

Internally Headed Relative Clauses in Japanese

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1 Introduction

■ Externally headed (EHRC) vs. internally headed relative clauses (IHRCs), e.g. in Japanese:¹

- (1) Taro-wa [[Yoko-ga reezooko-ni irete-oita_{RC}] **hotondo-no kukkii-o**] paatii-ni
Taro-Top [[Yoko-Nom refrigerator-Loc put-Aux_{RC}] **most** **cookie-Acc**] party-to
motte-itta. EHRC
brought
'Taro brought to the party most cookies that Yoko had put in the refrigerator.'
- (2) Taro-wa [[Yoko-ga reezooko-ni **hotondo-no kukkii-o** irete-oita_{RC}] -no]-o
Taro-Top [[Yoko-Nom refrigerator-Loc **most** **cookie-Acc** put-Aux_{RC}] -NM]-Acc
paatii-ni motte-itta. IHRC
party-to brought
'Yoko put most cookies in the refrigerator and Taro brought them (= all the cookies Yoko had put in the refrigerator) to the party.'
- (3) Scenario: (Shimoyama, 1999)
Yoko put 10 cookies in the refrigerator and Taro brought 7 of them to the party.
⇒ EHRC (1) is TRUE
⇒ IHRC (2) is FALSE
- (4) Taro-wa [[Yoko-ga reezooko-ni irete-oita_{RC}] **ooku-no kukkii-o**] paatii-ni
Taro-Top [[Yoko-Nom refrigerator-Loc put-Aux_{RC}] **many-NM cookie-Acc**] party-to
motte-itta. EHRC
brought
'Taro brought to the party many cookies that Yoko had put in the refrigerator.'
- (5) Taro-wa [[Yoko-ga reezooko-ni **ooku-no kukkii-o** irete-oita_{RC}] -no]-o paatii-ni
Taro-Top [[Yoko-Nom refrigerator-Loc **many-NM cookie-Acc** put-Aux_{RC}] -NM]-Acc party-to
motte-itta. IHRC
brought
'Yoko put many cookies in the refrigerator and Taro brought them (= all the cookies Yoko had put in the refrigerator) to the party.'
- (6) Scenario:
Yoko put 10 cookies in the refrigerator and Taro brought 6 of them to the party.
⇒ EHRC (4) is TRUE
⇒ IHRC (5) is FALSE

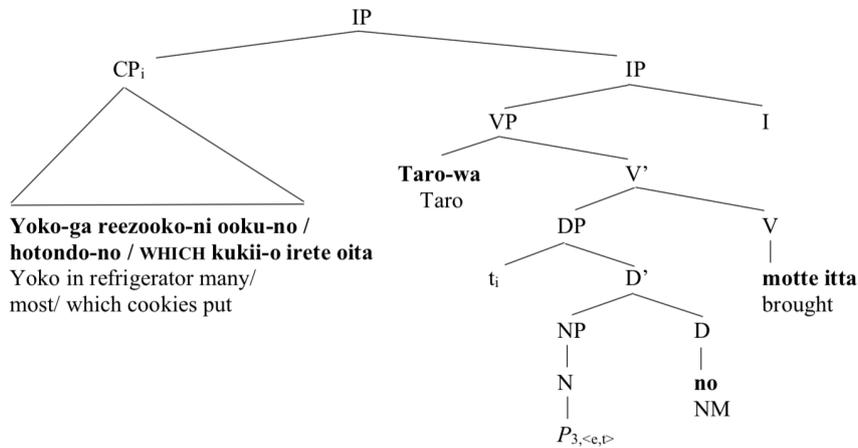
¹Crosslinguistically, IHRCs do not pattern alike in all languages. Grosu (2012) presents an overview distinguishing two main types: restrictive IHRCs and maximalizing IHRCs. Japanese IHRCs belong to the latter type.

- (7) Taro-wa [[[Yoko-ga turete-kita_{RC}] **dono neko**]-ga nigedasia ka] siritagatte-iru. EHRC
 Taro-Top [[[Yoko-Nom brought-along_{RC}] **which cat**]-Nom ran.away Q] want.to.know
 ‘Taro wonders which cat that Yoko brought along run away.’
 ⇨ It implies that Yoko brought more than one cat and that at least one of those cats –say, x –
 ran away.
 ⇨ It asks what cat x that is.
- (8) Taro-wa [[[Yoko-ga **dono neko-o** turete-kita_{RC}] -no]-ga nigedasia ka]
 Taro-Top [[[Yoko-Nom **which-NM cat-Acc** brought-along_{RC}] -NM]-Nom ran.away Q]
 siritagatte-iru. IHRC
 want.to.know
 ‘Taro wonders which cat Yoko brought along and that the cat that Yoko brought along ran away.’
 ⇨ It implies that Yoko brought exactly one cat and that all the cats that Yoko brought (which are
 just one) ran away.
 ⇨ It asks what cat x that is.

■ Current analysis of Japanese IHRCs (Shimoyama (1999) building on Hoshi (1995)):²

- The IHRC is adjoined to IP at LF, and it will be interpreted as a separate sentence.
- The N position in the DP that the IHRC has been extracted from is occupied by a free (phonologically null) proform $P_{\langle e,t \rangle}$, to which **no** ‘NM’ (\approx definite article) applies: The DP as a whole functions as an E-type pronoun.

