

Homework #5 22 points

Due Tuesday, 12/3

5 points (3+1+1)

- (1)a. Within the "classic" theory of Subjacency (Chomsky (1973,1977)), present an argument that IP (= S) is a bounding node for Subjacency in English.
b. Suppose CP (= \bar{S}), instead of IP, were a bounding node. What would be the difference in the language?
c. Suppose both IP and CP were bounding nodes. What would be the difference in the language?

3 points

- (2)a. Present an argument for WH-Movement in an 'in situ' language like Chinese or Japanese or Korean. Be explicit!
b. If your argument has any limitations in its force, discuss that fact as well.

5 points (3+2)

- (3)a. The leading (and very elegant) idea of Chomsky's Barriers is that every maximal projection is potentially a barrier for movement (thus eliminating the stipulated list in "Conditions on Transformations"). Given this, illustrate and discuss all the "exemptions" that must be granted to permit acceptable instances of WH-Movement.
b. One of the exemptions concerns escape from an XP via adjunction to it. Discuss and illustrate how this exemption must be withdrawn under certain circumstances.

9 points

- (4) Discuss each of the following examples, explaining **as explicitly as possible** their status in terms of rules, principles, constraints, etc., that we have discussed. **Show the relevant portions of the structures, and compute the relevant barriers.**

(a) *Who did a picture of fall on the floor

(b) *Where₂ did you see [_{NP} the book [_{CP} which₁ [_{IP} John put *t*₁ *t*₂]]]

(c) Who do you think (*that) won the race

vs.(d) Who do you think (that) John said won the race [i.e., this one, unlike (a), is good with or without *that*]

(e) ??Which car do you wonder who fixed

vs.(f) *How do you wonder who fixed the car [i.e., extraction of the adjunct is much worse than extraction of the object]