

V2 Phenomena in Kashmiri

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0 Introduction

The phenomena of Verb Second (V2) as in Germanic languages have been one of major topics of interest for the last decade in generative grammar. Kashmiri, a Dardic language spoken in Jammu and Kashmir state of India, is known as a V2-language outside the Germanic family. Like other V2-languages, it displays a variety of word order, including verb-first (V1), verb-third (V3), and verb-final (VF) order under certain contexts, which has been studied within classical generative frameworks (cf. Hook 1976 and Subbarao 1984 among many others). The purpose of this article is to claim that this different order actually results from a conspiracy of some language-particular properties of this language.

The article is organized as follows: Section 1 is allotted to a descriptive overview of verb positions in Kashmiri and recapitulates a typology of fixed verb positions in Germanic, Scandinavian and Kru languages and some of previous standard approaches to the phenomena. Section 2 proposes a theory of V2 phenomena in Kashmiri, with recourse to a few assumptions including some parameters and morphological properties.

1 Verb Positions in Kashmiri

There is a complementary relationship among V1, V2, V3 and VF in Kashmiri. Section 1.1 describes several facts concerning V2 order. Then, the sub-

sequent sections discuss VF, V3 and V1 clauses.

1.1 V2

Finite verbs in declarative root sentences usually occupy the second position preceded by some sentence-initial elements. The bulk of V2-sentences contains a subject in the sentence-initial positions. This is the reason why Kashmiri has been often counted as an SVO language in the literature (cf. Hook 1976).

Consider the following sentences which apparently exhibit familiar SVO order:

- (1) bⁱ chus maasTar.
 'I am a teacher.' (Koul 1977: 39)
- (2) tse chuy makaan^l.
 you OBL is a house 'You have a house.' (Ibid.: 40)
- (3) asi par kitaab.
 'We read a book.' (Ibid.: 47)
- (4) laRkan dits maaji ciTh^l.
 boy ERG gave mother letter
 'The boy gave a letter to his mother.' (Ibid.: 48)

In each of these examples the verb coming second is immediately preceded by the subject. Note that the classical view of Kashmiri as an SVO language is falsified, given such sentences as (5) – (6), where a verb, coming second, is followed by a non-subject NP:

- (5) tamis wana ki, "hee maali,..."
 to-him I-will-say that Oh father
- (6) tawa-pata hetsoov timau wotsav siwun
 from-that-after began they ERG festival to celebrate
 'Thereafter they began a festival to celebrate.'

- (7) raath pyauv seThaah ruud
yesterday fell much rain
- (8) akh insaan vuch me tati
a person saw I ERG there 'I saw a person there.'

When a sentence contains a periphrastic predicate consisting of a finite auxiliary and a perfect/imperfect participle, the auxiliary is located in the second position. And the participle can be either left in a sentence-final position (as in (9)–(11) below) or accompanied by a raised auxiliary (as in (12)–(13) below, where an auxiliary precedes the participle):¹

- (9) raamⁱ oos palav chalaan. (Koul 1977: 34)
Ram was clothes washing 'Ram was washing clothes.'
- (10) me h'ok makaan banaavith. (Ibid.: 37)
I ERG could house construct 'I could construct a house.'
- (11) tse aasiheeth akhbaar onmut. (Ibid.: 38)
you ERG would-have newspaper brought
'You would have brought the newspaper.'
- (12) me chu onmut meez. (Ibid.: 31)
I ERG am brought table 'I have brought a table.'
- (13) tse aas'th par'm't' mazmuun. (Ibid.: 32)
you ERG were read essays 'You have read essays.'

1.2 VF

According to Hook (1976), verb-final order (i.e. a finite verb stays in a clause-final position) is restricted to adverbial or relative clauses. The following sentence (14) is an instance containing an adverbial clause, and (15), relative clauses:

- (14) yeli tamⁱ soru-y dana khor^och^u, tath-diishes woTh^u
when he ERG all wealth spent to-that-country arose

- kaThyun^a draag.
 a-hard famine
- (15) a. yiicⁱ kitabⁱ me pari, tiicⁱ pari nⁱ beyi kaansi.
 as-many books I ERG read so-many read not else any
 ‘Nobody has read as many books as I have read.’
- b. tse yus me wakhun^a dyututh, suh... (Hook 1976: 133)
 you ERG which me lesson gave it
 ‘the lesson which you gave me (hard or easy)...’

