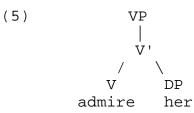
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Case and Government

I. The role of Government in Case theory

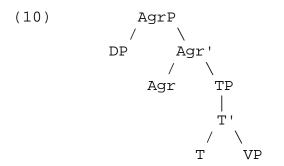
- (1) α governs β if every XP dominating α also dominates β and vice versa: XPs are 'barriers' to government.
- (2) Case assignment requires government.
- (3)a The object of a transitive verb is Accusative.
 - b The subject of a finite clause is Nominative.
- (4) V governs its complement



- (6) 'Infl' governs its Specifier.
- (7) He will win

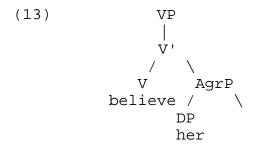
(8) IP / \ DP I' / \ I VP

(9) On the 'split Infl' hypothesis, with Tense and Agreement each heading its own projection:

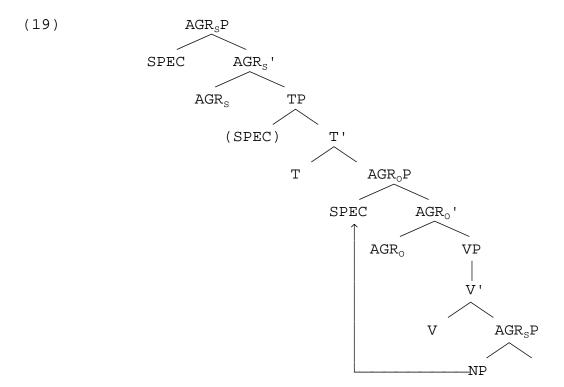


II. Questions about Government

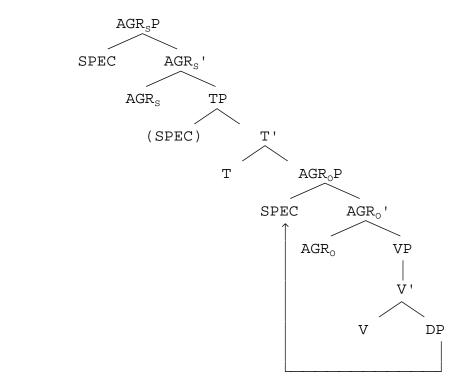
(11) The subject of the infinitival complement of certain verbs is Accusative. IP, unlike other XPs, is not a barrier to government. V 'exceptionally' governs into IP: (12) ... believe her to be a genius



- (14) Configuration of Accusative checking: V-Complement
- (15) Configuration of Nominative checking: SPEC-AGR
- (16) Configuration of 'Exceptional Case Marking': ???
- (17) Suppose we try to unify simple NOM (8) and ACC (5). The former is a Spec-head configuration, the latter a headcomplement one. Government can rather easily be formulated so as to encompass these two distinct configurations. It can be made to include ECM (13), but with much more difficulty.
- (18) Another 'split' in Infl: In addition to subject agreement (AGRS), object agreement (AGRO). Then ECM can, via NP movement, also be assigned in a SPEC of AGR configuration:



- (20) Now Accusative, Nominative, and ECM are all assigned in X'configurations: Head-Complement for the first; SPEC-head for the others.
- (21) But we can do even better: If ECM is SPEC-head, standard Accusative can be as well (and should be, since there is no known morphological or other difference between them).



- (23) Now **all** Case licensing is in the same configuration: Spechead. But to really make this work, we have to deal with a major problem:
- (24) *I Mary believe to be a genius
- (25) *We Mary admire

(22)

(26) Two possible solutions: a. The DP moves, but in LF, so you can't hear the movement (like QR, or WH-movement in Chinese, or V 're-raising'). [Based on Chomsky (1991)] b. The DP moves, and the V moves to a still higher position. [Based on Koizumi (1993); Koizumi (1995)]

III. Evidence for Raising

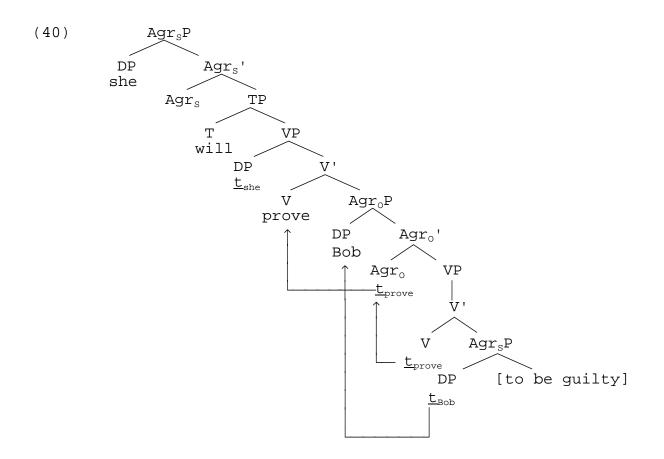
- (27)a Joan believes he_{i} is a genius even more fervently than $Bob_{i}\ does$
 - b *Joan believes him_i to be a genius even more fervently than Bob_i does Postal (1974)

- (28)a Joan believes $he_{\rm i}$ is a genius even more fervently than Bob's_{\rm i} mother does
 - b?*Joan believes him_i to be a genius even more fervently than Bob's_i mother does Lasnik and Saito (1991)
- (29) The DA questioned two men during each other's trials
- (30)a The DA proved [two men to have been at the scene] during each other's trials
 - b ?*The DA proved [that two men were at the scene] during each other's trials
 - c *The DA proved [there to have been two men at the scene] during each other's trials
- (31) The DA questioned noone during any of the trials
- (32)a The DA proved [noone to have been at the scene] during any of the trials
 - b ?*The DA proved [that noone was at the scene] during any of the trials
 - c *The DA proved [there to have been noone at the scene] during any of the trials
- (33) The DA questioned no $suspect_i$ during his_i trial
- (34)a The DA proved [no suspect_i to have been at the scene of the crime] during his_i trial
 - b *The DA proved [that no suspect_i was at the scene of the crime] during his_i trial
 - c *The DA proved [there to have been no suspect_i at the scene of the crime] during his, trial

IV. Overt or covert?

- (35)a They're trying to throw out the garbage b They're trying to throw the garbage out
- (36)a They're trying to make John out to be a liar b(?)They're trying to make out John to be a liar c They're trying to make out that John is a liar Kayne (1985)
- (37)a Someone found Germany recently to have been justified in the Lusitania sinking
 - b *Someone found that Germany was recently justified in the Lusitania sinking Postal (1974)
 - c Someone found recently that Germany was justified in the Lusitania sinking
- (38)a I've believed John for a long time now to be a liar b I've believed for a long time now that John is a liar Kayne (1985)

(39) Overt raising to Spec of Agr_o along with overt raising of V to a still higher position. [Following Koizumi's 'split VP' hypothesis.]



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