

Final complementizers in hybrid languages*

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Recent developments in syntactic theory suggest that phrase structure is cross-linguistically more uniform than assumed so far, and that the order spec-head-complement may be the only permissible one. The present article takes issue with this view, showing that the derivation of final complementizers from initial ones by means of IP-raising faces serious difficulties. The discussion focuses on Bengali and similar languages which may be called ‘hybrid’ because both orders, IP-C as well as C-IP, are attested. Five arguments are raised which indicate that these orders are not derivationally connected. The discussion bears results which may also be of interest for linguistic typology, language change and acquisition.

1. INTRODUCTION

I call those languages HYBRID which show a mix of final and initial heads. My goal in this article is to show that hybridity may not only be a surface phenomenon, but that certain forms of it may well be a phenomenon of the base of a given language. With respect to complementizers (which I call C or in glosses COMP), languages of this sort are being found in Northern and Central India, but surely elsewhere too. For instance, certain of Koopman’s (1984) examples from Vata suggest that there is a final as well as an initial C: *na* appears initially in complement CPs in the context $V_$ as in (1a), while *ka* appears finally in complement CPs in the context $_V$ as in (1b).¹

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[1] Corver and van Riemsdijk (1997) reserve the predicate ‘hybrid’ for cases where one and the same lexical head may be either final or initial in a language; cases like those treated in the present article, that is different lexical heads participating in different ordering relations, are called ‘mixed’ by Corver and van Riemsdijk.

Unless self-explanatory, the abbreviations used in the glosses are as follows:

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| 1 | 1st person (present tense, unless otherwise specified) |
| 2 | 2nd person (present tense, unless otherwise specified) |
| 3 | 3rd person (present tense, unless otherwise specified) |

- (1) (a) màsĪpànyÒ ká yī nā Ó ká mÒ yāmà
 healer FUT come NA he FUT you healthy-MA
 ‘The healer will come to make you healthy.’
 (b) màsĪpànyÒ ká mÒ yāmà kā yī
 healer FUT you healthy-MA KA come
 ‘The healer will come to make you healthy.’

Koopman claims that only the latter is a complementizer. Generative research has always tried to deny a dual status according to which there would be final (FC) as well as initial complementizers (IC) in one and the same language. In practice, this means that only the element that falls into the expected typological picture is acknowledged while the other one that does not fit into this picture is declared to be some other kind of particle. I will explore a different direction here and suggest instead that complementizers may come from very different lexical and historical sources and may serve rather different purposes. Then the only reason to call a heterogeneous class ‘complementizers’ would be that all of these elements are heads and that all of them have (among other functions) the function of indicating subordination. The category ‘complementizer’ is – according to this view – a rather crude cover term that should not indicate total homogeneity. This has also been noticed in Bhatt & Yoon (1991) where a distinction is made between subordinating and mood-indicating complementizers. In this article where I will largely confine myself to the former, I will argue that within one and the same language subordinating particles which may legitimately be called ‘complementizers’ can be heterogeneous according to their lexical nature, origin and word order. As I will show, tracing them back to one single underlying source would not only be a rather unilluminating exercise, it would also lead to a conflict with certain empirical finding and generalizations built on them.

ACC	accusative	AOR	aorist
ASP	aspect	CAUS	causative
CF	classifier	COMP	complementizer
CON	conditional	DAT	dative
DUB	dubitative	ERG	ergative
FUT	future	GEN	genitive
LINK	linking morpheme	LOC	locative
MA	verbal suffix	NOM	nominative
NEG	negation	OPT	optative
PPT	past participle	PTS	past tense
QUOTE	quotative	SG	singular
TOP	topic		

Since the examples are drawn from various sources, no standardized transcription can be expected. For the representation of the Bengali examples, the following conventions are adopted: R, T for retroflex consonants, c, j for voiceless and voiced palatal stops, S for a palato-alveolar fricative, y for a high semi-vowel, O for a low vowel; after a consonant, h indicates aspiration; double consonants signal gemination.

While generative research in Principles and Parameters theory (Chomsky 1981 and subsequent work) has focused on parametrical choices according to which a language may have either initial or final complementizers (and preferably not both), it has been argued by Kayne (1994) that final complementizers (and ultimately all final heads) should not be seen as primitives but rather as the result of a PF-relevant operation by which the IP-complement of C has moved leftwards (Kayne, 1994: 53 f.). The reason for this is that, according to Kayne's theory, a linear order of the terminal elements in a phrase marker is dependent on the hierarchical c-command relation. Of course, classical c-command is independent of linear order, since in a pair $[_X YZ]$ Y c-commands Z and Z c-commands Y. If c-command loses its autonomy in favor of a tight link with the anti-symmetric relation of precedence, it has to be narrowed down to asymmetric c-command: A asymmetrically c-commands B iff A precedes B. Since precedence is an asymmetric relation, c-command has to be asymmetric too. The relation between linear and hierarchical order is captured by the LINEAR CORRESPONDENCE AXIOM (LCA). The LCA claims that the non-terminals in a given phrase marker are arranged by asymmetric c-command in such a way that the mapping from terminals to non-terminals always achieves an antisymmetric relation which is then in a position to determine a linear ordering.² Thus, any difference in the linear ordering of terminals must correspond to a hierarchical difference. If a head H (asymmetrically) c-commands a phrase XP, then H must precede XP.³ It is a cornerstone of the theory that two constituents cannot achieve a linear ordering if they are in a relation of mutual c-command. Thus, a language which embraces both the structures in (2) would run into a linearization problem.

- (2) (a) $[_{C'} C [_{IP} \dots]]$
 (b) $[_{C'} [_{IP} \dots] C]$

The problem is clearly not that the terminals dominated by C and IP would not achieve any ordering due to the fact that the pairs of non-terminals cannot be in a relation of asymmetric c-command. The problem is rather the following: in (2a), there is an ordering according to which C precedes IP, but if ordering is once fixed in this way, precedence will be the ordering that holds in the language once and for all. Clearly, (2b) does not conform to this

[2] In Kayne's more technical presentation, the LCA claims this: $d(\mathcal{A})$ is a linear ordering of T, where T is the set of terminals. If \mathcal{A} is the maximal set of ordered pairs X_j, Y_j of nonterminals in a given phrase marker such that for each j X_j asymmetrically c-commands Y_j , then the non-terminal-to-terminal relation d that holds of \mathcal{A} , that is $d(\mathcal{A})$, is a linear ordering of T. See Kayne (1994: 3–6).

[3] In principle, H may also FOLLOW XP, but then the notion 'precedence' would not conform to common usage; it would nevertheless suffice to establish a definable linear relation between H and XP.

picture. We would say that C FOLLOWS IP.⁴ We will discuss Kayne's solution in section 3.

The purpose of the present article is not to argue against this highly interesting and influential theory of phrase structure and word order per se, but rather to call the attention to some of its consequences which in my view lead to a number of undesirable results. In doing so, I will concentrate on the following aspects: lexical choice of the complementizer, motivation for IP-movement, movement from SpecCP and the positioning of CPs in general. The results of this investigation will suggest that the LCA in its present form is too strong a condition to be adopted as a principle of UG, and that the word order variations involving C and IP are so far better explained by theories that admit parametric choices and blends. My data will mainly be drawn from South Asian languages, among which, due to my own research, Bengali data have a prominent place.

2. LEXICAL CHOICE

FCs seem to be universally different from ICs. In the South Asian languages FCs are mainly degenerate *verba dicendi*; they are traditionally called QUOTATIVES, because they seem to set the preceding discourse in quotes.⁵ ICs, on the other hand, are in the South Asian languages usually degenerate OPERATORS or simply borrowed elements. Consider the following examples from purely head final languages as well as from hybrid languages:

(3) *Final complementizers in purely head-final languages (Dravidian)*

LANGUAGE	FORM	ORIGIN/FUNCTION
(a) Telugu	ani	} all of these derive from } <i>verba dicendi</i>
(b) Tamil	endru	
(c) Kannada	anta	
(d) Malayalam	ennə	

[4] A weaker claim would be that there must be SOME linear ordering, but that at the same time this ordering is not necessarily the same from one construction to the other. But then the theory says nothing more than AB cannot be equal to BA, which – linearity given – is tautological. This weaker interpretation is certainly not what Kayne had in mind.

[5] The present article can in no way be considered comprehensive as far as verbs of speaking in the role of quotatives are concerned. I refer the reader to some intriguing observations in von Roncador (1988: 112 ff.) and to the rich literature quoted therein.

- (4) (i) *Final complementizers in hybrid languages (Southern and/or Eastern Indo-Aryan)*
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|-----|---------------|---------------|---|
| (a) | Bengali | bole | (past participle of <i>bol-</i> ‘say’) |
| (b) | Oriya | boli | (past participle of <i>bol-</i> ‘say’) |
| (c) | Assamese | buli | (past participle of <i>bol-</i> ‘say’; used in optative clauses and elsewhere) ⁶ |
| (d) | Marathi | asa | (‘so’, ‘thus’) |
| | Marathi | mhaṅun | (derived from ‘say’) |
| | Marathi | te | (definite pronominal) |
| (e) | Dakhini-Hindi | bolke | (<i>bolkee</i> = ‘having said’) |
| | Dakhini-Hindi | -ki | (dubitative particle) ⁷ |
- (ii) *Initial complementizers in hybrid languages (Southern and/or Eastern Indo-Aryan)*
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|-----|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| (a) | Bengali | je | (relativization operator) |
| (b) | Oriya | je | (relativization operator) |
| (c) | Assamese | je | (relativization operator) |
| (d) | Marathi | ki | (perhaps originally ‘what’) |
| (e) | Dakhini-Hindi | ki | (perhaps originally ‘what’) |

There are two ways of dealing with this situation: The first one has already been mentioned. It means that one of the two options is denied, that is, if for instance, Bengali *bole* is a complementizer, then *je* cannot likewise be a complementizer or vice versa.⁸ This was the argument of Bal (1990) with respect to Oriya, another South Asian language which is very close to Bengali. Bal is right in observing that *je* is actually a relativization operator. In Bayer (1996) it was argued, however, that this in itself is no proof against *je*'s status as a complementizer, because virtually any IC in the modern

[6] My little information about FC in Assamese rests on Subbarao et al. (1989) who provide the following example where the finite verb seems to be moved to the right of *buli*:

(i) mɔi tomar ɣhɔrlɔi buli ahibɔ khoisili
 I your place BULI come want-PTS
 ‘I wanted to come to your place.’

[7] The data on Dakhini-Hindi stem from Arora (1985) to which I did not have access. Here I quote from Davison (1993). The *-ki* that appears in Dakhini-Hindi seems to be a different item than the initial *ki*-complementizer. Final *-ki* is affixal, while initial *ki* is not. Furthermore, initial *ki* is not confined to embedded interrogatives at all. Subbarao & Arora (1989) mention *-ki* as an affixal FC; in their examples, *-ki* is always dubitative/interrogative, for example,

(i) uno kyaa bolaa ki mere -ku bataanaa
 he what said KI I -DAT tell
 ‘Tell me what he said!’

The authors conclude that *-ki* in Dakhini is a syntactic borrowing from Telugu where we find (besides *-ani*) the FC *-oo* which largely seems to be the syntactic model for final *-ki*.

[8] The first description of functions of *bole* seems to be Singh (1980); Singh took *bole* and *je* both as complementizers. I will show that there is little reason to reject his conclusion in favor of a more reductionist account.