- (9) Taro-wa [[Yoko-ga reezooko-ni **ooku-no** / **hotondo-no** / WHICH **kukkii-o** irete-oita
 Taro-Top [[Yoko-Nom refrigerator-Loc **many-NM** / **most-NM** / WHICH **cookie-Acc** put-Aux
 RC] -no]-o motte-itta.
 RC] -NM]-Acc brought



■ Determiner-like vs. adjective-live uses of *many*, e.g. in English:

- (10) **Many** students that attended the meeting has fun.
 (11) **The many** students that attended the meeting had fun.
 \approx ‘The students that attended the meeting, which were many students, had fun.’

²For an alternative analysis, see Grosu & Landman (2012).

■ IDEA:³

[Qu N] functioning as internal heads of relative clauses in Japanese have parallel truth conditions to *[the Qu_{adj-use} N]* in English.

- (12) IHRC (5):
 Translation: ‘Yoko put many cookies in the refrigerator and Taro brought them (= all the cookies Yoko had put in the refrigerator) to the party.’
 Our paraphrase: ‘Taro brought to the party the many cookies that Yoko had put in the refrigerator.’⁴
 ≈ ‘Taro brought to the party the cookies that Yoko had put in the refrigerator, which were many cookies.’
- (13) IHRC (2):
 Translation: ‘Yoko put most cookies in the refrigerator and Taro brought them (= all the cookies Yoko had put in the refrigerator) to the party.’
 Our paraphrase: ≈ ‘Taro brought to the party the cookies that Yoko had put in the refrigerator, which were most of the cookies.’
- (14) IHRC (8):
 Translation: ‘Taro wonders which cat Yoko brought along and that the cat that Yoko brought along ran away.’
 Our paraphrase: ≈ ‘Taro wonders for which x : the cat that Yoko brought along, which was x , ran away.’

■ Parallel ambiguity exists between reconstructed N’ containing superlatives in (15) (Bhatt, 2002; Hulsey & Sauerland, 2006) and reconstructed N’ containing adjectival *many/few* in (16)-(17) (Romero, 2018):

- (15) The longest book that John (ever) said Tolstoy had (ever) written is on the shelf.
 a. High reading: ‘the x that is the longest book about which John said that Tolstoy had written it’
 b. Low reading: ‘the x such that John said that the longest book that Tolstoy had written was x ’
- (16) The many women that Mary said John had dated were standing over there.
 a. High reading: ‘the x that is a numerous women sum and about which Mary said that John had dated it’
 b. Low reading: ‘the x such that Mary said [that John had dated the women sum x and that x is many]’
- (17) The few women that Mary (ever) said John had (ever) dated were standing over there.

■ GOAL:

To provide a unified analysis of English adjectival uses of *many* like (11) and Japanese IHRCs like (5) that is as close as possible to that of reconstructed superlatives.

■ Roadmap

- §2 Background on determiner-like uses of *many* (Solt, 2009) and *which* (Rullmann & Beck, 1998)
- §3 Background on reconstruction into relative clauses (Bhatt, 2002; Hulsey & Sauerland, 2006)
- §4 Proposal on English adjective-like uses of *many*
- §5 Proposal on Japanese IHRC
- §6 Outlook

³In fact, see (Solt, 2015, 257) for an analysis of adjectival-like uses of *many* in English that, building on an idea by Hackl (2000), involves reconstructing *many N* inside the relative clause and using Shimoyama’s (1999) E-type anaphora, as in (i):

- (1) a. The many/few students who attended enjoyed the lecture. (Solt, 2015, 257)
 b. LF: [[_{NP} The $pro_{\langle e,t \rangle}$ [_{CP} that there were many students who attended]] enjoyed the lecture]
 c. $\llbracket pro_{\langle e,t \rangle} \rrbracket = \lambda x_e. *student(x) \wedge attend(x)$

⁴ So far checked with one speaker!

2 Background

2.1 Background on determiner-like uses of *many*

- A family of degree operators: STEM + *-er* / *-est* / POS

(18) $\llbracket -er \rrbracket = \lambda Q_{\langle d,t \rangle} . \lambda P_{\langle d,t \rangle} . Q \subset P$

- (19) a. (Greta is 1,26m). Lucía is taller (than that).
 b. $\lambda d . \text{tall}(\text{greta}, d) \subset \lambda d . \text{tall}(\text{lucia}, d)$

(20) $\llbracket -est \rrbracket = \lambda Q_{\langle dt,t \rangle} . \lambda P_{\langle d,t \rangle} . \forall Q \in \mathbf{Q} [Q \neq P \rightarrow Q \subset P]$

- (21) a. Lucía is tallest (among the girls in her class).
 b. $\forall Q \in \{ \lambda d . \text{tall}(\text{greta}, d), \lambda d . \text{tall}(\text{sarah}, d), \lambda d . \text{tall}(\text{lucia}, d), \lambda d . \text{tall}(\text{liv}, d), \dots \}$
 $[Q \neq \lambda d . \text{tall}(\text{lucia}, d) \rightarrow Q \subset \lambda d . \text{tall}(\text{lucia}, d)]$

(22) $\llbracket POS \rrbracket = \lambda Q_{\langle dt,t \rangle} . \lambda P_{\langle d,t \rangle} . L_{\langle \langle dt,t \rangle, \langle dt \rangle \rangle}(\mathbf{Q}) \subseteq P$

(23) |------[////////]------ - - - - ∞

- (24) a. Lucía is tall (for an 8-year old).
 b. $L(\{ \lambda d . \text{tall}(\text{valentin}, d), \lambda d . \text{tall}(\text{jonah}, d), \lambda d . \text{tall}(\text{lucia}, d), \dots \}) \subseteq \lambda d . \text{tall}(\text{lucia}, d)$

- Ordinary adjectives in superlative form:

Ambiguity: absolute reading vs. relative reading with several association possibilities (Heim, 1999; Szabolcsi, 1986):

- (25) John climbed the highest mountain.
 a. Absolute: ‘John climbed a mountain higher than any other mountain.’
 b. Relative: ‘John climbed a higher mountain than anybody else climbed.’

