

Optimality and *Wh*-Extraction

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I. Issues

THE STUDY OF QUESTION FORMATION HAS HISTORICALLY SERVED AS THE EMPIRICAL BASIS FOR MAJOR CONSTRUCTS IN GOVERNMENT BINDING (GB) SUCH AS THE EMPTY CATEGORY PRINCIPLE (ECP), THE EXISTENCE OF LOGICAL FORM (LF) AS A SEPARATE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION—MOTIVATED IN PARTICULAR BY AN ABSTRACT LF ANALYSIS *IN-SITU* IN LANGUAGES LIKE CHINESE (HUANG, 1982)—AND THE CENTRAL BUT CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE OF WHICH PRINCIPLES APPLY AT WHICH LEVELS OF REPRESENTATION. FOR EXAMPLE, HUANG (1982) ARGUES, BASED ON CHINESE, THAT THE ECP APPLIES AT S-STRUCTURE AND LF WHILE SUBJACENCY AND HIS CONDITION ON EXTRACTION DOMAIN (CED) APPLY ONLY AT S-STRUCTURE.

CROSS-LINGUISTIC INVESTIGATIONS HAVE REVEALED THAT THESE IDEAS ARE ACTUALLY HARD TO FORMALIZE IN A SIMPLE AND UNIFIED FASHION AND A BRIEF SURVEY REVEALS A PROBLEMATIC STATE OF AFFAIRS. (1) STANDARD GB OFFERS NO UNIFIED TREATMENT OF *WH*-FRONTING—LANGUAGES WHICH OBSERVE MOVEMENT CONSTRAINTS ARE ANALYZED AS INVOLVING MOVEMENT; LANGUAGES WHICH DO NOT OBSERVE MOVEMENT CONSTRAINTS ARE NOT ANALYZED AS INVOLVING MOVEMENT (EG PALAUAN *WH*-FRONTING INVOLVES BASE GENERATION; GEORGOPOULOS 1985, 1991). (2) NO UNIFIED TREATMENT OF *WH*-FRONTING IS OFFERED EITHER: LANGUAGES LIKE CHINESE AND JAPANESE WHICH OBSERVE (AT LEAST SOME) MOVEMENT CONSTRAINTS HAVE MOST RECENTLY BEEN ANALYZED AS INVOLVING OVERT MOVEMENT OF A NULL OPERATOR COINDEXED WITH AN *IN-SITU WH*-VARIABLE AT S-STRUCTURE (AO UN AND LI, 1993; COLE AND HERMON (1994)); MALAY AND AN CAS H Q U E C H U A WHICH DO NOT OBSERVE MOVEMENT CONSTRAINTS ARE NOT ANALYZED AS INVOLVING MOVEMENT, BUT RATHER INTERPRETATION *IN-SITU* (COLE AND HERMON, 1997). (3) *IN-SITU* LANGUAGES OFFER CONTRADICTORY EVIDENCE ABOUT THE LEVEL AT WHICH THE SUBJACENCY PRINCIPLE APPLIES: S-STRUCTURE IN CHINESE (HUANG, 1982) AND JAPANESE (LASNIK AND SAITO, 1992), LF IN HINDI (SRIVASTAV, 1991). (4)

LANGUAGES WITH THESE STRATEGIES SHOW DIFFERENT DEGREES OF CONSTRAINING EACH STRATEGY: FOR EXAMPLE, IN ANCASH QUECHUA, OVERT MOVEMENT IS MORE CONSTRAINED THAN LF MOVEMENT (COLE AND HERMON, 1994) WHILE THE REVERSE IS TRUE OF IRAQI ARABIC (WAHIBA, 1991). WHILE PARAMETERIZATION OFFERS WAYS OF RESOLVING THE CONTRADICTIONS IN (3) AND (4), THIS RAISES SERIOUS ISSUES FOR A THEORY OF PARAMETERS THAT TYPICALLY SEEKS TO LIMIT PARAMETERS TO THE LEXICON OR TO FUNCTIONAL CATEGORIES. (5) LAST BUT NOT LEAST, WE OBSERVE A PROLIFERATION OF PRINCIPLES BEARING THE SAME NAME, THE ECP, SOME OF WHICH ARE CLEARLY DISTINCT IN CONTENT—CHOMSKY (1986) SEEKS TO REDUCE THE ECP TO ANTECEDENT GOVERNMENT, CINQUE (1990) REDUCES IT TO HEAD GOVERNMENT—WHILE OTHERS ARE FORMALLY DISTINCT: CONJUNCTIVE (RIZZI, 1990, AOUN ET AL 1987) OR DISJUNCTIVE (CHOMSKY, 1981, 1986; MANZINI, 1992; LASNIK AND SAITO, 1992).

IN THIS PAPER, WE PROPOSE TO START ADDRESSING THE ISSUES OUTLINED ABOVE FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF OPTIMALITY THEORY (OT, PRINCE AND SMOLENSKY, 1993) AND TEST THE HYPOTHESIS THAT DIFFERENT PATTERNS OF EXTRACTABILITY ACROSS LANGUAGES RESULT FROM DIFFERENT RANKINGS OF UNIVERSAL CONSTRAINTS REALIZING A FEW SIMPLE PRINCIPLES. THE SCOPE OF THIS PAPER DOES NOT PERMIT US TO ADDRESS ALL THESE ISSUES (WHICH ARE THE TOPIC OF OUR ONGOING RESEARCH); HERE WE CAN ONLY SET UP THE BASIC FRAMEWORK AND EXPLORE A FEW OF ITS CONSEQUENCES. IN PARTICULAR, WE LIMIT OURSELVES HERE TO LANGUAGES WHICH OBSERVE MOVEMENT CONSTRAINTS, WHETHER THEY MAKE USE OF FRONTING (ENGLISH, BULGARIAN) OR CHINESE SITU—THE FRAMEWORK WE DEVELOP IS A VERSION OF GB WHICH INCORPORATES THE TWO FUNDAMENTAL CONSTRUCTS OF CONSTRAINTS RANKING AND SOFT CONSTRAINTS IN CONTENT, SOME OF OUR CONSTRAINTS ARE REMINISCENT OF SIMILAR CONSTRAINTS IN THE GB LITERATURE; THEY ARE, HOWEVER, FORMALLY QUITE DIFFERENT BECAUSE OF THEIR INTRINSIC VIOLABILITY AND BECAUSE OF THE WAY THEY INTERACT: THEY CAN BE VIOLATED IN WELL-FORMED STRUCTURES AND THE FORCE OF A GIVEN CONSTRAINT IS GREATER IN SOME LANGUAGES THAN IN OTHERS.¹

ECONOMY PLAYS A WELL-KNOWN QUESTION FORMATION RANGING FROM THE ULTIMATE ECONOMICAL STRATEGY—INSITU—TO SUCCESSIVE CYCLIC MOVEMENT, WHICH SOME LANGUAGES REGISTER MORPHOLOGICALLY (EG. IRISH, CHAMORRO). INSTANTIATING THE MINIMALIST INTUITION THAT SHORTER MOVEMENTS ARE BETTER THAN LONGER ONES (CHOMSKY, 1992) OT ALLOWS A PRECISE FORMALIZATION OF ECONOMY IN THE MINLINK CONSTRAINTS DEFINED BELOW.

THE PAPER PROCEEDS AS FOLLOWS: IN SECTION II, WE DISCUSS THREE STRATEGIES AND ILLUSTRATE THE BASICS OF OT BY SHOWING HOW THE DI

¹OUR ACCOUNT IS COMPARATIVELY SIMPLE, BY AT LEAST TWO MEASURES OF SIMPLICITY: A) THE CONSTRAINTS ARE SIMPLE. FOR EXAMPLE, ECP IS REDUCED TO HEAD GOVERNMENT; BARRIERS ARE DEFINED IN TERMS OF L-MARKING. B) WE DON'T HAVE ANTECEDENT GOVERNMENT, MINIMALITY BARRIERS (RIGID OR RELATIVIZED), A DISTINCTION BETWEEN INHERENT BARRIERHOOD VS BARRIERHOOD BY INHERITANCE, GAMMA MARKING, ADJUNCTION TO VP IN ORDER TO VOID THE BARRIERHOOD OF VP, ETC. THE VIOLABILITY OF CONSTRAINTS RENDERS THESE MECHANISMS UNNECESSARY.

STRATEGIES OF ENGLISH, ENGLISH, AND BULGARIAN ARISE FROM DIFFERENT RANKINGS OF A SET OF THREE CONSTRAINTS. IN SECTION III, WE TURN TO THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE PAPER, AN OT TREATMENT OF WHAT TRADITIONALLY FALLS UNDER THE ECP AND SUBJACENCY. BECAUSE OF SPACE CONSIDERATIONS, WE LIMIT OUR ILLUSTRATION TO EXTRACTION OUT OF THE COMPLEMENT OF *THINK*-TYPE VERBS.

II. An OT analysis of *wh*-strategies

CHINESE, BULGARIAN, AND ENGLISH EXEMPLIFY THREE DISTINCT STRATEGIES WE FOCUS ON IN THIS PAPER: CHINESE OBLIGATORILY FRONTS WH-PHRASES, DESPITE HAVING RELATIVELY FREE WORD ORDER ELSEWHERE; ENGLISH OBLIGATORILY FRONTS WH-PHRASES, AND ONLY ONE. THE RELEVANT FACTS ARE ILLUSTRATED IN (4).

- (1) a. *Lisi zenmeyang chuli zhe-jian shi?* (Tsai, 1994)
 Lisi how handle this matter
 "How did Lisi handle this matter?"
 (= what is the means or manner x such that Lisi handled this matter by x)
- b. *Koj kakvo na kogo e da t t?* (Rudin, 1988)
 who what to whom has given
 "Who gave what to whom?"
- c. Who gave what to whom?