European languages is either identical with or historically derived from a *wh*-operator. The following datum from Assamese to which Madhumita Barbora (p.c.) has drawn my attention suggests that *je* has been reanalyzed as a head:

- (5) moi ne -janu [kak_i je bill-e juwal kali t_i dekhisil]
 I NEG-know who JE Bill-NOM yesterday seen-has
 ‘I don’t know who Bill has seen yesterday.’

If *je* is an operator, it would be strange for the *wh*-operator *kak* to move to the left of it. If *je* is a complementizer, however, it is not totally unexpected to see an operator move into its specifier.⁹ FCs, on the other hand, cannot easily be denied the status of a complementizer. Notice that all of the languages I am talking about are fairly consistently head-final languages. They have head-final VPs, PPs, APs; with the expectable exception of an IC-relative clause following the noun, most NPs are likewise head-final.¹⁰ Thus, it would be conceptually awkward to deny final subordinators in these languages the status of a complementizer. From Marathi we have evidence that there may be more than one FC in a single language: According to Wali

[9] All we have to assume then is that Assamese lacks the Doubly-Filled-COMP Filter (DFCF) while Bengali and Oriya, where such constructions are impossible, do not. One referee suspects that this might be a case of ‘floating’ *je*, as found in Bengali (see Dasgupta (1983), who calls this clause-internal *je* an ‘anchor’). Floating *je* has profoundly different properties than clause initial *je*. One prominent difference is that it may never occur in a CP to the right of the verb. If Assamese permits floating *je*, it would be surprising to find it in a context as in (5). Since floating *je* is not confined to second position, we would in that case also expect cases such as

- (i) ...[kak_i bill-e je juwal kali t_i dekhisil]
 (ii) ...[bill-e je juwal kali kak dekhisil]

I have not been able to check these examples with a native speaker of Assamese. Thus, their status remains unclear at the moment. The same referee argues that related languages allow head-type material to the left of *je* but no *wh*-phrase, and that this suggests that *kak* may be a left-adjoined head. But notice that, structure preservation provided, *je* would then likewise have to be a head. And this has precisely been my point. The referee is certainly right in asking why *wh*-elements do not normally utilize a specifier position to the left of *je* or Hindi *ki*. Without a careful investigation of Assamese complementation any answer would be premature.

[10] I cannot discuss relative clauses here, but it is suggestive that these languages have two positional types of relatives: right-adjoined relatives which behave more or less like those in English and elsewhere, and left-adjoined relatives, the so-called ‘correlatives’ which have markedly different properties (see Dasgupta (1980) for Bengali and Srivastav (1991) for Hindi). Consider the following Hindi examples from Srivastav’s work:

- (i) *left adjoined (correlative)*
 jo laRkii kharii hai vo lambii hai
 REL girl standing is DEM tall is
 ‘The girl who is standing is tall.’
 (ii) *right adjoined*
 vo laRkii jo kharii hai lambii hai
 DEM girl REL standing is tall is

I will return to the issue of head site and clause site in a different context.

(1988), *te* can only be used in complements of factive verbs, whereas *believe*-type verbs require complements that are headed by *asa* or *mhaṇun*.

- (6) (a) [lili ghari geli {te/*asa}]minilā māhit āhe
 Lili home went TE/ASA Mini knows
 ‘Mini knows that Lili went home.’
 (b) [lili ghari geli{*te/asa}] minilā vāṭṭa
 Lili home went TE/ASA Mini believes
 ‘Mini believes that Lili went home.’

Such variation is precisely what we see in the ICs of the modern Western languages where complementizers often vary with complement types.¹¹ It seems, thus, legitimate to take FCs as the parametrically unmarked cases in these languages, whereas IC may have been coined according to the model of other languages.¹² It is suggestive that final morphemes with the meaning ‘thus’, ‘so’ or a semantically bleached verbum dicendi are an areal phenomenon on the Indian subcontinent that covers not only Sanskrit (witness the quotative *iti* to which I will briefly turn in the appendix) and many modern Indo-Aryan languages but also Dravidian. Languages that have according to standard descriptions exclusively ICs (in this case regularly the invariant particle *ki*) such as Northern Hindi and Kashmiri have been heavily influenced by Muslim culture, Persian and Arabic. In this situation it is not at all implausible that those languages which I call ‘hybrid’ have developed heterogeneous complementizers, and as I will show heterogeneous forms of complementation. This is exactly the conclusion at which Singh (1977) arrives, who comments on the fact that Hindi has besides *ki* also the final element *ke liye* (purposive ‘for’) as shown in the following example:

- (7) mene madhu se bethane ke liye kaha
 I Madhu to sit for said
 ‘I told Madhu to sit down.’

[11] See Dutch, English and German *dat, that, daß* versus *of, if, ob*, the latter of which can only be used for interrogatives. Another example would be Modern Greek which displays *oti, pu, na*; see Roussou (1994) for discussion.

[12] This seems to be the case, at least, for Turkish where we can also observe hybridity: the indigenous complementizer is the final affix *dig*, while extraposed finite clauses are headed by the initial element *ki* that has obviously been borrowed from Persian. The South-Asian linguistic area does not easily lend itself to firm conclusions about mutual influence. The syntax of the Indo-Aryan languages seems to be heavily influenced by Dravidian substrata (see Klaiman (1977) with respect to Bengali), but could as well be influenced by Middle-Eastern superstrata. In my view, verbal elements that play a dominant role in quotatives around the globe can naturally be subsumed under the covering category ‘complementizer’.

Given the fact that the complementizers of the better understood languages are historically a rather heterogeneous set too, I fail to see why UG should not allow a desemantized verb of speaking to be grammaticalized as a subordinator. A theory which acknowledges the function of verbal subordinators while labelling them differently would certainly not be more parsimonious. This does not preclude the possibility that quotatives serve rather different purposes than other complementizers.

According to Singh, *ki* and *ke liye* can never change their position. The former is always initial, while the latter is always final. Singh's conclusion is nevertheless that *ki* and *ke liye* are both complementizers, a view that is also implicit in Mahajan (1990: ch. 3).¹³ The fact that ICs and FCs form distinct lexical sets is no proof against theories which connect IC- and FC-clauses derivationally; if such a link exists, however, fully complementary distribution of the two sets of lexical items in all circumstances is not what one would automatically expect.

3. MOTIVATION FOR IP-MOVEMENT?

We have seen now that FCs and ICs may co-occur in one and the same language. The restriction to asymmetric c-command can, in principle, tolerate this state of affairs, but there is now another kind of reductionism involved: since only one of the two structures in (2) can occur, if (asymmetric) c-command goes hand in hand with linear ordering, the other one must be derived. In Kayne's system, the only legitimate structure is (2a) that is, a head-initial clause.¹⁴ Thus, (2b) must be derived from a clause headed by an IC. Antisymmetric syntax contains specific assumptions about specifiers. Specifiers have to be left-adjoined like left-adjoined adjuncts. This is connected to the assumption that adjoined-to phrases are SEGMENTS in the technical sense of May (1985), and that segments fail to be the type of categories which play a role in asymmetric c-command. This allows subjects and other left-adjoined material to achieve a linear ordering of precedence in

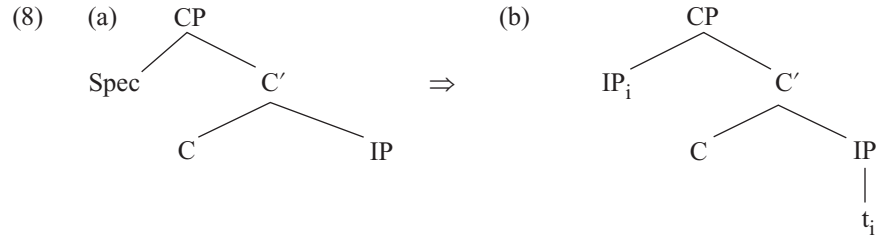
[13] While Singh working in a framework of the seventies proposed the coexistence of two phrase structure rules, $S' \rightarrow \text{COMP } S$ and $S' \rightarrow S \text{ COMP}$, in the grammar of Hindi, Alice Davison (p.c.) suggests that Hindi may license embedded clauses to the left of the verb by Case, and that the element *ke liye* which follows infinitival complements may in fact be a postpositional Case that is selected by the matrix verb; see Subbarao (1984). See also fn. 46.

[14] There is yet the option of generating *ki* as a FC as proposed by Sabel (1997). The motivation to consider this possibility is that Hindi and some typologically related languages allow for scrambling from *ki*-clauses. In order to derive the non-barrier status of *ki*-clauses, Sabel assumes that *ki* is actually a FC which incorporates into the matrix verb, and that this is followed by extraposition of the remnant CP:

- (i) $[_{CP1} \dots [_{CP2} \dots V_2 \text{ ki}] V_1]$ \Rightarrow *ki*-incorporation
- (ii) $[_{CP1} \dots [_{CP2} \dots V_2 \text{ t}_3] V_1 + \text{ki}_3]$ \Rightarrow extraposition
- (iii) $[_{CP1} \dots \text{t}_4 V_1 + \text{ki}_3] [_{CP2} \dots V_2 \text{ t}_3]_4$

Sabel's analysis is subject to the general problem of how to motivate extraposition (or, in this case, remnant extraposition). A more specific question would be why *ki* should incorporate at the right edge of the matrix verb where in Hindi the inflectional morphemes appear, while the observed incorporation site is otherwise the left side of V. Thirdly, as we will see later, true FC-clauses (those in which C is spelled out as a FC) show full transparency for overt and for covert movement even in those cases where they are leftwards scrambled. In this case, the FC moves along with the scrambled clause. But if incorporation of the FC into the matrix verb is not required in this particular case, it seems less likely that this analysis should hold for the surface IC *ki*.

relation to the terminals dominated by the segment (the adjoined-to phrase). Movement to the left of C would then be either adjunction to CP, namely $[_{CP} XP_i [_{CP} C^0 [_{IP} \dots t_i \dots]]]$, or adjunction to a phrase headed by an invisible head (Y^0) to the left of CP, namely $[_{YP} XP_i [_{YP} [Y^0 \emptyset] [_{CP} C^0 [_{IP} \dots t_i \dots]]]]$. Since the following considerations are neutral with respect to the technical prerequisites of asymmetric c-command, I will use the more familiar X-bar theoretic phrase structures.



It is important to realize that according to Kayne's theory, which I will not introduce in more detail, C does not c-command IP in (8b), whereas it does in (2a) above. Underlyingly there are only ICs in this system. FCs are the result of IP-movement to SpecCP, as shown in the transition from (8a) to (8b).

Kayne adduces three arguments in favor of this analysis:

- (i) *That*-trace effects are only observed in IC- but never in FC-languages. If C is a blocking force that asymmetrically c-commands the subject trace, such a blocking effect would be absent in (8b).
- (ii) IC-languages lack subject anaphors because again C asymmetrically c-commands the subject and acts as a blocking force against binding the subject anaphor (or, depending on the analysis, against movement of the anaphor). No such blocking effect will arise in FC languages.
- (iii) FC-languages never show overt *wh*-movement. If *wh*-phrases use SpecCP as a landing site or as an escape hatch, the absence of *wh*-movement is expected in such languages, because there SpecCP would always be filled by IP.