- (26) a. John wrote the longest letter to Mary_F. \mapsto compares *recipients* of John’s letters
 b. John_F wrote the longest letter to Mary. \mapsto compares *senders* of letters to Mary

- Ordinary adjectives in positive form

Ambiguity: absolute reading vs. relative reading with several “association” possibilities (Schwarz, 2010)

- (27) Mia has an expensive hat.
 a. Absolute: ‘Mia has a hat that is expensive for a hat’
 b. Relative: ‘Mia has a hat that is expensive for somebody like Mia to have (e.g., for a 3-year old)’.

- (28) a. Paul_{ALT} gave Mia an expensive hat.
 \mapsto a hat that is expensive for somebody like Paul (e.g. unemployed people) to give
 b. Paul gave Mia_{ALT} an expensive hat.
 \mapsto a hat that is expensive for somebody like Mia (e.g. a 3-year old) to get

- Determiner-like uses of *many* in positive form

- Ambiguity: absolute reading Penka (2016) vs. relative reading with several “association” possibilities (Romero, 2015; Solt, 2009):

- (29) Ada ate many cookies.
 a. Absolute: ‘Of the cookies, Ada ate a cookie sum x that is large compared to the remaining cookie sums.’
 b. Relative: ‘Ada ate a sum of cookies that is large for somebody like Ada (e.g., a diabetic) to eat.’
- (30) a. Many parents visited the Linguistics_{ALT} table this year.
 \mapsto many visitors in comparison to those of other tables this year
 b. Many parents visited the Linguistics table [this year]_{ALT}.
 \mapsto many visitors in comparison to those of the Ling table other years

◦ Analysis of the relative reading, adapted from [Solt \(2009\)](#):

$$(31) \quad \llbracket \text{POS} \rrbracket = \lambda \mathbf{Q}_{\langle dt, t \rangle} \cdot \lambda P_{\langle d, t \rangle} \cdot L_{\langle \langle dt, t \rangle, \langle dt \rangle \rangle}(\mathbf{Q}) \subseteq P \quad (= (22))$$

$$(32) \quad \llbracket \text{MANY}_{\text{card}} \rrbracket = \lambda d_d \cdot \lambda x_e \cdot |x| \geq d$$

(33) Many parents visited the Linguistics_{ALT} table this year.

a. LF: [[POS C] [1 [NP A t_1 -MANY parents visited the Linguistics_{ALT} table this year]]] \sim C]

b. $\llbracket C \rrbracket \subseteq \{ \lambda d' \cdot \exists x [* \text{parent}(x) \wedge |x| \geq d' \wedge \text{visit}(x, \text{the.ling.table, this.year})],$
 $\lambda d' \cdot \exists x [* \text{parent}(x) \wedge |x| \geq d' \wedge \text{visit}(x, \text{the.psych.table, this.year})],$
 $\lambda d' \cdot \exists x [* \text{parent}(x) \wedge |x| \geq d' \wedge \text{visit}(x, \text{the.bio.table, this.year})], \dots \}$

c. $L(\llbracket C \rrbracket) \subseteq \lambda d \cdot \exists x [* \text{parent}(x) \wedge |x| \geq d \wedge \text{visit}(x, \text{the.ling.table, this.year})]$

(34) Many parents visited the Linguistics table [this year]_{ALT}.

a. LF: [[POS C] [1 [NP A t_1 -MANY parents visited the Linguistics table [this year]_{ALT}]]] \sim C]

b. $\llbracket C \rrbracket \subseteq \{ \lambda d' \cdot \exists x [* \text{parent}(x) \wedge |x| \geq d' \wedge \text{visit}(x, \text{the.ling.table, this.year})],$
 $\lambda d' \cdot \exists x [* \text{parent}(x) \wedge |x| \geq d' \wedge \text{visit}(x, \text{the.ling.table, 2018})],$
 $\lambda d' \cdot \exists x [* \text{parent}(x) \wedge |x| \geq d' \wedge \text{visit}(x, \text{the.ling.table, 2017})], \dots \}$

c. $L(\llbracket C \rrbracket) \subseteq \lambda d \cdot \exists x [* \text{parent}(x) \wedge |x| \geq d \wedge \text{visit}(x, \text{the.ling.table, this.year})]$

2.2 Background on *which* phrases

■ *Which*-phrases and presupposition projection ([Rullmann & Beck, 1998](#)):

(35) A: Which unicorn did Bill want to catch?

B: Bill wanted to catch the unicorn Isabella.

B': Bill wanted to catch the blue unicorn.

\mapsto Bill believes that there is a (unique) unicorn Isabella / blue unicorn.

\mapsto Speaker B/B' does not need to believe so.

