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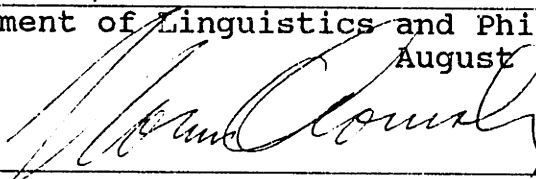
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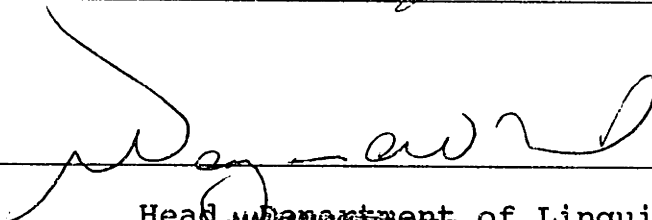
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## **ABSTRACT**

This thesis argues for a reformulation of the A/A-bar distinction in the theory of syntax. In the first part of this thesis, it is shown that this reformulation is forced by both theoretical considerations raised by VP internal subject theories and also certain empirical considerations relating to scrambling operations in Hindi. Evidence for the reformulation includes locality constraints on movement, weak crossover phenomena, reconstruction effects and binding properties associated with movement. This evidence also leads to a new approach to the study of scrambling phenomena. It is suggested that scrambling operations that move NPs may belong to two different kinds of syntactic operations - an operation that involves substituting the scrambled element into a SPEC of a functional projection internal to IP (with properties similar to a rule like Passive) and an operation that adjoins the scrambled NP to a maximal projection (with properties similar to a rule like QR). The approach developed here yields a framework that seems to be promising for the study of variation found with respect to scrambling phenomena in natural languages.

The second part of this thesis argues that a language that does not have overt wh-movement at s-structure may not have wh-movement to SPEC CP at LF either. It is argued that in a language like Hindi, the wh-phrases simply undergo QR at LF. This operation adjoins a wh-phrase to the nearest IP. We show that this approach yields a number of consequences that are desirable in Hindi, a language that at first glance seems to be mixed between a language with overt wh-movement in syntax as well as wh-in-situ. We discuss some aspects of wide scope quantification in Hindi and some other languages and show that the absence of wh-movement to SPEC CP at LF yields certain effects that would be surprising under the approaches that permit wh-movement to SPEC CP at LF.

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## Organization of the thesis

This thesis examines certain aspects of movement theory as they relate to two general processes - substitution and adjunction. A detailed examination of scrambling in Hindi reveals that certain instances of clause internal scrambling should be analyzed as substitution into the specifier of a functional projection. This substitution operation, which is called argument shift, has properties similar to operations such as Passive and Raising. On the basis of this, it is suggested that a subpart of scrambling belongs to the general class of NP movement operations. However, not all instances of scrambling fall into this class. It is shown that long distance scrambling out of finite clauses and some instances of short distance scrambling must be classified as adjunction operations with properties similar to rules such as wh-movement and QR. Once we make a distinction between these two types of scrambling rules, it becomes easier to understand the general nature of scrambling in natural languages. This is the topic of chapter 1 of this dissertation. Chapter 2 argues that an instance of argument shift is responsible for argument-verb agreement in Hindi. I develop a theory of Case that distinguishes between the roles structural and lexical Case play in syntax. I also suggest that there is a correlation between specificity and structural Case assignment by AGR to an NP in its specifier. This correlation helps us understand why specific objects fail to show agreement in Hindi. This fact is further shown to be correlated with scrambling.

Chapter 3 suggests that wh-movement in Hindi involves adjunction of a wh-phrase to IP. It is argued that wh-in-situ QRs at LF. This explains a number of properties that wh-constructions in Hindi have. I explore the consequences of such an approach for languages like English and Japanese and argue that even in these languages the syntax of wh-movement at LF does not involve movement to SPEC CP but simply involves adjunction to IP. This is shown to have some desirable consequences involving wide scope questions in English. The discussion in this chapter touches on a number of theoretical questions such as the role of subjacency at LF and the validity of a derivational approach to syntax.

This thesis does not have an introductory chapter. In the beginning of each chapter, I outline the theoretical background and the issues that will be addressed in that chapter. The relevant background information about Hindi syntax is also provided in each chapter. However, for a detailed background, the reader is referred to works such as Chomsky (1981,1986) and the references cited throughout this thesis.

## CHAPTER ONE

### SCRAMBLING

#### 1.0 Introduction: Free Word Order and Scrambling

In generative grammar, notions such as 'free word order' and 'scrambling' have been problematic. The problems arise mainly because within generative syntax locality of Case assignment and theta role assignment require some condition of adjacency between Case/theta role assigners and the recipients. Movement rules such as Passive, Raising and wh-movement disturb these adjacency relations. However, studies within generative syntax in the last three decades have shown that these movement rules are driven either by Case requirements (A-movement) or by other requirements (eg. selection and scope for wh-movement). Since 'scrambling' did not fit neatly within the typology of movement phenomena characterizable by the theory of generative syntax, it has remained an enigma over the years. This term has been applied to different kinds of mechanisms that alter word order in one way or the other. Scrambling has been treated as a PF rule (hence not subject to syntactic constraints) or derived by a modified X-bar theory (cf. Hale, 1983). In recent years, however, it has been shown that certain kinds of scrambling phenomena have syntactic consequences that cannot be derived under the view that

scrambling is a PF rule and cannot be accommodated within the theory by a modification of X-bar theory (see among others, Saito, 1985; Hoji, 1987; Saito and Hoji, 1983).

In this chapter, I will put forward a theory of scrambling that treats this phenomenon as a systematic syntactic operation which is subject to regular syntactic principles. In that respect, this study supports views such as Saito, 1985; Hoji, 1987; Saito and Hoji, 1983. However, I will depart from these studies by showing that 'scrambling' is not a unitary phenomena, i.e., it is not simply an instance of A-bar movement

The first step that I take is to abandon the term 'scrambling' since it has various undesirable connotations. I suggest that the operations that this term was supposed to characterize be broken up into three distinct operations:

(i) **Argument shift**: a rule with properties similar to rules such as Passive

(ii) **Adjunction to XP**: a rule with properties similar to rules such as Topicalization/wh-movement/Focussing

(iii) **X° shift**: a rule of head movement

These three rules, suitably characterized, would yield what used to be called 'scrambling' or 'free word order'.<sup>1</sup> These rules are regular syntactic operations and are therefore subject to regular syntactic constraints. In this chapter I will be concerned mainly with Argument shift and Adjunction shift. X° shift or 'head movement' has been studied in detail in Travis (1984), Baker (1985) and Yafei (1990) and it has become quite clear that it is subject to well defined syntactic constraints. As for 'argument shift', I will assume that an extension of this operation will include Passive and Raising -- two of the familiar NP movement rules. It will also include a movement operation that yields subject and object agreement in Hindi (the topic of study in chapter 2). I suggest that Germanic object shift also falls in this class. Adjunction to XP may include, under a suitable extension, an operation that derives wide scope questions in Hindi (the topic of study in chapter 3) and certain operations such as Topicalization, Heavy NP shift and other similar rules. Summing up: Dividing scrambling into pieces that fit into better understood movement operations will not only yield a conceptually simpler account of the phenomenon but will help us understand what kind of word order permutations are allowed with what kind of syntactic consequences. It will also help us

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<sup>1</sup>This characterization of 'free word order' excludes PF operations that may further alter word order. Whether or not word order changing PF rules exist in addition to syntactic operations mentioned above remains an open question.

make typological sense out of the variation in word order possibilities found across different languages.

### 1.1 THEORETICAL ASSUMPTIONS:

I will assume following some recent suggestions by Chomsky that the typology of positions includes at least the following two types of positions:<sup>2</sup>

**L-related positions:** Specifier and complement positions of a lexical item and functional heads projected from it. Within the clausal system it includes SPEC and Complement positions of V, AGR and T.

**Non L-related positions:** All other positions including SPEC CP and adjunction positions.

Based on German scrambling (cf. Webelhuth, 1989), Chomsky suggests a distinction between **narrowly L-related positions**

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<sup>2</sup>Chomsky (1989b) defines L-related as:  
x is L-related to y, if y is a lexical category and x is related to a projection of y.  
We will assume that 'relate' can be equated to 'included in a projection of' in the X-bar theoretic sense. Furthermore, T(ense) and AGR are assumed to be projections of V. This has the consequence that all complements and specifiers of V, AGR and T come out as L-related while specifier and complement of C are not L-related. This system also has implications for other lexical categories that we will not be concerned with in this paper.

In Mahajan (1988), I suggested a notion of 'potential Case positions' that was intended to include the SPEC positions of AGR and T. The idea of an A position being a theta position or a potential Case position comes out roughly equivalent to the new system adopted here. For some other related proposals see Sportiche (1988b), Vanden Wyngaerd (1989) and Deprez (forthcoming).

(our L-related positions above) and **broadly L-related positions** which correspond to adjunction positions that I have included under our typology in the second category. I will show that the distinction between narrowly L-related and broadly L-related is not required. The mixed positions that this distinction is supposed to characterize do not exist. The relevant data comes from some Hindi and German facts.

The main aim of this chapter is to show that the scrambling operations that we have identified above correspond to movement to an L-related position or to a non L-related position, more specifically:

**ARGUMENT SHIFT = MOVEMENT TO AN L-RELATED POSITION**

**ADJUNCTION TO XP = MOVEMENT TO A NON L-RELATED POSITION**

Since I identify the distinction in terms of substitution into an L-position (to be understood here as a SPEC L-related position) vs adjunction, the system predicts that there are no mixed positions, i.e., it comes out as a consequence of the contradiction involved between substitution and adjunction within the type of X-bar system that I am assuming.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>Other approaches may be possible but I will ignore them for the purpose of the discussion here. Furthermore, the evidence that I present here may be taken to justify the distinction between syntactically created adjunction and substitution. This is not meant to exclude the special nature of adjunction in terms of segment approaches to adjoined structures such as that of May(1985) and Chomsky(1986).

The argument will be presented as follows:

(i) I will show that both argument shift and adjunction to XP exist independently in Hindi.

(ii) I will then present evidence from Hindi that indicates that a scrambled NP does not occupy a position with mixed properties, i.e., properties of an L-related as well as a non L-related position (see later discussion for a characterization of these properties).

(iii) I will show that Webelhuth's interpretation of the German evidence to support his view is not correct. He gives two examples both of which have the wrong properties. I then examine the German evidence that would actually bear upon the issue and show that the existence of the mixed position is not motivated in German either. This evidence clearly shows that a scrambled NP can behave either as an L-position NP or as a non L-position (=L-bar position) NP but cannot show mixed properties.

(iv) This will then prove that there is no motivation from these considerations for a third 'mixed' type of position in the theory. As far as scrambling facts are concerned, they do not motivate a distinction between broadly L-related positions and non L-related positions.



(v) I will then suggest an outline of a general theory of scrambling that incorporates the proposals advanced in this chapter.

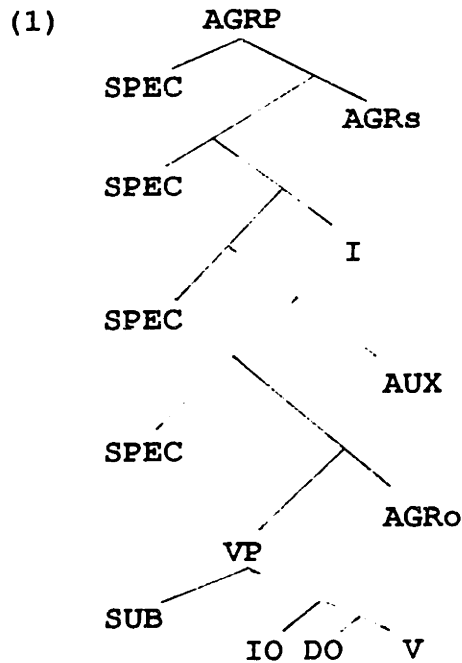
As noted earlier, I will assume the L-related vs non L-related distinction suggested by Chomsky (where by L-related I mean 'narrowly L-related'). This gives us two position types: L-position and non L-positions. We will assume that movement to an L-position creates an L-chain.

**L-chain: A chain with all its links in an L-position.**

I also assume that every L-chain has a Case ( I exclude PRO from these considerations). The tail of an L-chain (with multiple links) is a theta position to which (structural) Case is not assigned. Structural Case is assigned to the head of an L-chain. I will, however, permit L-chains in which an NP bears an inherent Case as well as a structural Case. I will assume that inherent Case is theta-related and is not 'visible' to the Case filter, which requires every chain to have a structural Case (see later discussion and the discussion in Chapter 2 where these issues are discussed explicitly).

I will also assume that L-chains are subject to some locality restrictions. For concreteness, I will assume that the formation of an L-chain requires formation of an extended chain as suggested in Chomsky(1986).

Following Pollock(1989), Chomsky(1989), Pesetsky(1989) and Mahajan(1988,1989), I will assume a highly articulated IP structure, a simplified version of which is given below (note that the sentences with additional (overt or null) auxiliaries may project additional SPEC positions that make additional SPEC positions available internal to the IP).



Argument shift, under our approach, will involve substitution of an argument into one of the SPEC positions in (1). Adjunction to XP will involve adjunction to TP, AGRPs, AGRPo, AUXP and possibly to VP. We will assume that all arguments of V are generated VP internally and that at least part of the motivation for movement of arguments to VP external positions is for Case reasons.

## 1.2. ARGUMENT SHIFT:

In this section, I argue that a number of cases analyzed in earlier theories of sentence internal scrambling fall under a rule that has characteristics of an NP movement rule. The discussion in this section will raise a number of significant issues especially concerning the typology of positions within a clause, i.e., the A/A-bar distinction. In the next subsection, I will argue that this distinction needs to be revised along the lines suggested recently by Chomsky.

### 1.2.1. On the A/A-bar distinction:

Recent debates about clause structure and VP internal subjects raise significant problems regarding the traditional A vs. A-bar distinction. Within the LGB framework (cf. Chomsky, 1981), an A position was a position to which a theta role could be assigned, i.e., VP internal argument positions and the SPEC of IP position (=subject) position.

Current theories that support the view that the subject of a clause is generated VP internally (cf. Sportiche, 1988; Larson, 1988; Fukui and Speas, 1986; Kitagawa, 1986; Diesing, 1989 among others) assume that all the theta roles of V are assigned inside the VP. This implies that SPEC of IP is not even a "potential" theta position.<sup>4</sup> This raises an important question: What is the status of the SPEC of IP position? Is it

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<sup>4</sup>See, however, Pesetsky (1989) where it is suggested that a modal generated in I can assign a theta role to its subject.

an A position or an A-bar position? The answer to this question is not straightforward. Note that if all arguments get their theta roles VP internally, then the combined assumptions of the classical LGB view and the VP internal subjects theory force us to classify the SPEC of IP position as an A bar position - since no theta role is ever assigned to an argument in that position. VP internal subjects will have to be Case marked in their base generated (VP internal) position, presumably by I (this follows from the LGB characterization of an A-position). This would force us to conclude that VP internal subjects (as well as other arguments) can move only to A-bar positions.<sup>5</sup> Thus, under this view, in a language like English which has pre I subjects in normal declarative sentences, this pre I position would be an A bar position.

A further complication arises at this point. If movement from within VP was forced because an NP could not get Case, this movement will have to be to an A-bar position that receives Case (recall that under this view all VP external positions are non theta and therefore A-bar positions). This conflicts with most existing views about movement theory and assignment

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<sup>5</sup>If I can Case mark the subject in a VP internal position, then the subject-verb agreement will have to be viewed from a somewhat different perspective than is commonly assumed. Either exceptional Case marking by I should suffice to establish agreement or the subject should move to a VP external caseless position to establish this relationship. If agreement is to be equated with structural Case as Chomsky(1989) suggests, then none of these possibilities can be allowed. For some other perspectives on this problem, see Pesetsky(1989) and Kayne(1989a,b).

of Case to chains. The prevalent view is that Case is assigned to the tail of a chain formed by movement from an A to an A-bar position.

The situation is made more complicated by recent suggestions made in Chomsky(1989) that all structural Case is tied to the AGR system. This implies that verbs do not assign structural Case (cf. Chomsky,1989; see also Mahajan,1989). This view would require objects to move to get Case. This raises the same problem as noted above, i.e., if the object moves to a VP external position to get Case, then this movement would be to an A-bar (non (potential) theta) position resulting in a chain whose head is Case marked -- leading to the problem noted earlier.<sup>6</sup>

It may be noted that the traditional LGB A/A-bar distinction has many facets. On one hand it characterizes positions themselves as either potential theta positions or non theta positions. On the other hand it was largely justified by what kind of elements could move into these positions (for instance only quantificational or topicalized NPs could occupy A-bar positions), the nature and properties of traces left behind by the movement and whether the movement was subject to binding

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<sup>6</sup>Note that recent proposals regarding highly articulated IP structures (cf. Chomsky,1989; Pollock,1989) do not directly address the issue as to what the status of positions like SPEC of AGR (and SPEC T/I) would be in their theories. These positions are obviously not theta positions. On the other hand, these positions cannot obviously be A-bar positions otherwise we get into the problem noted above.

conditions or not. Thus, wh-phrases and other scope taking elements typically moved to A-bar positions. The movement was subject to ECP and the traces of arguments moving into an A-bar position showed properties of variables. The movement induced crossover effects and could license parasitic gaps. The traces left by movement to an A position were subject to binding principle A. Furthermore, movement chains formed by movement to these positions have different properties. Movement to an A-bar position results in a chain whose head is not in a Case position while the tail is. Movement to an A position, on the other hand, is forced for Case reasons and consequently results in chains whose heads are Case marked but whose tails are not.

As noted above the relevance of a notion such as 'potential theta' position is no longer viable.<sup>7</sup> I will therefore concentrate on the other set of properties that this distinction was intended to capture - movement and binding properties. I will argue that empirical considerations from Hindi based on these properties justify a revision of the A/A-bar distinction along the lines suggested earlier.

Before going on to elaborate the special problems that the Hindi data pose, I would like to demonstrate the issues involved by a simple argument based on raising in English.

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<sup>7</sup>Chomsky (1989b) notes that a notion such as 'potential' theta role also has a conceptual problem since it involves setting up equivalence relations between phrase markers.

Consider (1):

(1) [<sub>IP</sub> John<sub>i</sub> [<sub>VP</sub> seems [<sub>PP</sub> to himself<sub>i</sub>/him<sub>j</sub>] [<sub>IP</sub> t<sub>i</sub>' to  
have [<sub>VP</sub> t<sub>i</sub> shot Bill]]]]

Since himself must be bound by John while him must be free from it, John must occupy a position that is in the domain of binding conditions A and B. That is, John must be in an A-position. This argument in itself shows that there must be VP external A-positions. We use arguments of this sort encompassing weak crossover effects, binding and locality constraints on movement to show that Hindi has a multiplicity of positions that have the character of the position occupied by John in (1).

### 1.2.3. Some Remarks on Hindi Word Order:

Hindi is an SOV language. The unmarked word order in a ditransitive sentence is SUB-IO-DO-V (see among others Gambhir, 1981 and Subbarao, 1984 for some word order properties of Hindi). Auxiliaries normally follow the verb. The language is strictly postpositional. The word order in Hindi is however somewhat free. Thus a simple sentence like (2) can have various word order possibilities as shown below:

(2) raam-ne            kelaa            khaayaa    (SOV)  
Ram-erg. (SUB) banana (DO) ate  
Ram ate a banana.

- (3) raam-ne khaayaa kelaa (SVO)
- (4) kelaa raam-ne khaayaa (OSV)
- (5) kelaa khaayaa raam-ne (OVS)
- (6) khaayaa raam-ne kelaa (VSO)
- (7) khaayaa kelaa raam-ne (VOS)

All these sentences are well formed.<sup>8</sup> The argument that I will develop here will show that a sentence like (4) is derived from (1) by Argument Shift operation.

### 1.2.3. Wh-phrases in simple sentences in Hindi:

Hindi does not have any s-structure wh-movement in simple clauses. This is shown by (8)-(9) where the wh-phrase is in-situ (see also Chapter 3).

- (8) raam-ne kyaa ciiz khaaii ?

Ram(SUB) what thing(DO) ate

What did Ram eat?

- (9) raam-ne kis-ko ek kitaab dii ?

Ram(SUB) who(IO) a book(DO) gave

Who did Ram give a book to?

Question word fronting is possible in (8)-(9) as shown by (10)-(11).

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<sup>8</sup>Special emphasis and context specification is required in some of the above variations (see Gambhir, 1981 for details).



(10) kyaa ciiz            raam-ne   khaaai ?

what thing(DO) Ram(SUB) ate

(11) kis-ko   raam-ne   ek kitaab   dii?

who(IO) Ram(SUB) a   book(DO) gave

(8) and (9) can, in addition, have word order variants of the kind noted for (2). Thus we can have:

(12)a. raam-ne khaaai kyaa ciiz ?    (S V DO)

b. kyaa ciiz khaaai raam-ne ?    (DO V S)

c. khaaai kyaa ciiz raam-ne ?    (V DO S)

d. khaaai raam-ne kyaa ciiz ?    (V S DO)

(=8/10)

(13)a. raam-ne ek kitaab kis-ko dii ?    (S DO IO V)

b. kis-ko ek kitaab raam-ne dii ?    (IO DO S V)

c. kis-ko raam-ne dii ek kitaab ?    (IO S V DO)

d. kis-ko ek kitaab dii raam-ne ?    (IO DO V S)

(=9/11)

These examples show that the word order possibilities allowed with non questions are possible with questions too. However, as we will see in the next section, sentences with fronted wh-phrases (as in (10)-(11) provide evidence that the moved NP is

in an L-related position.<sup>9</sup>

#### 1.2.4. Some remarks on Weak Crossover:

Chomsky (1976) suggests the condition in (19) to account for the ungrammaticality of sentences in (20)-(21):

(19) The Leftness Condition: A variable cannot be an antecedent for a pronoun to its left.

(20) \*Who<sub>i</sub> did his<sub>i</sub> mother see t<sub>i</sub>.

(21) \*His<sub>i</sub> mother saw someone<sub>i</sub>.

In (20) neither who nor t<sub>i</sub> can bind his<sub>i</sub>. Similarly, in (21) neither someone nor LF trace of someone (which undergoes QR) can bind his<sub>i</sub>. Several treatments of this phenomena, which has been called weak crossover (WCO), have appeared in the literature (see among others Postal, 1971; Wasow, 1972; Koopman and Sportiche, 1982; Higginbotham, 1983; Reinhart, 1983 and Safir, 1984). All of these treatments suggest different mechanisms by which sentences like (20)-(21) are ruled out. In this work, I will not go into the differences between these treatments of WCO. Developing on some ideas in Reinhart (1983), I suggest that the following filter accounts for WCO effects in sentences like (15)-(16):

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<sup>9</sup>We will be concerned mainly with pre verbal scrambling cases in Hindi. Scrambling cases in which arguments appear in post verbal positions bring up some complications regarding whether these cases involve verb movement or not. We will not pursue this issue here.

(17) **Weak Cross Over Filter:** To be construed as a bound variable, a pronoun must be c-commanded by a binder and its variable (if there is one) at s-structure.<sup>10</sup>

(17) implies that a pronoun that is not c-commanded by a binder at s-structure cannot be construed as a bound variable..

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<sup>10</sup>The conclusion that WCO filter must apply at s-structure and not at LF can be supported by the fact that LF movement never overrides WCO effects. One particularly interesting case to be considered is that of LF expletive replacement (cf. Chomsky, 1986; 1989a). If expletive replacement at LF involves NP movement and WCO filter applies at LF then one would expect no WCO effects in sentences such as (i):

(i)\* There seems to his<sub>i</sub> mother to be a man<sub>i</sub> in the garden.

If 'a man' in (i) moves at LF to replace 'there' then (i) provides the same configuration at LF as (20) and (21) do at s-structure. However (i) shows WCO unlike (20) and (21). Therefore, if LF expletive replacement is an NP movement rule then the level at which WCO filter must apply should be s-structure. (One could get around this problem by assuming that (i) does not involve expletive replacement at LF but instead 'a man' adjoins to the expletive, i.e., the expletive is treated like an LF affix as suggested by Chomsky (1989a). If this adjunction process is an instance of A-bar movement then WCO effects would be expected.)

If our conclusion about the level at which WCO applies is right then it suggests that variables, if they exist at s-structure, must be bound at that level of representation. This may also account for the fact that parasitic gaps cannot be licensed by LF movement (I thank Soo Won Kim for drawing my attention to this). Since parasitic gaps exist at s-structure, they must be bound at that level of representation. This is why QR and wh-movement at LF does not license parasitic gaps. (Howard Lasnik points out that this conclusion is similar to that argued for by theories such as Chomsky (1982)).

While I take s-structure to be the level at which pronominal binding must apply, there is in fact some evidence showing that pronominal binding could take place prior to s-structure. The following example indicates that the level at which the WCO filter can be satisfied can in fact be prior to s-structure:

(ii) His<sub>i</sub> brother irritates every girl<sub>i</sub>.

Under the analysis of Psych verbs developed in Belletti and Rizzi (1988), the pronoun in (ii) can be bound at a level at which the quantifier c-commands it- i.e., before s-structure. The lack of WCO effect in (ii) is therefore accounted for. We will not pursue this here. See Mahajan (1990) for implications of this type of analysis.

This straightforwardly accounts for (16) where the quantifier does not c-command the pronoun at s-structure. (17) also accounts for (15) where the wh-phrase does c-command the pronoun but its variable does not. (15) and (16) contrast with (18) and (19) below where the pronoun can be a bound variable:

(18) Who<sub>i</sub> t<sub>i</sub> saw his<sub>i</sub> mother ?

(19) Someone<sub>i</sub> saw his<sub>i</sub> mother.

In (18), both the wh-phrase and its variable c-command the pronoun, while in (19) the quantifier c-commands the pronoun. (20) and (21) below show that the traces left by NP movement do not affect the WCO filter and that NP movement can in fact provide new binders for a pronoun:

(20) [Who<sub>i</sub> t<sub>i</sub> seems to his<sub>i</sub> mother [ t<sub>i</sub> to have come]]

(21) [Someone<sub>i</sub> seems to his<sub>i</sub> mother [ t<sub>i</sub> to have come]]

(20) does not show WCO effects. In this example, the variable t<sub>i</sub> and the wh-phrase c-command the pronoun while the NP trace t<sub>i</sub>' does not. In (21) also, the NP trace of the quantifier does not c-command the pronoun. This indicates that pronouns can be bound from the landing sites of NP movement. I will use these effects as a diagnostic for determining whether the landing site of a moved wh phrase/quantifier is a target for NP movement or not. In particular, I will consider a position

an L-position if it can be a target for NP movement, a position from which a pronoun can be bound.

#### 1.2.5. NP fronting and Weak Crossover in Hindi:

It has been noted by Gurtu(1986) that NP fronting in Hindi has certain interesting properties with respect to weak crossover.<sup>11</sup> (23) and (24) below illustrate that sentences with wh-in-situ/quantifiers show WCO effects:

(22) ?uskii<sub>1</sub> bahin raam-ko<sub>1</sub> pyaar kartii thii  
his sister(SUB) Ram(DO) love do-imp-f be-pst-f  
His<sub>1</sub> sister loved Ram<sub>1</sub>.

(23) \*uskii<sub>1</sub> bahin kis-ko<sub>1</sub> pyaar kartii thii ?  
his sister(SUB) who(DO) love do-imp-f be-pst-f  
\*Who<sub>1</sub> does her<sub>1</sub> sister loved ?

(24) \*unkii<sub>1</sub> bahin sab-ko<sub>1</sub> pyaar kartii thii  
their sister(SUB) everyone(DO) love do-imp-f be-pst-f  
Their<sub>1</sub> sister loved everyone<sub>1</sub>.

What is however surprising is that this effect disappears if the wh-phrase or the quantifier is fronted as in (25) and (26) below:

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<sup>11</sup>We will reconstruct some of Gurtu's argument here using examples similar to those she gives and adding our own examples. Gurtu's discussion does not directly address the issues that we may be interested in here. See also Pandit(1985) for some discussion on WCO in Hindi.

(25) [kis-ko<sub>1</sub> uskii<sub>1</sub> bahin [t<sub>sub</sub> t<sub>DO</sub> pyaar kartii ] thii ] ?

who(DO) his sister(SUB) love do-imp-f be-pst-f

Who<sub>1</sub> did her<sub>1</sub> sister love.

(26) [sab-ko<sub>1</sub> unkii<sub>1</sub> bahin [t<sub>sub</sub> t<sub>DO</sub> pyaar kartii ] thii ]

everyone(DO) their sister(SUB) loves do-imp-f be-pst-f

Their<sub>1</sub> sister loved everyone<sub>1</sub>.

If kis-ko and sab-ko were in an non L-position, then following the discussion in the previous section, (25)-(26) are expected to be ungrammatical.<sup>12</sup> Their grammaticality indicates that kis-ko and sab-ko must be in an L-position, that is, they occupy the same 'type' of position as who and someone do in (20)-(21). We suggest that kis-ko and sab-ko in (25)-(26) occupy SPEC T position of (1). This position is an L-position. Therefore we do not get WCO effects.

The sentences that follow illustrate effects similar to the ones noted above with ditransitive clauses. (27)-(28) show that DO wh-phrase/quantifier when it follows an IO containing a pronoun induces WCO effects. (29)-(30) show that scrambling a direct object over an indirect object containing a pronoun to a sentence initial position suppresses WCO effects (recall

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<sup>12</sup>Gurtu suggests that the trace of the scrambled wh-phrase and the quantifier in (30)-(31) must be an A-trace of an element being bound from an A-bar position. Under her account, scrambling daughter adjoins an element to S, the adjunction site being an A bar position. Gurtu's intuition seems to be on the right track though the issues that arise need to be reformulated within the context of current debates regarding the typology of positions.

that the unmarked word order in Hindi is S-IO-DO-V).<sup>13</sup>

(27) \* [raajaa-ne uske<sub>1</sub> pitaa-ko kOn sii daasii<sub>1</sub> [t<sub>sub</sub> t<sub>IO</sub> t<sub>DO</sub>  
king(SUB) her father(IO) which maid(DO)  
1OTaa dii]]  
return give-pst-f  
\*Which maid<sub>1</sub> did the king return to her<sub>1</sub> father?

(28) \* [raajaa-ne unke<sub>1</sub> pitaa-ko sab daasiyaaN<sub>1</sub> [ t<sub>sub</sub> t<sub>IO</sub> t<sub>DO</sub>  
king(SUB) their father(IO) all maids(DO)  
1OTaa diiN]]  
return give-pst-f-pl  
\*The king returned all the maids<sub>1</sub> to their<sub>1</sub> father.

(29) [kOn sii daasii<sub>1</sub> raajaa-ne uske<sub>1</sub> pitaa-ko [t<sub>sub</sub> t<sub>IO</sub> t<sub>DO</sub>  
which maid(DO) king(SUB) her father(IO)  
1OTaa dii]]  
return give-pst-f  
Which maid<sub>1</sub> did the king return to her<sub>1</sub> father?

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<sup>13</sup>We are assuming here (especially for sentences such as (27)-(30)) that all arguments move to VP external positions. It may be noted here that in (27)-(30) a pre VP adverbial such as jaanbuuh kar 'deliberately' can intervene between the verb and the argument to the left of it indicating that this argument and therefore all other arguments preceding it may be VP external. We follow here the assumption made in Mahajan(1989) that even inherent Case needs to be realized in a position governed by a functional head. However, nothing crucial depends on this assumption here (see later discussion). What we need to allow is that in sentences such as (25)-(26) (and (31)-(32) (to follow)), the -ne/-ko phrases should be allowed to move to a position governed by a functional head, i.e., an NP be allowed to have an inherent Case but still be governed by a functional head. The discussion of inherent Case in Belletti(1988) and Lasnik(1989) along with the discussion of expletive replacement in Chomsky(1989) would probably require such government for independent reasons.

