

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICLES IN JAPANESE AND THE STRUCTURE OF CP

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### 1. Introduction

#### 1.1 Particle Stranding

- (1) A: Keetai-wa dono kisyu-ga hayatteru no?  
mobile-Top which machine-Nom popular Q  
'Speaking of mobiles, which machines are popular?'
- Ba: **Keetai-wa** Sony -no kisyu-ga hayattemasu. (overt topic)  
mobile-Top -Gen machine-Nom popular  
'Speaking of mobiles, Sony's machines are popular.'
- Bb: **∅** Sony -no kisyu-ga hayattemasu. (covert topic)  
-Gen machine-Nom popular
- Bc: **∅ -wa** Sony -no kisyu-ga hayattemasu. (particle stranding)  
-Top -Gen machine-Nom popular
- (2) A: Osyuutomesan-te ikutu?  
mother.in.law-Top how.old  
'How old is your mother-in-law?'
- B: **Wa**, 52-sai desu.  
Top 52-years.old Cop  
'Speaking of my mother-in-law, she is 52 years old.' (TV show; 22.02.2007)

#### 1.2 Ellipsis before the Particle

- (3) *Ellipsis of antecedent NP* (Hayashi (2001), Yoshida (2004), Sato and Ginsburg (2007))
- A: Keetai-wa dono kisyu-ga hayatteru no?  
mobile-Top which machine-Nom popular Q  
'Speaking of mobiles, which machines are popular?'
- B: ~~Keetai-wa~~ Sony -no kisyu-ga hayattemasu.  
mobile-Top -Gen machine-Nom popular  
'Speaking of mobiles, Sony's machines are popular.'

(4) *Ellipsis of a larger constituent*

A: Donna uta utatte-haru n desu ka?  
what song sing-Polite Comp Cop Q  
'What song do you sing?'

B: **∅ -wa** R&B desu.  
-Top Cop  
'It's R&B (that I sing).' (TV show; 15.11.2009)

(5) [<sub>CP</sub> **Watasi-ga utatteru no**] **-wa** R&B desu.

I -Nom sing Comp -Top Cop  
'It's R&B that I sing.' / 'What I sing is R&B.'

(6) *Ellipsis of a pronoun referring to an event*

A: John -ga okotte-iru yo. Doo sita no?  
-Nom angry-is Prt What did Q  
'John is angry. What happened?'

B: **∅ -wa** Bill-ga John -no gitaa-o kowasita n desu.  
-Top -Nom -Gen guitar-Acc destroyed Comp Cop  
'It is that Bill destroyed John's guitar.'

(7) **Sore-wa** Bill-ga John -no gitaa-o kowasita n desu.

it -Top -Nom -Gen guitar-Acc destroyed Comp Cop

### 1.3 Proposals

(8) a. *Difference between topicalization and particle stranding (section 2)*

Topicalization is a 'weak' main clause phenomenon in the sense that it takes place in some subordinate clauses. On the other hand, particle stranding is a 'strong' main clause phenomenon: it takes place only in the main clause.

b. *Positions for overt topics and stranded particles (section 3)*

An overt topic phrase is placed in Spec-TopP, whereas a stranded particle starts out from Spec-TopP and moves to the specifier position of a higher functional projection FP.

c. *Characteristics of FP (section 4)*

FP is a layer that (i) is unique to the main clause, (ii) is located above ForceP, and (iii) hosts items (such as sentence final particles) that govern pragmatic functions of a sentence.

## 2. Main Clause Phenomena in Japanese

### 2.1 Clause Types and Embedded Main Clause Phenomena

#### (9) *Some diagnostic main clause phenomena*

##### a. *Topicalization*

**John-wa** kono hon -o yonda.  
-Top this book -Acc read  
'Speaking of John, he read this book.'

##### b. *Interjection*

**A!** Saihu-o nakusita.  
oh wallet-Acc lost  
'Oh, I lost my wallet.'

##### c. *Sentence-Final Particle*

John -ga Mary-to aruite-iru **yo**.  
-Nom -with walking-is Prt.  
'John is walking with Mary.'

