

Workshop *Information structure and the architecture of grammar*

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Annotation Guidelines
for Questions under Discussion and Information Structure

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Japanese *wa* (Kuno 1973)

thematic *wa*

(2) ano honi-*wa* John-ga ei katta.
that book-WA John-NOM bought
'Speaking of that book, John bought it.'

contrastive *wa*

(3) Ame *wa* hutte imasu ga (taisita koto *wa* arimasen)
rain- WA falling is but important matter WA exists- NEG
'It is raining, but it isn't much.'

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French clefts (Doetjes, Rebuschi & Rialland 2004)

- (4) C'est [le petit]**F** qui est tombé dans l'escalier (, pas ma fille).
'It's the young one who fell down the stairs (, not my daughter).'
- (5) C'est [pour cette raison que Marie n'y est plus jamais revenue]**F**.
'It's for that reason that Marie never went back there.'
- (6) C'est [avec plaisir que je vous invite à participer à ce séminaire]**F**.
'It is with pleasure that I invite you to this seminar'

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b. No, he was warned to look out for an ex-convict with [a carnation].
c. No, he was warned to look out for [an automobile salesman].
d. No, he was warned [to expect a visit from the FBI].
e. No, he was [simply told to be more cautious].

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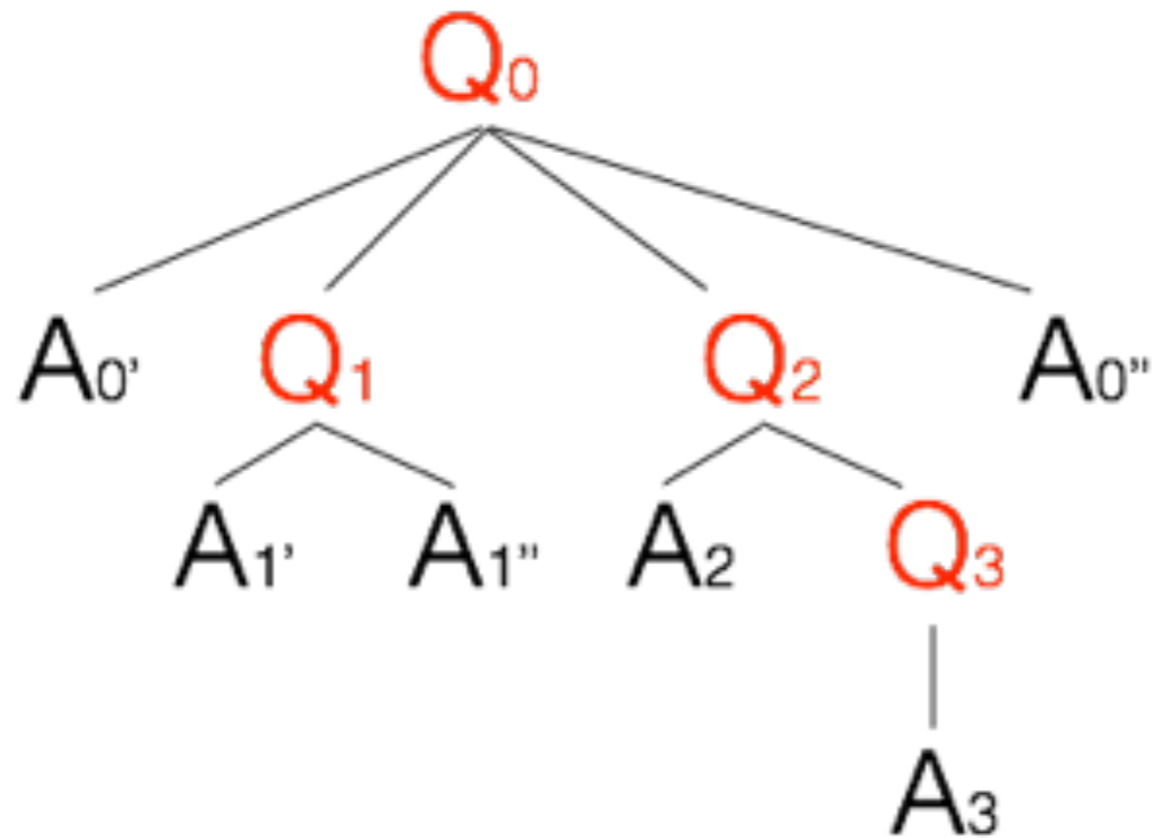
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- ...whose non-terminal nodes are implicit **Questions** and terminal elements are the **Assertions** contained in the text, in their linear order (cf. Roberts 1996/2012, Ginzburg 1996, van Kuppevelt 1996, Buring 2003, Beaver & Clark 2008, and Velleman & Beaver 2016 for a review of the literature)

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QUD structure —> linking rules —> IS at sentence level

Velleman and Beaver 2016:

The QUD approach to discourse relates IS marking to the interlocutors' beliefs, desires, and intentions. QUDs represent the intention of finding out the answer and making it part of the common ground.

