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Individuation (of possible worlds)

The operations grammar allows us to perform on possible worlds (as compared to other objects via which we construct meaning) exhibit certain gaps — in particular, we do not seem to be able to pluralize or count them (Schmitt 2023, but see also Benbaji-Elhadad 2025, contra e.g. Schlenker 2006, Kriz 2018, Agha & Jeretic 2022). Based on this observation (which is part of joint ongoing work with Ido Benbaji-Elhadad), I will argue that these gaps suggest that possible worlds, when ‘used’ in the construction of meaning, cannot be properly individuated and that natural language is sensitive to this ‘uncertainty’. I will then provide a preliminary sketch of how this property could be implemented.