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## Chapter 5

### Wh-in-Situ: Movement and Unselective Binding

The hypothesis that a syntactic level of Logical Form (**LF**) intervenes between S-Structure and semantic interpretation has been widely discussed and, by some, assumed. In this chapter I use the phenomenon of wh-in-situ to argue for the existence of this syntactic level.

A wh-in-situ is a wh-phrase that has not undergone Wh-Movement by S-Structure — that is, it has not visibly moved to Comp. In English wh-in-situ are found exclusively in multiple interrogations, as in (1a), whose S-Structure representation is given in (1b): the wh-phrase what in (1a) is an instance of wh-in-situ.<sup>1</sup>

- (1) a. Who read what?  
b. [<sub>S</sub> [<sub>Comp</sub> who] [<sub>S</sub> *e*<sub>i</sub> read what]<sub>i</sub>]

I will argue that certain wh-in-situ that are unmoved at S-Structure actually undergo Wh-Movement in the mapping from S-Structure to LF. In turn I argue for **LF** as a level by showing that a clustering of properties characterizes the proposed LF representations — the normal argument for a level of representation. The hypothesis of Wh-Movement at LF is of course not new. What is new here is the word certain, which will be crucial to the discussion to follow. Although some scope properties and other observations have **long** suggested Wh-Movement at LF, other facts have tended to dilute the case for such LF movement.

In this chapter I will show that the case for LF movement is actually quite strong. It is simply necessary to distinguish **two** types of wh-in-situ in terms related to discourse. One type moves, and the other does not. This distinction has identical consequences in a strikingly wide variety of languages, of which I consider English, Japanese, and Polish here. The distinction is especially interesting, **i** believe, because both

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types of wh-in-situ display scope ambiguities. This leads me to characterize the distinction in a manner very close to and inspired by Heim's (1982) distinction between indefinites and quantifiers.

#### 5.1 Scope and Movement

##### 5.1.1 Multiple Questions in English

A felicitous answer to (1a) involves a set of ordered pairs of people and things read, for example, Bill read the dictionary; Harry read the encyclopedia; etc. The what is thus "paired" with the who. Wh-in-situ in multiple interrogation are interesting because pairings of this sort may be taken to reveal scope ambiguities, as discussed first **by** Baker (1970). We can see this in (2).

- (2) Who knows where we bought what?

Sentence (2) shows two wh-phrases in Comp (who and where) and one wh-in-situ (what). The sentence is ambiguous: what may **be** "paired with" either the wh in the lower Comp or the wh in the higher Comp. If the wh-in-situ is paired with the wh in the lower Comp, a felicitous answer must be of the form seen in (3a). If the wh-in-situ is paired with the wh in the higher Comp, a felicitous answer must be of the form seen in (3b).

- (3) a. John knows where we **bought** what (for instance, he knows that we bought the book in Amsterdam, the record in Groningen, etc.)  
b. John knows where we bought the book (for instance, in Amsterdam); Mary knows where we bought the record (for instance, in Groningen); etc.

Let us take the pairings in the answers to reflect pairings of wh-phrases in the interpretation of the questions.

I will discuss two prominent accounts of these ambiguities. The first is due to Baker.<sup>2</sup> Baker proposed to represent the scope of wh-phrases, both moved and in situ, by windexing the wh-phrase with the Q morpheme found in the Comp of interrogative clauses. For **Baker**, sentence (1) might be represented as in (4).

- (4) Baker-style representation  
[[<sub>Comp</sub> Q<sub>i,j</sub> *who*<sub>i</sub>] *e*<sub>i</sub> read *what*<sub>j</sub>]

The ambiguity in (2) will result from the two windexing possibilities for what. The narrow-scope interpretation reflected in (3a) results from

coindexing with the lower *Q*, as shown in (5a); the wide-scope interpretation reflected in (3b) results from coindexing with the higher *Q*, as shown in (5b).

- (5) a.  $[[_{\text{Comp}} Q_i \text{ who}_i] e_j \text{ knows } [[_{\text{Comp}} Q_k \text{ where}_k] \text{ we bought } \textit{what}_i e_k]]$   
 b.  $[[_{\text{Comp}} Q_{ij} \text{ who}_i] e_j \text{ knows } [[_{\text{Comp}} Q_k \text{ where}_k] \text{ we bought } \textit{what}_i e_k]]$

The second proposal for assigning scope to *wh*-in-situ stems from Chomsky (1976) and has been developed by Kayne (1979), Jaeggli (1980a, 1982), Aoun, Hornstein, and Sportiche (1981). Huang (1981), and others. In this proposal *wh*-in-situ undergo the familiar rule of *Wh*-Movement at the syntactic level of **LF**. Thus, all *wh*-words are in *Comp* at **LF**—both those that were already moved at *S*-Structure and those that were moved at **LF**. The scope of a *wh*-phrase is determined by which *Comp* the phrase finds itself in. In Chomsky's analysis (1) might be represented as in (6).

- (6)  $[[_{\text{Comp}} \textit{what}_i \text{ who}_i] e_i \text{ read } e_j]$

The narrow-scope reading of (2) results from **LF** movement of the *wh*-in-situ to the lower *Comp*; the wide-scope reading, from movement to the higher *Comp*. (7a) and (7b) show these **LF** representations.

- (7) a.  $[[_{\text{Comp}} \textit{who}_i] e_j \text{ knows } [[_{\text{Comp}} \textit{what}_i \text{ where}_k] \text{ we bought } e_i e_k]]$   
 b.  $[[_{\text{Comp}} \textit{what}_i \text{ who}_i] e_j \text{ knows } [[_{\text{Comp}} \textit{where}_k] \text{ we bought } e_i e_k]]$

Chomsky's proposal follows from the general theory of grammar if the theory contains the principle in (8), and if the statement in (9) is also true.

- (8) Every quantifier (operator) occupies an *A'*-position (nonargument position) at **LF**.

(9) *Wh*-phrases are quantifiers (operators).

There has not been much debate about the two analyses of *wh*-in-situ. Indeed, it might seem that the choice between the two proposals, Baker's and Chomsky's, is not an empirical issue. After all, if our only task is to assign scope to a *wh*-in-situ, it is easy to assign the appropriate scope using either Baker's or Chomsky's representations. To the extent to which the two analyses have been compared (see, for instance, Huang 1981:fn. 24), the main question has been which analysis to use and which not to use. I will argue, however, that the choice is an empirical issue. Not only is it an empirical issue, but both analyses are correct, in their own ways. Each analysis is correct for a particular

interpretation of *wh*-in-situ, and each type of representation is correctly associated with a different group of properties.

### 5.1.2 Indefinites

My analysis is inspired by the discussion of indefinites by Heim (1982), who develops ideas of Lewis (1975). Heim argues that although indefinite NPs show scope ambiguities of the familiar sort, indefinites are not quantifiers. She notes that the quantificational character of an indefinite depends on what quantifiers or adverbs of quantification happen to be in the neighborhood. Thus, (10a-d) have the paraphrases with real quantifiers found in (11a-d) ((10) and (11) from Heim 1982: 123, 127).

- (10) a. If a man owns a donkey, he always beats it  
 b. In most cases, if a table has lasted for fifty years, it will last for another fifty  
 c. Sometimes, if a cat falls from the fifth floor, it survives  
 d. If a person falls from the fifth floor, he or she will very rarely survive
- (11) a. For every **man** and every donkey such that the former owns the latter, he beats it  
 b. Most tables that have lasted for fifty years last for another fifty  
 c. Some cats that fall from the fifth floor survive  
 d. Very few people that fall from the fifth floor survive

From data like these, Heim concludes that indefinites "simply have no quantificational force of their own at all, but **are** rather like variables, which may get bound by whatever quantifier is there **to** bind them" (p. 127). The binders, like always in (10a), are thus **unselective**, in Lewis's sense: they may bind more than one variable. An intermediate representation of (10a) may thus be given as in (12).

