

Pseudoclefts and Pied Piping with Inversion in Mandar

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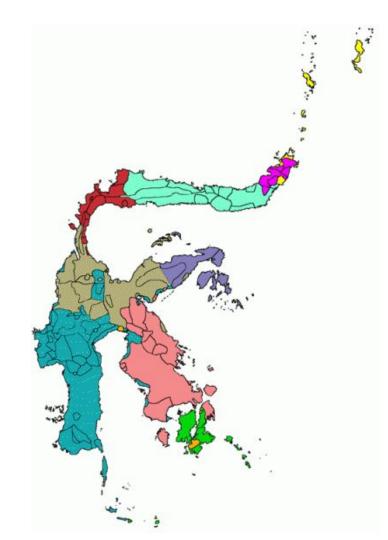


West Sulawesi

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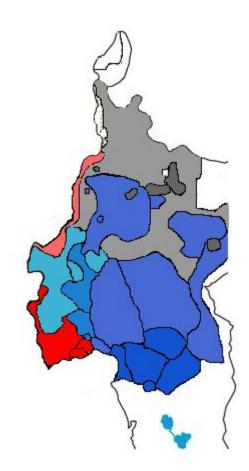
Austronesia Eleven subgroups **Blue: SSul Subfamily**

- Three branches:
 - Makassar
 - Bugis
 - Northern Group



Northern South Sulawesi

- "Inland" Branch
 - Massenrempulu
 - Toraja-Mamasa
 - Pitu Ulunna SaluUlumanda'
- "Coastal" Branch
 Mamuju
 - Mandar





Today's Topic: What's a Wh-Question?

Two types of wh-question in Mandar

- Mam-[p]eang=apa=o?
 AV.DISTR-fish=what=2.ABS
 'What are you fishing for?'
- (2) Apa mu-peang? what 2.ERG-fish'What are you fishing for?'

(Incorporated)

(Clause-Initial)

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Today's Topic: What's a Wh-Question?

What's the underlying structure here?

- (3) Innai na=mu-pile innai? who FUT-2.ERG-choose 'Who will you choose?'
- (4) Innai [Ø [na=mu-pile]]?
 who [REL [FUT=2.ERG-choose]]
 'Who is the one that you will choose?'

(Movement)

(Pseudocleft)

Analyses in Austronesian

Both patterns attested in Western MP

- Argument Questions are pseudoclefts in:
 - Malagasy (Pearson 2006), Tagalog (Richards 1998), Ilocano (Rafal 2009), Malay (Aman et al. 2010), Tsou (Chang 2000), Seediq (Aldridge 2002), Palauan (Georgopoulos 1991), Marshallese (Willson-Sturman 2014)
- Argument Questions involve movement in:
 - Chamorro (Chung 2006), Rapa Nui (Potsdam & Polinsky 2011)
- Adjunct questions involve movement in most languages above.
- Malagasy: adjunct questions are pseudoclefts (Potsdam 2009).



The Mandar Situation

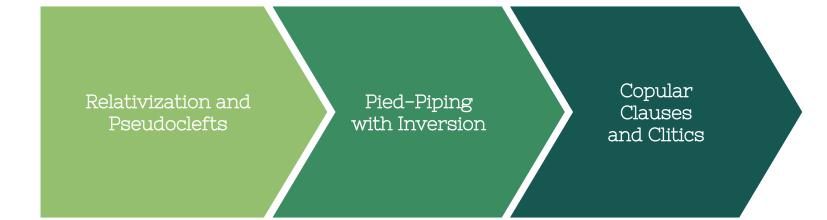
• A pseudocleft analysis looks plausible.

- Mandar has null relativizers and permits HRCs as arguments.
- These factors conspire to make analysis 4 look plausible.

Pied-Piping patterns raise a problem.

- Pseudoclefts resist pied-piping of prepositions (den Dikken 2006)
- Mandar permits pied-piping of prepositions in wh-questions.
- Some wh-questions aren't pseudoclefts.







