

What is a Subject? A Survey of Urdu Subjects

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1 Introduction

- Typological work has shown that subjects can have a variety of cases most commonly NOM and ERG (NOM-ACC and ERG-ABS systems), but also DAT, GEN, and INS amongst others (quirky case subjects).
- Q: Are different case-marked subjects in the same structural position?
 - i. Cross-linguistic approach:
E.g. Comparing subjects in NOM-ACC vs. ERG-ABS systems.
 - ii. Single language approach:
E.g. Comparing NOM and ERG subjects in a split-ergative system, or comparing quirky case subjects with canonical subjects.
- This ties in with other questions surrounding subjecthood:
 - Is there a single subject position or multiple subject positions, even when this is not reflected overtly by case?
 - Is subjecthood a spectrum? Can something be more or less ‘subject-like’?
 - What is a ‘canonical’ subject? What is a ‘quirky’ case subject?
 - What *is* subjecthood?
- In this talk, I will take the single language approach and compare the behaviour of wide range of external and internal arguments in Urdu with respect to subject properties identified in the literature.

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- Urdu is an Indo-Aryan language. It is the national language of Pakistan and is also spoken in many parts of Northern India. It is very closely related to Hindi, with a large overlap in grammar and vocabulary.¹
 - Why Urdu?
 - Urdu has 7 cases, out of which all except one can occur on subjects.
 - Urdu is a split-ergative language. Depending on tense and aspect, either ERG or NOM may be assigned in transitive contexts.
 - GEN is the default case for overt subjects in non-finite clauses.
 - Urdu also has quirky case subjects: DAT, INS and LOC subjects.
- ⇒ I will show that **subject properties do *not* always group together** in Urdu (see also [Davison, 2004](#); [Poole, 2016](#)). I propose that there are two factors responsible for this:
- Structural position: Subject properties are associated with a series of functional heads. The properties of a given subject depend on the position it occupies. Subject properties associated with functional heads stand in an implicational hierarchy. Therefore, high subjects pass more subject diagnostics than low subjects.
 - Agree with finite T: In parallel, Agree with finite T, also influences the behaviour of subjects with respect to properties that depend on its presence/absence. Agree with T is not associated with a single position as T Agrees with the highest argument with unvalued features in its c-

¹Although it is common to use the umbrella term ‘Hindi-Urdu’ in the literature, I refrain from doing so, as the judgements reported in this paper are from Urdu speakers only, and there is some microvariation between Hindi and Urdu although not well-explored. The dialect reported in this paper is from the ‘Urdu-speaking’ community in Karachi.

command domain, not with arguments in a particular position. Since finite T only Agrees with subjects, these properties are also subject properties, although they are not on the subject properties hierarchy.

- Roadmap:
 - i. Subject properties in Urdu
 - ii. Arguments selected and their behaviour (data in appendix)
 - iii. Locus of subject properties
 - iv. Open questions

2 Subject Properties in Urdu

- In this section, I will introduce the subject properties in Urdu. These are properties that objects never show and (at least some) subjects do.
- Note on agreement: Verb agreement is *not* a subject property in Urdu and has never been proposed as such. The highest NOM argument triggers agreement. This can be the subject (when it is NOM, 1a) or the object (when there is a non-NOM subject, 1b). When there is no NOM argument in the sentence, agreement goes to default, 3.M.SG (1c).

- (1) a. *Sana donuts khaa-thi he.*
 Sana.NOM donuts.NOM eat-IPFV.F.SG be.PRS.3.SG
 ‘Sana eats donuts.’
- b. *Sana=ne donuts khaa-ey the.*
 Sana=ERG donuts.NOM eat-PFV.M.PL be.PST.M.PL
 ‘Sana ate donuts.’
- c. *Sana=ne donuts=ko paka-ya he.*
 Sana=ERG donuts=ACC cook-PFV.M.SG be.PRS.3.SG
 ‘Sana has cooked the donuts.’

Anaphor binding

(Davison, 2001, 2015; Bhatia and Poole, 2016; Mohanan, 1994; Poole, 2016)

- Urdu has the reflexive possessive anaphor, *apna* ‘self’s’, and its complex form, *apne aap* ‘self’s self’.²

²There is a strong preference to use *apna* over *apna aap* in non-emphatic use (e.g. *apni kitaab* ‘self’s book’ vs. *apne aap=ki kitaab* ‘self’s self’s book’), except when referring to one’s

- Like English *self*-anaphors (e.g. *myself*, *yourself*, *themselves*), these anaphors must be c-commanded by an antecedent.
- This anaphor is subject-oriented; it can be bound by subjects but not by objects. In (2), the indirect object c-commands the anaphor in the direct object but cannot bind it. The only possible antecedent is the subject.³

- (2) *Rami_i Sana=ko_j apni_i/*_j / apne.aap=ki_i/*_j kitaab*
 *Rami_i Sana=DAT_j SELF’S_i/*_j / SELF’S.SELF=GEN_i/*_j book.NOM*
 bhejay ga.
 send.FUT.3.SG FUT.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i will send Sana_j his_i/*her_j own book.’

No pronoun binding

(Davison, 2015; Bhatia and Poole, 2016; Mohanan, 1994)

- Pronominal possessors are also bound by antecedents c-commanding them. However, unlike anaphors, pronominal possessors don’t require a syntactic antecedent and can also refer to discourse-salient antecedents.
 - Pronominal possessors are anti-subject-oriented. Subjects are unable to bind pronominal possessors. In (3), the pronominal possessor in the direct object is c-commanded by both the subject and the indirect object, but only the latter is able to bind it.
- (3) *Rami_i Sana=ko_j us=ki_i/*_j/k kitaab bhejay*
 *Rami_i Sana=DAT_j 3.SG.OBL=GEN*_i/j/k book.NOM send.FUT.3.SG*
 ga.
 FUT.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i will send Sana_j his_i/*her_j/k book.’
- Anaphors and pronominal possessors are *not*, however, in complementary distribution, as we will see later.

self. This may be due to redundancy effects.

³For some speakers, it is possible for objects to bind the anaphor *apna* ‘self’ when they c-command it, as in (2) (Bhatia and Poole, 2016). For these speakers, binding *apna* may not be a subject property and c-command alone is sufficient (see Bhatia and Poole, 2016 for an alternative explanation). No mixed judgements have been reported for *apna aap* ‘self’s self’.

Being PRO

(Davison, 2008; Poole, 2016)

- PRO can only occur in subject position (Chomsky, 1981). It follows from this that an argument that can be PRO must be a subject. In (5), the object must be overt and cannot be PRO because PRO can only occur in subject position (4).

