



Grounding and grounding cycles

Grounding cycles

- At this point: the smallest meaning making unit of dialogue that we know of
- The process of accumulating common knowledge /understanding
 - Basically :What is it WE know

- Is a tango

A: Presents information

B: Displays understanding or not understanding the information

A: Acknowledges

- Each cycle puts jointly created “knowledge” in place



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Common ground and questions

- Presuppositions in questions presuppose common ground:
 - Th: What is your problem?
 - Cl: I have a problem with performance anxiety
- A hypothesis:
 - Presuppositions are the expression of the common ground that the therapist believes is already in place (most therapists) or is deliberately trying to put in place (some practitioners from the constructivist and constructionist approaches)

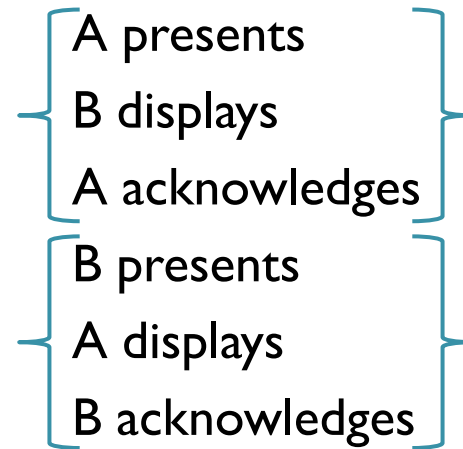
One implication: The minimum unit of dialogue....

- Is **not** an individual speaking turn:

- A talks
- B talks
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Overlapping and interruptions are
“violations”

- Is a grounding sequence that **both** produce:



Overlapping and interruptions are
natural and efficient

Formulations and grounding

- A formulation will transform what the client said
- A formulation accepted by the client becomes common ground

Th: So you were able to think this through thoroughly

Cl: Yes

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