(30) [sab daasiyaaN<sub>i</sub> raajaa-ne unke<sub>i</sub> pitaa-ko [ t<sub>sub</sub> t<sub>IO</sub> t<sub>DO</sub>  
all maids(DO) king(SUB) their father(IO)  
LOTAA diiN]]  
return give-pst-f-pl  
The king returned all the maids<sub>i</sub> to their<sub>i</sub> father.

Interestingly enough, even if the direct object is not moved all the way to the front of the sentence, i.e., it is scrambled to a position between the subject and the indirect object, WCO effects do not show up.

(31) [raajaa-ne Kon sii daasii<sub>i</sub> uske<sub>i</sub> pitaa-ko [t<sub>sub</sub> t<sub>IO</sub> t<sub>DO</sub>  
king (SUB) which maid(DO) her father(IO)  
LOTAA dii]]  
return give-pst-f  
Which maid<sub>i</sub> did the king return to her<sub>i</sub> father?

(32) [raajaa-ne sab daasiyaaN<sub>i</sub> unke<sub>i</sub> pitaa-ko [t<sub>sub</sub> t<sub>IO</sub> t<sub>DO</sub>  
king (SUB) all maids(DO) their father(IO)  
LOTAA diiN]]  
return give-pst-f-pl  
The king returned all the maids<sub>i</sub> to their<sub>i</sub> father.

This implies that the type of position the scrambled NPs occupy in (29)-(32) is the same as in (25)-(26). We suggest



that the subject in (31)-(32) occupies SPEC T position, the DO occupies SPEC AGR<sub>2</sub> (if there is an empty AUX, the DO occupies SPEC of AGR<sub>1</sub> with its trace in SPEC of AGR<sub>2</sub>/AUX). The IO must then be occupying the SPEC position of an empty functional head lower to AGR<sub>2</sub>. All these positions are L-related in Chomsky's system and the evidence given above shows that they have the properties of A-positions.

The order IO-DO-SUB-V is also possible in Hindi. This is illustrated in the examples below.<sup>14</sup>

- (33) mohan-ko ek kitaab siitaa-ne dii  
       Mohan(IO) a book(DO) Sita(SUB) gave  
       Sita gave a book to Mohan.

- (34) ek kitaab mohan-ko siitaa-ne dii  
       (=33)

Interestingly enough, if the unmarked order of indirect object preceding the direct object is maintained as in (33) above, the sentences with a wh phrase or a quantifier show WCO as in (35) and (36) below:

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<sup>14</sup>There is another derivation for (33) and other similar sentences in which the subject has been moved to the right, presumably to some position right of VP. The verb in such a derivation may have moved to an AGR or I position higher to the rightward scrambled NP. There is some reason to believe that this is not the case.

(35) \*[uske<sub>1</sub> pitaa-ko Kon sii daasii<sub>1</sub> raajaa-ne [t<sub>sub</sub> t<sub>IO</sub> t<sub>DO</sub>  
 her father(IO) which maid(DO) king(SUB)  
 LOTAA dii ]]  
 return give-pst-f  
 Which maid<sub>1</sub> did the king return to her<sub>1</sub> father ?

(36) \*[unke<sub>1</sub> pitaa-ko sab daasiyaaN<sub>1</sub> raajaa-ne [t<sub>sub</sub> t<sub>IO</sub> t<sub>DO</sub>  
 their father(IO) all maids(DO) king(SUB) returned  
 lOTaa dii ]]  
 return give-pst-f  
 The king returned all the maids<sub>1</sub> to their<sub>1</sub> father.

On the other hand, if the direct object has been scrambled to a position preceding the indirect object then the WCO effects disappear:

(37) kOn sii daasii<sub>1</sub> uske<sub>1</sub> pitaa-ko raajaa-ne lOTaa dii ?  
 which maid(DO) her father(IO) king(SUB) return give-pst-f  
 Which maid<sub>1</sub> did the king return to her<sub>1</sub> father ?

(38) sab daasiyaaN<sub>1</sub> unke<sub>1</sub> pitaa-ko raajaa-ne lOTaa dii  
 all maids(DO) their father(IO) king(SUB) return give-pst-f  
 The king returned all the maids<sub>1</sub> to their<sub>1</sub> father.

The ungrammaticality of (35) and (36) indicates that the LF

traces of the wh phrase/quantifier in these sentences are variables (i.e., are in L-positions). These effects disappear in (37)-(38) when the wh-phrase and the quantifier are sentence initial indicating that the sentence initial positions (in these cases) are L-positions. Once again if the NPs in (33) to (38) occupy various SPEC positions of a representation like (1), then the evidence presented so far indicates that these positions are A-positions.

To recapitulate, we have shown that NP fronting of a wh-phrase/quantifier to the left of a pronoun suppresses WCO effects showing that the target sites for movement are L-positions. We suggest that these target positions are SPEC positions of functional heads such as AGR, AUX and certain empty heads.

### 1.2.6. Scrambling and Reflexive binding:

Some very strong evidence for the proposal that leftward NP fronting is to an L-position comes from reflexive binding facts in Hindi. Note that if objects can be preposed to a L-position then we expect them to be able to serve as antecedents to a reflexive in subject position. That this possibility is actually realized is shown by the contrast below: <sup>15</sup>

(39) \*/???[apne<sub>1</sub> baccoN-ne      mohan-ko<sub>1</sub> ghar se      [t<sub>sub</sub> tDO

self's children(SUB) Mohan(DO) house from

nikaal diyaal]

**throw**    **give-perf**

\*Self's<sub>1</sub> children threw Mohan<sub>1</sub> out of the house.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>15</sup>One may suggest that in (40) the subject phrase contains a pro that serves as an antecedent for the reflexive. This pro in turn is bound by the fronted object. The underlying structure of (40) being:

(i) mohan<sub>1</sub> ko [pro<sub>1</sub> apne<sub>1</sub> baccoN ne] t ghar se nikaal diyaa

Mohan (DO) self's children (SUB) home from threw out

(i) corresponds to (ii) where an actual pronoun can occur instead of pro:

(ii) mohan ko ~~uske~~ apne baccon ne ghar se nikaal diyaa

Mohan (DO) his self's children (SUB) home from threw out

While this line of reasoning is plausible, it does not explain the illformedness of (iii):

(iii) *apne baccon-ne	mohan-ko	ghar se nikaal diyaa
self's children (SUB)	Mohan (DO)	home from threw out

<sup>16</sup>We ignore the question whether ghar se 'from the house' is generated VP internally or not.

(40) ?[mohan-ko<sub>i</sub> apne<sub>i</sub> baccoN-ne ghar se [ t<sub>sub</sub> t<sub>DO</sub>  
Mohan(DO) self's children(SUB) house from  
nikaal diyaa]]  
throw give-perf (=39)

Reflexive binding in (40) can only be possible if the fronted object is in an L-position. In this regard, reflexive binding seems to be similar to pronominal binding discussed earlier.<sup>17</sup>

A direct object left scrambled over an indirect object containing a reflexive can also serve as an antecedent for that reflexive. This is demonstrated by (41) and (42) below:

(41) raam-ne<sub>i</sub> apne<sub>i/\*j</sub> baccoN-ko Ser<sub>j</sub> dikhaayaa  
Ram(SUB) self's children(IO) tiger-m(DO) show-perf-m  
Ram<sub>i</sub> showed a tiger<sub>j</sub> to self's<sub>i/\*j</sub> children.

(42) raam-ne<sub>i</sub> Ser<sub>j</sub> apne<sub>i/j</sub> baccoN-ko dikhaayaa  
Ram(SUB) tiger-m(DO) self's children(IO) show-perf-m  
Ram<sub>i</sub> showed a tiger<sub>j</sub> to self's<sub>i/j</sub> children.

In (42), along with the subject, the fronted DO can serve as an antecedent for the reflexive in IO. Since the DO agrees with the verb in (41)-(42), we suggest that (43) and (44) are

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<sup>17</sup>(40) is slightly odd because a pronoun is possible and therefore preferred in place of the reflexive. We do not have a clear answer to why that should be the case.

the representations for (41) and (42) respectively:

(43) [[<sub>SPEC TP</sub> raam-ne<sub>i</sub>][[\_SPEC E apne<sub>i/\*j</sub> baccon-ko][  
[\_SPEC AGR1 Ser<sub>j</sub> ][\_SPEC AGR2 t<sub>ser</sub>][ t<sub>sub</sub> t<sub>IO</sub> t<sub>DO</sub> dikhaayaa]]]]

(44) [[[\_SPEC TP raam-ne<sub>i</sub>][[\_SPEC AGR1 Ser<sub>j</sub> ][\_SPEC AGR2 t<sub>ser</sub>][[\_SPEC E  
apne<sub>i/\*j</sub> baccon-ko][ t<sub>sub</sub> t<sub>IO</sub> t<sub>DO</sub> dikhaayaa]]]]

### 1.2.7. Reflexive binding and reconstruction:

In this subsection we present some facts that under a certain view of reconstruction provide further evidence for our proposal that leftward scrambling is to a L-position. The evidence presented in this section also provides some evidence that contrary to Belletti and Rizzi's (1988) proposal, Hindi seems to show that there is no reconstruction under L-movement. Consider the following paradigm:

(45) raam-ne<sub>i</sub> mohan-ko<sub>j</sub> apnii<sub>i/\*j</sub> kitaab lOTaaai  
Ram(SUB) Mohan(IO) self's book-f(DO) return-perf-f  
Ram<sub>i</sub> returned self's<sub>i/\*j</sub> book to Mohan<sub>j</sub>.

(46) raam-ne<sub>i</sub> apnii<sub>i/\*j</sub> kitaab mohan-ko<sub>j</sub> lOTaaai  
Ram(SUB) self's book-f(DO) Mohan(IO) return-perf-f  
Ram<sub>i</sub> returned self's<sub>i/\*j</sub> book to Mohan<sub>j</sub>.

(47) apnii<sub>1/\*j</sub> kitaab raam-ne<sub>1</sub> mohan-ko<sub>j</sub> 10Taa<sub>ii</sub>  
 self's book-f(DO) Ram(SUB) Mohan(IO) return-perf-f  
 Ram<sub>1</sub> returned self's<sub>1/\*j</sub> book to Mohan<sub>j</sub>.

(45) shows that the reflexive can be bound by the subject and the IO. However, if the DO is fronted over the IO, the reflexive can no longer be bound by IO as shown in (46). In (47), the reflexive now moved to a sentence initial position, can refer only to the subject. The interpretation possibility in (47) indicates that the phrase containing the reflexive can be reconstructed. However, if reconstruction was possible to the d-structure position of DO, then the interpretation possibilities of (45) should be available for (47). Since the reflexive in (47) can refer only to the subject, reconstruction must be restricted to some position higher than the IO. This would be possible under the assumption that in (48), the representation of (47), reconstruction was possible only to the site of  $t_1$  (a variable) and not to the site of  $t_2$  (an NP trace):<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>18</sup>It appears that leftward adjunction to an intermediate functional projection lower than IP is not allowed for arguments of the same clause in Hindi (for reasons that are not clear). This is indicated by the missing interpretation of (46)-(47) under our account. Similar conclusion is suggested by the ungrammaticality of (i) and the interpretation of (ii) below:

- (i) \*/??? raam-ne ek duusre ki kitaabeN baccoN-ko de dii  
 Ram(SUB) each other's books(DO) children(IO) gave  
 Ram gave the children each other's books.  
 (ii) unhoN-ne<sub>1</sub> ek duusre<sub>1/\*j</sub> ki kitaabeN baccoN-ko<sub>j</sub> de dii  
 they(SUB) each other's books(DO) children(IO) gave  
 They gave the children each other's books.

(48) apnii kitaab [ raam-ne  $t_1$  mohan-ko  $t_2$  lotaai ]

Further support for the assumption that reconstruction must be limited to the sites of variables and not argument traces comes from Binding Condition C effects. (49) below shows condition C effects:

(49) \*mE-ne use<sub>i</sub> raam<sub>i</sub> ki kitaab dii  
I (SUB) him(IO) Ram gen. book-f give-perf-f  
lit. I gave to him Ram's book.

If we scramble the direct object to pre indirect object position, condition C effects disappear:

(50) mE-ne raam<sub>i</sub> ki kitaab<sub>j</sub> use<sub>i</sub>  $t_j$  dii  
I (SUB) Ram gen. book-f him(IO) give-perf-f  
lit. I gave Ram's book to him.

If reconstruction must take place at the site of  $t_j$  then (50) would be expected to be ungrammatical, which it is not. This indicates that we must limit reconstruction to the site of the variable.  $t_j$  is an NP trace and not a variable therefore if reconstruction was not possible to the site of  $t_j$  we obtain the desired result. In (51) the fronted DO must be interpreted

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(i) improves a little if the direct object is heavily stressed.



at the site of  $t'_k$ .<sup>19</sup>

- (51) [apnii<sub>1</sub> raam, vaalii kitaab]<sub>k</sub> mE-ne<sub>1</sub>  $t'_k$  use<sub>j</sub>  $t_k$   
self's Ram's book (DO) I (SUB) him(IO)  
dii  
give-perf-f  
lit. My Ram's book, I gave to him.

Since the reflexive in the fronted DO is bound by the subject, reconstruction must be possible. However, the coreference possibility of Ram and use indicates that  $t_k$  is not a reconstruction site, since otherwise that interpretation should be ruled out by Condition C. This suggests once again that the reconstruction site must be that of  $t'_k$ , a variable.

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<sup>19</sup>We are suggesting that there is no reconstruction for L-movement cases of reflexive binding - both in the cases of reflexive binding (also reciprocal binding, not illustrated here) as well as condition C effects in Hindi. It is possible that reconstruction with respect to L-movement is not a unified phenomena. If our suggestion regarding the impossibility of reconstruction for L-movement is correct then there must be some other explanation for Belletti and Rizzi,s(1988) facts concerning the psych verb facts. Grimshaw's(1988a,b) account for binding in the psych verb constructions would then be compatible with our treatment since it does not depend on the reconstruction approach. For a general discussion and issues involved in the theory of reconstruction, see Barss(1986) and references cited therein.

### 1.3. Adjunction to XP:

In 1.3.1, I discuss some cases of long distance NP fronting out of a finite clause in Hindi that show that at least these instances of NP fronting must be cases of movement to a non L-related position, i.e., adjunction shift. In 2.3.2, I will briefly discuss some cases of short distance NP fronting that must be treated as adjunction shift.

#### 1.3.1. Weak Crossover and Long distance scrambling out of a finite clause:

Apart from the clause internal NP fronting that we have been discussing so far, Hindi also has long distance NP fronting as illustrated by (52) and (53) below (we do not show all the traces in the representations unless required to make a specific point):

(52) mohan-ko raam-ne socaa [<sub>CP</sub> ki siitaa-ne t dekhaa thaa]  
Mohan(EDO) Ram(SUB) thought that Sita(ESUB) seen be-pst  
(lit.) Mohan, Ram thought that Sita had seen.

(53) raam-ne mohan-ko socaa [<sub>CP</sub> ki siitaa-ne t dekhaa thaa]  
Ram(SUB) Mohan(EDO) thought that Sita(ESUB) seen be-pst  
(=52)

In the subsections that follow, we will examine the properties of this kind of movement in relation to weak crossover and binding phenomena. We will examine this kind of movement from

within finite and nonfinite argument clauses. It will be seen that long distance NP fronting from within a finite clause can only be to a non L-position.

1.3.1.1. Gurtu(1985) noted that the movement of a wh-phrase is obligatory from within a finite clause that is a complement of a verb that does not subcategorize for a question complement (see also Mahajan,1987; Bains,1987; see also Chapter 3). Thus we have:

(54) \*raam-ne socaa [<sub>CP</sub> ki siitaa-ne kis-ko dekhaa thaa]  
 Ram thought that Sita who seen be-past  
 Who did Ram think that Sita had seen ?

(55) kis-ko raam-ne socaa [<sub>CP</sub> ki siitaa-ne t dekhaa thaa]  
 who Ram thought that Sita seen be-past  
 (=54)

Furthermore this movement, which Gurtu argued to be movement to C, is crucially different from other leftward movements of the wh-phrase in that it induces crossover violations.

(56) \*kis-ko<sub>i</sub> uskii<sub>i</sub> bahin-ne socaa [<sub>CP</sub> ki raam-ne t dekhaa  
 who(EDO) his sister(SUB) thought that Ram(ESUB) seen  
 thaa]  
 be-past  
 \*Who<sub>i</sub> did his<sub>i</sub> sister think that Ram had seen?

It is however not entirely clear that the wh phrase in (55)-(56) is actually in C or SPEC of CP. This is because the wh-phrase can actually appear between the matrix subject and the matrix verb as in (57). It can also appear scrambled with respect to the matrix clause elements (cf. Bains, 1987).<sup>20</sup>

(57) raam-ne kOn saa aadmii siitaa se kahaa[<sub>CP</sub> (ki) t  
 Ram(SUB) which man(EDO) Sita to told (that)  
 aayaa thaa]  
 come-perf-m be-pst-m  
 lit. Which man did Ram tell Sita had come.

Even in this configuration, crossover violations result:

(58) \*raam-ne kOn saa aadmii<sub>i</sub> uskii<sub>i</sub> bahin se kahaa[<sub>CP</sub> (ki) t  
 Ram(SUB) which man(EDO) his sister to told (that)  
 aayaa thaa]  
 come-perf-m be-pst-m  
 lit. Which man did Ram tell his sister had come ?

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<sup>20</sup>That these sentences do involve movement can be shown by the usual island tests. The following are ungrammatical:

(i) \*kisko mohan ne socaa [ki siitaa [yah baat [ki raam ne t  
 maaraa]]  
 who Mohan thought Sita this fact that ram hit

thaa jaantii hE]  
 be-past knows

\*Who did Mohan think that Sita knows the fact that Ram hit.

(ii) \*mohan ne kisko socaa [ki siitaa [yah baat [ki raam ne t  
 Mohan who thought that sita this fact that Ram  
 maaraa thaa]] jaantii hE]  
 hit be-past knows  
 (= (i))

Furthermore, long distance movement of quantifiers also yields crossover violations:

(59) \*sab-ko<sub>i</sub> uskii<sub>i</sub> bahin-ne socaa[<sub>CP</sub> (ki) raam-ne t dekhaa]  
everyone(EDO) his sister(SUB) thought (that) Ram(ESUB) saw  
\*His<sub>i</sub> sister thought that Ram saw everyone<sub>i</sub>?

(60) \*raam-ne sab<sub>i</sub> uskii<sub>i</sub> bahin se kahaa[<sub>CP</sub> (ki) t  
Ram(SUB) everyone(EDO) his sister to told (that)  
aaye the]  
come-perf-pl-m be-pst-pl-m  
lit. Ram told his sister that everyone had come.

From these cases we may conclude that Hindi has long distance leftward NP fronting. Furthermore, long distance leftward NP fronting out of a finite clause is different from clause bound scrambling. The wh-phrase in (56) and (58) and the quantifier in (59) - (60) cannot bind the pronoun, indicating that they are in an A-bar position. This then shows that argument shift is subject to binding restrictions and that a finite clause forms a binding domain.<sup>21</sup>

1.3.1.2. Given the discussion so far, the grammaticality of

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<sup>21</sup>If long distance NP fronting utilizes SPEC C or adjunction to IP, then principles that disallow improper movement will insure that the landing site for long distance NP fronting is a non L-position. Furthermore, if extended chain formation is required for NP movement then such a chain cannot be formed when an NP moves out of a finite clause.

(61) and (62) appears to be surprising. In these examples long distance scrambling has moved a wh phrase or a quantifier to the matrix clause over a pronoun contained in the embedded clause.

(61) kis-ko<sub>i</sub>/sab-ko<sub>i</sub> raam-ne socaa ki uskii<sub>i</sub> bahin-ne t  
 who/everyone(EDO) Ram(SUB) thought that his sister(ESUB)  
 dekhaa thaa  
 seen be-past  
 Who<sub>i</sub> did Ram think that his<sub>i</sub> sister had seen?/  
 Everyone<sub>i</sub>, Ram thought that his<sub>i</sub> sister had seen.

(62) raam-ne kis-ko<sub>i</sub>/sab-ko<sub>i</sub> socaa ki uskii<sub>i</sub> bahin-ne t  
 Ram(SUB) who/everyone(EDO) thought that his sister(SUB)  
 dekhaa thaa  
 seen be-past (=61)

Since we have argued that long distance scrambling out of a finite clause is a case of A-bar movement, (61) and (62) should be ungrammatical. In fact, (61) and (62) provide some striking evidence in favor of our earlier claim that clause internal leftward scrambling is to an A-position. (61) and (62) are good because of the possibility of clause internal scrambling in the lower clause moving the wh phrase/quantifier to an A-position c-commanding the pronoun in the lower clause. The relevant representations for (61) and (62) are given in (63) and (64) below (we omit the irrelevant

details):

(63) [<sub>IP</sub> kis-ko<sub>i</sub>/sab-ko<sub>i</sub> [<sub>IP</sub> raam-ne [<sub>VP</sub> socaa [<sub>CP</sub> ki [<sub>IP</sub> [<sub>spec</sub> T t<sub>i</sub>" ]  
uskii<sub>i</sub> bahin-ne t<sub>i</sub>' dekhaa thaa]]]]]

(64) [<sub>IP</sub> raam-ne [kis-ko<sub>i</sub>/sab-ko<sub>i</sub> [<sub>VP</sub> socaa [<sub>CP</sub> ki [<sub>IP</sub> [<sub>spec</sub> T t<sub>i</sub>" ]  
uskii<sub>i</sub> bahin-ne t<sub>i</sub>' dekhaa thaa]]]]]

In (63) and (64), t<sub>i</sub>" must be in an A-position to be able to bind the pronoun. We suggest that this position is the SPEC T position in the lower clause. Note that t<sub>i</sub>" itself must be A-bar bound -i.e., be a variable and not an NP trace (given the ungrammaticality of (56) etc.).<sup>22</sup>

### 1.3.2. Reflexive binding and Long distance NP fronting out of a finite clause:

Since weak crossover evidence shows that long distance NP fronting out of a finite clause is an instance of non L-movement, we would expect that this type of NP fronting does not affect the reflexive binding possibilities of the type discussed earlier. That this is so is shown by (66) below in which a potential antecedent is long distance scrambled to the left of a reflexive. This moved phrase, however, fails to antecede a reflexive in the matrix clause. (65) is simply the

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<sup>22</sup>We are ignoring the possibility of a VP adjoined trace in the matrix clause in (63)-(64) and also in (56).

d-structure counterpart of (63):

(65) \*apnii bahin-ne socaa ki raam-ne mohan-ko dekhaa  
self's sister(SUB) thought that Ram(ESUB) Mohan(EDO) saw  
(lit.) Self's sister thought that Ram saw Mohan.

(66) \*mohan-ko<sub>i</sub> apnii<sub>i</sub> bahin-ne socaa ki raam-ne t dekhaa  
Mohan(EDO) self's sister(SUB) thought that Ram(ESUB) saw  
(lit.) Mohan<sub>i</sub>, self<sub>i</sub>'s sister thought that Ram saw.

Furthermore, as noted in the cases of weak crossover in (61) and (62), if the reflexive is contained in the subject phrase of the embedded clause and the object of that clause is moved to the matrix clause, that object can serve as an antecedent of the reflexive. (67) and (68) are relatively better than (66).

(67) ??raam-ne<sub>j</sub> mohan-ko<sub>i</sub> socaa ki apne<sub>i/\*j</sub> bacchoN-ne t  
Ram(SUB) Mohan(EDO) thought that self's children(SUB)  
ghar se nikaal diyaa  
home from threw out  
Ram thought that self<sub>i</sub>'s children threw Mohan<sub>i</sub> out of  
the house.



(68) ??mohan-ko<sub>i</sub> raam-ne<sub>j</sub> socaa ki apne<sub>i/\*j</sub> baccoN-ne t  
 Mohan(EDO) Ram(SUB) thought that self's children (SUB)  
 ghar se nikaal diyaa  
 home from threw out  
 (=67)

The relevant representations for (67) and (68) are given below  
 (we only show the relevant traces):

(69) [<sub>IP</sub>raam-ne<sub>j</sub> [<sub>mohan-ko<sub>i</sub></sub> [<sub>VP</sub>socaa [<sub>CP</sub> ki [<sub>IP</sub>[<sub>SPEC</sub> T t<sub>i</sub>" ]  
 apne<sub>i/\*j</sub> baccoN-ne ghar se t<sub>i</sub>' nikaal diyaa]]]]]

(70) [<sub>IP</sub>mohan-ko<sub>i</sub> [<sub>IP</sub>raam-ne<sub>j</sub> [<sub>VP</sub>socaa [<sub>CP</sub> ki [<sub>IP</sub> [<sub>SPEC</sub> T t<sub>i</sub>" ]  
 apne<sub>i/\*j</sub> baccoN-ne ghar se t<sub>i</sub>' nikaal diyaa]]]]]

As in the case of (61) and (62), the relative acceptability of  
 (67) and (68) can be explained as follows. Clause internal NP  
 fronting in (67) and (68) first moves the embedded DO to the  
 front of the embedded subject, i.e., to the site of t<sub>i</sub>" in  
 (69)-(70). This is an instance of L-movement. Further  
 application of long distance NP movement moves this fronted  
 phrase to the matrix clause. This is an instance of non L-  
 movement. However, the intermediate trace, t<sub>i</sub>", a variable,  
 binds the reflexive in the embedded subject.

### 1.3.3. Short distance adjunction:

Adjunction shift can also move an NP short distance. This conclusion is forced by simple sentences such as (71) and (72) below:

(71) apne aap-ko raam pasand kartaa hE  
himself(DO) Ram(SUB) likes  
Ram likes himself.

(72) ek duusre-ko raam Or siitaa pasand karte hEn  
each other (DO) Ram and Sita like  
Ram and Sita like each other.

Since the anaphor binding in (71)-(72) must be due to reconstruction, the anaphor must have been moved by an instance of adjunction shift.

### 1.3.4. Summary:

So far we have shown that argument shift and adjunction to XP do exist as separate operations. We have also established distinct properties of these two operations. Argument shift yields a structure that enters binding theory, overrides WCO effects, is subject to extended chain formation version of ECP and is not reconstructible. Adjunction to XP on the other hand, does not provide new binders, does not override WCO effects (it shows WCO effects), is not subject to extended chain formation version of ECP and can therefore be more non-

local (still subject to ECP and subadjacency) and is reconstructible.

#### **1.4. EVIDENCE AGAINST A MIXED POSITION:**

To be able to show that an NP occupies a mixed position, we have to show that it shows properties associated with L-movement (argument shift) as well as non L-movement (adjunction) **simultaneously**. The examples given below show that while an NP can show properties of being in an L-position or of being in an non L-position, it cannot simultaneously show both.

##### **1.4.1. RECONSTRUCTION AND WCO:**

In this subsection we show that if a fronted NP contains a wh phrase and a reflexive, the reflexive can be bound under reconstruction but the WCO effects do not disappear.

In (73)-(74), I establish that the fronted position acts like an L-position- it overrides WCO effect. In (77)-(78), I show that the fronted position in a similar sentence can also act like a non L-related position because a reflexive in a fronted phrase can be bound under reconstruction.

WCO effect with a simple sentence:

(73)\*[us aadmii-ne jo uske, pitaa-ko jaantaa hE]

that man        who his father        knows

kOn saa nOkar, nOkrii se nikaal diyaa

which servant        service from dismissed

Which servant did the man who knows his father

dismiss from the service?

WCO disappears when the DO is fronted:

(74) kOn saa nOkar, [us aadmii-ne jo uske, pitaa-ko jaantaa

which servant        that man        who his father        knows

hE]        nOkrii se nikaal diyaa

be-pres        service from dismissed

Which        servant        did the man        who knows his father

dismissed from the service ?

Reflexive binding:

(75) [us aadmii-ne, jo uske pitaa-ko jaantaa hE]

that man        who his father        knows

apnaa, nOkar        nOkrii se        nikaal diyaa

self's servant service from dismissed

The man who knows his father dismissed self's servant

from the service.

Reflexive binding preserved under reconstruction:

(76) apnaa<sub>1</sub> nOkar [us aadmii-ne<sub>1</sub> jo uske pitaa-ko jaantaa  
 self's servant that man who his father knows  
 hE] nOkrii se nikaal diyaa  
 be-pres. service from dismissed  
 The man who knows his father dismissed self's servant  
 from the service.

(77) below shows that a complex wh-phrase in-situ that also  
 contains a reflexive shows WCO but the reflexive contained in  
 it can be bound. This implies that LF movement of the wh-  
 phrase must be reconstructible.

(77) [us aadmii-ne<sub>1</sub> jo uske<sub>1</sub> pitaa-ko jaantaa hE]  
 that man who his father knows  
 apnaa<sub>1</sub> kOn saa nOkar<sub>1</sub>, nOkrii se nikaal diyaa  
 self's which servant service from dismissed  
 lit. The man who knows his father dismissed self's  
 which servant from the service.

(78) below shows that if the complex wh-phrase containing the  
 reflexive is fronted then WCO effects do not disappear  
 (reflexive binding is still possible):

(78) apnaa<sub>1</sub> kOn saa nOkar<sub>1</sub> [us aadmii-ne<sub>1</sub> jo uske<sub>1</sub> pitaa-ko  
 self's which servant that man who his father  
 jaantaa hE] nOkrii se nikaal diyaa  
 knows service from dismissed

lit. The man who knows his father dismissed self's  
which servant from the service.

If the fronted position can be a mixed position then (78)  
should not show WCO effects, which it does. This implies that  
the fronted complex wh-phrase is in a non L-position since it  
shows two distinct properties of phrases in non L-positions --  
reconstruction for reflexive binding and WCO.

I give below another similar paradigm with wh-in-  
situ/quantifier.

Standard WCO effect:

(79)\*[us aadmii ne jisne use<sub>i</sub> parh liyaa]  
that man-erg. who-erg. it read  
kOn sii kitaab<sub>i</sub>/koi kitaab<sub>i</sub> pheNk dii  
which book/some book threw away  
lit. The man who read it threw away which book/some  
book.

WCO overridden:

(80) kOn sii kitaab<sub>i</sub>/koi kitaab<sub>i</sub> [us aadmii ne jisne use<sub>i</sub>  
which book/some book that man-erg. who-erg. it  
parh liyaa] pheNk dii  
read threw away  
lit. The man who read it threw away which book/some  
book.

Binding but WCO:

- (81) [us aadmii-ne<sub>x</sub> jisne use<sub>i</sub> parh liyaa]  
that man-erg. who-erg. it read  
apnii<sub>x</sub> kOn sii kitaab<sub>j/\*i</sub>/koi kitaab<sub>j/\*i</sub> pheNk dii  
self's which book/some book threw away  
lit. The man who read it threw away self's which  
book/some book.

NP with reflexive and wh phrase fronted: WCO effects remain, reflexive binding is still possible. This implies that the moved NP is not in an L-position.

- (82) apnii<sub>x</sub> kOn sii kitaab<sub>j/\*i</sub>/koi kitaab<sub>j/\*i</sub> [us aadmii-ne<sub>x</sub>  
self's which book /some book that man-erg.  
jisne use<sub>i</sub> parh liyaa] pheNk dii  
who-erg. it read threw away  
lit. The man who read it threw away self's which  
book/some book.

If we provide a c-commanding antecedent for the reflexive then the WCO effect disappear. However, with the disappearance of the WCO effects, the reflexive binding possibility of (82) also disappears. This indicates that the fronted DO (that follows IO) is in an L-position now. It can bind the pronoun -so no WCO effects and a reflexive in it can be bound by the fronted IO. Furthermore, the disappearance of the reflexive

binding possibility of (82) (by the subject) shows that reconstruction is no longer possible indicating once again that the fronted DO is in an L-position.