Quick Facts

What you need to know about Mandar



Quick Sociolinguistic Facts

• West Sulawesi: "Mandar Country"

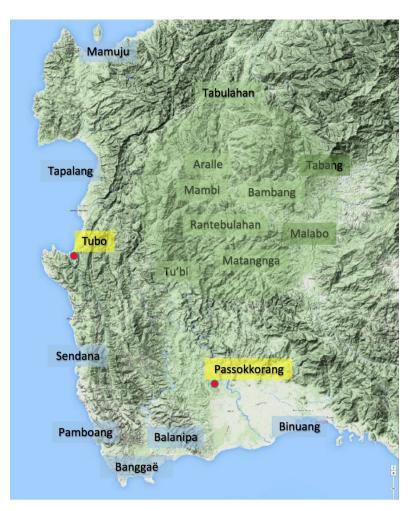
- o 475,000 speakers; EGIDS Level 5
- This presentation: 'new' orthography.
- The PPWI pattern here is regional
 - Ulumanda', Pitu Ulunna Salu, Mamasa
 - NOT in: closest relative, Mamuju.

R Map of Tanah Mandar

 Old Confederacy: "Seven riverheads, Seven river deltas."

• Centered at Balanipa

(Map from Horst Liebner; p.c.)





Voice and Person-Marking

Mandar shows four voices:
 AV and PV (Agent / Patient Voice) plus an agent-demoting passive and a reciprocal.

- Marking AV and PV:
 - AV: -um- infix and derivatives
 - PV: Ø voice marking; ergative proclitics (as in malay 'yang ku-makan')



Voice and Person-Marking

- Ergative-Absolutive Morphology
 PV Agent: Ergative proclitics
 AV Agent DV patient: Absolutive analitie
 - AV Agent, PV patient: Absolutive enclitics
 - (5) Mam-[p]eang=a'. AV.DISTR-fish=ABS 'I'm fishing.'
 - (6) U-peang=mo=i di'e bau penja=e.
 1.ERG-fish=PFV=3.ABS this fish guppy=DEF
 'I fished up these guppies.'

(AV Agent)

(PV Patient)



Voice and Person-Marking

Absolutive clitics: one per matrix clause.
Clitic Doubling, not Agreement

- 3.abs clitic sensitive to definiteness of pivot.
- (7) Ma-sande=purung=nasang=Ø to=Amerika ADJ-sharp=nose=all PERSON=America 'Americans are all long-nosed.'
- (8) Ma-sande=purung=nasang=i to=Amerika ADJ-sharp=nose=all=3.ABS PERSON=America
 'The Americans are all long-nosed.'

(Indefinite Subject)

(Definite Subject)

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Predicate Fronting

 Unmarked order VOS; also VSO, SVO
 All types of predicate occur clause-initially.

- (9)
 To=pole
 Sulbar=nasang=i
 indi mahasiswa=e.

 PERSON=from West.Sulawesi=all=3.ABS
 this college.student=DEF

 'These students are all people from West Sulawesi.'
 (NP Predicate)
- (10) Bassa=memang=i tuqu pendapaq-na to=Amerika muaq jaminan.kesehatan.
 like=indeed=3.ABS that opinion-3.GEN PERSON=America if HEALTHCARE
 'American people's opinions are like that when it comes to healthcare.' (PP Predicate)



Quick Syntactic Facts

Verb-initiality (VOS) via Pred-raising
 Predicates can be coordinated

- (11) [Ma'-jama=i PR] anna [mam-baca=i] buku di'e mahasiswa=e. AV.DISTR-work=3.ABS HW CONJ AV.DISTR-read=3.ABS book this student=DEF 'This student worked on his homework and read a book.' (Coordinated VPs)
- (12) [Sa'bar=i] anna [ma-lappu=tongan=i] ana'-mu. patient=3.ABS CONJ ADJ-honest=true=3.ABS child-2.GEN
 'Your child is patient and truly honest.' (Coordinated APs; Sikki et al. 1987 C272)



Relativization and Pseudoclefts

Developing a Pseudocleft Analysis



A Pseudocleft Analysis

Mandar has null relativizers.
Regular relative clauses led by null C

- (Headless) RCs can be arguments.
 Cs can be preceded by overt heads like *to=* 'person' and *di'o* 'that' or by nothing
- Bare wh-questions could be pseudoclefts!