- (12)  $[\textit{always}_j \text{ if a } \textit{man}_i \text{ owns a donkey}_i, \textit{he}_j \text{ beats it}_i]$

By straightforward syntactic operations, always ends up binding variables in the position of the indefinites, where the domain of quantification is restricted by the predicates *is a man* and *is a donkey*. Note that I am simplifying Heim's treatment here for my purposes. I return to Heim's treatment of "novel indefinites," as in *A man is here to see you*, in the final section of the chapter.

Heim contrasts this treatment of indefinites with a more traditional view of indefinites as quantifiers—the tradition stemming from Russell.

tactic properties are important. I argue for **LF**, not by showing its "usefulness" to semantic interpretation, since, as has been frequently noted, a semantics could interpret S-Structure representations without LF. Nor do I argue for LF because I want a "disambiguated level." (Indeed, May 1985 argues that not all scope ambiguities are resolved at LF.) I argue for LF by showing that certain aspects of semantic interpretation display the characteristic properties of movement rules. In response to this observation, I give the output of visible syntactic movement and the output of certain scope assignments parallel representations.

In this chapter I thus argue that LF is more than a solution to the problem of assigning scope. Both unselective binding and extraction assign scope, yet only the extraction operation is expected to show all three movement properties seen in (18).<sup>4</sup> Previous work on wh-in-situ failed to distinguish the two types of scope assignment for wh-in-situ. The case for LF movement was correspondingly weaker: not all instances of scope assignment to wh-in-situ showed the diagnostics of movement. Making the distinction clarifies the issue: the scope assignment that really depends on movement does show the expected clustering of movement properties. Given that a clustering of syntactic properties characteristic of movement holds of one of these methods of scope assignment, we have identified a syntactic level: LF.

## 5.2 Superiority Effects as a Diagnostic for Movement

### 5.2.1 Nested Dependencies

Chomsky (1973) noted that a Superiority Condition applies to multiple interrogations in English. His condition was a constraint on movement at S-Structure, but we can for convenience restate it as a condition on S-Structure representations.

#### (19) Superiority Condition

In a multiple interrogation, where a wh-phrase is in Comp and another is in situ, the S-Structure trace of the phrase in Comp must c-command the S-Structure position of the wh-in-situ.

The Superiority Condition makes the correct distinctions in examples like (20) and (21).

- (20) a. **Who<sub>i</sub>** did you persuade **e<sub>i</sub>** to read what?  
 b. ??What<sub>i</sub> did you persuade **who(m)** to read **e<sub>j</sub>**?
- (21) a. **Mary** asked [**who<sub>i</sub>** [**e<sub>i</sub>** read what]]?  
 b. \***Mary** asked [what<sub>i</sub> [**who** read **e<sub>j</sub>**]]?

In the (a)-examples the trace of the wh in Comp correctly c-commands the S-Structure position of the wh-in-situ. In the (b)-examples the trace of wh in Comp does not c-command the wh-in-situ – just the opposite, in fact.<sup>5</sup> Hence the contrasts.

If embedded as is in the grammar, the Superiority Condition is quite odd. One might expect considerations of scope to require the wh-in-situ to bear some c-command relation to the wh in Comp, but it is hard to understand why the wh-in-situ should have to bear some particular relation to the trace of the wh in Comp. I think we can make sense of the Superiority Condition if we assume a version of Chomsky's analysis of wh-in-situ. In particular, if wh-in-situ does move at **LF**, we may explain Superiority effects as the result of a condition familiar from S-Structure Wh-Movement.

Structures like (22a) and (23a) are often taken to be somewhat unacceptable, since they violate the Wh-Island Condition. Nonetheless, it has frequently been observed that they are more acceptable, or more interpretable, than their counterparts (22b) and (23b) (see, among other works, Kuno and Robinson 1972; Bordelais 1974; Fodor 1978; Pesetsky 1982, forthcoming).

- (22) a. ?What book<sub>i</sub> don't you know **who<sub>i</sub>** to persuade **e<sub>i</sub>** to read **e<sub>j</sub>**?

- b. \***Who<sub>i</sub>** don't you know what **book<sub>i</sub>** to persuade **e<sub>i</sub>** to read **e<sub>j</sub>**?

- (23) a. ?This is one book which<sub>i</sub> I do know **who<sub>i</sub>** to talk to **e<sub>i</sub>** about **e<sub>j</sub>**

- b. \*John is one guy **who<sub>i</sub>** I do know what **book<sub>i</sub>** to talk to **e<sub>i</sub>** about **e<sub>j</sub>**

The lines drawn between each wh in Comp and its trace suggest the source of the problem. In the (a)-examples the wh-trace dependencies are nested, whereas in the (b)-examples they cross. The (b)-examples may be ruled out by some version of a Nested Dependency Condition.

#### (24) Nested Dependency Condition

If two wh-trace dependencies overlap, one must contain the other.

The Nested Dependency Condition is a condition on movement. We can see this in some examples from Chomsky 1976.

Translated into generative linguistic terms, this view proposes that indefinites, like other quantifiers, move to an A'-position (typically adjoining to S) at the level of LF and treat the syntactic trace left by movement as the variable they bind. The outcome of these syntactic manipulations readily translates into standard logical notation (see May 1977).

- (13) [a **man**<sub>i</sub> [a **donkey**<sub>j</sub> [if **e**<sub>i</sub> owns **e**<sub>j</sub>, **he**<sub>i</sub> always beats **it**<sub>j</sub>]]]

Besides the previous argument, why else might one favor either Heim's or Russell's type of analysis? One might examine whether indefinites show familiar island constraints on syntactic binding. Indeed, scope assignment for indefinites does **not** obey these normal restrictions on extraction operations. **For** example, the indefinite in (14) may take scope over the if-clause. If this indefinite receives scope by extraction, as in (15a), we cannot easily explain why it disobeys the island condition that prevents just such extraction in the wh-question (15b) and the topicalization structure (15c).

- (14) If John comes upon a donkey, **Mary** always tries to hide it

- (15) a. [a donkey<sub>i</sub> [if John comes upon **e**<sub>i</sub>, **Mary**<sub>i</sub> tries to hide **it**<sub>i</sub>]]  
 b. \*What donkey<sub>i</sub>, if John comes upon **e**<sub>i</sub>, does **Mary** try to hide **it**<sub>i</sub>?  
 c. \*This **donkey**<sub>i</sub>, if John comes upon **e**<sub>i</sub>, **Mary** tries to hide it,

Since indefinites do not obey this and other island conditions on extraction, we have another argument that they are not assigned scope by extraction.

It should now be clear why I have juxtaposed the wh-in-situ discussion with the debate over indefinites. The distinction between Baker's and Chomsky's analyses of wh-in-situ is almost the same as the distinction between Heim's and Russell's analyses of indefinites. In fact, Baker's Q is simply an unselective binder in Lewis's and Heim's sense. Though Baker did not have indefinites in mind, his syntactic mechanism of Q-indexing clearly anticipates and parallels Lewis's and Heim's analysis of adverbs of quantification and indefinites.

I have noted the temptation to treat Baker's and Chomsky's analyses as rivals. The debate between Lewis's and Heim's approach and Russell's approach has had a different character. Although indefinite NPs may involve unselective binding, there is little question about whether English has quantifiers that involve some version (liberally construed)

of an extraction operation. Lewis's and Heim's analysis thus distinguishes real quantifiers from unselectively bound elements, while arguing that both exist.

One reason for this distinction is that there are scope phenomena that do **obey** island conditions. Every, for example, cannot take scope outside the if-clause in (16).

- (16) \*If John comes upon every donkey at the zoo, **Mary** tries to hide it

This is readily explained if every is interpreted after an extraction takes place.

- (17) [every donkey<sub>i</sub> [if John comes upon **e**<sub>i</sub>, **Mary** always tries to hide **it**<sub>i</sub>]]

An NP with every, unlike an indefinite, does take scope as a result of extraction, and familiar island phenomena thus obtain.

