

Questions with and about disjunction

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In this talk, I look at six varieties of questions in Bengali: polar, alternative, polar-alternative, and their embedded and non-embedded counterparts with disjunction. Empirically, all of these constructions use exactly the same morphological elements – *ki* and *na* – for both the question operator and disjunction. Additionally, the boolean-interrogative divide within the disjunction space is morphologically distinguished. By investigating configurations involving NPI licensing, embedding under emotive factives and dubitatives such as *surprise* and *doubt*, interactions with iterated disjunction, weak and strong exhaustivity, constraints on answerhood, I explore the potentiality of a unified semantics across these varieties of questions, further probing the robust relationship between questions and disjunction.