I will briefly comment on (i) and (ii), and defer a discussion of (iii) to section 4. We will see that the observation underlying (iii) has to be modified. Concerning (i), there are clearly other ways of explaining the absence of *that*-trace violations. Many IC-languages do not show such an effect either; its appearance seems to be strongly connected to the rigidity of word order, here the unique placement of the subject. The FC-languages we are talking about here are extremely free in this respect. Thus, the absence of *that*-trace violations may not be so surprising, even if the FC-clause were an exact

mirror image of an IC-clause.¹⁵ Concerning (ii), Kayne himself (p. 142) mentions a counterexample from Marathi: despite the fact that Marathi has the Hindi-type IC *ki*, both types of long-distance anaphors *āpan* and *swatā* may be bound in subject position from outside as the following examples from Wali & Subbarao (1991) show:

- (9) (a) *lilī_i samajte*[*ki āpan_i libral āhot*]
 Lili believes that SELF liberal is
 'Lili believes that she is liberal.'
 (b) *lilī -ni_i sām-lā_j kalavla* [*ki swatā_i kām karnār nāhi*]
 Lili-ERG Sam-to informed that SELF job do-FUT not
 'Lili informed Sam that she herself won't do the job.'

Ki does not seem to act as a blocking force against the binding of the reflexive. We may so far conclude that unless the argument in (iii) is extremely strong, Kayne's analysis is at best compatible with some of the data, but that no conclusive evidence has been shown in favor of it. Thus, it seems to be fair to say that the derivation seen in (8) is mainly motivated by the theory that disallows any version of symmetric c-command. Let us therefore see to what extent the analysis in (8) could be justified.

How is movement motivated in general? According to the Minimalist Program (Chomsky 1991, 1993, 1995), movement is a Last Resort operation that applies only in case the derivation of a sentence could not converge to a grammatical result otherwise. Overt movement is triggered, by and large,

[15] Consider Southern and other more liberal varieties of German where clear *daß*-t effects could hardly be attested:

- (i) *Wen_i glaubst du, daß der Hans t_i eingeladen hat?*
 who believe you that the Hans invited has
 'Who do you believe that Hans has invited?'
 (ii) *Wer_i glaubst du, daß t_i den Hans eingeladen hat?*
 who believe you that the Hans invited has
 'Who do you believe has invited Hans?'

The problem with these representations is that they suggest a unique position from which extraction proceeds, but German being a scrambling language, the trace of the subject in (ii) may actually be in a VP-internal focus position to the immediate left of the verb, while the object NP has been scrambled out of VP. Many current analyses of German converge on this basic picture. Notice that in the *was-für* construction where *was* is extracted from a constituent that remains in situ (the *für*-phrase) we can see that extraction from the VP-external subject position is rather bad, while the example improves considerably once we place the remnant *für*-phrase to the immediate left of the verb:

- (iii) ??*Was_i glaubst du, daß [t_i für Leute] den Hans besucht haben?*
 what believe you that for people the Hans visited have
 'What kind of people do you think have visited Hans?'
 (iv) *Was_i glaubst du, daß den Hans [t_i für Leute] besucht haben?*

For discussion of similar effects in connection with *that*-trace in English, see Culicover's (1992) so-called 'adverb effect' and the account of it in terms of CP-recursion in Browning (1996).

by a morphological requirement which is met by an operation of feature checking. Features are always either strong or weak. If a feature is strong, it must be checked before Spell-Out, that is, before phonetic realization. If a feature is weak, its checking (by movement) must be deferred to the post-Spell-Out part of the grammar (LF-component). The underlying assumption is that covert movement is more economical ('cheaper') than overt movement. Overt movement takes along more than is actually required for LF-convergence. This generalized Pied-Piping requirement is due to PF-convergence. In case a morphological requirement in terms of PF-convergence is lacking, movement will obligatorily be procrastinated. In principle, movement can be driven either by the item to be moved or by the target of movement. The first case falls under the principle of GREED, which Chomsky (1995: 201) characterizes as follows:

Move- α applies to an element α only if morphological properties of α itself are not otherwise satisfied. The operation cannot apply to α to enable some element β to satisfy ITS properties. Last Resort, then is always 'self-serving': benefitting other elements is not allowed.¹⁶

Applied to the derivation shown in (8), Greed would require that there is a specific morphological property of IP that forces it to a higher position in which this property can be satisfied. The second possibility is that the target contains a feature in which case movement is a process of ATTRACTION. There is a functional head H carrying a feature F that must be checked, and there is a (substantive) category α that is able to check F.¹⁷ Applied to the derivation shown in (8), Attraction would require that C is endowed with a feature that can only be satisfied if IP is attracted by it, essentially terminating in the specifier of C. The theory of movement is generalized in the last chapter of Chomsky (1995) in such a way that feature checking is

[16] A case in point would be the expletive construction with *there*.

(i) {There/*it} is a man in the garden.

The indefinite will be illicit in this construction unless it can be associated (by covert movement) with the subject position occupied by the expletive *there*. The assumption is that unlike *it*, the expletive *there* cannot check nominative Case, while it does contain a nominal feature that is able to check a strong D-feature associated with the functional head T(ense). Raising of the indefinite, in earlier versions of the theory connected with expletive replacement, would satisfy its Case licensing requirement.

For an approach of getting rid of the asymmetrical nature of the Greed principle see Lasnik's (1995) relaxation according to which movement may be driven by 'enlightened self-interest', thus satisfying certain needs of the target.

[17] More precisely, the category that is able to check F must be the CLOSEST category α in agreement with the Minimal Link Condition (see Chomsky 1995: 311). In chapter 4 of Chomsky (1995), the Greed principle is ultimately given up in favor of Attraction; I mention it here nevertheless because it delineates an eventual correlation between movement and IP-variability in a transparent way.

essentially a symmetrical process by which both the item to be moved and its target must be specified with the relevant feature, and that the best case of movement should consist of pure feature movement (MOVE-F). As before, movement of categories (MOVE- α) is only allowed in case PF-convergence cannot be met otherwise.

For the case of overt IP-movement at hand, the Minimalist theory requires the presence of a strong feature in C that attracts IP, and that IP has a feature specification which is able to meet this requirement. Let us see now what kind of tangible evidence could lead us to the conclusion that the order IP-C is the result of IP-movement.

3.1. *Variability in the structure of IP?*

The first question to be asked is this: does the IP in the languages under discussion vary in a way that would suggest a movement analysis in the spirit of the Greed principle. Such a case could be given in the syntax of the Dutch and German PP.¹⁸ The complement of a preposition may come in two varieties: As a full NP/DP or as the pronominal *da* or *wo*. In the case of the latter, the pronominal undergoes obligatory movement to the left of P, whereby I leave it open whether this is movement to SpecPP or head-movement of the pronominal to P.¹⁹

- (10) (a) mit dem Messer
with the knife
(b) da /wo +mit
there where +with

Since the prepositions involved remain invariant, the reason for movement should be sought in the variability of the complement. While full DPs remain in situ, R-pronouns undergo movement. Assume that this is so because R-pronouns are intrinsically Case-less and derive Case properties by overt D-feature checking.

Can a similar motivation be constructed for IP-movement in hybrid languages? The fact that the FC *ke liye* in Hindi is confined to non-finite IP, while the IC *ki* is confined to finite IP seems to invite an analogous analysis. In that case, the non-finite IP would have to undergo leftward movement,

[18] I confine myself to German.

[19] See van Riemsdijk's (1978) analysis of PPs according to which the so-called 'R-pronouns' *da/wo* are moved to SpecPP: [_{PP} {*da/wo*}_i [_{P'} *mit* t_i]]. In Bayer (1996), I proposed that the R-elements actually undergoing local movement are either overt or silent clitics. The difference is not relevant in the present context.

and the complementizer would be the functional category licensing the IP.²⁰ More globally, this generalization cannot be retained, however. Consider the following Bengali data for which Singh (1980) and Bayer (1996) have claimed that *bole* and *je* are instances of FC and IC respectively:

- (11) (a) chele-Ta [[or baba aS -be] bole]Sune-che
 boy -CF his father come -FUT3 COMP hear-PTS3
 ‘The boy has heard that his father will come.’
 (b) chele-Ta Sune-che [je [or baba aS -be]]
 boy -CF hear-PTS3 COMP his father come-FUT3

IP remains identical in the two cases. This is not to say that there are no differences between *je*-clauses and *bole*-clauses. As Singh (1980) has pointed out, *bole*-clauses can also be used as reason adverbials and in a number of not well-understood functions, while *je*-clauses cannot. Furthermore, as Probal Dasgupta (p.c.) has pointed out, de-focused material can be moved to the right of the finite verb of a *je*-clause, while this is never possible in a *bole*-clause. In the latter, *bole* must not be separated from the verbal complex of the IP headed by *bole*. A natural reason for this seems to be that *bole*, actually being a verb, must be contiguously linked to the verbal complex at the right edge of IP.²¹ While the complements of *bole* and *je* are certainly subject to different restrictions, as can be expected, the existence of the pair in (11) makes it hard to argue in favor of IP-movement in terms of the nature of the IP involved. In particular, it would be unclear along which dimension of feature structure the IPs involved could vary. To return to the comparison with West-Germanic PPs, it looks as if both the orders P-R-pronoun and R-pronoun-P were simultaneously possible.

3.2. Positional variability of C?

Consider now the other possibility according to which the trigger for a derivation as in (8) rests in C rather than in IP. In that case, we would expect cross-linguistic variation according to which the strength of the relevant feature in C differs from one language to the other: If C has a weak feature,

[20] Such an analysis is supported by the fact that non-finite clauses strongly tend to be included in the matrix verbal complex. The following examples from Bengali (drawn from Bayer 1996: 254) are both possible, but (ii) exists only as a marked option:

- (i) tumi rOnjon-ke [baRi je -te] bole-cho
 you Ronjon-OBJ home go-INF tell-PTS2
 ‘You told Ronjon to go home.’
 (ii) tumi rOnjon-ke bole-cho [baRi je-te]

See also Mahajan (1990: ch. 3) where it is observed that in Hindi infinitivals including those headed by *ke liye* can be extraposed but then show a flavor of markedness.

[21] This is by no means an isolated fact; see Bayer (1995) for relevant data and comparison with infinitival constructions in German.

IP will not raise, or at least not overtly, the result will be an IC-clause; if C has a strong feature, IP will raise overtly, and the result will be an FC-clause.²² However, the variations shown in (12) are not attested anywhere in Bengali or its dialects, and seem to be seriously ungrammatical:²³

- (12) (a) *chele-Ta Sune-che [[or baba aS-be] je]
 (b) *chele-Ta [bole [or baba aS-be]] Sune-che

As far as I know, such variation does not arise in closely related hybrid languages either.²⁴ An exception could be Dakkhini-Hindi, where we find both initial and final *ki* (see fn. 7). Davison (1993) quotes the following example from Arora (1985):

- (13) kis-ki [raam kab aataa] {ki /*∅} maalum?
 who-DAT Ram when comes DUB /∅ knowledge
 ‘Who knows when Ram will come?’

As has already been pointed out in fn. 7, however, the *ki* involved here is a clitic-like element with the semantic feature +wh (or +dub), a property that the IC *ki* lacks entirely. Even if there was proof that the IC *ki* stems from the same lexical source (presumably having the meaning ‘what’) as Klaiman (1977) suggests, FC and IC must, for the present speakers, be different lexical items with distinct feature structures and different meanings. Thus, the postulation of a derivational link between initial *ki* and final *-ki* appears to be unmotivated.

It seems that positional variability of C, according to which one and the same lexical element would once be an IC and another time a FC, is never observed in the synchrony or in the diachrony of the languages at hand.²⁵

[22] We will in section 3.4 return to the question whether IP could be expected to move at all.

[23] See Dasgupta (1983) who discusses ‘floating’ *je*. Notice that a structure like (12a) cannot even be derived under the option that *je* floats. Floating *je* must always remain to the left of V. It can never appear at the right periphery of IP. See also fn. 9.

[24] See Singh (1977) for the same observation in Hindi.

