

Homework 5
Semantics I, Fall 2009, JHU
Assigned: 11/4, Due: (Friday) 11/9

I Some scope patterns

- (1) Alfonso didn't meet a student.
- (2) Alfonso didn't meet some student(s).
- (3) Alfonso didn't meet any student(s).

[a] Describe and explain the scope possibilities for these three sentences, introducing new constraints on QR if necessary. Assume that the three determiners have roughly the same meaning (existential, like the one we assumed for "a"), and ignore plurality.

[b] Show a semantic derivation (i.e. interpretation at LF) for sentence (3).