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Abstract

Approaches to logical connectives are traditionally disconnected from appro-aches to discourse connectives. The Gricean pragmatic turn (Grice 1975) has, however, shown the way for a unified approach to logical and discourse connectives. In this paper, we show that logical connectives share identical meaning properties with discourse connectives: they both have conceptual and procedural meaning. This common template explains some issues that have not yet received satisfactory answers: (i) the constrained and limited variation in use of discourse connectives, which is classically defined as an argument for their polyfunctional meaning; (ii) the with or without issue, that is, the attested fact that in some non-rare occasions, discourse connectives can be omitted without a change in discourse meaning; (iii) the absence of semantic and pragmatic differences between logical connectives, sup-posed to be devoted to reasoning, and discourse connectives, to discourse coherence. The paper proposes an original and new answer to these issues, based on an in-depth proposal given in Moeschler (2019).