OUR UNIFIED APPROACH STARTS WITH A REPRESENTATION OF SCOPE IN TERMS OF CHAIN MOVEMENT. FOLLOWING MAY (1985) AND OTHERS, WE RETAIN THE BASIC IDEA OF MODELLING THE REPRESENTATION ON QUANTIFIER-VARIABLE BINDING BUT MODIFY THE STANDARD REPRESENTATION IN THE FOLLOWING WAY. A WH-CHAIN CONTAINS AN OPERATOR AS ITS HEAD (IN HIGHEST SPECIFIER POSITION OF A CLAUSE) AND A VARIABLE AS ITS FOOT; THE LATTER MARKS THE DSTRUCTURE OF A QUESTIONED ELEMENT, THE FORMER THE SCOPE OF THE WH-INTERPRETATION. FRONTING STRATEGY PLACES THE OPERATOR AT THE HEAD OF THE CHAIN, WITH AN EMPTY TRACE T AT THE FOOT. OUR ILLUSTRATION PLACES AN EMPTY OPERATOR Q AT THE HEAD OF THE CHAIN AND THE OVERT FOOT. WHAT MATTERS IS A) THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN Q AND THE VARIABLE IT BINDS, NAMELY THE CHAIN(Q, X), B) ONLY ONE OF Q OR X CAN BE OVERT FOR FREE (RESUMPTIVE PRONOUNS UNCONSTRAINED AS DISCUSSED IN SECTION III.2.4), AND C) ANY EMPTY VARIABLES (AND INTERMEDIARY TRACES) OBEY CONSTRAINTS ON TRACES (FOLLOWING GAOUN AND LI (1993), WE ASSUME THAT OVERT QUESTION MARKERS SUCH AS

²THIS PROPOSAL GOES BACK TO BAKER (1970) AND HAS BEEN REVIVED IN RECENT WORK BY A NUMBER OF LINGUISTS. OUR PROPOSAL IS CLOSE TO THAT OF GAOUN AND LI (1993) IN SEVERAL RESPECTS WITH A CRUCIAL DIFFERENCE: THEY POSIT OVERT MOVEMENT OF AN NULL Q OPERATOR IN CHINESE AT SSTRUCTURE. WE HAVE A SINGLE LEVEL OF OPTIMIZATION WHICH SUBSUMES DSTRUCTURE, SSTRUCTURE AND LF, AND WE HAVE NO MOVEMENT.

OPTIONAL WH IN CHINESE ARE GENERATED IN C POSITION IN THE PRESENCE OF A Q OPERATOR VIA THE MECHANISM OF SPEC-HEAD AGREEMENT.)

IN OT, A GRAMMAR IS A FUNCTION WHICH MAPS INPUTS TO OUTPUTS. INPUTS CONSIST OF RAW MATERIALS FROM WHICH THE CANDIDATE OUTPUTS ARE BUILT: SKELETAL STRUCTURES CONTAINING PREDICATE ARGUMENT STRUCTURE AND SCOPE INFORMATION. THESE MATERIALS ARE THOSE EMPLOYED TO EXPRESS THE BASIC MEANING (INCLUDING DISCOURSE PROPERTIES) AND PROVIDE THE BASIC BUILDING BLOCKS (NP, V, P, COMPLEMENTIZER, ETC.) AND SINGLE CLAUSAL BRACKETS. ³FOR EVERY INPUT GENERATES THE SET OF CANDIDATE OUTPUTS OR PARSES WITH SCOPE RELATIONS (ROUGHLY A COMBINATION OF S-STRUCTURE AND LF). RELEVANT BRACKETS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEMA AS A SCOPED Q OR X OR BOTH, IN WHICH CASE A RESUMPTIVE PRONOUN REALIZES X. EACH CANDIDATE OUTPUT FOR AN INPUT CONTAINS THAT INFORMATION ('MENT'). UNFAITHFUL CANDIDATES WHICH FAIL TO PARSE SOME ELEMENT OF THE INPUT (EG THE [WH] FEATURE OR THE SCOPE OF Q, AS DESIGNED FOR PLACING Q IN THE HIGHEST SPEC POSITION ON THE OPERATOR IS GRAMMATICAL: ROUGHLY, IT IS THE FORM VIOLATING FEWER AND LOWER-RANKED CONSTRAINTS THAN ANY OF ITS COMPETITORS. THE SET OF CANDIDATES ENTERING THE COMPETITION IS UNIVERSAL.

CONSIDER THE CANDIDATE SET FOR QUESTIONING, SAY, A DIRECT OBJECT OUT OF A SIMPLE CLAUSE. THE UNIVERSAL INPUT IS SCHEMATICALLY SHOWN IN (2) AND (3) SHOWS A SUBSET OF THE CORRESPONDING UNIVERSAL CANDIDATE SET TO BE EVALUATED BY THE CONSTRAINTS.

- (2) UNIVERSAL INPUT FOR QUESTIONING A DIRECT OBJECT OUT OF A SIMPLE CLAUSE
[Q_i [...T_j...]]
- (3) UNIVERSAL CANDIDATE SET FOR (2):
 A. [Q_i [...WH_j...]] FAITHFUL PARSE
 B. [WH_j [...T_j...]] FAITHFUL PARSE
 C. ⟨Q_i⟩ [...DP / ⟨WH_j⟩] faithful parse

(3A) REPRESENTS IN-SITU: IT WINS IN CHINESE; (3B) REPRESENTS FRONTING OF PHRASE TO A SCOPE POSITION—THE WINNING STRATEGY IN ENGLISH AND BULGARIAN. IN CANDIDATE OUTPUT (3C), THE [WH] FEATURE IS NOT PARSED, UNFAITHFUL TO THE SEMANTICS OF THE INPUT. WE ADMIT UNFAITHFUL PARSES IN OUR CANDIDATE SET BECAUSE IN SOME INSTANCES THERE IS NO GRAMMATICAL WAY OF EXPRESSING SOME INPUT. A LANGUAGE FOR WHICH CANDIDATE (3C) IS OPTIMAL IS A LANGUAGE IN WHICH DIRECT OBJECTS CANNOT BE DIRECTLY EXTRACTED OUT OF SIMPLE CLAUSES, AS IS THE CASE IN

³IN PRINCIPLE, OT SO GENERATES ALL WORD ORDERS WITH CANDIDATES EVALUATED AGAINST WORD ORDER CONSTRAINTS THAT ARE RANKED ALONG WITH OTHER CONSTRAINTS. IN THE ABSENCE OF AN OT THEORY OF WORD ORDER, WE ARTIFICIALLY LIMIT THE CANDIDATE SET IN THIS PAPER TO CANDIDATES OBSERVING THE SURFACE WORD ORDER OF THE LANGUAGE.

BAHASIA INDONESIA (SADDY, 1991), KWAKWALA (ANDERSON, 1984), MALAGASY (KEENAN, 1976), TAGALOG (GUILFOYLE ET AL, 1992), AND OTHER LANGUAGES. THE STRUCTURE CORRESPONDING TO A FAILURE TO PARSE [WH] IN GO IS NOT A QUESTION BUT RATHER A STATEMENT WITH A [WH] DP IN LIEU OF A [WH] DP (SEE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF FAILURE TO PARSE [WH] IN SECTION III.2.1).

WE NOW TURN TO CONSTRAINTS AND RANKINGS CHINESE, AS SHOWN IN (1A). OBVIOUSLY HAS A RELATIVELY STRONG CONSTRAINT ~~WH-PHASES~~ AGAINST MOVEMENT WHICH WE STATE AS MAXIMALLY GENERAL: *T OR NO TRACES (THIS IS THE CONSTRAINT STAY OF GRIMSHAW 1993, IN PRESS; CF. CHOMSKY'S 1991 ECONOMY OF DERIV

WE SUPPOSE THAT BULGARIAN (AS SHOWN IN (1B)) SHOWS THE EFFECTS OF A CONSTRAINT WHICH HAS THE OPPOSITE ~~WH-PHASES~~ FROM ~~NO EMPTY Q-OPERATORS~~ ENGLISH SEEMS TO HAVE BOTH CONSTRAINTS AT WORK SIMULTANEOUSLY: A CONSTRAINT ~~WH-PHASES~~ THAT PREVAILS FOR ONE ELEMENT AND ONE ELEMENT ONLY AND A CONSTRAINT AGAINST MOVEMENT THAT PREVAILS FOR ALL REMAINING PHASES, AS SHOWN IN (1C). OT RESOLVES SUCH CONFLICTS BY CLAIMING THAT THE THREE LANGUAGES OBEY THE SAME CONSTRAINTS, BUT THAT THE CONSTRAINTS ARE RANKED DIFFERENTLY: IN CHINESE, *T RANKS HIGHER THAN *Q. THE SITUATION IS EXACTLY REVERSED IN BULGARIAN, WITH *Q RANKED HIGHER THAN *T THAT ONLY ~~WH-PHASES~~ MOVES IN ENGLISH RESULTS FROM A THIRD CONSTRAINT THAT RANKS HIGHER THAN *T IN BULGARIAN BUT LOWEST IN ENGLISH. DRAWING ON A STANDARD FEATURE OF THE ANALYSIS OF ~~WH-PHASES~~ WITH THE SAME SCOPE (HIGGINBOTHAM AND MAY, 1981), WE PROPOSE THAT THIS CONSTRAINT IS ONE AGAINST ABSORPTION ~~WH-PHASES~~. IN ENGLISH, *Q RANKS LOW WITH THE RESULT THAT ENGLISH ALLOWS TWO OPERATORS TO CONVERT INTO ONE OPERATOR MARKING THE SCOPE OF TWO VARIABLES. SO ~~WH-PHASES~~ IN EFFECT, BULGARIAN DOES NOT ALLOW TWO QS TO BE COMBINED.

THE CONSTRAINTS ARE SUMMARIZED IN (4) AND THE LANGUAGE PARTICULAR RANKINGS ARE GIVEN IN THE STANDARD OT TABLEAU FORMAT IN (5).

- (4) Constraints
- | | |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| *t | NO TRACES |
| *Q | NO EMPTY Q-OPERATORS |
| *ABSORB | "No absorption of Q-operators" |

⁴BECAUSE ALL CONSTRAINTS ARE VIOLABLE, THIS IS NOT EQUIVALENT TO SAYING THAT CHINESE NEVER PERMITS MOVEMENT OF ANY CATEGORY. IN FACT, CHINESE HAS PRODUCTIVE TOPICALIZATIONS INVOLVING CHAINS WHOSE HEAD IS IN AN ADJOINED POSITION AND A T IN DSTRUCTURE POSITION. SEE DISCUSSION BELOW IN SECTION 2.4.

⁵THE EFFECT OF *Q IS VERY CLOSE TO GRIMSHAW'S OPSPEC (1993, IN PRESS) THOUGH IT IS CONCEPTUALLY DIFFERENT: OPSPEC OPERATORS MUST BE IN SPEC POSITION IS RESTRICTED TO SYNTACTIC (OVERT) OPERATORS. Q DOES NOT DISTINGUISH SYNTACTIC FROM LF OPERATOR MOVEMENT, GIVEN THAT OUR WH-CHAINS INCORPORATE BOTH SYNTACTIC AND LF ELEMENTS. IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR REPRESENTATION OF SCOPE, *Q ESSENTIALLY REPLACES THE WH-CRITERION (MAY, 1985).