- (83) raam-ko<sub>x</sub> [apnii<sub>x</sub> kOn sii kitaab<sub>i</sub>/koi kitaab<sub>i</sub>]<sub>j</sub>  
 Ram-to(IO) self's which book /some book  
 [us aadmii-ne<sub>x</sub> jisne use<sub>i</sub> parh liyaa] t<sub>j</sub> lOTaa dii  
 that man-erg. who-erg. it read returned  
 lit. The man who read it returned to Ram self's which  
 book/some book.

#### 1.4.2. PARASITIC GAPS:

The following sentence illustrates a parasitic gap construction in Hindi:

- (84) kOn sii kitaab mohan soctaa hE ki raam  
 which book Mohan thinks that Ram  
 [binaa PRO e<sub>2</sub> parhe] e<sub>1</sub> phEnk degaa  
 without reading throw away-fut.  
 Which book does Mohan think that Ram will throw away  
 without reading?

If the fronted DO can license a parasitic gap then it must be in a non L-position. The following sentences show that a fronted DO cannot simultaneously bind a pronoun and license a parasitic gap though if one of the conditions is removed, the



sentences become grammatical. (85) and (86) simply illustrates that fronting of a DO can override WCO effects with respect to a pronoun buried in a relative clause.

(85) \*[us aadmii-ne jis-ne use<sub>i</sub> dekhaa thaa] kOn sii kitaab<sub>i</sub> .

that man        who    it    saw be-pst    which book

khariid lii

bought

Which book did the man who saw it buy?

(86) kOn sii kitaab<sub>i</sub> [us aadmii-ne jis-ne use<sub>i</sub> dekhaa thaa]

which book        that man        who    it    saw be-pst

khariid lii

bought

Which book did the man who saw it buy?

(87) kOn sii kitaabi[us aadmii ne jis-ne \*use<sub>i</sub>/mohan-ko

which book        that man-erg. who        \*it /Mohan

dekhaa thaa] [binaa PRO e<sub>2</sub> parhe] e<sub>i</sub> pheNk dii

see be-pst without        reading    threw away

Which book did that man who saw \*it/Mohan threw away  
without reading.

(88) apnii<sub>1</sub> kOn sii kitaab<sub>1</sub> [binaa PRO e<sub>2</sub> parhe]

self's which book without reading

us aadmii ne<sub>1</sub> e<sub>1</sub> phenk dii

that man-erg threw away

lit. Self's which book without reading the man threw away.

In (87), if the fronted DO binds the pronoun use in the relative clause, then the construction is ruled out because the parasitic gap would be bound from a L-position. If the fronted DO does not have to bind anything, then it can be in a non L-position and the sentence becomes grammatical. In (88), the presence of the reflexive in the fronted DO forces the fronted position to be a non L-position, the parasitic gap is therefore licensed. It is therefore clear that if a position enters binding theory as a binder then it cannot simultaneously license a parasitic gap.

The following contrast also illustrates the same point with sentences with somewhat different properties.

(89)? kOn sii kitaab<sub>1</sub> raam-ne [binaa PRO e<sub>2</sub> parhe] t<sub>1</sub>

which book Ram-erg. without reading

apnii jild se alag kar dii

self's binding from removed

Which book did Ram remove from self's binding without reading.

(90)\*kOn sii kitaab<sub>1</sub> apnii<sub>1</sub> jild se raam-ne [binaa PRO e<sub>2</sub>  
 which book self's binding from Ram-erg. without  
 parhe] e<sub>1</sub> alag kar dii  
 reading removed  
 Which book from self's binding did Ram remove  
 without reading.

In (89) the fronted DO is in an adjoined position. It can therefore license the parasitic gap. The reflexive in the sentence is bound by  $t_1$ , a variable left by DO. The configuration does not violate any constraint on parasitic gap licensing. In (90), on the other hand, the reflexive can only be bound if either the fronted DO or its trace c-commands it. However, in both cases, the parasitic gap will be illicitly c-commanded by either the DO or its trace. The contrast is therefore accounted for correctly.

#### 1.4.3. Summary:

The evidence given in this section shows convincingly that (i) a fronted phrase cannot simultaneously bind (a reflexive or a pronoun) and reconstruct (ii) a fronted phrase cannot simultaneously bind (a reflexive or a pronoun) and license a parasitic gap. This clearly implies that scrambling does not take place to a mixed position. Furthermore, the evidence given shows clearly that there are two distinct operations of scrambling.

#### 1.4.4. GERMAN EVIDENCE

Webelhuth(1989) shows that German scrambling, like the Hindi cases discussed here (and more extensively in Mahajan,1988), is not a unitary phenomena. He gives extensive evidence that there are cases in which scrambling behaves like A-bar movement and in other cases it behaves like A-movement. He argues that these characteristics arise because scrambling is to a mixed position. That is, it is case of adjunction, and the adjoined position behaves like a mixed position. However there are only two cases that he gives that are supposed to show the existence of a mixed position in German. Neither of these examples make the point that he wants to establish. This is because there is a simple alternative derivation for these sentences which does not employ a mixed position (these alternative derivations however were not possible(/available) under the assumptions that Webelhuth worked with). The first case he uses is the following:

- (91) Peter hat jeden Gast<sub>t<sub>1</sub></sub> [ohne t<sub>1</sub> anzuschauen] seinem<sub>t<sub>1</sub></sub>  
Peter has every guest without to-look-at his  
Nachbarn t<sub>1</sub> vorgestellt  
neighbor introduced  
Peter introduced every guest to his neighbor without  
looking at.

The fronted phrase jeden Gast is argued by Webelhuth to be in

a mixed position because it can bind the pronoun seinem and it can license a parasitic gap in an adjunct clause at the same time. However, the same result is very easily given by a representation of (91) above in which the pronoun is simply bound by an empty trace in a L-position higher than the pronoun but lower than the adjunct clause. The second step of the movement would be to an adjoined position which licenses the parasitic gap. The relevant representation would look like:

(92) ?Peter hat jeden Gast<sub>i</sub> [ohne t<sub>i</sub> anzuschauen] t<sub>i</sub>"

Peter has every guest without to-look-at

seinem<sub>i</sub>                      Nachbarn t<sub>i</sub>' vorgestellt

his neighbor                      introduced

t<sub>i</sub>" is the variable in SPEC AGRPo that binds the pronoun. jeden Gast is then simply adjoined to the maximal projection containing the adjunct clause. This is consistent with the IP structure proposed in Chomsky(1989) and assumptions made therein whereby DOs move to SPEC AGRPo. The second example that Webelhuth gives also has the same property. The sentence is given below:

(93) ? Peter hat die Gaste [ohne e anzuschauen] einander

Peter has the guests without looking at each other

t vorgestellt

introduced-to

' Peter introduced the guests to each other without looking at them.'

Once again the simple fact is that the fronted die Gaste can bind the reciprocal and at the same time license a parasitic gap. The explanation that we suggest for this is the same as the previous case. die Gaste simply moves through SPEC AGRPo and therefore the reciprocal is L-bound by the variable contained in this specifier. The parasitic gap is simply licensed by the further movement which is a case of adjunction, L-bar movement that can license parasitic gaps. Thus the examples given by Webelhuth do not give any evidence for a mixed position. On the other hand, the examples from Hindi had the crucial property that there was no alternative derivation of the sort possible for the German cases given by Webelhuth. Hindi examples provided evidence against a unitary mixed position.

Furthermore, if we construct the right kind of German examples to test the issue under debate, we get further evidence against a unitary mixed position even in German.

(94) - (98) set up the control cases. (94) shows normal binding, (95) shows binding under reconstruction, (96) shows WCO effect and (97) shows that WCO can be overridden by fronting (the data below has been provided by Irene Heim).

(94) weil Hans<sub>1</sub> nur ein Geschenk für sich<sub>1</sub> allein

because Hans only one gift for himself alone  
ausgesucht hat  
chosen has

(95)?weil [nur ein Geschenk für sich<sub>1</sub>] Hans<sub>1</sub> allein

because only one gift for himself Hans alone  
ausgesucht hat  
chosen has

(96)?? weil [sein<sub>j</sub> Empfänger] [nur ein Geschenk]<sub>j</sub>

because its recipient only one gift  
allein ausgesucht hat  
alone chosen has

(97)ok/? weil [nur ein Geschenk]<sub>j</sub> [sein<sub>j</sub> Empfänger]

because only one gift its recipient  
allein ausgesucht hat  
alone chosen has

(98) below in which a quantified phrase containing a reflexive  
is fronted is however much worse:

(98)??/\*? weil [nur ein Geschenk für sich<sub>1</sub>]<sub>1</sub> [sein<sub>j</sub>

because only one gift for himself its  
Empfänger]<sub>1</sub> allein ausgesucht hat  
recipient alone chosen has

This shows that the fronted quantifier is in a non L-related position from which it cannot reconstruct for binding. This then provides some evidence that a position cannot simultaneously bind and reconstruct.

A similar point can be made on the basis of the contrast between (99) and (100) provided by Beatrice Santorini and Caroline Heycock (p.c.) (these sentences are based on Webelhuth's examples):

(99)? Peter hat jeden Gast ohne anzuschauen seinem Nachbarn  
peter has every guest without to-look-at his neighbor  
vorgestellt  
introduced

(100)\*? Peter hat jeden Gast seinem Nachbarn ohne  
peter has every guest his neighbor without  
anzuschauen vorgestellt.  
to-look-at introduced

This contrast parallels the one noted for Hindi (89) and (90). In (99), the pronoun is bound by a variable that is structurally below the parasitic gap adjunct. The parasitic gap is licensed by further movement of the direct object to a non L-position. In (100), the fronted direct object must be in a L-position to be able to bind the pronoun. The parasitic gap, in this construction would therefore be illicit since it



will be bound from an L-position.<sup>23</sup>

#### 1.5. CONCLUSION: Toward a Unified Theory of Scrambling:

I have shown that Hindi scrambling must be viewed as two distinct operations: an argument shift operation and an adjunction to XP operation. Argument shift is a L-movement rule and involves substitution into a L-position. This movement shows binding properties normally associated with A-movement. Adjunction to XP, on the other hand, is an adjunction operation and it shows properties associated with A-bar movement, i.e., it does not provide new binders, can license parasitic gaps and is not subject to binding locality in terms of extended chains. German cases, as discussed in Webelhuth(1989) seem to have a similar range of properties (with language particular variations that are not of relevance here). I have also shown that there is no unitary mixed scrambling site of the sort suggested by Webelhuth. There is

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<sup>23</sup>Beatrice Santorini(p.c.) raises a potential problem for this analysis. She points out that if both the dative phrase as well as the direct object containing the pronoun are analyzed as fronted by adjunction in sentences like (100), then it should be possible to bind the pronoun under reconstruction. (100) should then be similar to (99) in its grammatical status. It is not clear how the relevant contrast should then be accounted for. I suggest that fronting of both the IO and the DO simultaneously is blocked independently possibly by a condition such as relativized minimality. If that is the case then one of the fronted phrases must be in an L-position. If the DO is in an L-position then a sentence such as (100) is ruled out because the parasitic gap is illicit, if the dative phrase is in an L-position and the DO is in a non L-position, then the sentence is a WCO violation.

no data that supports the existence of such a mixed position and there is evidence against such a mixed position from Hindi as well as from German.

If free word order is a result of scrambling, and if scrambling is indeed two distinct operations- argument shift and adjunction to XP, as we have argued, then our analysis has some implications for cross linguistic diversity found in scrambling constructions.

It is generally assumed that scrambling is simply an adjunction operation. If this is so then a great deal of variation found among natural languages with respect to scrambling is surprising. The theory we are suggesting provides a framework for capturing this diversity.

It is possible that there are languages with only argument shift or only with adjunction to XP. Furthermore there may be languages with both operations or neither of them. The following language types are then allowed for under our system:

- (99) A. + Argument Shift
  - Adjunction to XP

B. - Argument Shift

+ Adjunction to XP

C. + Argument Shift

+ Adjunction to XP

D. - Argument Shift

- Adjunction to XP

The languages that we have discussed, i.e., Hindi and German are Type C languages under this typology. However as it stands this typology is too coarse. It does not allow for drawing finer distinctions, for example between German and Dutch, both of which seem to belong to Type C but have differences with respect to movement of the object over the subject, German allows it and Dutch does not. Similar differences exist between Scandinavian languages and other Germanic languages.

I suggest that both of Argument Shift and Adjunction to XP may interact with language specific properties that constrain the range of each of these operations. Holmberg(1986) shows that Scandinavian rule of object shift (subsumed here under the argument shift operation) is related to verb raising and Case. Within Scandinavian languages that Holmberg describes and within Germanic languages in general there is some variation in the range of facts associated with this rule (as noted above, see Holmberg,1986, Bennis and Hoekstra,1985 and Vanden

Wyngaerd,1989). I suggest that argument shift is in general related to verb movement (cf. Holmberg,1986). This implies that languages with more restrictions on verb movement rules will have severe restrictions on argument shift rules. Furthermore long distance verb movement rules such as restructuring constructions should allow more liberal application of argument shift operation. Both of these predictions seem to be correct. What about conditions on Adjunction to XP operation? Even within that domain there appears to be some variation among languages. There have been some recent suggestions that adjunction to a maximal projection may be subject to a head government condition. Frampton(1989) makes use of certain insights of Kayne(1984) to suggest a theory of possible adjunction sites. If that approach is right then the second scrambling operation, i.e., Adjunction to XP, is also subject to principled variation. Furthermore, there are general restrictions against adjunction to arguments (cf. Chomsky,1986). There may also be restrictions on adjunction to VP or other functional projections (i.e., if VP behaves like an argument then may be adjunction to VP is not possible either (contrary to Chomsky,1986; May,1985)). I summarize below some of these possible restrictions below:

(100)

**a. Constraints on argument shift:**

(i) Verb movement is required for argument shift (cf. Holmberg, 1986). This would restrict argument shift in a language like English while allowing it to various degrees in other Germanic languages and in languages like Hindi.

(ii) Extended chain formation is required for argument shift (cf. Chomsky, 1986). This yields the binding theory effects on argument shift; (the idea of T-chains of Gueron and Hoekstra, 1987 is also relevant here). The formation of extended chains may further be sensitive to the direction of canonical government (cf. Kayne, 1984). This yields the fact that head final languages have freer argument shift than head initial languages. Part of the variation within Germanic languages, i.e., between verb medial Scandinavian languages and verb final German and Dutch is related to this factor.

(iii) Case theory. Each lexical chain may have only one structural Case. This will interact with the theory of Case I outline later (L-Case play a special role in this theory).

**b. Constraints on Adjunction:**

(i) No adjunction to arguments (cf. Chomsky, 1986). This will rule out CP and NPs as possible adjunction sites for adjunction. I will present evidence that contrary to Chomsky's (1985) proposal, VP is not a possible adjunction site (recall that VP movement itself behaves in a manner similar to that of movement of arguments as against to IP movement- this

indicates that VP behaves like an argument and it is therefore plausible that adjunction to VP is ruled out by the general principle against adjunction to arguments).

(ii) **Directionality of head government** (cf. Kayne, 1984; Frampton, 1989). This will restrict positions from which adjunction originates depending upon the direction of canonical government in a language. For instance, a version of Frampton's condition will prohibit adjunction of subjects to IP in a head initial language like English while allowing it in a head final language like Hindi.

(iii) **General principle like subadjacency and ECP** that constrain movement and/or well formed representations.

It may be noted that all of the above restrictions are independently needed in theory that we are working within (except the assumptions about Case theory which may be important (the correlation of 'rich Case morphology' and 'freedom of word order' may be partly derivable from this view of Case theory)).

The system that I have outlined here shows that certain possibilities exist and that it is possible to account for these possibilities in a principled manner. The system also has the desirable property of outlining a framework within which 'scrambling' or 'free word order' can be studied. It also has the potential of capturing similarities and differences within such languages in terms of how the

'scrambling sites' behave. Furthermore, the theory of positions does not need to include the existence of a mixed position.

## CHAPTER TWO

### AGREEMENT, CASE AND SCRAMBLING

#### 2.0. INTRODUCTION

In this chapter I will argue for the following:

(i) Subject as well as object agreement in Hindi is mediated through a rule of argument shift. This rule moves an appropriate argument into a L-related position where it is governed by AGR providing a configuration in which agreement can take place. In arguing for this point I will provide an articulated theory of agreement in Hindi that differs from all previous accounts of agreement in Hindi.

(ii) I will argue that agreement between an AGR element and the argument that it governs is also a configuration of structural Case assignment. This would imply that only those elements that do not receive structural Case within VP in Hindi can move to SPEC AGR positions. I will suggest that object agreement is possible in Hindi only in those cases where the verb itself is a non (structural) Case assigner, i.e., is a perfect participle or a psych verb.

(iii) I will propose a theory of Case that draws a clear



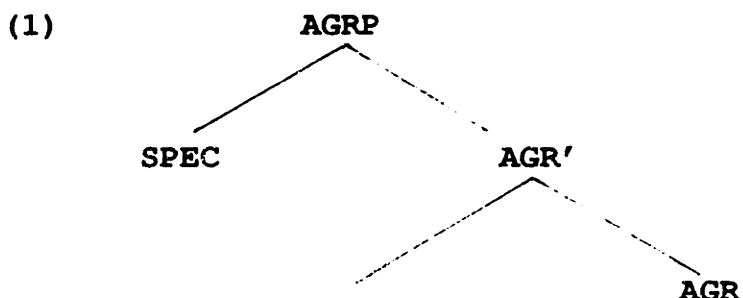
distinction between the roles of Inherent Case and Structural Case. I will suggest two visibility conditions - a LF visibility condition that requires all NPs (or chains) to bear a structural Case and a s-structure visibility condition that requires all NPs (or chains) to have a Case (inherent or structural). Since structural Case is required independent of inherent Case, I suggest that there is nothing wrong with an NP bearing a structural as well as a inherent Case. In fact a stronger condition such as the one requiring all inherently Case marked NPs requiring a structural Case is motivated by our assumptions. This condition receives some support from agreement facts in Marathi and Marwari (also Nepali) where an inherently Case marked NP can show agreement.

(iv) In Chapter 1, I argued that some instances of short distance leftward movement in Hindi are instances of L-movement. Since SPEC of AGR is an L-related position to which structural Case is assigned, we predict that arguments that are structurally Case marked by the verb will never be able to move into such a position. Thus structural Case assignment by the verb to an argument (object) ensures that this argument cannot undergo argument shift. These effects will be discussed in detail and it will be shown that Agreement and Case assignment are interrelated with scrambling possibilities in Hindi.

(v) Finally, we discuss the nature of the Case assigned by a verb. I will suggest that unergative verbs in Hindi assign a Case to their objects and that this Case assignment looks like partitive Case assignment of Belletti(1988). The NP that receives that Case must be interpreted as nonspecific. However, it will be argued that this Case cannot be an inherent Case. On the basis of some NP fronting facts entering into reflexive and pronominal binding, I suggest that this Case is in fact structural. I will discuss some consequences of this approach as it bears upon issues of specificity and Case assignment.

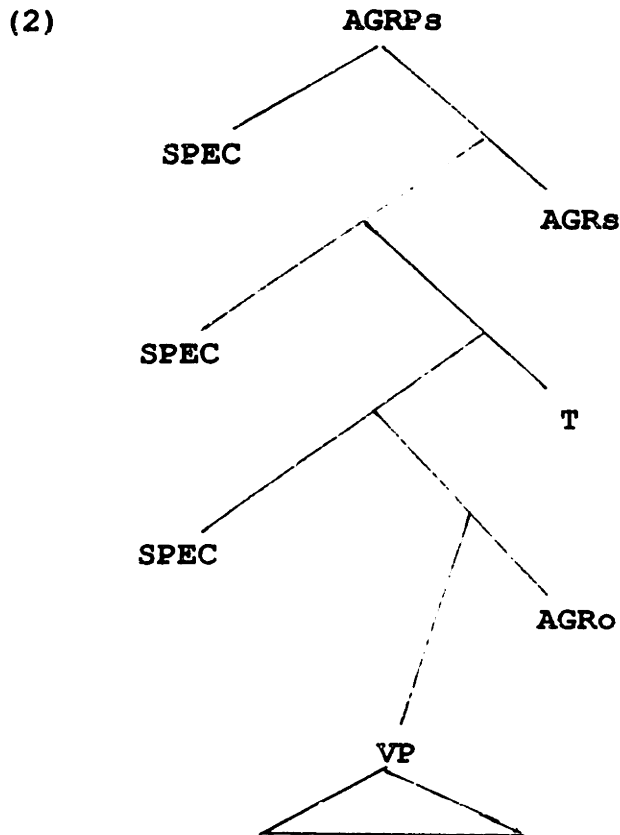
## 2.1 THEORETICAL BACKGROUND:

I will assume that the canonical agreement configuration is as in (1) (linear order irrelevant):



It will be argued that both subject as well as object agreement are essentially similar processes involving a configuration such as (1). Following some recent proposals about IP structure (cf. Pollock, 1989; Chomsky, 1989), I will

assume an IP structure as in (2):



I will further assume that all arguments are generated VP internally. Following discussion in Chapter 1, I will assume that VP internal arguments can move to VP external positions. I will suggest that NPs that are not structurally Case marked VP internally must move to a VP external position where they receive structural Case. On the other hand, NPs that are structurally Case marked internal to the VP do not have to move but they may do so only if they move to a non L-related position. This implies that only those arguments that are not structurally Case marked within the VP can move to SPEC AGR and therefore show agreement. I

assume, following Chomsky(1989), the NPs in SPEC AGRP, and SPEC AGRO, positions receive structural Case.

## 2.2 AGREEMENT

### 2.2.1 Some Basic Facts about Hindi Agreement:

In Hindi, the general pattern of agreement in simple clauses is as follows: the main verb and the auxiliary (if there is any) agree with the subject of the clause in non perfective tenses. The subject must not be followed by any postposition or case ending (this is meant to exclude dative subjects etc. which are followed by a postposition.)<sup>1</sup> Thus we have:

(3) raam            roTii            khaataa            thaa  
Ram (m.) bread(f.) eat (imp.m.) be(pst.m.)  
Ram (habitually) ate bread.

(4) siitaa            kelaa            khaatii            thii  
Sita (f.) banana(m.) eat(imp.f.) be (pst. f.)  
Sita (habitually) ate bread.

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<sup>1</sup>The description of Hindi agreement and ergativity are provided by many authors including Kachru and Pandharipande (1979), Saksena(1981,1983,1985), Comrie(1984,1985), Pray(1970). Also see in connection with the ergative pattern in Hindi, Amritavalli(1979). However the facts of long distance agreement are not covered exhaustively in most studies (see however, Gurtu(1985) for a brief discussion for some matters pertaining to this topic). See also for a somewhat different perspective Gair and Wali (1987a,b) and Davison(1988).



The exception to this kind of intransitive agreement is in a class of sentences that involve a set of verbs that roughly corresponds to that of the class of unergative intransitives. The subjects of these intransitives can appear (optionally in most cases) with an ergative postposition in which case the agreement is neutral. Thus we have:

- (8) siitaa (\*ne) aayii  
Sita (f.) arrived/came (f.)  
Sita came.

- (9) kutte bhONke  
dogs(m.pl.) barked (m. pl.)  
The dogs barked.

- (10) kuttoN ne bhoNkaa  
dogs(pl.)erg. barked (m. sg.)  
The dogs barked.

This seems to indicate the special status of this class of intransitives that excludes unaccusatives at first approximation. This class seems to behave in this respect in a manner similar to regular transitive verbs indicating that these verbs may (at least optionally) require to be treated like transitives. The rest of the agreement facts in complex

sentences will be introduced in later sections.

### **2.2.2 Some Basic Facts about Hindi Case Markings:**

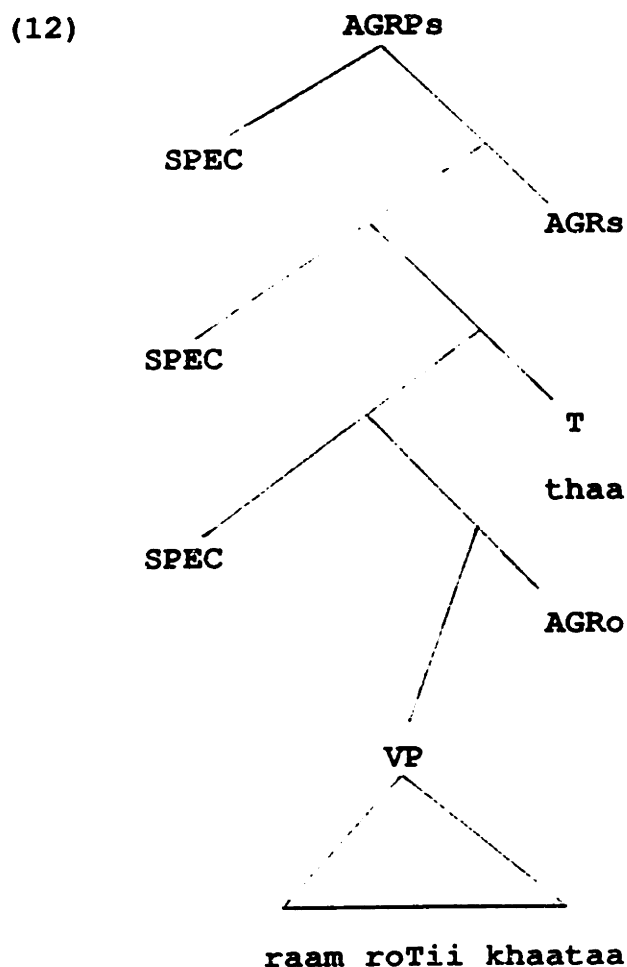
Hindi nominative and accusative case endings are null as illustrated in (3). Ergative marking is ne and dative is ko. However, the dative and the ergative markings are postpositional in the sense that ko and ne are 'loosely' attached to the NP that they follow. There are some particles that can appear between ko/ne and the preceding NP. There is, however, no postposition stranding. These ergative and dative phrases exhibit some interesting properties in that they can occupy (the ergative phrases must occupy) the subject position and can bind and control from that position. On the other hand, they can never show agreement with the verb. In what follows, we will try to account for these properties in so far as they are related to our discussion of agreement (see Gurtu(1985) for some details of the behavior of such phrases).

### **2.2.3. Subject Agreement:**

Let us start with a simple imperfective construction that shows subject agreement but no object agreement. The auxiliary also agrees with the subject.

(11) raam          roTii          khaataa          thaa  
 Ram (m.) bread(f.) eat (imp.m.) be(pst.m.)  
 Ram (habitually) ate bread.

Let me assume at this point that the auxiliary is generated in I. The d-structure for (11) would then be as in (12):



The verb khaataa assigns a structural Case to the object.  
 The object, therefore, does not have to move to get a Case.  
 I suggest that the subject moves to SPEC T and then to SPEC



AGRs where it receives a structural Case. The auxiliary in T moves to AGRs. As for the agreement between the subject and the main verb -- there are two possibilities. One possibility would be to assume that the subject-verb agreement is established at d-structure in a SPEC-Head configuration. This configuration is not a structural Case assignment configuration which is restricted to SPEC AGR configuration. Under this view, the subject can agree both with the auxiliary and the main verb but receive its structural Case from AGRs. SPEC AGRO may simply be missing since specifiers are optional (cf. Fukui and Speas, 1986). The other possibility would be to allow the subject to move through SPEC AGRO and on to SPEC AGRs. If this later view is adopted then we will have to ensure that the subject trace in SPEC AGRO does not receive a structural Case since the structural Case should be assigned to the head of the chain in SPEC AGRs. This effect could be obtained either by making structural Case assignment optional or by simply deleting the trace in SPEC AGRO. Both these options will yield a well formed chain. We leave the choice between these two possibilities in Hindi open.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Some evidence for the latter possibility comes from Marathi where in a parallel construction, the verb bears object agreement morphology as well as the subject agreement morphology but both of these correspond to the subject. That is, the subject shows subject as well as object agreement. This is illustrated by the following example from Gair and Wali (1987):

(i) tu            pothi        vaac-t- o -s  
       you-masc book-fem read-imp-masc- 2ndPAGR  
       You (masc) read a book.

These moves solve another problem of Hindi syntax. Hindi permits multiple auxiliaries all of which agree with the argument that the main verb agrees with as shown below:

- (13) raam      roTii      khaataa      rahtaa      thaa  
 Ram(m.) bread(f.) eat(imp.m.) prog.(imp.m.) be(pst.m.)  
 Ram used to keep on eating bread.

I will assume that auxiliaries can have their own SPEC positions. The subject can move through specifiers of the auxiliaries showing agreement with them but receives its Case from the AGRs.

#### 2.2.4. Object Agreement:

A simple case of object agreement in Hindi is given below:

- (14) raam    ne              roTii      khaayii  
 Ram(m.)    erg.    bread(f.)    eat (perf. f.)  
 Ram ate bread.

I assume that d-structure of (14) is similar to that of

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- (ii)tu            pothi      vaac-t- e -s  
 you-fem book-fem read-imp-fem- 2ndPAGR  
 You(fem) read a book.

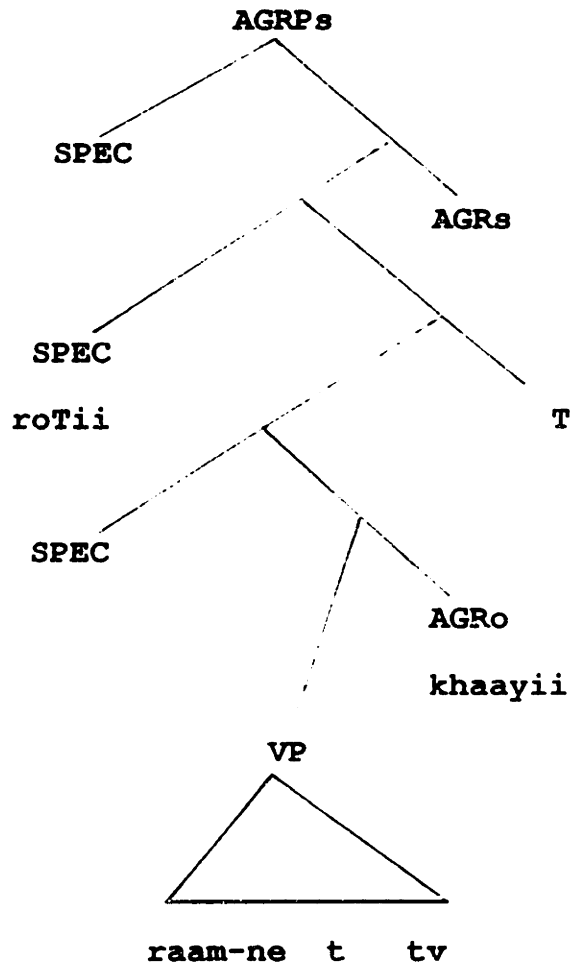
In perfective clauses, where object shows agreement with the verb, the subject agreement is limited to outer agreement, i.e., subject shows subject agreement morphology while the object shows object agreement morphology.

(11), (i.e., (12)) the case of subject agreement. The crucial difference is that the verb, a perfect participle, is a non Case assigner (Hindi passive is also based on the same form of the verb). Given this, the object fails to receive structural Case VP internally and therefore moves to SPEC AGRP<sub>o</sub> to receive structural Case. In object agreement constructions in Hindi, the subject is always inherently Case marked - with an ergative Case marking above (dative is possible with psych verbs). Since, I am assuming that inherent Case is sufficient at s-structure, the subject could remain in situ giving a sentence such as (15) which is well formed.