By contrast, a complement clause, although it is a subordinate clause, demonstrates V2 order, exactly like its matrix counterpart. Compare (16) – (17) with (1) – (13):

- (16) me chu yaad (ki/zi) su yiyi az.
 me is memory that he will-come today
 ‘I remember (that) he will come today.’
- (17) yih chhuna bananii zi ts^h waatakh az tot^a.
 it is-not possible that you arrive today there

1.3 V3

In a *wh*-question, a finite verb stands in position three (cf. Hook 1984). This V3 order is observed either in a root sentence (cf. (18) – (20)) or in an embedded complement (cf. (21) – (22))².

- (18) paansⁱ kus chu divaan?
 money who is paying ‘Who is paying money?’
- (19) shuri k’aazi chi shor karaan?
 children why are noise making
 ‘Why are the children making noise?’
- (20) toh’ k’aa chiv kh’aavan?
 you what is eating ‘What are you eating?’

- (21) toh' vaniv su k'aazi aav.
 you say he why came 'You say why he came.'
- (22) ts^h chhukha zaanaan zi manuush ketha-pōThⁱ chhih tas zaanaan.
 you are knowing that people how-like are him knowing
 'Do you know what people think of him?'

By contrast, in a yes-or-no question a finite verb comes second. Note that an interrogative suffix *-aa* is attached to the finite verb. In a wh-question, as is clear from (18)–(22), this marker *-aa* is not attached to a finite verb. Consider the following yes-or-no questions illustrating this point:

- (23) shurⁱ os-aa asaan?
 child was-Q laughing 'Was the child laughing?'
- (24) raamⁱ yiy-aa az?
 Ram come-Q today 'Will Ram come today?'
- (25) tse chuth-aa akhbaar pormut?
 you are-Q newspaper read 'Have you read the newspaper?'

1.4 V1

Hook (1976) reports that the bulk of “VSO order” is only found in *Hatim's Tales*, giving the following description in his footnote 9:

“In the first three sections of Tale X, there are 17 instances of verb-initial non-imperative sentences as against 57 where the verb is not initial and 6 verb-initial imperative sentences...”

He cites the following sentence from the tales:

- (26) sombarow^u paatashehan zyun^u be-shumaar.
 collected king ERG firewood countless

In an imperative sentence, a verb stands in position two. No instances are found where a verb appears in a sentence-initial position:

- (27) darvaazⁱ kar band.
 door do shut 'Close the door.'
- (28) kitaab par.
 book read 'Read the book.'
- (29) me di paans'...
 me give money 'Give me money.'

Next turn to coordinate structures. When two clauses are conjoined, the verb of the second conjunct occupies a sentence-initial position with its subject dropped. The following examples illustrate this point:

- (30) sohnan buuz reeDiyo ti leechan zⁱ ciThi.
 Sohan ERG listened-to radio and wrote two letters
- (31) tsuuras laj guul' ti muud.
 the thief was-hit by-a-bullet and died

So far we have outlined V1, V2, V3 and VF order. In the remainder of this section, we recapitulate a typology of languages in which finite verbs are located in fixed slots.

1.5 The Typology of Fixed Verb Positions

In this section, we will discuss fixed positions of verbs in such languages as Germanic, Scandinavian and Kru.

In Germanic languages except Modern English, a declarative main clause has V2 order (cf. (32)), while a yes-or-no question, V1 order (cf. (33)):

- (32) Dutch
- a. Marie heeft gisteren een boek aan Jan gegeven.
 Mary has yesterday a book to John given
- b. dat Marie gisteren een boek aan Jan gegeven heeft.
 that Mary yesterday a book to John given has

'Mary has given a book to John yesterday.'

