

Frobenius algebras and long distance dependencies

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Vector space instantiations of Frobenius algebras over compact closed categories have provide a compositional distributional semantics for relativisation in English by Sadrzadeh, Clark and Coecke and in Dutch by Moortgat and Wijnholds. Their bialgebraic versions have served the same purpose for generalised quantifier phrases (work of Hedges and Sadrzadeh). In this talk, we show how they can also reason about a challenging case of long distance dependencies, namely, parasitic gaps. This is joint work with Moortgat and Wijnholds.