## A minimalist account of Balinese Binding



Object Voice (OV)

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Actor Voice (AV)

**BACKGROUND**: Wechsler (1999) argues that Balinese poses a problem for GB/Minimalist binding theories.

> Simple sentences: Promotion to subject <u>does not</u> create new antecedents for binding (Spec,TP = A'-position)

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	(1) Ayu nyimpit awak-ne. Ayu AV.pinch self-POSS3s 'Ayu pinched herself.'	(3) Awak-ne jimpit Ayu. self-POSS3s pinch Ayu 'Ayu pinched herself'
	(2) *Awak-ne nyimpit Ayu. self-POSS3s AV.pinch Ayu	(4) *Ayu jimpit awak-ne. Ayu pinch self-POSS3s

- > Raising sentences: Promotion to subject <u>does</u> seem to create new antecedents for binding (Spec,TP = A-position)
- (5) Ayu ngenah sig awak-ne jelek sajan. Ayu seem to self-POSS3s bad very 'Ayu seemed to herself to be very ugly

**PUZZLE:** How to account for Balinese reflexive binding without stipulating variable status for Spec,TP?

MISSING PIECE: Udayana (2013) shows that Balinese complex reflexives can be used logophorically to refer to a person whose speech/thoughts/feelings are being reported.

(6) Udayana (2013: 217(55))
Ento ngae I Sari kendel awakne suba makurenan that AV.make ART Sari happy self-POSS3s PERF MV.spouse 'That made I Sari happy that she was already married.'

## <u>PROPOSAL</u>: Reflexives in raising sentences like (5) are logophoric, not bound by the raised subject!

Tests for binding by an attitude holder (Charnavel 2019):

- (i) obligatory de se (ii) double-orientation test (iii) epithet test
- √ (i) Obligatory de se interpretation
- (7) *Context*: Ayu is very drunk at a weekend party at her friend's house. She sees a portrait of herself that her friend has hanging up and calls the woman in the portrait ugly, though she does not realize that she is the woman in the photo.
  - # Ayu ngenah sig awak-ne jelek sajan.
    Ayu seem to self-POSS3s bad very
    'Ayu seemed to herself to be very ugly
- √ (ii) Possible evaluation by antecedent
- (8) Context: Ayu thinks some person is well-behaved, but you think that same person is not well-behaved. Ayu is upset because that person doesn't like her appearance. Question: Why is Ayu upset?

  Ayu ngenah sig anak sane masolah becik jelek sajan Ayu seem to person REL behave good bad very (nanging tiang ngerasa anak-e ento tusing masolah becik) (but 1s feel person-DEF DEM NEG behave good) 'Ayu seems to a well-behaved person to be very ugly (but I think that person is not well-behaved).'
- 🗘 (iii) No coreferring epithets (BUT no coreferring pronouns, either...)
- (9) \* Ayu ngenah sig {ia / idiot-e ento} jelek sajan.

  Ayu seem to {3s / idiot-DEF DEM} bad very
  Intended: 'Ayu seemed to her/the idiot (=Ayu) to be very ugly'

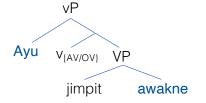
## CORRECT PREDICTION: NO RAISING NEEDED FOR REFLEXIVE EXPERIENCER

(10) *Context*: Arta took a photo of Ayu and Nyoman. Ayu doesn't like the way she looks in the photo, so she hid the photo in the closet. *Question*: Why did Ayu hide the photo?

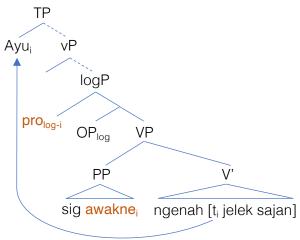
Ngenah sig awak-ne ia jelek sajan seem to self-POSS3s 3s bad very 'It seems to herself that she is very ugly'

## **SYNTACTIC ANALYSIS**

> Simple sentences: reflexive is locally bound in vP before subject promotion



> Raising sentences: reflexive is locally bound in vP by a null logophoric pronoun, covertly satisfying Condition A (cf. Charnavel 2019)



ALT - Levin (2014): awakne adjoins (covertly) to vP and probes for/agrees with its antecedent.

√ Correctly predicts acceptability of (1), (3) and (5)

Leaves open questions about (2), (4) and (10)

X Doesn't predict properties in (7) – (9)

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