In this chapter I demonstrate that some wh-in-situ are treated according to Baker's proposal: without movement but **with** unselective binding, like indefinites. Other wh-in-situ are treated according to Chomsky's proposal: with movement at the level of LF, like real quantifiers. This distinction can be motivated only by the sort of evidence I cited earlier in the discussion of indefinites and quantifiers: does a particular usage of wh-in-situ show the properties that **are** diagnostic of movement?

Considerations of this sort constitute perhaps the only possible kind of argument for a syntactic level of LF derived from S-Structure by movement operations. Movement is a relation between two positions  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that

- (18) a.  $\alpha$  c-commands  $\beta$ .  
 b.  $\alpha$  lacks an independent thematic role.  
 c. The distance between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is governed by a cluster of island conditions (of the sort I have discussed).

In the proposed analysis of quantifiers and in Chomsky's proposal for wh-in-situ, (18a) and (18b) are trivially satisfied. (18c) is the interesting case. Are wh-in-situ ever subject to the sort of island conditions that are diagnostic of movement? My answer will be "Yes, sometimes."

This answer, if correct, is of some general interest. When one argues that some wh-in-situ do undergo movement and others do not, one makes a rather strong case for the existence of LF. LF is a level of interpretation intermediate **between** S-Structure and semantics whose *syn-*

like Which book **did** you **read?**, the range of felicitous answers is limited by a set of books both speaker and hearer have in mind. If the hearer is ignorant of the context assumed by the speaker, a whichquestion sounds odd.<sup>9</sup> Similarly, in a multiple whichquestion like Which man read which book? the speaker assumes that both speaker and hearer have a set of men and a set of books in mind, and that the members of ordered man-book pairs in a felicitous answer will be drawn from the sets established in the discourse. No such requirement is imposed on wh-phrases like who, what, or how many books. These phrases may be non-D-linked. If a speaker asks How many angels **fit** on the head of a pin?, there is no presumption that either speaker or hearer has a particular set or quantity of angels in mind.

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It follows that D-linked wh-phrases are able to receive a Baker-style interpretation, without movement. As a result, they escape the Nested Dependency Condition and therefore fail to exhibit Superiority effects.<sup>11</sup>

If the absence of Superiority effects with which-phrases is truly due to D-linking and principle (33), we might expect Superiority effects to disappear even with who, what, and how many books, if we can force these wh-phrases to be D-linked. Speakers differ on this question. Bolinger (1978) attempts to argue against the very existence of syntactic Superiority effects on the basis of examples like (35a) (his (73)). Crucially, the context he establishes implies D-linking of what and who. I agree with his judgment in this case (though not with his overly sweeping conclusions), particularly if all the wh-phrases are given extremely heavy stress. Another example, **perhaps** easier to accept, is (35b).

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(42) establishes that wh-phrases with *ittai* may take scope outside their clause and also that *ittai* is not limited to root environment.<sup>18</sup>

- (42) Mary-wa [<sub>S</sub> John-ga ittai nani-o yonda to] itta-no?  
 Mary-Top John-Nom the-hell what-Acc read that said-Q  
 'What the hell did Mary say that John read?'

I have hypothesized (a) that Subjacency does hold of **LF** movement and (b) that *ittai* forces a non-D-linked interpretation for wh-in-situ. This entails, by (8) and (33), that *ittai* wh-phrases must move at LF and that Subjacency effects should be detected. In fact, they are. (43a–b) differs from (39a–b) only in that the wh-phrase *nani* 'what' has been replaced with *ittai nani* 'what the hell'. Nonetheless, the result appears to be quite ungrammatical.<sup>19</sup>

- (43) a. \*Mary-wa [<sub>NP</sub> [<sub>S</sub> John-ni ittai nani-o ageta] hito-ni] atta-no?  
 b. \*Mary-wa [John-ga ittai nani-o yomu mae-ni] dekaketa-no?

These examples thus provide evidence both for Subjacency at LF and for the connection drawn in the previous section between obligatory LF movement and discourse. I will have further comments on *ittai* in the next subsections.<sup>20</sup>

### 5.3.2 Subjacency Violations and D-linked Wh-Phrases

The first experiment—forcing a wh-phrase to be non-D-linked—has succeeded: the expected Subjacency effects appeared. My hypotheses also predict that Subjacency effects should disappear with wh-in-situ only when the wh-in-situ is D-linked. At first sight, this prediction appears to be false. A sentence like (39a) or (39b) may be freely used in Japanese even when the wh-phrase is non-D-linked. Important work by Choe (1984) and Nishigauchi (1984), however, helps to save the hypotheses.<sup>21</sup> This work shows that even examples like (39a–b), when examined more carefully, show Subjacency effects. I will demonstrate in turn that these Subjacency effects do indeed depend on discourse.

Choe and Nishigauchi take into account not only the grammaticality of various wh-questions in Japanese and Korean, but also the felicity of various answers to these questions. My examples will be from Japanese. The following are natural discourses in Japanese; that is, the answer corresponds in a natural way to the wh-phrase in the question.

- (44) Q: Mary-wa John-ni nani-o ageta-no?  
 'What did **Mary** give to John?'

A: Konpyuutaa desu  
 computer Cop  
 'It's a computer'

- (45) Q: John-wa nani-o yonda-no?  
 'What did John read?'

A: "Sensoo to Heiwa" desu  
 War and Peace Cop  
 'It's **War** and Peace'

Everything is much the **same** if the wh-phrase is in an embedded sentence.

- (46) Q: Mary-wa [<sub>S</sub> John-ga nani-o yonda to] omotteiru-no?  
 Mary-Top John-Nom what-Acc read that think-Q  
 'What does **Mary** think that John read?'

A: "Sensoo to Heiwa" desu  
 'It's **War** and Peace'

When a wh-word is embedded in an island, however, an answer that simply corresponds to the wh-phrase is no longer felicitous for many or most speakers. Instead, a felicitous answer must recapitulate the entire island. Although speakers differ on the strength of these judgments, the data for most speakers seem to be as presented in the following examples, and I have not found speakers who present the opposite judgment. The questions in (47)–(48) are the same sentences presented in (39a–b), respectively:

- (47) Q: Mary-wa [<sub>NP</sub> [<sub>S</sub> John-ni nani-o ageta] hito-ni] atta-no?  
 'What did **Mary** meet the **man** who gave to John?'

A1: \*/??Konpyuutaa desu  
 'It's a computer'

A2: [<sub>NP</sub> [<sub>S</sub> Konpyuutaa-o ageta] hito] desu  
 computer-Acc gave **man** Cop  
 'It's the man who gave a computer (to him)'

The previous discussion of English immediately raises interesting questions about such languages. Following Huang's (1981, 1982) "Chomsky-style" analysis of similar phenomena in Chinese, Lasnik and Saito (1984) propose that Wh-Movement to Comp does apply in Japanese, much as in English. For them, the salient difference between Japanese and English questions is simply the absence of Wh-Movement at S-Structure: all Wh-Movement takes place at LF. (36a), for example, would have an LF representation in which Wh-Movement took place (to a right-hand Comp), as in (37).

(37) [<sub>S</sub> [<sub>S</sub> Mary-wa John-ni *e*<sub>i</sub> ageta] [<sub>Comp</sub> -no *nani-o*<sub>i</sub>]]

Lasnik and Saito's proposal has a troubling aspect, however. The proposed LF movement appears not to show an important diagnostic of movement — namely, the cluster of effects sometimes captured by the **Subjacency Condition** (as noted at least since Kuno 1973). (They do argue, again following Huang, that the proposed movement obeys at least one of the diagnostics for movement — namely, a version of **Chomsky's (1981) Empty Category Principle**. I will remark briefly on this argument in note 31.) In particular, the proposed movement violates the Complex NP Constraint and the constraint on extracting from adjuncts. We see these constraints for English in the ungrammatical sentences of (38) and their grammatical Japanese translations in (39).<sup>14</sup>

- (38) a. \**What<sub>i</sub>* did Mary meet [<sub>NP</sub> the man [<sub>S</sub> who gave *e<sub>i</sub>* to John]]?  
 b. ?\**What<sub>i</sub>* did Mary leave before John read *e<sub>i</sub>*?