(33) German

Köpte John boken?

bought John the book 'Did John buy the book?'

Furthermore, when a topicalized constituent is located in a sentence-initial position, the sentence maintains V2 order. Consider (34a-c):

(34) a. John hade troligen köpt boken.

John had probably bought the book

b. *Troligen John hade köpt boken.

c. Troligen hade John köpt boken.

In Scandinavian languages except Icelandic (i. e. Danish, Norwegian, and Swedish), a finite verb stands in slot three in a subordinate clause when a subject occupies a sentence-initial position and an adverb, if any, precedes the verb. In Icelandic an embedded verb comes second, regardless of whether the sentence includes an adverb.³ In declarative main clauses, both Scandinavian and Germanic display V2 order. Consider the following sentences (35)–(36):

(35) Swedish

a.* ...att John hade sannolikt köpt boken.

that John had probably bought the book

b. ...att John sannolikt hade köpt boken.

(36) Icelandic

a. ...ad Jon hefði trúlega keypt bókina.

that John had probably bought the book

b. *ad Jon trúlega hefði keypt bókina.

Another difference between Scandinavian and Germanic is that an infinite verb immediately follows the finite verb in the former while an infinite verb appears in a clause-final position in the latter. This is, as is well-known, due

to the fact that underlying word order within VP is VO in Scandinavian, and OV in Germanic.

Koopman (1984) attempts an account of V-movement phenomena in two Kru languages, Vata and Gbadi. In these languages like other V2 languages, a finite verb stands in a pre-object position, deriving either SVO or S-AUX-O-V order as a result. Unlike Germanic, Vata and Gbadi do not demonstrate any root/non-root asymmetries in that a finite verb coherently follows the subject. Consider the following examples cited from Koopman (1984: 27–28):

(37) ñ lè bǐ sāká.

I eat now rice 'I am eating rice right now.'

(38) wà lā mÓ dlá.

they PERF-A him kill 'They have killed him.'

(39) ñ gblǐ nā Ó lè sāká.

I know NA s/he eat rice 'I know that s/he is eating rice.'

According to Koopman, the word order of particular constituents is completely fixed in these languages. And they do not allow the free word order of non-verbal elements. Other constituents are allowed to change their positions only in Adv and X''* positions, as shown in (40):

(40) NP-V-ADV-X''* -V[-Tns]-S'

Hence, as Koopman notes, it is inappropriate to take Vata and Gbadi as V2 languages.

Before closing this section, let us recapitulate standard accounts of V2-phenomena in Germanic and verb-movement in Vata and Gbadi. Dutch and German are assumed to be head-final languages, where heads such as V, I, etc. (but not C) follow their complements. The V2 order is taken to be derived as a result of movement of V (via I) to C. Since the C head is exceptionally head-initial, a complex form [V-I] that moves into C precedes other IP-internal

elements. The Spec of CP counts as a position into which a topicalized element substitutes. Thus, V-movement and topicalization derive the V2 order as in (32a), whose structure in the overt syntax would be (41):⁴

- (41) [_{CP} Marie_i [_C [_C heeft_i] [_{IP} t_i gisteren [_{VP} een boek aan Jan gegeven] t_j]]]

Although the subject *Marie* is topicalized into the Spec of CP by substitution in (41), topics are not necessarily restricted to subjects. The perfect participle, remaining within VP, occupies a clause-final position. Thus, this derivation leads to the V2 order.

