Linearizing Disintegrated Traces
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Based on the analysis of Antecedent Contained Deletion (ACD) in Fox (2002), according to which, ACD, like RC extraposition, involves late merging the ACD-containing RC inside the higher copy of the QR chain of the host DP, I show that there are ACD cases, where Raising RCs are permitted. This counterexemplifies the claim made in Hulsey and Sauerland (2006) that late merging RCs in extraposition (Fox and Nissenbaum 1999) and Raising RCs are incompatible. Moreover, when an identical derivation of QR and Late Merge of the RC is signaled by RC extraposition, instead of by ACD, the sentences become degraded. These effects are explained by first couching movement in terms of multidominance and then developing linearization principles that capitalize on the existence of phonetic material intervening between the host DP in the matrix clause and the late merged RC.