

Seminar paper from the year 2008 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Linguistics, grade: 2.0, Technical University of Braunschweig, language: English, abstract: 1. Introduction In the course of this term paper I will analyze three kinds of syntactic movements, which will be the Head Movement, Argument Movement and the Wh-Movement. Initially I will defer to basic knowledge such as Feature Checking, Merge and C-Command since these operations are the basis of syntactic comprehension. After a short introduction I will briefly discuss and explain the Head Movement and the Argument Movement with the help of examples before I focus on the latter, namely the Wh-Movement. This syntactic operation will be the core of this paper. I will try to analyze the latest concepts and approaches to this issue and try to illustrate the way Wh-Movement takes place by several examples. I decided to concentrate on Adger's and Radford's points of view on this topic since they rate among the most accepted syntacticians worldwide. Despite this I will parse their statements very closely and try to find potential differences or grievances. An interesting question will be whether all operations can be explained in a plausible way or if there are arbitrary assumptions without any evidence. 2. Feature Checking Syntacticians assume that every word of a sentence bears certain features. These features are called categorial-selectional (or c-selectional) features and can be either interpretable or uninterpretable. A noun, for example, bears an interpretable feature 1, a verb [V], an adverbial [Adv] and a preposition the feature [P]. A verb cannot stand alone in a sentence but it needs the existence of a subject. In order to explain this phenomenon linguists came to the assumption that a verb has to bear uninterpretable features as well. Since a verb needs the presence of a subject, which usually is a DP, it is assumed that the verb bears next to the interpretable feature [V] the uninterpretable feature 1 (abbreviated [uN]). 2.1 Merge This uninterpretable feature has to be checked and deleted in order to form a grammatically correct sentence. This happens via the operation of Merge. Merge can only

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1. Scandinavian Institute. Ole Togeby, The Meaning of Movement. Object position : Jun The meaning of syntactic position or movement in modern Danish. Movement is an operation that was introduced by transformational . This paper discusses in detail how syntactic derivation proceeds in a. We then describe two constraints on wh- movement that have given rise to much it can be extended straightforwardly to other syntactic relations - for instance.

Abstract. This paper defends the essentially syntactic nature of head movement, contra. Chomsky (f). Head movement yields effects of word order that do . See here for the distinction between A-movement and A'-movement (=A-bar- movement). In short, A-movement moves syntactic objects (words. Head Movement in Syntax argues that verb movement is a narrow syntactic phenomenon that can affect locality constraints.

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