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- reduce any context to a Q-A context where Q is implicit and A is the utterance whose IS we intend to provide.
- provide constraints to the formulation of implicit Qs
- provide linking rules that “translate” the QUD-structure into IS-structure at sentence level

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'The construction of Europe was a means to ensure peace among the Western European countries'

A2: et c'était en même temps ~~un moyen~~ d'assurer une prospérité commune

and ~~it was at~~ same time ~~a means~~—to ensure a prosperity common

'and at the same time (a means) to ensure a common prosperity'

A3: et c'était ~~un moyen d'assurer~~ une défense vis-à-vis la menace soviétique.

and it ~~was a means to ensure~~—a defense towards the threat Sovietic

'and a defense against the Sovietic threat.'

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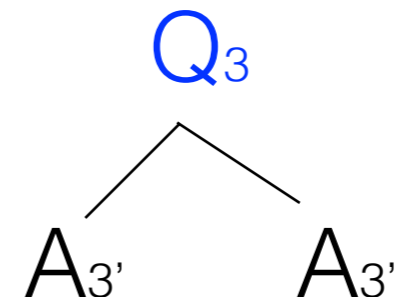
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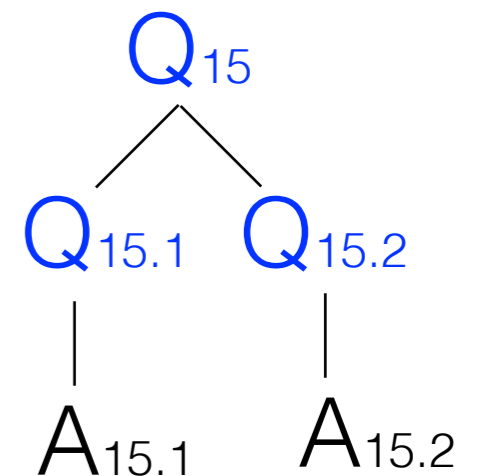
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Focus domain (~)	A piece of discourse which contains both a focus and, usually, some background. The focus domain directly corresponds to the Q.
Background	The non-focal part of a focus domain (that part which is already mentioned in the current Q)
(Aboutness) topic (T)	A referential entity in the background which constitutes what the utterance is about.
Contrastive topic (CT)	A topic that represents a variable and which signals the existence of a hierarchically higher Q.
Not-at-issue content (nai)	The part of a clause which provides optional information with respect to the current Q.

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Simons et al 2010, Tonhauser et al 2013

Not-At-Issue:

An expression whose deletion has no effect on the truth-conditions of the main proposition denoted by the utterance.

relative to Q:

Part of the utterance that does not relate to the current Q, or in other words, that remains outside the focus domain.

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Typical *nai* content:

- supplements: parentheticals, non-restrictive modifiers, appositions and other adjunct-like material.
- evidentials and other speaker-oriented material

Not-at-issue content

(15) French <http://www.bloghoptoys.fr/>

Q1: {What is your relationship with Nathalie?}

> A1: [[Nathalie]_T, [maman de deux enfants nés en 2007 et fin 2011]_{nai},
'Nathalie, mother of two children born in 2007 and at the end of 2011,

[nous]_T [a été présentée par une maman blogueuse.]_F]~
has been introduced to us by a blogger mom'

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parole [avec sa fille aînée]_F]~
speech with her elder daughter'

>> A2'': [et elle [a créé [par la suite]_{nai} Kestumdis]_F, [la communication à
and she then created Kestumdis communication at
portée de mains]_{nai}, [qui propose des ateliers familiaux...]_{nai}]~
hand who offers family workshops...