- (39) a. Mary-wa [<sub>NP</sub> [<sub>S</sub> John-ni nani-o ageta] hito-niL atta-no?  
 Mary-Top John-Dat what-Acc gave man-Dat met-Q  
 b. Mary-wa [John-ga nani-o yomu mae-ni] dekaketa-no?  
 Mary-Nom John-Nom what-Arc read before left-Q

From facts like these, Huang (1982) **as well as** Lasnik and Saito conclude that Subjacency does not apply at LF. This conclusion is perfectly plausible but nonetheless disappointing. Given that island phenomena of this sort are one of the principal diagnostic tests for movement, it becomes harder to argue convincingly that the derivation of LF really does involve movement. A potential argument for LF movement thus seems to **be** missing.

The discussion in the preceding section suggests a different approach. Suppose Subjacency **does** hold at LF. We should investigate whether the apparent absence of Subjacency effects in sentences like

(39a-b) is connected to the discourse status of the wh-phrases in question. Perhaps Subjacency appears to be violated only when the wh-in-situ does not have to move at LF. This approach can **be** investigated with **two experiments**:

1. **Force an occurrence of wh-in-situ to be aggressively non-D-linked**. If the proposed hypotheses are correct, such a wh-in-situ must undergo LF movement. If Subjacency holds at LF, then Subjacency effects should show up.
2. In apparent Subjacency violations like (39a-b), show that the wh-in-situ must be D-linked, hence allowed to receive scope without movement.

I perform these experiments in the following subsections. I show that the first experiment turns out exactly as predicted by the theory. The second does not. In this case, however, work by Choe (1984) and Nishigauchi (1984) suggests **an** independent explanation, which, in fact, ends up reinforcing my hypothesis about the LF distinction between D-linked and non-D-linked wh-**in-situ**.

### 5.3.1 Forcing a Non-D-Linked Reading

Phrases like *what the hell* are good candidates for "aggressively non-D-linked" wh-phrases. Roughly speaking, the whole point of uttering a question like *What the hell did you read that in?* is to express surprise in the answer. **The** appropriate answer is presumed not to figure in previous **discourse**.<sup>15</sup> Note the sharp contrast between the colloquial (40a) and the impossible (40b).

- (40) a. *What the hell book did you read that in?*  
 b. \**Which the hell book did you read that in?*

(40b) can be ruled out by the conflict between aggressively D-linked which and aggressively non-D-linked the hell.

Japanese *ittai* seems to have the same function **as** English the hell.<sup>16</sup> Not surprisingly in a head-final language, *ittai* precedes the wh-phrase with which it is interpreted."

- (41) Mary-wa John-ni *ittai* nani-o ageta-no?  
 Mary-Top John-Dat the-hell what-Acc gave-Q  
 'What the hell did **Mary** give to John?'



**LF.28**If dono konpyuutaa does not have to move, since it is D-linked, then Subjacency is irrelevant, and the acceptability of the first answer is predicted. The question in (54) need not have the Chomsky-style representation in (50). Rather, it has the Baker-style representation in (55).

- (55) Mary-wa [<sub>NP</sub> [<sub>S</sub> John-ni dono *konpyuutaa-o*<sub>i</sub> ageta] hito-ni] attano,<sup>?</sup>

Why should the "pied-piping" second answer also be possible? Two possibilities present themselves. First, a movement option might be available even for D-linked wh-phrases. Second, the same percolation of the wh-feature that is necessary to allow pied-piping in movement cases might allow Baker-style Q indexing to apply optionally to the full NP, as in (56).

- (56) Mary-wa [<sub>NP</sub> [<sub>S</sub> John-ni dono konpyuutaa-o ageta] hito-nib attano,<sup>?</sup>

Since Comp now contains the index, not of dono *konpyuutaa*, but rather of the whole complex NP, the Felicity Principle will yield the second answer in (54). There **are** various ways to distinguish the two proposals, involving complex **NPs** embedded in other complex NPs. I will not attempt an investigation here.

### 5.3.3 Results

Summarizing, I believe that this section has achieved two goals. First, my central hypothesis concerning the interaction between D-linking and LF movement has been strongly confirmed by evidence from Japanese. Second, this hypothesis has provided a formerly missing argument for movement at **LF**—an argument from Subjacency. I showed first that non-D-linked wh-phrases do indeed obey Subjacency. In the case of ittai-phrases, which prohibit pied-piping, I demonstrated Subjacency effects simply by examining whquestions. In other cases I followed Choe and Nishigauchi in examining the pattern of felicitous answers. Once a wh-phrase is D-linked, however, the evidence for Subjacency disappears, lending further credence to the idea that D-linked wh-in-situ **are** assigned scope by a mechanism like Baker's, without movement.<sup>29</sup>

Finally, I should like to emphasize a methodological point. If my discussion is correct, then work that **deals** with wh-in-situ in particular must take extraordinary care in drawing conclusions based on data.

Simple inspection of a grammatical utterance in which a wh-in-situ appears to take scope out of an island, for example, cannot be used in and of itself **as** a basis for conclusions about the status of islands at LF or about the existence of LF. One must carefully investigate at least the discourse status of the wh-phrases and the possibility of a pied-piping analysis.<sup>30</sup>

## 5.4 East European

Some of the most striking evidence for the discourse distinction (called to my attention by Jae Choe, personal communication) concerns the East European Sprachbund that exists with respect to multiple interrogation. The range of phenomena I will discuss comes from Polish. For most speakers, the same facts hold in Romanian, and Petr Sgall (personal communication) suggests that they may also hold in Czech. I do not have specific information on the other languages of this group.

Lasnik and Saito (1984) discuss sentences like (57a-b) from Polish. The judgment they cite is given in parentheses.

- (57) a. Zastanawiam **się** [kto co przyniesie]  
           I-wonder           who what will-bring  
           'I wonder who will bring what\*  
       b. (\*)Zastanawiam **się** **kto** przyniesie co

They claim that in Polish multiple interrogations like (57a-b) all the wh-phrases that are interpreted together **are** fronted at S-Structure to an A'-position. We will not be concerned here with the nature of this position—whether Comp or **an** adjunction site (see Toman 1981 for some discussion). Based on **the** contrast between (57a) and (57b), Lasnik and Saito formulate the following generalization for Polish (a particular setting of a general parameter).

- (58) In Polish every wh must be in an A'-position at S-Structure.  
       (p. 239)

The kind of movement seen in (57a) is exactly what is proposed for LF in the Chomsky-style analysis of wh-in-situ. Polish (and the other languages of the Sprachbund) is interesting because, with respect to wh, at least, it seems to wear its **LF** on its sleeve. I will suggest that this is truer than has been realized.

In particular, there is more to the data **than** Lasnik and Saito's discussion suggests. In her original discussion of multiple interrogation in

- (48) Q: Mary-wa [John-ga nani-o yomu mae-ni] dekaketa-no?  
'What did Mary leave before John read?

A1: \*"[Sensoo to Heiwa]" desu  
'It's War and Peace'

A2: ["Sensoo to Heiwa"-o yomu mae] desu  
War and Peace-Acc read before Cop  
'It's before (he) **read** War and Peace'

As both **Choe** and Nishigauchi note, these facts immediately suggest pied-piping. Suppose that the following principle holds in Japanese.