[25] The only example with two occurrences of the same lexical complementizer I became aware of is the following example from Lhasa Tibetan that is presented in Saxena (1995: 354), although one should notice that one element is a full form while the other is a clitic:

- (i) rəpʃuũ -qi sè -na ɳá ya šá tsáwa nəɛ ma -qəð -s
 goat-tail-ERG SAY COMP-I TOP meat at all NEG-want-QUOTE
 Ləp-pə-reê
 say-PERF/INFERENCE
 ‘The goat-tail said, “I don’t want any meat.”’

sè as well as *-s* seem to be the same morpheme, namely a quotative verb of saying. Saxena says that the full form (*sè*) may be deleted, and that *-na* seems to occur only in direct quote constructions where *sè* is present. The IP-movement theory would have to say that IP raises to the specifier of *-s*, but refrains from raising to the specifier of the non-affixal form *sè*. Since there are now two heads with roughly the same function, and since there is *na* as one further functional category, it is not easy to come up with a straightforward description of this example in any current theory.

Such variability could, however, be expected, if the restrictive theory that enforces a derivational analysis of FC-sentences should not remain a purely theoretical issue.

3.3. *Are FCs affixal?*

An argument in favor of IP-movement to SpecCP could be that C is an affix, more specifically an enclitic element. In this case, one could argue that IP moves to the pre-C position in order to enable C to undergo cliticization. IP-movement would then be triggered by what Lasnik (1981) has proposed as a filter against stranded affixes. In Minimalist terms, the trigger would be either a strong feature in C that attracts IP, or movement would have to be guided by ‘enlightened self-interest’ (see fn. 16), a movement which would prevent the structure from ‘crashing’ at the PF-interface. I cannot determine by which independent reasoning one would call the Dravidian quotatives in (3) ‘affixal’, but there does not seem to be an obvious (for instance, phonological) reason for attributing this quality to the Bengali FC *bole* that appears in (11a). *Bole* in this function does not differ phonologically from its homophonous counterpart which is a participle of the verb *to say*.²⁶ Furthermore and perhaps more importantly, as pointed out in Dasgupta (1980, 1983, 1984, 1987), Bengali has a use of *je* which suggests that *je* (rather than *bole*) may function as a clitic-like element:²⁷

- (14) (a) chele-Ta [or baba je aS -be] Sone-ni
 boy -CF his father JE come-FUT3 hear -NEG/PTS
 ‘The boy hasn’t heard that his father will come’
 (b) [or baba je aS-be] chele-Ta Sone-ni

If in (14a) *je* is an enclitic element that attaches to *baba* like an affix, and if it is unselective to its host category as seems to be the case in Bengali, we may wonder why it cannot attach to the finite verb as in (12a).²⁸ We will later turn to the question whether an altruistic operation like that should cause movement of the entire IP. At this moment, it is enough to see that Bengali

[26] This can be seen in example (i):

- (i) e kotha bol-e ram ghumi-ye por-l -o
 thus speech say-PPT Ram sleep-LOC fall-PTS -3
 ‘Having said that, Ram fell asleep.’

[27] Dasgupta calls floating particles such as *je* and a handful of elements with similar syntactic behavior *anchors*. He distinguishes these from COMP-like elements which he calls *subjoiners*. See also fn. 9.

[28] The examples in (14) could be mistaken as cases of ‘X-second’, but as pointed out in Bayer (1996), this analysis is not tenable: *je* can ‘float’ through the clause. See also fn. 9 and the discussion in Dasgupta (1983).

does not provide any PF-motivation for such movement: if one of the two functional elements under discussion has affixal status at all, it is at best *je* but not *bole*. Thus, from a PF-perspective of attraction, the fact that *bole* rather than *je* is the FC found in this language is unexpected.

Another piece of evidence against the stray-affix explanation of IP-movement is provided by Hindi, if we follow Singh (1977) and Mahajan (1990) in taking *ke liye* as in (7) to be a complementizer. Comparing the IC *ki* with the FC *ke liye*, it should be the former and not the latter which acts as a stray affix that needs to be supported by IP. Morphologically *ke liye* is clearly less clitic- or affix-like than *ki*; so why should IP move into the specifier of *ke liye*, while it must not move into the specifier of *ki*?²⁹

Provided that the mere phonological weight of the FC cannot serve as an explanation for IP-raising, the trigger for movement would have to rest in the functional syntactic system. Here it is interesting to notice that Bengali postpositions are generally derived from verbal participles, for example *diye* 'by means of' from *de-* 'give', *theke* 'from' from *thak-* 'stay'. If we include *bole* in this scenario as suggested by Klaiman (1977: 304), we could say that the FC is actually a postposition, and so would be Hindi *ke liye*. While this reasoning may be on the right track, it is, of course, neutral to the question of IP-raising. If all Bengali and Hindi PPs are head final, so would be clauses headed by *bole* or *ke liye*. Whether the head final order is derived from a head initial order is a different issue, and as far as we could determine there is no independent reason to assume such a movement process for the languages under discussion. We will return to this issue in section 5.

3.4. *Why IP-movement?*

We have seen so far that in hybrid languages FCs are always lexically distinct from IC. If FCs are ICs in disguise by the fact that IP is moved into their specifier, we should now ask a question that gains importance with respect to Minimalist assumptions: why would ATTRACT/MOVE affect the entire IP? In other words, why should the strong feature on C have to be checked by Pied-Piping the entire IP to SpecCP? Notice that movement of IP should raise our suspicion. To my knowledge, it has not been convincingly attested anywhere else. Extraction of IP out of CP with a stranded C⁰ as in (15a) is completely impossible. Topicalization of an 'unsupported', that is COMP-less, complement as in (15b) amounts to what Ross (1973) has dubbed 'Slifting' (S-lifting). Slifting is subject to very specific constraints, as the ungrammaticality of (15b) indicates.

[29] According to the data in Singh (1977) and McGregor (1972: 121), *ke liye* is confined to non-finite clauses while *ki* is confined to finite clauses. Thus, the only plausible motivation for movement would in this case be the one we have already mentioned, not the clitic nature of *ke liye*.

- (15) (a) *[[Bill is intelligent]_i [Mary couldn't know that t_i]].
 (b) *[[Bill is intelligent]_i [everybody thinks t_i]].
 (c) *[[Him leave the house]_i [we could not see t_i]].

Despite occasional claims to the contrary, topicalization of bare infinitives as in (15c) seems to be equally bad.³⁰ Finite IPs as well as bare infinitives seem to depend very much on a strictly local functional licenser. Thus, IP-raising would, in all likelihood, have to be restricted such that it can target only the specifier of its own C. But even if we assume a derivation of FCs along these lines, it is unclear why in each case the entire IP would move. In the Minimalist framework, Pied-Piping is a Last Resort operation that is supposed to carry along the absolutely minimal lexical material that would cause the structure to converge at PF. Given the general mobility of objects as well as subjects in head-final languages, it is hard to see why in each case the entire IP would move instead of – say – some of its substructure that carries the purported feature. In (11a), this feature would, for instance, rest in the finite verb *aS-be*. Thus, given the fact that various languages of the world show raising of the finite verb to C (the verb-second phenomenon), and given that Bengali as well as all the other languages under discussion allow scrambling, some variation would be expected according to which it is not the entire IP that undergoes movement but rather the substructure whose features match with the purported feature of C. To my knowledge, such variation is not attested in any of the languages under consideration. In Bengali, movement of the finite verb toward *bole* in the sense of V-to-I-to-C movement yields an ill-formed sentence:

- (16) *chele-Ta [[{aS_j-be]_i bole} [or baba [_{I'} [_{VP} t_j] [_I t_i]]] Sune-che

Koopman (1995) develops a theory of phrase structure in which every projection must be lexically activated. Activation of a projection XP is either achieved by insertion of an overt specifier (SpecXP) or by insertion of an overt head X.³¹ In her theory, a Dutch or English yes/no question would

[30] I recall one German example by Beatrice Santorini which she – at that time – considered grammatical, while I did not:

- (i) [Meinen Mann mit einer anderen tanzen]_i würde ich nie t_i lassen
 my husband with an other(woman) dance would I never let let
 'I would never allow my husband to dance with another woman.'

I cannot exclude such a possibility in general, however. According to Santorini (1992), small clause topicalizations are possible in certain varieties of Yiddish.

[31] Koopman's theory retains a more traditional approach to the X-bar theoretic spec-head-complement articulation than Kayne's theory. While Kayne replaces X' by XP in order to prevent it from c-commanding the specifier, Koopman retains X'. In her theory, a linear ordering of terminals in the sense of the LCA is only achieved, if spec and head are not filled simultaneously, that means each filled specifier must be associated with an empty head, and a filled head must be associated with an empty specifier. The details of this are not central for my further argumentation.

be formed in either of two ways: By lexicalization of the Q-head (more conventionally a C-head) as in (17a) or by lexicalization of SpecQP (SpecCP) as in (17b). The latter is achieved by IP-raising.

- (17) (a) $[_{QP} \emptyset [_{Q'} [_{V_{min}} \text{did}]_i [_{IP} \text{John } t_i \text{leave}]]]]?$
 (b) $[_{QP} [_{IP} \text{John left}]_i [_{Q'} [_{Q} \emptyset] [_{IP} t_i]]]?$

(17b) is then the representation of a question with a rising intonational contour. The connection between Koopman's considerations and the Bengali pseudo-V2 example in (16) is obvious: if something is attracted by C, the minimal structure suitable for feature checking will move, and this minimal structure is, of course, I⁰ rather than I' or IP. But given the mobility of I⁰ in V2-languages and residual V2-languages, how could IP ever be attracted? Ian Roberts (p.c.) suggests that V-final languages might lack V-to-I movement in general, in which case V must come fully inflected from the lexicon. If C wants to attract a lexicalized I, we may derive a reason for the entire VP/IP to move, that is for Pied-Piping of IP. Assume that OV-languages indeed lack V-to-I, or that these languages do not build up an I-projection in the first place as Haider (1993) has argued on the basis of German V-final sentences. In this case, the bare infinitival form of the verb would be drawn from the lexicon. If the functional element *zu* 'to' is a complementizer for infinitival clauses, as Wilder (1988) has argued, the VP would be attracted to the specifier of *zu*. But this yields the wrong word order *[[... V] *zu*] instead of the attested [[...] *zu* V]. If *zu* heads a head-final IP instead, V-to-I straightforwardly leads to the attested structure. With respect to Bengali, certain facts are under current assumptions not easily compatible with a lexical generation of the inflected verb. As Bayer & Lahiri (1990) have shown, the past participial form, which is a phonological word and enters further affixation, may undergo reduplication, and it may also be followed by the emphatic clitic *-o* 'also', 'too'. Thus, the verbal form *mer-e-ch-i-l-am* beat-PPT-ASP-LINK-PTS-I can be split up in the following ways: *mere-Tere-chilam* 'I have beaten, etc. '), *mere-o-chilam* 'I have also BEATEN'. I take this as evidence for a split-INFL analysis, attachment of *-o* to VP, and rightward head movement. Thus, if FC is an attractor of I-features, I-movement to FC would be expected rather than IP-movement to SpecFC. One should notice in this connection the interesting fact that the languages under consideration must have a high chance of developing the V2 property. As a matter of fact, Kashmiri which is closely related to Hindi, is a V2 language. As the data in Bhatt (1993) and Wali & Koul (1997) show, it is clearly not an IP-moving language. It should be noticed that Kashmiri is also V2 in embedded clauses (which are headed by the IC *ki* or *zi*). FCs seem to be missing entirely. I take this to be an indirect demonstration that FCs in closely related languages should not be analyzed as attractors of IP.

