

The Structure of the extended NP

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This article is about the cartography of the extended nominal projection, or in the words of more descriptive and functional approaches, the structure of the extended *NP*. Under the context of generative syntax, NP is often used to denote a certain projection of a *bare* noun phrase.

1 Demonstratives

Here we list some key facts in [1]. First, in English we have

- (1) this cute (*this) girl

so it seems like that demonstratives, as something resembling pronouns, are lower than any adjective, and we need to note the fact that in English demonstratives have roles resembling determiners. However, in Romance languages, we can find a pattern which is illegal in English. For example, in Romanian, we have:

(2) in [1]

- (2) a. băiatul acesta (frumos)
boy-the this (nice)
b. acest (frumos) băiat (frumos)
this (nice) boy (nice)
c. frumosul (*acesta) băiat
nice-the (*this) boy

(2b) has a similar structure with (1) in English, where the demonstrative takes the role of the determiner. However, in (2a), both the demonstrative and the determiner occur, which is illegal in English. Moreover, in (2a), we find that it seems the demonstrative is *closer* to the core noun than the adjective.

References

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