

Hyperraising to Object as Altruistic Movement

Introduction. A central question about syntactic movement is what its *driving force* is. Three prominent views are: **Greed**: a featural requirement of the moving element (Bošković 2007, a.o.); **Enlightened Self-Interest**: a featural requirement of the moving element or the position moved to (Lasnik 1995, a.o.); and **Labeling**: the need to render relevant constituents labelable by the Labeling Algorithm (Chomsky 2013). Here, I present field data from the Mexican isolate P’urhepecha (Janitzio variety) that support Enlightened Self-Interest. Janitzio P’urhepecha (JP) allows *hyperraising-to-object*, wherein the subject of an embedded finite clause raises into the matrix, becoming its object. I argue this is altruistic (target-driven) movement, and that Greed- and Labeling-based analyses of it face serious difficulties.

Phenomenon. In JP, a finite complement-clause normally has a nominative (zero-marked) subject ((1a)). Under some verbs, however, the embedded subject can be accusative, preceding C ((1b)).

- (1) a. Ikinari ueka-sin-Ø-di eska Xumo jaruata-a-Ø-ka pauani.
 Ikinari want-HAB-PRS-IND3 that Xumo help-FUT-PRS-SJV tomorrow
 ‘Ikinari wants Xumo to help him tomorrow.’
 b. Ikinari ueka-sin-Ø-di Xumo-ni eska jaruata-a-Ø-ka pauani.
 Ikinari want-HAB-PRS-IND3 Xumo-ACC that help-FUT-PRS-SJV tomorrow (= (1a))

The accusative DP (DP_{ACC}) in (1b)-type sentences is in the matrix: it can precede matrix adverbials.

Three facts show DP_{ACC} raises into the matrix (hyperraising) rather than originating there and anteceding a *pro* within CP_{eska} (prolepsis). **A.** When DP_{ACC} is present, nothing can move out of CP_{eska} ((2)), suggesting that DP_{ACC} does (stopping off in [Spec,CP]). **B.** DP_{ACC} must correspond to the embedded subject, not any lower argument (an intervention effect). **C.** The construction is island-sensitive.

- (2) ?* ¿Ambe_k=ri ueka-sin-Ø-gi Alicia-ni eska kusta-a-Ø-ka ______k?
 what_k=2sS want-HAB-PRS-INT Alice-ACC that play_{music}-FUT-PRS-SJV ______k?
 intended: ‘What (music) do you want Alice to play?’ DP_{ACC}, though in the matrix, blocks the CP escape hatch

I show further that (1b)-type sentences do not involve finite control. The phenomenon, then, is hyperraising-to-object (HtO; Halpert & Zeller 2015, a.o.).

Analysis. Constituent-order evidence shows JP-HtO targets (a second) [Spec,vP]. It is derived as follows. [_C *Eska*] ‘that’ can optionally bear [EPP:D]. In HtO, *eska*_[EPP:D] is merged, and attracts the embedded subject (closest DP) to [Spec,CP] ((3a)). Being on the phase-edge, DP is not spelled out with C’s complement. Further structure-building yields (3b). Hyperraising *v* bears an unvalued Number-feature, which it values by Agreeing with DP in [Spec,CP] (overtly in the plural). Finally, *v*’s Number-feature bears an EPP-subfeature, satisfied by moving the agreed-with DP to (a second) [Spec,vP] ((3c)).

- (3) a. [_{CP} [_{DP} Xumo] that_[EPP:D] [_{DP} Xumo] help *pro*_{him} tomorrow] (= (1b))
 b. [_{vP} Ikinari *v*<sub>[Num:___EPP]] want [_{CP} [_{DP} Xumo] that_[EPP:D] ...]]
 c. [_{vP} [_{DP} Xumo] Ikinari *v*_{[Num:SG_[EPP]]] want [_{CP} [_{DP} Xumo] that_[EPP:D] ...]] (plus matrix subject- and verb-movement in (1b))}</sub>

Comparison: Greed. A Greed-based analysis might posit that DP hyperraises to satisfy its Case-feature, because it cannot get Case within CP_{eska}. However, DP_{ACC} can be linked to a nominative floated quantifier in CP_{eska} ((4)), showing Nominative is available within CP_{eska}.

- (4) Ueka-sin-Ø-ga=ni Alonsu-ni, Paku-ni ka Puki-ni eska=sī iamindu-eecha ch’ana-a-Ø-ka.
 want-HAB-PRS-IND1=1sS Alonzo-ACC, Paco-ACC and Puki-ACC that=pS all-PL(NOM) play-FUT-PRS-SJV
 ‘I want Alonzo, Paco, and Puki [= three dogs] to all play.’

An alternative Greed-based analysis, on which DP hyperraises to a matrix [Spec,vP] to satisfy a Bošković-2007-style feature [*uv*], is also shown to be untenable.

Comparison: Labeling. A Labeling analysis might proceed thus: hyperraising *v* is too weak to label. Consequently, the embedded subject raises to “[Spec,vP]” to reinforce it, and “vP” is labeled (Num,Num) through feature-sharing. But HtO being optional, there would have to be two (otherwise identical) hyperraising *vs*, only one being weak. Furthermore, a JP subject can stay in [Spec,vP], but never agrees with *v*; vP is then an XP-YP structure without visible feature-sharing.

Conclusion. JP-HtO can be captured straightforwardly under **Enlightened Self-Interest**, which allows for **altruistic** movement. Greed- and Labeling-based approaches face severe problems in accounting for it. JP-HtO, then, strongly suggests that purely altruistic (target-driven) movement does exist.

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