Koopman suggests that her analysis would also account for examples in which IP seems to have moved to the left of the matrix clause in the sense of

Ross's (1973) Slifting rule. Consider the data in (18) of which she discusses (18b).

- (18) (a) Bill is intelligent, {I guess / she thought / we believe}.
 (b) Who came do you think?

According to Koopman's theory, (18b) has the structure in (19).

- (19) $[_{CP} [_{IP} \text{who came}]_i [_C \emptyset]_{[IP} t_i]]_k [[\emptyset_{WH} [\text{do}]_j [_{IP} \text{you } t_j \text{ think } [_{CP} t_k]]]]?$

The matrix clause is *you do think...* Raising of *do* lexicalizes a +Q/+wh projection. The CP-complement of *think* raises to the left. Since its C-head is empty, its IP-complement (which must now carry a +wh feature although *who* stays in situ) undergoes raising, essentially lexicalizing the projection of C. (18a) would similarly involve IP-movement to the specifier of an empty C-head. I see two problems with this proposal: first, if in (18b) CP is raised as indicated in (19), and if traces are still what they used to be in syntactic theory, then reconstruction would be expected. However, since a *wh*-clause cannot be selected by *think*, the sentence should be deviant.³² Koopman's account would have to provide a reason why reconstruction is blocked in this case. Secondly, cases like (18a) are much more restricted than the sentence types that correspond to their alleged underlying structure. Consider the pairs in (20) through (22).

- (20) (a) Every teacher in this school thinks Bill is intelligent.
 (b) ??Bill is intelligent, every teacher in this school thinks.
- (21) (a) {I guess / she thought / we believe} that Bill is intelligent.
 (b) *that Bill is intelligent {I guess / she thought / we believe}
- (22) (a) She shouted *(:) 'Leave me alone!'
 (b) 'Leave me alone!', she shouted.

The contrast in (20) shows that the 'size' of the matrix clause plays no role in (20a), while it does in (20b). The awkwardness of (20b) disappears, if *as* is inserted: *Bill is intelligent, as every teacher in this school thinks*. But the resulting structure requires that the *as*-clause is an adjunct to the main clause *Bill is intelligent*, and thus irrelevant for Koopman's argument. (21b) shows that a CP with a lexicalized C-head cannot be topicalized, at least not as long as the matrix lacks more informational weight, as for example, in *That Bill*

[32] Notice that without reconstruction (or its implementation by the copy-and-delete process) one cannot rule out (i).

(i) *[Who came]_i John thought t_i?

The reason for the grammaticality of (18b/19) cannot be that, due to spec-head agreement with the raised *do*, reconstruction would be suspended. If this were the case, anaphoric binding as in (ii) could not be explained:

(ii) [Which picture of himself]_i does John_j like t_i best?

is intelligent she thought only for a short moment. Ross (1973) invoked for this purpose a rule of *that*-deletion that is built into his Slifting transformation.³³ If (18a) is analyzed accordingly, we need to know why the requirement of informational weight should be missing here. In fact, a lack of informational weight seems to be more or less required. Finally, as (22b) demonstrates, the purported matrix may follow something that can only have an unembedded status due to the fact that it represents direct speech. Taken together, these observations signal that in sentences like (18a,b) the first clause is a matrix clause and the part that follows is, in all likelihood, a parenthetical. The fact that these parts can ‘float’ through the sentence, suggests that this is a plausible possibility:³⁴

- (23) (a) Bill has played, {I guess / she thought / we believe}, a major role in this affair.
 (b) What would, do you think, Ben’s brother say about our proposal?

I don’t want to deny that the parenthetical has ultimately emerged from a matrix clause. Ross (1973) has given a number of good arguments to this extent. The derivation of the parenthetical from a matrix clause by IP-raising/Slifting as a productive process is yet another matter. The main reservation against a straight movement analysis is that the preposed clause does not seem to have retained its subordinate nature. Reconstruction in its purported trace position is out of the question. Thus, if the only tangible data that could support local IP-movement require a solution that differs from a regular movement analysis, Koopman’s analysis of intonational yes/no questions in (17b) and of the Slifting cases in (18) must be met with reservation.

I conclude from this that no convincing argument in favor of IP-movement, not even local IP-movement has been provided so far, and that analyses which assume it for theory-internal reasons have to be supplemented with various additional assumptions in order to cope with problems of the sort mentioned above.

[33] Some of Ross’ examples show that Slifting may affect complements which are obligatorily introduced with a complementizer, for example, *Sheila* {*hazarded/conjectured/foresaw/ascertained*; {*that*/* \emptyset } *he would be able to clap his little hands*. To derive *He would be able to clap his little hands*, *Sheila* {*hazarded/conjectured/foresaw/ascertained*} C-deletion becomes obligatory.

[34] This had already been noticed in Jackendoff (1972) and Ross (1973), although with different conclusions. On the basis of German data, Reis (1995) argues convincingly that cases that were treated as extractions from CPs with V-initial order (*Wen glaubst du hat Peter angerufen?* ‘Who do you believe Peter has called?’) are more successfully analyzed as matrix questions with an inserted parenthetical.

4. MOVEMENT FROM SPEC CP?

Chomsky (1986: 26) discusses Spanish examples provided by Esther Torrego in which it seems that extraction has taken place from a phrase in SpecCP.

- (24) [de que autora]_i no sabes [_{CP}[qué traducciones t_i] han
by which author not you-know what translations have
ganado premios internacionales
won awards international

On the basis of such examples, Chomsky assumed within the Barriers framework that the specifier of CP can be θ -governed by the matrix verb and consequentially ceases to be a barrier. As Sternefeld (1991: 121 ff.) points out, this theoretical conclusion rests, in all likelihood, on a misanalysis of the example. Obviously, the phrase *de que autora* belongs to the matrix predicate and does not necessarily associate with a trace in the phrase in SpecCP. Sternefeld points out that the Spanish speakers he asked found (24) either incomprehensible, or they interpreted the phrase *de que autora* as part of the matrix clause. He also notices that the German equivalent of (24) is grammatical, while the following examples are not:

- (25) *Von welcher Autorin fragtest du, welche Übersetzungen Preise
by which author asked you what translations awards
gewannen?
won
- (26) *Von welcher Autorin hast du vergessen, welche Übersetzungen
by which author have you forgotten what translations
Preise gewonnen?
awards won

The reason is that the *von*-PP disallows a lexical construal with *fragen* or *vergessen*. Other cases of German which amount to the same or a comparable constellation are invariably deviant. The following examples involving topicalization and wh-movement are drawn from Müller (1998):

- (27) (a) [Über wen]_i meinst du [_{CP} t_i' [hat der Fritz [_{NP} ein Buch t_i]
about who think you has the Fritz a book
geschrieben?
written
(b) *[Über wen]_i meinst du [_{CP} [_{NP} ein Buch t_i]_j [hat der Fritz [_{NP} t_j]
geschrieben?
- (28) (a) [Worüber]_i hast du [_{NP} was für Bücher t_i] gelesen?
what-about have you what for books read
(b) *[Worüber]_i hast du gesagt [_{CP} [_{NP} was für Bücher t_i]_j
what-about have you said what for books
er [_{NP} t_j] gelesen hat?
he read has

(27a) shows that extraction from an NP (with a weak determiner such as *ein*) is possible, but in (27b) extraction is blocked because the NP has been topicalized. The data in (28) show the same with respect to *wh*-movement.³⁵

As for LF-movement/absorption we can observe two types of data, one type in which absorption seems to proceed from SpecCP without problem, and one type in which it is seriously affected by topicalization and scrambling. In English as well as in German, the following cases of LF-movement/absorption seem to be fine.

(29) **Who** had forgotten [[which pictures of **who**]_i [we have bought t_i]]?

(30) **Wer** hat vergessen [[welche Bilder von **wem**]_i (daß) [wir t_i gekauft haben]]?

The following cases of topicalization and scrambling are clearly deviant.³⁶

(31) ***Who** had forgotten [that [pictures of **who**]_i [we have bought t_i]]?

(32) ***Wer** hat vergessen [daß [Bilder von **wem**]_i [kein Mensch t_i
who has forgotten that pictures of who no person
gekauft hat]]?
bought has

(31) and (32) become, of course, fully acceptable, if the moved phrase is put back into its trace position. This suggests that the *wh*-in-situ element in (29) and (30) is not absorbed from SpecCP but rather from the base position of the category in which it occurs. That the process is not confined to positions

[35] The contrasts observed in German are crystal clear. I would like to mention, however, that there have been reported examples from English which indicate that this is not always the case. Consider the following contrasts taken from Fiengo et al. (1988).

- (i) (a) *Who_i do you think that [[pictures of t_i] are on sale]?
(b) ?Who_i do you wonder [[which pictures of t_i] t_j [t_j are on sale]]?
(ii) (a) *Vowel harmony_i, I think that [[articles about t_i] have been published].
(b) ?Vowel harmony_i, I think that [[articles about t_i] t_j, [you should read t_j]].

The judgements are Fiengo et al.'s. (ia) shows that extraction from the subject position is bad, as expected; in (ib) the situation seems to improve due to the fact that the extraction site is now in SpecCP. (ii) shows that extraction is somehow still possible from a phrase that has been topicalized. Although the main concern of Fiengo et al. is LF-movement, they take such examples of overt movement as indicative of the fact that subextraction from material in an A'-position is possible at LF, and that this has to be implemented as adjunction to the dominating phrase. According to their proposal, adjunction, the prerequisite of classical QR-style LF-movement, is only possible to non-arguments (see the original idea of this in Chomsky 1986), and since A'-moved XPs are non-arguments, any such phrase is predicted to lose its barrier status. With some of the assumptions of the Barriers theory gone, I confine myself to acknowledging that the contrasts in (i) and (ii) have to be explained somehow. But since even the b-examples are far from fully grammatical, according to Ian Roberts (p.c.) in fact 'quite bad', the relevance of these cases for my argumentation will be marginal.

[36] See Fiengo et al. (1988: 91) for similar examples.

in the IP-domain can be seen in (32) where SpecCP has been activated by a *wh*-phrase:

- (33) ***Wer** hat gesagt [[Bilder von **wem**]_i [hätte [er t_i gekauft]]?
 who has said pictures of who had he bought

We can conclude that whatever the proper syntactic implementation of *wh*-in-situ licensing is, subextraction or absorption from a phrase XP in an A'-position is not possible unless XP itself is a *wh*-phrase.³⁷ The question remains why reconstruction into the trace position would not rescue the in-situ *wh*-phrase in (31)–(33). An answer to this would clearly go beyond the scope of this article. The right conclusion seems to be that, contrary to Fiengo et al. (1988), movement to SpecCP, topicalization as well as scrambling of a phrase XP leads to a ‘freezing’ effect according to which XP becomes an island.³⁸ This is not only the case for overt movement but, as we have seen, also for covert movement provided that the above mentioned caveat about +*wh* XPs is respected.

It is not my goal to give an explanation of the freezing effect. I will rather use it as a diagnostic. The prediction is that if clauses with FCs are derived by raising IP into the specifier of an underlyingly IC as shown in (8), the same ban on movement from SpecCP should hold. As a matter of fact, however, both Indo-Aryan and Dravidian languages can be shown to permit overt as well as covert movement from FC-clauses. Consider first the data from Bengali in (34) and from Malayalam in (35).³⁹

- (34) (a) [tomar beral-ke]_i amra SObai [paS-er baRi -r kukur t_i
 your cat -ACC we all side-GEN house-GEN dog
 kamRe-che bole] Sune -chilam
 bite -PTS3 COMP hear -PTSI
 ‘Your cat, we have all heard that the dog from next door has bitten.’
 (b) [bas theke]_i amar didi [Otogulo duronto bacca t_i
 bus from my sister so-many uncontrollable children
 laphi-ye nam -be bole] bhabe ni
 jump-PPT descend -FUT3 COMP think-3 NEG-PTS

[37] German shows a notable exception with respect to scrambled infinitival clauses. Scrambled infinitives, but not topicalized ones, do not induce the freezing effect. Thanks to Joachim Sabel for reminding me of this fact. See for discussion Grewendorf & Sabel (1994).