(5) A. CHINESE MULTIPLE *WH*

$[Q_i Q_j [X_i V X_j]]$	*T	*ABSORB	*Q
A. $Q_i Q_j [WH_i V WH_j]$			⊗ ⊗
B. $[WH_i WH_j [T_i V T_j]]$	*! *		
C. $[WH_{[ij]} [T_i V WH_j]]$	*!	*	

TABLEAU (5A) REPRESENTS THE INITIAL STATE (WITH SCOPE INFORMATION) IS GIVEN ABOVE THE CANDIDATE PARSES (HERE IT IS AN INSTANCE OF MULTIPLE TABLEAUX THROUGHOUT THIS WORK). WE ADOPT THE CONVENTION IDENTIFYING A SUBJECT BY SUBSCRIPT OBJECT BY SUBSCRIPT ADJUNCT BY SUBSCRIPT AND A NON-REFERENTIAL ADJUNCT BY SUBSCRIPT CANDIDATE B, INCUR MARKS OR STARS * FOR THE CONSTRAINTS THEY VIOLATE CIRCLED STARS ARE SPECIAL MARKS FOR CONSTRAINTS VIOLATED BY THE OPTIMAL CANDIDATE, IDENTIFIED BY AN EXCLAMATION MARK ! IDENTIFIES AN ACT/VIOLENT CONSTRAINT—THE PARTICULAR VIOLATION IDENTIFIED BY ! IS FATAL; IT CAUSES THE CORRESPONDING PARSE TO LOSE TO ANOTHER CANDIDATE PARSE TO IN CHINESE BY VIRTUE OF THE MARK ! IN COLUMN *T). GIVEN THAT, IN CHINESE, CANDIDATE B HAS TO LOSE TO CANDIDATE A AND GIVEN THAT A VIOLATES *T, A CONSTRAINT NOT VIOLATED BY THE OPTIMAL CANDIDATE MUST BE RANKED HIGHER THAN THE CONSTRAINT VIOLATED BY THE OPTIMAL CANDIDATE, NAMELY *Q. WE THUS OBTAIN THE BASIC CHINESE RANKING GIVEN IN (5A)—WITH HIGHER RANKED CONSTRAINTS CONVENTIONALLY PLACED TO THE LEFT OF LOWER RANKED CONSTRAINTS. THE RELATIVE RANKING OF *T AND *Q IS IRRELEVANT IN CHINESE (IT IS A FACTOR IN OUR THEORY WHEN *Q RANKS HIGHER THAN *T) THIS SITUATION IS SUGGESTED BY DOTTED LINES SEPARATING THE *ABSORB COLUMN FROM THE OTHERS.

THE CONSTRAINT TABLEAU FOR BULGARIAN IS GIVEN NEXT.

(5) b. Bulgarian multiple *wh*

$[Q_i Q_j [x_i V x_j]]$	*ABSORB	*Q	*t
a. $[Q_i+Q_j [wh_i V wh_j]]$		*! *	
b. $[wh_i+wh_j [t_i V t_j]]$			⊗ ⊗
c. $[wh_{[ij]} [t_i V wh_j]]$	*!		*

⁶THE '+' IN MULTIPLE-*WH* CANDIDATES INDICATES ADJUNCTION TO SPEC OF CP.

FOR MULTIPLE FRONTING TO WIN, I.E. CANDIDATE A IS SOME CONSTRAINT VIOLATED BY EACH OF THE SUB-OPTIMAL CANDIDATES B AND C HIGHER THAN THE CONSTRAINTS VIOLATED BY THE OPTIMAL CANDIDATE. OPTIMAL CANDIDATE A VIOLATES *Q; COMPARING A WITH B SHOWS THAT *Q > *T. COMPARING A WITH C SHOWS THAT *T MUST OUTRANK *Q: ONE VIOLATION OF *T FOR BOTH CANDIDATES CANCELS WHAT REMAINS IS A VIOLATION OF *T FOR THE WINNING CANDIDATE. A VIOLATION OF *Q IN THE SUB-OPTIMAL CANDIDATE B BUT OUTRANKS *T. BETWEEN *Q COLUMNS ARE SEPARATED BY A DOTTED LINE BECAUSE THEIR RELATIVE RANKING HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED YET.

FINALLY, THE ENGLISH TABLEAU IS GIVEN BELOW.

(5) C. ENGLISH MULTIPLE WH

[Q _i Q _j [X _i V X _j]]	*Q	*T	*ABSORB
A. Q _i Q _j [WH _i V WH _j]	*! *		
B. [WH _i WH _j [T _i V T _j]]		* *!	
C. [WH _i] [T _i V WH _j]		*	⊗

IN ENGLISH, THE OPTIMAL CANDIDATE A VIOLATES *Q AND *T. ITS COMPETITORS LOSE BECAUSE THE TWO MARKS AGAINST *T (AGAINST ONE FOR CANDIDATE C) AND CANDIDATE A VIOLATES *Q WHICH IS RANKED HIGHER. THE RESULTING (PARTIAL) RANKINGS FOR THESE LANGUAGES ARE SUMMARIZED IN

(6).⁷

(6) PARTIAL RANKINGS:

CHINESE: *T *Q *ABSORB UNRANKED

BULGARIAN: (*Q, *ABSORB) *T

ENGLISH: *Q *T *ABSORB

III. Long vs. short movement : Government, Locality, and Referentiality

1. Government

OUR REPRESENTATION OF SCOPE POSITS CHAINS THAT INCLUDES TRACES. HENCE THE NEED TO CONSTRAIN THE OCCURRENCE OF THESE TRACES. WE FOLLOW MUCH

⁷THE PROPOSAL MADE HERE IS SIMILAR TO ONE INDEPENDENTLY MADE IN BILLINGS AND RUDIN (1994). NOTE THAT BOTH PROPOSALS FAIL TO CHARACTERIZE LANGUAGES LIKE ITALIAN, IRISH, AND OJIGOLANI ZAPOTEC WHICH REQUIRE FRONTING OF WH IN ORDER TO ALLOW ANY OTHERS TO REMAIN IN SITU. AN EXTENSION OF THE PRESENT ACCOUNT TO THESE LANGUAGES IS PROVIDED IN LEGENDRE SMOLENSKY, AND WILSON (TO APPEAR).

WE ASSUME WITH RIZZI (1990) THAT STRICT COMMAND (RATHER THAN M-COMMAND) UNDERLIES HEAD GOVERNMENT AND THAT A HEAD PROPERLY GOVERNS ITS COMPLEMENT AND THE SPECIFIER OF ITS COMPLEMENT (OR ADJOINED POSITION IF A PHRASE IS ADJOINED TO THE COMPLEMENT). PARTIAL EVIDENCE FOR THIS DEFINITION OF HEAD GOVERNMENT COMES FROM *THAT-T* EFFECTS IN ENGLISH:

- (9) A. *WHO DO YOU THINK [_{CP} THAT [_{IP} T LEFT EARLY?]
 B. WHO DO YOU THINK [_{IP} T LEFT EARLY?

IN (9A) T IS NOT PROPERLY HEAD GOVERNED – C IS NOT A PROPER HEAD GOVERNOR, IN (9B) T IS HEAD-GOVERNED BY THE MATRIX VERB *THINK*.

2. Locality

A WELL-KNOWN GENERALIZATION CONCERNING WH-EXTRACTION IS BASIC LOCALITY: MOVEMENT CANNOT PLACE THE MOVED ELEMENT TOO FAR FROM ITS ORIGINATING SITE. CONSIDER, FOR EXAMPLE, THE EXTRACTION OF ADJUNCTS IN ENGLISH.

- (10) A. HOW_L DID [HE [FIX IT] T_L]?
 B. HOW_L DO [YOU [THINK [[E_L THAT [HE [FIXED IT] T_L]]]]?
 C. *HOW_L DOES [SHE [WONDER [[WHAT_J [JOHN [FIXED T_J] T_L]]]]?

THE STANDARD ANALYSIS OF THE CONTRAST BETWEEN (10B) AND (10C) INVOLVES SUCCESSIVE CYCLIC MOVEMENT, EXPLOITING THE ESCAPE HATCH IN THE SPECIFIER POSITION OF THE EMBEDDED CP. IN (10C) THE SPECIFIER POSITION OF THE EMBEDDED CP IS FILLED WITH A *WH* PHRASE, WITH THE RESULT THAT MOVEMENT INVOLVES A VIOLATION OF SUBJACENCY. ANY ATTEMPT TO PRECISELY CHARACTERIZE THE INTUITION THAT SHORTER MOVEMENT IS BETTER THAN LONGER ONE MUST WRESTLE WITH THE ISSUE OF COUNTING UNITS OF LENGTH. INSTEAD, WE CAN NATURALLY DISTRIBUTE LOCALITY OVER A FAMILY OF CONSTRAINTS, IN WHICH REFERS TO THE LENGTH OF A CHAIN OF LINKS. CHOMSKY'S 1986 NOTION OF A SINGLE LINK OF A CHAIN INVOLVES B IF IT CROSSES 1 BARRIER; IT CROSSES 2 BARRIERS, ETC. CONSTRAINTS ARE UNIVERSALLY RANKED, AS SHOWN IN (12). OTHER CONSTRAINTS ARE VIOLABLE AND ARE VIOLATED IN WELL-FORMED STRUCTURES. A PRELIMINARY CONSTRAINT SET IS GIVEN IN (11):

- (11) MINLINK family of constraints (incomplete):

¹¹FOR A PROPOSAL WITHIN THE MINIMALIST PROGRAM, SEE COLLINS (1994).

¹²IN THE TABLEAUX WE USE PLAIN BRACKETS (|) TO REPRESENT BARRIERS AND HOLLOW BRACKETS (|) TO REPRESENT NON-BARRIERS, I.E. L-MARKED MAXIMAL PROJECTIONS (CHOMSKY, 1986).

¹³AS DEVELOPED IN LEGENDRE, SMOLENSKY, AND WILSON (2000), THE UNIVERSAL RANKING IS A CONSEQUENCE OF A GENERAL OT MECHANISM OF CONSTRAINT INTERACTION, LOCAL CONJUNCTION.