When a C head is already occupied by an overt complementizer as in (32b), V-to-C movement is blocked and thus the finite verb stays in a clause-final I⁰ position. That is why an embedded clause has VF order in German and Dutch. (32b) is given the following surface structure:

- (42) [_{CP} [_C [_C dat] [_{IP} Marie gisteren [_{VP} een boek aan Jan gegeven] [_I heeft]]]]]

Koopman (1984) discusses the fixed verb position in Kru languages, assuming that V is head-final and VP follows Infl in Vata and Gbadi. SVO order is derived in the following manner: a finite verb raises to Infl [+Tns] and an infinite verb stays in V. Thus (37) and (38) would be given the following structures (43) and (44), respectively:

- (43) [_S ñ [_{Infl} lè] [_{VP} bĩ sàkà t_V]]

- (44) [_S wâ [_{Infl} lā] [_{VP} mÓ dlá]]

Although these standard solutions to the word order in Germanic, Scandinavian and Kru languages are successful in many respects, they will not be extended to V2 phenomena in Kashmiri without revisions. In the next section we will propose some revisions of the standard V2 theory.

2 The Syntax of Verbs in Kashmiri

2.1 The Structure of IP

Kashmiri, like German and Dutch, is more or less a head-final language, whose underlying order within VP is OV.⁵ Suppose that C is exceptional within the X-bar system in Kashmiri in that it is head-initial, as in German and Dutch (cf. section 1.5). According to Chomsky's (1986) extended X-bar theory, Kashmiri has the following configuration:

- (45) [_{CP} Spec [_C C [_{IP} Spec [_{I'} [_{VP}... V] I]]]]

Before we undertake an account of V-movement, let us turn to verb-agreement and Case-assignment in Kashmiri. When a subject is marked with either dative or ergative Case, verb-agreement takes place with both the subject and the object. Consider the following examples that illustrate this point:

- (46) a. me chu kalam.
 me DAT is 1/M SG pen M SG 'I have a pen.'
- b. asi cha kitaab'.
 us DAT are 1/F PL books F PL 'We have books.'
- c. me oos akh kamr'.
 me DAT was 1/M SG one room M SG 'I have a room.'
- (47) a. me chi an'mit' meez.
 I ERG am 1/M PL brought M PL table M PL
 'I have brought tables.'
- b. tse chath khem'its tseer.
 you ERG are 2 SG/F SG eaten F SG apricot F SG
 'You have eaten an apricot.'
- c. me aas' liikh'mit' savaal.
 I ERG was 1F SG written M PL questions M PL
 'I had written questions.'

As is clear from (46) – (47), an auxiliary verb such as *chu* agrees with the dative/ergative subject in person (and in number when the subject is the second person) and, at the same time, with the object NP in number and gender. In (47), the perfect participle as a main verb agrees with the object NP in number and gender. Both agreement and Case-assignment are triggered by an Agr(eement) node. Elsewhere, I propose variants of Agr that assign non-nominative Case, i.e. absolutive, ergative, and terminal allative Case, under agreement (cf. Terada 1989; 1991). I will attempt a further extension of my (1989; 1991) proposal to accommodate verb-agreement and V2 order in Kashmiri, discussing its consequences.

Suppose that Agr_{-x} agrees with and assigns Case X to an NP under a Spec-head relation. A clause contains at least two Agrs: dative/ergative-assigning Agr (call it Agr_{-DAT/ERG}) on one hand and accusative/absolutive-assigning Agr (call it Agr_{-ACC/ABS}) on the other. A nominative-assigning Agr (= Agr_{-NOM}) occurs in a nominative-accusative construction.⁶

Moreover, on the basis of Chomsky's (1991) and Pollock's (1989) proposals, let us revise the structure of a sentence as in (48) rather than (45):

- (48) [_{CP} Spec [C [_{AgrP-X} Spec [[_{TP} [[_{AgrP-Y} [[_{NorP} [[_{VP}...V] Neg]] Agr_{-Y}]] T]] Agr_{-X}]]]]

Here, C in a tensed clause bears a [+Tns] feature, Agr_{-Y} and Neg are not generated unless they are necessary. According to Chomsky (1986), only a zero-level category can move to a head-position (p. 4 (4b)), and it must obey the Head Movement Constraint (HMC), as defined in (49):

- (49) Head Movement Constraint

Movement of a zero-level category β is restricted to the position of a head α that governs the maximal projection γ of β , where α θ -governs γ if $\alpha \neq C$.
(Cf. *ibid.*: 71)