Relativization Strategies

 Relativizers can be overt or null.
 Overt relativizer *anu* homophonous with an independent noun meaning 'thing'

- (13) Damo=o s-um-angi' mua' i'da=i mu-olo'i [kado [Ø u-be-ngan=o]].
 DON'T=2.ABS AV-cry if NEG=3.ABS 2.ERG-like gift REL 1.ERG-give-BEN=2.ABS
 'Don't cry if you don't like the gift I'm giving you!' (Null Relativizer)
- (14) Yap, inna=di [anu-'u [anu u-pi-pasang-ang]]?
 PRT which=LIM THING-1.GEN REL 1.ERG-VBLZ-order-BEN
 'So which is my thing that I ordered for myself?' (Anu; Pelenkahu et al. 1983, Appdx B)



RCs in argument position

• Argument RCs: usually overt heads or C

- (15) Secco-secco=pa=i to=[me'-guru basa Mandar]
 RED-a.bit=IPFV=3.ABS PERSON=AV.MED-learn language Mandar
 'The people studying Mandar are still few.' (Argument RC with to=)
- (16) Ma-raras=i [di'o na-ande to=Mandar=o]
 ADJ-spicy=3.ABS that 3.ERG-eat PERSON=MANDAR=DEF
 'That stuff Mandar people eat is spicy.' (Argument RC with Demonstrative)
- (17) Mammis=i [anu na-balu' dini] sweet=3.ABS REL 3.ERG-sell here 'What's sold here is sweet.' (Argu

(Argument HRC with Overt C)

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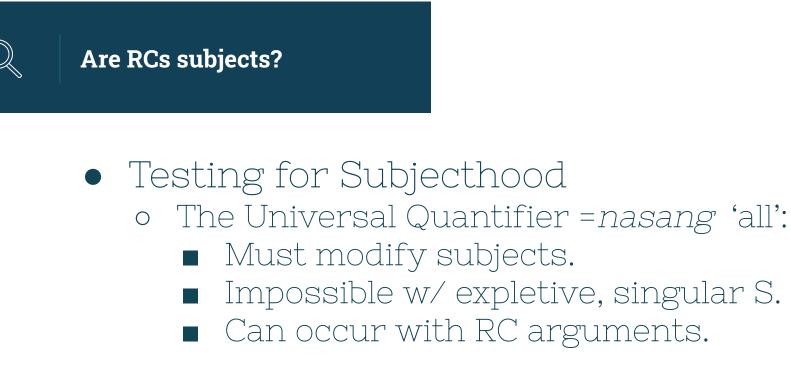
Bare argument HRCs

Headless, Null-C RCs can be arguments.
Question: are these subjects?

- (18) Ma-i'di=mo=i [Ø [pole di=Mamuju]]
 ADJ-many=PFV=3.ABS REL come GP=CITY
 'The people moving into Mamuju are already a lot.'
- (19) Na=andiang mu-irrang-i [Ø [ma'-basa Indonesia]].
 FUT=NEG 2.ERG-hear-LOC REL AV.MED-language Indonesia
 'You won't hear anyone speaking Indonesian.'

(AV Agent HRC)

(PV Patient HRC)



• Conclusion: (H)RCs can really be subjects!

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RCs are subjects

- Nasang always associates with subjects
 o Forced to be read with AV Agent, PV Patient
 - (20) **Mat**-ta'e=**nasang**=i bunga ma-mea dambu. AV.DISTR-hold=all=3.ABS flower ADJ-red rose.apple 'They're all holding pink flowers.'

(Read with AV Agent)

(21) Na-ta'e=nasang=i bunga ma-mea dambu.
3.ERG-hold=all=3.ABS flower ADJ-red rose.apple
'He's holding all the pink flowers.'