(49) Felicity Principle

A felicitous answer to a wh-question consists of a phrase structurally identical to the wh-phrase whose index is immediately dominated by the Comp of the question at **IF.23**

Let us now consider the consequences if Subjacency does apply at LF and if the wh-phrases in (47) and (48) receive a Chomsky-style movement analysis. Although Wh-Movement cannot move the wh-phrase out of the complex NP in (47) and out of the adjunct in (48), nothing a priori prevents pied-piping of the entire complex NP or adjunct.<sup>1</sup> If pied-piping applies, (47) and (48) have the **LF** representations in (50) and (51), respectively.

(50) Mary-wa **e<sub>i</sub> atta-** [<sub>Comp</sub> no [<sub>NP</sub> [<sub>S</sub> John-ni nani-o **ageta**] hito-nib]

(51) Mary-wa **e<sub>i</sub> dekaketa-** [<sub>Comp</sub> **no** [John-ga nani-o **yomu mae-ni**]]

The Felicity Principle correctly predicts the pattern of answers.<sup>25</sup>

If Choe and Nishigauchi are correct, examples that have been presented as Subjacency violations in Japanese are not Subjacency violations at all. Thus, the second experiment—to show that Dlinking and only Dlinking allows Subjacency violations—has not failed; rather, it has not begun.

First, however, we need to deal with a problem created by Choe's and Nishigauchi's analysis. The examples with *ittai* and the examples just considered really make the same point: non-Blinked wh-phrases must move at LF, and this movement obeys Subjacency. Nonetheless, they make the point in contradictory ways. In the case of *ittai* we saw Subjacency effects by looking for grammaticality judgments on wh-questions; in the cases just considered we saw the effects only by looking at the answers to the questions. This was because of the pied-piping option. If a wh-word in an island may pied-pipe the whole island with it,

the only possible way to detect Subjacency is through the answers, thanks to the Felicity Principle. But why then did we detect Subjacency effects in *ittai* questions?

Clearly, the examples with *ittai* must prohibit LF pied-piping for some reason. Note, however, that this prohibition is not a *deus ex machina*, since a similar prohibition is visible at S-Structure in English the hell phrases.

- (52) a. Pictures of whom cost the most at the sale?  
b. \*Pictures of who the hell cost the most at the sale?
- (53) a. I wonder what the hell he's talking about  
b. \*I wonder about what the hell he's talking

The examples in (53) might be due to a style clash between the relatively formal pied-piping and the hell. Those in (52), however, cannot be due to such a clash. Since pied-piping is obligatory here, the pied-piping in (52a) does not seem at all formal.<sup>26</sup> Furthermore, what on earth works much the same as what the hell, in that it disallows pied-piping; but it is not incompatible with the relatively formal register necessary to allow pied-piping in (53).<sup>27</sup>

Putting this problem aside, I return to the question of whether Subjacency effects do indeed disappear when wh-in-situ is Dlinked. The relevant case is (54). Strikingly, my hypothesis is confirmed: Subjacency effects do indeed disappear. Compare (54) with (47).

- (54) Q: (Context: IBM-to, Apple-to, Fuzituu-to, Matusita-no naka-de . . . )  
'Among **IBM**, Apple, Fujitsu, and Panasonic (National) . . .

Mary-wa [<sub>NP</sub> [<sub>S</sub> John-ni dono konpyuutaa-o **ageta**] hito-ni  
atta-no?

'Which **computer** did **Mary** meet the **man** who gave to John?

A1: IBM-no konpyuutaa desu  
IBM-Gen computer Cop  
'It's the IBM computer'

A2: [<sub>NP</sub> [<sub>S</sub> IBM-no konpyuutaa-o **ageta**] hito] desu  
IBM-Gen computer-Acc gave **man** Cop  
'It's the man who gave the **IBM** computer (to him)'

The acceptability of the first answer is unexpected if all wh-in-situ must move at LF and if, as I have argued, Subjacency does hold at

Which phrases unselectively bound by Q seem to function pronominally in exactly this way: they are "familiar" rather than novel, returning old entries in the filing system of discourse. In this they contrast with the normal use of phrases such as *who* and *what*, but they act much like pronouns. (66) displays this contrast. In (66b) it is natural, almost obligatory, to assume that the question is asking for a choice among the men who entered the room. In (66c) considerations of textual connectedness make this assumption possible but much less natural.<sup>36</sup>

- (66) a. Some men entered the **room**. **Mary** talked to them  
 b. Some men entered the **room**. Which (ones) did **Mary** talk to?  
 c. Some men entered the **room**. Who did **Mary** talk to?

We can thus say that which-phrases do have the properties of indefinite NPs but that they are familiar rather than novel.

The phenomenon of "accommodation" discussed by Heim can then explain the use of which-phrases in "quiz show" contexts (see note 9).

- (67) For 100 dollars, which German author wrote Faust?

The discourse need not contain any mention of Faust or of Goethe. Both the quizmaster and the contestants may **be** equally ignorant of the answer. The question thus violates various felicity conditions **on** the use of "familiar" NPs like *which*: there is no preexisting file entry applicable to the situation. Under these circumstances quizmaster and contestants "[add] to the file enough information to remedy the infelicity" (Heim 1982:372), for instance, A German author wrote Faust.<sup>37</sup>

There is thus a natural connection between which-phrases and one instance of unselective binding—namely, the discourse binding seen with pronouns. The connection between this discourse binding and the interpretation of questions, however, remains to be drawn.

## 5.6 Finishing Touches

One salient detail remains to be **taken care of**. If D-linked wh-phrases do not have to undergo movement to satisfy (8), why are they required to move in English examples like (68)?

- (68) a. I wonder which book you read  
 b. \*I wonder you read which **book**

Evidently, although no property intrinsic to which-phrases forces them to move, there is some property intrinsic to an interrogative Comp in English that forces this Comp to be occupied by a wh-phrase at S-Structure. Recall that nothing prevents a D-linked wh-phrase from moving to Comp (but see note 32). Therefore, if moving which book to an interrogative Comp at S-Structure is the only way to satisfy the requirements of this Comp, then it must so move.

Borrowing a leaf from Lasnik's (1981) discussion of why **Affix Hopping** is obligatory, I suggest that the requirement is essentially morphological: the Q morpheme must be supported **by** some appropriate adjacent phrase. Suppose the candidates **are** Infl or a wh-phrase.

- (69) **The Q** morpheme must cliticize to a wh-phrase or Infl.  
 (S-Structure)

In English Infl is not adjacent to Comp. Hence, Wh-Movement moves **wh** to Comp at S-Structure (unless Comp already contains a wh-phrase like *whether*), and cliticization takes place.<sup>38</sup> In Japanese, however, Infl and Comp are adjacent in clause-final position; hence, cliticization takes place without Wh-Movement.<sup>39</sup>

## 5.7 Conclusions

Once we separate the properties of D-linked wh-phrases from those of non-D-linked wh-phrases, we see that scope assignment to non-D-linked wh-phrases has essentially all the properties of syntactic movement.<sup>40</sup> I take this to be a strong argument for the level of Logical Form, since levels are motivated by just such a clustering of properties. Additionally, we see that what is paramount in exploring Logical Form are its properties as a syntactic level on the mad to interpretation, not one or another arbitrarily assigned semantic property like disambiguation of scope.

