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**Title:** Adjective-adverb pairs: usage vs. categories

**Abstract:** Adjectives modify nouns, and adverbs modify verbs: this leaves out the role and function of predicative usages of adjectives. This talk starts from the observation that on distributional semantics measures, the attributive usage of the adjective 'quick' is more similar to its adverb counterpart 'quickly' than to any of its predicative usages. Closer inspection of the predicative usage reveals that 'quick to'-INFINITIVAL usages ('They were quick to point out') constitute a large subset of these usages. This is intriguing, because for other adjectives it has been argued that the 'ADJ to' + INFINITIVAL construction is synonymous with the 'ADJ-ly' + VERB construction (cf. Oshima 2010), a point at odds with the distributional dissimilarities. This talk explores explores the semantic patterns behind these usages, drawing on the behavior of the set of semantic cognates of 'quick' for comparison.