(46). Recall that in (9)–(10), the perfect participle can be left in a sentence-final position (see footnote 1). The sentences (9)–(10) contain no Agr-ABS and hence the object NP, remaining within VP, is Case-marked by the main verb. Hence only the auxiliary undergoes successive V-to-C movement. Consider (53), the configuration given to (9):

- (53) $[_{CP} \text{ raam}^i [_C \text{ oos}] [_{ESUB} [_{VP} [_{VP} \text{ palav chalaan}] t_V] t_T] t_{Agr}]]]$
 Ram was clothes washing

On the other hand, in (47) both the auxiliary and the perfect participle undergo successive V-to-C movement. Thus, (47a) would be given the structure as in (54):⁷

- (54) $[_{CP} \text{ me} [_C \text{ chi-an'mt}^i] [_{ESUB} [[_{AgrP-ABS} \text{ meez} [_{VP} \text{ eOBJ } t_V] t_{Agr}] t_T] t_{Agr}]]]$
 I ERG am 1/M PL-brought M PL table M PL

2.2 Other Consequences of Head Movement

Our analysis in section 2.1, based on the structure of a sentence as in (48), takes agreement and Case-assignment to be a result of head-movement. It will prove to be consistent with some other empirical phases observed in this section.

2.2.1 Neg-Movement and Negative Sentences

In Kashmiri, a negative sentence includes the negative morpheme $-n^i$ which is attached to a finite verb. Consider the following examples:

- (55) shur oos-nⁱ asaan.
 the boy was-not laughing
- (56) tse chuy-nⁱ ken taakath.
 you DAT is-not any strength 'You do not have any strength.'

Hence, the movement of a finite verb from within VP to Agr/T across Neg⁰

violates the HMC, since it crosses a Minimality barrier NegP, as in (57):

$$(57) * [_{XP} [X V-X] [_{NegP} [_{VP} e_V] [_{Neg} -n]]]$$

Then, the verb is forced to adjoin to and amalgamate with the Neg head, θ -governing the VP so that the derivation can be immune from an HMC violation. The verb further undergoes successive Neg-to-C movement. This is why the negative morpheme $-n^i$ is suffixed to the verb in a negative sentence.

2.2.2 Yes-or-No Questions and Negative Questions

Consider (23) – (25) again. In Kashmiri yes-or-no questions, a verb is marked with a suffix $-aa$. It is generated under a C^0 head with a $[+wh]$ feature and attracts a verb. This is not inconsistent with the fact that the yes-or-no question has V2 order. Topicalization to the Spec of CP is also involved here.

Moreover, note that in a negative question an interrogative suffix $-aa$ is added to a verb which a negative suffix $-n^i$ has been already attached to. The following example illustrates this point:

$$(58) \text{ bagavaan } \text{ chu-n-aa } \text{ poz?}$$

God is-not-Q true 'Isn't God true?'

The fact that a verb permits suffixation of both $-n^i$ and $-aa$ meets our claim in section 2.2.1 that Neg is amalgamated with V, and the complex category $[V-Neg]$ further raises to C. The Spec of CP is occupied with a topicalized constituent. Thus, we have V2 order even in negative questions. Since the verb first amalgamates with $-n^i$, this suffix $-n^i$ can never follow the suffix $-aa$.

2.3 Kashmiri as a Pure V2 Language

So far we have argued that V2 order is derived as a result of a conspiracy of successive V-to-C movement and topicalization of some IP-internal element to the Spec of CP. At the same time, we have exhibited that our analysis of

2.3.2 V3 Problems

We have argued that a wh-question displays V3 order, where a verb follows an interrogative pronoun (cf. Wali 1988). Recall that this V3 order is not affected by the root/non-root distinction. Hook attempts to accommodate this phenomenon in his (1976: 139; 1984: 146–147) work. It has been observed that South Asian languages have a tendency for a wh-interrogative pronoun to stand immediately before a verb in wh-questions. Strictly speaking, the most natural position that wh-words occupy is a pre-verbal position.