(15) roTii            raam   ne            khaayii  
       bread (f.) Ram(m.)   erg.    eat (perf. f.)  
       Ram ate bread.

I suggest that (15) has the following s-structure:

(16)



Recall that s-structure movement of the object is required because it does not have any Case, while s-structure movement of the subject is not required because it has an inherent Case. However, nothing prevents s-structure movement of the subject to SPEC AGRP, and this is what yields (14).

#### 2.2.5. Agreement and adverbial interpretation:

Some evidence for the suggestion that (14) and (15) involve argument (object) shift to SPEC AGR<sub>o</sub> comes from adverbial

interpretation in Hindi.

Let us consider an adverb like jaldii jaldii/jaldii se 'quickly'. As noted by Travis(1988), 'quickly' allows for a process reading as well as for an event interpretation depending on its location.

Process reading (when the adverb is adjoined to the V-projection system):

- (17) a. John will be quickly arrested by the police.  
b. John will be arrested quickly by the police.

Event reading (when the adverb is adjoined to the I-projection system):

- (18) a. John quickly will be arrested by the police.  
b. Quickly, John will be arrested by the police.

Since Hindi is a head final language, the ordering between the auxiliary and the adverb does not give any clue about the adjunction site of the adverb. We assume that Travis's conclusion is essentially correct and furthermore the semantic interpretation of adverbs like 'quickly' is universally structure dependent. This allows us to make an assumption about the adjunction site of adverbs like jaldii jaldii/jaldii se in a language like Hindi depending on their

interpretation. A sentence such as (19) is ambiguous between a process and event reading in Hindi as expected because the adverb could be adjoined either to I system or to the V system :

- (19) (pulis ko dekh kar) cor jaldii se bhaag gayaa  
police see having thief quickly ran away  
(Having seen the police) the thief quickly ran away.

With transitive verbs in an ergative constructions (with object agreement), the following are two of the possible word orders:<sup>3</sup>

- (20) raam-ne kaam jaldii se kiya  
Ram-erg work quickly did(obj.agreement)  
(21) raam-ne jaldii se kaam kiya  
Ram-erg quickly work did(obj.agreement)

In (20), we get a clear process reading for the adverb while (21) gives an event reading. If the verb and its object form

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<sup>3</sup> Similar effects are also noticeable in psych verb constructions that also show object agreement.

- (i) raam-ko kaam jaldii se karnaa hogaa  
Ram-dat work quickly do-inf be-fut  
Ram will have to do the work quickly  
(ii) raam-ko jaldii se kaam karnaa hogaa  
Ram-dat quickly work do-inf be-fut  
Ram will have to do the work quickly

a d-structure constituent, then (20) involves leftward movement of the object. Since (20) does not permit an event reading, the adverb must be adjoined to the V-projection system and the object must be hierarchically superior to this adverb. We have argued that the position of the object is SPEC AGRo in such constructions. (21) does not permit a process reading therefore under our assumptions that adverb must be adjoined to the I-projection system (higher than the SPEC AGRo position).

(21) makes an additional point that object agreement in Hindi must be a s-structure phenomenon. If it was possible to have object agreement at LF (by a method similar to that of expletive adjunction of Chomsky, 1989) then a sentence like (21) should permit a process reading (along with an event reading in a manner similar to (19)).

Consider now a sentence like (22) where there is no object agreement and therefore under our assumptions no movement to SPEC AGRo:

(22) siitaa jaldii se kaam kartii thii

Sita quickly work do-imp part be-pst (sub agreement)

(22) is ambiguous and allows for both a process as well as event interpretation for the adverb. This contrasts with

(21) which gives a strong event reading. Object-adverb order is possible but with a focal stress on the object:

(23) siitaa kaam jaldii se kartii thii

Sita work quickly do-imp part be-pst (sub  
agreement)

(23) is ambiguous in a manner similar to (22) (though process reading is admittedly stronger). The possibility of an event reading for the adverb in (23) indicates that the adverb could be attached to the I-projection system unlike (21). Since (23) does not involve object agreement and the object requires focal stress, one can argue that the object is in a dislocated position (note that no such stress is required for the object in (21)). I suggest that the contrast between (21) and (22) is due to this fact. In (21), the object is argument shifted to SPEC AGRo position over the adverb which is adjoined to a V-projection. The absence of an event interpretation for the adverb is yielded under the assumption that a V-adjoined adverb cannot give an event interpretation. The ambiguity of (22) is because the adverb which linearly precedes the object can be interpreted either as a V-adverb or an I-adverb. Same is true in (23). The possibility of event reading in (23) forces the conclusion that the object must be attached higher than the adverb, i.e., above some I-projection and above SPEC AGRo



projection. The requirement of focal stress on the object is an indicator of its dislocated position. The absence of object agreement indicates that the object has not moved through SPEC AGRo position.

2.2.6. Some Comparative Evidence: As noted earlier, lexical Case in Hindi is postpositional and has the property that it blocks agreement. The subject in (14) while in a position where it can show agreement with the verb (or the auxiliary), fails to do so in Hindi because of this reason. There are languages closely related to Hindi that permit the ergative subject to agree. In Marathi, as noted by Gair and Wali(1988), second person singular subjects in perfective constructions can show subject agreement. The object in the same clause can show object agreement. This is illustrated by the example below (cf. Gair and Wali,1988:97): (glosses modified)

- (24) tu kavitaā vaac-l-i-s  
you(erg.)masc. poem fem read(perf)femSg.-2Sg  
You read the poem.

Marathi allows it only in one specific instance, i.e., when the subject is second person singular in which case the subject is not overtly inflected for ergative Case.

Another case is found in Marwari as discussed in Magier(1983). However, Marwari, though showing a split ergative pattern, seems to have lost ergative postposition/case marking. The subjects in a perfective construction can clearly show agreement with the auxiliary. The following sentence from Magier(1983:250) illustrates the point:

- (25) mhaNiN siitaa-ne dekhii huun  
I Sita-acc saw(fem) am(1sg.)  
I have seen Sita.

Marwari also displays an interesting property in that it allows object agreement over an overt Case marking. We will return to that shortly.

The last case of subject agreement in a perfective construction is from Nepali, another closely related Indo-Aryan language. This case is clearest in one respect- i.e., the subject is clearly marked by an ergative postposition but still shows agreement with the past participle.

- (26) John-le phul kinyo (Dalrymple,1984)  
John-erg egg(s) bought (3sg)  
John bought egg(s).

However, it is not clear if Nepali permits object agreement at all in such constructions.

Going back to Hindi, it may be noted that the objects of perfect participles can also bear a lexical Case - the dative -ko. If the object bears -ko in an ergative construction, object agreement is blocked in Hindi. The verb in such cases takes unmarked third person singular ending.

(27) siitaa-ne laRkii-ko dekhaa

Sita-erg girl-ko see-perf-3sg masc

Sita saw the girl.

Once again, we assume that the object may have moved to SPEC AGRP. - nothing prevents it. We can not see it clearly in Hindi but then Hindi lexical Case marking postpositions block agreement. The evidence supporting the possibility of object agreement with inherently Case marked objects comes from other languages like Marwari. As noted in (25) above, the object even when it is followed by the overt case marking can agree with the main verb.

Adverbial interpretation in Hindi, however, does provide a clue about the s-structure position of -ko objects. If an adverb such as jaldii se follows a -ko object, it can only have a process reading. If the adverb follows the -ko

object, it the adverb can have a process reading as well as an event reading though the event reading appears to be stronger. The relevant examples are:

(28) pulis-ne cor-ko jaldii se pakaR liyaa  
police-erg thief-ko quickly catch-perf  
The police quickly arrested the thief. (process)

(29) pulis-ne jaldii se cor-ko pakaR liyaa  
police-erg quickly thief-ko catch-perf  
The police quickly arrested the thief. (process and event)

This suggests that in (28) above, the -ko object is in SPEC AGRo. The adverb therefore has a process reading only because it must be attached to a V-projection. In (29), the -ko object could be in-situ thereby allowing the attachment site of the adverb to be either a V-projection or an I-projection permitting both process and event interpretation.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup>The preference of the event reading may be because in the unmarked case, the -ko object has a tendency to move to SPEC AGRo at s-structure forcing the adverb in (29) to be more readily interpreted as an event modifier. However, if the -ko object binds a pronoun in an indirect object, the adverb, if it precedes the object, can have only an event interpretation:

(i) polis-ne jaldii se kis<sub>i</sub> bacce-ko uske<sub>i</sub> pitaa-ko lotaa diyaa  
police-erg quickly which child(DO) his father(IO) returned  
Which child did the police return to his father quickly?

So far we have been assuming that the auxiliaries (if there are any) agree with the same argument that the main verb agrees with. This is true for Hindi and Marathi. However, as shown by (25) above that is not entirely true for Marwari where the present tense auxiliary can agree with the subject and the object can agree with the perfect participle. It may be suggested that the present tense auxiliary is generated in AGRP<sub>i</sub> in Marwari therefore it shows subject agreement. Alternatively, Marwari may permit AGRP<sub>i</sub> to be generated lower than T. This will allow the subject to move to AGRP<sub>i</sub> to T giving subject agreement with the auxiliary. However, it is not clear what the relevant difference between the present tense auxiliary and the past tense auxiliary is. The past tense auxiliary agrees with the argument that the main verb agrees with. I leave this matter open here.

### **2.3. Case and Agreement:**

Our discussion so far has tied structural Case and agreement in a particular way, i.e., structural Case is assigned to NPs in SPEC AGRo and SPEC AGRs. However, as noted in the previous section, structural Case assignment must be optional. The relationship between Case assignment and agreement is further complicated by certain instances of long distance agreement in Hindi. I will briefly discuss some cases here (for a longer discussion see Mahajan, 1989).

2.3.1. The phenomena of what has been called long distance agreement is illustrated by sentences like (30) in which the embedded infinitive verb as well as the matrix verb agree with the lower object:

- (30) raam-ne            roTii        khaanii            caahii  
Ram(m.) erg. bread(f.) eat(inf.f.) want(perf. pst.f.)  
Ram wanted to eat bread

The fundamental problem is that the object of the lower clause shows agreement with the embedded verb as well as the matrix verb. Therefore if agreement is mediated by movement of the lower object through the lower AGRP<sub>o</sub> to the higher AGRP<sub>o</sub> (as suggested in Mahajan, 1989) then the resulting chain has two agreement positions and also two Case positions. In what follows we will address this problem arguing that agreement in the lower clause in sentences like (30) above does not result in Case assignment and that the structural Case is actually assigned to the embedded object in the matrix SPEC AGRP<sub>o</sub>.

Some of the things to be noted in connection with this type of agreement are:

- (i) The agreement of the object and the infinitive in the

embedded clause is optional. If the infinitive does not agree with its object, then the matrix verb cannot show agreement with the lower object. Thus we have:

- (31) raam ne roTii khaanaa caahaa  
 Ram erg. bread(f.) eat(inf.m.) want(perf.pst.m.)  
 Ram wanted to eat bread.

- (32) \* raam ne roTii khaanaa caahii  
 Ram erg. bread f. eat(inf. m.) (perf.pst.f.)

(ii) If the lower verb does agree with the object, then the matrix verb must also show agreement with the lower object:

- (33) \* raam ne roTii khaanii caahaa  
 Ram erg. bread (f.) eat(inf. f.) want(perf.pst.m.)

(iii) If the matrix verb is not a perfective participle, then it shows agreement with its own subject.

- (34) raam roTii khaanaa caahtaa thaa  
 Ram bread(f.) eat(inf.m.) want(imp.m.) be (pst.m.)

For most speakers, matrix clause agreement as in (25) rules out the embedded infinitive verb agreement. Thus (26) is ungrammatical for those speakers:

(35) \*/??? raam      roTii      khaanii      caahtaa      thaa  
          Ram(m.) bread(f.) eat (inf.f.) want (imp.m.)  
    be (pst.m.)

For some speakers (35) is not bad. The matrix agreement in non perfective tenses is however obligatory even for those speakers who accept (35). Thus (36) is sharply out for all speakers.

(36) \*raam      roTii      khaanii      caahtii      thii  
          ram(m.) bread (f.) eat (inf.f.) want (imp.f.) be (pst.f.)

(iv) Agreement can only go upwards, that is, while the matrix verb shows agreement with the lower object in some environments, the lower infinitive can never inherit agreement features of the matrix verb even if it does not agree with its object in some cases. One of these instances is where the lower object can have dative Case forcing the lower verb to be in third person singular. In such cases, the lower verb cannot show any agreement:

(37) siitaa      billii ko      dekhnaa      caahtii      thii  
          Sita(f.) cat(f.) dat. see (inf.m.) want (imp.f.)  
    be (pst.f.)  
          Sita wanted to see the cat.



(38) \*siitaa billii ko dekhonii caahtii thii  
 Sita(f.) cat (f.) dat. see(inf.f.) want(imp.f.)  
 be(pst.f.)

How can we account for these facts within the framework that we have developed in the previous section ? In what follows, we will try to account for the facts described above. Since structural Case assignment is optional, the infinitival verbs may choose not to assign a Case to their objects. However, they are crucially different from perfect participles in that perfect participles cannot assign Case while infinitives can optionally not assign Case. Once we assume this distinction between perfect participles and infinitives then some of the properties of the pattern illustrated above follow.

Thus following our analysis in the previous section, let us assume that when the infinitival verb in the lower clause does not assign Case to its object then the object has to move to get a structural Case. The object argument in these instances moves to the embedded SPEC AGRP<sub>0</sub> position and it consequently shows agreement with the infinitive at s-structure. In light of this, let us look at a sentence like (30) repeated below as (39):

(39) raam ne            roTii        khaanii            caahii  
       Ram(m.) erg. bread(f.) eat (inf.f.) want(perf.pst.f.)  
       Ram wanted to eat bread

The analysis that seems to yield a natural account of the long distance agreement phenomena as shown by (39) involves long distance NP movement in a manner similar to that of long distance clitic climbing in Romance languages. Thus to account for agreement in sentences like (39), we will suggest that the lower object does not receive Case and has to move. It moves successive cyclically through the lower SPEC of AGRP<sub>o</sub> position to the matrix SPEC AGRO where it receives Case. The lower AGRO does not Case mark the chain. Thus (39) looks somewhat like (40): (We are ignoring some details that are not directly relevant in the structure below.<sup>5</sup>)

(40) [<sub>IP</sub> raam ne [[<sub>AGRP<sub>o</sub></sub> roTii<sub>i</sub> [<sub>VP</sub> [<sub>AGRP<sub>o</sub></sub> [<sub>t<sub>i</sub></sub> [<sub>VP</sub> PRO  
                   t<sub>i</sub> t<sub>v1</sub> ] khaanii<sub>i</sub> ] ] t<sub>v2</sub> ] t<sub>agr2</sub> ] ] caahii<sub>i</sub> ] ]

This then accounts for the fact that the lower object can agree with both the lower verb and the matrix verb.

Agreement itself is local in both the matrix as well as the

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<sup>5</sup>I am assuming that PRO in the lower clause stays in its VP internal position. The assumption that the lower AGRO being not a Case assigner will protect PRO from being Case marked. I am also assuming that the lower clause is a AGRP- possibly AGRP<sub>o</sub>.

lower clause. In the case of the lower clause, it is with the trace of the moved NP. There is no Case conflict because the resulting chain gets its Case from the highest AGRo and the resulting chain is therefore well formed.

Let us now account for the four properties of the long distance agreement that we noted at the beginning under this section.

(i) The optionality of agreement is explained by the optionality of Case assignment by the infinitive. If the infinitive assigns a structural Case then the object NP does not move (it does not have to move at s-structure if it has an inherent dative also).

(ii) The second property of the obligatory agreement between the lower object and the matrix verb as illustrated by (33) can be explained by obligatory movement of the lower object to the matrix SPEC of AGRP<sub>0</sub> position. However, the reason for this extended movement is not entirely clear because given our assumptions so far, the lower object can simply receive a structural Case within the lower clause (from the lower AGRo). We suggest, following Mahajan(1989), that AGRo can assign a structural Case only if it is governed by a finite I. This condition is not met in the lower clause in (33) forcing extended movement.

(iii) The possibility of the matrix verb agreeing with its own subject as in (34) is available as in simple sentences. The lower object in (34) must therefore receive its Case from the lower verb and can therefore not move which is why it cannot agree (for most speakers) with the lower infinitive as in (35). Notice that in this case if the lower verb does not assign Case then the object will have to move. However since the upper SPEC of AGR position is occupied by the trace of the upper subject, the lower object will not be able to get Case. The problem however is with the relative acceptability of (35) by some speakers. It may be suggested that for the speakers who accept (35), the government of the lower AGRO by the matrix imperfect participle (which is a potential Case assigner) makes structural Case assignment possible in the lower SPEC AGRO (Raposo, 1986). The contrast between (35) and (33) is then yielded by the fact that the perfect participle in (33) cannot assign a structural Case and therefore Case transmission is not possible.

(iv) The fact that agreement can go from the lower clause to the upper verb and not vice versa as in (28)-(29) is yielded automatically by the theory of movement that prohibits downward NP movement.

We have shown that Case assignment can diverge from

agreement in a principled way. Some other instances of where Case assignment can diverge from agreement are discussed in Mahajan(1989) .

One of the main implications of our argument so far is that only those objects can show agreement that are not structurally Case marked by the verb. These include perfect participle constructions where the verbal form fails to assign structural Case and embedded infinitival complements where we assume that the infinitival verbs may not assign structural Case. Some other instances such as subjects of small clause and raising predicated are discussed in Mahajan(1989) . They will receive an analysis similar to the one suggested here.

#### 2.4. Visibility Conditions:

In the previous chapter, I briefly noted that inherent and lexical Case plays a special role in Case theory.<sup>6</sup> Let me at this point make some of the assumptions clear. I am

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<sup>6</sup>I assume that -ko marking on objects in Hindi is a lexical Case and not an inherent Case. Inherent Case is theta related while lexical Case may be simply be a property of an NP. -ko marking is clearly not theta related. The same verb can take a bare object or a -ko object without a change in the meaning of the verb itself. However, for the purposes of the Case theory being developed here, inherent and lexical Case behave similarly. Both of these seem to be able to fulfill Case requirements of a chain at s-structure (or possibly PF) . Since nothing here hinges on the distinction between lexical Case and inherent Case, I will use lexical Case as a cover term to include both of these.

assuming the following standard conditions:

(41)

- a. All chains must have a Case.
- b. Only terminal elements of a chain may bear Case. For L-chains, this terminal element must be the head of the chain; for non L-chains, the terminal element must be the tail of chain.

It is clear from the discussion in the previous sections (and the previous chapter) that lexical Case marked NPs can be moved to a L-position. Given (41)b, it follows that they receive a structural Case after movement. I suggest that lexical Case is not relevant for the Case filter at LF. However, lexical Case seems to be playing a role in grammar in that an NP bearing a lexical Case can stay in a non structural Case position at s-structure as the object of a perfect participle in (42):

- (42) pulis-ne baRi caturtaa se cor-ko pakaD liyaa  
police-erg very cleverly thief-ko arrested  
The police arrested the thief very cleverly.

If the object in a construction like (42) does not have an overt -ko marking then it must show agreement, which according to our analysis implies structural Case assignment. I suggest that lexical Case plays a special role

at s-structure. This role is reflected by the visibility conditions that I formulate in (34):

(34)

**s-structure visibility**

Every overt NP requires a Case at s-structure

This Case can be either lexical or structural.

**LF visibility**

Every NP (or every A-chain with a lexical NP must have a structural Case.

This conception of visibility<sup>7</sup> may partly explain the correlation between 'rich' Case morphology and free word order. That is, if rich morphological Case implies rich inherent Case system then in languages with rich Case system inherent Case bearing NPs may move to a structural Case position either at s-structure or as late as LF. This may in part also explain expletive replacement in existential constructions (though expletive replacement at LF may simply be motivated by full interpretation, cf. Chomsky, 1986; see also Lasnik, 1989).

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<sup>7</sup>These visibility conditions may be due to different requirements of PF and LF. It is plausible that PF simply requires A CASE (a morphological requirement of some sort) while LF requires a structural Case (an interpretive requirement).

## 2.5. Case, Agreement and Scrambling:

The system that we have just outlined has some interesting consequences for the theory of scrambling. If leftward NP movement could take place to a L-position then the NP thus moved must be receiving a structural Case in its derived position. As noted earlier object NPs in Hindi can bear a lexical Case -ko. This marking encodes specificity.<sup>8</sup> Since perfect participle in Hindi do not assign structural Case, the objects of such verbs have two options at s-structure to fulfill the visibility conditions outlined above. They may either bear -ko or they may move to a structural Case position, i.e., SPEC AGRo. If they move to SPEC AGRo, they can bind a pronoun or a reflexive that they c-command as shown in (44)-(45) (see the previous chapter for details):

- (44) kOn saa laRkaa<sub>i</sub> uskii<sub>i</sub> maaN-ne ghar se nikaal diyaa  
which boy his mother-erg. home from threw out-perf  
Which boy did his mother throw out of the house?

- (45) ?kOn saa laRkaa<sub>i</sub> apnii<sub>i</sub> maaN-ne ghar se nikaal diyaa  
which boy self's mother-erg. home from threw out-perf  
Which boy did self's mother throw out of the house?

If the object bears -ko, then it can be fronted. Once again

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<sup>8</sup>This kind of Case marking is found in many languages with similar semantic effects. See Enc(1990) for some of the issues involved.



it can bind from the fronted position.

(46) kis-ko<sub>i</sub> uskii<sub>i</sub> maaN-ne            ghar se nikaal diyaa  
who-ko his mother-erg. home from threw out-perf  
Who did his mother throw out of the house?

(47) ?kis-ko<sub>i</sub> apnii<sub>i</sub> maaN-ne            ghar se nikaal diyaa  
who-ko self's mother-erg. home from threw out-perf  
Who did self's mother throw out of the house?

This is explained readily if the lexical Case marked object has been moved to a structural Case position, which being an L-position can enter binding theory.

What is interesting is that if the verb is a structural Case assigner, its object when fronted fails to show binding properties. Consider sentences (48) and (49) below which contrast with sentences in (44)-(45) and (46)-(47) above:

(48) \*/???kOn saa laRkaa<sub>i</sub> uskii<sub>i</sub> maaN ghar se nikaal degii  
which boy his mother home from throw out(fut)  
Which boy will his mother throw out of the house?

(49) \*/???kOn saa laRkaa<sub>i</sub> apnii<sub>i</sub> maaN ghar se nikaal degii  
which boy self's mother home from throw out(fut)  
Which boy will self's mother throw out of the house?

The illformedness of (48) and (49) can be explained if we assume the verb assigns Case to its object in these sentences and therefore the object cannot move to an L-position, i.e., can move only to a non L-position from which it cannot bind a pronoun or a reflexive. This move is, however, problematic given our proposal the structural Case assignment is optional. To correctly rule out (48) and (49), we require structural Case assignment by the verb to be obligatory. Note that the fronted objects in (46)-(47) have the option of bearing a -ko ending. If they bear -ko then they can bind as shown in (50)-(51):

(50) kOn se laRke-ko<sub>i</sub> uskii<sub>i</sub> maaN ghar se nikaal degii  
       which boy                his mother home from throw out (fut.)  
       Which boy will his mother throw out of the house?

(51)? kOn se laRke-ko<sub>i</sub> apnii<sub>i</sub> maaN ghar se nikaal degii  
       which boy    self's mother home from throw out (fut.)  
       Which boy will self's mother throw out of the house?

(50)-(51) suggest that -ko marked objects do not receive a structural Case from the verb and can therefore move to an L-position from which they can bind. In what follows, I will suggest an account of the contrast between (44)-(45) and (48)-(49) and between (48)-(49) and (50)-(51).

## 2.6. Agreement and Specificity:

As noted above, -ko marking on objects implies that the object is specific (see Enc(1990) and references cited therein for relevant notions involved in characterizing specificity). Interestingly enough, agreeing object in Hindi must also be interpreted similarly, i.e., as specific. This contrasts sharply to objects that do not bear -ko and do not show agreement. This is illustrated by the following paradigm:

(52) siitaa-ne laRkaa dekhaa (object agreement)

Sita-erg boy-m saw-m

Sita saw the boy.

(53) siitaa-ne laRkii-ko dekhaa (no object agreement)

Sita-erg girl-ko -f. saw-m

Sita saw the boy.

(54) siitaa laRkaa dekh rahii hE (no object agreement)

Sita-erg boy-m see-prog-be-f

Sita is looking for a (suitable) boy (to marry).

As the translation of (54) suggests, the object must necessarily be interpreted as nonspecific in contrast to (52)-(53). Recall from the discussion above that only

sentences like (52)-(53) permit leftward NP fronting resulting in the possibility of pronominal and reflexive binding. Object fronting in sentences like (54) cannot result in pronominal/reflexive binding possibilities. This suggests a correlation between structural Case assignment, binding and specificity. We have suggested that the object in sentences like (54) is structurally Case marked by the verb. This explains why it cannot move to a L-position explaining its binding properties and the fact that it cannot show agreement. Given our discussion so far it now correlates to another property - NPs that are structurally Case marked internal to the VP must be interpreted as nonspecific. Our discussion also implies that specific NPs must not receive a structural Case within the VP, must receive a structural Case from the AGR system and therefore agreeing NPs are always interpreted as specific. This property is not unique to Hindi. Koopman(1988) notices similar effects in Dutch and Moltmann(1990) has noted similar phenomena in German.

This observation interacts with several existing proposals about Case theory and specificity/definiteness effects, in particular proposals by Safir(1985), Belletti(1988) and Lasnik(1989). Our discussion suggests that the Case responsible for nonspecificity is not an inherent Case as Belletti(1988) suggests. It also indicates that

Lasnik's (1989) observation about the partitive Case being structural seems to be essentially correct even though our discussion here has focussed more on the nature of the Case assigned by Case assigners like imperfect participles and future forms of the verb in Hindi. Hindi perfect participles simply fail to assign any structural Case, forcing their objects to move to a VP external Case position and therefore being interpreted as specific.

Before concluding this section, I would like to suggest an account for these specificity effects. I suggest that specificity is correlated to structural Case assignment by AGR. AGR has pronominal features (cf. Rizzi, 1982, 1986). I suggest that the pronominal features of AGR are responsible for specificity effects. An NP coindexed with AGR must be specific. Non-specific object NPs, on the other hand, must not be coindexed with AGR, i.e., they can't receive a structural Case from AGR. Therefore, they must receive a structural Case in some other fashion. I have suggested that verbs can assign a structural Case and therefore the only way for a non specific object to receive a Case is to get it from the verb. In Hindi sentences like (48)-(49) the object must receive their structural Case from the verb.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>9</sup>This does not imply that structural case assignment is obligatory. If the verb does not assign a structural Case to the object in (48)-(49), the resulting output will violate the s-structure visibility requirement. This is because the objects being non-specific cannot be Case marked by the AGR. Under this view, the

This view of agreement and specificity has a variety of consequences particularly relating to Rizzi's (1990) notion of a referential theta role and specificity effects observed in clitic left dislocation in Italian (cf. Cinque, 1990) and clitic doubling in Romanian (cf. Dobrovie-Sorin, 1990). I will leave these issues unexplored here (see Mahajan, 1990 for some developments of this proposal).

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only well formed representation of (48) - (49) would be in which they receive a structural Case from the verb. This implies that these objects cannot move to another structural Case position, i.e., they can only move to an adjoined position yielding WCO effects.

## CHAPTER THREE

### AGAINST WH-MOVEMENT IN HINDI

#### 3.0 INTRODUCTION:

Since Huang(1982) and Lasnik and Saito(1984) it has been assumed that natural languages divide into two groups: the ones that have syntactic wh-movement and the ones that do not. English is supposed to represent the first type and Chinese, Japanese and Korean have been argued to belong to the second category. The formulations of wh-movement parameters (cf. Lasnik and Saito,1984) is based on such a distinction. However, as is well known, languages do not clearly divide into +/- wh-movement types at all levels of representation. Thus, while it appears that Chinese and Japanese do not have any s-structure wh-movement English does have LF wh-movement along with s-structure wh-movement (cf. Pesetsky,1982; Huang,1982; Lasnik and Saito,1984 etc.). Several studies have shown that LF wh-movement seem to mimic s-structure wh-movement in several important respects. Huang(1982) argued convincingly that Chinese LF wh-movement has several properties that are akin to English s-structure movement. One of the respects in which LF wh-movement (both in Chinese and in English) differs from s-structure wh-movement is with respect to the Subjacency condition. Huang(1982) and Lasnik and Saito(1984,forthcoming) argue

that subjacency does not apply to LF movement. On the other hand, several other studies such that of Nishigauchi(1986) and Pesetsky(1987) have argued that subjacency does play a role in constraining LF wh-movement. The role of ECP and subjacency in constraining wh-movement have played an important role in the development of the theory. While some studies assume that ECP is a condition on representation, the status of subjacency has been under debate. The debate centers around the question as to whether subjacency is a condition on movement or on representations. Several attempts have been made to reduce subjacency and ECP to a unified condition.

In this chapter, I intend to address some of these issues. I will provide data from Hindi to suggest certain modifications about the theory of wh-questions.

Hindi presents an interesting case study because it does not fit the +/- wh-movement typology very neatly. The language uses three interacting strategies to form wh-questions. One of these strategies does not involve s-structure movement of the wh-phrase. The other strategy involves movement of the wh-phrase but this movement is not similar to the one found in English, i.e., it does not involve moving the wh-phrases into SPEC CP at s-structure. The third strategy involves use of a question particle to indicate the scope of the wh-



phrase which remains in-situ within its own clause. I will describe these facts in detail and on the basis of these facts I will show how Hindi does not fit into the current conception about the wh-movement parameter. On the basis of this, I will argue that the parameter the way it has been envisaged in works like Lasnik and Saito(1984) needs to be rethought. I will suggest a simplification of the parameter that will account for the cross linguistic variation found in wh-movement.

I will argue that Hindi does not have any wh-movement to SPEC CP at any level of representation. The apparent cases of long distance wh-movement are forced for some other reasons and the landing site for such movement is not SPEC CP. I will suggest that wh-phrases behave like clause bound quantifiers at LF.<sup>1</sup> This implies that Hindi forms constituent questions by QR at LF. In its weaker form, the claim made in this study is that Hindi does not have any wh-movement whatsoever. Wh-phrases simply QR at LF. This movement is motivated by selectional considerations and is supported by certain scope interaction. Since Hindi wh-phrases behave like other quantifiers in undergoing QR at LF, there is no motivation for the claim that Hindi does have wh-movement at LF. This claim has a variety of

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<sup>1</sup>This suggestion is based on some remarks in Aoun et al(1980) and Huang(1980). See also Kim(1989) where it is claimed that Korean and Japanese wh-phrases are quantifiers.

consequences and I will examine some of them.

A stronger claim would be to argue that the traditional wh-in-situ languages like Chinese, Japanese and Korean are like Hindi in this respect. If we assume, following Kim(1989), that Korean and Japanese wh-phrases are simply quantifiers and that they undergo QR at LF, then this stronger claim becomes tenable. In this study, I will modify this idea claiming that even wide scope questions in wh-in-situ constructions are formed without long wh-movement. On the basis of this, I will argue that there is no long distance movement at LF in Hindi, Korean, Japanese and (possibly) Chinese. There are several crucial similarities and differences between Japanese/Korean and Hindi wh-questions. These similarities and differences will help us understand the nature of wide scope questions in these languages and direct us toward a proper formulation of the wh-movement parameter.

I will examine LF movement of wh-phrases in English and suggest that even English does not have wh-movement at LF and that English wh-in-situ also simply QR to adjoin to its minimal IP. Long scope for English embedded wh-in-situ derives from independently justifiable mechanisms that I elaborate following some proposals in Fiengo et al (1988).