#### (10) *Classes of subordinate clause* (cf. Minami (1974), Masuoka (1991), Noda (1995), Maki et al. (1999), etc.)

	topicalization	interjection	final particle
Class 1	no	no	no
Class 2	yes	no	no
Class 3	yes	yes	yes

Class 1 adverbial clauses subordinated by *-toki* 'when', *-ba* 'if', *-nagara* 'while', etc.  
relative clauses  
factive complement clauses

Class 2 adverbial clauses subordinated by *-kedo* 'though', *-kara* 'because', etc.  
reported clause in indirect speech

Class 3 quoted clause in direct speech

## 2.2 Data

### 2.2.1 Class 1: Clauses Resisting Main Clause Phenomena

#### (11) a. *Temporal clause*

[(**\*A!**) John {-ga / **\*-wa**} Mary-no gitaa-o kowasita (**\*yo**)] -toki,  
(**\*oh!**) {-Nom / **\*-Top**} -Gen guitar-Acc destroyed (**\*Prt**) -when  
Bill -wa mite-minu-huri -o sita.  
-Top see-not.see-pretense-Acc did  
'When (**\*oh!**) (**\*speaking of John,**) he destroyed Mary's guitar, Bill turned a blind eye to it.'

#### b. *Conditional clause*

[(**\*A!**) John {-ga / **\*-wa**} kure (**\*yo**)] -ba, Mary-ga yorokobu  
(**\*oh!**) {-Nom / **\*-Top**} come (**\*Prt**) -if -Nom be.delighted  
daroo.  
will  
'If (**\*oh!**) (**\*speaking of John,**) he comes, Mary will be delighted.'

#### (12) *Relative clause*

John -ga [[ (**\*a!**) Bill {-ga / **\*-wa**} kaita (**\*yo**)] hon]-o yonda.  
-Nom (**\*oh!**) {-Nom / **\*-Top**} wrote (**\*Prt**) book-Acc read  
'John read the book which (**\*oh!**) (**\*speaking of Bill,**) Bill had written.'

#### (13) *Factive complement clause*

John -wa [ (**\*a!**) sono hon {-o / **\*-wa**} Mary-ga nakusita (**\*yo**) no]-o  
-Top (**\*oh!**) the book {-Acc / **\*-Top**} -Nom lost (**\*Prt**) Comp-Acc  
kuyandeiru.  
regret  
'John regrets that (**\*oh!**) (**\*speaking of that book,**) Mary lost the book.'

### 2.2.2 Class 2: Clauses Partially Tolerating Main Clause Phenomena

#### (14) *Concessional clause (kedo-clause)*

[(**\*A!**) John {-ga / **-wa**} hantaisuru daroo (**\*yo**)] -kedo, kinisuru-na.  
(**\*oh!**) {-Nom / -Top} disagree may (**\*Prt**) -though mind-Neg  
'Though (**\*oh!**) (**\*speaking of John,**) he may disagree, don't mind it.'

(15) *Indirect speech*

Iroirona iiwake -o siteiru ga, John<sub>i</sub> -wa yoosuruni  
various excuse -Acc is.making though -Top in.summary  
[ (\*a!) sono syorui {-o / -wa} {**kareno<sub>i</sub>** / \***bokuno<sub>i</sub>**} buka-ga nakusita (\*yo)  
(\*oh) the document {-Acc / -Top} {his / \*my} staff-Nom lost (\*Prt)  
to] itteiru no da.  
Comp is.saying Comp Cop  
'Though making various excuses, John is saying in summary that (\*oh!) (speaking of  
the document) his staff lost it.'

### 2.2.3 Class 3: Clauses Tolerating Main Clause Phenomena

(16) *Direct speech*

John<sub>i</sub> -ga [(a!) syorui {-o / -wa} {\***kareno<sub>i</sub>** / **bokuno<sub>i</sub>**} kuruma-nonakani  
-Nom (oh!) document {-Acc / -Top} {\*his / my} car -inside  
oite-kityatta (yo) to] itta.  
leave-came (Prt) Comp said  
'John said, "(Oh!)(speaking of the document,) I left it in my car.'"

(17) A quoted clause in direct speech has the same status as a main clause.