[38] The notion of a ‘frozen’ structure or ‘freezing’ goes back to Ross (1967); see Culicover (1976: 297 ff.) among others. I use ‘freezing’ here as a non-technical notion. Originally, it relates to technical details that have ceased to play a role in linguistic theory, namely that a transformation cannot affect a node that has been created by a non-structure-preserving transformation. For a broad discussion within recent syntactic theory, see Müller (1998: ch. 4).

[39] Thanks to Tanmoy Bhattacharya, Probal Dasgupta and M. T. Hany Babu for supplying me with the examples and for discussion of their status in discourse.

‘From the bus, my sister didn’t think that so many uncontrollable children would jump off.’

- (35) [aa kuḷatt-il]_i ayaa! [waliya miinu-kaḷ t_i unṭə eṇṇə] parañṇu
 that pond -LOC he big fish -PL is COMP said
 ‘In that pond, he said there are big fish.’

In both cases, a constituent has been extracted from a CP which is headed by a FC. Similar examples from Japanese are quoted in Grewendorf & Sabel (1999).

Consider next the following examples from Bengali and Marathi:

- (36) ora [[ke aS -be] bole] Sune-che
 they who come-FUT3 COMP hear -PTS3
 (i) ‘They have heard who will come.’ (narrow scope of *ke*)
 (ii) ‘Who have they heard will come?’ (wide scope of *ke*)
- (37) minila [lilini ravila kay dila asa] vatta
 Mini Lili to-Ravi what gave COMP believes
 ‘What does Mini believe that Lili gave to Ravi?’ (Wali 1988)

(36) is ambiguous with respect to the scope of the interrogative operator *ke* because the matrix predicate allows both construals. The matrix predicate in (37) allows only a wide scope construal of *kay*. Similarly, Mahajan (1990: 160) provides examples from Hindi which show that a *wh*-operator inside a clause headed by the FC *ke liye* may obtain scope over the matrix clause as long as the clause headed by *ke liye* is not extraposed. See also Savio (1991) for Tamil and various other observations converging on the same picture. In all these cases we must assume covert movement of an operator from an FC-clause to the matrix clause. But given the general ban on movement of and subextraction from phrases in SpecCP, this is in immediate disagreement with the analysis offered in (8).⁴⁰

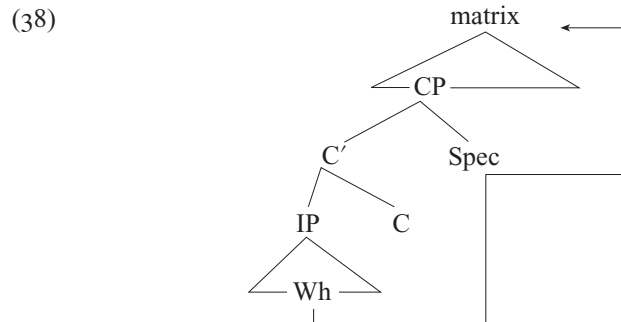
The problem is voided under the more traditional assumption that, as a consequence of parametric choice, languages may have a truly head-final order of constituents, and that the complementizers we find in these

[40] One reviewer suggests that the problem for (8) could be overcome, if we resort to covert feature movement (Move-F) or to a process of unselective binding as suggested in Chomsky (1995). As I have pointed out in Bayer (1996: 272 ff.), however, the assumption of a silent scope indicator which attracts or binds occurrences of +*wh* words in these languages would allow far too many possibilities of wide scope. As has been observed repeatedly, *wh*-in-situ OV-languages with ‘extraposed’ *ki*- or *je*-clauses never show wide scope of +*wh* operators from such complements. This is not predicted, if the matrix clause may host a silent attractor of or binder for the *wh*-in-situ element. My conclusion in Bayer (1996) was that *wh*-scope in these languages must be fixed by self-driven, that is ultimately semantically conditioned covert movement, and that this movement is constrained by directionality: FC-clauses are to the left of V and thus canonically governed; IC-clauses (*ki*-/*je*-clauses) are to the right of V and thus non-canonically governed if governed at all. See section 5 for more discussion.

languages are genuine FCs. In that case, extraction can proceed as it does in the European languages with an articulated functional periphery at the left edge of CP. Of course, we are far away from a theory of movement that would do justice to the movement processes in rigid and in hybrid SOV-languages. For simplicity, I assume here that despite the fact that a filled SpecCP-position is normally not observed in *wh*-in-situ languages, such a position can be activated for the derivation of long distance dependencies.

As Kayne (1994) observes, head-final languages normally do not show *wh*-movement, and so far no languages have been found which show *wh*-movement to the right. The reason for this seems to be that the only choice that UG offers is the spec-head-complement articulation Kayne argues for. If we have succeeded so far in showing that FC-clauses cannot be the result of IP-raising to the left of an IC, Kayne's universal order hypothesis could be weakened to the claim that the order head-spec is excluded at the PF-side of the grammar. There is indeed evidence from *wh*-movement in American Sign Language (ASL) which addresses this point. As Neidle et al. (1997) show, ASL has *wh*-movement to the right, that is to the final temporal space in the series of hand movements, a space in which non-*wh*-elements are otherwise not found, and that the scope of the *wh*-operator is signalled by sustained non-manual marking (for example, raised eyebrows). This suggests that the spec-first ordering is forced by the language-external medium in which syntactic structures are linearized.⁴¹ Phonetically articulated language may be subject to different constraints on ordering than language which is expressed by a different medium. If this is so, the ban against head-spec ordering may be absent in languages in which spec is only abstractly activated in order to host an intermediate trace.

Ignoring differences that may arise from distinct types of movement (A- vs. A'-movement, scrambling) and also ignoring the overt/covert distinction, extraction from FC-clauses seems to be best captured as shown in (38).



[41] See also Chomsky (1995: 334 ff.). Chomsky (p. 340) takes 'the LCA to be a principle of the phonological component'.

Since topicalization is manifested in visible syntax, the landing site to the left of the FC-clause as in (34) and (35) is expected. The abstract trans-clausal movement of the *wh*-operator that must be assumed in (36ii) and (37) may be subject to different restrictions on order. Alphonse & Davis (1997), arguing from the viewpoint of parsing, assume that *wh*-in-situ induces a gap-CREATING rather than a gap-FILLING process, and that, as a consequence, the filler will FOLLOW the gap in this case.

Although the present considerations of trans-clausal movement from FC-clauses had to remain sketchy, they should have made it clear that the complement-head articulation of FC-CPs is underived, and that as a consequence languages which have FC- as well as IC-clauses have to be considered irreducibly hybrid.

5. THE POSITION OF CP

The attentive reader will have noticed in the examples presented so far that IC-clauses and FC-clauses were pretty much in complementary distribution with respect to the order between V and CP. Although we cannot be sure about the full range of ordering possibilities, the gross generalization seems to be that in head-final languages IC-CPs always stay to the right of a licensing head (N or V), while FC-CPs (almost) always stay to the left of a licensing head.⁴² Under the assumptions of a universal spec-head-complement order, any clausal complement will be merged to the right of V and will then either undergo leftward movement or remain in situ. The Bengali example (11a), which I represent with glosses for convenience must then be derived as in (39).

- (39) (i) base:
 BOY – HEAR – [C [FATHER COME]]
 (ii) Strong features in C force movement of the embedded IP to SpecCP:
 BOY – HEAR – [[FATHER COME]_i [C [t_i]]]
 (iii) Strong features in some zero head H to the left of V force movement of the newly formed CP to the specifier of H:
 BOY – [[FATHER COME]_i [C [t_i]]]_j – HEAR – [t_j]

We have already criticized that the account of surface word order in terms of feature strength remains without independent motivation, but let us

[42] This has been pointed out and elaborated on in Bayer (1996); see also more typologically oriented work such as Kuno (1973), Grosu & Thompson (1977), Dryer (1980) and Hawkins (1990) for relevant generalizations. The original observation concerning Bengali is due to Singh (1980). What we know so far will have to be re-examined as more South Asian languages enter the picture. A taste of the expected complications is given by the data on complementizers from lesser known Indo-Aryan and Dravidian languages in Patnaik (1997). Thanks to Alice Davison for making Patnaik's handout accessible to me.

ignore this now. According to the Minimalist Program, non-movement of a category means ‘procrastinated’ movement that is, if a structure does not undergo movement before Spell-Out, it has to undergo movement post-Spell-Out. Post Spell-Out movement would then be implemented as Move-F. I would like to consider cases now which create a problem for a theory that combines standard Minimalist assumptions with a universally valid LCA à la Kayne (1994). The point is simply and straightforwardly that IC-clauses, which – as we have seen – arise to the right of the verb, fail to undergo overt as well as covert movement.

Consider first the observation that OVERT movement of IC-CPs is not grammatical in any language from the group of hybrid languages that I am talking about. Here are examples from Bengali:

- (40) (a) chele-Ta Sune-che [je [or baba aS -be]]
 boy -CF hear -PTS3 COMP his father come-FUT3
 (b) *[je [or baba aS-be]] chele-Ta Sune-che
 (c) *chele-Ta [je [or baba aS-be]] Sune-che

(40a) would be the base form; (40b) would be a case of topicalization, and (40c) would be a case of CP-scrambling. Both topicalization and scrambling are perfectly normal operation in Bengali and related languages as long as the moved constituent arises to the left of the verb. Thus, there must be a deep reason why (40b, c) are ungrammatical, and why the clause headed by *je* is firmly stuck to the right of the verb. It could, in principle, undergo movement if we assume that it was attracted by a feature that triggers topicalization. But even under this condition, movement of a *je*-clause to the left is impossible. According to my inquiries, the same is true for Hindi, Marathi and also Turkish *ki*-clauses. They are all confined to the right periphery and don’t have any status to the left of the verb, that is where arguments normally line up in these languages. This gives rise to doubts whether any clause at all can move from the position to the right of the verb. If these doubts are on the right track, the derivation shown in (39) may be impossible for principled reasons. The LCA-based theory has to formulate a reason why certain clauses undergo leftward movement while others remain in situ. A theory that accepts a limited range of irreducible word order hybridity must, of course, come up with an explanation too, but it has an advantage: It can use the ordering of IC-clauses which is ‘exceptional’ with respect to the undeniable head final nature of the language.⁴³ For the LCA-based theory the observed order of IC-CPs is the only basic order the theory admits; thus, it cannot be ‘exceptional’, and an independent reason for the immobility of IC-CPs has to be found.

[43] This amounts to an explanation based on directionality as developed in Bayer (1996).