It is also interesting to notice that the S-Structure treatment of wh-phrases in English, Japanese, and Polish essentially exhausts the spectrum of variation among languages, if we exclude mixed languages that optionally move *wh* or optionally move more than one. Yet despite the surface variety, the LF treatment of wh-in-situ in these languages **appears to be** the same. This is as expected, since the LF properties enunciated here **are** not plausibly learned by children from experience but must belong to Universal Grammar;

Polish, Wachowicz (1974) notes that examples like (57b) are not actually ungrammatical. She considers examples like (59),

- (59) W **końcu**, kto robi **co**?  
 finally who does what

and notes that they are actually acceptable in a very particular context. By now the reader may guess what **that** context is:

[Such] questions are somewhat different from echo questions. We can call them clarifying questions. The speaker could ask [(59)] in the following situation. There are various tasks, and several people to be assigned for them. Proposals have been made how to pair up people and tasks, but no fixed plan has been set up yet. The speaker of [(59)] is confused by the proposals, and wants to have a fixed plan. (Wachowicz 1974:159)

This observation **appears** to hold quite generally: all non-D-linked **wh**-phrases move to an A'-position at S-Structure, but D-linked **wh**-phrases may stay in situ. The (b)-sentences of (60)–(62) all have the special usage described by Wachowicz.<sup>31</sup>

- (60) a. Kto kogo **zabił**?  
 who whom killed  
 b. Kto **zabił** kogo?  
 (61) a. Kogo kiedy **Maria zabiła**?  
 whom where Maria killed  
 b. Kogo Maria **zabiła** kiedy?  
 (62) a. Kogo **jak** Maria **zabiła**?  
 whom how **Maria** killed  
 b. Kogo Maria **zabiła jak**?

Polish **and** the other languages of its group thus show on the surface what I have hypothesized for the LF representations of English and Japanese. We can handle the details in a number of ways. One possibility is to claim that the following statements hold in Polish.

- (63) a. More **than** one **wh** may undergo Wh-Movement in a single clause.  
 b. There is no LF Wh-Movement.<sup>33</sup>

We might speculate briefly on **how** (63b) might find its place in a learnable system of core grammars. The answer might **be** that (63b) is the unmarked case, given the existence of languages like Italian that

lack multiple interrogation entirely.<sup>34</sup> In **any** case, **if** true, the distinctions drawn here between D-linked and non-D-linked **wh**-in-situ are certainly parts of Universal **Grammar**, not learned from experience by the child.<sup>35</sup>

### 5.5 D-Linking

English, Japanese, and East European thus all provide evidence that non-D-linked **wh**-phrases are assigned scope by movement at the level of LF, whereas D-linked **wh**-phrases are assigned scope without movement. The next question is why movement versus nonmovement should correlate with D-linking. In particular, I have argued that the scope of D-linked **wh**-phrases is assigned by unselective binding, much as scope is assigned to indefinite NPs in Heim's system. Yet indefinites and D-linked **wh**-phrases may seem strange bedfellows.

In this section I will not solve this problem, but I will speculate briefly on the direction a possible solution might take. The key here is Heim's treatment of indefinite NPs, like **a** man in the sentence Suddenly, a **man** appeared. Heim proposes that an existential quantifier is introduced by a general rule of **Existential Closure**, which then proceeds to unselectively bind the indefinite. Importantly, the indefinite must also be interpreted as "novel" in the discourse. Heim later combines these requirements, assimilating Existential Closure to a more general phenomenon in which variables may be bound by "file cards" in a discourse representation. Uttering a novel indefinite creates a new entry in the filing system. Pronouns **also** exist, which have the discourse properties of indefinites except that they are not novel but are instead bound by an already existing entry, as in (64a-b).

- (64) a. **A** man walked into the room. **He** was wearing **a fur coat**  
 b. Some men **walked** into the room. **They** were wearing fur coats

The scope of the "file card" **may vary**, affecting the interpretation **both** of the indefinite and of a "familiar\*" pronoun that may return the indefinite (see Partee 1973 on such de **dict** pronouns).

- (65) a. John claimed Bill believed that I'd eaten a pizza. **Mary** even claimed that Bill believed it had anchovies. But in fact I ate chicken that night  
 b. John claimed Bill believed that I'd eaten a pizza. **Mary** even claimed that Bill believed it had anchovies. But in fact Bill believed that I'd eaten a chicken.

14. The adjuncts in Japanese seem to be complex NPs; hence, there may be no real distinction between Complex NP Constraint effects and adjunct effects.

15. Roger Higgins (personal communication) bring up the question of the exclamative use of the hell. If John starts to leave the room and I say Where the hell do you think you're going!, I may know perfectly well that John is heading home. Nonetheless, we might still want to say that where the hell is non-D-linked, since home is in fact not a destination under previous discussion and there is no "accommodation" here. (See note 9.)

16. Speakers of Korean differ on whether Korean *todeche*, used much like *ittai*, acts like *ittai* with respect to the facts in question.

17. As Junko *Itô* (personal communication) points out, it is vital to distinguish this use of *ittai* from its use as a sentence adverb, meaning roughly 'in general'. The speakers with whom I worked had little difficulty in disambiguating the uses, which is essential if the effects discussed in the text are to be observed.

18. If *ittai* has such limitations, then the examples that follow tell us nothing about Subjacency. Nishigauchi (1985) claims that the acceptability of sentences like (42) is indeed "low" for him, but other informants do not share this intuition, or at worst find a marked contrast between (42) and (43b).

19. Complex NPs where the embedded S' is not a relative clause—for example, of the fact that type—show weaker Subjacency effects, exactly as with English S-Structure movement.

(i) ??What did **Mary** remember the fact that John read?

(ii) ??Mary-wa [<sub>NP</sub> John-ga ittai nani-o yonda] koto-o]  
Mary-Top John-Nom the-hell what-Acc read fact-Acc  
wasureteiru-no?  
remembered-Q

20. Kitagawa (1984) points out some other relevant facts concerning *ittai*. Japanese **has** generally been taken not to have visible Superiority effects, plausibly because it cannot easily be seen in a multiple interrogation which of a set of wh-phrases has moved first. Nonetheless, contrasts of the following sort suggest Superiority (where *dare-ga* receives a non-D-linked interpretation).

(i) a. [Ittai dare-ga] nani-o tukamaeta-no?  
the-hell who-Nom what-Acc caught-Q

b. ??Dare-ga [ittai nani-o] tukamaeta-no?  
who-Nom the-hell what-Acc caught-Q

Clever construction of examples with center embedding shows that the contrast does involve c-command, and not some left-to-right restriction on *ittai*. Kitagawa notes that **if** we make **the** assumption that the *ittai*-phrase must move to Comp first, before the other wh-phrase does, then (ia–b) will be analogous to familiar English contrasts **Dkc** Who caught what? versus \*What did who catch? **In** (ib) the object has moved to Comp first; in (ia) the subject has done so. Finally, the assumption that *ittai*-phrases must move to Comp first is not so shocking once we examine the English contrast in (ii) and the French examples in (iii) from Richard Kayne (personal communication; see Kayne 1972:97). Un-

like English, French normally allows matrix wh-phrases to remain in situ even with the nonecho interpretation.

(ii) a. Who the hell caught what?

b. \*Who caught what the hell?

(iii) a. Où (diable) est-il **allé**?

'Where (the devil) did he go?'

b. Il est **allé** ou (\*diable)?

Why *ittai*-phrases must move to Comp first is a mystery to me. It is striking that elements that move to Comp first in Japanese are those that must move at S-Structure in English and French. The elements that move first to Comp seem to act as the "sorting key" for the answer, as suggested by Kuno (1982). Thus, Which book did which man read, in alphabetical order? invites a set of pairs alphabetized by book titles, whereas Which man read which book, in alphabetical order? invites a set of pairs alphabetized by men's names. The distinction between S-Structure movement and LF movement in languages like English might actually be a distinction between elements that serve as a sorting key, moving **as** soon as possible to fulfill that function, and those that **can** wait. The notion "sorting key" seems obviously related to the syntactic notion "head of Comp" in the sense of Lasnik and Saito.

21. Choe and Nishigauchi reached similar conclusions independently, Choe for Korean **as** well as Japanese. These results were also anticipated in Lee 1982 and in an early draft of Huang 1981. Also see Kayne 1983: sect.3.2.

22. Except Kuno and Masunaga (1985) in certain cases; see Pesetsky 1985.

23. I say whose index is immediately dominated rather than which is immediately dominated to allow Baker-style analyses of the type to be motivated shortly.