(Read with PV Patient)

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RCs are subjects

• Expletive, Singular subjects: no *nasang*

- (22) *Urang=**nasang**=mo=i rain=all=PFV=3.ABS Intended: 'It's all raining'
- (23) *Ma-loppa=**nasang**=i matallo-na. ADJ=hot=all=3.ABS sun-3.GEN Intended: 'The sun's all hot'

(Expletive Subject)

(Singular Subject)

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RCs are subjects

Argument RCs can occur w/ nasang. This means the subject's not an expletive.

- (24) Donat=nasang=i [anu na-ande].
 donut=all=3.ABS REL 3.ERG-eat
 'The things they ate were all donuts.'
- (25) **Donat=i** [anu na-ande]. PRED=3.ABS SUBJ 'The things they ate were donuts.'

(HRC must be subject)

(Clause Structure of Psuedoclefts)



 Mandar looks like a language where wh-questions could be pseudoclefts.

• Can we replicate this with wh-words?



- Some questions look like pseudoclefts.
 Overt heads precede the remainder
 - (26) Innai [to=[ma'-balu' barras]]? who PERSON=AV.MED-sell raw.rice 'Who's the person selling rice?'
 - (27) Apa [di'e [na-alli-ang=o=digena']=e]?
 what this 3.ERG-buy-BEN=2.ABS=earlier=DEF
 'What's this thing he bought for you just now?'

(Person)

(Determiner)



This extends to HRCs with overt C's. *anu* can follow any initial wh-word

(28) Apa [anu di-jama allo-allo]?
 what REL PASS-work RED-day
 'What's the thing that gets done every day?'

(HRC)



Typical analysis: wh-word = predicate.
 Malagasy (Paul 2001, 2003), Tagalog (Mercado 2004)

- Can we apply this directly to Mandar?
 - (29) Apa [anu na-ande]? PRED SUBJ 'What she ate was WHAT?'

(Typical Pseudocleft Analysis)



Can this extend to HRCs with null Cs? Could all wh-questions be pseudoclefts?

- (4) Innai [Ø [na=mu-pile]]?
 who [REL [FUT=2.ERG-choose]]
 'Who is the one that you will choose?'
- (30) Innai [Ø [na=mu-pile]]?
 PRED SUBJ
 'Who is the one that you'll choose?'

(Pseudocleft)

(Pseudocleft Analysis of Bare WhQ)



Prepositions and Pied Piping

A Problem for Pseudoclefts



Pseudoclefts and Pied Piping

- Mandar has prepositional pied-piping.
 Necessarily occurs with inversion.
- PPWI only available for prepositional complements of PV motion verbs.
- PPWI structures are argument questions that cannot be pseudoclefts.



• Displacement vs pseudoclefts: **Pied-Piping impossible with the latter.** (Heggie 1988, Collins 1991, Den Dikken 2006)

- (31) [About what] do they worry about what?
- (32) It is [about their income] that they worry.
- (33) *[About their income] is what they worry.

(Displacement) (Cleft)

(Pseudocleft)



Mandar Prepositions

• Three classes of prepositions:

- Non-locatives: *bassa* 'like'
- Locatives: *lalang* 'in'
- o Directionals: *tama* 'into'
- These things are really prepositions!
 - Cannot reduplicate, unlike N, V, Adj, Adv
 - License thematic roles, adjust telicity



Locative Prepositions

Table 2: Mandar Prepositions

DIRECTIONAL	Prep	LOCATIVE	Prep
TOWARD	lao	FRONT	olo
FROM	pole	BEHIND	pondo'
INTO	tama	INSIDE	lalang
OUT	sung	OUTSIDE	lewa'
ONTO	dai'	ABOVE	aya
DOWN.TO	naung	BELOW	lolo'
OVERSEAS.TO	sau	OVERSEAS.OF	lai'



Mandar PP Structure

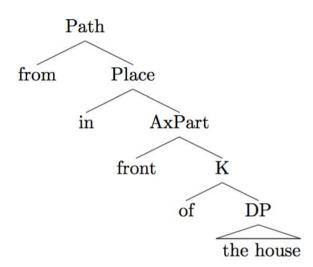
• PP-Internal Structure: DIR > di= > LOC

- (34) Umm-ondong=mo=i di'o to=gila=o **dai' di=aya** meja! AV-jump=PFV=3.ABS that PERSON=crazy=DEF up GP=top table 'That crazy person just jumped up on top of the table!'
- (35) Ye', mel-lossor=da=a' tama mesa meter di=lalang gua.
 PRT AV.MOT-crawl=LIM=1.ABS into one meter GP=inside cave
 'Well, I only crawled in a meter inside the cave.'