- BAR1: a single link must not cross one barrier
 BAR2: a single link must not cross two barriers
 BAR3: a single link must not cross three barriers

(12) Ranking (universal): BAR3 \gg BAR2 \gg BAR1

ASSUMING THE REPRESENTATIONAL EQUIVALENT OF SUCCESSIVE CYCLICITY, (10B) CONTAINS A CHAIN OF TWO SHORT LINKS IN WHICH ONE LINK CROSSES TWO BARRIERS AND THE OTHER CROSSES ONE BARRIER, RESPECTIVELY. IN CONTRAST, (10C) CONTAINS ONE LONG LINK WHICH CROSSES THREE BARRIERS. THE FULL ACCOUNT REQUIRES CONSIDERING THE OPTIMAL OUTPUT WHICH COMPETES WITH THAT REPRESENTED IN (10C), AS WE WILL SEE SHORTLY. WE COMMENT FIRST ON THE STATUS OF INTERMEDIATE TRACES IN OUR ACCOUNT. EACH LINK IN (10B) CONTAINS AN INTERMEDIATE TRACE IN THE SPECIFIER OF THE LOWER CP (CALLED E TO DIFFERENTIATE IT FROM T IN D STRUCTURE POSITION). E IS A BY-PRODUCT OF SHORT LINKS AND IS ITSELF CONSTRAINED BY THE FACT THAT E IS SUBJECT TO GOVT. E COMES FROM CONTEXTS KNOWN AS STRONG ISLANDS OUT OF WHICH EXTRACTION IN MANY LANGUAGES, INCLUDING ENGLISH, IS IMPOSSIBLE: SENTENTIAL SUBJECTS (14A), ADJUNCT CLAUSES (14B), AND COMPLEX NPS (14C).

- (13) a. [That *he* left early] was obvious to everyone.
 b. He got upset [after he saw *Mary*].
 c. I found [a man [that would fix it *fast*]].
- (14) a. *Who_i [[e_i that [t_i left early]]] was obvious to everyone?
 b. *Who(m)_j did he get upset [e_j after [he [saw t_j]]]?
 c. *How_i did you find [[a man [e_i that [would fix it] t_i]]]?

UNDER STANDARD ASSUMPTIONS, THE BRACKETED CLAUSES CONTAIN AN ESCAPE HATCH IN SPEC OF CP. CRUCIALLY, ANY INTERMEDIATE E RESULTING FROM AN ATTEMPT AT FORMING A SUCCESSIVE CYCLIC CHAIN FAILS TO BE PROPERLY GOVERNED. IN (14A) E IS NOT PROPERLY HEAD GOVERNED BECAUSE THERE IS NO POTENTIAL HEAD GOVERNOR FOR E. IN (14B) E IS NOT GOVERNED BECAUSE IT IS NOT IN THE GOVERNMENT DOMAIN OF I (ASSUMING CP IS A SISTER OF IP). IN (14C), E IS GOVERNED BY THE HEAD OF THE RELATIVE CLAUSE CATEGORY IN VIOLATION OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT IT BE GOVERNED BY A CATEGORY NON-DISTINCT FROM [M]. THE FACT THAT EXTRACTION OUT OF THESE STRONG ISLANDS RESULTS IN ILL-FORMEDNESS IS FURTHER EVIDENCE FOR THE GOVT CLAIM THAT GOVT IS HIGH IN ENGLISH.

GOVT DOES AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE WORK OF HUANG'S CED (HUANG 1982) BUT IT IS A DIFFERENT CONSTRAINT IN AT LEAST FOUR GENERAL ASPECTS: A) IT IS A CONSTRAINT ON ALL TRACES B) IT IS A CONSTRAINT ON TRACES NOT A CONSTRAINT ON SOME EXTRACTION DOMAIN C) THERE IS NO ISSUE OF APPLICABLE LEVEL AT WHICH GIVEN OUR SINGLE LEVEL OF OPTIMIZATION (IN HUANG 1982 THE CED CRUCIALLY DOES NOT APPLY AT LF), AND GOVT TAKES THE PLACE IN OUR ACCOUNT OF THE ECP AS WELL AS THE CED.

HAVING INTRODUCED THE OT VERSIONS OF THE MAIN CONSTRAINTS WE NEED TO HANDLE EXTRACTION FACTS WE NOW TURN TO THE INTERACTION OF THESE CONSTRAINTS AND LANGUAGE-PARTICULAR RANKINGS. WE DISCUSS ENGLISH FIRST.

2.1. English

Consider the basic case of direct object extraction out of a simple clause. To recover the relative ranking of the constraints we have proposed so far, we apply the standard method of SYSTEMATICALLY COMPARING TWO CANDIDATES AT A TIME, THE OPTIMAL PARSE AND A SUBOPTIMAL COMPETITOR. WE COMPARE THE MARKS INCURRED BY EACH PAIR OF CANDIDATES, AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 15. CANDIDATE A VIOLATES \bar{A} AND \bar{Q} . THE VIOLATIONS OF THE TWO REMAINING CONSTRAINTS THAT ARE VIOLATED, $*Q$ MUST OUTRANK $*T$, GIVEN THAT $*T$ IS VIOLATED BY THE OPTIMAL CANDIDATE.

(15) SIMPLE QUESTIONS: DIRECT OBJECT EXTRACTION

INPUT: [Q _T [... X _j ...]]	VIOLATED	COMMENTS
A. \bar{A} [WHAT _T DID [HE [FIX	\bar{A} , \bar{Q} , $*T$	OPTIMAL
B. [Q _T [HE [FIXED WHAT	\bar{A} , \bar{Q} , $*Q$, $*T$	
C. [\bar{Q}] [HE [FIXED NP	\bar{A} , \bar{Q} , \bar{W} , \bar{H} , \bar{P} , \bar{S} , \bar{E} , \bar{I} , \bar{M} , \bar{V} , \bar{H}	PARSE(WH) {BAR2, *T}

THE SAME METHOD IS APPLIED TO THE COMPARISON OF CANDIDATE WITH THE RESULT THAT $*Q$ MUST OUTRANK $*T$. THE TWO CONSTRAINTS VIOLATED BY THE OPTIMAL CANDIDATE WE THUS OBTAIN AN EXPANDED PARTIAL RANKING FOR ENGLISH:

{*Q, PARSE (WH)} {*T, BAR2} *ABSORB.

A MORE COMPLEX CASE IS PRESENTED BY EXTRACTION OUT OF TENSED WH-

- (16) A. ?* WHAT/WHICH DISH DOES SHE WONDER WHO ATE T?
 B. * WHO/WHICH PERSON DOES SHE WONDER WHAT T ATE?
 C. * HOW/WITH WHAT SPEED DOES SHE WONDER WHO ATE MEAT T ?

NOTE FIRST THAT BECAUSE VERBS UNDER SUBCATEGORIZE FOR A COMPLEMENT, THEY PROVIDE A SPECIAL COMPETITOR, ONE WITH A NARROW SCOPE INTERPRETATION, WHICH CONSTITUTES A SET OF WH- IN THE INPUT REQUIRES A WIDE SCOPE INTERPRETATION. CONSIDER THE FACT THAT DIRECT OBJECTS CANNOT BE EXTRACTED OUT OF AN INFINITIVE. WE EXAMINE AN INPUT WHICH HAS WIDE SCOPE. TABLEAU (17) DISPLAYS THE COMPETITION BETWEEN (FAITHFUL) WIDE SCOPE INTERPRETATION AND (UNFAITHFUL) NARROW

SCOPE INTERPRETATION, WHICH WE TAKE TO BE THE OPTIMAL PARSE (CAN NOTE THAT TO SIMPLIFY THE DISCUSSION WE ONLY CONSIDER THE BEST CANDIDATES IN EACH TABLEAU (IT CAN EASILY BE SHOWN THAT ALL OTHER CANDIDATES VIOLATE ADDITIONAL CONSTRAINTS AND HENCE ARE SUBOPTIMAL).

(17) ENGLISH: EXTRACTION OF DIRECT OBJECT OUT OF *WH*-ISLAND

	*Q	GV	P	B	P	B		*T	*AB
			WH	3	SC	2	1		
WHAT _J DO [YOU [WONDER [WHO _I [BOUGHT T _J]]]]				*!				*	
YOU [WONDER [WHO _{I J}] [BOUGHT WHAT _J]]					⊗				⊗

HERE AND IN OTHER TABLEAUX WHERE SPACE DOES NOT PERMIT USE OF FULL CONSTRAINT NAMES, WE USE THE ABBREVIATIONS:

(18) ABBREVIATIONS:

P PARSE; SC SCOPE; B BAR; GV GOV(T); *AB *ABSORB; F FILL

TABLEAU (17) SHOWS THAT THE OPTIMAL CANDIDATE VIOLATES SCOPE; SUBOPTIMAL CANDIDATE WHICH CONTAINS A LONG LINK VIOLATES B MUST OUTRANK PARSESCOPE IN ENGLISH.

TABLEAU (19) DISPLAYS THE COMPETITION FOR SUBJECTS:

(19) ENGLISH: EXTRACTION OF SUBJECT OUT OF *WH*-ISLAND

	*Q	GV	P	B	P	B		*T	*AB
			WH	3	SC	2	1		
[YOU [WONDER [WHO _{I J}] [BOUGHT WHAT _J]]]					⊗				⊗
WHO _I DO [YOU [WONDER [WHAT _J [T _I [BOUGHT T _J]]]]]		*!		* _I		* _J		**	

¹IN NOT, ONE CANNOT SIMPLY SAY THAT A PARTICULAR STRUCTURE IS UNGRAMMATICAL FOR EACH INPUT AND SET OF CANDIDATE OUTPUTS THERE MUST BE A CANDIDATE WHICH IS OPTIMAL. THIS OPTIMAL OUTPUT IS GRAMMATICAL THOUGH IT MAY NOT MATCH THE INPUT OR INTENDED QUESTION PERFECTLY. IT MAY TURN OUT TO BE AN INDIRECT QUESTION OR A STATEMENT RATHER THAN A DIRECT QUESTION IF THAT IS THE BEST THE GRAMMAR CAN DO FOR A GIVEN INPUT.

IN (19), THE OPTIMAL CANDIDATE IS SCOPED AND BARCOMPETTOR BLOSES ~~TO~~ BECAUSE THE SUBJECT CHAIN VIOLATES BAR3.¹⁵

THE NEXT TWO TABLEUX SUMMARIZE OUR ACCOUNT OF ENGLISH. UNDER OUR ACCOUNT, STRUCTURES WITHOUT WITH ONE ANOTHER, BUT MATRIX VERBS ARE ASSUMED TO SELECT EITHER AN IP OR A CP COMPLEMENT (CONTRA GRIMSHAW 1993, IN PRESS). NOT ALL VERBS ALLOW ALTERNATION: MANNER-OF-SPEAKING VERBS, LIKE *SPEAK*, REQUIRE THE COMPLEMENT THEY SELECT FOR ONLY ONE TYPE OF COMPLEMENT: CP. UNDER THIS FRAME, *THINK* AND *THINK*_{CP} THIS MEANS THAT THEY CORRESPOND TO DIFFERENT INPUTS THEY ARE NOT DISTINGUISHED IN TERMS OF GOVERNMENT, CONTRA AOUN ET AL (1987) WE ASSUME THAT OUTPUTS MEET SUBCATEGORIZATION REQUIREMENTS EMBODIED IN A CONSTRAINT (WHICH FOR PRESENT PURPOSES WE TAKE TO BE UNDOMINATED).

