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Some Alternative Principles of Particle Constructions

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- (1) They're trying to make John out to be a liar
- (2) (?)They're trying to make out John to be a liar Kayne (1985)
- (3) ...make [[John to be a liar] out]
- (4) *They're trying to make John to be a liar out
- (5) "As a function of the two small clause boundaries, John is not governed by make, so that there is a Case filter violation." [p.109]
- (6) ...make [[John [e]_i] out [to be a liar]_i
- (7) Why doesn't John in (6) violate the Case filter?
- (8) "In [$_{\alpha}$... Y ...], α can count as a barrier to government for Y only if ... contains lexical material."
- (9) ...make [[e]_j out] [John to be a liar]_j
- (10) If [John to be a liar] is adjoined to the small clause headed by out, then John is separated from make by two small clauses, and in both, ... contains lexical material, so John violates the Case filter.
- (11) If [John to be a liar] is adjoined to V, then make does not c-command John, so again John violates the Case filter.
- (12) So to generate (2), it must be that [to be a liar] has further extraposed, leaving the SC of which John is the subject permeable to government:
- (13) ...make [[e]_j out] [John [e]_k]_j [to be a liar]_k
- (14) (*)They're trying to make there out to be no solution to this problem
- (15) They're trying to make John out to be a liar
- (16) ...make $[NP_j [e]_i]$ out $[[_{NP_j} e] [to VP]_i]$
- (17) What kind of thing is [NPj e]? It can't be NP-trace, because it is not c-commanded by NPj. So it must be PRO. This allows NPj to be John, as in (15), but not there, as in (14), since there can't control PRO:
- (18) *There were reptiles before being mammals [p.115]
- (19) *How likely to be a riot is there Kroch and Joshi

- (1985); Lasnik and Saito (1992)
- (20) [how likely t_1 to be a riot]₂ is there₁ t_2
- (21) How likely to win is John

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- (22) [how likely t_1 to win]₂ is John₁ t_2
- (23) [how likely PRO_1 to win]₂ is John₁ t_2
- (24) I made there out to be a unicorn in the garden Johnson (1991)
- (25) (\checkmark) They made there out to be a solution to this problem
- (26) What did you make John out to have said
- (27) How did the DA make John out to have committed the crime
- (28) ?*What did you make the claim yesterday that John said
- (29) *How did you make the claim yesterday that John solved the problem
- (30) ??What did you claim yesterday that John said
- (31) ?*How did you claim yesterday that John solved the problem
 - Agr_sP / \backslash ΝP Agr_s' Т / \backslash Agrs ΤP / \ Т VP / past \ NP V. t, / \ V Agr_oP make / \ NΡ Aar.' there / \ Agr VP t_{make} V / \backslash V Agr_sP t_{prove} out / NP to be a solution t_{there}

- (33) *I've believed there for a long time now to be no solution to the problem
- (34) ?I've believed John for a long time now to be a liar
- (35) ... believed $[NP_j [e]_i]$ for a long time $[[_{NP_j} e]$ [to $VP_i]$]
- (36) ??What have you believed John for a long time now to have said
- (37) ?*How have you believed John for a long time now to have solved the problem
- (38) ... believed NP_i t_i for a long time [[_{NPi} e] [to VP]]_i
- (39) Plausibly, very much as Kayne suggested, [NPj e] cannot be NP-trace, since not c-commanded by its antecedent. It can be PRO, but not if its antecedent is *there*.
- (40) An alternative statement of the distinction:
- (41) A-movement doesn't leave a trace Lasnik (In press), so there is no difficulty in generating (34).
- (42) There has no agreement features, so the Agr it is specifier of must attract the phi-features of the 'associate'. But in (33), by hypothesis that associate, as part of the extraposed constituent, is outside the ccommand domain of the relevant Agr.
- (43) The same line of analysis carries over to the contrast between (21) and (19), repeated here:
- (44) How likely to win is John
- (45) *How likely to be a riot is there
- (46) They're trying to make John out to be a liar
- (47) (?) They're trying to make out John to be a liar
- (48) On the present account, this is an 'object shift' alternation.
- (49) English, then, (a) has overt object shift; and (b) it is optional.
- (50) The DA proved [two men to have been at the scene of the crime] during each other's trials
- (51) The DA proved [no suspect_i to have been at the scene of the crime] during his_i trial
- (52) The DA proved [noone to have been at the scene] during any of the trials
- (53) ?*The DA proved [that two men were at the scene of the crime] during each other's trials
- (54) ?*The DA proved [that no suspect, was at the scene of the crime] during his, trial