(4) *Sana=ne Hira=ko_i [PRO_i wahaan jaa-ne] =ko*
Sana=ERG Hira=ACC_i [PRO_i there go-INF.OBL] =ACC
bol-a.
speak-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Sana told Hira to go there.’

(5) *Sana=ne Hira=ko_i [Rami=ka us=ko_i / *PRO_i*
*Sana=ERG Hira=ACC_i [Rami=GEN.M.SG 3.SG.OBL=ACC_i / *PRO_i*
mall=mein dekh-na] yaad dila-ya.
mall=LOC see-INF] memory buy-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Sana reminded Hira_i about Rami seeing her_i in the mall.’

Control into participial clauses

(Davison, 2015; Mohanan, 1994; c.f. Poole, 2016)

- Urdu has a participial clause with the participle *kar* ‘do’ and a PRO subject. These clauses act as modifiers to nominals.

(6) *Rami_i [PRO_i ghar jaa kar] so gya.*
Rami.NOM_i [PRO_i home.LOC go do] sleep go.PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i went to sleep when he_i went home.’

- Although both subjects and objects are able to control PRO (see object control example in 4), the PRO subject of a participial clause can only be controlled by a subject. The only possible interpretation of (7) is one where the subject controls PRO.

(7) *Rami=ne_i Sana=ko_j kitaab [PRO_i/*_j ghar jaa kar]*
*Rami=ERG_i Sana=DAT_j book.NOM [PRO_i/*_j home.LOC go do]*
di.
give.PFV.F.SG
 ‘Rami_i gave Sana_j a/the book when he_i/*she_j went home.’

3 Survey of Urdu Subjects

3.1 Selection of arguments

- Urdu has 7 cases: ERG, NOM, ACC, DAT, INS, LOC and GEN. Subjects of all cases except ACC have been identified in the literature (Davison, 2015; Mohanan, 1994).
- A mix of external and internal arguments, agents and non-agents was selected as candidates for subjecthood, and compared to known non-subjects (direct objects, indirect objects and comitatives).

	Highest	Non-highest
Agent	NOM unergative subject, NOM transitive subject, ERG subject, GEN subject	INS <i>by</i> -phrase, INS causee
Non-agent	NOM unaccusative subject, INS subject, LOC subject, DAT subject, promoted object of passive, promoted object of dative predicate	NOM/ACC direct object, DAT indirect object, INS comitative expression

Table 1: Arguments selected in this survey.

3.1.1 Canonical subjects

Ergative subjects

- Urdu is a split-ergative language. Perfective aspect in past or present tense results in ERG on the subject of transitive verbs.

- (8) a. *Rami=ne kaam ki-ya.*
Rami=ERG work.NOM do-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami did (the) work.’ / ‘Rami worked.’
- b. *Rami kaam kar-tha he.*
Rami.NOM work.NOM do-IPFV.M.SG be.PRS.3.SG
 ‘Rami does work.’ / ‘Rami works.’

Nominative subjects

- NOM is assigned to subjects of transitive verbs when conditions of ERG case assignment are not met, i.e. imperfective aspect or future tense (8b).
- It is also found on subjects of intransitive verbs, both unergative and unaccusative (9).

- (9) a. *Rami cheekh-a.*
Rami.NOM scream-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami screamed.’
- b. *Rami gir gya.*
Rami.NOM fell go.PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami fell.’

Genitive subjects

- GEN is found as the default case on overt subjects in non-finite/gerund clauses.
- The ERG and NOM subjects in the above examples (8, 9) have GEN in non-finite clauses (10).

- (10) a. *Rami=ka kaam kar-na ...*
Rami=GEN work.NOM do-INF ...
 ‘Rami’s doing of (the) work...’ / ‘For Rami to do (the) work...’
- b. *Rami=ka cheekh-na ...*
Rami=GEN scream-INF ...
 ‘Rami’s screaming...’
- c. *Rami=ka gir-na ...*
Rami=GEN fall-INF ...
 ‘Rami’s falling...’

3.1.2 Quirky case subjects

Dative subjects

- DAT is found on subjects of some psychological predicates, complex V-V or N-V predicates, and deontic modals.

- (11) *Rami=ko Sana yaad aa-ii.*
Rami=DAT Sana.NOM memory come-PFV.F.SG
 ‘Rami remembered/missed Sana.’

- It is sometimes claimed that DAT is associated with the experiencer theta-role but this is not completely accurate as there are many experiencer subjects which have NOM and ERG case as well (Davison, 2015). Hence, it may be more appropriate to take DAT as a lexical case rather than an inherent or semantic one.

Instrumental subjects

- Urdu has an inabilitative construction which looks like a negated passive on the surface (12a vs. b) but has a different deep structure (Davison, 1982; Mohanan, 1994; Srishti, 2011:Ch 5).

- (12) a. *Rami=se kaam nahi ki-ya gya.*
Rami=INS work.NOM not do-PFV.M.SG go.PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami was unable to do the work.’
- b. *Kaam (Rami=se) ki-ya gya.*
 Work.NOM (**Rami=INS**) do-PFV.M.SG PASS.PFV.M.SG
 ‘The work was done (by Rami).’

- Both have the same morpheme *jaa*, similar inflection on the main verb, and an INS argument.
- A key difference between the two is that the INS argument is an obligatory subject in the inabilitative (12a) while it is an optional *by*-phrase in the passive (12b).⁴

⁴The shared morpheme, *jaa*, also occurs as a light verb in Urdu. In inabilitatives, *jaa* behaves more like the passive morpheme than the light verb. However, I still gloss it as the light verb in my examples of inabilitatives to prevent confusion with passive examples. It may be the case that *jaa* in inabilitatives is at an intermediate stage of grammaticalisation between the light

- How do we know this INS argument is a subject (and not the NOM one)?
 - Gapping test: Mohanan (1994) shows that gapping in coordinate constructions in Urdu requires matching of both case and grammatical function between the antecedent and gapped element.
 - In (13), the INS argument of an inabilitative is gapped with a low INS argument (*by*-phrase, causee and source expression respectively) as the antecedent. None of these low arguments is able to license gapping of the INS argument of the inabilitative or vice versa (not shown) showing that it is not a low argument and is, indeed, a candidate for subjecthood.
- (13) a. *Ravi Ram=se peeT-a gya aur*
 Ravi.NOM Ram=INS beat-PFV.M.SG PASS.PFV.M.SG and
*us=se / *___ hans-a nahi gya.*
 3.SG=INS / *___ laugh-PFV.M.SG not go.PFV.M.SG
 ‘Ravi was beaten by Ram and he couldn’t laugh.’
- b. *Ram=ne Anil=se Ravi=ko piT-va-ya aur*
 Ram=ERG Anil=INS Ravi=ACC beat-CAUS-PFV.M.SG and
*us=se / *___ hans-a nahi gya.*
 3.SG=INS / *___ laugh-PFV.M.SG not go.PFV.M.SG
 ‘Ram made Anil beat Ravi and he couldn’t laugh.’
- c. *Anil=ne Ram=se paisa maang-a aur*
 Anil=ERG Ram=INS money.NOM ask.for-PFV.M.SG and
*us=se / *___ di-yaa na gya.*
 3.SG=INS / *___ give-PFV.M.SG not go.PFV.M.SG
 ‘Anil asked Ram for money and he couldn’t give (it).’
 (adapted from Mohanan, 1994:163, ex.38-40)
- The only other contender for subject position, the NOM argument, is the direct object, as it can show differential object marking and have either NOM or ACC, which NOM subjects cannot.