Consider first extraction of a subject out of the complement of *think*_{CP}:

(20) English: Extraction of subject out of complement of *think*_{CP}

WHO ₁ DO YOU	[Q _L [THINK _{CP} [X ₁]]]	*Q	GV	P	B	P	B		*T	*AB
[YOU [THINK [THAT [T ₁ [LEFT				WH	3	SC	2	1		
			*!		*				*	
B. is <Q _i > you [think [that [NP/<wh _i >] [left				⊗						

IN STANDARD ENGLISH, EXTRACTION OF A SUBJECT OUT OF THE COMPLEMENT OF *THINK* IS UNGRAMMATICAL FROM AN OT PERSPECTIVE, THE FIRST QUESTION IS WHAT DOES IT LOSE TO? WE PROPOSE THAT IT LOSES TO AN UNFAITHFUL PARSE OF THE INPUT, NAMELY A FAILURE TO PARSE THE [WH] FEATURE OF THE [WH]DP. THE RESULT IS CANDIDATE B A GRAMMATICAL STRUCTURE, WHOSE SURFACE REALIZATION IS A STATEMENT CONTAINING A [-WH]DP, SOMETHING LIKE *YOU THINK THAT SOMEONE/A PERSON*. ~~THEY~~ THEREFORH, WE ADOPT AN ABBREVIATION IN TABLEUX ACCORDING TO WHICH, FOR EXAMPLE, ~~IS~~ DID NOT NEED SAY IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS NO WELL-FORMED PURE INFORMATIONAL QUESTION WITH A PARTICULAR INPUT WINNER CANNOT BE A VIOLATOR RESULTING

¹⁵WE ASSUME WITH GRIMSHAW (1993) THAT *WHO* REMAINS IN SPECIFIER OF IP POSIT

¹⁶SOME ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE FOR THIS MOVE COMES FROM THE FACT THAT THEY ARE (ALBET SUBTLY) DIFFERENT WITH RESPECT TO EVIDENTIALITY.

¹⁷AS IS WELL KNOWN, ECHO QUESTIONS LIKE YOU THINK THAT WHO LEFT ARE NOT REQUESTS FOR NEW INFORMATION THEY PRESUPPOSE THAT THE ANSWER IS ALREADY KNOWN. HENCE THEIR INTERPRETATION DEPENDS ON A RESTRICTED SET OF ~~WH~~ REMINISCENT OF DISCOURSE LINKING (SEE SECTION 11B FOR DISCUSSION). IN OUR TERMS THEY CORRESPOND TO AN INPUT MARKED WITH A FEATURE LIKE LINKING AND ARE THE OPTIMAL OUTPUT OF A CANDIDATE SET DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE UNDER

(22) ENGLISH: EXTRACTION OUT OF COMPLEMENT OF THINK_{CP}

A. DIRECT OBJECT EXTRACTION

[Q _J [THINK _{CP} [X _J]]]	SBC	B ^{-R}	P	B ^{-R}		B			*T
	OBH GV	3	WH	2	1	4	3	2	
WHAT _J DO [YOU [THINK [HE [SAID T _J]]]]	*SBC!						*		*
WHAT _J DO [YOU] THINK [E _J THAT [HE [SAID T _J]]]								⊗	⊗
WHAT _J DO [YOU] THINK [THAT [HE [SAID T _J]]]						*!			*
D. <WH _J >			*!						

B. ADJUNCT EXTRACTION

[Q _L [THINK _{CP} [X _L]]]	SBC	B ^{-R}	P	B ^{-R}		B			*T
	OBH GV	3	WH	2	1	4	3	2	
HOW _L DO [YOU [THINK [HE [LEFT] T _L]]]	*SBC!			*					*
HOW _L DO [YOU] THINK [E _L THAT [HE [LEFT] T _L]]				⊗	⊗				⊗
HOW _L DO [YOU] THINK [THAT [HE [LEFT] T _L]]		*!							*
H. <WH _K >			*!						

IN THE CASE OF THINK (22A-B), THE OPTIMAL PARSE (DIRECT OBJECT) AND (ADJUNCT) TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SUCCESSIVE CYCLICITY, RESULTING IN SHORTER LINKS VIOLATING \bar{A} AND \bar{B} (IGNORING VIOLATIONS OF LOWER CONSTRAINTS); PARSES CAN LOSE TO \bar{A} AND \bar{B} RESPECTIVELY BECAUSE THEY DO NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SUCCESSIVE CYCLICITY, RESULTING IN A LONGER \bar{A} AND \bar{B} (REF) RESPECTIVELY; PARSES LOSE BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HAVE A CP BRACKET IN VIOLATION OF \bar{A} CONSTRAINT. THINK CANDIDATES D AND H ALSO LOSE, WHICH SHOWS THAT PARSE(WH) MUST OUTRANK \bar{A} AND \bar{B}

AS SHOWN IN (23A-B) THE LINK DOES NOT PROVIDE THE SUCCESSIVE CYCLICITY OPTION (THAT IS, WITHOUT AS SHOWING IS CANDIDATES AND D). THE OPTIMAL PARSE IS (DIRECT OBJECT) AND (ADJUNCT) EXTRACTION

OUR ACCOUNT IN TERMS OF THE INTERACTION BETWEEN A VIOLABLE HEAD-GOVERNMENT CONSTRAINT AND VIOLABLE FAITHFULNESS CONSTRAINTS MAKES A CROSS-LINGUISTIC PREDICTION: IF WE RANKED LOWER THAN IN AND B WERE RANKED HIGHER THAN A WE WOULD HAVE THE REVERSE OF THE WELL-KNOWN PATTERN: SUBJECTS WOULD BE EXTRACTABLE, DIRECT OBJECTS WOULD NOT. SUCH LANGUAGES IN FACT EXIST, AMONG THEM BAHASA INDONESIA (SADDY, 1991), THE WAKASHAN LANGUAGE KWAKWALA (ANDERSON, 1984), MALAGASY (KEENAN, 1976), AND TAGALOG (GUILFOYLE ET AL, 1992). THE PATTERN IN INFORMATION QUESTIONS IN THESE LANGUAGES IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME: SUBJECTS ARE EXTRACTABLE, DIRECT OBJECTS ARE NOT DIRECTLY EXTRACTABLE; THEY MUST BE PASSIVIZED (OR TOPICALIZED) FIRST. WHILE A SYSTEMATIC ANALYSIS OF THESE LANGUAGES IS BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THIS PAPER, WE CAN STILL SKETCH OUT THE FOLLOWING INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR, SAY, TAGALOG WE ASSUME GUILFOYLE ET AL'S 1992 ANALYSIS OF TAGALOG SUBJECTS OR TOPICS IN SPEC OF IP POSITION. IN OUR TERMS, OBJECT EXTRACTION IS MORE COSTLY THAN SUBJECT EXTRACTION WITH RESPECT TO BARRIERS: OBJECT EXTRACTION CROSSES ONE MORE BARRIER THAN SUBJECT

TAGALOG SUBJECT EXTRACTION: CONSTRAINTS VIOLATED

☞ SUBJECT <WH>	BAR1 Gov(T) *T PARSE(WH)
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COMPARING THE TWO CANDIDATES FOR SUBJECT EXTRACTION AND THEIR VIOLATIONS WE DERIVE THE FACT THAT PARSE(WH) MUST OUTRANK ALL OTHER CONSTRAINTS:
 PARSE(WH) {BAR1, Gov(T), *T}

TAGALOG direct object EXTRACTION: CONSTRAINTS VIOLATED

* direct object ☞ <WH>	BAR2 *t PARSE(wh)
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COMPARING THE TWO CANDIDATES FOR OBJECT EXTRACTION AND THEIR VIOLATIONS WE CAN SEE THAT BAR2 MUST OUTRANK BAR1 IN THE PROPOSED RANKING FOR TAGALOG IS THIS:

BAR2 PARSE(WH) {BAR1, Gov(T), *T}.

2.4. Chinese

WHILE CHINESE HAS WH-EXTRACTION, IT HAS OVERT TOPICALIZATION; ACCORDING TO HUANG (1982), THE GENERALIZATION IS THAT COVERT EXTRACTION IS GENERALLY POSSIBLE OUT OF COMPLEX STRONG AND WEAK ISLANDS (EXCEPT FOR NON-PREFERENTIAL ADJUNCTS), WHILE TOPICALIZATION IS MORE CONSTRAINED. IT IS POSSIBLE OUT OF SIMPLE CLAUSES, COMPLEX MAIN CLAUSE SIBS BUT IMPOSSIBLE OUT OF STRONG ISLANDS. LEGENDRE, SMOLENSKY, AND WILSON (FORTHCOMING) CLAIM THAT RESUMPTIVE PRONOUNS IN CHINESE MUST APPEAR TO AVOID AN UNGOVERNED T. PARTIAL EVIDENCE COMES FROM THE ASYMMETRY BETWEEN SUBJECTS AND DIRECT OBJECTS WITH RESPECT TO SOME TOPICALIZATIONS: THE T OF A TOPICALIZED

SUBJECT IN A SIMPLE CLAUSE IS OBLIGATORILY FILLED WITH A RESUMPTIVE PRONOUN; OUR INFORMANTS REPORT THAT THE T OF A TOPICALIZED DIRECT OBJECT IS ONLY OPTIONALLY FILLED WITH A RESUMPTIVE PRONOUN. THIS IS SHOWN IN THE CONTRAST BETWEEN (24) AND (25).

- (24) a. Zhangsan_i, ta_i xihuan kansu.
 Z. he like reading
 Zhangsan, he likes reading.
 b. *Zhangsan_i, t_i xihuan kansu.
 Z. like reading
 Zhangsan, likes reading.
- (25) A. LISI_j, ZHANGSAN HEN XIHUAN TA_j.
 L. Z. VERY LIKES HIM
 LISI, ZHANGSAN LIKES HIM VERY MUCH.
 B. LISI_j, ZHANGSAN HEN XIHUAN T_j.
 L Z VERY LIKES
 LISI, ZHANGSAN LIKES VERY MUCH.