This leads to my second point: COVERT movement. According to Chomsky (1995) (but not necessarily according to Kayne 1994), a category that did not undergo movement to a licensing position before Spell-Out (PF) has to do so after Spell-Out, that is at LF. Whether procrastinated movement should be implemented as Move- α or as Move-F is irrelevant here. My point is that an IC-CP would have to undergo raising at some point in the derivation in order to check formal features (such as Case features) associated with the predicate. But if such raising can, in principle, occur, we expect that it can always occur, if there is a reason for movement. Such a reason is, of course, given where CP is quantified and has to undergo movement to an operator position to the left of the matrix predicate. A CP can be quantified by a focus particle such as *only* or *even*. As the following Turkish data show, however, IC-CPs quantified with *only* are out.⁴⁴

- (41) (a) [Yalnız [hasan-ı da davet ed-er -se -n]]
 only Hasan-ACC also invite -AOR-CON-2SG
 yemeğ-e gel -eceğ-iz
 dinner-DAT come-FUT-IPL
 ‘Only if you invite Hasan too, will we come for dinner.’
 (b) Ben yalnız iste -di -m [ki [birileri ben-i karşıla -sın]]
 I only want-PTS-1SG KI someone I ACC pick-up -OPT
 ‘I only wanted that someone picks me up.’
 (c) *Ben iste-di-m [yalnız [ki [birileri ben-i karşıla-sın]]]

(41a) shows that the operator *yalnız* can quantify a clause; (41b) shows that this operator can affect the embedded CP – now one of the notorious IC-CPs initiated by *ki*, but only at a distance that is, where the operator ‘binds’ the affected phrase without forming a constituent with it. I assume that the operator is here in a designated head position associated with the matrix predicate. The interesting case is (41c) where *yalnız* forms a constituent with the *ki*-clause. Following the pattern seen in (41b), one could expect that the quantified CP *yalnız ki birileri ben-i karşıla-sın* will undergo LF-movement to the specifier of a particle phrase PrtP of the matrix clause, as suggested in Bayer (1996). This is expected under the central assumptions of the Antisymmetry hypothesis. According to the universal head-complement order, the *ki*-clause is in its basic position. It is rather unexpected then that the presence of *yalnız* would cause ungrammaticality.

This is by no means an isolated fact. It is, for instance, also true for Bengali which, as we have seen, also has a type of finite clausal complement that can

[44] Thanks to Jaklin Kornfilt for the examples and for a tutorial on complementation in Turkish. In Bayer (1996) the examples in (41) were produced with the word *sadece* which also means ‘only’; as Jaklin Kornfilt points out to me, however, more speakers prefer *yalnız* as a co-constituent of a CP.

only appear to the right of the matrix verb. In (42a), the particle *Sudhu* ('only') is likely to be in the head position of the functionally defined phrase PrtP. As (42b) shows, *Sudhu* can also occur as a co-constituent of an XP. This second option is taken in (42c) in which *Sudhu* forms a constituent with CP. (42c), however, was rejected by all the speakers I consulted.

- (42) (a) SEmoli *Sudhu* bhebe-che [je ami rObindro SONgit
 Shyamali only think -PTS3 that I Rabindra song
 pocchondo kor-i na]
 like do -I NEG
 'Syamali only thought that I dislike songs by Rabindranath Tagore.'
- (b) SEmoli bhebe-che [je [Sudhu ami] rObindro SONgit
 Shyamali think-PTS3 that only I Rabindra song
 pocchondo kor-i na]
 like do -I NEG
 'Syamali thought that only I dislike songs by Rabindranath Tagore.'
- (c) *SEmoli bhebeche [Sudhu [je ami rObindro SONgit pocchondo
 kori na]]
 intended: 'Syamali thought [only [that I dislike songs by Rabindranath Tagore]]'

The most natural explanation of the status of (42c) seems to be that LF movement from the right of the verb is as impossible as overt movement from this position. In that case, (42c) would be ruled out in the same way as (41c) as a violation of the Principle of Full Interpretation: *Sudhu* as well as *yalnız* cannot be interpreted where they arise, and movement to a licensing position (to the left of the matrix predicate) is blocked because the quantified CP is parametrically on the 'wrong' side of the verb. It is important to see that *Sudhu* can be construed with a CP. This is shown by the following data:

- (43) (a) SEmoli [Sudhu [ami rObindro SONgit pocchondo kor-i na
 Shyamali only I Rabindra song like do -I NEG
 bole]] bhebe-che. SEmoli ar kichu -i bhab-e ni
 BOLE think-PTS3. Shymali further anything-at all think-3 NEG-PTS
 'Syamali only thought that I dislike songs by Rabindranath Tagore. Shyamali did not think anything else.'
- (b) SEmoli [Sudhu [agami bochor kolkata-y aS -be
 Shyamali only coming year Calcutta-LOC come-3FUT
 bole]] jani -e -che. Se ar kichu -i jan
 BOLE know-CAUS-3PTS she further anything-at all know
 -a -e ni
 -CAUS -3 NEG-PTS
 'Syamali let (us) know only that she would come to Calcutta next year. She didn't let (us) know anything else.'

Here the *bole*-CP is generated to the left of the matrix verb, that is in the canonical position of a Bengali object. From this position, the entire quantified CP can undergo LF-movement to a position where *Sudhu* can take matrix clausal scope. This underlines my point in connection with (42c). In (42c), we see a deviation from the canonical object position. This deviation has created a structure that blocks LF-movement. In (43a,b), strict canonicity of the object position is retained, and we see that LF-movement is permitted. What would the theory of universal head-initiality make us expect? Since according to this theory, the IC-CP arises to the right of the verb and is by default in ‘canonical’ position, we would, at best, expect the opposite to be true: In terms of GB-theory or the Barriers framework, extraction from a phrase XP presupposes that XP be governed (or L-marked). If we extend this generalization to those cases where extraction of XP itself is concerned, we would expect that XP moves from its basic position, but – due to the freezing effect – not from a derived position. For the languages under discussion, the conclusion seems to be rather unavoidable that the basic position of a CP-complement is to the left of V. Clauses which are ‘exceptional’ in these languages by having an IC instead of an FC, are ‘exceptionally’ positioned at the right periphery of the verb. For reasons that I have specified in Bayer (1996) and which are incompatible with central assumptions of the Antisymmetry hypothesis, such clauses are severely restricted with respect to movement.⁴⁵

Let me finally return to an aspect that had already been referred to in section 3.3. Assuming with Klaiman (1977) that the FC is a postposition, and also assuming that postpositions may serve as Case particles, it could be expected that the step from (39ii) to (39iii) occurs as a consequence of Case checking.⁴⁶ The FC *bole* would then be a Case particle in disguise. While a Case explanation would provide a reason for the preverbal positioning of *bole*-clauses, this would, of course, not yield the CP-raising analysis suggested by the LCA. To substantiate this, let me introduce a type of *bole*-

[45] For reasons of space, I cannot go into the theory itself. It should suffice here to see that in a VO-language extraction of or from a CP-complement is regular, while extraction of or from an ‘extraposed’ CP-complement in an OV-language would violate a directionality constraint. Based on important insights in Kayne (1984) and Koster (1987), I tried to capture this in Bayer (1996) by devising a theory according to which in OV-languages VP is a barrier for complements to the right of V unless there is an overtly manifested feature (+wh, +neg, etc.) that induces chain formation with material on the non-canonical side of V. The interested reader is referred to chapters 6 and 7 of Bayer (1996) where among other things overt *wh*-movement in such languages is discussed.

[46] In the description of Hindi, Case particles such as *ko*, the marker of direct or indirect human or animate objects are often identified as ‘postpositions’; see McGregor (1972). According to Chatterjee (1926: 766 ff.) ‘[u]se of post-positions to denote case relations is found in I[ndo] A[ryan], Kōl and Dravidian’. Chatterjee ascribes the use of postpositions

clauses that Singh (1980) refers to and that had been ignored so far. As (44) shows, *bole* can be the head of a purpose clause, and in this case the awkwardness of the *bole* clause in right peripheral position is absent.

- (44) *ami ekhane eSe -chi* [[*tomar SONge kOtha bol-bo*] *bole*]
 I here come-PTSI you with speech say-FUTI BOLE
 ‘I have come here in order to talk with you.’

If we do not want to assume different homophonous lexical heads for argument and adjunct clauses, a step that should be avoided for independent reasons, a Case explanation of the positioning of *bole* clauses has difficulties explaining how the CP in (44) can be licensed. One cannot argue that only argumental *bole*-CPs would undergo leftward movement; purpose clauses with the *bole*-CP in preverbal position(s) such as *ami ekhane* [[*tomar SONge kOtha bolbo*] *bole*] *eSechi* are just as acceptable as (44). Thus, whatever can be made of a Case licensing explanation of FC-clauses, the result will be neutral with respect to the main issue of this section, namely the basicness or typological exceptionality of V-CP order. As we have shown, the assumption of this order and subsequent CP-raising or LF-movement of (features of) CP leads to serious problems. These problems can be avoided under the assumption that natural language grammars can tolerate word order hybridity.

6. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The question that has been addressed in this article was: is there a syntactically uniform class of complementizers according to which a given language permits one and only one order between C and IP, or is it possible that a language shows irreducible hybridity such that the order between C and IP is to a certain extent free. In the cases at hand ‘to a certain extent’ means that [C IP] and [IP C] would coexist, but that they would do so with non-overlapping sets of complementizers for each of the two linearizations. Recent developments in generative grammar initiated by Kayne (1994) narrow the choices down to a single one: since UG permits spec-head-complement as the only possible order, the only permissible order of C and IP would be [C IP], that is C would underlyingly always be an initial complementizer (IC); the order observed in [IP C] must then be derived, that is a final complementizer (FC) would actually be a hidden IC. And since according to this theory UG restricts movement to leftward movement, the latter order must come about by raising of IP to the left of C.

as Case particles in Bengali to a pervasive influence from Dravidian. Let me notice, however, that the list of postpositions provided by Chatterjee does not include *bole*. Thus, the claim that *bole* could be a Case particle derives exclusively from Klaiman (1977: 304) who wants to see *bole* on this list.

On the basis of a closer inspection of languages which I called ‘hybrid’ due to the fact that their CPs exhibit both orders, I came to the conclusion that the derivation of FC-clauses by IP-raising is not tenable. The arguments were the following:

A. If FCs were ICs in disguise, we would expect to see in one and the same language or in closely related languages or dialects CPs which differ from [IP C] only by the fact that IP has failed to undergo raising. As a matter of fact, however, the complementizers involved in the variation at hand are never the same lexical items: among the South Asian languages, ICs are either borrowed or coined after an alien model as seems to be the case for the widespread element *ki*, or they coincide with the relativizer *je*. FCs, on the other hand, are almost invariably grammaticalized verbal forms which derive from *verba dicendi*. Thus, it is highly unlikely that ICs and FCs form a lexical class, and that the difference would be captured by the application or non-application of IP-movement.

B. No convincing morphological or syntactic reason has been found which would motivate IP-movement to the left (to the specifier of an IC in disguise). The IPs involved in Bengali cases of complementation are the same for IC- and for FC-clauses. Thus, leftward movement cannot be driven by the internal structure of the IP involved. Similarly, no convincing reason could be found for the claim that certain Cs surface as FCs because they are affixal, and that IP raises in order to ‘rescue’ them from a crash at PF (the articulatory-perceptual interface in Chomsky 1995).

C. ‘Long’ IP-movement with a stranded C has obviously never been observed. But even strictly local movement of IP to SpecCP as assumed by Kayne (1994) (or to some higher Spec as assumed by Koopman (1995)) is not empirically well-supported. As far as I can see, its status is entirely hypothetical and dependent on the theory that demands it.

D. Facts from languages with a more articulate left clausal periphery than the South Asian languages indicate that phonetically spelled-out material in SpecCP is immune to further movement. German shows this quite clearly for both overt and covert movement. If FC-clauses rest on a derivation that moves IP to SpecCP, it can be expected that similar restrictions will hold. Contrary to this expectation, however, the IPs in FC-clauses are free of such restrictions. Both overt and covert movement is attested.