While a quoted clause can be used as an independent sentence, a reported clause cannot.

(18) When her boss asked who had filled out the document, ...

- a. ... Mary<sub>i</sub> said, "I<sub>i</sub> filled it out."
- b. ... Mary<sub>i</sub> said that she<sub>i</sub> had filled it out.

(19) Boss: Who filled out the document?

- Mary: i. I filled it out.  
ii. \*She had filled it out.

(20) Zyoosi-ga dare-ga sono syorui -o kaita ka tazuneta toki, ...

- boss -Nom who-Nom the document-Acc filled.out Q asked when
- a. ... Mary<sub>i</sub>-wa watasi<sub>i</sub>-ga kaki-masi-ta to itta.  
-Top I -Nom fill.out-Polite-Past Comp said
  - b. ... Mary<sub>i</sub>-wa kanozyo<sub>i</sub>-ga kai-ta to itta.  
-Top she -Nom fill.out-Past Comp said

- (21) Boss: Dare-ga sono syorui -o kaita no?  
 who-Nom the document-Acc filled.out Q  
 Mary: i. Watasi-ga kaki-masi-ta.  
 I -Nom fill.out-Polite-Past  
 ii. \*Kanozyo-ga kai-ta.  
 she -Nom fill.out-Past

## 2.3 Particle Stranding

### (22) Class 1 clause: particle stranding is impossible

#### a. Temporal clause

- A: John -o oboetemasu ka?  
 -Acc remember Q  
 ‘Do you remember John?’  
 B: [ { \* $\emptyset$ -wa / Kare-ga } kono mati -ni sundeita]-toki, watasi -wa tikakuni  
 { \* $\emptyset$ -Top / he-Nom } this town -in lived -when I -Top nearby  
 sundeimasita. Dakara, yoku oboeteimasu.  
 lived so well remember  
 ‘When (\*speaking of John,) he lived in this town, I lived nearby. So I remember him well.’

#### b. Relative clause

- A: Sono yuiba-wa doo natta no?  
 the ring -Top what happened Q  
 ‘What happened to the ring?’  
 B: Keesatu -ga [( \* $\emptyset$ -wa ) nusunda] otoko]-o taihosita soodesu.  
 police -Nom ( \* $\emptyset$ -Top ) stole man-Acc arrested I.heard  
 ‘I heard that the police arrested the man who had stolen it.’

#### c. Factive complement clause

- A: John -ga Mary-ni ageta yubiwa-wa takakatta no?  
 -Nom -to gave ring -Top was.expensive Q  
 ‘Was the ring John gave to Mary expensive?’  
 B: Un. Dakara John -wa [ ( \* $\emptyset$ -wa ) Mary-ga nakusita no] -o  
 yes so -Top ( \* $\emptyset$ -Top ) -Nom lost Comp-Acc  
 kuyandeiru soodesu.  
 regret I.heard  
 ‘Yes, so I heard that John regrets that Mary lost it.’

(23) *Class 2 clause: mixed result*

a. *kedo-clause*

A: Kimi-ga ryuugakusi-tai tte itta-ra, John -wa doo suru  
 you-Nom to.study.abroad-want Comp say-if -Top what do  
 kana?

Q

‘What will John do if you say you want to study abroad?’

☞ B: **ø-wa** tabun hantaisuru daroo (**\*yo**) -kedo, settokusuru tumori.  
 ø-Top probably disagree may (**\*Prt**) -though persuade intention  
 ‘Though he may probably disagree, I will persuade him.’

b. *Indirect speech*

A: Sono syorui -wa John -ga nakusita n desyo?  
 the document -Top -Nom lost Comp Cop  
 ‘Speaking of the document, John lost it, didn’t he?’

B: Iroirona iiwake -o siteiru ga, John<sub>i</sub> -wa yoosuruni  
 various excuse -Acc making though -Top in.summary  
 [ (**\*ø-wa**) (**\*a!**) **kareno**<sub>i</sub> buka-ga nakusita (**\*yo**) to]  
 (**\*ø-Top**) (**\*oh!**) his staff-Nom lost (**\*Prt**) Comp  
 itteiru n da.  
 is.saying Comp Cop  
 ‘Though making various excuses, John is saying in summary that his staff lost it.’