Locative subjects

- LOC has four forms: *-mein* ‘in’, *-par/-pe* ‘on’, *-tak* ‘to/till’, and null ‘to/till’.

Each of these has a distinct semantic contribution, reflecting the postpositional verb and passive uses.

tional qualities of LOC (Kidwai, 2019).

- To my knowledge, only the first two forms of LOC occur on subjects (14).⁵

- (14) a. *Rami=mein bohath khubian hein.*
 Rami=LOC very good.qualities be.PRS.3.PL
 ‘There are many good qualities in Rami.’
 b. *Rami=par/pe bohath zimadaariyan hein.*
 Rami=LOC very responsibilities be.PRS.3.PL
 ‘There are many responsibilities on Rami.’

- Gapping in coordinate constructions shows that these LOC expressions are subjects. In (15), a low LOC argument is not able to license gapping of the LOC subject.

- (15) *Sana=ne Rami=mein khubian dhoond-ii aur us=mein*
 Sana=ERG Rami=LOC good.qualities find-PFV.F.PL and 3.SG=LOC
*/ *___ bohath khubian hein.*
*/ *___ very good.qualities be.*
 ‘Sana searched for good qualities in Rami and there are many good qualities in Rami.’

3.1.3 Derived subjects

Promoted objects of dative predicates

- Dative predicates have a DAT subject and a NOM object (11, repeated).

- (11) *Rami=ko Sana yaad aa-ii.*
 Rami=DAT Sana.NOM memory come-PFV.F.SG
 ‘Rami remembered/missed Sana.’

- It has been shown that this structure is reversible, and that the NOM object can raise to a higher position than the DAT subject (Davison, 2004; Poole,

⁵The reason why subjects can have some LOC markers but not others may be due to either the markers being at different stages of grammaticalisation from postposition to clitic, or due to incompatible semantics. Mohanan (1994:164–175) gives examples of PP subjects which, if true subjects, suggest that postpositional qualities should not prevent LOC markers from occurring on subjects, and that incompatible semantics is a better explanation.

2016). In this case, the promoted NOM object is said to show subject behaviour.

- (16) **Sana** *Rami=ko yaad aa-ii.*
Sana.NOM Rami=DAT memory come-PFV.F.SG
 ‘Rami remembered/missed Sana.’ / ‘Sana was remembered/missed by Rami.’

Promoted objects in passives

- Promoted objects of passives have NOM (see Kidwai, 2022 for argument in favour of promotion; c.f. Mahajan, 1995).

- (17) a. *Sana=ne Rami=ko pakR-a.* (active)
 Sana=ERG Rami=ACC catch-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Sana caught Rami.’
 b. **Rami** (*Sana=se*) *pakR-a gya.* (passive)
Rami.NOM (Sana=INS) catch-PFV.M.SG PASS.PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami was caught (by Sana).’

- NOM on the object does not show differential object marking alternation with ACC unlike objects in active clauses (Kidwai, 2022; c.f. Mahajan, 1995; Mohanan, 1994)

3.1.4 Low agents

By-phrase

- The agent in the passive is expressed as an optional *by*-phrase and carries INS (12b repeated, 17b above).
- (12b) *Kaam (Rami=se) ki-ya gya.*
 Work.NOM (Rami=INS) do-PFV.M.SG go.PFV.M.SG
 ‘The work was done (by Rami).’

Causees

- Causees in indirect/complex causatives also have INS.

- (18) *Rami=ne Sana=se kitaab paRh-va-ii.*
 Rami=ERG Sana=INS book.NOM read-CAUS-PFV.F.SG
 ‘Rami made Sana read a/the book.’

- Assuming a bi-eventive analysis of complex causatives, the causee is the do-er of the caused event, but is perceived as less agent-like than the main agent. For example, the causee cannot be modified by agentive adverbs as easily as the agent.

3.2 Findings

	Control*	Anaphor binding	No pn binding	Be PRO
NOM unaccusative subject	✓	✓	✓	✓
NOM unergative subject	✓	✓	✓	✓
NOM transitive subject	✓	✓	✓	✓
ERG subject	✓	✓	✓	✓
GEN infinitive subject	✓	✓	✓	N/A
INS subject	✓	✓	✓	×
LOC subject	✓	✓	✓	×
DAT subject	✓	✓	×	×
INS <i>by</i> -phrase	✓	✓	×	×
INS causee	✓	✓	×	×
Promoted NOM object of passive	✓	✓	×	✓
Promoted NOM object of dative predicate	✓	✓	×	✓
DAT indirect object	×	×	×	×
NOM/ACC direct object	×	×	×	×
INS comitative expression	×	×	×	×

Table 2: Behaviour of arguments with respect to subject properties.

*Control into participial clauses.

- Putting aside being PRO, we can identify three groups:
 - Group 1 (top): Shows all subject properties.
 - Group 2 (middle): Shows sub-set of subject properties.
 - Group 3 (bottom): No subject properties → Objects.

- The ability to be PRO is scattered across Groups 1 and 2.
- Being PRO is not applicable to genitive case as PRO and GEN subjects are in complementary distribution in non-finite clauses.

4 Locus of Subject Properties

4.1 Being PRO

⇒ The ability to be PRO depends on the unavailability of case due to the **absence of finite T**.

- Evidence: The distribution of overt arguments in non-finite clauses.
- **All arguments that can be replaced by PRO cannot appear overtly with their own case** in non-finite clauses, and can only appear overtly with GEN (19 - 23).

