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Anaphora and the Modularity of Language  
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- (1) \*John<sub>i</sub> thinks Mary likes John<sub>i</sub>
- (2) \*\*He<sub>i</sub> thinks Mary likes John<sub>i</sub>
- (4) What do you mean noone thinks Mary likes John?  
??John<sub>i</sub> thinks Mary likes John<sub>i</sub>
- (5) What do you mean noone thinks Mary likes John?  
?\*He<sub>i</sub> thinks Mary likes John<sub>i</sub>
- (6)a You interviewed Harry and who  
b \*\*Who did you interview Harry and
- (7)a Susan wonders whether Joan wrote which book  
b ?\*Which book does Susan wonder whether Joan wrote
- (8)a Avoid redundancy. Don't repeat 'full' NPs.  
b Avoid unclarity. Don't use a pronoun before its antecedent.
- (9) ?John<sub>i</sub> walked in. Then Mary spoke to John<sub>i</sub>.
- (10) ?After John<sub>i</sub> arrived, Mary spoke to John<sub>i</sub>
- (11) ?He<sub>i</sub> walked in. Then Mary spoke to John<sub>i</sub>.
- (12) After he<sub>i</sub> arrived, Mary spoke to John<sub>i</sub>
- (13) ?John's<sub>i</sub> mother fequently praises John<sub>i</sub>
- (14) His<sub>i</sub> mother frequently praises John<sub>i</sub>
- (15) Reinhart (1986)  
a Speaker's strategy: When a syntactic structure you are using allows bound-anaphora interpretation, then use it if you intend your expressions to corefer, unless you have some reasons to avoid bound-anaphora.  
b Hearer's strategy: If the speaker avoids bound anaphora options provided by the structure he is using, then, unless he has reasons to avoid bound anaphora, he didn't intend his expressions to corefer.
- (16) \*John<sub>i</sub> thinks Mary likes the lucky guy<sub>i</sub>

- (17) After John<sub>i</sub> arrived, Mary praised the lucky guy<sub>i</sub>
- (18) Charlie Brown talks to his dog and my neighbor Max does too
- (19) Speaker 1: Charlie Brown talks to his dog  
Speaker 2: My neighbor Max does too
- (20) Chomsky's (1981) "Condition C": An R-expression must be free. [An R-expression is a non-pronominal NP. 'Free' means not bound. X binds Y if X c-commands Y and X and Y are coindexed.]
- (21) If two NPs have the same index, then they are coreferential. If two NPs have distinct indices, then they are non-coreferential/disjoint in reference.
- (22) They told Mary that John should leave
- (23) John told Mary that they should leave
- (24) Lasnik's (1976) "Non-coreference Rule" (slightly revised): If one NP c-commands another and the latter is not a pronoun, then the two NPs are non-coreferential/disjoint in reference.
- (25) Higginbotham's (1985) "Obviativity Condition": An R-expression is obviative (where obviativity universally applies only with respect to c-commanding potential antecedents).
- (26) cʰn<sub>i</sub> khít wáa cʰn<sub>i</sub> chàlaàt [Thai]  
John<sub>i</sub> thinks that John<sub>i</sub> is smart
- (27) \*kháw<sub>i</sub> khít wáa cʰn<sub>i</sub> chàlaàt  
he<sub>i</sub> thinks that John<sub>i</sub> is smart
- (28) An R-expression is pronoun free.
- (29) cʰn<sub>i</sub> khít wáa ?áybáa<sub>i</sub> chàlaàt  
John<sub>i</sub> thinks that the nut<sub>i</sub> is smart
- (30) \*?áybáa<sub>i</sub> khít wáa cʰn<sub>i</sub> chàlaàt [Thai]  
the nut<sub>i</sub> thinks that John<sub>i</sub> is smart
- (31) kháw<sub>i</sub> khít wáa ?áybáa<sub>i</sub> chàlaàt  
he<sub>i</sub> thinks that the nut<sub>i</sub> is smart
- (32) name > epithet > pronoun
- (33) A less referential expression may not bind a more referential one. [Universal?]

- (34) An R-expression must be A-free. [Parameterized]
- (35) There<sub>i</sub> is a man<sub>i</sub> in the room
- (36)a There is a man in the room  
b \* are
- (37)a There are men in the room  
b \* is
- (38) A man<sub>i</sub> is t<sub>i</sub> in the room
- (39)a \*He<sub>i</sub> likes [everyone that John<sub>i</sub> knows]  
b [Everyone that John<sub>i</sub> knows] [he<sub>i</sub> likes t]
- (40) \*He<sub>i</sub> likes the philosopher that John<sub>i</sub> knows
- (41) [Who that John<sub>i</sub> knows] [does he<sub>i</sub> like t]
- (42) \*Who thinks [he<sub>i</sub> likes [who that John<sub>i</sub> knows]]

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