

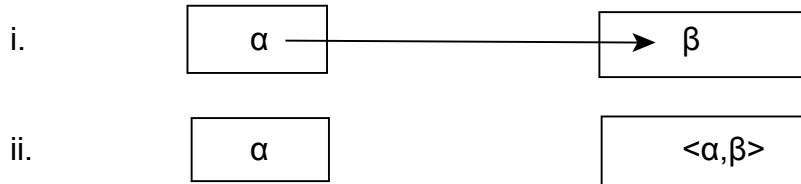
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Prosody

0. Recap

- (1) Merge is unary transfer from a resource to a work space, creating an asymmetric object ('ordered pair'):

(2) RESOURCE WORK SPACE



- (2) In $\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle$, β is a dependent of α (= the nondependent)

- (3) The dependent is marked:
- linear order (α temporally ordered before β in spell-out)
 - prosody (β spelled out with higher pitch = focus)
 - morphology (β shows 'dependent marking', e.g. agreement with α)
 - syntax (β on the receiving end in various syntactic dependencies)

1. Linear order

Given the possibility of movement, it is hard to determine the basic order of head and complement in each language.

Argument 1: known cases of merger to existing structure

- the position of the subject
 - S precedes VO/OV in around 90% of the world's languages
 - S precedes O in around 95% of the world's languages (Tomlin 1986)
- subject merged later
 - [external argument [verb [internal argument]]
 - [subject [adverbs/negation [VP]]]
 - passive/raising
- other cases: wh-movement, topicalization, focusing, etc.

- (7) cases of adjunction to the right reanalyzed (see in particular Kayne 1994)

 - a. verb clustering ('verb raising') in Dutch
 - b. extraposition
 - c. adverbs in English
 - d. heavy NP shift
 - e. backgrounding/right dislocation
 - f. etc.

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- a. * ..dat Jan [het boek lezen] wil → dat Jan het boek t_i wil-lezen_i
 that John the book read-INF wants

b. *..dat [Jan [wil [lezen [het boek]]]] → dat Jan [het boek]_i wil lezen t_i

- ## (9) extraposition

- a. ..dat Jan (dat) gisteren zei (*dat)
 that John that yesterday said that

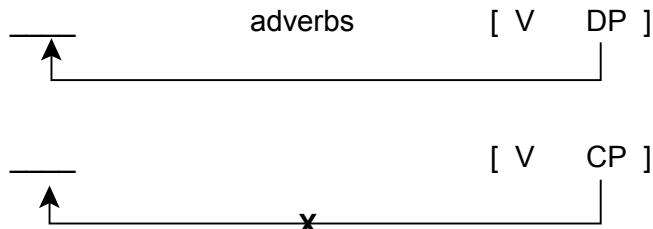
b. ..dat Jan (*dat het regende) gisteren zei (dat het regende)
 that it rained

- (10) traditionally: ____ adverbs [DP / CP V]



- (11) head-initial analysis (Zwart 1994)

object position



- (12) alternatively (Koster 2000a)

.. dat Jan [_{&P} [[e] zei] [& [dat het regent]]]

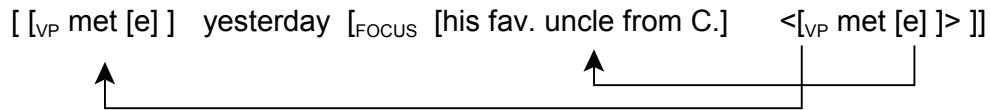
cf. ..dat Jan Piet zag en Marie [&P [Piet zag] [& [Marie]]]
 that John Pete saw and Mary

- (13) adverbs in English (Cinque 1999, Koster 2000b)

- a. John [[saw Mary] yesterday]
 b. *John yesterday [saw Mary] → John [saw Mary]_i yesterday _{t_i}

(14) heavy NP shift

John met yesterday (his favorite uncle from Cleveland / *me)

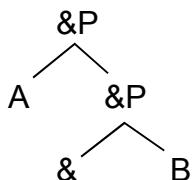


(15) backgrounding/right dislocation (Zwart 2001)

- a. Jan [[zag Marie] gisteren/*gisteren]
John saw Mary yesterday
- b. gisteren [Jan zag Marie] → [Jan zag Marie]_i gisteren _{t_i}
- c. Ik ken 'm niet die jongen
I know him not that guy
- d. that guy [I know him not] → [I know him not] that guy _t

Argument 2: coordination

(16) Munn/Kayne analysis of coordination (cf. (12))