(19) NOM unaccusative subject: overt ×, GEN ✓, PRO ✓

*Rami*_i *ne*_i [**Sana* / *Sana=ke* / *PRO*_i *gir-ne*]
Rami=ERG_i [**Sana*.NOM / *Sana*=GEN.OBL / *PRO*_i fall-INF.OBL]
] =*ki* *kahani suna-ai*.
] =GEN.F.SG story tell-PFV.F.SG
 ‘*Rami*_i told the story of *Sana*/*PRO*_i falling.’

(20) NOM unergative subject: overt ×, GEN ✓, PRO ✓

*Rami*_i [**Sana* / *Sana=ka* / *PRO*_i *muskura-na*]
Rami.NOM_i [**Sana*.NOM / *Sana*=GEN / *PRO*_i smile-INF]
chah-tha *he*.
 want-IPFV.M.SG be.PRS.3.SG
 ‘*Rami*_i wants *Sana*/*PRO*_i to smile.’

(21) NOM and ERG transitive subjects: overt ×, GEN ✓, PRO ✓

*Rami*_i [**Sana* / **Sana=ne* / *Sana=ka* / *PRO*_i]
Rami.NOM [**Sana*.NOM / **Sana*=ERG / *Sana*=GEN / *PRO*_i]
seb *khaa-na*] *chah-tha* *he*.
 apple.NOM eat-INF] want-IPFV.M.SG be.PRS.3.SG
 ‘*Rami*_i wants *Sana*/*PRO*_i to eat an apple.’

(22) Promoted object of dative predicate: overt ×, GEN ✓, PRO ✓

*Rami*_i [**Omar* / *Omar=ka* / *PRO*_i *sirf Sana=ko*]
Rami.NOM_i [**Omar*.NOM / *Omar*=GEN / *PRO*_i only *Sana*=DAT]
pasand aa-na] *nahi chah-tha*.
 like come-INF] not want-IPFV.M.SG
 ‘*Rami*_i doesn’t want *Omar*/*PRO*_i to be liked by only *Sana*.’

(23) Promoted object of passive: overt ×, GEN ✓, PRO ✓

*Rami*_i [**Sana* / *Sana=ka* / *PRO*_i *pakR-a jaa-na*]
Rami.NOM_i [**Sana*.NOM / *Sana*=GEN / *PRO*_i catch-PFV PASS-INF]
] *nahi chah-tha*.
] not want-IPFV.M.SG
 ‘*Rami*_i doesn’t want *Sana*/*PRO*_i to be caught.’

- **All arguments that cannot be replaced by PRO can appear overtly with their own case** (and cannot appear overtly with GEN) (24 - 28).⁶

⁶Some of these examples are grammatical with GEN and/or PRO but have interpretations associated with NOM or ERG arguments (e.g. 25 vs. below).

- (i) a. *Sana=ne Rami=ko*_i [*PRO*_i *bohath ghussa ho-ne*] =*par*
Sana=ERG *Rami*=ACC_i [*PRO*_i a.lot anger be-INF.OBL] =LOC
daant-a.
 scold-PFV.M.SG
 ‘*Sana* scolded *Rami*_i for being angry.’
- b. *Rami ghussa hua*.
Rami.NOM angry be.PFV.M.SG
 ‘*Rami* was angry.’

(24) INS subject: overt ✓, GEN ×, PRO ×

Rami_i [*Sana=se* / **Sana=ka* / **PRO_i* *jhoot na*
Rami.NOM_i [*Sana=INS* / **Sana=GEN* / **PRO_i* *lie not*
bol-a jaa-na] *nahi chah-tha.*
 speak-PFV go-INF] not want-IPFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i does not want Sana/*PRO_i to be unable to lie.’

(25) LOC subject: overt ✓, GEN ×, PRO ×

Sana=ne Rami=ko_i [*Omar=mein bohath ghussa ho-ne*]
Sana=ERG Rami=ACC_i [*Omar=LOC a.lot anger be-INF.OBL*]
 =*par daant-a.*
 =LOC scold-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Sana scolded Rami_i for there being a lot of anger in Omar.’

(26) DAT subject: overt ✓, GEN ×, PRO ×

Mein_i [*Rami=ko* / **PRO_i* *aisa paisa mil-na*] *nahi*
I.NOM_i [*Rami=DAT* / **PRO_i* *such money.NOM meet-INF*] not
chah-thi huun.
 want-IPFV.F.SG be.PRS.1.SG
 ‘I_i don’t want Rami/*PRO_i to get such money.’

- The optionality of *by*-phrases and causees makes it difficult to tell if have been omitted or appear as PRO. Both these arguments can occur overtly in non-finite clauses (27, 28) and not with GEN, leading me to assume that they are also unable to be PRO.

(27) *By*-phrase: overt ✓, GEN × → PRO ×

Rami_i [*Sana=se pakR-a jaa-na*] *chah-tha*
Rami.NOM_i [*Sana=INS catch-PFV PASS-INF*] want-IPFV.M.SG
he.
 be.PRS.3.SG
 ‘Rami_i doesn’t want to be caught by Sana.’

(28) Causee: overt ✓, GEN × → PRO ×

Rami_i [*Sana=se kaam kar-va-na*] *chah-tha*
Rami.NOM_i [*Sana=INS work.NOM do-CAUS-INF*] want-IPFV.M.SG
he.
 be.PRS.3.SG
 ‘Rami_i wants to make Sana do the work.’

- The impossibility of PRO in (24) to (28) is not due to case-mismatching between PRO and the antecedent. Case-matching is not a requirement for control (e.g. 19, object control in 4, control into participial clause in 7).
- The division between which arguments can and cannot be replaced by PRO is not arbitrary. **Overt *structurally* case-marked subjects are ungrammatical in non-finite clauses while overt *non-structurally* case-marked subjects are grammatical** (see also Davison, 2008).
- Non-finite clauses are missing finite T which is crucial in assigning structural case (NOM and ERG) to subjects (Kidwai, 2019). These cases cannot be assigned in non-finite clauses, and therefore, are not seen on overt subjects.
- On the other hand, non-structural cases presumably come from the verb (or other bits of structure) that are present in both finite and non-finite clauses. They continue to be available in non-finite clauses, and so overt arguments bearing these cases are grammatical.
- The link to finite T also explains why only subjects can be PRO: finite T is only involved in case assignment of subjects; objects are assigned case by lower heads.⁷
- Note that **arguments do not need to be in a specific position to receive case from T**. Assuming Agree-based case-assignment, T assigns case to the highest argument in its c-command domain which has unvalued features but this argument does not need to be in any specific position.
- Thus, PRO is a subject property but this is not because of an association with

⁷This has interesting implications for NOM assignment in Urdu. Overt NOM objects are grammatical in non-finite clauses, showing that there are potentially two NOM assigning heads: finite T to assign NOM to subjects, and a lower head to assign NOM to objects (c.f. McFadden and Sundaresan, 2011). The lower head continues to be available in non-finite clauses, leading to the grammaticality of overt NOM objects.

a specific structural position, but rather due to independent case assignment reasons.

