

Verbal Classifiers.

AGREE vs. Agreement: A Formal Matter

1. Agreement

- Controller
- Target
- Features
- Domain

Mathur-Rathman, 2012

2. Agreement ≠ AGREE

Assumption:

- Classifier Predicates are formed by 2 units
- A (kinetic) movement <- eventive component (V)
 - A classifier morpheme <- associated with lower functional head

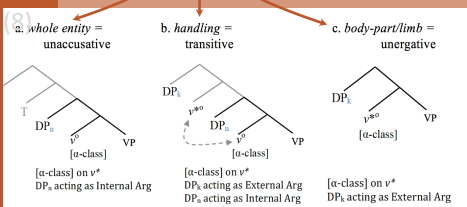
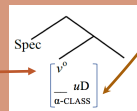
Benedicto-Brentari 2004

Claim:

- (6)
- Classifier Morpheme is a cluster of an α -CLASS feature and an uninterpretable **D-feature**
 - where α = **paradigmatic range**
 - that **bundles** together with a functional head



- (7)
- Classifier will display properties associated with functional head



3. Any Modality Effects?

1. Controller/Target Issues?
2. Unacc / Trans Patterns

P'orhépecha =>

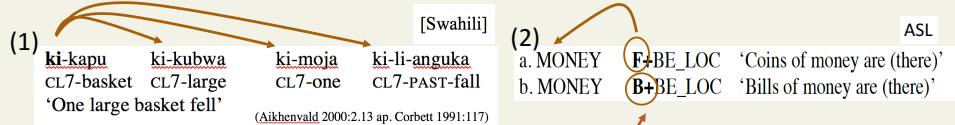
(Isolate; Michoacán, Mexico)

Benedicto, 2005

1. The descriptive difference

Agreement	≠	v-Classifier
the DP	Controller	the Classifier
the V, A, Q	Target	the DP
CLASS, PRS, NB	Features	CLASS

- CLASS features

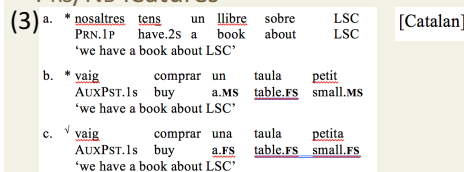


Change in morpheme

Ungrammaticality

Difference in interpretation

- PRS/Nb features



Spec-Head

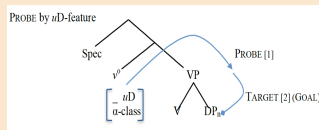
Domain

Spec-Head

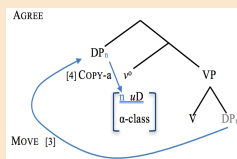
Trees and Operations

Agreement ≠

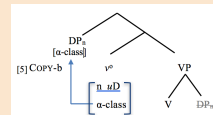
v-Classifier



- [1] the uD feature acts as a PROBE to find a suitable GOAL (an element with an intrinsically valued D element) in its c-command domain whose D- values can be copied and thus value its unvalued uninterpretable D-feature
- [2] the PROBE finds and TARGETS such a potential GOAL in the internal argument DP_n selected by the V root



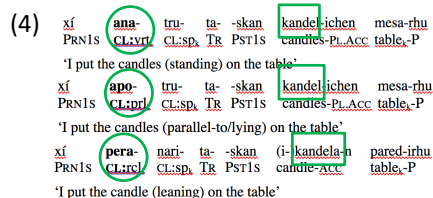
- [3] the uD PROBE AGREES with the DP_n TARGET and, as part of it, ATTRACTS /MOVES it to its Spec, where
- [4] the unvalued uD copies the D-value of the DP_n now in the Spec of the v /voice-head, thereby getting valued



- [5] as part of this AGREE operation, the $[\alpha$ -CLASS] features are **reciprocally** transferred to the DP (COPY-b), assigning the intended classifier-related interpretation to the DP

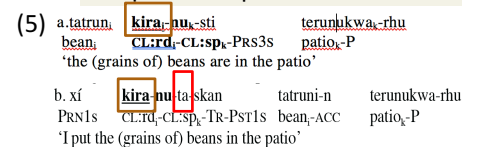
- Candles: ana- / apo- / para-

1 DP <-> many CLASS = (2)



- Unacc / Trans Pattern

v*/v Split: ~ (8)b.
independent Spell Out



=> NO Modality Effects