Cardona (1965: 172) reports the fact that Gujarati restricts the occurrence of a wh-phrase to a pre-verbal position. Moreover, Klaiman (1976) observes that the pre-verbal position in Hindi-Urdu is a focus position. Some native speakers of Hindi-Urdu shows a strong preference for such an interrogative adjunct as *kyō* ‘why’ to appear immediately before a verb.

- (62) a. *āp kyō rote-hai?*
 you why crying-are ‘Why are you crying?’
 b. (?)*kyō āp rote-hai?*

Horvath (1986) and Kiss (1987) report that a Hungarian wh-phrase only occurs in a pre-verb position (a focus position). Consider the following sentences cited from Horvath (1986: 44):

- (63) a. *Mari kinek vett egy könyvet t_i ajándékba?*
 Mary who-to bought 3 SG a book-ACC present-into
 ‘Who did Mary buy a book as a present?’
 b. *Kinek vett Mari egy könyvet t_i ajándékba?*
 who-to bought 3 SG Mary a book-ACC present-into

We count V3 order in Kashmiri as one of V2 phenomena. We have two ways to solve this matter. One possibility is to propose that a wh-phrase is adjoined to a C’ node. This C’-adjunction is an operation that is open only

to wh-phrases, either in the overt syntax or at LF (see Terada 1993b). Thus, the sentence (18) would have the following structure in the overt syntax:

- (64) [_{CP} paansⁱ [_C kus [_C [_C chu] [_{AGR^P} e_{SUB} e_{OBJ} edivaan t_V]]]]
 money who is paying

Another possibility is to propose, partially following Horvath (1986), that a wh-phrase is incorporated into V, which raises to C. Thus, the sentence (18) would have the following configuration:¹⁰

- (65) [_{CP} paansⁱ [_C [_V kus chu]] [_{AGR^P} e_{SUB} e_{OBJ} edivaan t_V]]
 money who is paying

The embedded questions as in (21) – (22) would have configurations similar to (64) – (65).

To sum up, although a verb comes third within a wh-question, it actually occupies C as in usual V2 sentences.

2.3.3 Verb Final Order

As we have seen, VF (verb-final) order in a subordinate clause is complex and is not accommodated in previous approaches to V2 in Germanic. Recall that in Kashmiri, adverbial and relative clauses have the VF order, while sentential complements, the V2 order. This is illustrated in the contrast between (14) – (15) and (16) – (17).

In this section I will attempt a purely syntactic account for the VF order.¹¹ Let us first see the V2 order in a complement clause as in (16) – (17). We claim that the embedded V2 order can be derived in the same manner as its matrix counterpart. That is, the finite verb moves to the embedded C position with its specifier occupied by a moved topic. To make this story more explicit, we suggest that a complementizer *ki/zi* is cliticized onto some element in the higher clause. This is partially schematized in (66), where *ki* is cliticized onto the matrix V (For further discussion, the reader is referred to Pesetsky (1991:

chapter 10) and Shlonsky (1988) among others):

(66) ... [_{VP} V-*ki* [_{CP} [_C *t_i*] AgrP]]

After cliticization of *ki/zi*, the finite verb raises to C by substitution and at the same time a topicalized element moves into the Spec of CP, giving rise to the V2 order. The configuration of (16) would be schematized as in (67):

(67) [_{CP} me [_C chu [_{AgrP} yaad-*ki* [_{CP} su [_C yiyi [_{AgrP} ... az ...]]]]]]
 me is memory that he will-come today

Note that this cliticization is susceptible to the HMC. In (67), the embedded CP is θ -governed by (the trace of) the matrix verb. Hence movement of *ki* is permitted under the HMC.