4.2 Poole (2016): Deconstructing Subjecthood

- Summary of Poole (2016):
 - Subject properties are spread across a series of functional heads.
 - Arguments move via A-movement into the specifier of a head to gain the associated property.
 - Subject properties stand in a hierarchy because A-movement is cyclic.
 - Subjects cannot show properties that are higher on the hierarchy without showing properties that are lower.
- On Table 2, we see that no subject can show no pronoun binding without showing control into participial clauses and anaphor binding, suggesting there is an implicational hierarchy.

(29) SUBJECT PROPERTIES HIERARCHY:
control + anaphor binding \ll no pn binding

- I take a similar approach to Poole (2016) in terms of the locus of subject properties but do not commit to movement as the means for gaining these properties.

4.3 Anaphor binding

- Two candidates have been proposed: T (Davison, 2001) and Voice (Bhatia and Poole, 2016; Poole, 2016).
- Davison (2001) shows that binding is not possible inside domains without TP, such as small clauses (30) and NPs (31).

(30) Ram_i [$Mohan=ko_j$ *apne.aap=se_{i/*j}* *sharminda*]
 Ram_i [$Mohan=DAT_j$ *SELF'S.SELF=INS_{i/*j}* *ashamed*]
samajh-tha *he.*
 understand-IPFV.M.SG be.PRS.3.SG
 'Ram_i sees Mohan_j as ashamed of himself_{i/*j}.'
 (Davison, 2001:63–64, ex.29)

(31) * [$Ram=ka_i$ *apne.aap=ko_{*i}* *dhoka*] *qaanun=ke* *khilaaf*
 [$Ram=GEN_i$ *SELF'S.SELF=ACC_{*i}* *deception*] *law=GEN.PL* *against*
nahi hai.
 not be.PRS.3.SG
 Intended: 'Ram's_i deception of himself_i is not against the law.'
 (Davison, 2001:64, ex.30a)

- However, anaphor binding *is* possible in some domains without TP, such as the caused event of a complex causative (cf. Davison, 2001; Mohanan, 1994).

(32) $Rami=ne_i$ $Sana=se_j$ *apna_{i/j}* *khaana* *pak-va-ya.*
 $Rami=ERG_i$ $Sana=INS_j$ *SELF'S_{i/j}* *food.NOM* *cook-CAUS-PFV.M.SG*
 'Rami_i made Sana_j cook his_i/her_j own food.'

- It has been proposed that complex causatives embed a VoiceP (Nie, 2020a,b), also for Urdu specifically (Bhatia, 2016; Bhatt and Embick, 2017; Srishti, 2011:Ch 7).

(33) [VoiceP₁ agent [_{vP} [VoiceP₂ causee [_{vP} [VP object]]]]]

- Based on (33), if VoiceP is the domain of anaphor binding, we would expect to see two binding possibilities (one in VoiceP₁ and the other in VoiceP₂). This is exactly what we see, as either the agent (VoiceP₁) or the causee (VoiceP₂) can bind the anaphor in a complex causative (32).
- Unavailability of anaphor binding in small clauses and NPs is also explained as both of these not only lack TP but also VoiceP.

⇒ **Therefore, I take VoiceP to be the domain for anaphor binding.**

4.4 Control into participial clauses

- No differences were found between anaphor binding and control into participial clauses (Table 2).
- Like anaphor binding, control into participial clauses is not possible in small clauses or NPs (shown for NP below).

- (34) * [*Ram=ka_i Ahmed=ko_j [**PRO**_{*i/*j} ghar ja kar] dhoka*
 [*Ram=GEN_i Ahmed=ACC [**PRO**_{*i/*j} home.LOC go do] deception*
] qaanun=ke khilaaf nahi hai.
] law=GEN.PL against not be.PRS.3.SG

Intended: ‘Ram’s of Ahmed, upon Ram going home, is not against the law.’

- Control into participial clauses is, however, possible in the caused event of a complex causative. Either the agent or the causee can control into the participial clause in (35).

- (35) *Rami=ne_i Sana=se_j [**PRO**_{i/j} ghar ja kar] khaana*
*Rami=ERG_i Sana=INS_j [**PRO**_{i/j} home.LOC go do] food.NOM*
pak-va-ya.
cook-CAUS-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i made Sana_j cook when he_i/she_j went home.’

- Moreover, in dative predicates and passives, where there are two possible arguments that can show these properties (36a), the same argument must show both. For example, in (36b), the promoted object binds the anaphor in the *by*-phrase and also controls into the participial clause. The *by*-phrase cannot control here.

- (36) a. *Omar_i Sana=se_j [**PRO**_{i/j} ghar ja kar]*
*Omar.NOM_i Sana=INS_j [**PRO**_{i/j} home.LOC go do]*
pakR-a gya.
catch-PFV.M.SG PASS.PFV.M.SG
 ‘Omar_i was caught by Sana_j when he_i/she_j went home.’
- b. *Omar_i apni_i behen=se_j [**PRO**_{i/*j} ghar ja kar]*
*Omar.NOM_i SELF_i sister=INS_j [**PRO**_{i/*j} home.LOC go do]*
pakR-a gya.
catch-PFV.M.SG PASS.PFV.M.SG
 ‘Omar_i was caught by his_i own sister_j when he_i/*she_j went home.’

⇒ This suggests that **the domain for control into participial clauses is the same as the domain for anaphor binding, i.e. VoiceP.**

4.5 No pronoun binding

- (37) SUBJECT PROPERTIES HIERARCHY:
 $\underbrace{\text{control} + \text{anaphor binding}}_{\text{Voice}} \ll \underbrace{\text{no pn binding}}_?$

- We have identified Voice as responsible for the first two properties. The head responsible for no pronoun binding must be higher, as no argument shows no pronoun binding without showing control into participial clauses and anaphor binding.
- Not much work has been done on identifying the locus of pronoun binding in Urdu but some indicative observations have been made.
- Davison (2001) reports that the anti-subject orientation of pronouns is limited to the clause that they occur in. So, for example, NOM which cannot bind pronominal possessors in their own finite clause (3, repeated), can do so if the pronominal expression occurs in an embedded clause (38).⁸

- (3) *Rami_i Sana=ko_j us=ki_{*i/j/k} kitaab bhej-ay*
*Rami_i Sana=DAT_j 3.SG.OBL=GEN.F.SG_{i/*j} book.NOM send-FUT.3.SG*
ga.
FUT.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i will send Sana_j his_{*i/k}/her_{j/k} book.’