■ *Which*-phrases as definite descriptions ([Rullmann & Beck, 1998](#)):

As in (36), leading to answers like (35B), or as in (37), leading to answers like (35B) or (35B'):

(36) $\text{which}_i \text{ unicorn} \quad \mapsto \quad \text{the } (\lambda y [\text{unicorn}_w(y) \wedge y = x_i])$

(37) $\text{which}_i \text{ unicorn} \quad \mapsto \quad \text{the } (\lambda y [P_i(y)(w) \wedge \text{unicorn}_w(y)])$

3 Background on reconstruction into relative clauses

3.1 Low reading of ADJ+*est*

■ Recall the low reading of example (15), repeated here as (38):

(38) The longest book that John said Tolstoy had written is on the shelf.

a. Low reading: 'the x such that John said that the longest book that Tolstoy had written was x '

■ Syntactic structure ([Bhatt, 2002](#); [Hulsey & Sauerland, 2006](#)):

◦ Head raising structure of the Relative Clauses and Copy Theory of movement

◦ Trace conversion ([Fox, 2000](#))

◦ Scoping out the degree phrase [*est C*] and adding $\sim C$

- (39) Trace Conversion Rule (Fox, 2000):
- Variable insertion: (Det) $\text{Pred}_i \Rightarrow (\text{Det}) [\text{Pred } \lambda y.y=\text{pro}_i]$
 - Determiner Replacement: (Det) $[\text{Pred } \lambda y.y=g(i)] \Rightarrow \text{the} [\text{Pred } \lambda y.y=\text{pro}_i]$
- (40) a. Copies at LF:
 The longest book₁ that [_{CP1} Op longest book₁ that John said [_{CP2} Op longest book₁ that Tolstoy had written Op longest book₁]]
- Copy deletion:
 The ~~longest book~~_T $\lambda 1$ that [_{CP1} ~~Op longest book~~_T that John said [_{CP2} ~~Op longest book~~_T that Tolstoy had written **Op longest book**₁]]
 - Trace conversion:
 The ~~longest book~~_T $\lambda 1$ that [_{CP1} ~~Op longest book~~_T that John said [_{CP2} ~~Op longest book~~_T that Tolstoy had written **the longest book** $\lambda y.y=\text{pro}_1$]]
 - est movement and marking of the focus associate:
 The ~~longest book~~_T $\lambda 1$ that [_{CP1} ~~Op longest book~~_T that John said [_{CP2} ~~Op longest book~~_T that **[-est C]** $\lambda 2$ [Tolstoy had written **the t₂-long book** $\lambda y.y=\text{pro}_{1,F}$] $\sim C$]]

■ Semantic derivation:

- Intensional version of -est: (41)
- The comparison class C is relativized to the relevant evaluation world w' : (42)

(41) $\llbracket \text{-est} \rrbracket = \lambda Q_{\langle \langle d, st \rangle, t \rangle} . \lambda P_{\langle d, st \rangle} . \lambda w . \forall Q \in \mathbf{Q} [Q \neq P \rightarrow Q_w \subset P_w]$

(42) $\llbracket \phi \sim C_{w'} \rrbracket$ is defined only if $\llbracket C_{w'} \rrbracket \subseteq \llbracket \phi \rrbracket^f$ and $\forall D_{\langle d, st \rangle} \in \llbracket C_{w'} \rrbracket : \exists d [D(d)(w')]$;
 $= \llbracket \phi \rrbracket$ if defined.

- (43) a. [The 1 [_{CP1} that John said [_{CP2} $\lambda w'$ that w' **[-est C_{w'}]** 2[Tolstoy had written the t₂-long book $\lambda y.y=\text{pro}_{1,F}$] $\sim C_{w'}$]] is on the shelf]
- b. $\llbracket \lambda 2$ [Tolstoy had written the t₂-long book $\lambda y.y=\text{pro}_1$] $\rrbracket = \lambda d . \lambda w'' . \text{Tolstoy wrote}_{w''} \iota y [y \text{ is } d\text{-long}_{w''} \text{ book}_{w''} \wedge y=g(1)]$
- c. $\llbracket C_{w'} \rrbracket = \{ \lambda d . \lambda w'' . \text{Tolstoy wrote}_{w''} \iota y [y \text{ is } d\text{-long}_{w''} \text{ book}_{w''} \wedge y=\mathbf{a}] ,$
 $\lambda d . \lambda w'' . \text{Tolstoy wrote}_{w''} \iota y [y \text{ is } d\text{-long}_{w''} \text{ book}_{w''} \wedge y=\mathbf{b}] ,$
 $\lambda d . \lambda w'' . \text{Tolstoy wrote}_{w''} \iota y [y \text{ is } d\text{-long}_{w''} \text{ book}_{w''} \wedge y=\mathbf{c}] , \dots \}$
- d. $\llbracket \text{CP}_2 \rrbracket = \lambda w' . \forall Q \in \llbracket C_{w'} \rrbracket$
 $[Q \neq \lambda d . \lambda w'' . \text{Tolstoy wrote}_{w''} \iota y [y \text{ is } d\text{-long}_{w''} \text{ book}_{w''} \wedge y=g(1)] \rightarrow$
 $Q_{w'} \subset \lambda d . \text{Tolstoy wrote}_{w'} \iota y [y \text{ is } d\text{-long}_{w'} \text{ book}_{w'} \wedge y=g(1)]]$
- e. $\llbracket (43a) \rrbracket = \lambda w . \iota x_e [\text{John said}_w : \lambda w' . \forall Q \in \llbracket C_{w'} \rrbracket$
 $[Q \neq \lambda d . \lambda w'' . \text{Tolstoy wrote}_{w''} \iota y [y \text{ is } d\text{-long}_{w''} \text{ book}_{w''} \wedge y=x] \rightarrow$
 $Q_{w'} \subset \lambda d . \text{Tolstoy wrote}_{w'} \iota y [y \text{ is } d\text{-long}_{w'} \text{ book}_{w'} \wedge y=x]]]$
 is_w on the shelf

3.2 Low reading of ADJ+POS

■ Consider scenario (44) and example (45), modified from Hulsey & Sauerland (2006):