THE PATTERN IN (25) RAISES THE ISSUE OF OPTIONALITY IN AN OPTIMIZATION FRAMEWORK. HOW CAN WE HAVE TWO OPTIMAL PARSES? ONE SCENARIO, EXEMPLIFIED HERE, RESULTS FROM TWO EQUALLY RANKED CONSTRAINTS: FULLNESS CONSTRAINT WHICH PROHIBITS EPENTHESIS OF ELEMENTS NOT PRESENT IN THE INPUT, PRINCE AND SMOLENSKY 1993). CONSIDER TABLEAU (26) WHICH DISPLAYS THE COMPETITION BETWEEN (25A) AND (25B). WE ASSUME THAT TOPICALIZATION INVOLVES AN OPERATOR TOP AND ADJUNCTION TO IP.

¹⁸WE THINK THAT A SIMILAR SCENARIO OBTAINS IN QUESTIONS WHICH MULTIPLE DISPLAY RESTRICTIONS ON THE ORDER OF PHRASES ACCORDING TO RUDIN (1985 PERSONAL COMMUNICATION), SOME MUST PRECEDE OTHERS (WHAT AND WHO WHOM). OTHER PAIRS LIKE SUBJECT AND OBJECT OR ADJUNCT AND VERB ARE UNORDERED, SO ARE PAIRS INVOLVING SUBJECT KAKVA AND ADJUNCTS AWHEN AND WHERE. WE PROPOSE THAT THESE PATTERNS RESULT FROM TWO EQUALLY RANKED CONSTRAINTS IN THE SAME PARS WHICH SEEM TO BE CROSSLINGUISTICALLY JUSTIFIABLE. A VERY SIMILAR PROPOSAL IS INDEPENDENTLY MADE IN BILLINGS AND RUDIN (1994).

(26) CHINESE: TOPICALIZATION OF DIRECT OBJECT OUT OF SIMPLE CLAUSE

[TOP _j , [X _j]]	GOV (T)	...	PARSE (TOP)	BAR		*TOP	FILL	*T	*Q
				2	1				
A. NP _j , [IP NP [VP V T _j]]					⊗			⊗	
BNP _j , [NP [V RES _j]]					⊗		⊗		
TOP _j , [NP [V NP _j]]					*	*!			

HERE AND IN THE NEXT SEVERAL TABLEAU, "ABBREVIATES A CONTIGUOUS SUB-HIERARCHY OF CONSTRAINTS, NONE OF WHICH ARE VIOLATED BY THE CANDIDATES UNDER EXAMINATION:

(27) CHINESE SUB-HIERARCHY

BAR3[-REF] PARSE(WH) BAR2[-REF] BAR1[-REF]
 PARSESCOPE BAR4 BAR3

(THE BAR_N[-REF] CONSTRAINTS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN SECTION 3.)

IN TABLEAU (26), CANDIDATES A AND B INCUR THE SAME PATTERN OF CONSTRAINT VIOLATIONS AND ARE EQUALLY OPTIMAL: THEY EACH VIOLATE B AND C. CANDIDATE B TOPICALIZATION IN SITU, WITH AN EMPTY TOP OPERATOR, IS SUBOPTIMAL BECAUSE *TOP (OTHER CANDIDATES NOT SHOWN IN TABLEAU (26), VIOLATE HIGHER RANKED CONSTRAINTS SUCH AS PARSE(TOP).)

THE SAME RANKING, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OTHER RANKED G CONTRAST BETWEEN (24A) AND (24B). THIS IS SHOWN IN TABLEAU (28).

(28) CHINESE: TOPICALIZATION OF SUBJECT OUT OF SIMPLE CLAUSE

[Top _i , [x _i]]	GOV (T)	...	PARSE (TOP)	BAR		*TOP	FILL	*T	*Q
				2	1				
ANP _i , [IP T _i [VP V NP]]	*!							*	
BNP _i , [RES _i [V NP]]							⊗		

IN TABLEAU (28), CANDIDATE A IS SUBOPTIMAL BECAUSE IT CONTAINS AN UNGOVERNED SUBJECT T.

WHEN TOPICALIZATION OCCURS OUT OF THE COMPLEMENT OF A BRIDGE VERB LIKE *REN W_i THINK*, THE PATTERN SHOWS AN INTRIGUING VARIANT: IN BOTH SUBJECT

AND OBJECT POSITION T AND RESUMPTIVE PRONOUN ALTERNATE WHY SHOULD THIS BE THE CASE? CONSIDER THE DATA IN (29) AND THE COMPETITION DISPLAYED IN TABLEAU (30).

- (29) A. ZHANGSAN_i, WO RENWEI T_i/TA_i HEN CONGMING.
Z I THINK (HE) VERY CLEVER
ZHANGSAN, I THINK (HE) IS VERY CLEVER.
- B. ZHANGSAN_j, WO ZHIDAO NI HEN XIHUAN T_j/TA_j.
Z I KNOW YOU VERY LIKE (HIM)
ZHANGSAN, I KNOW YOU LIKE (HIM) VERY MUCH

CHINESE DOES NOT HAVE OVERT COMPLEMENTS. DOES ORACP (WITH A NULL COMPLEMENTIZER) OR IN VIOLATION OF GRIMSHAW'S OBH CONSTRAINT? THE ANSWER EMERGES OUT OF THE COMPETITION DISPLAYED IN TABLEAU (30).

(30) Chinese: Topicalization of subject out of complement of *renwei* "think"

[Top _i , <i>renwei</i> [x _i]]	GOV (T)	...	PARSE (TOP)	BAR		*TOP	FILL	*T	*Q
				2	1				
A. NP _i , [IP [VP V [IP RES _i]]]					⊗		⊗		
B. NP _i , [[V [CP E _i [IP RES _i]]]]					**!		*	*	
C. NP _i , [[V [[T _i]]]]					⊗			⊗	
D. NP _i , [[V [[E _i [T _i]]]]]	*!				**		*	**	

CANDIDATE A IS THE OPTIMAL OUTPUT AS IT INCURS THE LEAST NUMBER OF IDENTICAL MARKS (A BUNDLE *T). CANDIDATE B DOES TO BOTH A AND C BECAUSE IT INCURS BOTH A AND *T VIOLATIONS, IN ADDITION IT DOES MUCH WORSE BECAUSE IT IS NOT PROPERLY GOVERNED, CAUSING A VIOLATION OF HIGH RANKED Gov(T).¹⁹

HAVING ESTABLISHED THAT COMPLEMENTS OF RETURN TO THE COVERED EXTRACTION FACTS. NOTE THAT THE CANDIDATE SET INCLUDING FRONTING WITH RESUMPTIVE PRONOUN IS THE COUNTERPART OF THE STRATEGY FOR SUBJECT TOPICALIZATION. WHY DOES THE LATTER IN CHINESE IN-SITU CONSIDER TABLEAU (31): CANDIDATE A IS THE OPTIMAL CANDIDATE

¹⁹NOTE THAT THIS ANALYSIS ENTAILS A DIFFERENTIATION OF TWO CONSTRAINTS AGAINST EMPTY ELEMENTS *T AND *E THIS IS BECAUSE VIOLATIONS OF *E BY INTERMEDIATE TRACES DO NOT LICENSE RESUMPTIVE ELEMENTS IN CHINESE LIKE IRISH, CHAMORRO, KINANDE, ETC WHICH MORPHOLOGICALLY REGISTERS SUCCESSIVE CYCLIC MOVEMENT IN CP MAY TURN OUT TO BE LANGUAGES IN WHICH A VIOLATION OF *E LICENSES A RESUMPTIVE ELEMENT. BECAUSE OF HIGH RANKED.

(34) CHINESE: COVERT EXTRACTION OF DIRECT OBJECT OUT OF WH-ISLAND

[Q _L [XIANG-ZHIDAQ [X _J]]]	Gov (T)	...	BAR		P (TOP)	BAR		*TOP	F	*T	*Q
			4	3		2	1				
Q _L [IP [Q _L E _J [WH _i [WH _j]]]]						⊗ _J ⊗ _J	⊗ _I			⊗	⊗⊗
Q _B [IV [Q _L [WH _i [WH _j]]]]			* _J !				* _I				**
Q _C [IV [WH _i [WH _j]]]			* _J !								*

(THE OMITTED SEGMENT OF THE HIERARCHY HERE IS:

BAR3[-ref] PARSE(WH) BAR2[-REF] BAR1[-REF] PARSESCOPE)

THE OPTIMAL PARSE ATES BUT, Q THE FACT THAT INDIRECT QUESTIONING OF SHE WHO IS COVERT IS INSTANTIATED IN SPEC OF EMBEDDED QCP, WITH THE RESULT THAT THE CHAIN CORRESPONDING TO THE WIDE SCOPE INTERPRETATION OF THE DIRECT OBJECT, WHICH CAN BE SUCCESSIVE CYCLIC (IE COMPOSED OF SHORT LINKS; INSTEAD OF A NON-SUCCESSIVE CYCLIC CHAIN) LOSES TO CANDIDATE BECAUSE THE CHAIN VIOLATES A UNIVERSALLY HIGHER RANKED THAN B. CANDIDATE OFFERS FROM A LACKING VACUOUS COVERT MOVEMENT OF THE SUBJECT. RECALL THAT THE CHAIN IS A PRO OPERATOR IN THE HIGHEST SPEC OF A CLAUSE CONTAINING THE CORRESPONDING VARIABLE; HERE WE HAVE A VARIABLE IN SPEC OF IP IN A CLAUSE WITH NO CP, SO THE VARIABLE IS ALREADY IN A LEGITIMATE SCOPE POSITION FOR ITS Q. THUS THE MINIMAL LICIT CHAIN CONTAINS A SINGLE ELEMENT WHICH IS SIMILANT, IN THIS SENSE, TO THE SINGLE ELEMENT IS OVERLY REALIZED AS WH_i IN CANDIDATE C.

EXTRACTION OF A SUBJECT ISLAND BECOMES ESSENTIALLY THE SAME ACCOUNT, SINCE IN THE ABSENCE OF IRRELEVANT, THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS IS THE NUMBER AND CONSYTRA OF IS VIOLATED (WHERE G IS IRRELEVANT, SHORTER LINKS (INSTANTIATED BY SUCCESSIVE CYCLICITY) ALWAYS WIN OVER LONGER LINKS. THE TABLEAU FOR SUBJECT EXTRACTION IS GIVEN IN (35).

(35) CHINESE: COVERT EXTRACTION OF SUBJECT OUT OF WH-ISLAND

[Q _L [XIANG-ZHIDAQ [X _J]]]	Gov (T)	...	BAR		P (TOP)	BAR		*TOP	F	*T	*Q
			4	3		2	1				
Q _L [IP [Q _L E _i [WH _i [WH _j]]]]						⊗ _I ⊗ _J	⊗ _I			⊗	⊗⊗
Q _B [IV [Q _L [WH _i [WH _j]]]]			* _I !			* _J					**

The one complication in Chinese has to do with adjuncts: the counterparts to *when*, *where*, instrumental *how*, and purpose *why* behave like direct objects in being covertly extractable out of all islands while manner *how* and reason *why* are covertly extractable out of simple clauses, complements of bridge verbs, but not out of complements of non-bridge verbs and islands (Tsai, 1994). Covert manner and reason *wh*-extractions are exemplified in simple clauses (36a), complements of *renwei* "think" (36b), *wh*-islands (36c), and sentential subjects (36d).