On the basis of this I will argue that the syntax of LF is overly simple. The only operation that affects NPs is ADJUNCTION. Wh-in-situ at s-structure simply QRs to adjoin to the nearest IP. Its scope is determined by a simple indexing mechanism that is sensitive to government relations (that employ notions such as barriers). This move suggests that the syntax of LF may not have any substitution rules. Furthermore LF movement under this view will turn out to be a highly local rule.<sup>2</sup>

This ideas has an immediate consequences for the formulation of the wh-movement parameter. Natural languages do divide into two simple groups: the ones that have s-structure wh-movement and the one that do not. If a language does not have s-structure wh-movement, it simply does not have wh-movement at any level of representation. At LF, all languages behave identically. Wh-in-situ simply QRs at LF in all languages.

Another major consequence of this approach concerns the subjacency condition. As noted above, several studies have argued that subjacency is not applicable to LF movement. This fact (if it turns out to be correct) is yielded automatically under the approach that I have just outlined.

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<sup>2</sup>I ignore the details of the mechanism of LF expletive replacement (cf. Chomsky, 1986a). I will assume that this rule actually involves adjunction to the expletive at LF.

There is not long distance movement at LF. LF QR is a simple one step movement of adjunction to IP. Since this movement will never cross a barrier, the debate about the inapplicability of subjacency at LF becomes meaningless. LF movement will never be subject to subjacency.<sup>3</sup>

Apart from these results, the approach outlined in this study captures several facts of wh-question formation in Hindi in a unified manner. The strong character of complex NP violations is explained as a selectional violation. Certain adjunct-argument asymmetries are also explained. The lack of superiority at LF is explained as are many other facets of wh-questions in Hindi which had remained unexplained in previous studies.

The approach to wh-movement suggested in this chapter will also support a derivational approach to syntax rather than a representational one. I will show that certain facts in Hindi require a derivational treatment.

### **3.1 Simplex Clauses: Wh-in-situ**

#### **3.1.1. Simple questions:**

It is widely assumed that Hindi does not have any wh-movement in simplex clauses (see Gurtu, 1985; Davison, 1986;

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<sup>3</sup>See however Nishigauchi (1986); Pesetsky (1986) and Fiengo et al (1988) for the details of the issues involved.

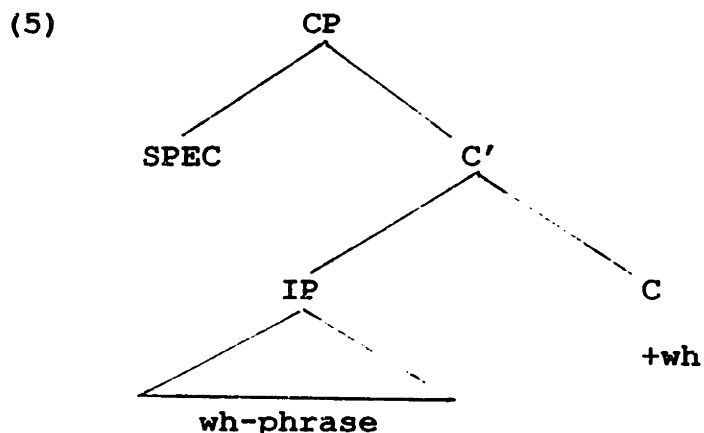
Mahajan, 1987; Bains, 1988). As described in Chapter One, wh-phrases simply stay in-situ. They may however scramble to a sentence initial position but since it can bind from that position, that position cannot be SPEC CP (see Chapter 1 for details). Thus, while (1) and (2) below shows the unmarked word order, other word orders as shown in (3) and (4) are also possible.

- (1) raam-ne kyaa ciiz khaaii ?  
 Ram(SUB) what thing(DO) ate  
 What did Ram eat?
- (2) raam-ne kis-ko ek kitaab dii ?  
 Ram(SUB) who(IO) a book(DO) gave  
 Who did Ram give a book to?
- (3) a. kyaa ciiz raam-ne khaaii ? (DO S V)  
 what thing(DO) Ram(SUB) ate  
 b. raam-ne khaaii kyaa ciiz ? (S V DO)  
 c. kyaa ciiz khaaii raam-ne ? (DO V S)  
 d. khaaii kyaa ciiz raam-ne ? (V DO S)  
 e. khaaii raam-ne kyaa ciiz ? (V S DO)
- (4) a. kis-ko raam-ne ek kitaab dii? (IO S DO V)  
 who(IO) Ram(SUB) a book(DO) gave  
 b. raam-ne ek kitaab kis-ko dii ? (S DO IO V)  
 c. kis-ko ek kitaab raam-ne dii ? (IO DO S V)  
 d. kis-ko raam-ne dii ek kitaab ? (IO S V DO)  
 e. kis-ko ek kitaab dii raam-ne ? (IO DO V S)

On the basis of this and the discussion in Chapter 1, I

will assume that wh-phrases may in fact be in an L-related position at s-structure (or between d-structure and s-structure). This L-related position can either be the d-structure position where the wh-phrase originates and receives its theta role or be some other position to which the wh-phrase has been moved by argument shift. At LF, wh-phrases in an L-related position must move to a non L-related position from which they can take scope (and also satisfy the selectional restrictions).

Following Lasnik and Saito(forthcoming) and Frampton(1990), I am going to assume that IP is a barrier. Given this assumption, a wh-in-situ in the following configuration must move at LF:<sup>4</sup>

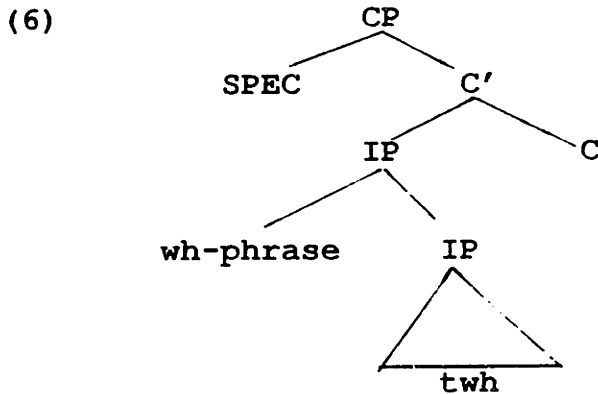


The movement of the wh-phrase is forced because the Q

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<sup>4</sup>Since I will not be directly concerned with IP internal structures, for the ease of exposition I will use label IP to mean AGRPs.

morpheme in C does not govern the wh-phrase, IP being a barrier. I suggest that at LF the wh-phrase simply QRs to adjoin to the first dominating IP yielding the following configuration.



In this configuration, Q governs the wh-phrase since the wh-phrase is no longer included in the IP and the upper IP segment is not a barrier (see Chomsky, 1986b for relevant definitions; I depart here from Lasnik and Saito, forthcoming, where a even a segment of the barrier is considered a barrier). Recall that I am assuming that VP itself is not a barrier and therefore adjunction to VP is not required. The question of whether or not VP is a barrier hinges on the status of 'rigid minimality' as elaborated in Barriers. As suggested in Chapter 1 and 2, given the development of the theory along the lines suggested by Chomsky (1989 class lectures), if the notion of being L-related is taken seriously then IP internal projection system does not have any inherent barriers (these will

include VP and AGRPs). Furthermore, as noted in Chapters 1 and 2, there seems to be empirical evidence that adjunction to VP may not be possible (recall the reconstruction facts). I suggested that adjunction to VP may be prohibited in Hindi and part of the motivation for that was that VP behaves like an argument for movement purposes. If adjunction to arguments is prohibited (as in Barriers) then adjunction to VP would not be possible on the same grounds. The question of rigid minimality remains. It is possible that V to AGR (cf. Chapter 2) in syntax has the effect of nullifying effect on V acting as a minimality inducer.

An important issue arises concerning representations like (5) and (6). Since I am suggesting that wh-movement at LF is not to SPEC CP but an adjunction to IP, the question arises whether or not SPEC CP is present in Hindi clause structure. Fukui (1986) argues that SPECs of functional projections are in fact optional (see also Fukui and Speas, 1986) and that they may be missing due to a parametric choice. I have assumed so far that specifiers of IP internal functional projections are present in Hindi. The presence of SPEC CP is however appears to be unmotivated. I will assume in this study that SPEC CP is not present in Hindi clause structure. This may in fact be the reason why Hindi does not have s-structure wh-movement and as Fukui (1986) suggests, this may be the locus of the wh-movement parameter.



Before going on to the next subsection, let me note an additional point. As noted in Chapter 1, arguments can also be moved by an adjunction rule (the other subpart of scrambling). It is in principle possible to adjoin a wh-phrase to IP at s-structure. Some evidence that this possibility is indeed realized comes from examples such as the following:

- (7) apnii kOn sii kitaab raam-ne pheNk dii ?  
 self's which book Ram-erg. threw away  
 Which of self's book did Ram throw away?

Since the direct object containing a reflexive has been fronted in this example, the fronted phrase must be in a non L-related position to be able to reconstruct for reflexive binding (see also Chapter 1 for a discussion of reconstruction effects for reflexive binding in Hindi). Under the assumptions that we are going by, the fronted direct object can only be adjoined to IP at s-structure. Given this, this direct object is already governed by the Q morpheme and therefore does not have to QR (the syntactic (adjunction) scrambling performed the function of QR in syntax). It is possible that LF interpretive principles further require the wh-phrase to QR out of the NP it is contained in. That will not be a problem since the NP is already in a non L-related position from which further extraction is possible (cf. Fiengo et al, 1989).

### 3.1.2. Multiple questions:

Wh-phrases do not have to move in multiple questions in Hindi. Word order variation is possible. The following examples illustrate the phenomena:

- (8a)    kis-ne    kis-ko    dekhaa  
         who        whom     saw  
         Who saw whom?
- b. kis-ko    kis-ne    dekhaa (=11a)
- (9)a    kis-ne    kis-ko    kyaa    diyaa  
         who        whom     what    gave  
         Who gave what to whom?
- b. kis-ko    kis-ne    kyaa    diyaa
- c. kyaa    kis-ne    kis-ko    diyaa
- d. kis-ne    kyaa    kis-ko    diyaa
- e. kyaa    kis-ko    kis-ne    diyaa
- f. kis-ko    kyaa    kis-ne    diyaa

Multiple questions with adjuncts are also possible:

- (10)a.    kon    kEse    kyaa    karegaa  
         who    how    what    do-fut.  
         Who will do what how?
- b. kyaa    Kon    Kese    karegaa
- c. kon    kyaa    Kese    karegaa
- (11)a.    kis-ne    kis-ko    kyoN    maaraa  
         who        whom     why     hit  
         Who hit whom why?
- b. kis-ko    kis-ne    kyoN    maaraa
- c. kis-ne    kyoN    kis-ko    maaraa

Double adjunct questions are also possible:

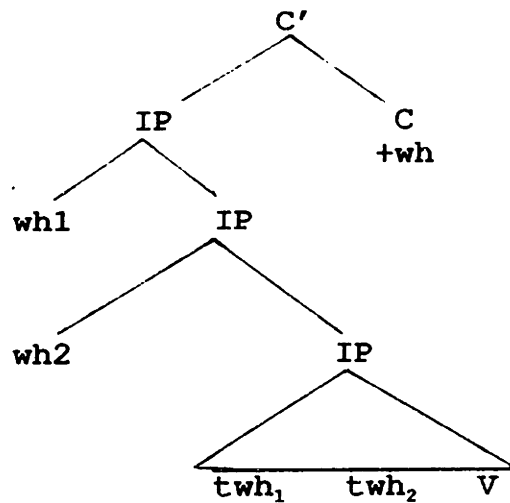
- (12)   kis-ne   kese   raam-ko   kab   maaraa?  
          who     how   Ram     when   hit  
          How did who hit Ram when?

The treatment of multiple questions, especially the ones involving multiple adjuncts would be problematic if we assumed that wh-phrases move to SPEC CP at LF. Such derivations would yield ECP violations under theories such as Lasnik and Saito(1984). Thus (11) and (12) should be ruled out under such an approach at par with (13) and (14) which are ECP violations:

- (13) \*Who came why?  
(14) \*Why did who come?

Even assuming that subjects are lexically governed in Hindi (and thus immune to ECP, an assumption that we will not adopt), (12) would be a serious problem. Given that Hindi shows no such ECP (and superiority effects) in simple sentences, an approach such that of Lasnik and Saito(1984) becomes untenable for a language like Hindi. On the other hand, the approach that we outlined above, i.e., an approach under which wh-phrases simply QR to adjoin to IP at LF, yields the correct results. All wh-phrases must QR at LF to adjoin to IP. All of these phrases are thus not included by the IP and are therefore governed by the Q morpheme as shown schematically in (15):

(15)



All the IP adjoined wh-phrases also govern their respective traces since there are no intervening barriers, the barrierhood of IP having been voided by adjunction. This approach therefore has a natural consequence in not expecting any ECP (and superiority violations) for LF wh-movement for Hindi (and may be in general, see later discussion), an expectation that is fulfilled.

Note that under multiple adjunction approach that we are developing for multiple questions, the order of wh-phrases at LF would not matter. In fact, under a segment type approach to adjunction (cf. May, 1985; Chomsky, 1986b), all adjoined phrases in (15) are hierarchically at par. Some of the possible LFs of (12) would be:

(16) [kis-ne<sub>1</sub> [ kEse<sub>2</sub> [ kab<sub>3</sub> [ t<sub>1</sub> t<sub>2</sub> raam-ko t<sub>3</sub> maaraa]]]

(17) [ kEse<sub>2</sub> [kis-ne<sub>1</sub> [ kab<sub>3</sub> [ t<sub>1</sub> t<sub>2</sub> raam-ko t<sub>3</sub> maaraa]]]

(18) [ kEse<sub>2</sub> [ kab<sub>3</sub> [kis-ne<sub>1</sub> [ t<sub>1</sub> t<sub>2</sub> raam-ko t<sub>3</sub> maaraa]]]

Since none of these representations violate ECP, it can be suggested IP adjoined wh-phrases in representations such as (16)-(18) do not give rise to relativized minimality effects. This is in fact expected under Rizzi's (1990) approach since none of the wh-phrases is in an A-bar specifier position. However later we will suggest that relativized minimality must in fact refer to IP adjoined wh-phrases and that representations such as (16)-(18) should be independently be allowed to good. This would then support the segment type approach to barriers.

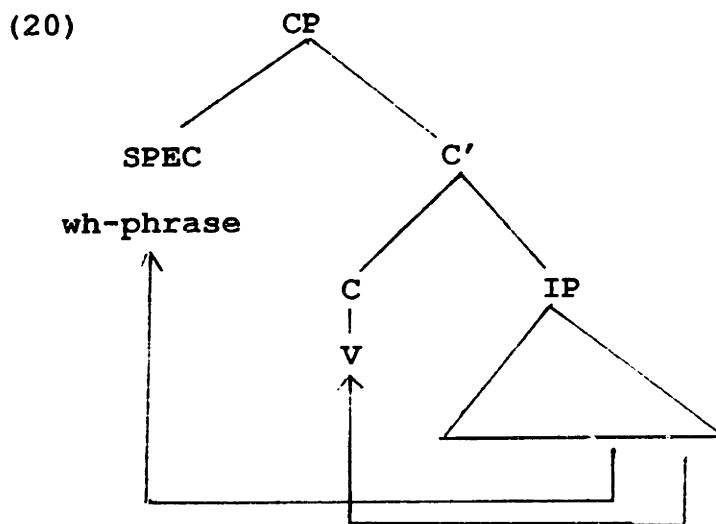
### 3.1.3. Some verb-wh adjacency effects in Hindi:

Before we go on complex sentences, we would like to point out a potential problem for the approach that we are suggesting. The problem arises from the fact that in Hindi if there is one wh-phrase in the sentence, this wh-phrase has the tendency of being next to the verb (this tendency was independently noted in Davison, 1987 and Mahajan, 1987). This tendency is rather weak. Thus while (19a) is perfect, its counterpart (19b) is preferred (we indicate this preference by using a symbol + to indicate that (19)b is preferred; this symbol should however be not interpreted as familiar \* or ? which are indicators of grammaticality judgements).

(19)a.    kis-ne raam-ko maaraa  
           who        Ram        hit  
           Who hit Ram?

b. +raam-ko kis-ne maaraa (=16a)

Not much attention has been paid to such adjacency effects in Hindi though many other languages exhibit similar adjacency effects. Such effects are quite strong in Hungarian (cf. Horvarth, 1985; Maracz, 1989) among other languages. Let us briefly consider the explanation for such an effect as suggested by Maracz (1989). It is suggested that this adjacency effect is in fact a V2 effect, i.e., the wh-phrase moves into SPEC CP and the verb moves into C as shown in (20):



Could Hindi adjacency effect be also be derivable as in Hungarian? Note that if that turns out to be the case then Hindi would no longer be a language without s-structure wh-movement. In fact it would be then classified with English and Hungarian as a wh-movement language. There are, however,

reasons to believe that Hindi is unlike Hungarian in this respect. I outline several reasons why the adjacency effects in Hindi could not be derived under a V2 approach.

3.1.3.1. First of all, the tendency is very weak in Hindi. Other NPs and adverbials can intervene between the wh-phrase and the verb. A V2 approach would imply that these elements are in fact adjoined to C'. Since even VP adverbs can intervene between the wh-phrase and the verb as in (21), the V2 approach appears rather dubious.

- (21) kis-ne dhiire dhiire kaam kiyaa  
      who       slowly               work did  
      Who worked slowly?

3.1.3.2. In chapter 1, I argued that the surface order of NPs reflects a hierarchical structuring. Furthermore, this hierarchical ordering has consequences for binding theory. If wh-phrases are in a pre C position at s-structure in Hindi, it is not clear why their order with respect to other constituents that precede them (and therefore are in a non L-related position necessarily) should play any role in binding theory. To take simple case, under a V2 approach (22a) and (22b) should have the same status, which they do not. Under a V2 approach both the wh-phrase and the pronoun containing subject are in pre C positions and in those positions the pronominal binding should not be affected (i.e., if these phrases are in non L-related positions and

therefore allowed to reconstruct, then no contrast in pronominal binding should be expected).

- (22)a. *kis-ko<sub>i</sub> uskii<sub>i</sub> maaN-ne ghar se nikaal diyaa*  
who (DO) his mother-erg. home from threw out  
Who<sub>i</sub> did his<sub>i</sub> mother throw out of the house?
- b. \**uskii<sub>i</sub> maaN-ne kis-ko<sub>i</sub> ghar se nikaal diyaa*  
(22a)

Similar arguments can be given for reflexive binding. If the V2 approach was to be strengthened to yield the pronominal binding effects such as in (22), then we would have to stipulate that the pre C order mimic the IP internal hierarchical organization of the NPs prior to their movement to pre C positions. This step, however, totally undermines the force of the V2 approach.

3.1.3.3. V2 effects normally involve moving the highest (finite) verb or auxiliary to C. In Hindi, however, the element that likes to be close to the wh-phrase is not the highest auxiliary but the main verb itself.

- (23)a. *raam-ko kis-ne maaraa thaa*  
Ram (DO) who-erg. hit be-pst  
Who had hit Ram?

b. ?? *raam-ko kis-ne thaa maaraa*

To derive the effect that the main verb should be next to the wh-phrase, we will have to move the main verb over the auxiliary into C which should be an ECP (head movement



constraint) violation. Alternatively, we could move the verb to auxiliary and then move the whole unit to C. Under this approach, the auxiliary is a syntactic affix. However, there is evidence that in Hindi, the verb and the auxiliary do not form a constituent at s-structure (see Chapter 3).

Furthermore, there is evidence that indicates that the verb and the wh-phrase in a sentence like (24) below form a constituent that does not include the auxiliary.

- (24) raam-ne kyaa khaayaa thaa  
Ram-erg. what eat be-pst.  
What did Ram eat?

The wh-object and the main verb can be conjoined leaving out the

auxiliary as shown in (25):

- (25)a. raam-ne kyaa khaayaa Or kyaa piiyaa thaa  
Ram-erg. what eat and what drink be-pst  
b. raam kyaa khaa Or kyaa pii rahaa thaa  
Ram what eat and what drink prog. be-pst

This shows that the auxiliary and the verb do not form a syntactic constituent and therefore under a V2 approach, we should expect the auxiliary to move to C rather than the main verb, which is not the case providing further evidence against a V2 analysis to adjacency effects.

3.1.3.4. Wh-phrases are not alone in preferring to be close to the verb. Quantifiers like kisi , koi 'someone' and sab 'all/everyone' and indefinites also like to be close to the verb. A V2 approach to the adjacency effects would have to

move the quantifiers and indefinites to the position occupied by wh-phrases (SPEC CP) at s-structure. Since, there is no other evidence that quantifiers undergo movement to SPEC CP at s-structure (in any language), the adjacency effects for quantifiers would have to be handled in a different manner from that for wh-phrases. This would miss the generalization about the adjacency effects. Furthermore, wh-phrases and quantifiers can co-occur in a sentence. In such cases, wh-phrases take precedence over quantifiers in being next to the verb. It is not clear how a V2 approach would handle such interactions.

3.1.3.5 Given these arguments, and given the fact that the adjacency requirements in Hindi are not at all strong, I suggest that a V2 approach is not motivated in Hindi. We can therefore maintain our claim that Hindi does not have any s-structure wh-movement to SPEC CP. This leaves the issues of adjacency effects open.<sup>1</sup>

### **3.2. Wh-phrases in subordinate clauses**

3.2.1 Before going on to embedded questions, I would like to outline some aspects of the syntax of sentential complements relevant to our concerns here. Hindi is a head final

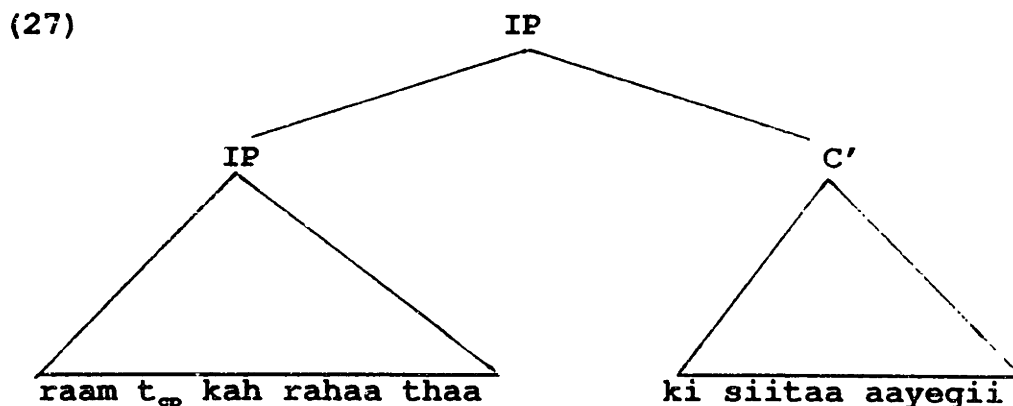
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<sup>1</sup>Another possibility is that lexical government is required for wh-traces (and quantifiers) at LF and the verb has to be next to the wh-phrase (/quantifier) to be able to govern the trace left behind by the LF movement. Auxiliaries do not count as lexical governors.

language. However, finite complement clauses are obligatorily extraposed to the right (see Subbarao, 1985 and references cited therein for details). I will assume, following Mahajan (1987) that finite complement clauses of verbs are right adjoined to the IP. The reason for this is that the extraposed clauses appear to the right of the final auxiliary as shown in (26).

- (26)a. raam-ne socaa thaa ki mohan hoSiyaar hE  
 Ram-erg thought be(pst) that Mohan smart is  
 (lit.) Ram had thought that Mohan is smart
- b. raam kah rahaa thaa ki siitaa aagii  
 Ram say prog. be(pst) that Sita will come  
 Ram was saying that Sita will come.

I will assume that a sentence like (26a) has an s-structure like (27).



### 3.2.1. An outline of various strategies for wh-phrases in embedded clauses:

In this subsection, I will outline very briefly some major aspects of the syntax of wh-phrases in complement clauses.

This outline is very sketchy and is intended just to give the reader a general picture.

3.2.2.1. Clauses subcategorized by verbs such as wonder and ask require the presence of a wh-phrase in the complement clause. However, this wh-phrase is in-situ. In this respect Hindi is like Chinese and Japanese.

- (28) a. raam-ne puuchaa [ki mohan-ne kis-ko dekhaa]  
 Ram-erg asked Mohan-erg who saw  
 Ram asked who Mohan saw?
- b. raam-ne puuchaa [ki kis-ne kis-ko dekhaa]  
 Ram-erg asked who-erg who saw  
 Ram asked who saw who?

The complement clause is just like a simple clause question as described in the previous section.

3.2.2.2. Clauses subcategorized by verbs that do not take question complements, like think, say, do not allow a wh-phrase in them unless the matrix clause contains a kyaa particle.. The sentences in (29) are ungrammatical:<sup>1</sup>

- (29) a. \*raam-ne kahaa ki kOn aayaa hE  
 Ram-erg said who has come  
 Who did Ram say has come?
- b. \*raam-ne socaa ki kOn aayaa hE  
 Ram-erg thought who has come  
 Who did Ram think has come?

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<sup>1</sup>socaa in Hindi is ambiguous between wonder and think. The glosses that I give indicate the intended reading.

- c. \*raam-ne socaa ki kis-ne kis-ko dekhaa  
 Ram-erg thought who-erg who saw  
 Who did Ram think saw who?

In this respect then, Hindi is unlike Chinese and Japanese which allow sentences like (29) to be interpreted as wide scope questions. To form wide scope questions, Hindi employs two strategies. The first one uses a question particle in the clause in which the wh-phrase takes scope. The wh-phrase itself stays in-situ.

- (30)a. raam-ne kyaa socaa ki kOn aayaa HE  
 Ram-erg KYAA thought who has come  
 Who did Ram think had come?

- b. raam-ne kyaa socaa ki kis-ne kis-ko maaraa  
 Ram-erg KYAA thought who-erg who hit  
 Who did Ram think hit who?

The question particle kyaa precedes the matrix verb. The wh-phrase(s) contained in the embedded clause take matrix scope.

The second strategy involves moving the wh-phrase to the matrix clause at s-structure as shown in (31) which are interpreted as wide scope questions.

- (31)a. kOn raam-ne kahaa ki aayaa hE  
 who Ram-erg said has come  
 Who did Ram say has come?

- b. kis-ko raam-ne socaa ki mohan-ne \_\_\_\_ maaraa thaa  
 who Ram-erg thought Mohan-erg hit  
 Who did Ram think Mohan hit?

Under this strategy, all wh-phrases, if there are more than one, must move out of the non question complement as shown in (32):

- (32) a. \*raam-ne socaa ki kOn kis-ko maaregaa  
           Ram-erg thought who whom will hit  
           Who did Ram think will hit who?
- b. \*kOn raam-ne socaa ki kis-ko maaregaa  
           who Ram-erg thought who will hit  
           Who did Ram think will hit who?
- c. kOn kis-ko raam-ne socaa ki — — maaregaa  
           who whom Ram-erg thought will hit  
           Who did Ram think hit who?

The wh-phrases moved under this strategy need not appear in sentence initial position , i.e., they may be scrambled with respect to the matrix clause elements except for the fact that they may not follow the verb. We will describe this strategy in detail in later sections.

We summarize the wh-strategies in Hindi below:

- (i) no wh-movement in simple clauses
- (ii) No wh-movement in embedded questions
- (iii) wh-phrases not permitted in embedded non-question complements unless a question particle is present in the matrix clause (and all intermediate non-question complement clauses) .
- (iv) If the question particle is not present , then the wh-phrase must move out of a non-question complement.

In the sections that follow, we will describe each of the strategies in detail noting their significance for the approach that we outlined in the first section.

### 3.3 Embedded Questions

In clauses subcategorized by verbs taking question complements, wh-phrases stay in-situ as shown in (33).

- (33) a. raam-ne mohan-se puuchaa ki kOn aayaa hE  
 Ram-erg Mohan asked who has come  
 Ram asked Mohan who has come?
- b. raam-ne mohan-se puuchaa ki siitaa-ne kis-ko dekhaa  
 Ram-erg Mohan asked Sita -erg who saw  
 Ram asked Mohan who Sita saw.

Multiple questions are also formed with wh-in-situ.

- (34) a. raam-ne mohan-se puuchaa ki kis-ne kis-ko maaraa  
 Ram-erg Mohan asked who-erg who hit  
 Ram asked Mohan who hit who.
- b. raam-ne mohan-se puuchaa ki siitaa-ne kis-ko kyaa diyaa  
 Ram-erg Mohan asked Sita- erg who what gave  
 Ram asked Mohan what Sita gave to who.

As with simple questions, there are no argument/adjunct asymmetries in embedded questions and double adjunct wh-phrases are also possible.

- 35) a. raam-ne mohan-se puuchaa ki kisne gaaRii kEse Thiik kii  
 Ram-erg Mohan asked who-erg car how fixed  
 Ram asked Mohan who fixed the car how
- b. raam-ne mohan-se puuchaa ki kis-ne kyaa kEse Thiik kiyaa  
 Ram-erg Mohan asked who-erg what how fixed  
 Ram asked Mohan who fixed what how.

c.raam-ne mohan-se puuchaa ki kis-ne kyON gaaRii kEse  
 Ram-erg Mohan asked who-erg why car how  
 Thiik kii  
 fixed  
 Ram asked Mohan who why how fixed the car.

As indicated by the glosses , in Hindi a wh-phrase in an embedded question can only take scope over the embedded clause. Thus (34a) cannot mean (36a) or (36b).

(36)a. For which person x, Ram asked Mohan, for which person y, y hit x.

b. For which person y, Ram asked Mohan, for which person x, y hit x.

Similar restriction applies to other sentences in (34) and (35). The conclusion is that unlike the description for Chinese in Huang (1982), Hindi wh-in-situ in multiple embedded questions may not take matrix scope . Since matrix scope is not possible, Chinese type ECP effects for adjunct-argument asymmetries are also absent. The explanation for the absence of the wide scope reading for a wh-in-situ in multiple embedded questions follows straightforwardly under our account. wh-in-situ QRs at LF to adjoin to the IP containing it. The LF for (35a) would look like (37).

(37) raam-ne mohan-se puuchaa ki [<sub>IP</sub>kis-ne<sub>i</sub> [<sub>IP</sub>kis-ko<sub>j</sub> [t<sub>i</sub> t<sub>j</sub> dekhaa]]]

Since QR is clause bound and non-successive cyclic (cf. Aoun et al,1980; Hornstein,1986), wide scope readings of the type



shown in (36) are excluded.

A similar conclusion can be arrived at by looking at the scope interactions between a quantifier in a matrix clause and a wh-phrase in an embedded clause. Thus in (38) below, the quantifier has scope over both the wh-phrases:

(38) sab-ne            puuchaa ki kOn kis-ko pyaar kartaa hE  
      everyone-erg asked        who whom        loves  
      Everyone asked who loves who

(38) like (34) and (35) is an embedded question and none of the wh-phrases can take scope out of the embedded clause. In this respect, the embedded wh-phrases are like quantifiers which also take clause bound scope in Hindi as indicated in (39) below:

(39) a. sab-ne            kahaa ki koi aayaa hE  
      everyone-erg said        someone has come  
      Everyone said that someone has come  
  
      b. sab-ne            kahaa ki raam-ne kisii-ko dekhaa  
      everyone-erg said        Ram-erg someone saw  
      Everyone    said that Ram saw someone.

In (39), the quantifier in the subordinate clause cannot take scope over the matrix clause quantifier.

### 3.3.1 Movement out of embedded questions

A wh-phrase can be moved out of an embedded wh-question as

shown in (40b).

