The Kingdom of Linearization

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Linearization, by its definition, is an interface requirement imposed onto syntactic objects by the Articulatory-Perceptual (A-P) system, which is in close interaction with PHON. Therefore, as soon as syntactic objects are mapped to PF, they lose their two-dimensional structures by means of a special operation. Various approaches have been proposed in generative literature in order to explain the algorithm of this special operation. The aim of the presentation is to introduce the most prominent approaches briefly due to time limitations, and to point out the fact that none of them is actually based on feature checking throughout derivation. As already known, unchecked features lead to crash in <PHON, SEM>. Therefore, I will propose a linearization algorithm driven by feature checking called Feature Driven Linearization (FDL), which is basically based on the notion that linearization of lexical items takes place in the spell-out domain as soon as all the syntactic operations are completed in a phasal domain. The proposed algorithm will also be applied to a scrambling scenario in Turkish to display how it functions. FDL has also theoretical implications as to the notion of copy spell-out and Universal Base Hypothesis.

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