- (44) Scenario: Siouxsie said, pointing at a book on the table: “Lydia has written this book. For a 9-year old, this is a long book to write.”
- (45) The long book that Siouxsie said that (for a 9-year old) Lydia had written was on the table.
- Low relative reading: ‘the x of which Siouxsie said that Lydia wrote the book x and that x was a long book for somebody like Lydia (e.g., a 9 year old) to write’

■ We parsimoniously extend the analysis in §3.1 to adjectives in the positive form:

- Intensional version of *-POS*: (46)
- The comparison class C is, again, relativized to the relevant evaluation world w'
- To derive the relative reading comparing each 9-yr old and her books with the other 9-yr olds and their books, we need two elements in the sentence to be ALT-marked: *Lydia* and pro_1 , as in (47a).

$$(46) \llbracket \text{POS} \rrbracket = \lambda Q_{\langle \langle d, st \rangle, t \rangle} \cdot \lambda P_{\langle d, st \rangle} \cdot \lambda w. L_w(Q) \subseteq P_w$$

- (47) a. LF: [The 1 that [CP_1 that S said [CP_2 $\lambda w'$ that w' [**POS** $C_{w'}$] 2[*Lydia*_{ALT} wrote [the t_2 -long book $\lambda y. y = pro_1, \text{ALT}$]] $\sim C_{w'}$]] was on the table]
- b. $\llbracket 2 \llbracket \text{Lydia}_{\text{ALT}} \text{ wrote the } t_2\text{-long book } \lambda y. y = pro_1, \text{ALT} \rrbracket \rrbracket$
 $= \lambda d. \lambda w''. \text{Lydia wrote } \iota y [y \text{ is a } d\text{-long}_{w''} \text{ book}_{w''} \wedge y = g(1)]$
- c. $\llbracket C_{w'} \rrbracket = \{ \lambda d. \lambda w''. \text{Lydia wrote}_{w''} \iota y [y \text{ is } d\text{-long}_{w''} \text{ book}_{w''} \wedge y = \mathbf{a}]$,
 $\lambda d. \lambda w''. \text{Amy wrote}_{w''} \iota y [y \text{ is } d\text{-long}_{w''} \text{ book}_{w''} \wedge y = \mathbf{b}]$,
 $\lambda d. \lambda w''. \text{Gina wrote}_{w''} \iota y [y \text{ is } d\text{-long}_{w''} \text{ book}_{w''} \wedge y = \mathbf{c}]$, ... }
- d. $\llbracket CP_2 \rrbracket = \lambda w'. L_{w'}(\llbracket C_{w'} \rrbracket) \subseteq \lambda d. \text{Lydia wrote}_{w'} \iota y [y \text{ is } d\text{-long}_{w'} \text{ book}_{w'} \wedge y = g(1)]$
- e. $\llbracket (47a) \rrbracket =$
 $\lambda w. \iota x_e [\text{Siouxsie said}_w:$
 $\lambda w'. L_{w'}(\llbracket C_{w'} \rrbracket) \subseteq \lambda d. \text{Lydia wrote}_{w'} \iota y [y \text{ is } d\text{-long}_{w'} \text{ book}_{w'} \wedge y = x]]$
 was _{w} on the table.

(48) Rough paraphrase:

“Consider the x of which Siouxsie said that: Lydia wrote the book x and x is long compared to books that 9 yr-olds have written. That x was on the table.”

4 Proposal on English adjective-like uses of *many*

■ We are ready to tackle the low reading of *many* in examples like (50) (= (16)) and, by extension, general adjective-like uses of *many* like (52) (parallel to (11)): ⁵

- (49) Scenario: Mary said, pointing at a group of women nearby: “The women John has dated are standing over there. For an 18-year old, these are many women to have dated.”
- (50) The many women that Mary said John had dated were standing over there.
 a. Low reading: ‘the x such that: Mary said [that John had dated the women sum x and that x is many for somebody like John (e.g., an 18-year old) to have dated]’
- (51) Scenario: For an 18-year old, John had dated many women.
- (52) The many women that John had dated were standing over there.
 a. ‘the x such that: John had dated the women sum x and that x is many for somebody like John (e.g., an 18-year old) to have dated’

■ The analysis will be presented in several steps:

- FIRST attempt, which will fail. \mapsto This section
- SECOND attempt adding an Exhaustivity operator, INFORMALLY. \mapsto This section
- SECOND attempt adding an Exhaustivity operator, FORMALLY \mapsto [Romero \(2018\)](#)

⁵The low reading that we are targeting is a de re reading about an individual x_e . For de re readings about an intensional object –e.g., an individual concept–, one could incorporate insights from [Grosu & Krifka \(2007\)](#) into the present analysis

4.1 First attempt

■ Syntactic structure: We transpose the LF structure used for ADJ+POS to MANY+POS:

- [POS C] and the converted copy [the t_2 -MANY women $\lambda y.y = \text{pro}_1$] are embedded under the intentional verb *say* –hence the low reading.
- Both *John* and pro_1 function as POS^s ALT-associates –hence the relative reading comparing John and his dates to other people like John and their dates

(53) The many women that Mary said John had dated were standing over there.

