

## Various guises of C and WH-movement in a framework based on categorial feature checking

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In this presentation, I propose an alternative account of feature checking/valuation with a specific aim to show how the framework based on such premises interacts with WH-movement(s). With respect to the system of categorial feature checking/valuation the following basic assumptions are made: (a) lexical heads have an exclusively lexical feature matrix and functional heads have an exclusively functional one, (b) only the former enter into Agree operations, whereas the latter require Merge or Move to satisfy their features, and (c) interaction between lexical Goals and functional Probes is made possible via the mediating functional heads c-selecting the lexical ones (for instance, a D-head c-selecting an N-head will be an intermediary between that N and the light verb probing the DP). The mediating functional heads thus provide the lexical categories with a "functional layer" indispensable for communication with other functional heads (Probes) (see Chomsky 1999:9).

Here, I want to concentrate on the nature and various guises of the C(omp)-head. It appears that C may have varying feature matrices depending on what is merged in it and what its role is meant to be (i.e. clause typing elements). The important fact about C is that apart from its categorial features it is usually endowed with additional features such as [WH], [top], etc., whose checking may also result in a free ride checking of categorial features. I present an analysis of various Cs (a declarative matrix C, root interrogative C (both yes/no and WH-questions), embedded interrogative C, embedded declarative C with a WH-extraction, and finally a relative C) and show how the system proposed here accounts for the facts observed in the structures in which they occur and makes the right predictions with respect to the presence/absence of the "that-t effects" in Child and Belfast English, as well as presence/absence of T-to-C movements accompanying the WH-movements.

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