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Indexicality: Center and Perspective
abstract

I offer an account wherein indexicality is anaphoric: an indexical proffers a free variable, but crucially presupposes as anchor the contextually-salient center of a doxastic perspective. This approach preserves the virtues of the Kaplanian direct-reference account but overcomes some of its short-comings. Unlike that account, this one permits us to (a) explain the *de se* character of indexical reports, (b) address so-called “fake” indexicals without faking them, and (c) extend to natural accounts of indexicality in languages in which 1st and 2nd person indexicals may be anchored to the 3rd person agent of an embedding attitude. No monsters required.