

Lec 25 Review

► Bloomfield 1933 on English plural
 Peculiar: [f, θ, s] → [v, ə, z]

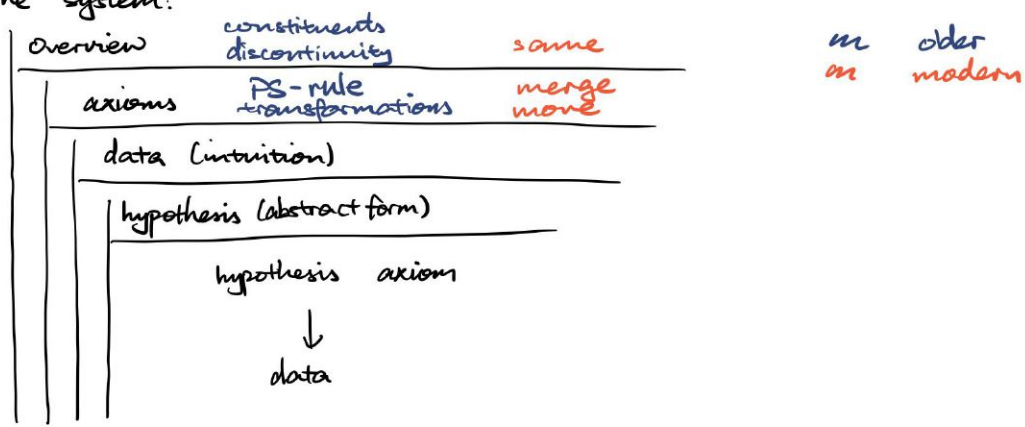
* Descriptive order is fiction — speaker don't do them, it's just simplified description
 ↓
 Modern syntax: our brain do grammar for real (?)

► Chomsky: take historic order as grammatical order
 ↳ Idea of derivation from abstract to concrete

Chomsky: axiomatic system

Robert Lee review of Chomsky: first axiomatic system

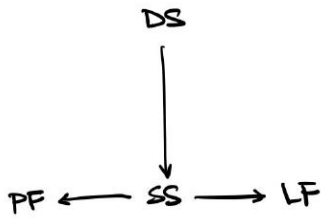
The system:



► Chomsky chapter 7

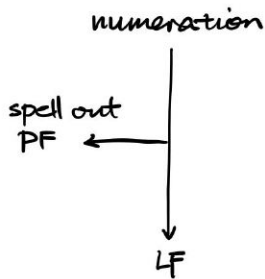
- Affix hopping
- Transformations
- T_{not}
- T_q
- T_{wh}
- T_A
- Do-support

► T-model



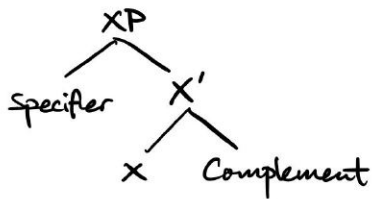
- Coopmans: locative inversion should go into DS → SS rather than SS → PF

► Minimalism ?

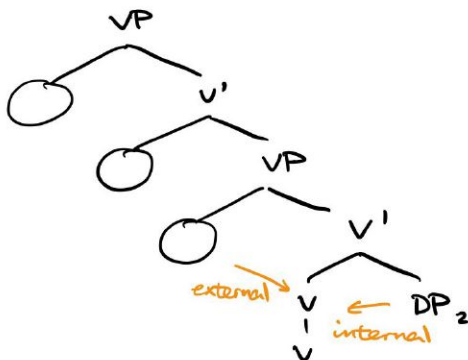


► Terms & theories

- PRO vs small pro
- COMP
- X' theory



- internal argument — inside
- external — outside



(maybe things start from inside then moves out)

- Traces
- Proper government
- Subcategorisation
- Unergative — intransitive, subject is agent
- Unaccusative — — — — —, — — — — — theme
- θ -roles
- Lexical gov

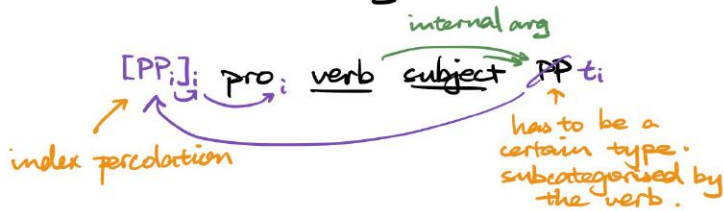


- Topicalisation
- Wh-movement
- Upstairs reading

Where did you have the idea I was sitting?

Locative inversion paper

- Section 2: can't have locative inversion in some situations
- - - 3: existing theory: subject moved / verb moved
- - - 4: new theory: neither moved



See (20), (21)

Passive existential construction

- Strong formal feature,
- forced movement,
- aspectual & tense restriction
- Binding asymmetry

Reminder: we need things to happen at different level

▸ checking theory - verb expects case, case feature needs to be checked in tree

- some are strong some are weak.
overt ↔ covert

▸ Back to feature paper

Why [-interpretable] feature?

Rover is ... ← *plurality not interpretable*
Rover and Sam are ...

▸ Probe goal theory

↑ [-interpretable] ↑ [+interpretable]
 ↗ looks for and get value

move target at the end, maybe out of the probe's c-command domain

- relativised probing: can skip over things