

Week 13 Plan

Plan:

Introduction and Recap of Last Meeting.

I. Description and Fact-Stating:

- a) Declarativism. Fact-stating in weakest sense, compatible with global expressivism. Normative facts as describing results of prescriptions. Price's Bifurcation Problem.
- b) Proposal: First Dimension. *Normative governance* of describing by described (fact-stating by fact). Anscombe's two directions of normative 'fit'.
- c) The model of observation: also need RDRDs.
- d) Proposal: Second Dimension. *Subjunctive tracking* of described by describing.

II. Descriptive Dimensions of Metalinguistic Locutions:

- a) Can metalinguistic expressions be empirical descriptions?
- b) On two-ply account, can make observational use of many expressions Sellars analyzes as 'covertly metalinguistic.'
- c) A second bifurcation problem: distinguishing metalinguistic empirical descriptions.
- d) Proposal: Distinguish narrow/broad empirical descriptions by whether subjunctive tracking is necessarily mediated by linguistic representings.
- e) Some applications: pure (ungrounded) vs. mixed (grounded) abstractions.
- f) Does alethic modal vocabulary have empirical descriptive uses in the narrow sense?
- g) Conclusion: Metalinguistic pragmatics is compatible with two-dimensional empirical descriptive pragmatics supporting a representational semantics.