(54) LF: [The 1 [_{CP1} that M said [_{CP2} that [POS C] 2[_{IP}John_{ALT} had dated [the t_2 -MANY women $\lambda y.y=\text{pro}_{1,\text{ALT}}$]]_~ C]] were nearby]

■ Semantic derivation:

Assume for simplicity that, for any world w' compatible with Mary's utterance, the following holds: the set of 18-year olds in w' contains only John, Bill and Herbert, the women John dated in w' are $\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b}+\mathbf{c}$, the women Bill dated in w' are $\mathbf{d}+\mathbf{e}$, and the women Herbert dated in w' are $\mathbf{f}+\mathbf{g}$. This means that, for that world w' , the comparison class $\llbracket C_{w'} \rrbracket$ will be as in (56).⁶

(55) $\llbracket 2[\text{John}_{\text{ALT}} \text{ had dated the } t_2\text{-MANY women } \lambda y.y=\text{pro}_{1,\text{ALT}}] \rrbracket$
 $= \lambda d.\lambda w''.\text{John dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y = g(1)]$

(56) $\llbracket C_{w'} \rrbracket = \{$
 $\lambda d.\lambda w''.\mathbf{John} \text{ dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b}+\mathbf{c}]$,
 $\lambda d.\lambda w''.\mathbf{John} \text{ dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b}]$,
 $\lambda d.\lambda w''.\mathbf{John} \text{ dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=\mathbf{b}+\mathbf{c}]$,
 $\lambda d.\lambda w''.\mathbf{John} \text{ dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{c}]$,
 $\lambda d.\lambda w''.\mathbf{John} \text{ dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=\mathbf{a}]$,
 $\lambda d.\lambda w''.\mathbf{John} \text{ dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=\mathbf{b}]$,
 $\lambda d.\lambda w''.\mathbf{John} \text{ dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=\mathbf{c}]$,
 $\lambda d.\lambda w''.\mathbf{Bill} \text{ dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=\mathbf{d}+\mathbf{e}]$,
 $\lambda d.\lambda w''.\mathbf{Bill} \text{ dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=\mathbf{d}]$,
 $\lambda d.\lambda w''.\mathbf{Bill} \text{ dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=\mathbf{e}]$,
 $\lambda d.\lambda w''.\mathbf{Herbert} \text{ dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=\mathbf{f}+\mathbf{g}]$,
 $\lambda d.\lambda w''.\mathbf{Herbert} \text{ dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=\mathbf{f}]$,
 $\lambda d.\lambda w''.\mathbf{Herbert} \text{ dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=\mathbf{g}] \}$

(57) $\llbracket \text{CP}_2 \rrbracket =$
 $\lambda w'.L_{w'}(\llbracket C_{w'} \rrbracket) \subseteq \lambda d.\text{John dated}_{w'} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w'}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=g(1)]$

(58) $\llbracket (54) \rrbracket =$
 $\lambda w.\sigma x[\text{Mary said}_w:$
 $\lambda w'.L_{w'}(\llbracket C_{w'} \rrbracket) \subseteq \lambda d.\text{John dated}_{w'} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w'}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y = x]$
 $\text{were}_w \text{ nearby.}]$

■ Problem!!!:

- Function L will combine with the set of degree properties (56) and, for each of these properties, it will extract its extension at w' . This leads to the multi-set of degree sets –depicted as intervals– in (59), where each 18-year old contributes not one but several degree intervals. If function L calculates the neutral segment based on this multi-set, we will end up with a wrong neutral segment skewed towards low numbers (as if many 18-year olds had dated exactly one woman).

⁶If, additionally, there is an 18-year old –e.g. Al– who has not dated any woman in w' , we would need a degree property like (i), where \top is a dummy individual whose cardinality is 0 and of which any combination of (other) non-contradictory properties is true at w' . We will ignore this complication in the remainder of this paper.

(1) $\lambda d.\lambda w''.\text{Al dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=\top]$

- What we need is the multi-set (60), where each 18-year old contributes exactly one interval, namely, their maximal interval:

- (59) $\{ [1,3], [1,2], [1,2], [1,2], [1], [1], [1], [1,2], [1], [1], [1,2], [1], [1] \}$ \mapsto John's intervals
 \mapsto Bill's intervals
 \mapsto Herbert's intervals
- (60) $\{ [1,3], [1,2], [1,2] \}$ \mapsto John's maximal interval
 \mapsto Bill's maximal interval
 \mapsto Herbert's maximal interval

4.2 Second attempt, informally

■ Adding an exhaustivity operator *Exh*:

- We just saw that, for each alternative x to John, we want as the alternative to pro_1 the *maximal, exhaustive* sum of women that x dated.
- We propose to secure this maximality by adding the exhaustivity operator *Exh* in (61) to the LF (cf. Chierchia et al. (2012)) and associating it with pro_1 via F-marking (cf. Nicolae (2013)): (62).
- This means that we have nested ALT/F-marking on pro_1 in (62).

(61) $\llbracket Exh \rrbracket = \lambda C_{\langle st,t \rangle} . \lambda p_{\langle s,t \rangle} . \lambda w . p(w)=1 \wedge \forall q \in C [q(w)=1 \rightarrow p \subseteq q]$

(62) LF: The 1 $[_{CP1}$ that M said $[_{CP2}$ that **POS** $C_{j,m}$ 2 $[_{IP1}$ **Exh** D_i $[_{IP2}$ **John**_{ALTj} dated the t_2 -MANY women $\lambda y . y = \llbracket [pro_1]_{ALTm} Fi \rrbracket \sim D_i \rrbracket \sim C_{j,m} \rrbracket$ were nearby.

■ Example of nested foci from the literature and informal derivation (Rooth, 1992; Wold, 1996):

(63) A: John once only drank Wine.

B: John also once only drank Water.