(24) *Class 3 Direct speech: particle stranding possible*

Dare-ga sono syorui-o nakusita ka kik-are-ta toki, John<sub>i</sub> -wa  
 who-Nom the document-Acc lost Q ask-Pass-Past when -Top  
 [ **ø-wa** (**a!**) **bokuno**<sub>i</sub> buka-ga nakusita n desu (**yo**) to] itta.  
 ø-Top (oh!) my staff-Nom lost Comp Cop (Prt) Comp said  
 ‘When he was asked who had lost the document, John said, “Speaking of the document, oh! my staff lost it.”’

(25) *Summary*

	topicalization	interjection	final particle	particle stranding
Class 1	no	no	no	no
Class 2	yes	no	no	yes/no ?
Class 3	yes	yes	yes	yes

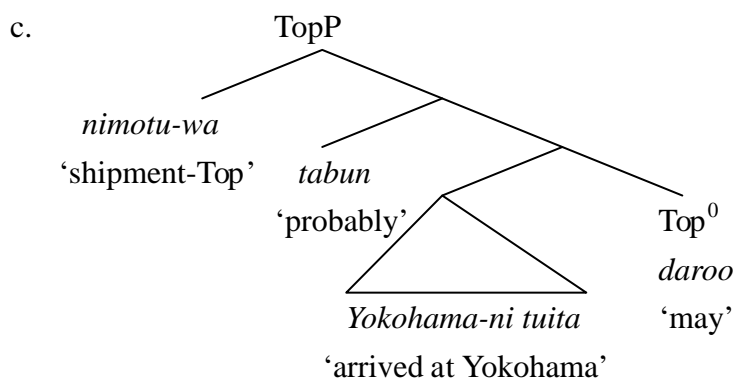
### 3. Topicalization vs. Particle Stranding

#### 3.1 Clause Types and Topicalization

- (26) a. A topic phrase and an epistemic modal occur in the same layer.

(Minami (1974), Masuoka (1991) and Noda (1995))

- b. Nimotu -wa tabun Yokohama -ni tuita daroo.  
 shipment-Top probably -at arrived may  
 ‘The shipment may probably have arrived at Yokohama.’



- (27) *Clause Types and Subordinators*

- a. *An adverbial clause resisting topicalization does not tolerate an epistemic adverb and an epistemic modal either.*

[<sub>TP</sub> John { -ga / \*-wa } (\***tabun**) Mary-no gitaa -o kowasita (\***daroo**)]  
 { -Nom / \*-Top } (\*probably) -Gen guitar-Acc destroyed (\*may)

-toki Bill -wa mite-minu-huri -o sita.

-when -Top see-not.see-pretense-Acc did

‘When (\*speaking of John,) he (\*may probably have) destroyed Mary’s guitar, Bill turned a blind eye to it.’

- b. *An adverbial clause tolerating topicalization tolerates an epistemic adverb and an epistemic modal as well.*

[<sub>TopP</sub> Ryoosin -wa **tabun** hantaisuru **daroo**] -kedo,  
 parents -Top probably disagree may -though

boku -wa ryuugakusi -tai.

I -Top to.study.abroad-want

‘Though my parents may probably disagree, I want to study abroad.’

### 3.2 Particle Stranding and Class 2 Adverbial Clauses

#### (28) *Order between an epistemic adverb and a stranded particle*

- A: Kimi-ga ryuugakusi-tai tte itta-ra, John -wa doo suru kana?  
 you-Nom to.study.abroad-want Comp say-if -Top what do Q  
 ‘What will John do if you say you want to study abroad?’
- Ba: Tabun { **John -wa** / \***ø-wa** } hantaisuru daroo -kedo, settokusuru tumori.  
 probably { -Top / \***ø-Top** } disagree may -though persuade intention  
 ‘Though, speaking of John, he may probably disagree, I will persuade him.’
- Bb: { **John -wa** / **ø-wa** } tabun hantaisuru daroo -kedo, ...  
 { -Top / **ø-Top** } probably disagree may -though