Not-at-issue content

(24) [French, www.monde-diplomatique.fr]

Q₃: {What is the debate on linguistic policy about?}

> A₃: [Bien que les règles statutaires définissent des langues officielles (...)]_{nai}
even though statutory rules define official languages

[[un monolingualisme de fait s'impose peu à peu.]_F]_~
a monolingualism in fact is imposing little by little

'Although statutory rules define official languages and working languages (...), monolingualism is in fact imposing little by little'

Not-at-issue content

(16) Q₆: {What did Patrice Bouveret do?}

> A₆: [Animateur de l'Observatoire des armements]_{nai} [[Patrice Bouveret]_T
leader of the Monitoring center of the arms Patrice Bouveret

[avait relancé, [lors du colloque organisé le mois dernier] par des
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[sénatrices communistes]_{nai} [une série de propositions pour un meilleur contrôle...]_F]~
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Q₁: {What about the use of English in international organisations?}

> A₁: [Les défenseurs de l'anglais affirment]_{nai}

'The defenders of the English language maintain

[qu'[il]_T [s'est internationalisé]_F]~.

that it has become internationalised.'

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[(autiste, syndrome d'Angelman, Trisomie 21...)]nai

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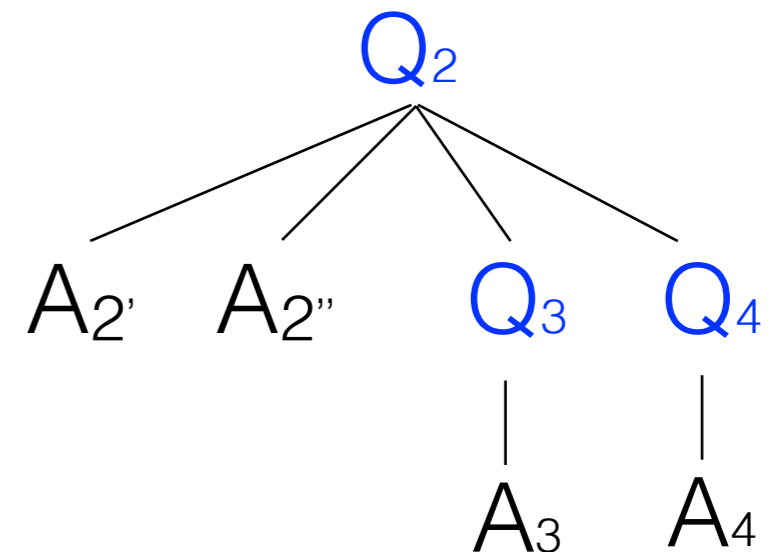
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(15) French <http://www.bloghoptoys.fr/>

Q1: {What is your relationship with Nathalie?}

> A1: [[Nathalie]_T, [maman de deux enfants nés en 2007 et fin 2011]_{nai},
[nous]_T [a été présentée par une maman blogueuse.]_F]~

‘Nathalie, mother of two children born in 2007 and at the end of 2011,
has been introduced to us by a blogger mom’

Q₁
|
A₁’

some problematic cases

some problematic cases:
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(22) French <http://www.bloghoptoys.fr/>

A33: Cet outil de la parole appuyée par les signes de la LSF permet aussi aux enfants présentant des troubles de communication d'accéder au langage

Q34: {What is 'sign language with babies' for communication disorders?}

>Q34.1: {What solution isn't 'sign language with babies' to all situations of communication disorders?}

>> A34.1: [*Ce [n'est pas [LA]_F solution à toutes les situations]_F~*
it not is not the solution to all the situations
'It is not THE solution to all situations'

some problematic cases:
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(28) French <http://www.bloghoptoys.fr/>

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>>> Q12.1: {**What** developmental skills does the child's develop very early?}

>>>> A12.1: [[L'enfant]_T utilise [très tôt]_{CT} [ses bras et ses mains,]_F]~
the child uses very early his arms and his hands

>>> Q12.2: {**When** does the child develop language?}

>>>> A12.2: alors que [[le langage]_{CT} apparaît [beaucoup plus tard.]_F]~
while language appears much later

some problematic cases:
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(20) French <http://www.bloghoptoys.fr/>

de la même façon que vous dites «au revoir!» en agitant la main,
'in the same way as you say "goodbye" by waving your hand'

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de «manger»

'you are going to say "do you wanna eat?" by making in parallel
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Conclusions

- IS is discourse structure surfacing at sentence level. By helping to identify the Current Question, it helps speakers to coordinate on strategies for meeting communicative goals.
- IS linguistic marking (morpho-syntactic or prosodic one) is not (does not need to be) exhaustive nor unambiguous: discourse rules and discourse-IS linking rules complete the job.

Future work

- Crosslinguistic comparison (non-european languages)
- Comparison of QUD structure in different text genres
- Other illocutionary forces: imperatives, exclamatives
- NAI content: an independent QUD structure?
- ...