(64) LF: $[_{IP1}$ [Also C_m] once [[only D_i] $[_{IP2}$ John drank [water_{Fm}]_{Fi}] $\sim D_i$] $\sim C_m$]

(65) a. $\llbracket D_i \rrbracket = \{ \lambda w' . \text{John drank}_{w'} \text{ water,}$
 $\lambda w' . \text{John drank}_{w'} \text{ wine,}$
 $\lambda w' . \text{John drank}_{w'} \text{ beer, } \dots \}$

b. $\llbracket [only D_i] IP_2 \rrbracket = \lambda w' . \text{John drank}_{w'} \text{ water and nothing else}$

c. $\llbracket C_m \rrbracket = \{ \lambda w' . \text{John once drank}_{w'} \text{ water and nothing else,}$
 $\lambda w' . \text{John once drank}_{w'} \text{ wine and nothing else,}$
 $\lambda w' . \text{John once drank}_{w'} \text{ beer and nothing else, } \dots \}$

d. $\llbracket IP_1 \rrbracket = \lambda w : \exists p \in C_m [p \neq [\lambda w' . \text{John once drank}_{w'} \text{ water and nothing else}] \text{ and } p(w) = 1]. \text{ John once drank}_w \text{ water and nothing else}$

■ Parallel informal derivation of our example:

(66) The many women that Mary said John had dated were standing over there.

(67) LF: The 1 $[_{CP1}$ that M said $[_{CP2}$ that **POS** $C_{j,m}$ 2 $[_{IP1}$ **Exh** D_i $[_{IP2}$ **John**_{ALTj} dated the t_2 -MANY women $\lambda y . y = \llbracket [pro_1]_{ALTm} Fi \rrbracket \sim D_i \rrbracket \sim C_{j,m} \rrbracket$ were nearby. =(62)

(68) a. $\llbracket D_i \rrbracket = \{ \lambda w'' . \text{John dated}_{w''} \sigma y [*woman_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq g(2) \wedge y = a + b + c],$
 $\lambda w'' . \text{John dated}_{w''} \sigma y [*woman_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq g(2) \wedge y = a + b],$
 $\lambda w'' . \text{John dated}_{w''} \sigma y [*woman_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq g(2) \wedge y = b + c],$
 $\lambda w'' . \text{John dated}_{w''} \sigma y [*woman_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq g(2) \wedge y = a + c],$
 $\lambda w'' . \text{John dated}_{w''} \sigma y [*woman_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq g(2) \wedge y = a],$
 $\lambda w'' . \text{John dated}_{w''} \sigma y [*woman_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq g(2) \wedge y = b],$
 $\lambda w'' . \text{John dated}_{w''} \sigma y [*woman_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq g(2) \wedge y = c] \}$

- b. $\llbracket 2[Exh D_i] IP_2 \rrbracket$
 $= \lambda d. \lambda w''. \text{John dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=a+b+c]$ and
 $\forall p \in D_i [p(w'') = 1 \rightarrow$
 $[\lambda w'''. \text{John dated}_{w'''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w'''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=a+b+c]] \subseteq p]$
 $= \lambda d. \lambda w''. \text{John dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=a+b+c]$ and no
other woman $_{w''}$
- c. $\llbracket C_{m,j} \rrbracket = \{ \lambda d. \lambda w''. \text{John dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=a+b+c]$
and no other woman $_{w''}$,
 $\lambda d. \lambda w''. \text{Bill dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=d+e]$ and
no other woman $_{w''}$,
 $\lambda d. \lambda w''. \text{Herbert dated}_{w''} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w''}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=f+g]$
and no other woman $_{w''} \}$
- d. $\llbracket CP_2 \rrbracket = \lambda w'. L_{w'}(\llbracket C_{m,j} \rrbracket) \subseteq$
 $\lambda d. \text{John dated}_{w'} \sigma y[*\text{woman}_{w'}(y) \wedge |y| \geq d \wedge y=a+b+c]$ and no other woman $_{w'}$

- For a formal compositional derivation using [Wold's \(1996\)](#) framework for nested foci, see Appendix.
- To sum up section §4:

Adjective-like uses / reconstructed readings of *many* have been derived using:

- i. LF structures motivated for reconstruction of N' heads of relative clauses in general and
- ii. an additional exhaustive operator *Exh* maximizing the value of pro_1 .

5 Proposal on Japanese IHRCs

- Back to Japanese IHRCs with $[many N]$ (and $[most N]$):

- (69) Taro-wa [[Yoko-ga reezooko-ni **ooku-no** (/ **hotondo-no**) **kukkii-o** irete-oita_{RC}]
Taro-Top [[Yoko-Nom refrigerator-Loc **many-NM** (/ **most**) **cookie-Acc** put-Aux_{RC}]
-no]-o paatii-ni motte-itta. = IHRC (5)/(2)
-NM]-Acc party-to brought
‘Taro brought to the party the cookies that Yoko had put in the refrigerator, which were many(/most of the) cookies.’

- On (69) with internal head *ooku-no/hotondo-no kukkii-o* ‘many/most cookies’:
Analysis exactly as in §4, with:
 - i. adjectival version of *ooku-no* ‘many’ and *hotondo-no* ‘most’
 - ii. lowest copy / internal head $[Op \text{ many/most cookies}_1]$ converted via [Fox's \(2000\)](#) Trace Conversion:
 $[the \text{ MANY cookies } \lambda y. y=pro_1]$
 - iii. *Exh* associates with pro_1 within converted copy / internal head

- Back to Japanese IHRC with $[which N]$:

- (70) Taro-wa [[[Yoko-ga **dono** **neko-o** turete-kita_{RC}]-no]-ga nigedasita ka]
Taro-Top [[[Yoko-Nom **which-NM** **cat-Acc** brought-along_{RC}]-NM]-Nom ran.away Q]
siritagatte-iru. = IHRC (8)
want.to.know
‘Taro wonders which cat Yoko brought along and that the cat that Yoko brought along ran away.’
 \approx ‘Taro wonders for which x : the cat the Yoko brought along, which was x , ran away.’

