Repair after Next Turn: The Last Structurally Provided Defense of Intersubjectivity in Conversation
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Contexts For intersubjectivity
Theoretical context
- conduct providing resources for understanding
- can issue in misunderstandings
- Self righting mechanism built into conversation

Grounding in the Sequential Order of conversation
- In conversation, speakers follow previous talk
- responses reveal their understanding
- Can reveal understandings that the previous speaker sees as a misunderstanding

Third Person Repair
- Dealing with Trouble in Understanding
  - Fixing misunderstandings in conversation by building it into the conversation
  - Marcia: …Becuz the top was ripped off’v iz car which iz tihsay someb’dy helped th’mselfs.
  - Tony: Stolen
  - Marcia: Stolen. Right out in front of my house.
  - Repairing the possible ambiguity, “ripped off,” in the middle of the turn
  - Normally repaired on the turn after the turn where the trouble occurred
  - Vast majority of misunderstandings taken care of “immediately”

- Third person repair
  A: Turn 1 (T1)
  B: Turn 2 (T2)
  A:  left
  - T2 is meant to be responsive to T1, the in T3 the speaker realizes the misunderstanding, and then addresses it.

- Composition of Third Position Repair
  - Constructed from four main types of components
  A: initiates the repair
  B: most likely to be absent; agreement/acceptance component
  C: the rejection component. Rejects the misunderstanding
  D: the repair proper.
  - These are generally in this order, and there are examples of people stopping themselves to put it in the correct order.
  A needs to be first to initiate it.
  D needs to be last to repair it, so the new response can come after
  - deviations still exist

- Placement of Third Position Repairs
  Most third person repairs are in the third turn, but not necessarily
  Many of these exceptions are obvious
  These are done in the turn after the turn containing the “next” utterance.

- Fourth Position Repair
  A: T1 (e.g., Q1)
B: T2 (e.g., A1)
A: T3 (e.g., Q2)
B:\[→\]

-In this case A finds no problem with T2, and follows up with T3, and then B realizes that T2 had been based on a misunderstanding, so then follows up with an undertaking to address this.

Marty: Loes, do you have a calendar,
Loes: Yeah ((reaches for her desk calendar))
Marty: Do you have one that hangs on the wall?
Loes: Oh, you want one
Marty: Yeah

-As with third position, it does not always happen in consecutive turns

-Fourth position has two components.
  -“Change of state” token-“oh”
  -revised response

-Relationship of Third and Fourth Position Repair to Intersubjectivity
  -These are the ways of the speaker and recipient to deal with misunderstandings
  -Both can appear in the same conversation
  -these are both used to deal with a sequence going/gone off track
    -at least two turns are involved
    -trouble source and the next
  -third position is the speaker redoing his prior turn, and then redoing it
  -fourth position retrieves next turn by the recipient reintroducing it as reunderstood
  -So sequence going awry due to misunderstanding is caught and set right, realigning the understandings
  -These are the last positions in which this catch can be made
  -Provision is made for addressing trouble
  -Last structurally built in defense of Intersubjectivity in conversation

Multiple Repair Space
-Schematic Display of Multiple Repair Space
  -Any repairable point of reference is followed by a “repair initiation opportunity space” of four positions
    -These can have next turn, third position, or fourth position repair in them
  -Everything repairable, so there are multiple repair spaces
  -Example:

    (note: NTRI=next-turn-repair-initiated)

| T1 | A: | Q1 |
| T2 | B: | A1 NTRI (T1) |
| T3 | A: | Q2 NTRI (T2) Repair 3d (T1) |
| T4 | B: | A2 NTRI (T3) Repair 3d (T2) Repair 4th (T1) |
| T5 | A: | Q3 NTRI (T4) Repair 3d (T3) Repair 4th (T2) |
| T6 | B: | A3 NTRI (T5) Repair 3d (T4) Repair 4th (T3,1) |

-Every turn position is a potential next turn, NTRI, third position repair, or fourth position repair

Some Actual Alternatives
-a “joke first” response
-“another first time”
-Lack of understanding of misunderstanding
-To do a repair, must understand that there was a misunderstanding based on responses.
-Participant must realize that it went off track
-Defenses of intersubjectivity
-Contingencies of responding, and the turn-taking and sequence organizations
-Breakout of Intersubjectivity
-2 page long example provided, that culminates on third page with realization that the two speaking were talking about two different things the entire time.
-“There” being used too many times referring to different things
-Both decided other was ill-informed or ill-tempered
-Lead to disagreement, and challenges, ending in insults and shouting
-Breakdown in Intersubjectivity can lead to breaks in relationships
-When misunderstanding escapes repair space, the “institutional substructure” maintain through conversation is compromised
-Defense of intersubjectivity is procedural
-gives the participants tools
-Party administered
-Locally managed
-Locally adapted
-recipient designed
-interactional
-sequential
-Providing for management in intersubjectivity in talk allows for its management in what can enter into talk