Mandar PP Structure

• Svenonius (2007): Path, Place, AxPart

- Directionals are Path
- di= is **Place**
- Locatives are AxPart
- (36) **Pole di=olo**(-na) boyang-na from GP=front(-3.GEN) house-3.GEN 'From in front of the house'





• Strict ordering with complements

- Must precede postverbal complements
- Prepositions cannot move independently
- (37) Di-wawa=mo=i di=wuttu (*daiq) i=Nabilah.
 PASS-bring=PFV=3.ABS GP=mountain up PRS=NAME
 Intended: Nabilah got carried up the mountain.' (Path precedes PP)
- (38) *Tama mil-lamba=i pesio-na mara'dia di=uma.
 into AV.MOT-walk=3.ABS servant-3.GEN king GP=garden
 Intended: 'The king's servant went into the garden.' (Path cannot front alone)



Path prepositions tied to thematic rolesCan take bare complements

- (39) Mak-kiring=i sure' guru-u *(lao) di=passikola.
 AV.DISTR-send=3.ABS letter teacher-1.GEN toward GP=student
 'My teacher sends letters to the students.' (Goal requires *lao*)
- (40) Sallang-ngu lao Puang kost-ta'. Greeting-1.GEN toward lord boarding.house-1.IN.GEN
 'My greetings to your host father.' (Paths can take bare complements)



Prepositions can affect telicity (shoot the bear vs. shoot at the bear)

- (41) Mal-laccar-ri=i buku di'o nanaeke=o di=guru-na.
 AV.DISTR-throw-LOC=3.ABS book that child=DEF GP=teacher-3.GEN
 'The students are pelting their teacher with books.' (No Path; Telic)
- (42) Mal-laccar-ri=i buku di'o nanaeke=o lao di=guru-na.
 AV.DISTR-throw-LOC=3.ABS book that child=DEF toward GP=teacher-3.GEN
 'The students are throwing books at their teacher.' (With Path; Atelic)



Morphologically distinct from N, Adv Reduplication: N, V, Adj, Adv, but not P

- (43) Inna na-bayam-bayang sambayang tongat-tongan?
 which 3.ERG-RED-imagine prayer RED-true
 'What is imagined to be true prayer?' (V, A reduplicate; Muthalib and Sangi 1991 D53)
- (44) Mil-lamba=nasang=i nana'eke (*sung)-sung di=(*pondo')-pondo' boyang-na. AV.MOT-walk=all=3.ABS children RED-outward GP=RED-behind house-3.GEN Intended: 'The kids are walking out to behind their house.' (No RED with Path, AxPart)



Pied Piping with Inversion

• The pattern: fronted PathP's invert.

(45) Inna dai' mu-ola dai' inna?
 which up 2.ERG-go
 'WHAT did you go up?'

(PPWI with Wh)

- Unique to 'objects' of motion verbs.
- Multiple prepositions linearly reverse.
- Similar patterns in Mayan, Zapotec

(Broadwell 2006)

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Identical patterns available with focus. All wh-data can be replicated with foci.

- (45) Inna dai' mu-ola dai' inna? which up 2.ERG-go
 'WHAT did you go up?'
- (46) Buttu dai' u-ola dai' buttu! mountain up 1.ERG-go 'I went up A MOUNTAIN!'

(PPWI with Wh)

(PPWI with Focus)

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Axial Parts show inversion as well. Complex PPs linearly reverse!

(47) Inna aya mu-oro'-i? which above 2.ERG-sit-LOC'What are you sitting on top of?'

