Donkey sentences and the proportion problem

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All the theoretical approaches that are nowadays classified under the general heading of "Dynamic Semantics" have pointed out the difficulties of a static, satisfaction-based, semantic interpretation of the predicate calculus in accounting for the subtleties of our actual use of language. Our aim on the following pages will be to focus on a particular kind of sentences widely discussed by philosophers, linguists, and logicians for over fifty years, the so-called donkey sentences. We will analyze one problematic example of donkey sentence, and will propose a new fresh interpretation for it that will eventually allow us to face successfully the often called proportion problem.