

## DOM AND CO-OCCURRENCE RESTRICTIONS IN ROMANCE: BEYOND CLITIC CLUSTERS

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**SETTING THE STAGE.** This work explores co-occurrence restrictions as in (1), induced by D(ifferential) O(bject) M(arking) on full nominals (generally human or animate DPs), with data from varieties of Spanish and Romanian. It shows that the *narrow local* domain where [PERSON] features are licensed is relevant to these patterns.

- (1) **Le** enviaron (\***a**) todos los enfermos **a** la doctora.  
 CL.3SG.DAT sent.3PL DOM all.PL DEF.M.PL patients DAT DEF.F.SG doctor.F

*Intended:* ‘They sent all the patients to the doctor.’ (Spanish, modeled after O&R 2013)

**SOME PROBLEMS.** Ormazabal and Romero (2007, et subseq.) unify the ungrammaticality of (1) with ‘classical’ P(erson)C(ase)C(onstraint): full DP DOM competes for Case licensing with the clitic-doubled dative. However, a previously ignored observation is that not all types of full DP DOM trigger restrictions. The sentence in (2) is *grammatical* although *obligatory* DOM co-occurs with a clitic doubled dative. Assuming that DOM on human Neg(ative) Q(uantifier) does not need (Case) licensing is untenable (NegQ DOM leads to ungrammaticality with medio-passive SE, indicating that it *does* need (Case) licensing, etc.).

- (2) No *le* enviaron \*(a) nadie *a la* doctora.  
 NEG CL.3SG.DAT send.PST.3PL DOM nobody DAT DEF.F.SG doctor

‘They haven’t sent anybody to the doctor.’ (Spanish)

Romanian shows similar problems. In (3) DOM cannot co-occur with a DAT clitic, interpreted as possessor (raising); the restriction is not seen with a goal dative (the quantifier blocks a possessor reading in (4)) or when DAT is a possessor on a different nominal than DOM. The AGREE/Case distinction (Ormazabal and Romero 2013) won’t work, because we see *full nominal* DOM (assumed to be licensed via Case) interacting with a dative *clitic* (licensed via Agree).

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| <p>(3) *<b>Și</b>/*<b>mi</b><sub>POSS</sub>-(l) ajută <b>pe</b> prieten<sub>POSS</sub>.<br/>         CL.3/1DAT-3SG.ACC helps DOM friend<br/> <i>Intended:</i> ‘S/he helps her(his)/my friend.’</p> | <p>(4) <b>Își</b><sub>POSS</sub> trimite <b>pe</b> cineva (în ajutor<sub>POSS</sub>).<br/>         CL.3DAT sends DOM sbdy in help<br/> <i>‘He sends somebody and is affected by this.’</i><br/> <i>‘He sends somebody to his own help.’</i></p> |
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**PROPOSAL.** We encode animacy-based DOM as a [PERSON] specification (see Cornilescu 2000, Rodríguez-Mondoñedo 2007, a.o.) beyond structural Case, connected instead with *sentience* (see also Zubizarreta and Pancheva 2017, a.o.). Assuming the presence of both Voice and *v* (Legate 2014, etc.), we individuate four loci of accusative licensing, as in (5): at *v* (structural ACC for inanimates), at  $\alpha$  (for DOM, see especially López 2012), at Voice (for classes such as NegQ DOM), at  $Cl_{Person}$  above Voice (for clitics, see Belletti 2004, Ciucivara 2009, a.o.). The problem in (6), and (8) is that two [PERSON] features need licensing from the *same licenser* in a *narrow local* domain, irrespectively of whether they are clitics or not. The other configurations discussed here are grammatical, as the problem of licensing from the *same* head is avoided.

- (5) ...[ $Cl_{Person}$ .. [Voice [*Sentience+AccCase*] ...[ $\alpha$  [*sentience*] [App] [*DatCase*]...[*v* [*AccCase*] ...[VP DO]]]]]]]]

(6) for (1): [PERSON] in full DOM and [PERSON] in Cl-doubled DAT need licensing from  $\alpha$  (see O&R 2013 or Cornilescu 2020, a.o., for licensing of Cl-Double DAT in  $\alpha$ )

(7) for (2): [PERSON] and Case<sub>ACC</sub> on NegQ get licensed by Voice (a plausible explanation is that emphatic-accent focus - see Giannakidou 2020, a.o.- in NegQ forces raising to VoiceP); [PERSON] in Cl-doubled DAT gets licensed by  $\alpha$

(8) for (3): two [PERSON] features *too local* in the same KP ( $Cl_{DAT=POSS}$  generated inside KP and then raising) - \* [<sub>POSSP</sub> PERSON<sub>POSS</sub> ...[<sub>KP</sub> PERSON<sub>DOM</sub> ...[<sub>DP</sub> D.....]]]

(9) for (4), etc: [PERSON] in DOM licensed by  $\alpha$ ; [PERSON] in  $Cl_{DAT}$  licensed by  $Cl_{Person}$

**In conclusion**, these (limited) data demonstrate that co-occurrence restrictions are not a matter of clitics. They allow us to start investigating the nature of full nominal DOM restrictions which are understudied both descriptively and formally, despite their pervasiveness.

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