(PPWI with AxParts)

(48) Inna lalang tama na-ola kandi'mu tama lalang inna?
which inside into 3.ERG-go little.sibling-2.GEN
'What did your little brother go inside?' (Linear inversion of Complex PP)



What undergoes PPWI?

 The PPWI arguments are not adjuncts.
 'Intransitive' motion verbs are the only predicates which permit PP raising /PPWI.

- PPWI blocked with regular adjuncts
- Extraction facts make this clear.



What undergoes PPWI?

• AV verbs: adjuncts, not objects, extract.

- (49) Di=boyang=a' ma'-elong di=boyang.
 GP=house=1.ABS AV.MED-sing
 'I sing in THE HOUSE'
- (50) ***Apa=o** ma'-elong apa? what=2.ABS AV.DISTR-sing Intended: 'What are you singing?'

(AV Adjuncts can occur clause-initially)

(AV Objects cannot occur clause-initially)

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• AV Motion Verb Paths, IOs: NO PPWI

- (51) *Uma tama mil-lamba=i pesio-na mara'dia? garden into AV.MOT-walk=3.ABS servant-3.GEN king Intended: 'The king's slaves walked INTO THE GARDEN.' (AV: No
- (52) ***Bos-mu lao** mak-kiring=0 di'o laporan-mu a? boss-2.GEN toward AV.DISTR-send=2.ABS that report-2.GEN PRT Intended: 'You sent that report of yours TO YOUR BOSS, right?'

(AV: No Path PPWI)

(AV: No IO PPW)

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• Passive and PV non-motion verbs: do not permit adjuncts to undergo PPWI.

- (53) ***Inna dai di-**wawa=i i=Nabilah? which up PASS-carry=3.ABS PRS=NAME Intended: 'What did Nabilah get carried up?'
- (54) ***Inna dai na-**wawa=i i=Nabilah? which up 3.ERG-carry=3.ABS PRS=NAME Intended: 'What did he carry Nabilah up?'

(PASS: No Adjunct PPWI)

(PV: No Adjunct PPWI)

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• PPWI occurs exclusively with locative objects of PV verbs denoting motion.

(47) Inna aya mu-oro'-i? which above 2.ERG-sit-LOC'What are you sitting on top of?'

(PPWI with AxParts)

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Interim Observations

- Locative PP complements to motion verbs show PPWI when questioned.
- PPWI is available to pivots alone.
- Could these clauses be pseudoclefts?



PPWI Structures are not Pseudoclefts

Ban on relativizers → Not pseudoclefts!
 O (But separate pseudocleft pattern available)

- (55) Inna dai' (*anu) mu-ola?
 which up REL 2.ERG-go
 Intended: 'What are you going up?'
- (56) Inna [di'o [mu-ola dai']=o]?
 which that 2.ERG-go up=DEF
 'What's the thing you're going up?'

(No Overt C can be inserted)

(Dummy head possible without PPWI)

Future Prospectus

• PPWI doesn't look like pseudoclefting.

- Two sets of preposition show PPWI.
- Only PP complements of motion verbs.
- PPWI clauses cannot take relativizers.
- These are argument questions that cannot be pseudoclefts.

• Open question: what about normal questions?



Copular **Clauses and** Nominal **Predication**

Returning to our original question



- PPWI: some agmt q's not pseudoclefts.
- Let's revisit bare argument questions.
 Are these really pseudoclefts?
 - (3) Innai na=mu-pile innai? who FUT-2.ERG-choose 'Who will you choose?'
 - (4) Innai [Ø [na=mu-pile]]?
 who [REL [FUT=2.ERG-choose]]
 'Who is the one that you will choose?'

(Movement)

(Pseudocleft)



- 'Pseudoclefted' argument questions and real pseudoclefts split on one point:
 Wh-Questions ban absolutive clitics.
 - (25) **Donat=i** [anu na-ande]. PRED=3.ABS SUBJ 'The things they ate were donuts.'
 - (29) Apa [anu na-ande]? PRED SUBJ 'What she ate was WHAT?'