If this reasoning is correct, VF order within adverbial and relative clauses is derived in a natural way under our account. Note that since these types of clauses are not complements selected by any matrix element, they are not θ -governed. Therefore, when a complementizer in such clauses is cliticized onto some matrix element, this derivation violates the HMC. Then, cliticization of a complementizer out of adverbial/relative clauses is blocked as an HMC violation, and hence the complementizer is forced to remain within the embedded C position. The illicit cliticization of a complementizer is shown in the following partial schematic structure:

(68) ... [_{VP} V-C ... [_{CP} *t_C* AgrP]]

It is not implausible to assume that those elements that head adverbial/relative clauses, i.e. *yeli* 'when' and *yus* 'which', etc. are not maximal projections, but X⁰-categories. (Both *yeli* and *yus* are originally relative pronouns.) Thus, (15b) would have the following configuration:

(69) [_{CP} tse [_C [_C yus] [_{AgrP} me [_{VP} wakhunu] [_{Agr-ERG} dyututh]]]],...
 you ERG which me lesson gave

The head of the relative clause CP, as we assume, is occupied with a relative pronoun *yus*, which is an X^0 -category. The relative pronoun within C binds its AgrP-internal trace. The Spec of CP may be occupied with a topicalized element *tse*. When the Spec of CP is empty, a relative pronoun stands sentence-initially, as in (14) and (15a).

Since the complementizer *yus* as in (69) is not permitted to cliticize onto any matrix elements under the HMC, the finite verb *dyututh* cannot raise to the C head, remaining in Agr-_{ERG}. Since every head except C is fead-final in Kashmiri, the finite verb in Agr-_{ERG} apparently appear in a clause-final position in a relative clause. The same account holds of the VF order in adverbial clauses as in (14). If a finite verb raises to a C position, the C head must not be doubly filled with phonetic elements, and then a complementizer (i.e. a relative pronoun, etc.) must cliticize onto a matrix element. This cliticization, however, is blocked under the HMC, since relative/adverbial clauses are not θ -governed by a matrix element. Thus, VF order in Kashmiri is derived, by assuming that a relative pronoun is an X^0 -category that substitutes into a C position.

Notes

*This article is a revised version of my unpublished manuscript written in Japanese in 1990. That is why the basic assumptions which our analysis is based on are adopted from Chomsky's (1986; 1991) framework (cf. Terada 1993a) and are radically different from those in such current frameworks as Chomsky's (1992) Minimalist program. An elaboration of V2 theory based on Minimalistic syntax has to be relegated to my future research.

1. An infinite verb together with its auxiliary may come second in such sentences as (9)–(11). Consider for example (i)–(ii) below. The finite verb is always preceded by the auxiliary in (i)–(ii) in exactly the same way, as we have seen in (12)–(13):

(i) raam' chu cavaan caay.

'Ram is drinking tea.'

(ii) raam' heki kh'ath bat'.

'Ram can eat food.'

(Hook 1976: 135)

2. Note, however, that in the following sentence, V2 order is permitted:

(i) tamis chu yaad kam' kar kaam. (Koul 1977: chapter 4)

him is memory who did work 'He remembers who did the work.'

This fact remains unsolved in this article.

Diesing (1990) observes that Yiddish allows V3 order only in embedded questions.

3. Thrainsson (1986) observes that Icelandic exceptionally permits V3 (i.e. subject-adverb-verb) order.

4. We assume that V-to-C movement is triggered by some morphological property: a finite verb must be "checked" by [+Tns] C. We will not pursue this matter here.

One might wonder why topicalization into the Spec of CP is necessary in V2 languages. We have no satisfactory solution to this issue. Nomura (1986) attempts to attribute the obligatory nature of this movement to the Empty Category Principle (ECP). For the definition of the ECP, see Chomsky (1986; 1991).

5. We do not have enough empirical evidence in favor of the claim that Kashmiri is configurational, i.e. it has a VP node. Nevertheless, there is one piece of evidence. In a coordinate structure, VP-deletion is possible, as is illustrated in (i):

(i) raajan por akhbaar ti shilan-ti

'Raj read the newspaper and Shiela did too.' (Koul 1977: 59)

6. These Agrs are characterized with specifications of agreement features, as in (i):

(i) Agr-DAT/ERG [α Person, β Number, γ #] Agr-ABS [α #, β Number, γ Gender]

Agr-NOM [α Person, β Number, γ Gender] Agr-ACC [α #, β #, γ #]

[α] is a ternary Person feature with the values First/Second/Third person.

