

Assume that the Binding Theory holds of s-structure representations.

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In the last assignment, we saw a way in which the binding Theory fails. There are also some problems with the Binding theory discussed in the lecture notes. For instance, the theory doesn't have an explanation for why (1) is grammatical.

- (1) The boys_i said that they_i left.

And it's also noted that the definition of c-command makes the wrong predictions about sentences like (2).

- (2) I introduce the boys to each other.

Come up with your own problem for the Binding Theory. That is, construct a grammatical example that the Binding Theory says should be ungrammatical, or construct an ungrammatical example that the Binding Theory says should be grammatical. The example you come up with shouldn't be one that I have discussed in the lecture notes, nor should it be the example that was problematic in the previous assignment. You should parse your example and explain how the Binding Theory applies to it.