(40) a. raam-ne puuchaa ki kOn aayaa hE  
Ram-erg asked who has come  
Ram asked who has come

b. kOn raam-ne puuchaa ki aayaa hE  
who Ram-erg asked has come  
(=40a)

The effect of this kind of movement seems to be vacuous (see Saito, 1986, for a similar conclusion for Japanese). I will assume here that this represents a case of long distance movement to a non L-related position (cf. chapter 2). Some other aspects of embedded questions, especially the treatment of pair-like questions will be taken up after I describe other strategies of wh-question formation.

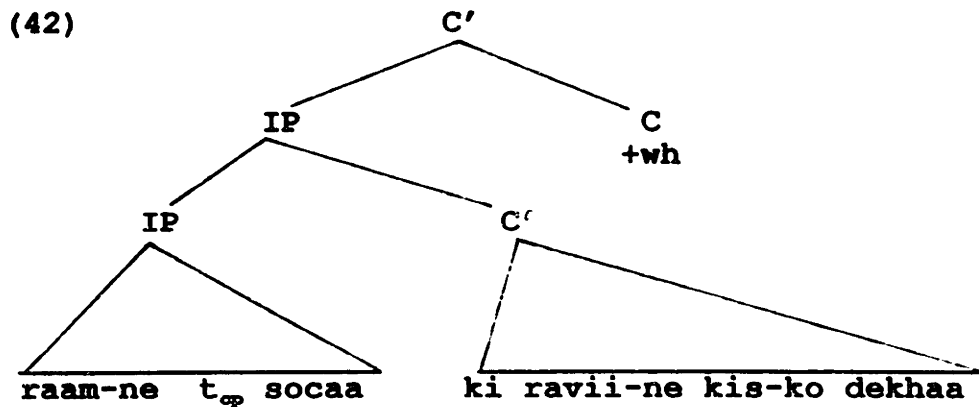
### 3.4. Wide scope questions

3.4.1 As described earlier wh-in-situ in embedded non-question complements is ungrammatical in Hindi.

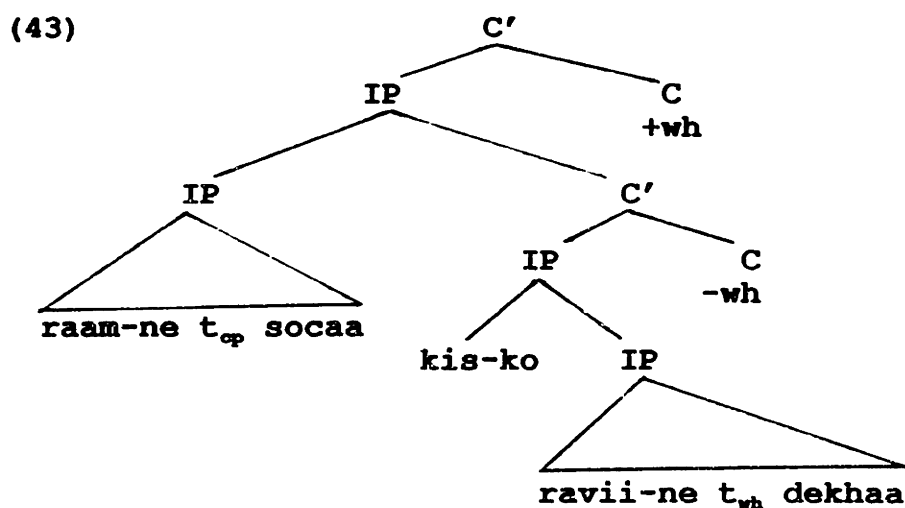
(41) a. \*raam-ne kahaa ki kOn aayaa hE  
Ram-erg said who has come  
Who did Ram say has come?

b. \*raam-ne socaa ki siitaa-ne kis-ko dekhaa  
Ram-erg thought Sita -erg who saw  
Who did Ram think Sita saw?

(41b) would have an s-structure like (42).



The question is : what rules out an s-structure such as (42). Under the account that I outlined in the first section, the explanation for the ungrammaticality is rather straightforward. kis-ko is treated like a clause bound quantifier at LF and therefore the LF representation of (42) is as in (43):



The wh-phrase in (43) violates the condition that it must be governed by a +wh COMP. In fact, in (43), a wh-phrase kis-ko is governed by a -wh COMP and the representation in (4.)

is therefore ruled out (cf. Aoun et al, 1980; Lasnik and Saito, 1984). The ungrammaticality of sentences in (41) is therefore due to the fact that QR is clause bound and cannot apply successive cyclically. Note that if QR is allowed to apply successive cyclically then kis-ko in (43) should be allowed to move to the matrix clause and the sentence in (41) should then be good. Furthermore, even if the extraposed clause is a barrier, the LF movement of kis-ko should not be a problem under standard accounts of wh-movement. The trace of kis-ko is properly governed by the verb and since subjacency is not applicable at LF, the sentences in (41) should be perfect but they are totally ungrammatical.

Given that wh-in-situ in a non-question complement cannot take scope outside the clause it originates in, Hindi resorts to other strategies to form wide-scope questions.

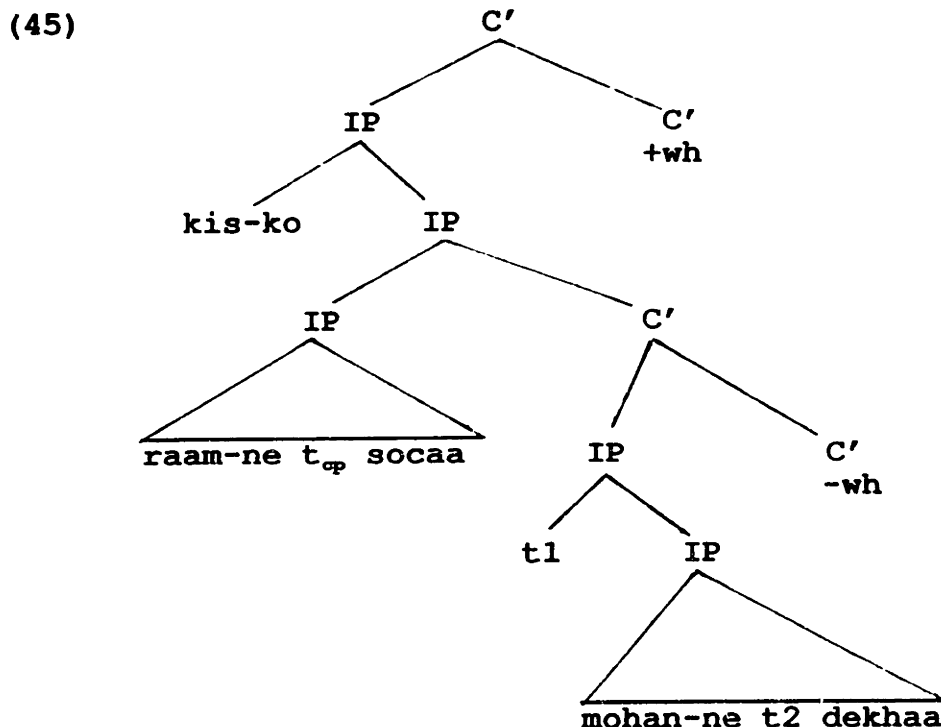
### 3.5 Extraction wh-questions

This strategy of wide-scope question formation involves movement of the wh-phrase(s) for a non-question complement as illustrated in (44)

- (44)a. \*raam-ne socaa ki mohan-ne kis-ko dekhaa  
 Ram-erg thought Mohan-erg who saw  
 Who did Ram think Mohan saw?

- b.    kis-ko    raam-ne    socaa    ki mohan-ne    dekhaa  
       who        Ram-erg    thought    Mohan-erg    saw  
       Who did Ram think Mohan saw?

This strategy has been noted in Gurtu (1985), Mahajan (1987) and Bains (1988). I will assume that the moved wh-phrase in (44b) is adjoined to the matrix IP as shown in (45).<sup>3</sup>



In this configuration +wh C governs the wh-phrase as required. The reason why I assume that the wh-phrase adjoins to IP rather than moving into the SPEC CP position will become clear soon. Under this view, long distance movement

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<sup>3</sup>This suggestion is based on Bains(1987) where movement of wh-phrase is treated as focus movement. Bains notes that the movement of the wh-phrase does not differ from that of non wh-phrases in this respect. He makes an additional assumption that wh-phrases move to SPEC CP at LF, an assumption that we will not follow here.

of the wh-phrase is simply a case of long distance scrambling (to a non L-related position). I assume that the presence of an intervening IP adjoined trace in the lower clause is required to escape from the lower clause since IP is a barrier.

### 3.5.1. Multiple wh-extractions

As noted earlier, a non wh-complement clause must not contain any wh-phrase at s-structure. Multiple extractions are allowed and are in fact obligatory as illustrated by (46):

- (46)a. \*raam-ne kahaa ki kOn kis-ko maaregaa  
           Ram-erg said               who whom       will hit  
           Who did Ram say will hit who?
- b. \*kOn raam-ne kahaa ki kis-ko maaregaa  
           who Ram-erg say               who       will hit  
           Who did Ram say will hit who?
- c. kOn kis-ko raam-ne kahaa ki — — maaregaa  
           who whom       Ram-erg said       will hit  
           Who did Ram say hit who?

Similar obligatory movement is observed in case one or more adjunct wh-phrases are present in the embedded clause.

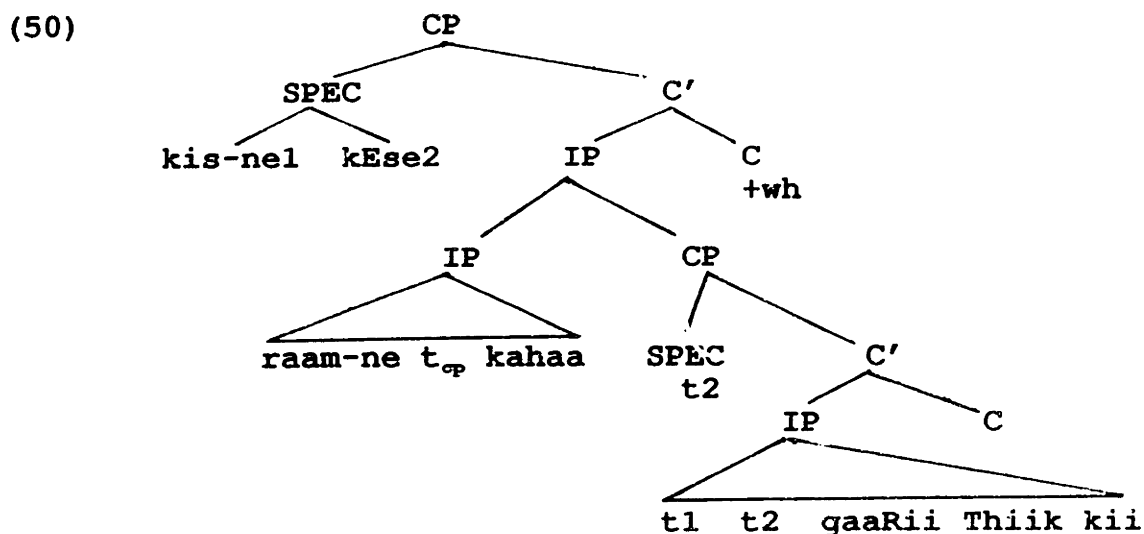
- (47)a.\* raam-ne kahaa ki mohan-ne kEse gaaRii Thiik kii  
           Ram-erg said       Mohan-erg how car       fixed  
           How did Ram say that Mohan fixed the car?
- b. kEse raam-ne kahaa ki mohan-ne — gaaRii Thiik kii  
           how Ram-erg said       Mohan-erg car       fixed  
           How did Ram say that Mohan fixed the car?

- (48) a. \*raam-ne kahaa ki kis-ne kEse gaaRii Thiik kii  
 Ram-erg said who-erg how car fixed  
 lit. Who did Ram say fixed the car how?
- b. ?kis-ne kEse Raam-ne kahaa ki gaaRii Thiik kii  
 who-erg how Ram-erg said car fixed  
 lit. Who did Ram say fixed the car how?
- (49) a. \*raam-ne kahaa ki unhON-ne kEse gaaRii kab Thiik kii  
 Ram-erg said they-erg how car when fixed  
 lit. How did Ram say that they fixed the car when?
- b. ?kab kEse raam-ne kahaa ki unhON-ne gaaRii Thiik kii  
 when how Ram-erg said they-erg car fixed  
 lit. How did Ram say that they fixed the car when?

(47b) illustrates that adjuncts must move out of the non-question complement. In fact (47b) makes a further point. The grammaticality of (47b) indicates that the lower clause from which extraction has taken place is not a barrier. If this lower clause was a barrier then adjunct extraction out of this clause should be an ECP violation (cf. Huang, 1982; Lasnik and Saito, 1984) which it is not. We will take up this issue about the non-barrierhood of the extraposed clause in the next section.

(48) and (49) show that multiple extractions are indeed possible and forced. Note that if a unique SPEC CP position is available as an escape hatch then the grammaticality of (48b) and (49b) is somewhat difficult to explain. (48b) may still be explained by claiming that the subject position in Hindi is properly governed by INFL and therefore the subject moves directly from an L-related position to adjoin to IP

(or to matrix SPEC CP) without leaving an intervening trace (we are so far assuming that the lower clause is not a barrier). This movement would at most be a subjacency violation. (While (48b) is not perfect, it does not appear to be a subjacency violation). The adjunct phrase would then move through the lower SPEC CP thereby avoiding an ECP violation.<sup>4</sup> The relevant structure for (48b) would look like (50) where all the traces are properly governed.



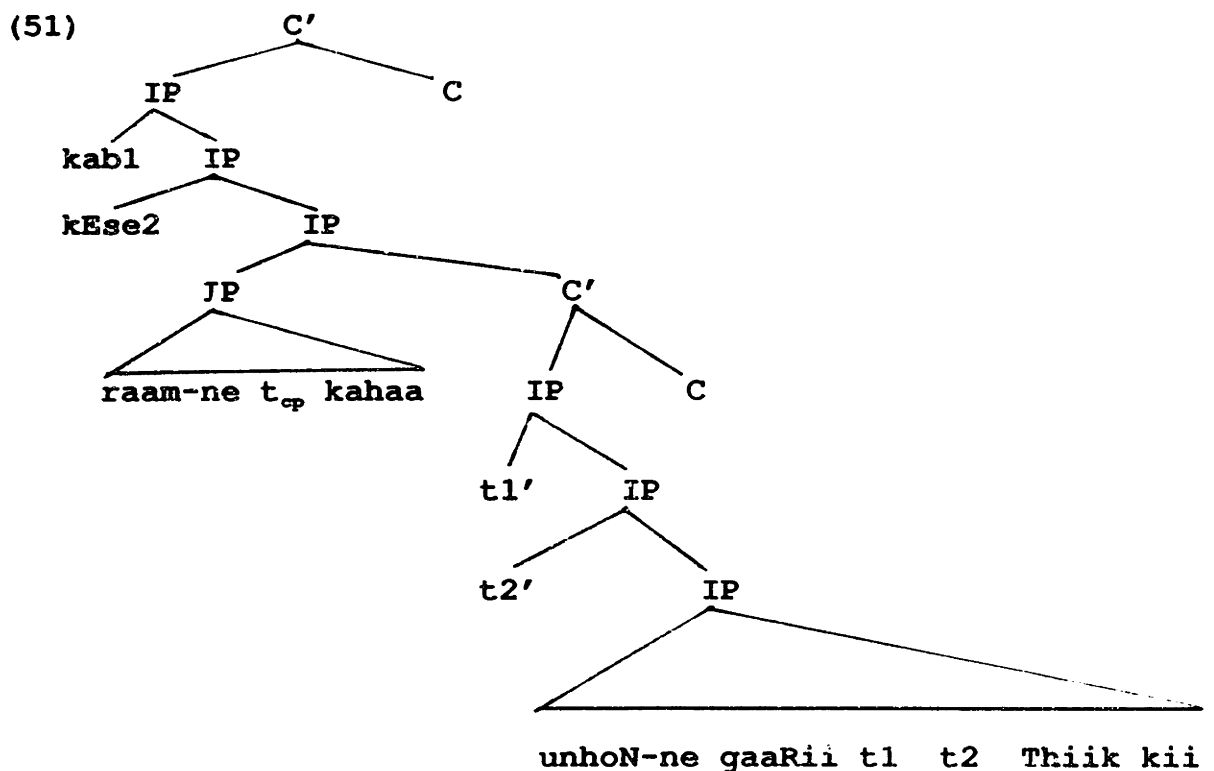
It may be noted that this derivation requires that the subject should not be allowed to use the lower SPEC CP as an escape hatch (which would yield an ECP violation), i.e., the adjunct phrase should move first. However, even this kind of derivation will not be available for (49b) that involves

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<sup>4</sup>Under the assumption that IP is a barrier, an intervening step of IP adjunction would be required for both the lower clause as well as the upper clause.



multiple adjunct extraction. Both the adjunct chains would require no intervening barriers and if the lower or the upper SPEC CP is used for movement, the representations would come out as ECP violations. On the other hand, if we assume that SPEC CP is not used (is not present) then a unified account of (47) to (49) is available by permitting adjunction to IP. Under this assumption, the wh-phrases (adjuncts as well as arguments) move by adjoining to IP. This voids the barrierhood of IP. (49b) under this account will have a representation as in (51):



The original traces of adjuncts are antecedent governed by IP adjoined traces which are in turn governed by matrix IP

adjoined wh-phrases. Under this derivation, no stipulation for the ordering of movement is required (as for 48b noted earlier). Argument-adjunct or adjunct-adjunct asymmetries are not expected, an expectation that is justified by (48b) and (49b).

### 3.5.2. The non-barrierhood of the complement clause:

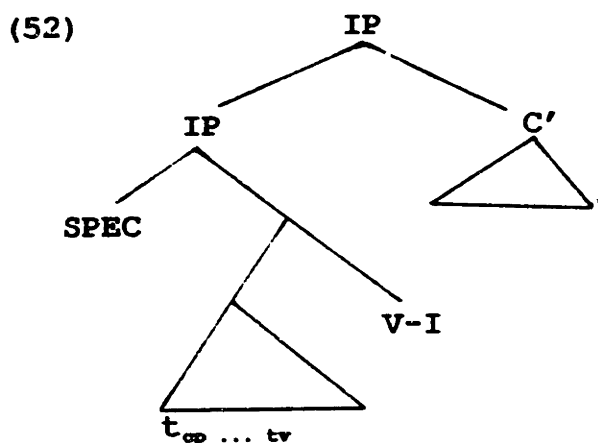
Since the extraposed clause (in (50), (51), and other examples) is not L-marked in its s-structure position, we would expect it to be a barrier for extraction. However, as the foregoing discussion indicates, this clause does not appear to be a barrier. In what follows, I will present evidence that the apparent non-barrierhood of this clause results because at the point when the extraction takes place this clause is indeed governed by V and therefore L-marked. This assumption (which is based on Mahajan(1987)) will be justified on the basis of some intricate extraction facts. Note that this move requires us to take a derivational approach to syntax literally and provides some interesting evidence for a derivational approach to syntax over a purely representational approach.

We start off by assuming that the extraposed clause<sup>5</sup> is not L-marked and therefore is a barrier. In its s-structure

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<sup>5</sup>I will use label CP or C' for a clause; the label CP is used only for the sake of convenience and should not be taken to mean that it is a projection with a specifier

(or LF) position this clause is not governed by V. There are two possible alternatives to this assumption both of which could yield a result that the extraposed clause is not a barrier. One would be to claim that the clause is L-marked by V at d-structure and L-marking is indelible and therefore the extraposed clause carries along its L-marking under movement. This would entail that the extraposed clause is not a barrier. The second alternative is that the extraposed clause is in fact L-marked in its s-structure )or possibly LF) site since V to AGR to I (that we have argued for) would move the V to a position from which it governs the extraposed clause. This is illustrated in (52) below:



V in I c-commands the extraposed clause and may therefore L-mark it. The empirical argument that I develop in this section shows that both of these approaches must be incorrect. Therefore L-marking is NOT indelible and is insensitive to s-structure (possibly LF) constituency.

Furthermore, in a configuration like (52), V does not govern CP because V governs to the left in Hindi and L-marking must therefore be sensitive to directionality of government (this essentially follows from Kayne's (1984) definition of government). I will however leave the possibility of whether V can L-mark C' in (52) in a head-initial language. The implications of this will become clear later when we discuss English. The evidence that the extraposed clause is a barrier in Hindi comes from some extraction facts and some argument-adjunct symmetries concerning these extraction facts. In Hindi, the d-structure position of the extraposed clause may be occupied by an expletive element yah as shown in (53):<sup>6</sup>

- (53) raam-ne yah socaa ki mohan cor hE  
 Ram-erg this thought Mohan thief is  
 Ram thought this that Mohan is a thief

The expletive may be absent as in (54).

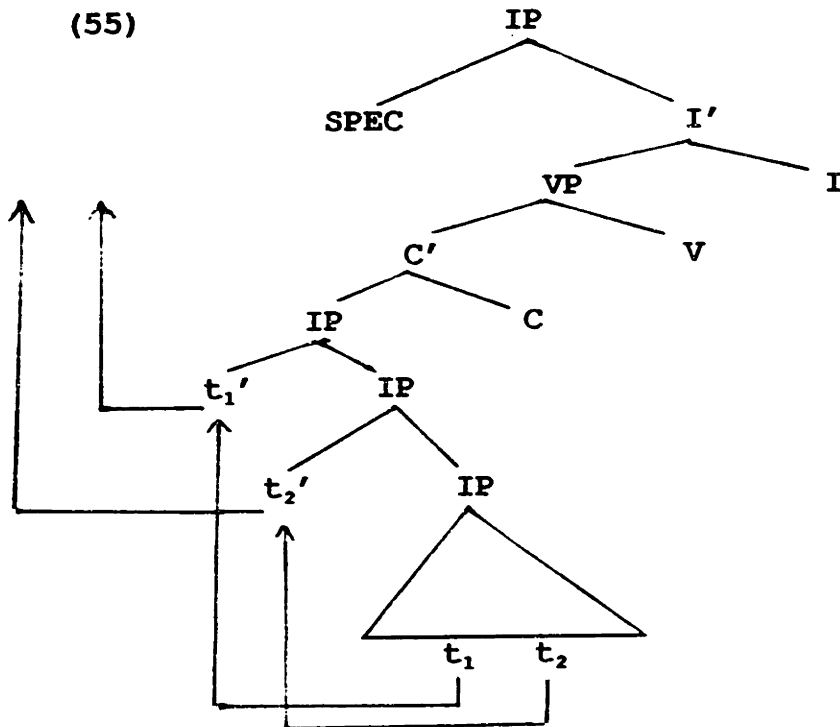
- (54) raam-ne socaa ki mohan cor hE  
 Ram-erg thought Mohan thief is  
 Ram thought that mohan is a thief

My explanation of the symmetries to be discussed below is based on the assumption that extractions from CP in clauses like (54) actually take place before the CP is extraposed. The CP in such configuration is L-marked and therefore not a

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<sup>6</sup>Similar facts are found in many other languages. The account that I develop here is similar to the one given in McDaniel (1989) though it differs from her explanation in some respects.

barrier. Given the option of adjunction to IP, SPEC CP need not be used in these cases and therefore we will not observe any adjunct-argument asymmetries. This is in fact what we saw in the previous section. I illustrate this schematically in (55):



The C' is extraposed after extractions have taken place. This gives the relevant word order effects along with an explanation for the grammaticality of multiple extractions.

The difference between (53) and (54) is that in (53) the position to which the verb assigns a theta role is filled by an expletive. We will assume that the C' is actually generated in its s-structure position and forms a chain with the expletive. However, in its s-structure position the C'

is not L-marked and is therefore a barrier. This conclusion is justified by the fact that argument extraction from such C' yield subjacency violations.

(56) a. ??? kis-ko raam-ne yah socaa ki mohan-ne maaraa  
 who Ram-erg this thought Mohan-erg hit  
 Who did Ram think this that Mohan hit.

b. ??? kOn raam-erg yah socaa ki \_\_\_ cor hE  
 who Ram-erg this think thief is  
 Who did Ram think this that is a thief?

Adjunct extractions from such clauses yield strong ECP violations:

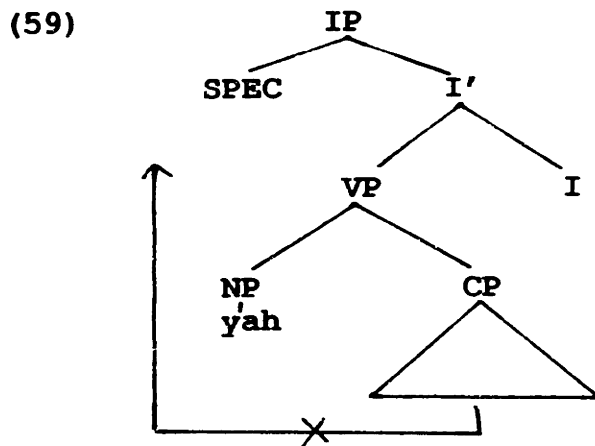
(57) \*kEse raam-ne yah socaa ki mohan-ne gaaRii Thiik kii  
 how Ram-erg this think Mohan-erg car fixed  
 How did Ram think that Mohan fixed the car?

b. \*kab raam-ne yah socaa ki mohan-ne gaaRii Thiik kii  
 when Ram-erg this think Mohan-erg car fixed  
 When did Ram think that Mohan fixed the car?

(56) - (57) contrast therefore suggests that the extraposed C' is indeed a barrier for extraction in Hindi. In cases, where the expletive yah is absent, extraction precedes extraposition, a possibility that is excluded if the expletive is base generated in the object position.

There is one more possibility that we must consider before leaving this section. Can the (56) vs (57) contrast be viewed as a subjacency vs ECP violation contrast in extraction from simplex NPs. That is, (57) and (58) can be

derived from a structure like (59) below:



C' extraposition follows extraction. Argument-adjunct asymmetries are explained as earlier by the assumption that C' is base generated adjoined to IP can be dropped. This view appears to be unproblematic except for one thing. Complex NP violations in Hindi are very strong even for arguments. This is shown below:

(60) a. raam-ne socaa ki [[yah baat ki mohan-ne ravii-ko  
 Ram-erg thought this fact Mohan-erg Ravi  
 maaraa] galat hE  
 hit wrong is  
 Ram thought that the fact that Mohan hit Ravi was  
 wrong.

b. \*kis-ko raam-ne socaa ki yah baat ki mohan-ne maaraa  
 who Ram-erg thought this fact mohan-erg hit  
 galat hE  
 wrong is  
 Who did Ram think that the fact that MOhan hit is  
 wrong?

(60b) which involves extraction of an argument out of a complex NP is totally ungrammatical compared to a subjacency

violation like (56)a or b. I suggest that the (56)-(57) contrast is therefore not an argument-adjunct asymmetry involved in extraction from a complex NP.

We have seen in this section that an extraposed CP is a barrier. Under a derivational view of syntax, this barrierhood can be voided if extractions from this CP can precede extraposition. Evidence that the extraposed CP is a barrier comes from some subjacency vs ECP effects in extractions of arguments and adjuncts out of base generated extraposed CPs.

### 3.5.3. Complex NP constraint: Subjacency at LF

As noted earlier, complex NP constraint violations in Hindi are strongly ungrammatical. There are no argument-adjunct asymmetries either for extractions out of a noun complement or out of a relative clause. This is shown in the examples given below:

- (61)a. \*kis-ko raam-ne socaa ki [yah baat [ki mohan-ne \_\_\_\_  
           who     Ram-erg thought     this fact     Mohan-erg  
           maaraa]] galat hE '60b)  
           hit           wrong is  
           lit. Who does Ram think that the fact that Mohan -  
               hit is wrong?
- b. \*kEse raam-ne socaa ki [yah baat [ki mohan-ne  
       how     Ram-erg thought     this fact     Mohan-erg  
       \_\_\_\_ gaaRii Thiik kii]] galat hE  
           car           fixed     wrong is  
       lit. How does Ram think that the fact that Mohan -  
               fixed the car is wrong?



(62) a. \*kyaa ciiz raam-ne [us aadmii-ko jis-ko siitaa-ne  
 what thing Ram-erg that man who Sita-erg  
 dii] baazaar jaate dekhaa  
 gave market going saw  
 lit. Ram saw the man who Sita gave what going to the  
 market.

b. \*kis vakt raam-ne [us aadmii-ko jis-ko ravii-ne  
 which time Ram-erg that man who Ravi-erg  
 — dekhaa] nOkrii de dii  
 saw job give  
 lit. Ram gave a job to the man who Ravi saw when.

It has been argued by Huang (1980,1982), Lasnik and Saito (1984) and several other people that wh-in-situ arguments do not display subjacency effects. That is, the following Japanese sentence from Lasnik and Saito(1984) is totally grammatical even though it would be an LF subjacency violation.

(63) [[Taroo-ga nani-o te-ni ireta]koto]o sonnani okotteru no  
 Taro-nom what-acc obtained fact-acc so much be angry Q  
 Lit. What are you so angry about the fact that Taro  
 obtained t?

Given this, it is surprising that wh-in-situ in complex NPs is strongly ungrammatical in Hindi. In fact in-situ wh-arguments as well as adjuncts are strongly ungrammatical. Thus sentences parallel to (61) and (62) with wh-in-situ are ungrammatical:

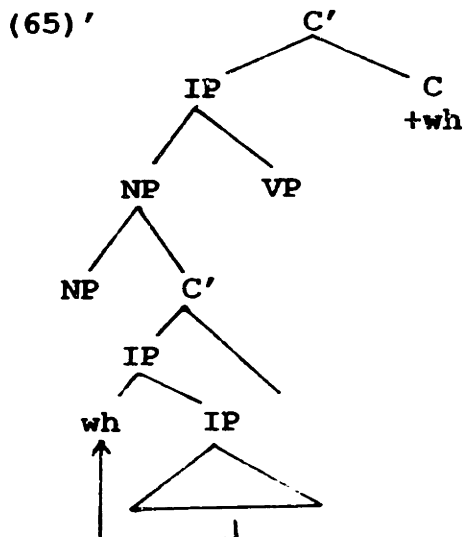
(64)a. \*raam-ne socaa ki [[yah baat [ki mohan-ne kis-ko  
 Ram-erg thought this fact Mohan-erg who  
 maaraa] galat hE  
 hit wrong is  
 lit. Who does Ram think that the fact that Mohan - hit  
 is wrong?

b.\*raam-ne socaa ki[[yah baat [ki mohan-erg kEse  
 Ram-erg thought this fact Mohan-erg how  
 gaaRii Thiik kii]] sac hE  
 car fixed true is  
 lit. How does Ram think that the fact that Mohan -  
 fixed the car is wrong?

(65)a.\*raam-ne [us aadmii-ko jis-ko ravii-ne kyaa ciiz  
 Ram-erg that man who Ravi-erg what thing  
 dii] baazaar jaate dekhaa  
 gave market going saw  
 lit. Ram saw the man who Sita gave what going to the  
 market.

b.\*raam-ne [us aadmii-ko jis-ko ravii-ne  
 Ram-erg that man who Ravi-erg  
 kab dekhaa] nOkrii de dii  
 when saw job give  
 lit. Ram gave a job to the man who Ravi saw when.

I suggest that (64) and (65) are neither subjacency violations nor ECP violations. They are in fact selectional violations. The wh-phrase in (64) and (65) being a quantifier cannot escape the minimal IP containing it and is therefore 'too far' from the +wh feature in COMP. This is illustrated below:



Since there are no NP complement vs relative clause asymmetries in Hindi either, the question of whether the C' inside the complex NP in (66) is a barrier or not becomes less relevant. However, since overt extraction out of a complex NP is also strongly ungrammatical (as shown by (61)), it appears that the C' is also a barrier. Therefore the complex NP dominating this C' also becomes a barrier yielding a strong violation for (61)a/b.