[β] is a binary number feature with the values Singular/Plural. [γ] is a binary Gender feature with the values Masculine/Feminine. Agr-ACC has none

of these features.

7. In (11), the perfect participle, remaining in Agr-ABS, undergoes agreement

and Case-assignment. The proposed structure (48) in Kashmiri correctly explains the position of the verb in this sentence.

8. Other paradigms (e.g. the past tense) lack rich inflections. We will not pursue this matter here.
9. This empty expletive (emex) is governed by the verb moved to C, satisfying the Emex Condition, a licensing condition proposed by Safir (1985). For details, see Safir (1985).
10. Actually, Horvath assumes that an interrogative pronoun is base-generated in a pre-V position immediately dominated by V'.
11. Hook attempts to account for this contrast by assuming that word order in Kashmiri is conditioned by such semantic factors as new/old information. His account is problematic in that it cannot extend to Germanic and Scandinavian. For a detailed discussion, see Terada 1990.

For a previous account of VF order in Kashmiri, the reader is referred to Bhatt and Yoon (1991).

Abbreviations

ABS= absolutive case; ACC= accusative case; DAT= dative case;
 ERG= ergative case; NOM= nominative case; Q= question marker.

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カシュミリー語におけるV2現象

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Abstract

ゲルド諸語に属するカシュミリー語は、ヨーロッパ以外の言語で動詞第2位 (Verb Second, V2) の語順をもつ言語である。カシュミリー語の動詞は、V2以外にも第1位 (V1), 第3位 (V3) 及び文末 (VF) の位置に置かれ、その位置は互いに相補分布をなす。V2語順は平叙文の主節と補文及び yes-no 疑問文内で見られる。この場合、定形動詞の前に現れるのは話題化された要素であり、主語に限定されずいかなる構成素でもよいという点がSVO語順とは異なる。一方、VFつまり動詞が文末に現れる語順は、従属節それも副詞節と関係節に限定される。V3語順は wh 疑問文内で動詞が、話題要素及び疑問詞に続いて第3位に現れる場合であり、この語順には主節・従属節の区別による差はない。V1語順は等位接続構造において見られ、等位接続文の結合部に文が置かれた場合、2つめの文の主語が空となって動詞が文頭に現れる。このようなV1, V2, V3, VFの語順に対して生成文法の原理・媒介変数理論の枠組みから、以下のような説明を本稿で提案した。V2語順は、従来のV2理論において考えられているように、動詞がCへ移動し、話題要素がCP指定辞へ移動することで得られる。(C以外の節点はその補部に後続する。) さらに、V1, V3, VF語順もV2と同様の派生を通じて生成され、V2現象の1つであると主張する。V1は、主語位置に空の代名詞類 pro が占めていることによる、表層での動詞第1位の語順に他ならない。V3語順は、話題要素がCP指定辞に移動して、動詞がC位置にあり、これら両者の間に現れる wh 疑問詞がC' 付加しているかあるいは動詞に編入された位置にあるとして説明される。wh句はフォーカスを与えられるので、これらの位置がフォーカス位置であるとする。VF語順は、副詞節や関係節で動詞が節の最後の位置に現れるものである。これは同じ従属節ながら、補文内はV2語順になることと対比をなしている。補文標識は主節の要素に接語化するものと見なすと、この接語化は主要部移動制約 (HMC) に従う。主節の要素に選択された補文は主題 (θ) 統率されるので、この場合、補文標識は主節へ接語化できる。しかし副詞節や関係節は主節の要素に選択されないで、主題統率されず、これらの節の補文標識 (ここでは副詞節を導く接続詞や関係詞に当たるものとする) は主節へ接語化されない。この補文標識はこれらの節のC位置に残り、この位置への動詞の移動が阻止されるため、動詞は Agr 節点内に位置する。こうしてVF語順が導かれる。

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