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(10) [French, www.monde-diplomatique.fr]

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Not-at-issue content

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(23) Q₁: {What about French arms export?}

> A₁: Les exportations françaises d'armement ne font l'objet d'aucun débat en France

'French arms export isn't the object of any debate in France'

> Q₂: {What are the exceptions to this?}

> > A₂': sinon [en cas [de scandale]_F]~ ([frégates de Taiwan ou Angolagate]_{nai}),
'except in case of scandal (frigates of Taiwan or Angolagate)'

> > A₂'': [[de drame]_F]~ ([l'attentat de Karachi]_{nai})
'of drama (the suicide attack in Karachi)'

> > A₂'': ou [[lorsque l'exécutif se prend les pieds dans le tapis]_F]~
'or when the executive stumbles over'

([comme avec cette vente de navires de projection et de commandement à la Russie]_{nai})

'(as with that projection and commandment ship sale to Russia)'

Simple parallelism

(25) [English, SNO]

A_{14} : When you are on the inside and you go into work everyday and you sit down at the desk and then you realize the power you have.

Q_{15} : {What power do [employees of the NSA] have?}

> $Q_{15.1}$: {Whom can you wire tap?}

> > $A_{15.1}'$: [You_T can wire tap [the President of the United States]_F]~,

> > $A_{15.1}''$: [you_T can wire tap [a Federal Judge]_F]~

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(12) [French, www.monde-diplomatique.fr]

L'export permet à l'Etat de réduire quelque peu ses engagements consentis au titre du soutien à des industries nationales d'importance stratégique

'(arms) export allows the State to reduce a little its commitments to support national industries of strategic importance'

et ~~l'export~~ contribue donc à alléger ses dépenses budgétaires en matière de défense.

'and (it) therefore contributes to reduce the government's budgetary expenses in terms of defense.'

Simple parallelism

(12) [French, www.monde-diplomatique.fr]

Q₁₂: {What is the effect of **(arms) export**?}

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'and ~~the export~~ therefore contributes to reduce the government's budgetary expenses in terms of defense.'

Simple parallelism

(11) French [CFPP2000]

donc c'est sûr que c'est un atout pour le quartier
'so it's sure that it's an advantage for the neighborhood'

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'both an economic advantage'

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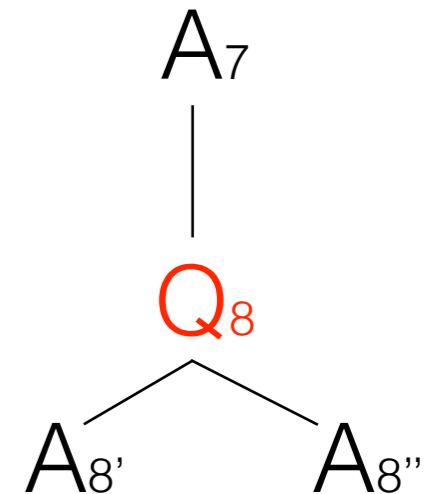
Q7: {What **is it (=the new museum) for the neighborhood?**}

A7: donc c'est sûr que c'est un atout pour le quartier
'so it's sure that it's an advantage for the neighborhood'

Q8 : {**What kind** of advantage is the new museum for the neighborhood?}

>A8' : aussi bien [un atout **[financier]F**]~
'both an **economic** advantage'

>A8'' : qu'[un atout euh **[pour euh les habitants]F**]~
'and an advantage **for the inhabitants**'



embedded focus

(21) [French, EUR]

Q₂₅: {Which countries are knocking at the door of the European Union?}

> Q_{25.1}: {Countries which are not European in WHAT sense of the term are knocking at the door?}

>> A_{25.1'}: *mais voilà que maintenant [des pays **[qui ne sont pas européens au sens géographique]_F du terme] frappent à la porte]***~

‘But now countries that aren’t European in the geographical sense of the word are ~~knocking at the door~~’

>> A_{25.1''}: *ni même parfois [~~des pays qui ne sont pas européens au sens historique]_F du terme]_F frappent à la porte]~~*~

‘and sometimes not even in the historical ~~sense~~ of the word are knocking at the door’

Formulating Questions

Q-A-Congruence:

QUDs must be answerable by the assertion(s) that they immediately dominate.

Maximize-Q-Anaphoricity:

Implicit QUDs should contain as much given material as possible.

Q-Givenness:

Implicit QUDs can only consist of given (or, at least, highly salient) material.

NB: All function words and very general concepts like status, name, event, or property, may always be used in the formulation of a Q.

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(27) [French, <http://www.ogbl.lu>]

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'What are opening perspectives to young people in the Grand-Duché and what are the challenges to take up by them?'

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'When/if asked about their own view concerning their future perspectives, the great majority of young people in Luxembourg appears optimist'

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