

Case as agreement

Partly based on Koenenman & Zeiljstra (2017)

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Agreement (to be revised)

In a tree Γ , if there is a node α with $\left[F^{(u)}\right]$, then there needs to be another node β with $\left[F\right]$, such that there are no maximal projection nodes that include α without including β or vice versa.

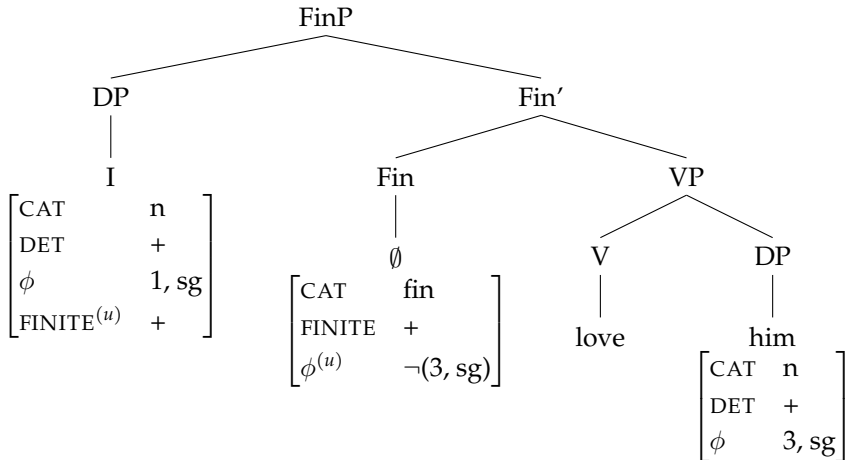
Case is an uninterpretable feature

Nominative and accusative cases (aka **structural** cases) are semantically empty.

Case assignment as agreement

Nominative

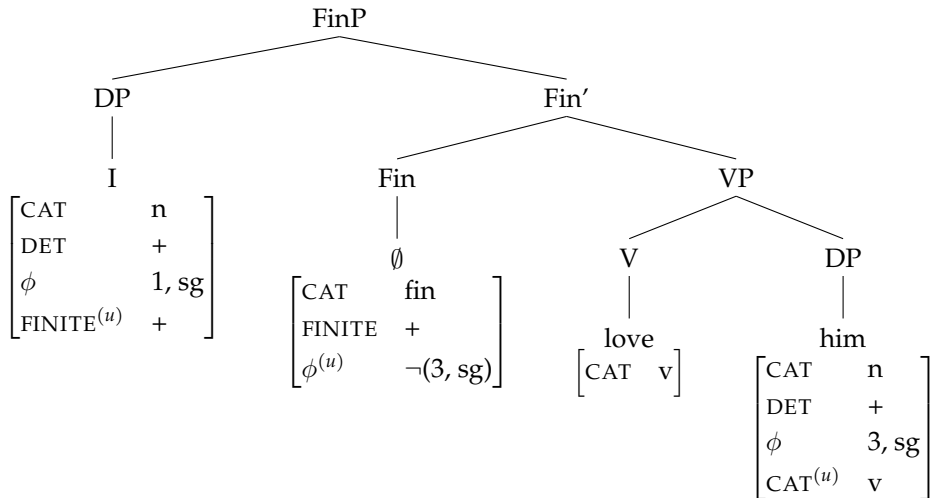
(1) I love him.



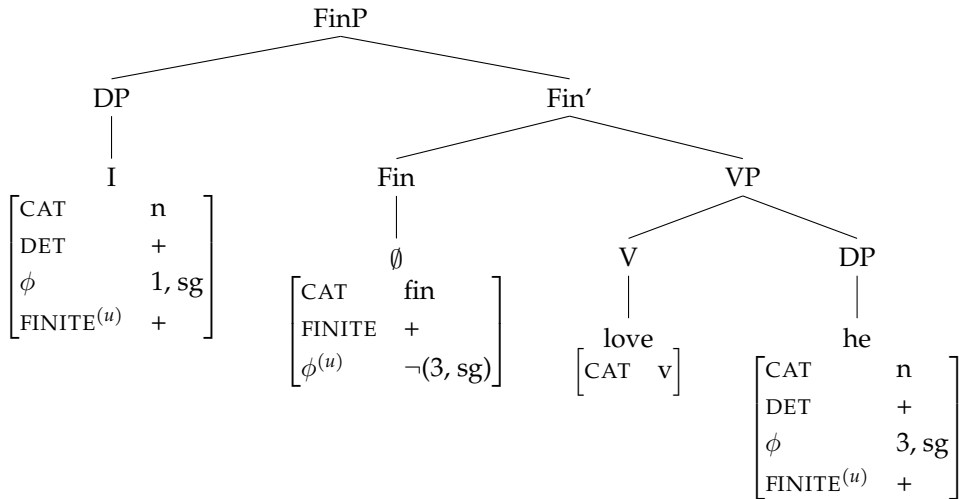
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Accusative

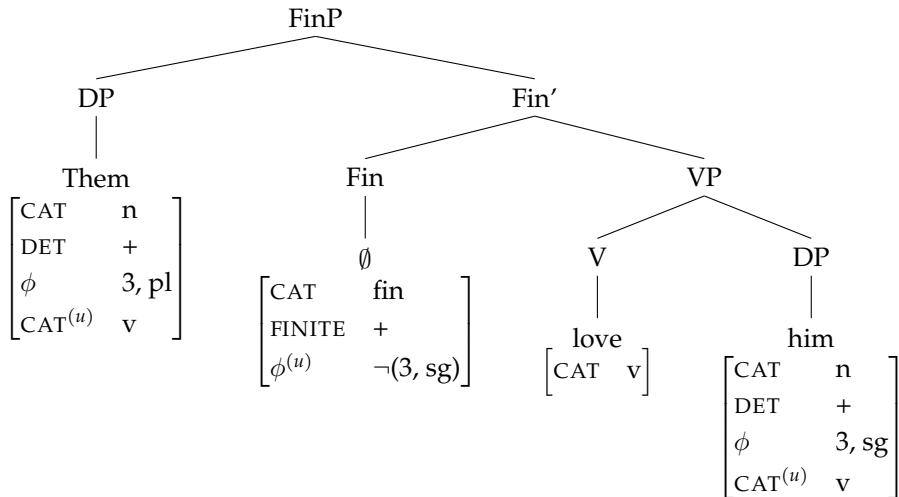
(2) I love him.



(3) *I love he.



(4) *Them love him.



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