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LOCALITY IN SYNTAX AND FLOATED NUMERAL QUANTIFIERS

1 Importance of QF

VP-internal subject position

- (1) a. Tous les enfants ont vu ce film.
all the children have seen this movie
b. Les enfants ont tous vu ce film.
the children have all seen this movie (Sportiche 1988: 426)

Intermediate trace (McCloskey 2000)

- (2) West Ulster English
a. What all did he say (that) he wanted *t*?
b. What did he say (that) he wanted all?
c. What did he say all (that) he wanted *t*?

NP trace (Miyagawa 1989)

- (3) a. Kuruma_i-ga doroboo-ni t_i ni-dai nusum-are-ta. (passive)
car_i-Nom thief-by t_i 2-CL steal-Pass.-Past
'Two cars were stolen by a thief.'
b. Doa-ga_i kono kagi-de t_i futa-tu aita. (unaccusative)
doori-Nom this key-with t_i 2-CL opened
'Two doors opened with this key.'
c. *Kodomo-ga geragerato san-nin waratta. (unergative)
children-Nom loudly 3-CL laughed
'Three children laughed loudly.'

2 Locality of Floated Numeral Quantifiers

"Standard judgment" Haig (1980) and Kuroda (1980)

- (4)a. Gakusei-ga san-nin sake-o nonda.
student-NOM 3-CL_{SUB} sake-ACC drank
'Three students drank sake.'
b. *Gakusei-ga sake-o san-nin nonda.
student-NOM sake-ACC 3-CL_{SUB} drank
'Three students drank sake.' (Haig 1980, Kuroda 1980)
c. Hon-o gakusei-ga go-satu katta.
book-ACC student-NOM 5-CL_{OBJ} bought
'Students bought five books.' (Haig 1980, Kuroda 1980)

Problem with (4): why not (5)?

- (5) Gakusei-ga sake-o san-nin nonda.
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 students-NOM sake-ACC 3-CL_{SUB} drank

- (6) Saito (1985)
 (i) NQ and the associated noun phrase observe strict locality.
 (ii) The subject in Japanese cannot scramble.

2.1 The Nature of Locality (cf. “Locality in Syntax and Floated Numeral Quantifiers,” Shigeru Miyagawa and Koji Arikawa, 2004, MIT and St. Andrews University ms.)

- Nuclear Stress
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- (7) *Gakusei-ga sake-o san-nin nonda.
 student-NOM sake-ACC 3-CL_{SUB} drank
 ‘Three students drank sake.’

- (8)* [sake-o san-nin]....
 [sake-ACC 3-CL_{SUB}]...

- (9) Hon-o_i gakusei-ga t_i go-satu katta.
 book-ACC_i student-NOM t_i 5-CL_{obj} bought
 ‘Students bought five books.’

3 Counterexamples to Locality

Counterexamples to syntactic locality (e.g., Gunji and Hasida 1998, Ishii 1998, Kuno 1978, Kuno and Takami 2003, Nishigauchi and Ishii 2003, Takami 1998)

Two patterns:

- (10) ?Gakusei-ga sake-o imamadeni san-nin nonda
 student-NOM sake-ACC so far 3-CL_{SUB} drank
 ‘Three students drank sake so far.’ (Gunji and Hasida 1998: 57)

- (11) Gakusei-ga watasi-no hon-o futa-ri-sika kaw-anakat-ta
 student-NOM my-GEN book-ACC 2-CL_{SUB}-only buy-not-past
 ‘Only two students bought my book.’ (cf. Takami 1998, 1: 92)

4 Responding to the Counterexamples

Saito (1985) assumed the following for the standard judgment.

- (12) (i) NQ and the associated noun phrase observe strict locality.
 (ii) The subject in Japanese cannot scramble.

Every linguist who has presented a counterexample has concluded that (12i) must be rejected.

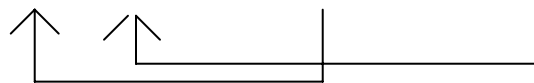
(13) SUB [_{VP} OBJ NQ_{SUB} V]

- (14) (i) Subjects may scramble (Ko, to appear)
 (ii) Local A-movement scrambling is due to the EPP

(15) a. [_{TP} SUB [_{VP} OBJ [_{VP} [t_{SUB} NQ_{SUB}] ... t_{OBJ} ...]]] “Sportiche-type”



b. [_{TP} SUB [_{TP} OBJ [_{VP} [t_{SUB} NQ_{SUB}] ... t_{OBJ} ...]]]