24. Once again, **as** in note 19, fact that complex NPs show weaker Subjacency effects than do complex NPs with relative clauses; thus, although recapitulating the whole island gives a more felicitous answer to example (ii) in note 19, the "simple" answer seems to be only weakly bad here (**as** noted by Nobuko Hasegawa, personal communication).

(i) A1: ??Sensoo to Heiwa" desu  
'It's War and Peace'

A2: [<sub>NP</sub> "Sensoo to Heiwa"-o yonda] koto] desu  
'It's the fact that (he) read War and Peace'

25. Interestingly, the starred answers in (47) and (48) apparently improve for some speakers if the copula is omitted, in colloquial speech. Perhaps with the copula omitted the answers are no longer full sentences and are thus not governed by grammatical principles like the Felicity Principle. In a related observation, James Yoon (personal communication) suggests that the starred answers improve in Korean if the more formal copula *ipnita* (= Japanese *desu*) is replaced with the **more** colloquial *yo*. Something along these lines might also explain why English does not show similar effects: to the (stilted) question Pictures of whom do you like the most?, the answers Mary and Pictures of Mary

the interaction of discourse factors with other syntactic pro~er(ieis intricate and dieicult to decipher, as has long been recognized. Heim's (1982) study (along with parallel studies by Kamp and took an important step in working out certain areas of interaction that are amenable to linguistic inquiry. This chapter has attempted to link Heim's results to the study of Wh-Movement in Logical F o r m a link, if Correct, of some importance.

## Notes

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1. I will generally ignore echo questions, like *You saw WHO?*, except for a few miscellaneous remarks.
2. See also Katz and Postal 1964:sect. 4.2.4. A version of Baker's proposal has been revived in Van Riemsdijk and Williams 1981.
3. The difference between Katz and Postal's 1964 Q morpheme and the feature introduced by Chomsky and Lasnik (1977) is essentially terminological. I will assume a Q morpheme in "Baker-style" representations, as well as anachronistic traces and Comp.
4. Elements that are unselectively bound are thus distinct from *any*, if the in Aoun, Hornstein, and Sportiche 1981 and Hornstein 1984 is (but see Kurata 1986), and from *wh-in-situ* in echo questions (see Hendrick and Rochemont 1982), which are treated like names and, if they can be said to have scope at all, have obligatory widest scope.
5. The contrast between (20b) and (21b) may be due to the fact that (21b) also the Empty Category Principle (ECP) at LF. See Kayne 1979 and subsequent work, as well as Kayne 1983:fn. 13 and May 1985.
6. In Pesetsky 1982 I argued that certain movements—namely, movement to an A-position (argument position)—are also not subject to the Nested Dependency Condition. This might not be so, — I discuss in Pesetsky, forthcoming.
7. Strictly speaking, to derive a hierarchical condition like Superiority, we a hierarchical, not linear, version of the Nested Dependency Condition. Elsewhere (Pesetsky 1982, forthcoming) I argue for exactly such a Nested

Dependency Condition: a hierarchical nesting constraint based on paths in a phrase marker, which I call the *Path Containment Condition*. Although an empirical differences between the linear and hierarchical theories that are relevant to the Superiority Condition, they do not affect the main points of this chapter. On the other hand, if the Path Containment Condition is wrong, and a linear approach is correct, then (as assert Webelhuth, personal communication, has pointed out) we do not need to assume adjunction to S' to derive the Superiority Condition. Movement to a left-hand position in Comp, as in (6), will work as well.

8. The examples in (29) appear to have been noted first by Chomsky (1980a), who attributes the observation to Richard Kayne. See also Koster 1978. Kayne (1983, loc. cit.) tentatively denies any grammaticality contrast here and in similar cases involving the ECP. To my ears, ECP contrasts exist between *who*, *what*, and so forth, and *which* <sup>N</sup> along the lines of the Superiority contrasts cited in the text.

(i) ??Tell me what proves that *who* is innocent

(ii) Tell me which piece of evidence proves that *which* person is innocent

9. Of course, the set of books need not actually have been verbally specified in an utterance, as long as both speaker and hearer make the same assumptions about context. This is the phenomenon of "accommodation" discussed by Heim. Thus, if Mary is looking at a shelf full of books, John might behind her and ask *Which book are you planning to steal?*, without any preceding utterances. An apparent exception to my proposed generalization *which*-phrases occurs in "quiz show" contexts, to which I return in a later section.

10. For a similar distinction motivated by Romance clitics, see Cinque 1985 and references cited therein.

11. Note that I have not said whether or not D-linked *wh*-phrases may ally be moved in a multiple interrogation. So far it is only clear that they not be moved. I return to this question in note 32.

12. Kuno and Robinson (1972) argue that all *wh-in-situ* obey a clausemate condition, effectively excluding the wide-scope interpretation for example (2). Hankamer (1974) disagrees, claiming that the wide-scope reading does indeed exist. He notes, however, (footnote 3) that the wide-scope reading is only for *wh*-phrases that are, in my terms, D-linked—including *who* and *what*. My judgments do not coincide with Hankamer's here. Nonetheless his judgments are interesting, since they suggest that for some speakers LF movement is clause-bound, wide scope being possible only when assigned without movement. There is a clear parallel to widely accepted judgments on quantifier scope (not my own).

13. Kuno and Masunaga (1985) have offered a rejoinder to my arguments from Japanese as they appear in an earlier version of this chapter. I reply to their discussion in Pesetsky 1985. Nishigauchi (1985, 1986) also provides vant further discussion and debate.

seem equally acceptable to me. English **lacks** a normal answering pattern with anything like the copula **seen** in **Japanese** or Korean.

26. **Guglielmo** Cinque (personal communication) observes that pied-piping is also **generally** ruled out with **wh**diavolo **phrases** in **Italian**, as in English, except **where** a **single** preposition is pied-piped as in (53b). If **this** is related in some way to the obligatoriness of **P** pied-piping in Italian, then we have an unexplained difference between English and Italian.

27. Why should there be a prohibition on pied-piping with **ittai** or the hell? An answer for **Japanese** may be found in an observation by Nishigauchi (1985). If pied-piping **were** possible in an example like (43a), such an example would be grammatical because the pied-piping convention allows the whole island to be treated as a **wh**-phrase and moved. Suppose that **ittai** must be attached to the **wh**-phrase that actually undergoes movement. Then if **ittai** attaches to **nani-o**, **nani-o** must be the **wh**-phrase that undergoes LF movement. Since that movement violates Subadjacency, (43a) is **ungrammatical**. On the other hand, if **ittai** is attached to the whole island that contains **nani-o**, then that **island** should count as a **wh**-phrase, pied-piping should be possible, and the sentence should be grammatical. Nishigauchi observes that this is the case. Thus, (i) seems to be much better than (43a).

- (i) Mary-wa ittai [<sub>NPLs</sub> John-ni nani-o ageta] hito-ni] atta-no?

Thus, pied-piping might not really be forbidden with **ittai**. Rather, **ittai** simply must attach to the **wh**-phrase that moves. When pied-piping is the only way to satisfy Subadjacency, then **ittai** must be attached to the entire **wh**-phrase.

On the other hand, it seems to be somewhat unclear whether **ittai** in (i) is interpreted with the **wh**-phrase or has the interpretation "in general" mentioned in note 17. (This is Hoji's (1985:393, ex. (7)) claim about a similar example.) One other ground for caution might be the absence of examples like (i) with English the hell: 'Whose **pictures** the hell. . . . If Nishigauchi's suggestion is **correct**, it somewhat undercuts the claim that the **island** properties of **ittai** are solely due to "aggressive **non-D-linking**," though other properties of **ittai** continue to point in that direction (see note 20, note 28, and elsewhere). On the other hand, the **ittai** data would provide striking evidence in favor of LF pied-piping and would continue to contribute an argument for my central claim: although pied-piping **saves** non-D-linked **wh**-words from Subadjacency violations at LF, **D-linked** **wh**-words do not need to be saved, since they do not move.

