Building method-oriented adverbs
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Much work on the syntax and semantics of adverbs in English, German, and other languages has focused on understanding classes of adverbs such as evaluative adverbs, agent-oriented adverbs, and manner adverbs. However, one class of adverb, method-oriented adverbs (Schäfer, 2013), has remained understudied compared to other classes. Method-oriented adverbs are said to specify the method by which some event comes about (examples (1-3)).

(1) The aliens communicated with each other telepathically.
(2) The two nations solved their issues diplomatically.
(3) The semanticist evaluated the data linguistically.

These adverbs are derived from relational adjectives (telepathic, diplomatic, linguistic) and not property adjectives, unlike many manner adverbs. Additionally, they can be distinguished from manner adverbs via several syntactic tests. This suggests that method-oriented adverbs must be given an analysis different from those of manner adverbs.

I develop an account of method-oriented adverbs that roots their properties in the lexical semantics of the adjectives they are derived from. I clarify their syntactic position within the clause, and show in what sense these adverbs contribute a method.