- Kroch and Lasnik A MOTE ON MEGATIVES: THE MOT-HOPPING PROBLEM
- 1. a. John mayn't go out to play (without asking Mary first).
 - b. John (can't) swim: very well.
- 2. a. (If he is tired), John may not finish the job until tomorrow.
- b. (When it is to his advantage to be polite), John can not misbehave for hours.
- 3. a. (If he feels like staying home), John (mustn't come to work.
 - b. (If John doesn't like Bill), he shouldn't help him out with the job.
- 4. a. John must not sign that lease without his family's approval. b. John should not resent helpful criticism.
- 5. a. John can't not do the work now after having agreed to it. b. *Soldiers can't not not obey some orders.
- 6. a. John (CAN) not tell lies to protect himself from critisism.
 - b. John (can't) tell lies to protect himself from criticism.
- 7. a. John \ MUST \ not tell lies to protect himself from criticism \ SHOULD \
- b. John (mustn't) tell lies to protect himself from criticism (shouldn't)
 11. John (can not not pay his share of the costs at this late date.
- 12. John must not not pay his share of the costs at this late date.
- 16. *John must NOT not sign the agreement.
- 19. Can John swim well?
- 20. Can't John swim well?
- 21. Is it the case that John can swim well?
- 22. a. Isn't it the case that ¡John can swim well? b. Is it the case that John can't swim well?
- 23. a. \ Mustn't
- 24. a. (Must) b. (Can) John Jones not go to New York?

25. Is it the case that John Jones { must | not-go to New York? 26. Isn't it the case that John Jones { must } go to New York?

PART II

- 1. a. John doesn't think that Bill didn't go. (Jackendoff, 1968) b. I don't think capitalists don't lie.
- 2. Doesn't John think lexicalism is valid?
- I don't suppose the Yankees will win, will they? (R.Lakoff,1969)
- 4. a. I don't think the Yankees will win, will they?
 - b. The Yankees won't win, I don't think.
- c. The Yankees won't, I don't think, win the pennant. d. *The Yankees will, I don't think, win the pennant.
 - e. "The Yankees, I don't think, won't win the pennant.

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