#### (29) *Two Possible Structures*

- a. **ø-wa** [ tabun hantaisuru daroo-kedo]  
**ø-Top** probably disagree may -though
- b. [ **ø-wa** tabun hantaisuru daroo-kedo]  
**ø-Top** probably disagree may -though

### 3.3 Identifying the Position of the Stranded Particle

#### (30) *Diagnostics: right-dislocation*

- a. [ Kyaku -ga kita -kedo] sono tenin-wa terebi-o mi-tuzuketeta yo.  
 customer-Nom came-though the clerk -Top TV-Acc watching-kept Prt  
 ‘Though a customer came, the clerk kept watching TV.’
- b. \_\_\_\_i Sono tennin-wa terebi-o mi-tuzuketeta yo, [ kyaku -ga kita  
 the clerk -Top TV-Acc watching-kept Prt customer-Nom came  
 -kedo]i  
 -though

#### (31) *Island-sensitivity → Right-dislocation involves moment*

- a. [NP [CP [ Kyaku -ga kita -kedo] terebi-o mi-tuzuketeta] tenin]-ga  
 customer-Nom came -though TV-Acc watching-kept clerk-Nom  
 kaikos-are-ta sooda yo.  
 lay.off-Pass-Past I.heard Prt  
 ‘I heard that the clerk who kept watching TV though a customer came was laid off.’
- b. \*[NP [CP \_\_\_\_i Terebi-o mi-tuzuketeta] tenin]-ga kaikos-are-ta sooda yo,  
 TV-Acc watching-kept clerk-Nom lay.off-Pass-Past I.heard Prt  
 [ kyaku -ga kita -kedo]i.  
 customer-Nom came -though

(32) *Constituent structure*

A: John -wa kimi-ga ryuugakusuru koto-ni hantaisuru nzyanai no?  
 -Top you-Nom study.abroad Nmz-about disagree isn't.likely Q

'Isn't it likely that John will disagree about you studying abroad?'

Ba: {**John -wa** / **∅-wa**} \_\_\_\_<sub>i</sub> settokusuru tumori desu, [tabun hantaisuru  
 { -Top / ∅-Top } persuade intention Cop probably disagree  
 daroo-kedo]<sub>i</sub>.

may -though

'Speaking of John, I will persuade him, though he may probably disagree.'

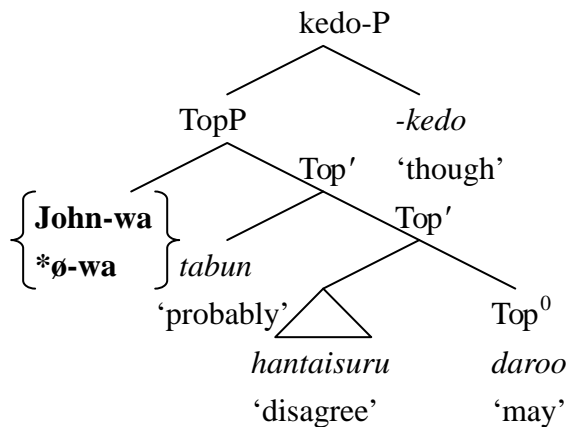
Bb: \_\_\_\_<sub>i</sub> settokusuru tumori desu, [ {**John -wa** / **\*∅-wa**} tabun hantaisuru  
 persuade intention Cop { -Top / \*∅-Top } probably disagree  
 daroo-kedo]<sub>i</sub>.

