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Long-distance bound local anaphors in Korean—An empirical study of the Korean anaphor *caki-casin*

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Abstract

In this paper we argue that the Korean anaphor *caki-casin*, taken thus far to be a local anaphor, can be bound long-distance in certain cases as an exempt anaphor. We make this argument on the basis of an experimental study where the subjects were asked to judge the grammaticality of sentences with long-distance bound *caki-casin* and to choose between the strict and sloppy readings in contexts of ellipsis/proform. A majority of subjects accepted long-distance bound *caki-casin* and preferred strict readings, indicating that long-distance bound *caki-casin* is behaving as an exempt anaphor. Speakers who accepted sentences with long-distance bound *caki-casin* were sensitive to logophoric factors that are known to influence exempt binding. These results imply that the core vs. exempt binding distinction (Pollard and Sag, 1992, 1994; Reinhart and Reuland, 1993) exists even in languages like Korean with a rich inventory of anaphors—local and long-distance—suggesting that the core-exempt dichotomy is orthogonal to the local vs. long-distance property of anaphors (Cole et al., 2001; Huang and Liu, 2001). More generally, the results indicate that both grammar and the interfaces are involved in anaphor binding.

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1. Introduction

In this paper we argue that the Korean anaphor *caki-casin*, taken thus far to be a local anaphor, can be bound long-distance in certain cases as an exempt anaphor when appropriate extra-grammatical conditions are satisfied. We make this argument on the basis of an experimental study where the subjects were asked to judge the grammaticality of sentences with long-distance bound *caki-casin* and to choose between the strict and sloppy readings in contexts of ellipsis/proforms. A majority of subjects accepted long-distance bound *caki-casin* and strict readings became easily available in contexts of ellipsis/proforms, indicating that long-distance bound *caki-casin* is behaving as an exempt

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