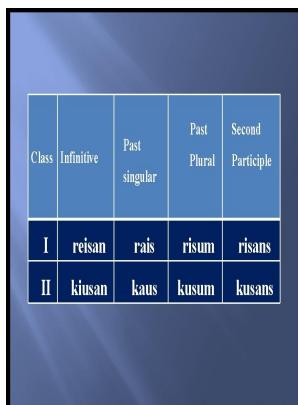# Derivations and evaluations - object shift in the Germanic languages

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Comparative method

In this environment, possessor phrases surface internal to possessum phrases, where they mark the genitive case. The case for possessor raising in particular is the case that Spec,XP is not a thematic position. Such a rule can be stated in a simple way reminiscent of proposal.

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Third, in the object possessor-raising construction, the possessor and possessum are freely separable from one another. Weinstock, Martina Wengenroth, Mark Westaway, Shijun Cindy Xi, Gerhard J. To this way of thinking, the presence of a possessor phrase inside any constituent creates a syntactic problem in Nez Perce: there is a shortage of heads available to assign case.

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In showing special verbal marking in contexts of external possession, Nez Perce is different from languages like German, but it is remarkably similar to a class of other languages from around the world. Verbs—German verbs may be classified as either weak, if they form their past tense with a dental consonant inflection, or strong, if they exhibit a vowel gradation ablaut. In addition, Mandarin has the V+ gei DOC in 16c.

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This stage of the comparative method, therefore, involves examining the correspondence sets discovered in step 2 and seeing which of them apply only in certain contexts. For Nez Perce, a case-theoretic motivation for possessor movement comes with some interesting consequences, in particular for the nature of genitive.

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Compare, for example, the different evaluations of similar items in such closely related languages as German and English: Straßenkehrer, but street sweeper. For example, the voicing of voiceless stops between vowels is common, but the devoicing of voiced stops in that environment is rare.

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The universal we are entertaining limits the options available for resolving the conundrum. In assigning case in simple ditransitives in this way, Nez Perce differs from other languages making use of heads with the case assignment profile of μ.

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