Given that wh-in-situ arguments inside complex NPs are strongly ungrammatical we have suggested that they are selectional violations. If wh-in-situ need to obey only ECP and subjacency is not a condition on LF movement, we would expect Hindi complex NP violations to be mild for arguments or expect at least some argument-adjunct contrast. Given the absence of such effects, we suggested that complex violations are in fact selectional violations. Under the view that we have been developing, wh-in-situ simply QRs at LF to adjoin to the minimal IP containing it. This view then forces us to conclude that subjacency is irrelevant at LF. Since LF does not have long distance movement, and subjacency is a condition on movement, the role of subjacency at LF becomes vacuous. This conclusion appears to be justifiable for Hindi though the implications of this view are less clear for other languages. We return to this in later sections.

### 3.5.4 Argument-Adjunct Asymmetries under Long Distance

#### multiple movement: Relativized Minimality Effects:

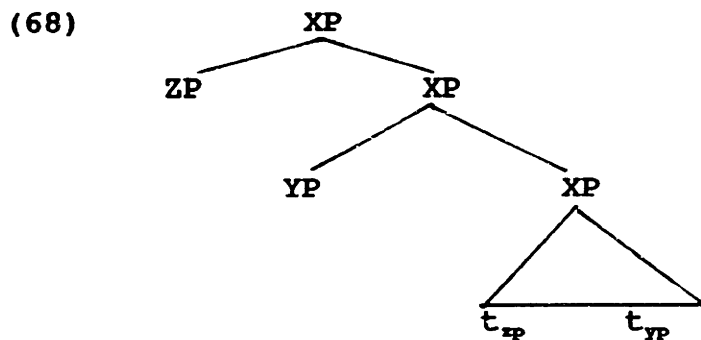
As observed earlier, there are no adjunct-argument asymmetries if the wh-phrases are moved across one clause boundary. The relevant examples are repeated below:

- (66)a. kOn kis-ko raam-ne kahaa ki \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ maaregaa  
who whom Ram-erg said will hit  
Who did Ram say hit who?
- b. ?kis-ne kEse Raam-ne kahaa ki gaaRii Thiik kii  
who-erg how Ram-erg said car fixed  
lit. Who did Ram say fixed the car how?
- c. ?kab kEse raam-ne kahaa ki unhON-ne gaaRii Thiik kii  
when how Ram-erg said they-erg car fixed  
lit. How did Ram say that they fixed the car when?

In (66)a, two arguments are moved across a clause boundary, in (66)b an argument and an adjunct are moved and in (66)c, two adjuncts have moved. the order of the fronted phrases is flexible. Thus corresponding to (66)a-c, the following are also possible:

- (67)a. kis-ko kOn raam-ne kahaa ki \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ maaregaa  
whom who Ram-erg said will hit  
Who did Ram say hit who?
- b. ?kEse kis-ne raam-ne kahaa ki gaaRii Thiik kii  
how who-erg Ram-erg said car fixed  
lit. Who did Ram say fixed the car how?
- c. ?kEse kab raam-ne kahaa ki unhON-ne gaaRii Thiik kii  
how when Ram-erg said they-erg car fixed  
lit. How did Ram say that they fixed the car when?

Since the order of the fronted wh-phrases does not make any difference, the notion of relativized minimality must be adjusted slightly so that in the case of multiple adjunction to an XP, the order of adjunction, i.e., the hierarchy of adjoined phrases, is not relevant. That is, the lower adjoined phrase in a configuration like (68) does not count as an 'intervening' potential governor.



Recall that Rizzi's (1990) formulation of relativized minimality does not consider adjoined phrases to count as potential A-bar binders. However, I will show that adjoined phrases can indeed function as potential A-bar binders unless they are included in the same maximal projection as the actual antecedent as in representations like (68).

Hindi displays relativized minimality effects under longer movement when more than two clauses are involved. In this section, we will examine some such effects that bring up an interesting point with regarding the status of the

intervening traces (under long distance movement) with respect to relativized minimality.

3.5.4.1. First of all, it should be noted that the restriction against having a wh-phrase within a non-question complement is absolute. This forces the wh-phrase which originates in the lowest clause in (69)a to move to the highest clause as in (69)c and not merely to move to an intermediate clause.

(69)a. \*raam-ne kahaa ki mohan-ne socaa ki kOn sii Tiim  
 Ram-erg said Mohan-erg thought which team  
 jiitegii  
 will win  
 Which team did Ram say that Mohan thought will win?

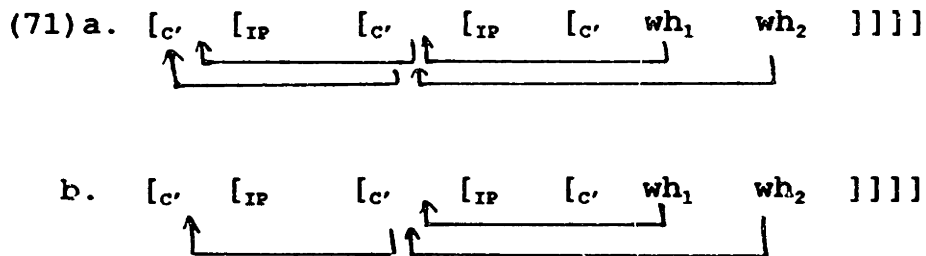
b. \*raam-ne kahaa ki kOn sii Tiim mohan-ne socaa ki  
 Ram-erg said which team Mohan-erg thought  
 jiitegii  
 will win (=a)

c. kOn sii Tiim raam-ne kahaa ki mohan-ne socaa ki  
 which team Ram-erg said Mohan-erg thought  
 jiitegii  
 will win (=a)

However, if the matrix verb kahaa 'say' is replaced with puuchaa 'ask' which takes a question complement, then the wh-phrase originating in the lowest clause needs to move only to the intermediate clause as (70) shows:

(70) raam-ne puuchaa ki kOn sii Tiim mohan-ne socaa ki  
 Ram-erg asked which team Mohan-erg thought  
 jiitegii  
 will win  
 Ram asked which team Mohan thought will win.

If the lowest clause in sentences like (70) contains more than one wh-phrase, all of the wh-phrases must move out of that clause. Two possibilities arise at this point: both the wh-phrases move to the intermediate clause yielding an indirect question or one of the wh-phrases moves to the matrix clause and the other one moves to the intermediate clause yielding a matrix question with an embedded indirect question. The two possibilities are illustrated in (71):



I am assuming that long distance movement is successive cyclic in that adjunction to intermediate IP is used as a step for long movement. This would certainly be required of long distance adjunct movement (which is possible). Whether or not it is also required for arguments depends on whether antecedent government is required for arguments or not (see Chomsky, 1986b; Rizzi, 1989; Lasnik and Saito, 1984, forthcoming). This issue is not directly relevant to the point that we are making, so will ignore it here. It is with respect to the two possibilities in (71) that certain argument-adjunct asymmetries are observed. First of all, note that if both the wh-phrases moved are arguments

then both (71)a and (71)b are possible and it does not matter which argument is moved to which clause.

(72)a.raam-ne puuchaa ki kOn sii Tiim kis-ko mohan soctaa hE  
 Ram-erg asked which team who Mohan thinks  
 ki t t haraa degii  
 will defeat  
 Ram asked which team Mohan thinks will defeat who

b.??kOn sii Tiim raam-ne puuchaa ki kis-ko mohan soctaa hE  
 which team Ram-erg asked who MOhan thinks  
 ki t t haraa degii  
 will defeat  
 (=a)

c.??kis-ko raam-ne puuchaa ki kOn si Tiim mohan soctaa hE ki  
 who Ram-erg asked which team Mohan thinks  
 haraa degii  
 will defeat  
 (=a)

Both (72)b and c are somewhat deviant but have the same status. Note that if successive cyclic adjunction to IP is employed then all the intervening traces in (72)b and c will be antecedent governed as indicated in (71)b (along with the original traces being lexically governed as noted earlier).<sup>7</sup> Compare (72)a-c with (73)a-c which involve movement of an adjunct and an argument.

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<sup>7</sup>We ignore here the question of whether the intermediate traces need to be lexically governed or not. Since (72) involves argument movement, the intermediate traces can be deleted (cf. Lasnik and Saito, 1984; Chomsky, 1986b).



(73)a. raam-ne puchaa ki kOn sii Tiim ko kitne ran se  
 Ram-erg asked which team how many runs by  
 ravii soctaa hE ki hamaarii Tiim haraaegii  
 Ravi thinks our team will defeat

b.??kOn sii Tiim ko raam-ne puchaa ki kitne ran se  
 which team Ram-erg asked how many runs by  
 ravii soctaa hE ki hamaarii Tiim haraaegii  
 Ravi thinks our team will defeat

c.\*kitne ran se raam-ne puchaa ki kOn sii Tiim ko ravii  
 how many runs by Ram-erg asked which team Ravi  
 soctaa hE ki hamaarii Tiim haraaegii  
 thinks our team will defeat

Under our assumptions, both the wh-phrases first adjoin to the lowest IP and then to the intermediate IP. that yields (73)a which is well formed. In (73)b, the argument wh-phrase is further moved to form a direct question. The resulting sentence has the same status as (72)b,c. On the other hand, if the adjunct wh-phrase is moved to the matrix clause, then the sentence is ungrammatical. Similar ungrammaticality results if both the wh-phrase are adjuncts.

(74)a. raam-ne puchaa ki kitne ran se kab ravii  
 Ram-erg asked how many runs by when Ravi  
 soctaa hE ki vah Tiim t t jiiitegii  
 thinks that team will win

b.\*kitne ran se raam-ne puchaa ki kab ravii soctaa hE  
 how many runs by Ram-erg asked when Ravi thinks

ki vah Tiim t t jiiitegii  
 that team will win

c.\*kab raam-ne puchaa ki kitne ran se ravii soctaa hE  
 when Ram-erg asked how many runs by Ravi thinks

ki vah Tiim t t jiiitegii  
 that team will win

Note that under a successive cyclic adjunction approach, the original as well as the intermediate traces should be antecedent governed in all the examples of (72), (73), and (74). Take for instance (73)c which would have a representation like (75):

(75) kitne ran se<sub>1</sub> [raam-ne puchaa [t<sub>1</sub> [kOn sii Tiim ko<sub>2</sub>  
       [raam soctaa hE ki [t<sub>1</sub>' [t<sub>2</sub>' [hamaarii Tiim t<sub>1</sub>" t<sub>2</sub>"  
       haraayegii]]]]]]]

Let us concentrate on the adjunct traces (since the original argument traces is in any case properly governed). t<sub>1</sub>" is governed by t<sub>1</sub>'. t<sub>2</sub>' cannot count as a potential antecedent. For one thing, intervening traces do not count as potential antecedents as shown by (76).

(76) kis din     kitne         ran   se raam soctaa hE ki mohan-ne  
       which day   how many   runs by   Ram   thinks     Mohan-erg  
  
       kahaa   ki uskii   Tiim t   t jiitegii  
       said     his       team       will win

The grammaticality of (76) shows that the intermediate traces (both of them) as well as the original traces of adjunct phrases must be governed therefore none of the intermediate traces should block antecedent government for the other. Secondly, in (75), the intervening argument trace is simply deletable and therefore not relevant. t<sub>1</sub> is properly governed by the adjunct phrase itself. The problematic trace therefore must be t<sub>1</sub>'. We suggest that t<sub>1</sub>

does not properly govern t1' (and therefore does not antecedent govern it) because of the presence of the intervening argument phrase that acts as a potential antecedent governor. (73)c is therefore an ECP violation. (74) b and c are ruled out on the same grounds.

The deviant status of (72)b,c, and (73)b can be attributed to subjacency. Recall that we argued earlier that subjacency is irrelevant at LF. However, (72)b,c, and (73)b involve syntactic movement. The deviance of these examples can be attributed to subjacency only if subjacency is sensitive to 'relativized minimality'. This provides support for theories such as Chomsky (1986b) that argue for a unification of the notion of 'barrier' for ECP as well as subjacency.

Let me conclude this subsection by summarizing the main results. I have shown that Hindi shows certain argument-adjunct asymmetries can be explained using the notion of 'relativized minimality'. I have also suggested that the notion of relativized minimality may also be relevant in defining subjacency barriers thus arguing for a unification of ECP and subjacency barriers.

### **3.5.5 Wh-phrases in Infinitivals**

Hindi nonfinite clauses do not undergo extraposition and therefore precede the verb as illustrated by the examples

below:

(77) a. raam-ne [PRO siitaa-ko dekhnaa] caahaa  
raam-erg Sita to see want  
Ram wanted to see Sita.

b. raam-ne mohan-ko [PRO siitaa-ko dekhne ] ke liye kahaa  
Ram-erg Mohan Sita to see told  
Ram told Mohan to look at Sita.

c. raam-ne mohan-ko jaane kaa vaadaa diyaa  
Ram-erg Mohan to go gen promise gave  
Ram promised Mohan to leave.

d. raam-ne mohan se jaane kaa vaadaa liyaa  
Ram-erg Mohan-obj to go gen promise took  
lit. Ram took a promise from Mohan to leave.

A wh-phrase within an infinitival clause in Hindi does not have to move. The following are wide scope questions:

(78) a. raam-ne kis-ko dekhnaa caahaa  
Ram-erg who to see want  
Who did Ram want to see?

b. raam-ne mohan-ko kise dekhne ke liye kahaa  
Ram-erg Mohan-erg whom to see for told  
Who did Ram tell Mohan to look at?

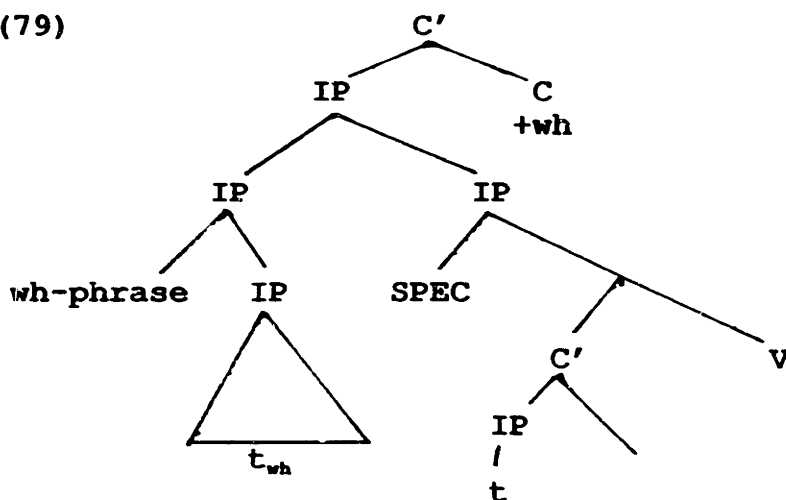
c. raam-ne mohan-ko kise maarne kaa vaadaa diyaa  
Ram-erg Mohan who to hit gen promise gave  
Who did Ram promise Mohan to hit?

d. raam-ne mchan se kise maarne kaa vaadaa liyaa  
Ram-erg Mohan who to hit gen promise took  
lit. Who did Ram take a promise from Mohan to hit?

Let me briefly suggest why wh-phrases do not have to move in (78). there are two possible reasons. The first is that the infinitive clauses in Hindi are not C's or even IPs. They are AGRPs. If wh-phrases QR at LF to adjoin to IP then the

first IP is the matrix IP in (78)a-d. Since AGRPs are not barriers, QR of the wh-phrase at LF will not cross any barriers. I will however not pursue this since there is no evidence to suggest that all infinitivals are AGRPs. In fact, sentences like (78)b contain a complementizer like postposition ke liye 'for' that indicates that the infinitivals in these cases are C's. Thus the other possibility is that the infinitivals in (78) are C's dominating IPs. At LF the wh-phrase QRs to adjoin to the lower IP and the lower IP further QRs to adjoin to the matrix IP yielding a representation like (79):

(79)



+wh in this configuration governs the wh-phrase. Note that the movement of the IP from within the embedded CP is possible because the CP is L-marked (being canonically governed). As for the QR of the IP, I essentially follow Fiengo et al (1988) in assuming that the adjunction of a wh-

phrase to an IP makes it quantificational and that makes it possible for it to QR. This analysis predicts that if the infinitival clauses are not canonically governed, a wh-in-situ in them will not be permitted. This prediction is fulfilled as shown in (81) where the infinitival clauses are rightward extraposed. Such extraposition is somewhat marked but is possible as shown in (80):<sup>1</sup>

- (80) a. raam-ne caahaa siitaa ko dekhnaa  
       Ram-erg wanted Sita to see (=77a)
- b. raam-ne mohan ko kahaa siitaa ko dekhne ke liye  
       Ram-erg Mohan told Sita to see for (=77b)
- c. raam-ne mohan ko vaadaa diyaa ravii ko maarne kaa  
       Ram-erg Mohan promise gave Ravi to hit gen (=77c)
- d. raam-ne mohan se vaadaa liyaa ravii ko maarne kaa  
       Ram-erg Mohan promise took Ravi to hit gen (=77d)
- (81) a. \*raam-ne caahaa kis-ko dekhnaa  
       Ram-erg wanted who to see (=78a)
- b. \*raam-ne mohan ko kahaa kis ko dekhne ke liye  
       Ram-erg Mohan told who to see for (78b)
- c. \*raam-ne mohan ko vaadaa diyaa kis ko maarne kaa  
       Ram-erg Mohan promise gave who to hit gen (78c)
- d. \*raam-ne mohan se vaadaa liyaa kis ko maarne kaa  
       Ram-erg Mohan promise took who to hit gen (78d)

Overt fronting of the wh-phrase is possible in (80)a-d and (81)a-d. In fact, fronting of wh-phrases in (81)a-d yields wh-questions:

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<sup>1</sup>(81)a-d may be mildly acceptable as echo questions

(82)a. ?kis-ko raam-ne caahaa dekhnaa  
           who     Ram-erg wanted to see

b. ?kis-ko/kise raam-ne mohan ko kahaa dekhne ke liye  
       who               Ram-erg Mohan told to see

c. ?kis-ko raam-ne mohan ko vaadaa diyaa maarne kaa  
       who     Ram-erg Mohan promise gave to hit

d. ?kis-ko raam-ne mohan se vaadaa liyaa maarne kaa  
       whc     Ram-erg Mohan promise took to hit

I suggest that the extraction actually takes place before  
 extraposition since even wh-adjuncts can be fronted (see the  
 previous section).

(83)a. ? kEse raam-ne caahaa gaaRii Thiik karnaa  
           how     Ram-erg tried car to fix

b. ? kab raam-ne mohan ko kahaa jaane ke liye  
       when Ram-erg Mohan told to go

Interestingly, the infinitivals containing the wh-phrase can  
 also be fronted. In this case the wh-phrase can stay in-situ  
 but still yield a wh-question.

(84)a. kis-ko dekhnaa raam-ne caahaa  
       who to see Ram-erg tried

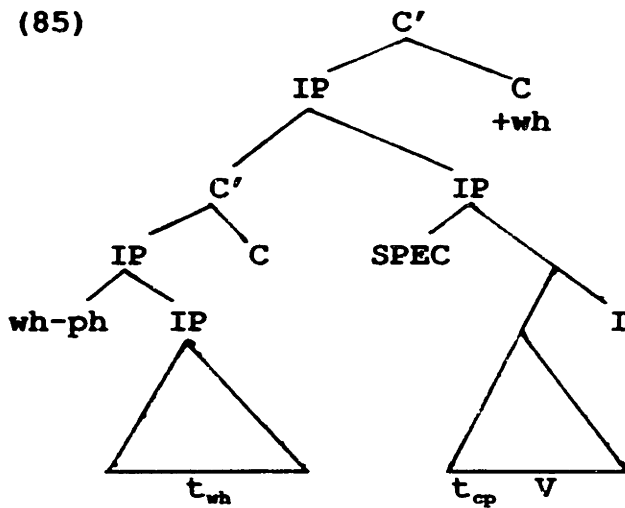
b. kis-ko dekhne ke liye raam-ne mohan ko kahaa  
       who to see Ram-erg Mohan told

c. ?kis-ko maarne kaa raam-ne mohan ko vaadaa diyaa  
       who to hit Ram-erg Mohan promise gave

d. ?kis-ko maarne kaa raam-ne mohan se vaadaa liyaa  
       who to hit Ram-erg Mohan promise took

I suggest that a sentence such as (84)b has the following

representation:



I assume that the fronted clause is in fact L-marked by I (containing the verb) since it is governed canonically. This makes it possible for the +wh in C to govern the wh-phrase (since no barrier intervenes between them). This gives the sentence a question interpretation.

### 3.6 kyaa-questions

This strategy of forming wide scope questions involves the scope of a wh-in-situ in a subordinate clause being projected up by a kyaa particle preceding the matrix verb. This is illustrated in (86) below:

- (86) raam-ne kyaa socaa ki ravii-ne kis-ko dekhaa  
 Ram-erg KYAA thought Ravi-erg who saw  
 What did Ram think that Ravi saw?

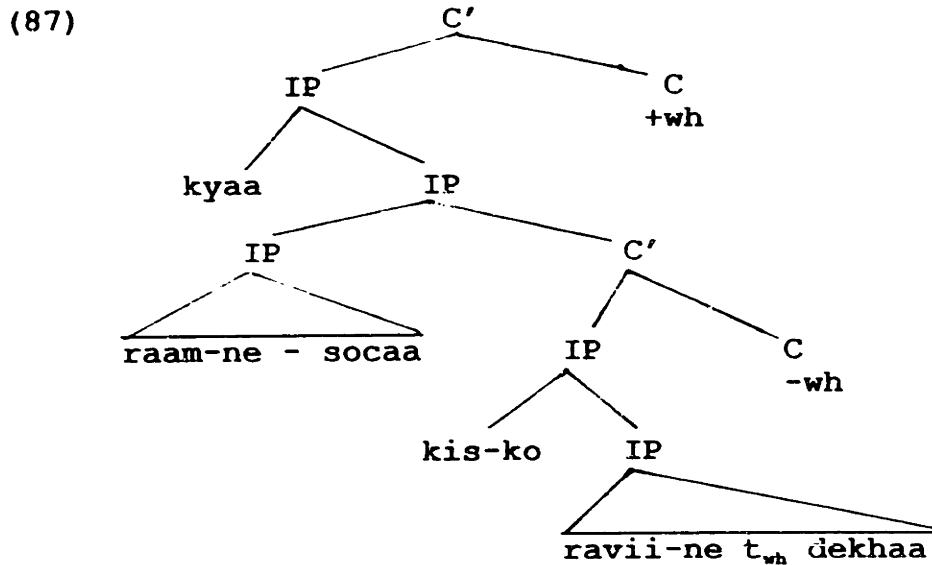
In the subsections that follow I will provide a detailed



account of this strategy within the theoretical framework that we are developing. In doing so, I will build on the suggestions in Davison (1986) and Mahajan (1987) where some aspects of this strategy are discussed.

**3.6.1. Introduction:** The particle kyaa corresponds to the expletive yah that we discussed in the previous section. The difference is essentially that kyaa has an interrogative force and it permits the formation of wide scope questions. I should note here that McDaniel (1989) discusses some facts from Romani and German which seem to indicate that the strategy of projecting scope of a wh-phrase using a question particle is not unique to Hindi (see also Wahba (1987, 89)). These languages also use a question particle corresponding to the Hindi kyaa which is morphologically identical to the accusative wh-phrase. In Romani and German, however, this particle occurs in a clause initial position which is consistent with the fact that these languages have overt wh-movement. In Hindi, kyaa occupies a pre-verbal position. This particle is, however, not morphologically attached to the verb because certain kinds of elements (such as negation, some adverbs, etc.) can appear between the verb and this particle. I will assume that kyaa occupies the same position as the expletive yah discussed in the earlier section. Based on the assumption that wh-in-situ QRs at LF in Hindi, I will suggest that the LF of a sentence like (86)

is as in (87) where the expletive kyaa QRs within its own clause and the wh-phrase kis-ko QRs to adjoin to the lower IP (recall that I am assuming that the lower clause is base generated in the extraposed position when it is associated with an expletive):



In such a structure, the scope marker kyaa governs the wh-phrase and +wh governs the marker. I will assume following McDaniel (1989) that this permits the formation of a chain that projects the scope of the wh-phrase. In (87), the trace of kyaa as well as of kis-ko are antecedent governed. QR is required since the IP is a barrier and QR voids this barrierhood. There are two problems that need to be addressed at this point. First, why is a -wh COMP in the lower clause permitted to govern a wh-phrase? There is no straightforward answer to this problem. McDaniel's (1989) treatment of analogous facts involves ignoring the -wh

feature of the lower COMP once a complex wh-chain can be formed. Another possibility is that the kyaa element absorbs this feature. Recall that kyaa is an expletive argument associated with the extraposed clause. It is therefore plausible to view the absorption of the wh feature specification of the verb in a manner analogous to the absorption of the theta role of an object by an object clitic. Under this view, the embedded COMP in (87) is simply devoid of any wh feature, i.e., it is not +wh since the sentence is not an embedded question, it is not -wh otherwise it will govern a +wh element thereby violating Lasnik and Saito's (1984) filter.

The second problem is that the complex chain formation that permits wide scope interpretation of kis-ko in (86) must be allowed to take place across the clause boundary which we argued to be a barrier on the basis of some ECP effects in an earlier section. Under our account, the extraposed clause is a barrier. The presence of an expletive does not allow extraction from a preverbal position. The adjunct/argument asymmetries noted for extraction of an extraposed clause associated with an expletive (noted with yah clauses earlier) show up indicating that the extraposed clause is a barrier.

(88)a.?? vah kuttaa raam-ne kyaa kahaa ki kis-ne dekhaa thaa  
 that dog Ram-erg KYAA said who-erg saw  
 That dog, who did Ram say that - saw?

b.\*is jagah par raam-ne kyaa kahaa ki kis-ne vah kuttaa  
 this place Ram-erg KYAA said who-erg that dog  
 dekhaa thaa  
 saw

In this place, who did Ram say that - saw that dog?

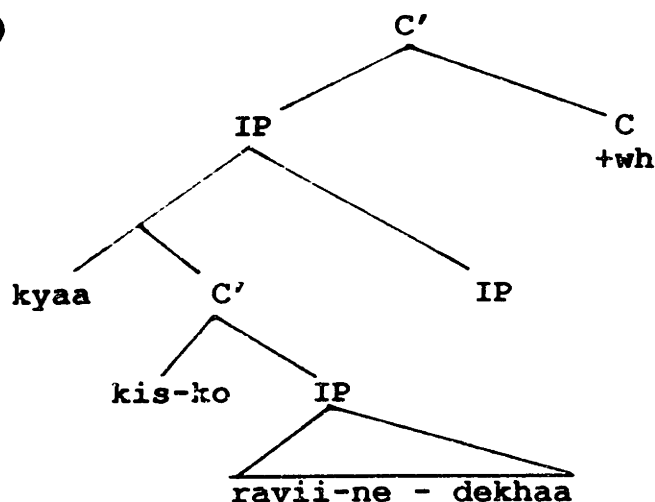
Our solution to this problem is essentially based up[on the fact that while the examples in (88) involve overt syntactic movements at s-structure, the coindexation of kyaa and kis-ko in (86) takes place at LF (kyaa governs kis-ko at this level since no barriers intervene). The violations in (88) are s-structure violations and the representations for (88)a and b are thus marked ?? and the \* respectively at s-structure and are therefore deviant or ill formed.<sup>2</sup>

On the other hand, the representation (86) is further modified at LF, voiding the barrierhood of CP. We suggest that the extraposed CP adjoins to the kyaa particle at LF (this follows Chomsky's (1989) idea about expletive replacement) yielding a representation like (88):

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<sup>2</sup>This approach has the consequence of checking ECP at s-structure for arguments as well as adjuncts in Hindi. This is contrary to Lasnik and Saito's (1984) suggestions. I do not pursue this point further here.

(88)



Under this approach kyaa is an LF affix and its affixal nature requires its associated CP to adjoin to it (the interrogative nature of kyaa further requires its associate to contain a wh-phrase, this essentially follows from the agreement requirement between the expletive and its associate). The fronted CP can now be canonically governed by the matrix I (which contains V and may have raised to C at LF). This solution mimics the s-structure possibility we discussed in connection with extractions out of fronted infinitives.<sup>3</sup>

### 3.6.2 Multiple kyaa questions

The presence of kyaa in a matrix clause permits multiple in-situ wh-phrase in the subordinate clause. All of these

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<sup>3</sup>Since overt fronting of finite clauses is rather difficult in Hindi, it is difficult to check if the fronted finite clauses are barriers in syntax or not.

phrases must however take matrix scope:

(89)a. raam-ne kyaa kahaa thaa ki kis-ne kis-ko maaraa  
Ram-erg KYAA said who whom hit  
Who did Ram say - hit whom?

b.raam-ne kyaa kahaa thaa ki mohan-ne kis-ko kEse maaraa  
Ram-erg KYAA said Mohan whom how hit  
How did Ram say that Mohan hit who - ?

c.raam-ne kyaa kahaa thaa ki mohan-ne kab kis-ko kEse  
Ram-erg KYAA said Mohan-erg when whom how  
maaraa  
hit  
How did Ram say that Mohan hit whom when?

Multiple adjunct questions are possible as indicated by

(89)c. These cases are explained under our account as follows: the embedded wh-phrases QR to adjoin to the embedded IP. the extraposed CP adjoins to the expletive kyaa at LF.

### 3.6.3. kyaa questions and multiple embeddings

The following paradigm shows that the presence of kyaa is obligatory in the intermediate clause also if the scope of the wh-in-situ is to be projected upwards.

(90)a.\*raam-ne socaa ki ravii-ne kyaa kahaa ki kOn sa aadmii  
Ram-erg thought Ravi-erg KYAA said which man  
aayaa thaa  
came  
Intended as: Which man did Ram think that Ravi say -  
came?

b. \*raam-ne kyaa socaa ki ravii-ne kahaa ki kOn saa aadmii  
 Ram-erg KYAA thought Ravi-erg said which man  
 aayaa thaa  
 came  
 (=a)

c. raam-ne kyaa socaa ki ravii-ne kyaa kahaa ki  
 Ram-erg KYAA thought Ravi-erg KYAA said  
 kOn saa aadmii aayaa thaa  
 which man came  
 (=a)

The ungrammaticality of (90)a,b indicates that the scope of wh-in-situ can only be projected if all of the non question complements contain kyaa. This can be explained if an overt kyaa is required (i) to absorb the -wh feature of COMP (ii) for the associate CP to adjoin.

(90)a and b are ungrammatical because socaa 'think' and kahaa 'said' are not allowed to take a question complement unless kyaa absorbs their wh-feature. Furthermore, the absence of kyaa in the matrix clause in (90)a and in the intermediate clause in (90)b blocks the raising of the lowest clause to the matrix IP. Note that if socaa 'think' of (90)a is replaced with puuchaa 'ask' which takes a wh-complement, the resulting sentence is good as an embedded question.

(91) raam-ne puuchaa ki ravii-ne kyaa kahaa ki kOn saa aadmii  
 Ram-erg asked Ravi-erg KYAA said which man  
 aayaa thaa  
 came  
 Ram asked which man did Ravi say - came.

Since puuchaa 'ask' takes a +wh COMP, the presence of kyaa in the intermediate clause permits the coindexation of the +wh COMP to the embedded kOn 'who' via the mechanism that we outlined earlier. On the other hand, a replacement of kahaa 'said' with puuchaa 'asked' in (90)b still produces an ungrammaticality.

- (92) \*raam-ne kyaa socaa ki[ravii-ne puuchaa ki[kOn saa  
 Ram-erg KYAA thought Ravi-erg asked which  
 aadmii aayaa thaa]]  
 man came

The ungrammaticality of (92) shows that the presence of kyaa in the matrix clause requires its associated CP to be an interrogative clause which CP2 is not (it is an indirect question).