E. If UG provides only the basic order spec-head-complement, a clausal complement in a head-final language has to be raised to the left of V. In a language which shows both IC- and FC-clauses, and in which CPs do not always undergo raising, structures like [V [IP C]] and [[C IP] V] could be expected. In fact, however, these do not seem to occur and are felt by native speakers to be deviant. The judgements are especially clear for [[C IP] V] or

any other structure in which the IC-clause is further to the left of V. This finding holds again for both overt and covert movement. The complementary positioning of 'governed' FC- and IC-clauses to the left and to the right of V respectively invites the null-hypothesis that nothing moves at all, and that both are exactly generated where we see them.

If these arguments are sound, it follows that in those languages in which it is observed, hybridity in the order between head and complement may be irreducible. Notice that hybridity should not in general be a surprising phenomenon. German is a good example of a grammar with 'mixed' head-complement order: with the exception of CPs, the arguments of V appear to the left of V, and the language has predominantly prepositions rather than postpositions; certain PPs may occur on either side of V or A; in V-final clauses, I⁰ (or the complex of functional elements that constitute I⁰) follows the VP, while in the DP D⁰ precedes NP.⁴⁷

It has been claimed that languages may pass through historical stages which do not permit the learner to converge on a single parameter for a certain domain. Santorini (1992, 1993) gives evidence from the development of Yiddish that points in precisely this direction.⁴⁸ According to Santorini's findings, it must be possible that VO/INFL-medial and OV/INFL-final order both belong to the grammar of a single speaker, and that the 'adaptive' rules that would be needed to map the different surface orders to a single base would be 'highly idiosyncratic devices'. The alternative is according to her the 'double base hypothesis' which she characterizes as follows:

This hypothesis is based on the assumption that children have the ability to abduct more than one grammatical system from the primary data in the course of acquisition – an ability for which the phenomena of

[47] The problem of German word order cannot be reduced to raising or not raising to a left VP-peripheral functional position for Case-checking. With the possible exception of extra heavy NPs, the order is in-variably [N(P) V], never [V N(P)]. It is a simple but significant observation that children at the earlier stages of syntactic development as well as seriously agrammatical aphasics say *kuchen essen* 'cake eat', *milch trinken* 'milk drink' etc. instead of **essen kuchen*, **trinken milch*, etc. Arguably, the bare nouns involved do not have Case at all. Thus, the V-final order must have an ontological status here that is independent from raising to a Case position. Pre- as well as postpositional usage is observed with certain P-heads such as *wegen* 'because of' or *gemäß* 'according to'. Corver & van Riemsdijk (1997) argue that in German, the prepositional order P NP is basic and that the postpositional order is derived by movement of P to a functional P-slot to the right. See also Gibson & Wexler (1994: 422) on the issue of a non-uniform head-complement parameter. It should be noticed though that the status of Dutch and German is under debate. Zwart (1997) argues for a VO-analysis of Dutch according to which nominal objects and predicates raise to the left of V, while CPs and certain other elements fail to undergo raising. The issue is far from settled. In Bayer (1996) I have presented a number of arguments against a VO-basis for German and the Indic languages. With the exception of Kayne (1998), these arguments have not been addressed by proponents of universal head-initiality so far.

[48] See also Pintzuk (1991) for Old English and Røgnvaldsson (1996) for Old Icelandic.

multilingualism, diglossia and intrasentential code-switching provide independent and incontrovertible evidence. (Santorini 1992: 619)

If the language learning child can abduct a grammar on the basis of more than one elementary order between head and complement for the SAME lexical or functional heads, then the acquisition and parameter setting problem that is implied by my conclusions should be comparatively small. Recall that the difference between IC and FC in the languages under discussion is always accompanied by an immediate lexical difference. ICs and FCs are not solely distinguished on a positional basis, but in addition by the fact that ICs are invariably *ki* or *je* while FCs are invariably *bole*, *boli*, *buli*, *asa*, *mhaṇun*, *te* etc. If UG permits the simultaneous development of syntactic phrases which are heterogeneous with respect to a certain value, it should be easy for the child to do so on the basis of overt morpho-lexical triggers. The more interesting question seems to be how the child finds out what the dominating parameter of his/her language is, for instance, how the Bengali child finds out that Bengali is head-final despite the fact that there are *je*-clauses, which happen to be C-initial and occur only in the context to the right of the verb that selects the clause. Given the fact that all the languages under discussion are almost purely head-final, IC-clauses will certainly not trigger an initial setting of a binary word order parameter that regulates the order between head and complement. In the same vein, the fact that IC-clauses follow rather than precede the verb will not suppress the setting of a basic order for V in relation to its complement(s) as may be the case in Yiddish. Since IC-clauses retain a host of distinctive qualities, they will easily be incorporated into the grammar with a special status.⁴⁹

My discussion naturally leads to the question why and how languages develop hybrid systems of this sort. A full answer would go beyond both the scope of this article and my diachronic and sociolinguistic competence. One piece of evidence that cannot be ignored by anyone, however, is the geographical map that corresponds to the IC/FC-distribution: northwestern Indo-Aryan languages on the Indian subcontinent that have no border with Dravidian (Standard Hindi, Kashmiri, Punjabi, etc.) have predominantly or exclusively ICs. Eastern Indo-Aryan languages and languages which border

[49] Lust et al. (1995) investigate the acquisition of anaphora in Hindi. It has previously been found that the early acquisition of anaphora in English is guided by 'forward directionality' in the sense that a proform should follow and not precede its antecedent. As the authors note, Hindi, is a directionally 'mixed' language by the fact that it is predominantly left-branching but has finite complements and one type of relative clauses on a right branch; in addition, Hindi shows mixed order for adverbial subordinate clauses. Interestingly, the experimental investigation of children's processing of left- versus right-branching *jab* ('when') clauses in Hindi reveals that the preference for forward directionality is confined to right-branching structures, while the preference reverts to backward directionality in the processing of left-branching structures.

on Dravidian territory (Oriya, Bengali, Assamese, Marathi, Dakkhini Hindi, etc.) have in addition FCs. Semantically bleached-out verbs of speaking functioning as FCs are a core property of Dravidian; thus, it is not too surprising to see them in the geographically adjacent Indo-Aryan languages. However, the formation of the South-Asian ‘Sprachbund’ in which complementizers and their grammar play a role, required more than the exchange of lexical items. According to Masica (1994), it can only be the result of multiple factors such as bilingualism, shared culture and shared history as well as a combination of convergent grammatical features.⁵⁰ The German linguistic tradition as represented by Hermann Paul ascribes the emergence of what is somewhat metaphysically called ‘innere Sprachform’ at least partially to grammatical assimilation induced by language contact (see Paul 1975: 402). While I cannot go into this in any more detail, I hope to have convinced the reader that the problem cases discussed in this article cannot be captured in an enlightening way by a mechanical reduction of the parametrical space of variation we may encounter within a single language.

APPENDIX

A note on the origin of *je* and *bole* in Bengali

Looking at the Bengali C-system from a diachronic perspective, the modern situation is quite transparent: *je* is originally (as well as synchronically) a relativizer. Relativizers – for some reason – strongly tend to undergo movement to SpecCP, despite the fact that Bengali is largely a *wh*-in-situ language. In contrast to the so-called ‘correlative’ relative clauses, *j*-relatives appear to the right of a nominal head.⁵¹ Assuming that *je* has been reanalyzed as a complementizer, as argue in Bayer (1996), it is natural that

[50] Although the areal constraints on linguistic variation are quite remarkable in South-Asian, Sprachbund phenomena of this kind are not unique at all. Prominent examples are found on the Balkans where languages from branches of Indogermanic as diverse as Slavic, Romance and Greek converge surprisingly in the decay of the infinitive, in the syntax of operators and in their clitic systems.

[51] I call these *j*-relatives because all relative pronouns begin with /j/: *je* ‘who’, ‘which’, *ja-ke* ‘who-ACC/DAT’, *ja-r* ‘whose’ (= ‘who-GEN’), *jo-khon* ‘when’, etc. The fact that unlike the correlative relative clauses *j*-relatives follow their nominal heads, ties in naturally with the observation that *je*-complements regularly appear with a nominal pleonastic element that may also be dropped. In Hindi, these elements are the demonstrative *yeh* (‘this’) or the dummy-DP *yeh baat* (‘this matter’). In Bengali, we find *ta* ‘it’ *e-Ta* ‘this-CF’ and *e kOtha* ‘this talk/story/sentence’. Consider the following example:

(i) chele-Ta ([e kOtha]) jan -e na [je baba aS -be]
 boy -CF this talk know-3 not je father come-FUT3
 ‘That his father will come, the boy does not know this.’

See Bayer (1996: ch.7) for a detailed discussion of dependent clausal licensing in Bengali.

it has kept its linear position at the left edge of the CP. As has been pointed out in the article, in contrast to FCs in languages like Marathi, the Bengali and Hindi *je* and *ki* are something like ‘wild card’ subordinators. Alice Davison (p.c.) suggests that the only feature they are sensitive to seems to be T(ENSE). According to her, there may then be a reason behind the choice of *je* as a complementizer in Bengali, namely that – being originally a relativizer – it is semantically incompatible with interrogative features and has therefore developed into a functional head which is insensitive to interrogative features. It appears that many complementizers of the better known Indoeuropean Western languages are decayed operators. In this general scenario, then, the emergence of Bengali *je* as an initial complementizer loses its ‘exotic’ flavor.

The origin of *bole* seems to have been completely different; *bole* being homophonous with the participial form ‘having said’ has its natural place where verbs appear in Bengali, namely at the right edge of the clause. From this perspective it is rather idle to hope for evidence that *bole* could have been an initial head at some historical stage of the language. Referring to earlier work by Yamuna Kachru which was not available to me, Singh (1980) compares Bengali *bole* with the Sanskrit quotative marker *iti*. He notes that *bole* cannot be used in all contexts in which an initial complementizer could be used. Notice, for instance, the following:

- (i) tumi kolkata ja -cch -o bole {*dekh-l -am / Sun-l -am /
 you Calcutta go-PROG -2 BOLE see -PTS -I / hear-PTS-I /
 jan -l -am}
 know -PTS -I
 ‘I {*saw / heard / came to know} you were going to Calcutta.’

Bole cannot be used with ‘see’, while *je* would not have this restriction. A glance at the ancestors of Bengali shows that this reflects the quotative character of *bole*. Following Hock (1982), Saxena (1995) points out that the Sanskrit quotative *iti* has gradually expanded its functions over time. In the oldest documents of the Rig Veda (1500–900 B.C.), *iti* was used as a direct quote marker in the contexts of the verbs for asking and thinking. In the Atharva Veda the use of *iti* increases, and it can now also occur with the verbs ‘know’, ‘hear’ and ‘fear’, and it starts functioning as a purpose marker. In the Vedic prose *iti* also occurs in dependent clauses in subjunctive mood. Witness the example from Saxena (1995: 365):

- (ii) yajñám... tanavai iti tásṃād ādityám carúm
 sacrifice spread-SUBJ thus therefore Aditya pot-for-oblation
 nírvapati
 perform-3SG
 ‘(Because/thinking) “I will...spread the sacrifice” therefore he
 prepares the Aditya pap.’

In Classical Sanskrit the function of *iti* is even more expanded; according to Saxena it is at this period used as a complementizer with verbs like ‘say’, ‘know’, ‘think’, ‘believe’, ‘wish’, and also as a purpose and as a reason marker, but not with ‘see’. The parallel between *iti* and *bole* cannot be overlooked. As we have seen, *bole* also appears in modern Bengali as a reason marker and, as Singh (1980) points out, in a number of other functions which do not overlap with the functions of *je*-clauses.

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