may -though

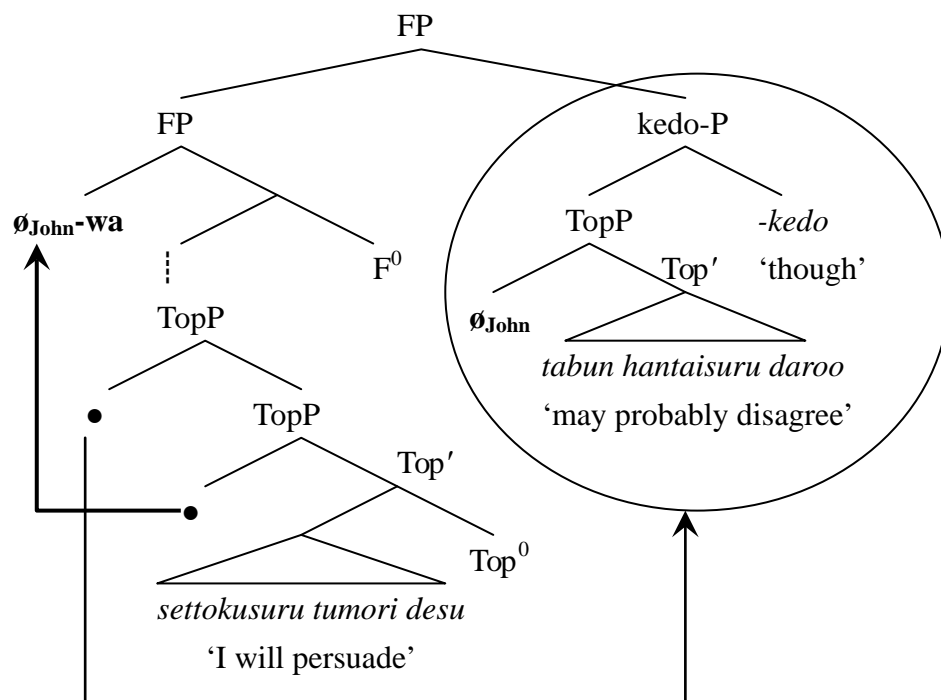
(33) The stranded particle '∅-wa' does not form a constituent with the *kedo*-phrase (see (32Bb)).

→ The *kedo*-phrase does not have a position for the stranded particle, whereas it has a position for an overt topic.

*The structure of the kedo-phrase in (32Bb):*



(34) *The Structure of (32Ba):*



- There is a projection FP in the main clause that hosts a stranded particle.
- The stranded particle moves from Spec-TopP to Spec-FP.
- In (32Ba), the main clause and the adverbial clause share the same topic 'John'.

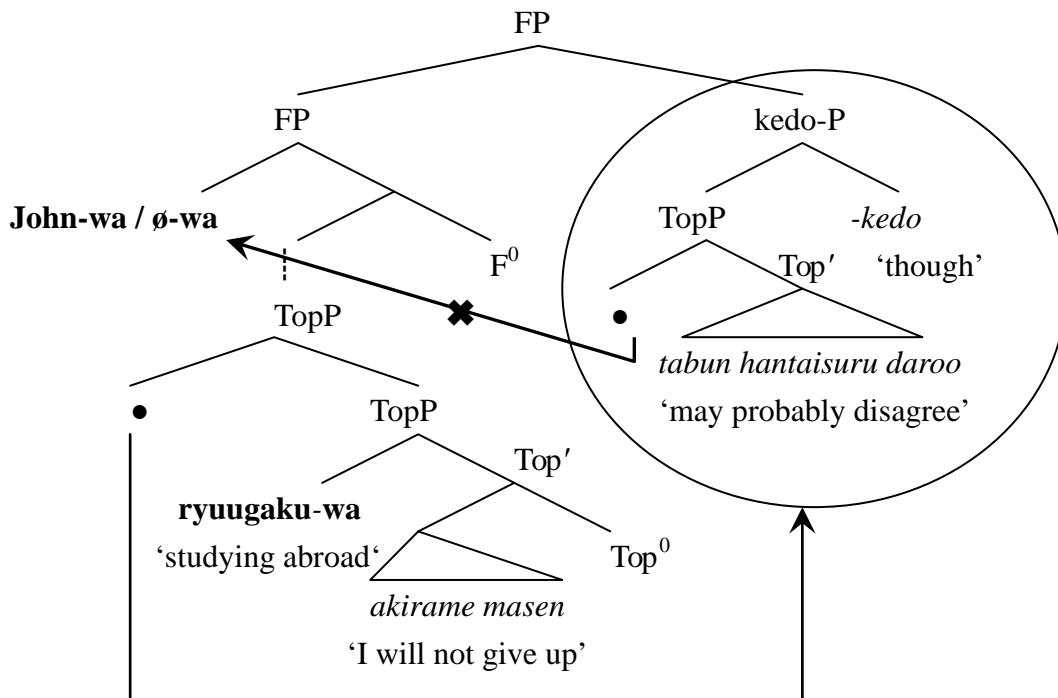
(35) *What if the main clause and the adverbial clause have **different topics**?*

