

Non-redundancy: towards a unified approach to movement and construal

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Main approaches to movement within generative syntax have alternatively taken gaps to be either objects with no internal structure, e.g., *traces* (Chomsky 1973, Fiengo 1977), or unpronounced constituents having the same structure as their filler (Chomsky 1993, Nunes 1995). Recent research converges on the idea that a single movement chain may contain both types of object functioning as gaps, e.g., Takahashi & Hulsey (2009), Stanton (2016), Muñoz Pérez (2017, 2018), Poole (2017).

Extending ideas in Muñoz Pérez (2017, 2018), I contend that the simplest way to generate this type of chains involves adopting an algorithm of chain recognition that allows creating movement dependencies from base-generated (and transformationally unrelated) constituents. Under this assumption, the lexico-syntactic structure of gaps can be determined in a left-to-right fashion from (i) recoverability, and (ii) a principle of **non-redundancy between anaphorically dependent DPs** based on Schlenker's (2005) *Minimize Restrictors!*. The basic prediction is that gaps must have as little structure as possible. The system is tested against a number of traditional reconstruction and anti-reconstruction puzzles, including the so-called *Barss Generalization* (Barss 1986, Sauerland & Elbourne 2002).

While the proposed non-redundancy principle is able to account for Condition C violations just as Schlenker's *Minimize Restrictors!*, combining it with the mechanism of chain recognition in Muñoz Pérez (2017, 2018) allows to predict the distribution of pronouns and reflexives under the assumption that the latter involve A-movement dependencies (Hornstein 2001, Boeckx et al. 2009).

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