(17) Typological generalizations

- a. head-final languages have [A & B] as the unmarked pattern
- b. postpositional languages using P for & have [A-& B] (not [A B-&])
- c. if a language has [A & B &], and one & is optional, it is the second one
- d. where A, B are clauses, [A & B] is universal

(18) nonparallel cohesion (Kehler 2000)

- a. John came home and grabbed a sandwich (narrative)
- b. John missed the bus and was late for class (resultative)

(19) No language orders the consequence first

- a. *John grabbed a sandwich and came home
- b. *John was late for class and missed the bus

No movement in coordination

(20) à la Richards

Coordination = juxtaposition of likes with &P structure yielding distinctness

(21) universal head-complement order

2. Primordial syntax

(22) 4 stages of development:

	merge (structure)	linker	remerge (move)	
atomic objects	-	-	-	names
juxtapositions	+	-	-	scores
'distinctives'	+	+	-	coordination/linking
higher order objects	+	+	+	other phrases

(23) *juxtapositions* (exx. from Dutch, but probably universal?)

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|-------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
| a. sports result | 1-1 | één-ÉÉN | |
| b. digit sequence | 1, 2, 3 | één-twee-DRIE | |
| c. numbers | 21 | een-en-TWINTIG | [one and twenty] |
| d. the time | 1:30 | half TWEE | [half two] |
| e. the amount | 2,50 | twee-VIJFtig | |
| f. reduplication | zozo | zo-ZO | 'so-so' |
| g. titles | | luitenant-kOLONEL | 'wing commander' |
| h. acronyms | PvdA | [payvaydayAH] | [socialist party] |

(24) *composite names*

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|----|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| a. | (neelie) smit-KROES | (husband's name + maiden name) |
| b. | (pietjan) prinsen GEERligs | (double name) |
| c. | (marian) klein GUNnewiek | (farm name + diacritic adjective) |
| d. | humbert HUMbert | (first name + family name) |

(25) *noncompositional (markovian) juxtapositions (Uriagereka)*

- a. VERYvery [old]
- b. LONGlong [way]

(26) *noncompositional names*

	<i>phrase</i>	<i>family name</i>	
a.	met GOD	'with god'	(johnny) METgod (PP)
b.	vijf Eiken	'five oaks'	(wiljan van) VIJFeiken (NumP)
c.	jonge vos	'young fox'	(houthandel) JONGevos (AP)
d.	huis in het VELD	'house in the field'	(rex) HUIS in 't veld (NP)
e.	boter en BROOD	'butter and bread'	(helen) Boterenbrood (&P)
f.	blij LEVEN	'happily live'	(jeroen) BLIJleven (VP)
g.	wel teVREden	'quite happy'	(henk) WELtevreden (DegP)

- (27) *stress pattern*

atomic objects	initial	names
juxtapositions	final	scores
'distinctives'	complement	coordination/linking
higher order objects	complement	other phrases

What explains the stress pattern of atomic syntactic objects?

- (28) *non-Germanic names*
 (alex) pasTOOR
 (dick) pasSCHIER
 (tino) taBAK
 (philip) coCU
 (arie) delMOTte

(29) *fantasy names*
 (professor) prlwytzKOFsky

(30) *stress attraction by latine suffixes*
 JANsen > janSEnius
 van BAARle > barLAEus

(31) Germanic stress is initial (Prokosch 1939:118)

(32) Conversely: stress in complex syntactic objects is a function of structure

(33) $\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle$
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3. Nuclear stress and compound stress

- (34) syntactic default stress assignment procedure = Nuclear Stress Rule (NSR)
When α and β are combined (merged), yielding $\langle\alpha,\beta\rangle$, β is accentually marked
(i.e. receives a focus feature [+f], to be spelled out as acoustic prominence)

Issues here:

- *local or global determination?*
 - *effect of movement?*

- (35) *Compound stress rule (CSR)*
When α and β are combined, **yielding a compound** $\langle\alpha,\beta\rangle$, α is accentually marked

- (36) *noun-headed compounds show STRONG-weak pattern*

SLAGveld	‘battle field’	SLAveld	‘lettuce field’
VELDslag	‘battle’ (lit. field battle)	VELDsla	‘corn salad’ (lit. field lettuce)
TAFELberg	‘table mountain’	MANwifj	‘virago’ (lit. man woman)

- (37) *not universal (Romance)*

ouvre-BOITE	‘bottle opener’ (lit. open bottle)	French
hombre-RANA	‘frog man’ (lit. man frog)	Spanish
asciuga-CAPELLI	‘hair dryer’ (lit. dry hair)	Italian

Could there be movement in compounds? (Kayne 1994:41)

(38) status of compounds

- a. compositional? Yes.
- b. linkers? Yes.
- c. movement? Why not.

