

AM3a — Grammar of Basque

Reading Assignment #3

Preliminaries

Reading Etxepare, Ricardo. 2009. Number Long Distance Agreement in (Substandard) Basque. Ms., CNRS/IKER. Available from the course website.

Instructions

- Answer all the questions in exercises #1, #2, and #3, quoting data and/or text from Etxepare (2009) as necessary.
- You may write your answers in either English or German.
- Submit your answers no later than Monday, July 9 at 23:59.
- The answers must be submitted by email (vicente@uni-potsdam.de). The preferred submission formats are .pdf or .txt (no .doc or .docx files, please).

Exercise #1 In section 3, Etxepare describes the following two restrictions on Long Distance Agreement (LDA).

1. LDA is possible only with obligatory control (OC) complements.
2. LDA is possible only with complements with dependent tense.

Explain what *obligatory control* and *dependent tense* mean. Then, provide data to exemplify these two restrictions. Do not just quote data, rather explain what is happening in each sentence.

Exercise #2 In section 5, Etxepare provides a further restriction on LDA.

3. LDA requires Case/agreement checking between the infinitival clause and the auxiliary.

Provide data to exemplify this restriction. Again, do not just quote data, explain what is happening in each sentence wrt Case and agreement.

Exercise #3 Finally, in section 7, Etxepare provides a final generalization.

4. LDA does not directly target an argument of the embedded clause; rather, LDA is mediated by some intermediate probe inside the nominalized clause.

Provide data that support this generalization. As above, explain what is happening in each sentence you provide.