I. Administrative

A. No reading essays due Thursday

B. General Questions?

II. Reflections on Abbott, Chs. 7 & 8

A. Overview of Ch. 7

1. Relating plurals to mass terms: Link’s analysis

2. Distributive, collective, and cumulative readings

3. Genericity:
   a. Carlson’s analysis: individual-level and stage-level properties; realization
   b. Generics, kinds, and singular indefinites
   c. “The average American” and the metaphysics of reference

B. Overview of Ch. 8

1. Indexicality
   a. Review of Kaplan’s character/content distinction, and two-dimensional semantics in general
   b. Essential indexicality and de se belief
   c. Index vs. denotation – what impact does this have on the character/content distinction?
2. **Demonstrative NPs**
   a. ‘this’ ‘n ‘that’
   b. Complex demonstratives and their analysis

3. **Third-person Pronouns**
   a. Different deployments: deictically, anaphorically, bound (quantificationally & non-quantificationally)
   b. Are they like logical variables?
   c. Can they be handled dynamically?
   d. Are there important referential differences between singular and plural pronouns?
   e. Relationships between pronouns and descriptions: bound descriptions, descriptive pronouns