5 The Analysis

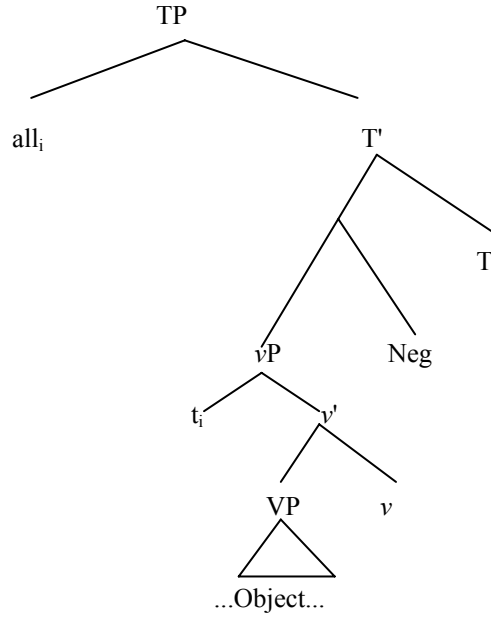
EPP analysis of scrambling (Miyagawa 2001, 2003)

- (16) Taro_i-ga zen'in-o sikar-anakat-ta.
 Taro-NOM all-ACC scold-NEG-PAST
 'Taro didn't scold all.'
 not > all, all > not

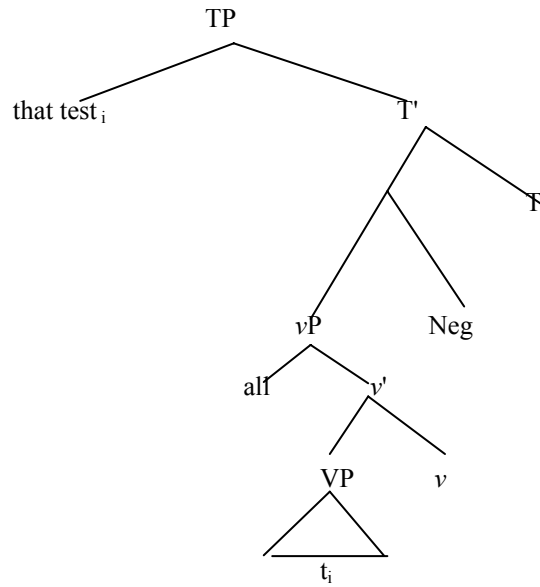
- (17) Zen'in-ga tesuto-o uke-nakat-ta. (cf. Kato 1988)
 all-NOM test-ACC take-NEG-PAST
 'All did not take the test.'
 *not > all, all > not

- (18) Tesuto-o_i zen'in-ga t_i uke-nakat-ta. (Miyagawa 2001)
 test-ACC_i all-NOM t_i take-NEG-PAST
 'That test, all didn't take.'
 not > all, all > not

(19)=(17)



(20)=(18)



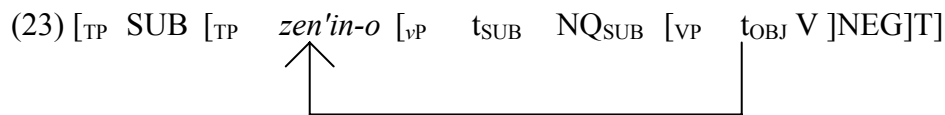
- (21) a. [TP SUB [vP OBJ [vP t_{SUB} NQ_{SUB} [VP t_{OBJ} t_V]] V-v-T]
 b. [TP SUB [TP OBJ [vP t_{OBJ} [vP t_{SUB} NQ_{SUB} [VP t_{OBJ} t_V]] V-v-T]

5.1 Evidence

We will first give two pieces of evidence that in the non-standard judgment structure, the object occurs in the Spec of TP.

