Greeting and Parting

- An initiating greeting typically occurs dialogue initially.
- The primary contextual effect of such a greeting is simply providing the addressee with the possibility of reciprocating with a counter-greeting.
- A countergreeting simply grounds the original greeting, requires no response, nor has other contextual effects.
- We should be careful not to build into greetings any *obligation* to countergreet, given examples like the following:

(23) A: Hi Mo. How are you?
B: OK. Where are you heading?

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- The conversational rule associated with greeting:

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{pre} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{init-spkr: Ind} \\ \text{init-addr: Ind} \\ \text{moves} = \text{elist} : \text{list(IllocProp)} \\ \text{qud} = \text{elist} : \text{list(Question)} \\ \text{facts} = \text{commonground1} : \text{Prop} \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{post} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{LatestMove} = \text{Greet(pre.init-spkr,pre-initaddr):IllocProp} \\ \text{qud} = \text{pre.qud} : \text{list(Question)} \\ \text{facts} = \text{pre.facts} : \text{Prop} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Note also the need to initialize facts—a contextual parameter (cf. Clark), forced upon us by thinking in terms of TTR.

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- Countergreeting has as its precondition that LatestMove is greet(A,B).
- Assuming a distinction between greeting and *counter*greeting, motivated by existence in some languages of forms usable only as *responses* to greetings (e.g. Arabic 'marhabteyn', 'sabax elnur' etc.), intonational differences (e.g. in English initiating greeting involve fall, responsive greetings involve rise.) Boils down to the initiating/reactive distinction (see below.).

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{pre} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{init-spkr: Ind} \\ \text{init-addr: Ind} \\ \text{LatestMove} = \\ \text{Greet(pre.init-spkr,pre-initaddr):IllocProp} \\ \text{qud} = \text{elist} : \text{list(Question)} \\ \text{facts} = \text{commonground1} : \text{Prop} \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{post} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{LatestMove} = \\ \text{CtrGreet(pre.initaddr,pre.initspkr):IllocProp} \\ \text{qud} = \text{pre.qud} : \text{list(Question)} \\ \text{facts} = \text{pre.facts} : \text{Prop} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

Greeting: an example

(26) A: Hi B: Hi.

- Specify words like 'hi', 'good morning' in the lexicon as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{phon} : \text{HI} \\ \text{c-params} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{s} : \text{Ind} \\ \text{a: Ind} \\ \dots \end{bmatrix} : \text{RType} \\ \text{cont} = \text{Greet(s,a)} : \text{IllocProp} \end{bmatrix}$$

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- Parting is in some sense the mirror image of greeting: the basic prep condition for parting is that the conversation is at a stage that allows it to be terminated.
- This means that QUD is empty, either because all issues previously raised have indeed been discussed sufficiently or because the parter decides to downdate those that have not:

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{pre} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{init-spkr: Ind} \\ \text{init-addr: Ind} \\ \text{qud} = \text{elist} : \text{list(Question)} \\ \text{facts} = \text{commonground1} : \text{Prop} \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{post} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{LatestMove} = \text{Part(pre.init-spkr,pre-initaddr): IllocProp} \\ \text{qud} = \text{pre.qud} : \text{list(Question)} \\ \text{facts} = \text{pre.facts} : \text{Prop} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Counterparting:

(28) a.
$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{pre} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{init-spkr: Ind} \\ \text{init-addr: Ind} \\ \text{LatestMove} = \\ \text{Part(pre.initspkr,pre.initaddr):IllocProp} \\ \text{qud} = \text{elist} : \text{list(Question)} \\ \text{facts} = \text{commonground1} : \text{Prop} \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{post} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{LatestMove} = \\ \text{CounterPart(pre.init-addr,pre.initspkr):IllocProp} \\ \text{qud} = \text{pre.qud} : \text{list(Question)} \\ \text{facts} = \text{pre.facts} : \text{Prop} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

b.
$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{pre} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{init-spkr: Ind} \\ \text{init-addr: Ind} \\ \text{LatestMove} = \\ \text{CtrPart(pre.initspkr,pre.initaddr):IllocProp} \\ \text{qud} = \text{elist} : \text{list(Question)} \\ \text{facts} = \text{commonground1} : \text{Prop} \end{array}\right] \\ \text{post} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{LatestMove} = \\ \text{Disengaged(pre.initaddr,pre.initspkr)} : \text{IllocProp} \\ \text{qud} = \text{pre.qud} : \text{list(Question)} \\ \text{facts} = \text{pre.facts} : \text{Prop} \end{array}\right] \end{array}\right]$$