- (38) a. *Radha_i (yeh) pasand nahi kar-thi [keh*
Radha.NOM_i (this) like not do-IPFV.F.SG [that
us=ka_{i/j} bhai aisay logon=se
3.SG=GEN.M.SG_{i/j} brother.NOM such.OBL people=INS
baath kar-ay]
talk do-PFV.M.PL]
 ‘Radha_i does not like (it) that her_{i/j}/his_j brother should talk to such people.’
 (Davison, 2001:62, ex.26a)

⁸Quantifier binding shows that this is a true case of binding and not simply co-reference (Bhatia and Poole, 2016).

- b. *Radha_i* [*us=ke_{i/j}* *bhai=ka* *aisay*
Radha.NOM_i [*3.SG=GEN.OBL_{i/j}* *brother=GEN.M.SG* *such.OBL*
logon=se baath kar-na] *nahi chah-thi*.
people=INS talk do-INF] *not want-IPFV.F.SG*
 ‘Radha_i does not want her_{i/j} brother talking to such people.’

⇒ Based on the above, I take TP as the domain for pronoun obviation. **Arguments in SpecTP are unable to bind pronouns within their clause.**

- (39) SUBJECT PROPERTIES HIERARCHY:
 $\underbrace{\text{control} + \text{anaphor binding}}_{\text{Voice}} \ll \underbrace{\text{no pn binding}}_{\text{T}}$

4.6 Summary of Analysis

Subject types	Control	Anaphor binding	No pn binding	Be PRO
High with structural case	✓	✓	✓	✓
High with non-structural case	✓	✓	✓	×
Low with structural case	✓	✓	×	✓
Low with non-structural case	✓	✓	×	×

Table 3: Types of subjects in Urdu.

- All subjects occupy SpecVoiceP and show low subject properties.
- High subjects move to SpecTP and also show high subject properties.
- In parallel, subjects may or may not be PRO if they are or are not assigned case by finite T.

5 Open Questions

5.1 Challenges

Challenge 1: Formalising no pronoun binding

- Based on Condition B of binding theory, we expect that pronouns cannot be bound by antecedents that are too close.

	Control	Anaphor binding	No pn binding	Be PRO
NOM unaccusative subject	✓	✓	✓	✓
NOM unergative subject	✓	✓	✓	✓
NOM transitive subject	✓	✓	✓	✓
ERG subject	✓	✓	✓	✓
GEN infinitive subject	✓	✓	✓	N/A
INS subject	✓	✓	✓	×
LOC subject	✓	✓	✓	×
DAT subject	✓	✓	×	×
INS <i>by</i> -phrase	✓	✓	×	×
INS causee	✓	✓	×	×
Promoted NOM object of passive	✓	✓	×	✓
Promoted NOM object of dative predicate	✓	✓	×	✓
DAT indirect object	×	×	×	×
NOM/ACC direct object	×	×	×	×
INS comitative expression	×	×	×	×

Table 4: Behaviour of arguments with respect to subject properties.

- (40) Condition B: A pronominal is free in its binding domain.

- A bizarre set of facts is seen in Urdu. A pronominal possessor in the direct object (DO) can be bound by the indirect object (IO) (41a) but not by the subject which is further away (41b). Further increasing distance, by adding a clause boundary, makes binding possible once again (41c).

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|------|----|--------------------------|---|----|---|
| (41) | a. | IO | → | DO | ✓ |
| | b. | Subj | → | DO | × |
| | c. | Subj ... [_{TP} | → | DO | ✓ |

- In addition, no pronoun binding is also different from the other properties because it not a property that is gained but rather a property that is lost.

Challenge 2: Gaining subject properties

- Some more details from Poole (2016):
 - Subject properties are gained through movement to specifiers of relevant functional heads.
 - NOM subjects move through all heads while quirky case subjects stop at intermediate positions (depending on the language).
 - Movement is triggered by [$\bullet D \bullet$] and [$\bullet \text{NOM} \bullet$] features. All subjects can satisfy [$\bullet D \bullet$] but only nominative subjects can satisfy [$\bullet \text{NOM} \bullet$].
- How can we motivate movement for our data? What feature unites high subjects while excluding low subjects so that only high subjects move to SpecTP?
- If we assume subject properties are gained through movement, and low subject properties are associated with Voice, then we would have to assume that the external argument is generated in a position lower than SpecVoiceP, i.e. SpecvP (c.f. Kratzer, 1996; Pyllkänen, 2002).

5.2 Conclusion

- I have shown that subjects are not a homogenous group. Different groups of subjects show different subsets of subject properties.
- I have proposed two factors for this:
 - Structural position: Subject properties are associated with a series of functional heads, Voice and T. Voice is associated with anaphor binding and control into participial clauses. All subjects occupy SpecVoiceP and show these properties. T is associated with no pronoun binding. High subjects move to SpecTP and show additional properties. Since movement is cyclic, all subjects must occupy SpecVoiceP to move to SpecTP, and therefore, must show anaphor binding and control into participial clauses to show no pronoun binding.

(39) SUBJECT PROPERTIES HIERARCHY:

$$\underbrace{\text{control} + \text{anaphor binding}}_{\text{Voice}} \ll \underbrace{\text{no pn binding}}_{\text{T}}$$

- Agree with finite T: In parallel, Agree with finite T, also influences the behaviour of subjects with respect to properties that depend on the presence/absence of finite T. Structural case assigned by finite T is unavailable in non-finite clauses. Subjects with these structural cases must either have genitive case if overt in non-finite clauses or be replaced by PRO. Non-structural cases continue to be available in non-finite clauses, and subjects with these cases cannot be replaced by PRO or have genitive case.
- What have we learnt about subjecthood more generally?
 - There is no single subject position.
 - Subjecthood does indeed seem to be a spectrum.
 - Structural and non-structural case, i.e. canonical and quirky case subjects, are not good indicators of where subjects fall on the spectrum (c.f. Poole, 2016).

	Highest	Non-highest
Agent	NOM unergative subject, NOM transitive subject, ERG subject, GEN subject	INS <i>by</i> -phrase, INS causee
Non-agent	NOM unaccusative subject, INS subject, LOC subject, DAT subject, promoted object of passive, promoted object of dative predicate	NOM/ACC direct object, DAT indirect object, INS comitative expression

Table 5: Arguments selected in this survey.