- On (70) with internal head *dono neko-o* ‘which cat’:
Analysis as close as possible to that in §4, with:
 - i. adjectival version of *dono* ‘which’:

$$(71) \quad \begin{array}{ll} \text{which}_2 \text{ unicorn} & \mapsto \lambda y[P_2(y)(w) \wedge \text{unicorn}_w(y)] \\ \text{which}_2 \text{ unicorn} & \mapsto \lambda y[y=\text{pro}_2 \wedge \text{unicorn}_w(y)] \end{array} \approx (37)$$

ii. lowest copy / internal head [*Op which₂ cat₁*] converted via Fox's (2000) Trace Conversion:

$$(72) \quad \begin{array}{l} [\text{the which}_2 \quad \text{cat } \lambda y.y=\text{pro}_1] \\ [\text{the } \lambda y.y=\text{pro}_2 \text{ cat } \lambda y.y=\text{pro}_1] \end{array}$$

iii. Need of Exh? If so, associating with what?

■ The analysis of (70) will be presented in two steps:

- FIRST attempt, which will fail.
- SECOND attempt adding an Exhaustivity operator.

5.1 First attempt

■ The embedded interrogative at stake:

$$(73) \quad \dots [[[\text{Yoko-ga } \mathbf{dono} \quad \mathbf{neko-o} \text{ turete-kita } \text{RC}] \text{-no }]\text{-ga } \text{nigedasa} \text{ ka}] \dots$$

... [[[Yoko-Nom **which-NM cat-Acc** brought-along RC] -NM]-Nom ran.away Q] ...

'For which x : the cat the Yoko brought along, which was x , ran away.'

\mapsto It implies that Yoko brought exactly one cat and that all the cats that Yoko brought (which are just one) ran away.

\mapsto It asks what cat x that is.

■ Syntactic structure and semantic interpretation:

$$(74) \quad \text{LF: } [Q_2 [\text{The } 1 [{}_{CP} \text{ Yoko brought } [\text{the which}_2 \text{ cat } \lambda y.y=\text{pro}_1]]]] \text{ ran away}]$$

$$(75) \quad \{ \lambda w.\lambda u[\text{Yoko brought}_w \iota x[x=z \wedge \text{cat}_w(x) \wedge x=u] \text{ ran-away}_w \mid z \in D_e] \}$$

■ Problem!!!:

No guarantee that Yoko brought exactly one cat, but just guarantee that Yoko brought exactly one cat that equals z –which is (far more) trivial.

5.2 Second attempt

■ Adding the exhaustivity operator *Exh* to the LF and associating it with...

- F-marking on *pro₂* and
- F-marking in *which₂*

$$(76) \quad \text{LF: } [Q_2 [\text{The } 1 [{}_{CP} \mathbf{Exh} \mathbf{C} [{}_{IP} \text{ Yoko brought } [\text{the which}_{2,\mathbf{F}} \text{ cat } \lambda y.y=\text{pro}_{1,\mathbf{F}}]]] \sim \mathbf{C}]] \text{ ran away}]$$

■ Semantic interpretation:

$$(77) \quad \begin{aligned} \llbracket \mathbf{C} \rrbracket &= \{ \lambda w. \text{Yoko brought}_w \iota x[x=z \wedge \text{cat}_w(x) \wedge x=u] \mid z, u \in D_e \} \\ &= \{ \lambda w. \text{Yoko brought}_w \iota x[x=\mathbf{a} \wedge \text{cat}_w(x) \wedge x=\mathbf{a}], \\ &\quad \lambda w. \text{Yoko brought}_w \iota x[x=\mathbf{b} \wedge \text{cat}_w(x) \wedge x=\mathbf{b}], \\ &\quad \lambda w. \text{Yoko brought}_w \iota x[x=\mathbf{c} \wedge \text{cat}_w(x) \wedge x=\mathbf{c}], \\ &\quad \lambda w. \text{Yoko brought}_w \iota x[x=\mathbf{a} \wedge \text{cat}_w(x) \wedge x=\mathbf{b}], \\ &\quad \dots \} \end{aligned}$$

$$(78) \quad \{ \lambda w. \lambda u[\text{Yoko brought}_w \iota x[x=z \wedge \text{cat}_w(x) \wedge x=u] \wedge \forall p \in \mathbf{C} [p(w)=1 \rightarrow \lambda w'. \text{Yoko brought}_{w'} \iota x[x=z \wedge \text{cat}_{w'}(x) \wedge x=u] \subseteq p]] \text{ ran-away}_w \mid z \in D_e \}$$

■ To sum up section §5:

The correct reading of Japanese IHRCs containing *many/most* and *which* has been derived using:

- i. LF structures motivated for reconstruction of N' heads of relative clauses in general and
- ii. an additional exhaustive operator *Exh* maximizing the value of *pro₁* and *which₁*.

6 Outlook

- A unified analysis of reconstructed Relative Clause heads (in English) and internal Relative Clause heads (in Japanese) has been proposed that derives the correct truth conditions using:
 - independently motivated LF structures (for reconstruction of superlatives, as in [Bhatt \(2002\)](#); [Hulsey & Sauerland \(2006\)](#)) and,
 - crucially, an exhaustivity operator *Ech* associating with part(s) of the reconstructed/internal head.
- Some open issues:
 - What principle of the grammar enforces the insertion of this *Ech*?
 - Why can we have reconstructed adjectival uses of *many* in English but not of *most* and *which*?

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