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CLASSES 17-18: CASE DOMAINS

CASE-ASSIGNMENT UNDER GOVERNMENT

Just to make sure, we're at a point where **government** seems quite antiquated:

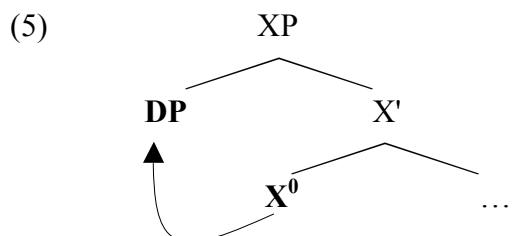
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| <p>(1) Government
 α governs β iff
 (i) α m-commands β and
 (ii) β m-commands α.</p> | <p>(2) M-Command
 α m-commands β iff
 (i) α does not dominate β;
 (ii) β does not dominate α;
 (iii) the first maximal projection dominating α also dominates β; and
 (iv) α does not equal β.</p> |
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- (3) a. [S John INFL [VP saw Mary]]
 b. [IP John [I' I⁰ [VP saw Mary]]]

And also to recap, the **syntactic environments** for **structural case** are the following:

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| <p>(4) a. transitive V: ACC to DP (DO)
 [VP [V' V DP]]</p> <p>c. ECM-V: ACC to DP in SpecIP
 [VP [V' V [IP DP [I' I_{FIN} VP]]]]]]</p> <p>e. possessive D: GEN to DP-specifier
 [DP DP [D' D_{POSS} NP]]</p> | <p>b. P: ACC to DP-complement
 [PP [P' P DP]]</p> <p>d. finite I: NOM to DP-specifier
 [IP DP [I' I_{FIN} VP]]</p> |
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TASK: Draw (4a-e) in tree diagrams.

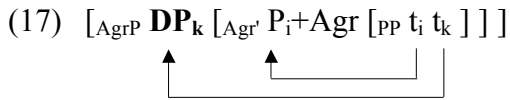
A UNIFIED SPEC-HEAD APPROACH



- NOM by X = I_{FIN} (T / Agr_S)
- ACC by X = Agr (Agr_{DO}, Agr_{IO})
 - also ECM (DP-raising...?)
- ACC by X = P (Agr_P)
 - where does DP move to?

- (6) **Basque**
 Gizon-ek eskutitza-k Amaia-ri darama-zki-o-te.
man-ERG.PL letter-ABS.PL Amaia-DAT bring-3.PL.ABS-3.SG.DAT-3.PL.ERG
 ‘The men bring the letters to Amaia.’

- extension to Case-checking with **prepositions?**



CONTROL STRUCTURES AND “BIG PRO”

(18) **PRO Theorem**

PRO must not be governed.

(19) **PROPERTIES**

PRO: [+an, +pro]

(20) a. **Principle A**

An anaphor must be A-bound in its governing category.

b. **Principle B**

A pronoun must not be A-bound in its governing category.

(21) **Governing Category**

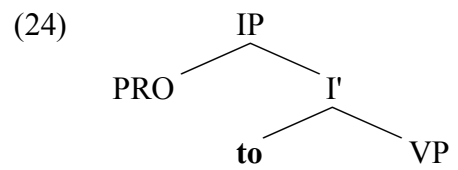
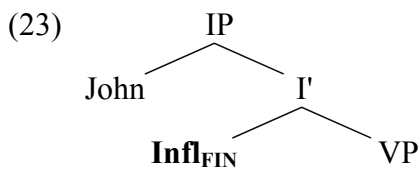
α is a governing category for β iff

- (i) α is the minimal XP that dominates β and
- (ii) α is a governor for β .

(22) **Government**

α governs β iff

- (i) α m-commands β and
- (ii) β m-commands α .



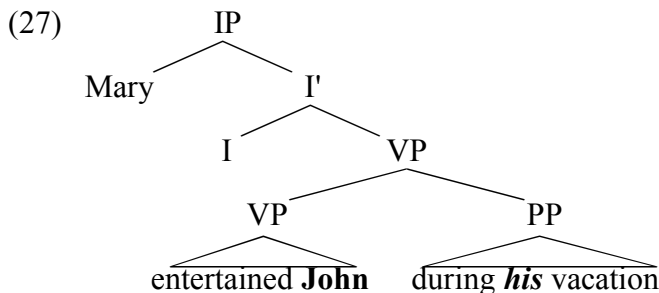
(25) a. [it is rare [**PRO**_i to be elected **t**_i in these circumstances]]

b. *[it is rare [**PRO**_i to seem to **t**_i that the problems are insoluble]]

(26) a. *[it is rare [for **John**_i to seem to **t**_i that the problems are insoluble]]

b. [it is rare [for **it** to seem to **John** that the problems are insoluble]]

SOME EMPIRICAL CONSEQUENCES



Does the **object** check ACC in AgrOP or in vP ?

(28) a. **The men** entertained Mary during *each other's* vacations.

b. ***The men's** mother entertained Mary during *each other's* vacations.