- Arguments in the shaded cells show at least some subject properties. Arguments in the dark shaded cell, with the addition of NOM unaccusative subjects, show all subject properties.
- It is interesting that NOM and ERG subjects are the only ones which show all subject properties, and have, once again, emerged as ‘most subject-like’.
- Mohanan (1994) claims that so-called subject properties in Hindi-Urdu are in fact associated with prominence. Arguments can be prominent in many

ways, e.g. syntactically prominent (structurally high), logically prominent (agent theta-role), etc.

- Could a subjecthood spectrum be a spectrum of prominence? How can we capture prominence in functional terms?

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Appendix

Data for control into participial clauses, anaphor binding and no pronoun binding. (Data for being PRO given in Section 4.1.)

Nominative unaccusative subjects

- (A1) a. Control into participial clause:

Rami_i [*PRO_i ghar jaa kar*] *so gya.*
Rami.NOM_i [*PRO_i home.LOC go do*] sleep go.PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i went to sleep when he_i went home.’

- b. Anaphor binding:

Rami_i *apne_i bistar=mein so gya.*
Rami.NOM_i SELF’S_i bed=LOC sleep go.PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i went to sleep in his_i own bed.’

- c. No pronoun binding:

Rami_i *us=ke*_i bistar=mein so gya.*
Rami.NOM_i 3.SG.OBL=GEN.OBL*_i bed=LOC sleep go.PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i went to sleep in his*_i/her bed.’

Nominative unergative subjects

- (A2) a. Control into participial clause:

Rami_i [*PRO_i ghar jaa kar*] *ro-ya.*
Rami.NOM_i [*PRO_i home.LOC go do*] cry-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i cried when he_i went home.’

- b. Anaphor binding:

Rami_i *apne_i bistar=mein ro-ya.*
Rami.NOM_i SELF’S_i bed=LOC cry-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i cried in his_i own bed.’

- c. No pronoun binding:

Rami_i *us=ke*_i bistar=mein ro-ya.*
Rami.NOM_i 3.SG.OBL=GEN.OBL*_i bed=LOC cry-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i cried in his*_i/her bed.’

Nominative transitive subjects

- (A3) a. Control into participial clause:

Rami_i [*PRO_i ghar jaa kar*] *seb kha-tha*
Rami.NOM_i [*PRO_i home.LOC go do*] apple.NOM eat-IPFV.M.SG
he.
 be.PRS.3.SG
 ‘Rami_i eats an apple when he_i goes home.’

- b. Anaphor binding:

Rami_i *Sana=ko_j apni_i/*_j kitaab bhejay ga.*
Rami_i Sana=DAT_j SELF’S_i/*_j book.NOM send.FUT.3.SG FUT.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i will send Sana_j his_i/*her_j own book.’

- c. No pronoun binding:

Rami_i *Sana=ko_j us=ki*_i/j/k kitaab bhejay*
Rami_i Sana=DAT_j 3.SG.OBL=GEN.F.SG_i/*_j book.NOM send.FUT.3.SG
ga.
 FUT.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i will send Sana_j his*_i/k/her_j/k book.’

Ergative subjects

- (A4) a. Control into participial clause:

Rami=ne_i [*PRO_i ghar jaa kar*] *seb kha-ya.*
Rami=ERG_i [*PRO_i home.LOC go do*] apple.NOM eat-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i ate an apple when he_i went home.’

- b. Anaphor binding:

Rami=ne_i *Sana=ko_j apne_i/*_j ghar=mein dekh-a.*
Rami=ERG_i Sana=ACC_j SELF’S_i/*_j house=LOC see-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i saw Sana_j in his_i/*her_j own home.’

- c. No pronoun binding:

Rami=ne_i *Sana=ko_j us=ke*_i/j/k ghar=mein*
Rami.NOM_i Sana=DAT_j 3.SG.OBL=GEN.OBL*_i/j/k home=LOC
dekh-a.
 see-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i saw Sana_j in his*_i/k/her_j/k home.’

Genitive infinitive subjects

- (A5) a. Control into participial clause:

Rami=ka_i [*PRO_i ghar ja kar*] *ro-na*
Rami=GEN.M.SG_i [*PRO_i home.LOC go do*] cry-INF
 ‘Rami’s_i crying when he_i went home’

- b. Anaphor binding:

Rami=ka_i *apne_i ghar ja-na*
Rami=GEN.M.SG_i SELF’S_i home.LOC go-INF
 ‘Rami’s_i going to his_i own home’

- c. No pronoun binding:

Rami=ka_i *us=ke*_i ghar ja-na*
Rami=GEN.M.SG_i 3.SG.OBL=GEN.M.SG*_i home.LOC go-INF
 ‘Rami’s_i going to his*_i/her home’

Instrumental subjects

- (A6) a. Control into participial clause:

Rami=se_i [*PRO_i ghar ja kar*] *kaam nahi ki-ya*
Rami=INS_i [*PRO_i home.LOC go do*] work.NOM not do-PFV.M.SG
gya.
 go.PFV.M.SG.
 ‘Rami_i was unable to do the work when he_i went home.’

- b. Anaphor binding:

Rami=se_i *apna_i kaam nahi ki-ya gya.*
Rami=INS_i SELF’S_i work.NOM not do-PFV.M.SG go.PFV.M.SG.
 ‘Rami_i was unable to do his_i own work.’

- c. No pronoun binding:

Rami=se_i *us=ka*_i kaam nahi ki-ya*
Rami=INS_i 3.SG.OBL=GEN.M.SG*_i work.NOM not do-PFV.M.SG
gya.
 go.PFV.M.SG.
 ‘Rami_i was unable to do his*_i/her work.’

Locative subjects

- (A7) a. Control into participial clause:

Rami=pe_i [*PRO_i Pakistan ja kar*] *bohath zimadaariyan*
Rami=LOC_i [*PRO_i Pakistan.LOC go do*] very responsibilities
paR ga-iin.
 fell go-PFV.F.PL.
 ‘A lot of responsibilities fell on Rami_i when he_i went to Pakistan.’

- b. Anaphor binding:

Rami=pe_i *apne_i khaandan=ki bohath zimadaariyan*
Rami=LOC_i SELF’S_i family=GEN.F.SG very responsibilities
hein.
 be.PRS.3.SG.
 ‘On Rami_i are many responsibilities of his_i own family.’

- c. No pronoun binding:

Rami=pe_i *us=ke*_i khaandan=ki bohath*
Rami=LOC_i 3.SG.OBL=GEN.OBL*_i family=GEN.F.SG very
zimadaariyan hein.
 responsibilities be.PRS.3.SG.
 ‘There are many responsibilities of his*_i/her family on Rami_i.’