- (55) ?*The DA proved [that noone was guilty] during any of the trials
- (56) *The DA proved [there to have been two men at the scene of the crime] during each other's trials
- (57) *The DA proved [there to have been no suspect_i at the scene of the crime] during his_i trial
- (58) *The DA proved [there to have been noone at the scene] during any of the trials Lasnik and Saito (1991)
- (59) BUT
- (60)a ?*Joan believes \texttt{him}_i to be a genius even more fervently than Bob_i does
 - b Joan believes he_i is a genius even more fervently than Bob_i does Postal (1974)
- (61) They're trying to make him out to be a liar
- (62) *They're trying to make out him to be a liar
- (63) I called John up
- (64) I called up John
- (65) I called him up
- (66) *I called up him
- (67) ?I called friends of John up
- (68) ?*Who did you call friends of up
- (69) I called up friends of John
- (70) Who did you call up friends of
- (71)a (it seems that) everyone isn't there yet
 - b I expected [everyone not to be there yet]
 - c everyone seems $[\underline{t} \text{ not to be there yet}]$
- (72) "Negation can have wide scope over the Q in [(71)a], and it seems in [(71)b] but not in [(71)c],.... reconstruction in the A-chain does not take place, so it appears." Chomsky (1995, p.327)
- (73) I believe everyone not to be there yet
- (74) If object shift were obligatory, (73) would not allow wide scope for negation over everyone, contrary to fact.
- (75) The mathematician made every even number out not to be the sum of two primes (*Neq>∀)
- (76) The mathematician made out every even number not to be the sum of two primes (?Neg>∀)
- (77) Strikingly, the only reading for (75) is the implausible one where the mathematician was engaged in the futile activity of trying to convince someone that no even number is the sum of two primes (and not the far more plausible one where she is merely trying to convince

someone that Goldbach's conjecture is false).

- (78)a The lawyer made no witnesses out to be idiots during any of the trials
 - b?*The lawyer made out no witnesses to be idiots during any of the trials
- (79)a The DA made the defendants out to be guilty during each other's trials
 - b?*The DA made out the defendants to be guilty during each other's trials
- (80) a The DA made no suspect_i out to have been at the scene of the crime during his, trial
 - b?*The DA made out no suspect_i to have been at the scene of the crime during \mbox{his}_i trial
- (81) How is the optionality of 'raising to object' to be instantiated?
- (82) The driving force for the overt movement of the NP is a strong 'EPP' feature in Agr_{\circ} (which I take to be the same item as Agr_{s}). Lasnik (1995c)
- (83) Chomsky (1995, p.350) hints at an alternative possibility: "If Agr has no strong feature, then PF considerations, at least, give no reason for it to be present at all, and LF considerations do not seem relevant... Agr exists only when it has strong features."
- (84) Along these lines, suppose, then, that the optionality of raising is the optionality of Agr_o.
- (85)a If $\mbox{Agr}_{\rm o}$ is present, overt raising will be forced by its strong EPP feature.
 - b If Agr_o is absent, there will be no overt raising; the nominal's Case will be checked by covert raising of its formal features to the V. Scopal and referential features will remain below, as in (56)-(58).
- (86)a Under circumstance (85)b, the nominal will not participate in high binding.
 - b On the other hand, it will be able to take low scope, as in the instances of ambiguous interaction between universal and negation discussed earlier.
- (87) The search committee declared every candidate, not to be qualified after the interviews $(?Neg>\forall)$
- (88) The search committee declared every candidate, not to be qualified after his, interview $(*Neg>\forall)$
- (89) Mary proved every Mersenne number not to be prime, and John will every Fibonacci number
- (90) The fact that every Fibonacci number is a Pseudogapping remnant indicates that it has overtly raised Lasnik

(1995). As now expected, every Fibonacci number cannot take scope under negation in (89).

- (91) *I've believed for a long time now John to be a liar
- (92) Parallel to the situation in (33), repeated here, feature movement (this time from John to believe will fail (plausibly for lack of c-command)

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