(39) *linkers in compounds*

De Vries 1972:60-68

HOND-e-kop	'dog's head'
HAND-je-klap	'dealings' (lit. hand-DIM-clap)
MOEder-s-zijde	'mother's side'

(40) *semantics of the relevant compounds*

Selkirk 1984:245

- a. predication

[mountain	[as/is	[table]]]	tafelberg	'table mountain'
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- b. situation

[field	[of/for	[battle]]]	slagveld	'battle field'
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(41) *compound without movement: izafet construction*

- a. hombre rana
- b. river Nile, city of Boston

(42) *names derived from compounds*

compound	>	place name	>	family name	
MOERdijk		moerDIJK		MOERdijk	[Moer-dike]
RAvenstein		ravenSTEIN		RAvestein	[Raven-stone]
MONnikendam		monnikenDAM		MONnikendam	[Monks-dam]
	[movement]		[no movement]		[no structure]

If compounds involve movement, then movement is stress-conservative.

(43) The CSR reduces to the NSR (which is a function of merge)

4. Cyclic NSR

(44) *The old Bresnan facts (Bresnan 1971)*

- a. I had PLANS to leave
- b. I had plans to LEAVE

(45) I had [-- (for) to leave plans]

- (46) OV > VO reordering in Dutch
- a. ..dat Jan het BOEK leest ← ... leest het BOEK complement
that John the book reads
 - b. ..dat Jan het boek UIT leest ← ... leest [het boek UIT] predicate
that John the book out reads
- (47) with adverbs, stranded prepositions, auxiliaries etc.
- a. ..dat Jan marIE gisteren kuste
that John Mary yesterday kissed-SG.PAST
 - b. ..dat Jan een BOEK wou lezen
that John a book wanted read-INF
 - c. ..dat je er een BOEK voor leest
that you there a book for read-2SG.NONPAST
'..that you are reading a book for it.'
- (48) other stress patterns are marked Zwart 1997:92ff
- a. ..dat Jan het boek LEEST (cf. (46a))
 - b. ..dat Jan Marie gisteren KUSTE (cf. (47a))
- (49) Global application of NSR
- a. Cinque (1993:245): "stress prominence in a phrase is a mere reflection of depth of embedding"
 - b. Zubizarreta (1998:43): "given two sister nodes [α and β], the one lower in the asymmetric c-command ordering is more prominent"
- (50) 'Object shift is a defocusing operation' (cf. Reinhart 1997:159)
- testing marked (narrow) vs. unmarked (wide) focus*
- (51) Wide focus
- An acoustically prominent element α is a term of a constituent β which can be associated with *only*.
- (52) I *only* said that [+F John kissed MARY]
(not that [ALTERNATIVE I need more soup])
I *only* said that John [+F KISSED] Mary
(*not that [ALTERNATIVE I need more soup])
- (53) Ik zei *alleen maar* dat [+F Jan MARIE gisteren kuste]
(niet dat [ALT ik meer soep wil])
Ik zei *alleen maar* dat Jan Marie gisteren [+F KUSTE]
(*niet dat [ALT ik meer soep wil])
- [I said only dat John Mary yesterday kissed
not that I more soup want]

The NSR must be applied locally, i.e. with each pair of sisters (at each operation Merge)

Deriving wide vs. narrow focus

- (54) *Possible focus domains* Chomsky 1971
I said that [_{+F} John [_{+F} kissed [_{+F} MARY]]]
- (55) a. Focus marking: by (34), applying automatically with each operation Merge
b. Focus spell-out: on a term of [+f]-marked elements in the derivation
- (56) Acoustic prominence on *Mary* in (54) is **consistent with** the interpretation of multiple focus domains (as indicated)
- (57) *Contrastive focus: no focus projection*
I said that John [_{+F} KISSED] Mary
- (58) *Contrast of implications*
[_{+F} kissed] Mary *implies* [_{ALT} kicked, married] Mary
[_{+F} kissed Mary] *implies* [_{ALT} kicked (\neg Mary), married (\neg Mary)]
- (59) *Hypothesis*
Contrastive focus results from a marked reversal of (34)

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