- (36) A. LISI ZENMEYANG CHULI ZHE-JIAN SHI?
 L HOW HANDLE THIS-CL MATTER
 BY WHAT MEANS/IN WHAT MANNER DID LISI HANDLE THIS MATTER?
- B. NI RENWEI [LISI YINGGAI ZENMEYANG CHULI ZHE-JIAN SHI]
 YOU THINK L SHOULD HOW HANDLE THIS-CL MATTER
 HOW(MEANS/MANNER) DO YOU THINK THAT L SHOULD HANDLE THIS MATTER?
- C. NI XIANG-ZHIDAO [SHEI ZENMEYANG CHULI ZHE-JIAN SHI]
 YOU WONDER WHO HOW HANDLE THIS-CL MATTER
 * HOW (MANNER) DO YOU WONDER WHO HANDLED THIS MATTER?
- D. *[WOMEN WEISHENME CHULI ZHE-JIAN SHI] BIJIAO HAO
 WE WHY HANDLE THIS-CL MATTER MORE APPROPRIATE
 WHY (REASON) IS IT MORE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO HANDLE THIS

ASSUMING THAT THE DISTINCTION IS ONE IN REFERENTIALITY, AS HAS BEEN PROPOSED IN MUCH RECENT LITERATURE (EG RIZZI 1990, CINQUE 1990, TSAI 1994), WE SHOW IN SECTION III.3 HOW REFERENTIALITY CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO THE FAMILY OF THE M CONSTRAINTS.

3. Referentiality

UNDER REFERENTIALITY, MANY LINGUISTS HAVE SUBSUMED DISTINCT PROPERTIES WHICH AFFECT EXTRACTABILITY IN SIMILAR WAYS. THE TWO MOST COMMON SOURCES OF REFERENTIALITY DISCUSSED IN THE LITERATURE ARE THETA-ROLES AND DISCOURSE-LINKING. RIZZI (1990) AND CINQUE (1990) DISTINGUISH REFERENTIAL THETA-ROLES FROM NONREFERENTIAL ONES WHICH WE MAY INTERPRET ON A HIERARCHY OF PARTICIPANTS TO AN EVENT WITH CENTRAL PARTICIPANTS (AGENT, PATIENT) AT ONE END AND EXTERIOR CONDITIONS AT THE OTHER (MANNER, REASON). THE GRAMMAR OF A PARTICULAR LANGUAGE SELECTS A CUTOFF POINT ON THE HIERARCHY WHICH DICHOATOMIZES IT INTO TWO PARTS WHICH SYNTAX TREATS DIFFERENTLY. IN CHINESE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE CUTOFF POINT IS BETWEEN ADJUNCTS: LOCATIVE, TEMPORAL, INSTRUMENTAL, AND PURPOSE PHRASES WITH AGENT AND PATIENT PHRASES—THEY ALLOW WIDE SCOPE INTERPRETATION OUT OF ALL CONTEXT ISLANDS—WHILE MANNER AND REASON PHRASES (HOMOPHONOUS TO MEANS AND REASON PHRASES) ALLOW WIDE SCOPE INTERPRETATION OUT OF A RESTRICTED SET OF CONTEXTS (SEE (36D) ABOVE). IN ENGLISH, AS DISCUSSED IN RIZZI (1990), THE DISTINCTION SHOWS UP FOR EXAMPLE IN EXTRACTION OUT OF *WH*-ISLANDS WITH AMBIGUOUS VERBS LIKE *WEIGH*.

(37) ?WHAT DID JOHN WONDER HOW TO WEIGH T?

RIZZI COMMENTS THAT (37) CAN ONLY BE PROPERLY ANSWERED WITH A PATIENT PHRASE LIKE *APPLE* AND NOT WITH A MEASURE PHRASE LIKE *200 G*. LIKE THE FORMER IS CHARACTERIZED AS A REFERENTIAL THETA-ROLE, THE LATTER AS A QUASI-ARGUMENTAL NONREFERENTIAL THETA-ROLE (RIZZI, 1990:86). RIZZI'S ANALYSIS IN TERMS OF A BINDING RELATIONSHIP IS BY DEFINITION SENSITIVE TO THIS DISTINCTION.

DISCOURSE (D)LINKING IS INVOKED BY PESETSKY (1987) TO HANDLE THE ABSENCE OF EXPECTED SUPERIORITY EFFECTS IN ENGLISH, I.E. THE CONTRAST EXEMP

(38) A. *MARY ASKED WHAT_j WHO READ T_j ?
 B. MARY ASKED WHICH BOOK_j WHICH MAN READ T_j ?

IN (38A) THERE IS NO PRESUPPOSITION THAT EITHER SPEAKER OR HEARER HAS A PARTICULAR SET OF OBJECTS AND READERS IN MIND. IN (38B) THE RANGE OF ANSWERS IS LIMITED BY THE PARTICULAR SET OF BOOKS AND READERS BOTH SPEAKER AND HEARER HAVE IN MIND: *BOOKS WHICH MARY* IS DLINKED. RUDIN (1988) DISCUSSES CONTRASTS IN BULGARIAN EXTRACTIONS OUT OF WH-ISLANDS THAT SEEM TO FALL SQUARELY UNDER DLINKING (SEE (43) BELOW). COMOROVSKI (1989) DISCUSSES ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES IN BULGARIAN. IN THE ABSENCE OF A FULLY SPECIFIED THEORY OF REFERENTIALITY, WE SIMPLY ADOPT THE DISTINCTIONS PROPOSED IN THE LITERATURE AND INTEGRATE THEM TO OUR OT ACCOUNT.

IF OUR FAMILY OF CONSTRAINTS INCLUDES CONSTRAINTS ON THE LENGTH OF CHAINS CONTAINING NONREFERENTIAL ELEMENTS THEN WE CAN ACCOUNT FOR THESE PATTERNS IN A STRAIGHT-FORWARD FASHION. A PROPER TREATMENT OF THE REFERENTIALITY HIERARCHY, AND TYPOLOGICAL VARIATION IN THE CUT-OFF POINT, SHOULD BE NATURALLY HANDLED BY OT (MUCH AS IS THE SONORITY HIERARCHY IN PRINCE AND SMOLENSKY 1993), BUT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PAPER WE ASSUME THAT WHAT COUNTS AS REFERENTIAL IS SPECIFIC TO A LANGUAGE AND THAT THE CONSTRAINTS REFER ONLY TO [-REF].

(39) Family of MINLINK constraints (expanded)

- BAR1: a single link must not cross one barrier
- BAR2: a single link must not cross two barriers
- BAR3: a single link must not cross three barriers
- BAR1[-ref]: a single [-ref] link must not cross one barrier
- BAR2[-ref]: a single [-ref] link must not cross two barriers
- BAR3[-ref]: a single [-ref] link must not cross three barriers

We propose that BARN[-ref] universally outranks BARN because of the additional markedness a link has in virtue of being non-referential. (This issue is addressed in detail in Legendre, Smolensky, and Wilson (to appear)). For readability of the

tableaux, we keep the name ‘BAR1,’ but henceforth intend it to be interpreted as BAR1[+ref].

We now turn to a MINLINK analysis of Chinese and Bulgarian referentiality contrasts in *wh*-islands.

3.1. Chinese

EXAMPLES LIKE (40) WITH A NON-REFERENTIAL ADJUNCT ARE POSSIBLE IN CHINESE BUT THEY ARE NOT INTERPRETED AS HAVING WIDE SCOPE RATHER THEY HAVE AN NARROW SCOPE INTERPRETATION, AS POINTED OUT IN AOUN ET AL. (1989).

- (40) Ni xiang-zhidao shei weisheme mai-le shu? (Aoun et al., 1989)
 you wonder who why buy-ASP book
 "you wonder who bought books why".

Tableau (41) displays the competition between the two interpretations and the role played by constraints on non-referential links.

- (41) Chinese Extraction of adjunct [-ref] out of *wh*-island:

[Q _i [<i>xiang-zhidao</i> [Q _i [x _i x _i]]]]	Gv	B ^r	P	BAR [-ref]		P	BAR		P	BAR		*T	F	*t	*Q
	3	wh		2	1	Sc	4	3	top	2	1	Op			
a. Q _i [_{IP} [_{VP} V [_{CP} Q _i + e _i [_{IP} wh _i wh _i]]]]				* ₁ !	* ₁							* _i			*
b. V [_{IP} [Q _i + Q _i [wh _i wh _i]]]						⊗ ₁	⊗ ₁					⊗ _i			

THE OPTIMAL PARSE EUDES A NON-REFERENTIAL WH WHICH VIOLATES PARSE SCOPE BUT BOTH WH FORMS ARE PAIRED IN THE EMBEDDED CLAUSE WE CAN IGNORE THE REFERENTIAL CONSTRAINTS VIOLATIONS AND CANCEL. IN PARSE ONE LINK IN THE NON-REFERENTIAL WH CHAINS (REF) WHILE BARSE ONLY MINLINK VIOLATION IS OF BAR1[-REF].

IT IS WORTH EXAMINING THE INTERPLAY OF VIOLATIONS A MIDDLE LENGTH LINK OF TYPE A [REF] IS BETTER THAN A FAILURE TO PARSE SCOPE BUT A MIDDLE LENGTH LINK OF TYPE B [-REF] IS WORSE THAN A FAILURE²⁰ IT IS NOT THE CASE THAT CHINESE EQUALLY DISPREFERS MIDDLE LENGTH LINKS ACROSS THE BOARD. THIS SHOWS THAT NOT ALL INSTANCES OF LOCALITY CAN BE ANALYZED IN TERMS OF ONE SINGLE

²⁰AND A LONGER LINK VIOLATING BAR3[-REF] IS WORSE THAN A FAILURE TO PARSE [WH] RECALL THAT EXTRACTION OF A NON-REFERENTIAL ADJUNCT OUT OF A SENTENTIAL SUBJECT IS UNGRAMMATICAL (36D). THE SUCCESSIVE-CYCLIC PARSE CORRESPONDING TO (36D) VIOLATES GOV(T); ITS NON-SUCCESSIVE-CYCLIC COUNTERPART VIOLATES BAR3[-REF]. FOR THAT INPUT, FAILURE TO PARSE [WH] IS OPTIMAL

CONSTRAINT STATING THAT SHORTER CHAINS ARE BETTER THAN LONGER CHAINS WE NEED TWO FAMILIES OF CONSTRAINTS THAT ARE INTERRUPTED BY UNRELATED CONSTRAINTS—LIKE PARSE SCOPE—ON THE HIERARCHY.