Dative subject and promoted object of dative predicate

- (A8) a. Control into participial clause:

Rami_i **Sana=ko_j** [*PRO_{i/j} Cambridge ja kar*] *pasand*
Rami.NOM_i **Sana=DAT_j** [*PRO_{i/j} Cambridge.LOC go do*] like
aa-ya.
 come-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Sana_j liked Rami_i when he_i/she_j went to Cambridge.’

b. Anaphor binding:

Rami_i **Sana=ko_j** *apne_{i/j}* *sheher=mein* *pasand*
Rami.NOM_i **Sana=DAT_j** SELF'S_{i/j} city=LOC like
aa-ya.
 come-PFV.M.SG

‘Sana_j liked Rami_i in his_i/her_j own city.’

c. No pronoun binding:

Rami_i **Sana=ko_j** *us=ke_{i/j}* *sheher=mein*
Rami.NOM_i **Sana=DAT_j** 3.SG.OBL=GEN.OBL_{i/j} city=LOC
pasand aa-ya.
 like come-PFV.M.SG

‘Sana_j liked Rami_i in his_i/her_j city.’

By-phrase and promoted object of passive

(A9) a. Control into participial clause:

Omar_i **Sana=se_j** [*PRO_{i/j}* *ghar* *ja* *kar*]
Omar.NOM_i **Sana=INS_j** [*PRO_{i/j}* home.LOC go do]
pakR-a *gya.*
 catch-PFV.M.SG PASS.PFV.M.SG

‘Omar_i was caught by Sana when he_i/she_j went home.’

(Kidwai, 2022:7, ex.22b)

b. Anaphor binding:

Omar_i **Sana=se_j** *apne_{i/j}* *sheher=mein* *pakR-a*
Omar.NOM_i **Sana=INS_j** SELF'S_{i/j} city=LOC catch-PFV.M.SG
gya.
 PASS.PFV.M.SG

‘Omar_i was caught by Sana_j in his_i/her_j own city.’

c. No pronoun binding:

Omar_i **Sana=se_j** *us=ke_{i/j}* *sheher=mein*
Omar.NOM_i **Sana=INS_j** 3.SG.OBL=GEN.OBL_{i/j} city=LOC
pakR-a *gya.*
 catch-PFV.M.SG PASS.PFV.M.SG

‘Omar_i was caught by Sana_j in his_i/her_j city.’

Instrumental causee

(A10) a. Control into participial clause:

Rami=ne_i **Sana=se_j** [*PRO_{i/j}* *ghar* *ja* *kar*] *khaana*
Rami=ERG_i **Sana=INS_j** [*PRO_{i/j}* home.LOC go do] food.NOM
pak-va-ya.
 cook-CAUS-PFV.M.SG

‘Rami_i made Sana_j cook food when he_i/she_j went home.’

b. Anaphor binding:

Rami=ne_i **Sana=se_j** *apna_{i/j}* *khaana* *pak-va-ya.*
Rami=ERG_i **Sana=INS_j** SELF'S_{i/j} food.NOM cook-CAUS-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i made Sana_j cook his_i/her_j own food.’

c. No pronoun binding:

Rami=ne_i **Sana=se_j** *us=ka_{*i/j}* *khaana*
Rami=ERG_i **Sana=INS_j** 3.SG.OBL=GEN.M.SG*_{i/j} food.NOM
pak-va-ya.
 cook-CAUS-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i made Sana_j cook *his_i/her_j food.’

Indirect objects

(A11) a. Control into participial clause:

Rami=ne_i **Sana=ko_j** *kitaab* [*PRO_{i/*j}* *ghar* *jaa* *kar*]
Rami=ERG_i **Sana=DAT_j** book.NOM [*PRO_{i/*j}* home.LOC go do]
di.
 give.PFV.F.SG

‘Rami_i gave Sana_j a/the book when he_i/*she_j went home.’

b. Anaphor binding:

Rami_i **Sana=ko_j** *apni_{i/*j}* *kitaab* *bhejay* *ga.*
Rami_i **Sana=DAT_j** SELF'S_{i/*j} book.NOM send.FUT.3.SG FUT.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i will send Sana_j his_i/*her_j own book.’

- c. No pronoun binding:

*Rami_i Sana=ko_j us=ki*_{i/j/k} kitaab*
*Rami_i Sana=DAT_j 3.SG.OBL=GEN.F.SG_{i/*j} book.NOM*
bhejay ga.
send.FUT.3.SG FUT.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i will send Sana_j his*_{i/k}/her_{j/k} book.’

Direct objects

- (A12) a. Control into participial clause:

*Rami=ne_i Sana=ko_j [PRO_{i/*j} ghar jaa kar]*
*Rami=ERG_i Sana=ACC_j [PRO_{i/*j} home.LOC go do]*
dekh-a.
see-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i saw Sana_j when he_i/*she_j went home.’

- b. Anaphor binding:

*Rami=ne_i Sana=ko_j apne_{i/*j} ghar=mein dekh-a.*
*Rami=ERG_i Sana=ACC_j SELF’S_{i/*j} house=LOC see-PFV.M.SG*
 ‘Rami_i saw Sana_j in his_i/*her_j own home.’

- c. No pronoun binding:

*Rami=ne_i Sana=ko_j us=ke*_{i/j/k} ghar=mein*
*Rami.NOM_i Sana=ACC_j 3.SG.OBL=GEN.OBL*_{i/j/k} home=LOC*
dekh-a.
see-PFV.M.SG
 ‘Rami_i saw Sana_j in his*_{i/k}/her_{j/k} home.’

Comitatives

- (A13) a. Control into participial clause:

*Rami=ne_i Sana=se_j [PRO_{i/*j} ghar jaa kar] baath*
*Rami=ERG_i Sana=INS_j [PRO_{i/*j} home.LOC go do] talk*
ki.
do.PFV.F.SG
 ‘Rami_i talked to Sana_j when he_i/*she_j went home.’

- b. Anaphor binding:

*Rami=ne_i Sana=se_j apne_{i/*j} baare=mein baath ki.*
*Rami.NOM_i Sana=INS_j SELF’S_{i/*j} about=LOC talk do.PFV.F.SG*
 ‘Rami_i talked to Sana_j about himself_i/*herself_j.’

- c. No pronoun binding:

*Rami=ne_i Sana=se_j us=ke*_{i/j/k} baare=mein*
*Rami=ERG_i Sana=INS_j 3.SG.OBL=GEN.OBL*_{i/j/k} about=LOC*
baath ki.
talk do.PFV.F.SG
 ‘Rami_i talked to Sana_j about him*_{i/k}/her_{j/k}.’