(Clause Structure of Psuedoclefts)

(Typical Pseudocleft Analysis)



- Both 'bare' and pseudoclefted wh-q's cannot take absolutive clitics.
 - (57) Apa(*=i) mu-print? what=3.ABS 2.ERG-print
 Intended: 'What are you printing?' (No ABS Clitics in Bare Wh-Question)
 - (58) Innai=(*=i) [di'o [Ø ma'-ita-i=rua=a']=o]?
 who=3.ABS that REL AV.DISTR-see-LOC=still=1.ABS=DEF
 Intended: 'Who is that (person) still looking for me?' (No ABS Clitics in 'Pseudocleft')



- The problem is not that nominal predicates cannot bear absolutives.
 - (59) Apa=o? what=2.ABS 'What are you?'
 - (60) **Guru-mu=a'** le'! teacher-2.GEN=1.ABS PRT 'I'm your teacher, duh!'

(ABS clitics available with nominal wh-predicates)

(ABS clitics available with regular nominal predicates)



- The problem's not semantic/pragmatic.
 If 'subjects' are HRCs, which contain presupposed information, they ought to be able to be doubled by clitics.
 - (25) **Donat=i** [anu na-ande]. PRED=3.ABS SUBJ 'The things they ate were donuts.'

(Clause Structure of Psuedoclefts)



Where else are ABS clitics banned?
 Certain types of copular clause
 Extraction and raising structures.

• Idea: ABS clitic bans \rightarrow displacement.



Two types of copular clause:
Less definite nominal first, followed by ABS
More definite nominal first, ABS impossible.

- (61) To=Amerika=i kandi'-u.
 PERSON=America=3.ABS younger.sibling-1.GEN
 'My younger sibling is an American.'
- (62) Kandi'-u to=Amerika. younger.sibling-1.GEN PERSON=America 'My younger sibling is an American.' $(DP \rangle \emptyset \rangle NP)$

 $(NP \rangle ABS \rangle DP)$



• DP-DP equation: ABS clitics always impossible.

(63) I'o=rua=pa to=u-pang-ipi'
2.FAM=still=IPFV PERSON-1.ERG-DISTR-dream
'The person I'm dreaming of is still you.'

(Free Order; Clitic Never Possible)

(64) To=u-pang-ipi' i'o=rua=pa. PERSON-1.ERG-DISTR-dream 2.FAM=still=IPFV 'The person I'm dreaming of is still you.'

(Free Order; Clitic Never Possible)



• Where else are clitics banned? When pivots front.

- (65) i=Pani ma-lutta=sanna'=*(i) ma'-basa inggris.
 PRS=NAME ADJ-clever-very AV.MED-language English
 'Pani's very good at speaking English.' (Fronted Subject cannot be doubled)
- (66) Innai(*=i) mu-ita-i?
 who 2.ERG-look-LOC
 'Who are you looking for?' (Fronted Wh-word cannot be doubled?)

- Some interesting questions open up around this.
 Does a ban on inserting absolutive clitics actually suggest that pivots have displaced?
 - This would mean that *all* wh-initial questions involve displacement of a pivot argument.
 - In other words, this can't be right!
 - (29) Apa [anu na-ande]? PRED SUBJ

'What she ate was WHAT?'

(Typical Pseudocleft Analysis)

Why can't clitics co-occur with fronted pivots?
 Doubling as a PF phenomenon (Harizanov 2014)
 Suppose all pivots raise to preverbal position.

- PF constraints ban them from being realized in this position, so copies here are realized as enclitics and lower ones pronounced fully.
- Pivots that front further to a left-peripheral focus position can be fully realized there

 → these are impossible to double!

> This approach has lots of interesting consequences...



Conclusions and Questions

Looking towards the horizon

Some Conclusions:

- Some argument wh-questions are not pseudoclefts in Mandar.
 - PP objects of PV-motion verbs show PPWI with fronted wh's.
 - Overt elements which signal pseudoclefts cannot be added
- Open Q: are any bare argument wh-questions 'just' pseudoclefts?
 - Clitic placement evidence sets wh-questions apart from both copular clauses and pseudoclefts. So they might not be.
- Future direction:
 - What does the ban on ABS clitics mean?

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