

On Left-Branch Extraction (LBE) and Left-Branch Condition (LBC) effects

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Based on Korean (and English) A-bar movement data, I here suggest (A) that LBE is a case of regular overt A-bar movement (cf. Boškovic (2005)); and (B) that LBC effects are not a locality problem, but a lexically-restricted PF phenomenon, which interacts with a feature-copy/spreading process (that applies at the time of merger) which is triggered by lexical properties of the left-branches of particular category projections. Suggestion (B) will explain why unlike island effects, LBC effects exhibit particular language internal/cross-linguistic variations as well as a well-known category-sensitivity, and why they can be nullified by ellipsis, unlike island effects (cf. Grebenyova (2005)).