28. Nishigauchi (1984) gives an example with **dono** that, he claims, still requires a "pied-piping" answer. I am told, however, that **dono**, unlike English which, is not always Dlinked. Setting up an explicit context as I have in (54) is crucial to forcing a D-linked reading and getting the results as shown. A related fact may be the possibility, noted by Hajime Hoji (personal communication), of **ittai dono konpyuutaa**; compare English **\*which** the hell in (40). **Ittai dono konpyuutaa** acts like other **ittai**-phrases with respect to Subadjacency.

29. Hoji (1984) presents a number of additional, very interesting arguments from **Japanese** in favor of the distinction I have drawn. He notes, for example, that although the overt pronoun **kare** cannot normally be used as a bound vari-

able, it may be "bound" or "corefer" with a **dono**-phrase, if that phrase is interpreted as D-linked.

- (i) \*Dare-ga &are-no haha] -o semeta-no?  
who-Nom he-Gen mother-Acc criticized-Q  
'Who, criticized his, mother?'  
(ii) Dono hito-ga [kare-no haha] -o semeta-no?  
which man-Nom he-Gen mother-acc criticized-Q  
'Which man, criticized his, mother?'

What is more, weak crossover effects, which Hoji and Saito (1983) take to diagnose movement, disappear with D-linked **dono** phrases.

- (iii) \*[<sub>S</sub> Mary-ga [sono hito]-o semeta koto]-ga dare-o odorokaseta-no?  
Lit.: 'The fact that Mary criticized that person, surprised whom?'  
(iv) [<sub>S</sub> Mary-ga [sono hito]-o semeta koto]-ga dono hito-o odorokaseta-no?  
Lit.: 'The fact that Mary criticized that person, surprised which man,?'.

Choe (1984) also demonstrates an argument from weak crossover for pied-piping at LF, which I will not detail here. This argument is criticized by Nishigauchi (1985, 1986); Nishigauchi's criticisms are answered by Hasegawa (in press).

30. Koster (1984), for example, concludes that the phenomenon of "Global Harmony", that holds of S-Structure movement **does** not hold of LF movement. His conclusions may indeed be correct, but many of his Dutch examples involve arguably Dlinked which (welk) phrases, and pied-piping might even be an option for others.

31. Intriguingly, *dlaczego* 'why\*' may not remain in situ, whereas *zjakiego powodu* 'for what reason' may.

- (i) Kogo *dlaczego* Maria zabiła?  
whom why Maria killed  
(ii) \*Kogo Maria zabiła *dlaczego*? -  
(iii) Kogo Maria zabiła *zjakiego powodu*?  
whom Maria killed for-what reason

What seems to be at stake is that it is cross-linguistically extremely difficult to D-link the word that means why. This has an obvious relation to the facts concerning why discussed by Huang (1981, 1982) and by Lasnik and Saito (1983). In particular, they note (I simplify) that in Chinese and Japanese why cannot take scope out of an island. Yoshihisa Kitagawa (personal communication) reports that if one can force a D-linked reading for why in Japanese—an extremely difficult task—this scope restriction disappears. As an additional element for the explanation of the properties of why, note that it **thoroughly resists** pied-piping, closing the **loophole** available to other **wh**-words.

- (iv) ?People who live where are the most likely to suffer from allergies?  
(v) \*People who kft why are the most likely to succeed?

Thus, the **properties** of *why* might be due to **Subjacency**, as originally suggested by Huang (1981), and not to the ECP, as suggested by Huang (1982) and by Lasnik and Saito.

32. Polish in fact provides an opportunity to ask a question we could not answer before (see note 11). Granted that movement of D-linked *wh*-phrases is not obligatory in multiple interrogations, is it an option? Wachowicz (1974:n. 161) gives a relevant example that suggests that it is not an option: "Polish sentences containing two instances of the **interrogative** word 'which' sound better if only one of **them** has been fronted, e.g. *która* dziewczyna *zauważyła* *który* błąd 'which girl noticed which **error**'." Perhaps one must be fronted to satisfy the syntactic requirements discussed in section 5.6, but no other may be fronted, in accordance with some kind of "Move **only** when necessary" principle; see Chomsky 1986. One native speaker of Polish, at least, does not find fronting of both **which-phrases** so bad, but speakers of Romanian in general do find fronting bad in this case.

33. Except perhaps for movement of a single *wh* to a matrix Comp, as in Lasnik and Saito's **example** (72); though it is not clear that this example is really acceptable except as an echo question.

34. At least one Italian speaker suggests that multiple interrogation is **sometimes** marginally possible (as in Chi ha detto *che* cosa? 'Who said what?') when the *wh*-in-situ is D-linked, as (63) plus the other hypotheses advanced here **would** predict. On the other hand, **Guglielmo** Cinque notes (personal communication) that such expressions are not productive as true multiple interrogations and may be confined to newspaper style.

35. Nonetheless, **there** may be languages that do not allow even D-linked *wh*-in-situ to **remain** unmoved at LF; **these** languages might lack Q-indexing. An example is Kikuyu, as pointed out by Victoria **Bergvall** (personal communication). **Bergvall** (1984) notes that *wh*-in-situ is possible in Kikuyu much as in Japanese, although an S-Structure movement option is available. **All** *wh*-in-situ, no matter what the context, show clear Complex NP Constraint **effects**, much like **Japanese** *ittai wh-phrases*. This suggests that (1) the pied-piping option is missing in Kikuyu, and (2) Q indexing is also missing. Learnability considerations make one hope that this pattern is somehow related to the full optionality of S-Structure *Wh*-Movement in Kikuyu, which has both English and Japanese question types, but I have no insight to offer.

36. **Compare also** . . . *what* men did Mary talk to?, which acts like *who*, in my judgment. Also, **Jerry** Morgan (personal communication) correctly notes that many quantifiers **appear** to act like **which**: for example, Some men entered the **mom**. **All were wearing suits**. This could indeed **argue** that **all** does not undergo LF movement; for **example**, in **dialects like** my own in which quantification is not clause-bound, **all** does not show ECP effects. Alternatively, **all** could be a genuine moving **quantifier**, yet one **containing a restricting term** (**compare all of the men**) that is **D-linked**. See Kuno 1982 for some discussion of related issues.

Also notice that in many **cases** the appropriate antecedent for which is less an indefinite than an NP with "wide-scope **or**." As discussed by Partee and Rooth

(1982), **such NPs** have a number of properties in common with indefinites, including insensitivity to islands (pace Larson 1985).

(i) Bill was **telling** me that he'd recently arrested Mary, who owned either a dog that barked too much or a cat that destroyed furniture. I forget which it was

(ii) **John** was talking about Bill, who he evidently considered either dishonest or **dumb**. I forget which it was

37. This information may also sometimes be expressed overtly; for instance, compare the (a)- and (b)-**continuations** in (i). The (b)-**continuation** does not naturally continue to ask about the assassin, as the (a)-continuation does.

(i) For **100** points and a chance at the jackpot:

In **1963** a man shot Kennedy in Dallas.

a. Which man then ran to a movie theater to **hide**?

b. Who then ran to a movie theater to hide?

38. Dominique **Sportiche** (personal communication) points out that this might entail the absence of S-Structure movement in questions like *Who left?*, **yielding** essentially the Generalized Phrase Structure Grammar **S-Structure representation** for such questions, defended recently by **Chung** and **McCloskey** (1983) (see discussion in Chomsky 1985). I am personally doubtful about the facts claimed in that article, but the theoretical consequence is worth noting.

39. This does not explain why S-Structure *Wh*-Movement must not take place in Japanese (a general property of SOV languages), but it does explain why it is not obligatory.

40. One possible exception might be the Coordinate Structure Constraint, if Kuno and **Masunaga** (1985:ex. (14)) are **correct**; **compare** the opposite conclusions based on English in **Pesetsky 1985:chap. 4**.