Before leaving this subsection, let me note that the kyaa strategy and the extraction strategy can be combined to produce wide scope questions. Thus the ungrammaticality of (90)b can be repaired either by inserting an intermediate kyaa as in (90)c or by simply moving the wh-phrase kOn to the intermediate clause.

- (93)?raam-ne kyaa socaa ki kOn saa aadmii ravii-ne kahaa ki  
 Ram-erg KYAA thought which man Ravi-erg said  
 aayaa thaa  
 came  
 Which man did Ram think that Ravi said - came?



### 3.6.4 Extractions out of kyaa questions

As already noted in (88)a,b, s-structure extractions out of kyaa questions are possible for arguments with subjacency type deviance while extraction of adjuncts yields stronger (possibly) ECP violations. Overt wh-extraction also follows the same pattern as illustrated in (94):

(94)a.raam-ne kyaa kahaa ki hamaarii Tiim kOn saa gem  
Ram-erg KYAA said our team which game  
kis din khelegii  
which day will play

On which day did Ram say that our team will win which game - ?

b.??kOn saa gem raam-ne kyaa kahaa ki hamaarii Tiim  
which game Ram-erg KYAA said our team  
kis din khelegii  
which day will play (=a)

c.\*kis din raam-ne kyaa kahaa ki hamaarii Tiim  
which day Ram-erg KYAA said our team  
kOn saa gem khelegii  
which game will play (=a)

(94)b can be further embedded under a kyaa clause as in (95).

(95)ravii-ne kyaa socaa ki [kOn saa gem raam-ne kyaa  
Ravi-erg KYAA thought which game Ram-erg KYAA  
kahaa ki hamaarii Tiim kis din khelegii  
said our team which day will play

On which day did Ravi think that Ram say that our team will win which game - ?

The wh-phrase kOn saa mEc could also take matrix scope in (95) without the kyaa by overt movement.

(96)??? kOn saa mEc ravii-ne socaa ki raam-ne kyaa kahaa  
 which match ravi-erg thought Ram-erg KYAA said  
 ki hamaarii Tiim kis din khelegii  
 our team which day will play (=95)

### 3.7 Summary of the results of the previous six sections

We have argued so far that Hindi does not have wh-movement either at s-structure or at LF. We use the term 'wh-movement' as movement to SPEC CP - what Aoun et al (1980) called 'wh-R' (see also Lasnik and Saito, 1984). We suggest that Hindi wh-phrase simply QRs at LF (in this respect we revive a suggestion made in Huang, 1980). Since QR is generally clause bound, we suggest that Hindi wh-QR is also clause bound. This yields a variety of consequences. It explains why wh-in-situ is possible in embedded questions but ruled out in non question complements. It also explains why wh-in-situ in complex NPs is unacceptable in Hindi. Since wide scope questions cannot be formed with wh-in-situ, Hindi uses two strategies to form wide scope questions. The extraction strategy performs the function that LF QR cannot. It moves a wh-phrase out of a finite clause to a position from which LF QR can move it to the required position --- a position governed by +wh COMP. The kyaa strategy provides an expletive that absorbs the wh feature of the COMP of the clause kyaa is associated with. Furthermore, kyaa replacement provides a mechanism for projecting the scope of a wh-in-situ. Several consequences of the treatment of the extraction strategy and kyaa strategy are explored showing

that the extraposed clause must be a barrier in Hindi providing evidence for a derivational approach to syntax.

Our treatment of Hindi wh-questions raises a number of issues. First of all, Hindi is neither purely wh-in-situ, nor has obligatory wh-movement the way English does. This raises a question regarding the status of the wh-movement parameter. I suggest that as far as Hindi is concerned, simply classifying Hindi as -wh movement at s-structure yields the desired effects. Forced movement of the wh-phrase in the required contexts is yielded by making the assumption that the syntax of LF in Hindi treats wh-phrases as clause bound quantifiers.

In the next section we explore if this approach can be generalized. That is, is it possible to treat all wh-in-situ as LF quantifiers that can only undergo local QR? I will suggest that this approach seems plausible.

I will also reexamine the issue of whether or not subjacency plays a role at LF. I will suggest that if wh-in-situ simply QRs to adjoin to the immediately dominating IP, then this movement will never cross a barrier (VP not being a barrier under this approach) and therefore subjacency will never be disobeyed by LF movement of a wh-phrase. This simply makes the question of whether or not subjacency applies at LF

immaterial.

### **3.8 Wh-in-situ in English:**

It is generally assumed that wh-in-situ in English moves at LF to SPEC CP (cf. Aoun et al, 1980, Huang, 1982, Lasnik and Saito, 1984 and Chomsky, 1986; see however Pesetsky, 1987 for arguments that not all wh-in-situ move at LF in English). Since English does have s-structure wh-movement to SPEC CP, it is plausible that the learner simply assumes that all wh-phrases move to SPEC CP in this language. If they do not do it at s-structure then they do it at LF. This view does not conflict with the approach that I have outlined so far where it is suggested that if the child does not get any overt evidence for s-structure wh-movement wh-movement to SPEC CP then he assumes that the language in question does not have wh-movement to SPEC CP -not even at LF.

In this section we pursue a somewhat different approach. We suggest that the syntax of LF treats all wh-in-situ as quantifiers - in languages like Hindi as well as in languages like English. There are major empirical consequences of adopting such an approach and we will explore some of those in the subsections that follow.

#### **4.8.1. Uniclausal Multiple Questions: Doubly filled COMP**

English does not allow for two wh-phrases to occupy SPEC CP

at s-structure. Our approach implies that SPEC CP can never be doubly filled at any level of representation. This is because only the wh-phrase that has moved to SPEC CP at s-structure will be in that position at LF, the other wh-phrases will be adjoined to the IP. There is an immediate consequence of this approach.

Consider (96) which is acceptable to many speakers:<sup>4</sup>

(96) Who left why?

This sentence is problematic under standard approaches since it is ruled out as an ECP violation. If who moves first to SPEC CP, and why moves to SPEC CP at LF, the trace of why will not be antecedent governed. Alternatively, under a vacuous movement account, who could be in-situ at s-structure permitting why to move first at LF. Under this account, the trace who will not be antecedent governed (this derivation will also violate superiority) . Under our approach both the wh-phrases move to adjoin to IP at LF and therefore both the traces are antecedent governed.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup>This sentence is unacceptable to many speakers. Lasnik and Saito(1984) consider it ungrammatical. For many other speakers, there is a contrast between (96) and (i):

(i) I asked who left why?  
(i) is worse than (96) .

<sup>5</sup>For my purposes it is enough to claim that there is no s-structure movement of subject wh-phrases in root clauses. Vacuous movement hypothesis faces many problems with respect to the subject

An ECP account of the contrast in (97) is no longer possible.

(97)a. \*What did John do why?

b. Why did John do what?

Under ECP based approach for this contrast, (97)a is ungrammatical because the LF trace of why will be an ECP violation since the SPEC CP is already filled and indexed with what (see Lasnik and Saito, 1984). (97)b is grammatical since the trace of what is lexically governed. Under our approach, the LF for (96)a,b will look like (98)a,b:

(98)a. [<sub>CP</sub> what<sub>1</sub> [<sub>IP</sub> why<sub>2</sub> [<sub>IP</sub> John do t<sub>1</sub> t<sub>2</sub>]]]

b. [<sub>CP</sub> why<sub>2</sub> [<sub>IP</sub> what<sub>1</sub> [<sub>IP</sub> John do t<sub>1</sub> t<sub>2</sub>]]]

I suggest that (98)a is not an ECP violation and is ruled out independently as a superiority violation (and also under an interpretation of Chomsky's recent suggestions about chain formation under which shorter chains must be formed first). (98)b is however a problem under our account. As it stands it should be an ECP violation since it violates relativized minimality since what will be an intervening

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wh-phrase in embedded clauses. Note that if who in (i) of the previous footnote does move at s-structure then at LF, the moved why and who are no longer included in the same maximal projection. This may be responsible for the degraded status of (i) as compared to (96).

potential governor for the trace of why. Unless the trace of why is gamma marked at s-structure (contrary to Lasnik and Saito, 1984), (98)b will be a problem under our account. There is, however, an alternative explanation for the grammaticality of (97)b. This involves the assumption that wh-movement in root clauses in English is actually to SPEC IP (cf. Pesetsky, 1989). If that is the case, then the LF for (97)b will not be (98)b but (98)b' below:

(98)b' [<sub>IP</sub> what<sub>1</sub> [<sub>IP</sub> why<sub>2</sub> did John do t<sub>1</sub> t<sub>2</sub>]]

The representation (98)a and auxiliary assumptions about wh-movement in English root clauses can be modified accordingly. Since nothing much in what follows depends on this assumption I will continue to give the representations in a conventional way.

### 3.8.2. Wide scope wh-in-situ in English:

The most significant problem for our suggestion that wh-in-situ in English is also a clause bound quantifier at LF comes from sentences like (99) in which what is interpreted as paired with matrix who (cf. Baker, 1970).

(99) Who wonders where John bought what?

It may be noted here that for many speakers the who/what paired reading is nonexistent or very marginal. However given the fact that many speakers do find this reading possible to get, we have to account for such a reading without resorting to long distance movement of what at LF. There are two distinct possible approaches to this problem. One is to claim that what in (99) does not move at LF and is treated as a d-linked wh-phrase that can be coindexed with the matrix wh-phrase. This possibility essentially follows Pesetsky's (1987) remarks in this respect. This approach depends on answers to questions about whether or not absorption (necessary for forming paired questions, cf. Higginbotham and May, 1980) requires government or not. There is some evidence that this approach is not plausible. This evidence also bears upon the question as to whether long distance movement is proper mechanism for forming wide scope questions or not. The evidence comes from sentences such as (100):

(100) Who thinks that Bill wonders where John bought what?

This sentence disallows a paired reading of matrix who and the embedded what phrase.<sup>6</sup> what can only be paired with

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<sup>6</sup>David Pesetsky (p.c.) notes that there is a contrast between (100) and (i) below:

(i) Who wonders where Bill thinks that John bought what?

(i) does allow for a paired reading between who and what while (100) does not.

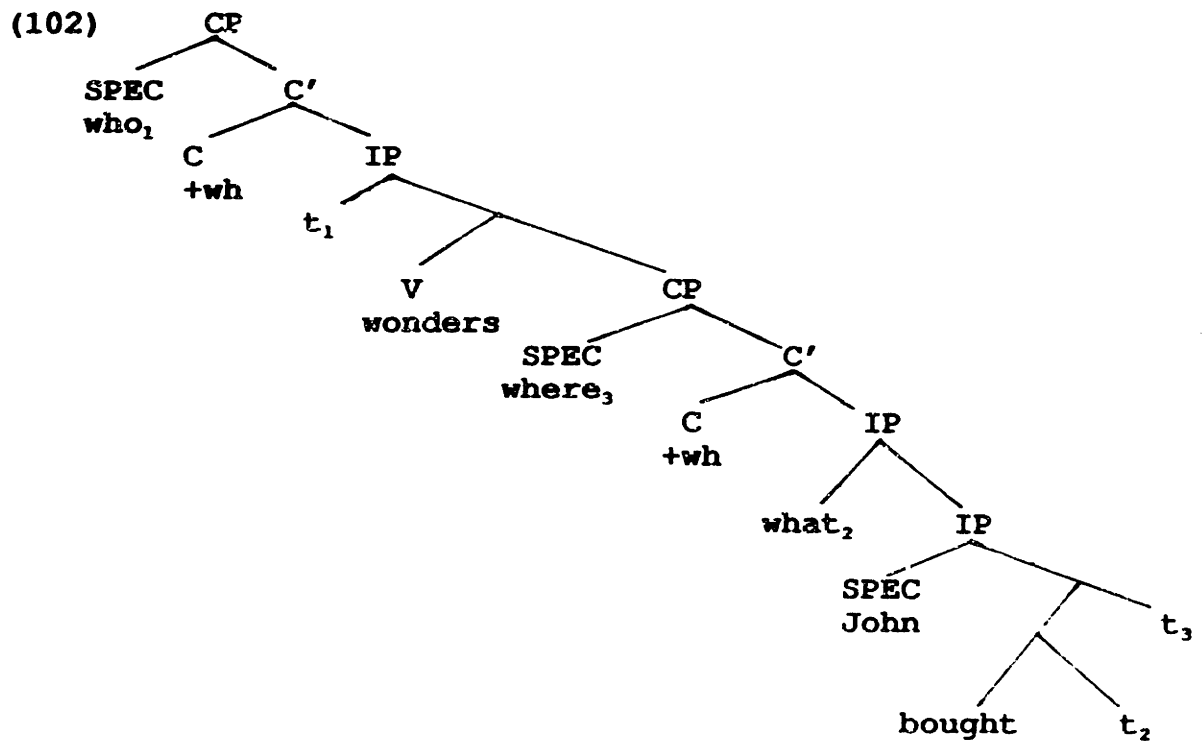


where. If paired readings could be obtained without movement then (100) should allow for a paired who/what reading. This sentence also shows that long distance movement of what is not responsible for the paired who/what reading in (99). This is because (100) also allows for long distance movement of what under standard approaches. That is an LF like (101) is not ruled out under approaches such as Lasnik and Saito(1984);

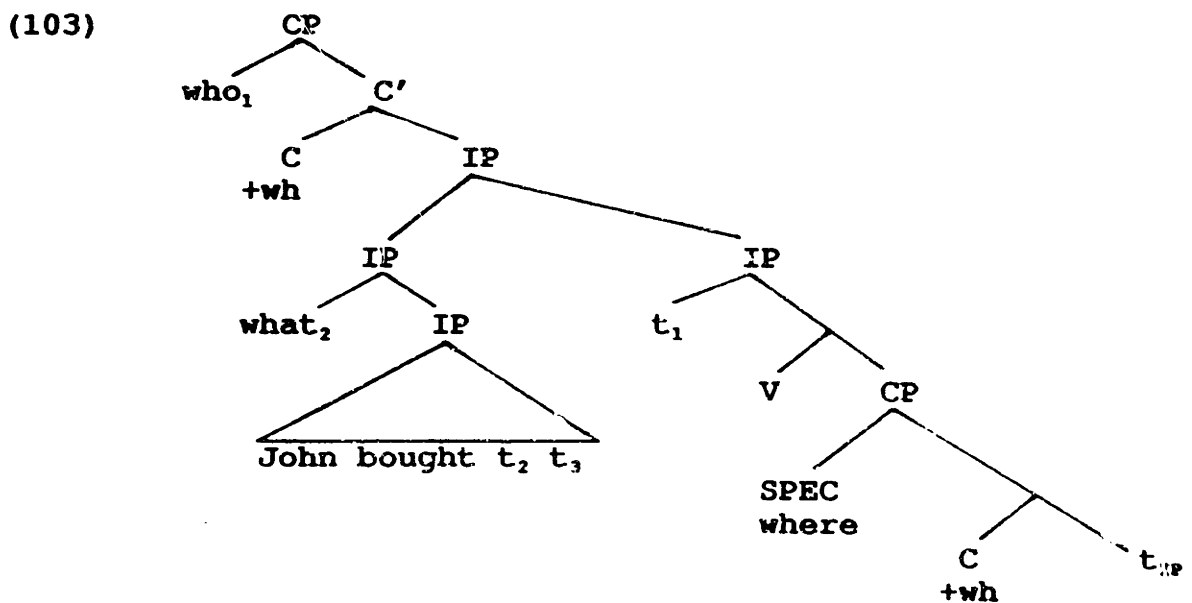
(101) [CP wh<sub>01</sub> what<sub>2</sub> [IP t<sub>1</sub> thinks that Bill wonders where John bought t<sub>2</sub>]]

The unavailability of an LF like (101) argues against the long distance movement of the what phrase in sentences like (99) and (100).

Our account of wh-in-situ can be extended not only to get paired what/ who reading in (99), but to also rule out a similar possibility in (100). Our account is based on the original hypothesis of this chapter that wh-in-situ is universally a clause bound quantifier along with some suggestions in Fiengo et al (1988). This will derive an intermediate representation for (99) such as (102):

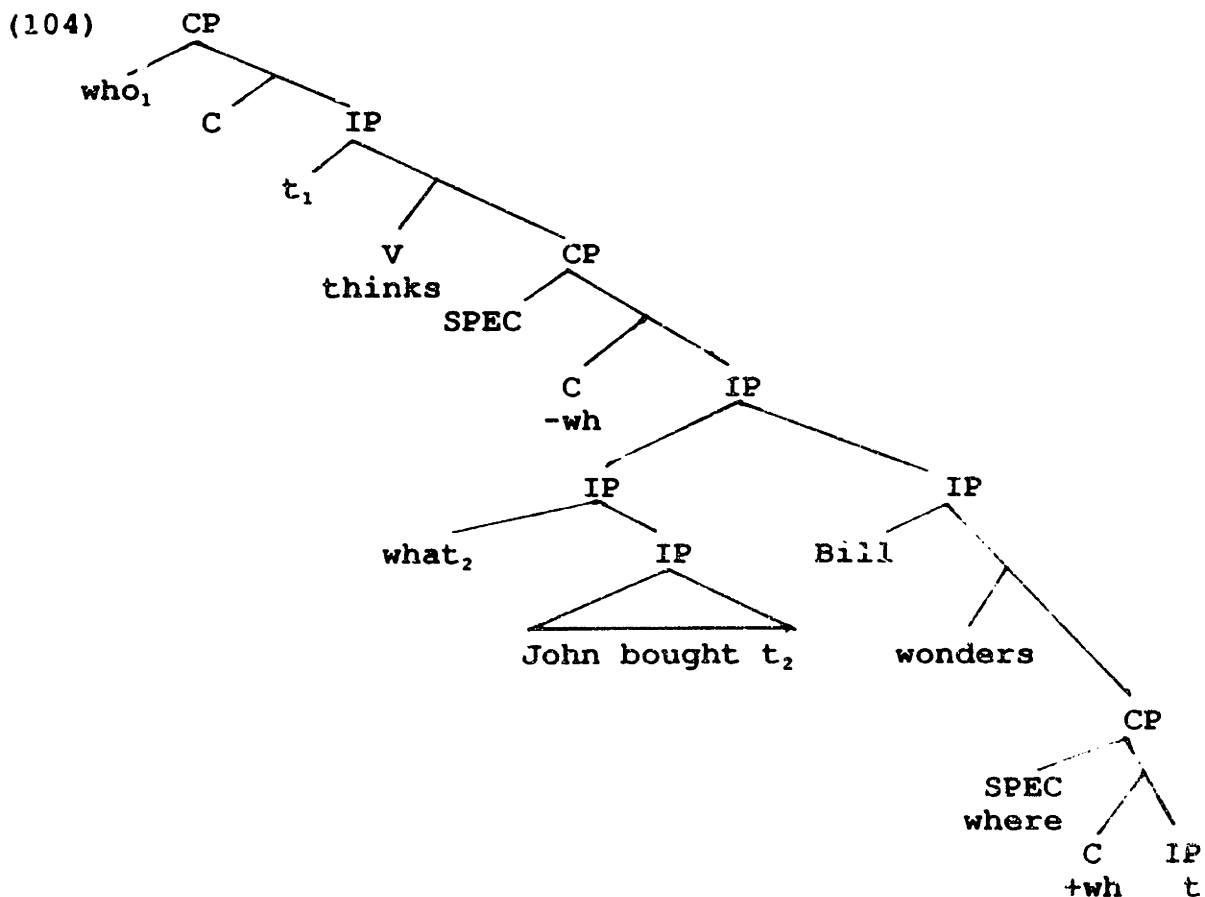


Following Fiengo et al(1988), we assume that the lowest IP being quantificational can QR to adjoin to the matrix IP yielding a representation like (103):



We are assuming that the lowest CP is L-marked and is not a barrier.

Note that in (103), what is now governed by the matrix +wh as well as who. We suggest that this configuration suffices for absorption to apply. This would yield a paired who/what reading for (99). On the other hand the clause boundedness of QR makes such a reading unavailable for (100) since what is not governed at LF by who as shown by (104).



This approach then does not face the same problems as the

unbounded movement approach or the d-linking approach does.

### 3.8.3. On Adjunction to IP in English:

Chomsky(1986b) suggests that adjunction of wh-phrases to IP must be prohibited. Under Barriers system this is required to yield a subjacency effect in sentences such as (105):

(105)? What did John wonder whether Bill bought?

If what was allowed to adjoin to the lowest IP then no single move in (105) will cross any barriers predicting (105) to be perfect. Since our system allows for adjunction to Ip as a possibility in Hindi it would be interesting to explore the possibility whether such a move could be made in English also. Under our approach then (105) must be a subjacency violation even if adjunction to IP is allowed.

One may note that even under a Barriers type approach, adjunction to IP must be allowed for quantifiers at LF. Barriers system therefore has to stipulate that only wh-phrases can not adjoin to IP at either s-structure or at LF. Furthermore, overt adjunction to IP of non wh-phrases is allowed under Lasnik and Saito(forthcoming, also see Baltin,1980) type approaches to topicalization in English. Frampton(1989) makes a proposal for allowing adjunction of wh-phrases to IP even in languages like English. Our

approach to this problem is somewhat similar to that of Frampton in that it allows for free adjunction to IP. It may be noted however that there could be independent conditions on adjunction. We will follow Frampton in assuming that there is a head government condition on adjunction. This condition rules out adjunction of subject to IP in English while allowing for adjunction of objects to it. Since Hindi is a head final language, we will assume that both subjects as well as objects will be able to able to adjoin to IP.<sup>7</sup>

As noted above, under our approach (105) should be perfect given the possibility of the following derivation:

(106) What did John wonder[CP whether[IP t2 [IP Bill bought t1]]]

There are no barriers between t1 and t2 and between t2 and what. Embedded CP is not a barrier (and we are assuming that VP is not a barrier). This sentence will be a subjacency violation only if t2 is not present but there is nothing in our system that rules out the presence of t2 or rather adjunction to IP as a possibility. I suggest that a representation such as (106) actually violates a version of

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<sup>7</sup>This does bring up the old problem about subject quantifiers and their adjunction site at LF. The problem is somewhat compounded if vacuous movement of root clause wh-in-situ is allowed as an adjunction to IP at LF. We will ignore this problem here.

relativized minimality. Rizzi's (1989) account of relativized minimality effects were originally formulated to yield ECP type effects. Rizzi does note however that there is a tension between relativized minimality and the notion of barrier. Our approach to this problem would be to include the notion of relativized minimality within the definition of barriers. An informal way of doing it is characterized in (107):<sup>8</sup>

(107)  $\alpha$  is a barrier for  $\beta$  if  $\alpha$  is a parent to a potential (lexical) antecedent for  $\beta$ .

(108)  $\alpha$  is a parent to  $\beta$  if  $\alpha$  is a maximal projection or a segment of a maximal projection immediately superior to  $\beta$ .

(107) has the effect of turning even a segment in an adjunction structure into a barrier if that segment is a parent of a potential antecedent for a trace. The bracketed 'lexical' part implies that the presence of the overt wh-phrase is required and that intermediate traces themselves are not relativized minimality inducers. This approach brings Rizzi's approach closer to the Barriers approach in that it unifies barriers for ECP with barriers for

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<sup>8</sup>This definition will act as a supplement to the original notion of barrier as a non L-marked maximal projection. Other relevant definitions remain the same as in barriers except for the fact that we are assuming that IP is barrier and VP is not.

subjacency.

(106) is now a subjacency violation because the embedded CP that dominates (and is a parent of) the whether phrase becomes a barrier for movement. Since the intermediate IP adjoined trace is deletable, there is no ECP violation for this trace. Consider now (109) which is parallel to (105) except for the fact that the moved phrase is a subject.

(109) \*Who does John wonder whether saw Bill?

As noted above, adjunction of subjects to IP is disallowed and (109) is therefore correctly ruled out as an ECP violation since the subject trace is neither antecedent governed nor lexically governed.

### 3.9 wh-in-situ in Other languages:

Our treatment of wh-in-situ in Hindi also has implications for the analysis of wh-in-situ in languages like Chinese, Japanese and Korean. In this section I outline briefly how an account like ours may be extended to the treatment of wh-in-situ in these languages.

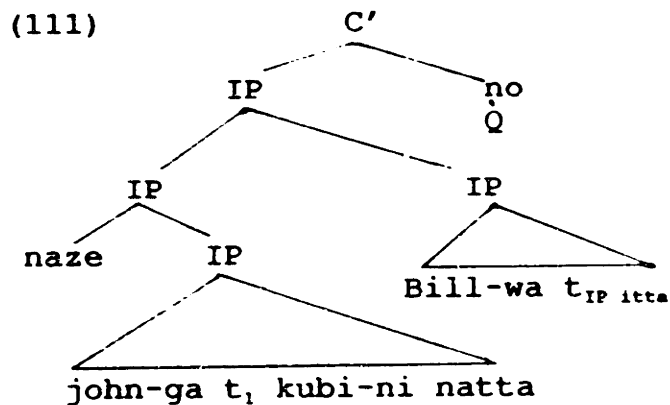
As is well known Chinese and Japanese have no syntactic wh-movement (cf. Huang, 1982; Saito, 1984; Nishigauchi, 1987). Following Kim (1989) and the account that we developed for

Hindi, we suggest that these languages also lack LF wh-movement to SPEC CP and have LF QR for the wh-in-situ. While this assumption is rather straightforward for simple clauses, there is an immediate problem when we turn to wide scope questions. Recall that Hindi does not permit a wh-in-situ in a non question complement. But Chinese, Japanese and Korean have no such problem. Thus the following Japanese example from Lasnik and Saito(1984) is readily construed as a matrix wh-question:

(110) Bill-wa [ John-ga naze kubi-ni natta tte ]itta no?  
 Bill-topic John-nom why was fired Comp said Q  
 Why did Bill say that John was fired t?

Lasnik and Saito(1984) (see also Fukui,1989) assume that naze moves to the matrix Comp at LF. I suggest, following my account of Hindi, that Japanese also lacks COMP to COMP wh-movement at LF and the wide scope reading for naze is derived by a mechanism similar to the one that I proposed for English. That is, naze in (110) QRs to adjoin to the lower IP which in turn QRs to adjoin to the matrix IP. In this configuration the Q morpheme governs naze deriving a matrix question. The relevant representation would be:





This account can be extended to similar cases in Chinese and Korean though in Chinese an overt Q morpheme is not always present.

It may be noted that the Polish case discussed in Lasnik and Saito(1984, p.238) will receive a similar treatment. Polish requires only partial wh-movement in sentences like (112) below (taken from Lasnik and Saito,1984):

(112) Maria mysli, [ze co [Janek kupil t ]]

Maria thinks that what Janek bought

What does Maria think that Janek bought?

Lasnik and Saito note that (11) posits a problem for the view that LF wh-movement must originate from argument positions (Aoun et al,1980). Under the account that I am suggesting (112) has a representation similar to the one for Japanese (110), i.e., as in (111). The wh-phrase itself does not move any further even in Polish preserving the original

hypothesis about prohibition on movement from A-bar positions at LF (also disallowing successive cyclic COMP to COMP movement of Huang, 1982 and Lasnik and Saito, 1984). What derives a matrix question reading for Polish is the QR of the lower IP that adjoins it to the matrix IP permitting the matrix +wh to govern the wh-phrase.

Note that the mechanism that we are suggesting here is very similar to the one that we suggested for kyaa questions for Hindi where we suggested that the lower CP adjoins to the kyaa particle at LF to derive matrix questions in Hindi. There is however a problem when we come to multiple embeddings in languages like Japanese. We noted that the presence of kyaa was obligatory in intermediate clauses in sentences like (113):

(113)a. \*raam-ne socaa ki ravii-ne kyaa kahaa ki kOn sa  
 Ram-erg thought Ravi-erg KYAA said which  
 aadmii aayaa thaa  
 man came  
 Intended as: Which man did Ram think that Ravi say -  
 came?

b. \*raam-ne kyaa socaa ki ravii-ne kahaa ki kOn saa  
 Ram-erg KYAA thought Ravi-erg said which  
 aadmii aayaa thaa  
 man came  
 (=a)

c. raam-ne kyaa socaa ki ravii-ne kyaa kahaa ki  
 Ram-erg KYAA thought Ravi-erg KYAA said  
 kOn saa aadmii aayaa thaa  
 which man came  
 (=a)

The dialect of Japanese most commonly reported allows only sentences like (113)b suggesting that Japanese wide scope questions may require a different treatment. I will tentatively suggest that even sentences parallel to (113)b contain abstract intermediate Q morphemes. It has been suggested that such morphemes are overtly spelled out in some Japanese dialects. Under our account Chinese will also have such abstract Q morphemes that permit wide scope wh-in-situ.

I should point out that another crucial difference between Hindi and Japanese follows directly from our account. This concerns wh-in-situ taking scope out of a complex NP. As noted earlier, Hindi does not permit it making the sentences with wh-in-situ in a complex NP strongly ungrammatical. We suggested that this follows if the extraposed CP of the complex NP was a barrier which would not permit QR of the IP containing the wh-in-situ making the sentence a selectional violation. Japanese does not have CP extraposition in complex NPs. This suggests that QR of the IP containing the wh-phrase should be possible at least for the cases of noun complements making it possible to form matrix clause questions for wh-in-situ in a subcase of complex NPs in Japanese.

There are many facets to this problem. Some of these concern the interpretation of wh-in-situ in islands (cf. Nishigauchi, 1986; Pesetsky, 1987). Before leaving this section I will note a couple of points. Under the account sketched for wh-in-situ within complex NPs, we do not expect any asymmetries between argument wh-phrases and adjunct wh-phrases but it is well known that such asymmetries exist (cf. Huang, 1982; Lasnik and Saito, 1984). However, from the discussion in Fukui (1988) it appears that the asymmetries cannot be very sharp since even naze can have wide scope reading out of a complex NP in some cases. It is in this context that our account makes certain predictions that seem to tie in with Fukui's account in an interesting way. Fukui notes that naze can take scope out of noun complements (at least marginally) while it can't do so out of a relative clause.

(114)a. \*? Taroo-ga naze sore-o te-ni ireta koto-o  
 Taro Nom why it acc obtained fact-ACC  
 sonnani okotteru no  
 so much be angry Q  
 Why are you so angry about the fact that Taro  
 obtained it t?

b. \* Taroo-ga sore-o naze wataita otoko-o sitte-iru no?  
 Taro Nom it ACC why handed man know  
 Why do you know the man to whom Taro handed it?

Fukui reports similar contrasts for naze scope from bridge vs non bridge complements. Like Fukui we attribute contrasts such as (114) to the fact that the complement of the noun in (114)a may be L-marked while the corresponding relative

clause is not. In our terms this implies that QR of the IP containing the wh-phrase is possible out of the noun complements while it is not in relative clauses. Similar effects are expected in bridge verb vs non-bridge verb contrasts and they do obtain as noted by Fukui. Note that since Hindi noun complements as well as relative clauses are extraposed obligatorily, they are expected to be barriers for extraction of the quantificational IP and therefore no contrast in grammaticality is expected in Hindi sentences parallel to the Japanese cases. This expectation is fulfilled as noted in earlier sections.

**4.10. Conclusion:** In this chapter, I have argued for an approach to wh-movement which eliminates wh-movement to SPEC CP at LF. This facilitates the formulation of the wh-movement parameter. Languages are clearly divided as having or not having wh-movement. If a language does not have wh-movement to SPEC CP, then it does not have this movement at LF either. Instead LF employs a rule of QR that moves the wh-in-situ to adjoin to the minimal IP that contains it. This approach yields a number of desirable consequences in Hindi syntax. On the basis of some Hindi facts, I have argued that a derivational approach to syntax is to be preferred over a purely representational one.

I have suggested that the general approach developed in this

chapter can also be extended to other languages. In particular, I argue that *wh-in-situ* in English does not move to SPEC CP at LF. This indicates that the only rule that the syntax of LF may have is QR.

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