5.1.1 Negation and “all”

- (22)a. Gakusei-ga futa-ri zen'in-o mi-nakat-ta (not > all, all > not)
 student-NOM 2-CL all-ACC see-NEG-PAST
 ‘Two students did not see all.’
- b. Gakusei-ga zen'in-o futa-ri-tomo mi-nakat-ta (*not > all, all > not)
 student-NOM all-ACC 2-CL-both see-NEG-PAST
 ‘Neither of the two students saw all.’
- c. Gakusei-ga zen'in-o futa-ri-dake mi-nakat-ta (*not > all, all > not)
 student-NOM all-ACC 2-CL-only see-NEG-PAST
 ‘Only two students saw all.’



5.1.2 Indeterminate Pronoun (Kishimoto 2001)

An indeterminate pronoun is a *wh*-phrase that is interpreted as a universal *any* in the scope of the universal particle *mo*. To make this interpretation possible, the indeterminate pronoun must be c-commanded by the universal *–mo*, and they must be clausemates.

- (24)a. Taro-ga nani-o kai-mo-si-nakat-ta.
 Taro-NOM what-ACC buy-MO-do-NEG-past
 ‘Taro did not buy anything.’
- b. * Dare-ga warai-mo-si-nakat-ta.
 who-NOM laugh-MO-do-NEG-PAST
 ‘No one laughed.’
- c. * Dare-ga Hanako-o home-mo-si-nakat-ta.
 who-NOM Hanako-ACC praise-MO-do-not-past
 ‘No one praised Hanako.’ (Kishimoto 2001: 600)

As Kishimoto notes, while the object position can host an indeterminate pronoun ((24a)), the subject position cannot ((24b/c)). The subject position is outside the domain of the *mo* particle, which he assumes is at *v*.

- (25) a. Kodomo-ga san-nin dono-eiga-o mi-mo-si-nakat-ta.
 kids-NOM 3-CL which-movie-ACC see-MO-do-NOT-PAST.
 ‘Three kids did not see any movie.’
- b. *Kodomo-ga dono-eiga-o imamadeni san-nin mi-mo-si-nakat-ta.
 kids-NOM which-movie-ACC so far 3-CL see-MO-do-NOT-PAST
 ‘Three children did not see any movie so far.’

In (25b), which is a non-standard judgment case, the object indeterminate pronoun is ungrammatical, indicating that this object has moved to the Spec of TP.

5.1.4 Anaphor Binding

- (26) a. Gakusei_i-ga san-nin-dake zibunzisin_i-o hihansita.
 student-NOM 3-CL-only self-ACC criticized
 ‘Only three students criticized himself.’
 b. *Gakusei_i-ga zibunzisin_i-o san-nin-dake hihansita
 student-NOM self-ACC 3-CL-only criticized
 ‘Only three students criticized himself.’

5.1.5 Quantifier Scope

In Japanese quantifier scope is usually limited to surface scope (Kuroda 1971, Hoji 1985).

- (27) Dareka-ga daremo-o sikatta.
 someone-NOM everyone-ACC scolded
 ‘Someone scolded everyone.’
 some > every, *every > some

However, note below.

- (28) Dareka-ga daremo-o tugitugito sikatta.
 someone-NOM everyone-ACC one.after.another scolded
 ‘Someone scolded everyone one after another.’
 some > every, every > some

6. Why doesn't Japanese have the “Sportiche-style” QF?

- (29) Nevins and Anand (2003):
 EPP + agreement – reconstruction possible; “pure” EPP – no reconstruction.

Korean

- (30) Sensayngnim-(tul)-i caki-uy haksayng-ul 3-myeng-*(i) honnay-ss-ta.
 teacher-(pl)-NOM self-GEN student-ACC 3-CL-*(NOM) criticized
 ‘Three teachers criticized his student.’

7 New Way to do NP trace (Miyagawa 1989)

- (31) Hon-o_i gakusei-ga t_i go-satu katta.
 book-ACC_i student-NOM t_i 5-CLobj bought
 ‘Students bought five books.’
- (32) Hon-o_i zen'in-ga t_i go-satu yom-anakat-ta.
 book-ACC_i all-NOM t_i 5-CL_{OBJ} read-NEG-PAST
 ‘All did not read five books.’
 all > not, *not > all
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 ‘Two doors opened with this key.’

(34) Zen’in-ga tuk-anakat-ta.
 all-NOM arrive-NEG-PAST
 ‘All didn’t arrive.’
 not > all, all > not

(35) Miyagawa and Babyonyshev (2004) observe that this lack of the EPP for the unaccusative construction can be observed in other parts of the Japanese grammar.

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