3.2. Bulgarian

WE FINALLY TURN TO BULGARIAN, WHERE ~~KAKVO~~ (SUBJECT AND DIRECT OBJECT) ~~WHICH~~ AND ARE EQUALLY BAD, AS SHOWN BELOW

- (42) A. *Koj se čudiš kude e otišul?
 who refl wonder-2s where aux gone
 “Who are you wondering where has gone?”
 B. *KAKVO PITAŠ KOJ E ČEL?
 WHAT ASK-2S WHO AUX READ
 “WHAT ARE YOU ASKING WHO HAS READ?”

WHEN ~~KAKVO~~ IS REPLACED BY A ~~WHICH~~ PHRASE LIKE WHICH OF THESE BOOKS, THE RESULT IS BASICALLY FINE. THE SAME CONTRAST IS OBSERVED WITH ~~KO~~

- (43) a. Koj kniga pitaš koj e čel?
 Which of these books ask-2s who aux read
 “Which of these books are you asking who has read?”
 b. ?Koj student se čudiš kakvo e napisal?
 which student refl wonder-2s what aux written
 “Which student are you wondering what has written?”

In our terms, (42a) and (43a) are not in competition with each other since they have different discourse properties and hence are outputs of different inputs. For an input containing a non-D-linked *wh*-phrase, the optimal output does not faithfully parse the input as a direct question (there is no grammatical way of directly asking (42b)), rather it fails to parse the intended scope of the input. The optimal output is thus a narrow scope (rather than wide scope) interpretation of the input.

²OUR INFORMANT, TZVETELINA GANEVA WHO GENEROUSLY PROVIDED THE EXAMPLES IN (42) AND (43) INFORMS US THAT (42A) IS ACCEPTABLE UNDER AN ECHO READING. OUR DISCUSSION HERE AND BELOW PERTAINS ONLY TO NEUTRAL, NON-ECHO READINGS.

(44) Bulgarian: Extraction of a non-D-linked direct object $x_j^{[-dl]}$ out of *wh*-island

[Q _L [V [Q _L [X _I X _J ^[-DL]]]]]	SBC	B ^{-R}	P	B ^{-R}	BAR			B ^R	*T	
	GV *AB	4	WH	3	2	4	3	2	1	
WH _J ^[-DL] [IP [VP [CP WH _I E _J [IP [VP T _I T _J]]]]								*	I	***
B. [CP [CP WH _I WH _J ^[-DL]] [IP [VP T _I T _J]]]]		⊗								⊗ ⊗

THE OPTIMAL PARSE LATERALIZES SCOPE FOCUSING STRICTLY ON CHAIN. COMPETITOR A LOSES TO B BECAUSE IT VIOLATES BAR2[-REF] TWICE.²²

THIS SITUATION CONTRASTS WITH TABLEAU (45) FOR AN INPUT CONTAINING A D-LINKED DIRECT OBJECT *WH*-PHRASE.

(45) BULGARIAN: EXTRACTION OF A D-LINKED DIRECT OBJECT X

[Q _L [V [Q _L [X _I X _J ^[DL]]]]]	SBC	B ^{-R}	P	B ^{-R}	P	BAR			B ^R	*T	
	GV *AB	4	WH	3	2	SC	4	3	2	1	
A. WH _J ^[DL] [IP [VP [CP WH _I E _J [IP [VP T _I T _J]]]]								⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗ ⊗ ⊗
B. [CP [CP WH _I WH _J ^[DL]] [IP [VP T _I T _J]]]]					*!			*	*	I	**

THE OPTIMAL PARSE LATERALIZES SCOPE FOCUSING STRICTLY ON CHAIN. COMPETITOR A LOSES TO B BECAUSE IT VIOLATES BAR2[-REF] TWICE. THIS SITUATION CONTRASTS WITH TABLEAU (44) FOR AN INPUT CONTAINING A D-LINKED DIRECT OBJECT *WH*-PHRASE. THE BULGARIAN PATTERN SHOWS THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THE CONSTRAINTS ARE INTERRUPTED BY AN UNRELATED CONSTRAINT, PARSE LOCALITY IS DISTRIBUTED OVER THE HIERARCHY OF CONSTRAINTS LONGER CHAINS ARE BETTER THAN NOT PARSING INTENDED SCOPE IF THEY ARE REFERENTIAL, BUT WORSE THAN NOT PARSING INTENDED SCOPE IF THEY ARE NONREFERENTIAL. NOTE AGAIN THE VIOLABILITY OF CONSTRAINTS AT WORK IS VIOLATED IN AN OPTIMAL PARSE (44) WHILE IT IS ACTIVE (IE, ITS VIOLATION IS FATAL) IN A SUB-OPTIMAL PARSE IN (45).

²²RUDIN (1985:84-5) GIVES DATA SHOWING IN SPEC OF IP OR IN POSTVERBAL POSITION CAN ONLY HAVE AN ECHO INTERPRETATION. DO THEY SAY THAT WHO CAME? AZVAJE E DOB KOJ? THEY SAY THAT WHO CAME?. WE FOLLOW RUDIN IN INTERPRETING THIS AS INDICATING THAT NEUTRAL CONSTRUCTION IS IN SPEC OF CP.

TURNING TO SUBJECTS, WE NOTE FIRST THAT BULGARIAN SHOWS NO EFFECTS IN NON-COMPLEMENTS, DESPITE THE PRESENCE OF AN OBLIGATORY COMPLEMENTIZER *čE*:

- (46) KOJ MISLIŠ čE E DOŠŪL? (RUDIN, 1985)
 WHO THINK-2S THAT HAS COME
 WHO DO YOU THINK THAT CAME?

THE RELATIVELY FREE WORD ORDER OF BULGARIAN DISCUSSED IN RUDIN (1985) SUGGESTS THAT THE SUBJECT IS FREE TO REMAIN UNDER VP, ~~THE PRESENCE OF~~ SUPPORTS THIS HYPOTHESIS. ~~INTERNAL SUBJECT TRACES ARE, IN OUR TERMS,~~ PROPERLY HEAD-GOVERNED (BY). EXTRACTION OF SUBJECTS THEN LOOKS LIKE EXTRACTION OF DIRECT OBJECTS; NO VIOLATION OCCURS. TABLEAU (47) REPRESENTS EXTRACTION OF A (NON-D-LINKED) SUBJECT OUT OF A *čE* “THAT” COMPLEMENT.

(47) BULGARIAN: EXTRACTION OF SUBJECT OUT OF *čE*-COMPLEMENT

[Q _L [V [čE [X ₁ ^[-DL]]]]]	SBC	B ^{-R}	P	B ^{-R}		P	BAR			B ^R	*T
	Gv *AB	4	WH ₁	3	2	SC	4	3	2	1	
A. WH ₁ [IP [VP V [CP čE [IP [VP T ₁]]]]]		*!									*
B. WH ₁ [[V [E ₁ čE [[T ₁]]]]]				⊗							⊗
C. <WH ₁ >			*!								

THE OPTIMAL OUTPUT BECAUSE COMPARED TO ITS COMPETITORS IT INCURS THE LEAST COSTLY VIOLATION (BAR2[-REF]); IT INVOLVES TWO SUCCESSIVE C

FINALLY, CONSIDER THE ANALYSIS OF UNGRAMMATICAL SUBJECT EXTRACTIONS OUT OF *WH*-ISLAND (NEUTRAL INTERPRETATION). EXAMPLE (42B) IS REPEATED HERE FOR CONVENIENCE:

- (48) a. *Koj se čudiš kude e otišul?
 who refl wonder-2s where aux gone
 “Who are you wondering where has gone?”

(49) BULGARIAN: EXTRACTION OF SUBJECT X₁^[-DL] OUT OF *WH*-ISLAND

²⁷THE ABSENCE OF EFFECTS IS OF COURSE CONSISTENT WITH EXTRACTION OUT OF A POST-VERBAL POSITION GIVEN THAT SUBJECTS CAN APPEAR POST-VERBALLY (RUDIN 1985). IN THAT CASE THE SUBJECT MIGHT BE EXTRACTED OUT OF AN ADJOINED POSITION WHICH STILL QUALIFIES FOR PROPER HEAD-GOVERNMENT. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY ARGUMENTS THAT DISTINGUISH THE TWO ANALYSES AND HENCE CHOOSE THE MINIMAL ONE.

[Q _L [V [Q _K [X _L ^[-DL] X _K]]]]]	SBC	B ^{-R}	P	B ^{-R}		P	BAR			B ^R	*T
	Gv *AB	4	WH	3	2	SC	4	3	2	1	
WH _L [IP [VP V [CP WH _K [IP [VP T _L] T _K]]]]]		*! I!								* K	**
WH _L [[V [WH _K E _L [[T _L] T _K]]]]]					*! I I!					* K	***
C. [WH _L [WH _K [[T _L] T _K]]]]]					⊗ _L	⊗				⊗ _K	⊗⊗
D. <WH _L >			*!								

IN (49) CANDIDATES AS A COMBINED EFFECT OF TWO FACTORS: 1) THE CHAIN CONSISTS OF A LONG LINK (AND) IS NON-D-LINKED; IN FACT, MORE VIOLATIONS INVOLVE LONG NON-REFERENTIAL LINKS THAN SHORTER LINKS, BUT AS THEY ARE NON-REFERENTIAL, THE CANDIDATE IS STILL SUB-OPTIMAL: THE OPTION ALSO PARSE THE INTENDED SCOPE OF THE INPUT. FAILING TO PARSE THIS CANDIDATE HARMONIC UNFAITHFUL OPTION.

IV. Summary

When expressed in the violable constraint framework of Optimality Theory, simple government, locality, and referentiality constraints account for a rich set of *wh*-extraction patterns in three typologically distinct languages. That the same constraints are used to build these grammars explains the cross-linguistic commonalities in the extraction patterns; differential rankings of the constraints explain the cross-linguistic contrasts.

The constraints we have proposed are these:

- (50) Constraints:
- a. Faithfulness family
 - PARSE family: PARSE(wh), PARSE(top), PARSESCOPE
 - FILL
 - b. MINLINK family:
 - BAR1, BAR2, BAR3, ...
 - BAR1[-ref], BAR2[-ref], BAR3[-ref], ...
 - c. Government: GOV(t)
 - d. Operator family: *Q, *TOp, *ABSORB
 - e. *t
 - f. SUBCAT

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