t p \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_i(q)$
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- 1- n correspondence btw *quality kinds* and *spaces*
 - *multiple* and local spaces

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multiplicity

- $\mathbf{color}(x) ::_t \langle r0.5g0.5b0.5 \rangle \wedge \mathbf{color}(x) ::_t \langle h1s0.5b0.7 \rangle \wedge$
 - $\langle r0.5g0.5b0.5 \rangle \neq \langle h1s0.5b0.7 \rangle$

locality

- $\mathbf{GREY}_t^{\text{rgb}}(x) \triangleq \mathbf{color}(x) ::_t \langle r0.5g0.5b0.5 \rangle$
- $\mathbf{GREY}_t^{\text{hsb}}(x) \triangleq \mathbf{color}(x) ::_t \langle h1s0.5b0.7 \rangle$

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locality

- there is a relation btw $2m_w$ and $2m_h$?
- there is a relation btw $\langle r_{0.5}g_{0.5}b_{0.5} \rangle$ and $\langle h_{1s_{0.5}b_{0.7}} \rangle$?

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- properties PT are partitioned in spaces \mathbb{S}_i
 - $\mathbb{Q}_i(q) \wedge q ::_t p \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_j(p)$
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- (●) $n-1$ correspondence between *quality kinds* and *spaces*
 - (●) unique *but non-local* spaces

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unicity

- $\mathbf{width}(x) ::_t 2m \rightarrow \neg \exists p (\mathbf{width}(x) ::_t p \wedge p \neq 2m)$

non-locality

- $2MW_t(x) \triangleq \mathbf{width}(x) ::_t 2m$
- $2MH_t(x) \triangleq \mathbf{height}(x) ::_t 2m$

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- is 'being 2m' a property ?

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option 1

- 'being 2m' is a property
- it is an abstraction from, a disjunction of, 'being 2m wide', 'being 2m high', 'being 2m long', ...
- (●) (note that width-, height-, length-, etc. spaces are isomorphic)
- (●) does this require spaces composed by (isomorphic) spaces, or more generally, a complex abstraction mechanism among spaces?
- (●) are disjunctions of properties still (fully-specified) properties?

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option 2

(●) 'being 2m long' (2m1) instead of 'being 2m' (2m)

(●) qualities can have qualities

■ $2ML_t(q) \triangleq \mathbf{length}(q) ::_t 2m1$

■ $2MW_t(x) \triangleq \mathbf{length}(\mathbf{width}'(x)) ::_t 2m1$

■ $2MH_t(x) \triangleq \mathbf{length}(\mathbf{height}'(x)) ::_t 2m1$

▲ $\mathbf{width}(x) \triangleq \mathbf{length}(\mathbf{width}'(x)), \mathbf{height}(x) \triangleq \mathbf{length}(\mathbf{height}'(x))$

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option 3 (intuition)

- the meter can be used to measure both the *height* and the *width* of an object
- one just uses it in different ways
- the measurement procedure is relevant here

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- no time from here: equivalence classes are a problem

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measurement in the *wide sense* (also called *evaluation*)

■ “assignment of symbols to attributes of objects (...) in a such way to represent them, or to describe them.” [Finkelstein 2003]

(●) *nominal* evaluation is included: symbols are not necessarily structured

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evaluation along a quality type/attribute \mathbb{Q}_i

$$\blacksquare \mathbf{q}_{E_i} : \mathbb{Q}_i \rightarrow \text{SY} \qquad \mathbb{Q}_i(x) \triangleq \exists q (q = \mathbf{q}(x) \wedge \mathbb{Q}_i(q))$$

classification along a quality type/attribute \mathbb{Q}_i

$$\blacksquare \mathbf{q}_{C_i} : \mathbb{Q}_i \rightarrow \text{PR} \qquad \mathbf{q}_{C_i}(x) = p \text{ iff } \mathbf{q}_i(x) :: p$$

symbolisation of properties

$$\blacksquare \mathbf{q}_{S_i} : \text{PR} \rightarrow \text{SY}$$

$$\bullet \mathbf{q}_{E_i}(x) = \mathbf{q}_{S_i}(\mathbf{q}_{C_i}(x)) \text{ / with qualities } \mathbf{q}_{E_i}(x) = \mathbf{q}_{S_i}(\mathbf{q}_{C_i}(\mathbf{q}(x)))$$

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■ symbols (linguistic nature) SY are partitioned in \mathbb{V}_i

$$(?) \mathbb{S}_i(p) \wedge p \triangleright v \rightarrow \mathbb{V}_j(v)$$

$$(?) \mathbb{V}_j(v) \wedge p \triangleright v \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_i(p)$$

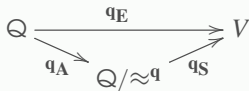
● \mathbf{q}_{C_i} is defined only for unique space

● \mathbf{q}_{E_i} is defined only for unique space + unique symbol

● this means that in the general case \mathbb{V}_i is not enough to individuate the quality-kind along with the object is evaluated

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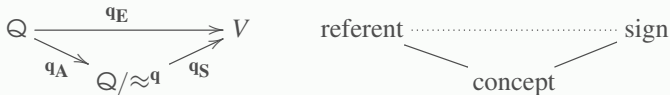
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- $x \in \|r\|_{\approx q}$ iff $q(x) :: p \wedge q(r) :: p$
- (•) 1-1 relation btw eq. classes and *non-empty* properties
- (•) intensional properties vs. extensional classes [res. nomin.]
- (•) different general properties can share eq. classes
- q_A is surjective, q_S is injective

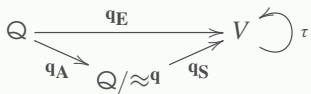
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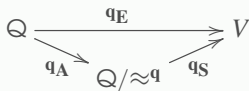
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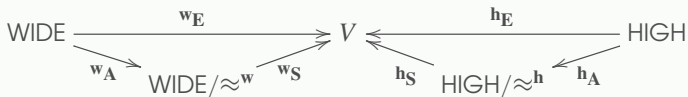


- are *values* symbols or equivalent classes of symbols ?

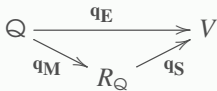
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- if \mathbf{q}_S is bijective then \mathbf{q}_{C_i} and \mathbf{q}_{E_i} are equi-informative
- how to justify the interesting case (assuming $\mathbb{S}_W \neq \mathbb{S}_H$) ?

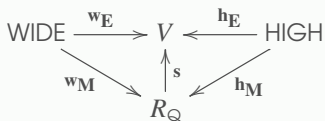


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- $R_Q \subseteq Q$: set of *reference* objects in 1-1 correspondence with the eq. classes in Q/\approx^q and (non-empty) properties in \mathbb{S}
- q_M represents a comparison procedure related to Q
- $x \approx^q y$ iff $q_M(x) = q_M(y) = r$
- if $r \in R_Q$ then $q_M(r) = r$ and $r \approx^q r$

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- if $r \in R_Q$ then $w_M(r) = r$ and $h_M(r) = r$
- the procedures w_M and h_M are different
- in the case of unique space for both height and width:
 - $w_M(r) = r$ iff $w(r) :: p_r$ and $h_M(r) = r$ iff $h(r) :: p_r$
 - **our reference meter is both 1m high and 1m width**

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- the measurement procedure is not really represented
- maybe, assuming only local spaces, values can be modeled by [reifications of] classes of properties linked by an additional primitive, a sort of *calibration*