- A: John -wa kimi-ga ryuugakusuru koto-ni hantaisuru nzyanai no?  
 -Top you-Nom study.abroad Nmz-about disagree isn't.likely Q  
 'Isn't it likely that John will disagree about you studying abroad?'
- B: {**John -wa** / **ø-wa**} tabun hantaisuru daroo -kedo,  
 { -Top/ ø-Top } probably disagree may -though  
**ryuugaku -wa** akirame-masen.  
 studying.abroad -Top give.up-Neg  
 'Though, speaking of John, he may probably disagree, speaking of studying abroad, I will not give it up.'

(36) *Right-dislocation*

- Ba: { \***John** -wa / \***ø**-wa } \_\_\_\_<sub>i</sub> **ryuugaku** -wa akirame-masen,  
 { -Top/ ø-Top } studying.abroad -Top give.up-Neg  
 [tabun hantaisuru daroo -kedo]<sub>i</sub>.  
 probably disagree may -though
- Bb: \_\_\_\_<sub>i</sub> **ryuugaku** -wa akirame-masen, [ { **John** -wa / \***ø**-wa } tabun  
 studying.abroad -Top give.up-Neg { -Top/ ø-Top } probably  
 hantaisuru daroo -kedo]<sub>i</sub>.  
 disagree may -though

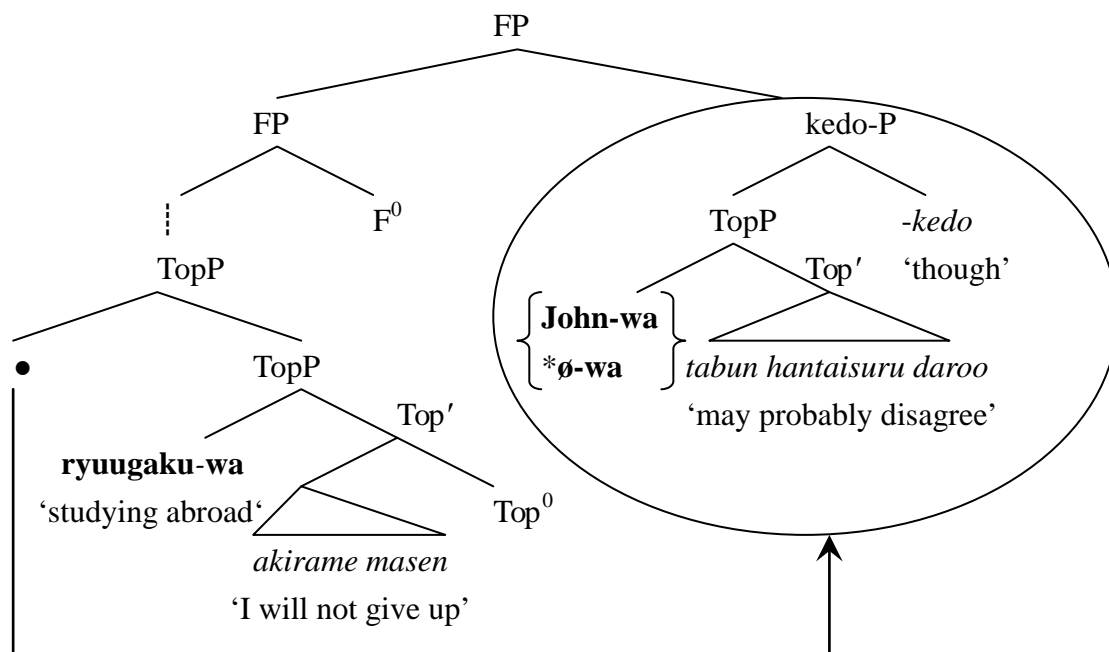
(37) *The structure of (36Ba) --- cf. (34)*



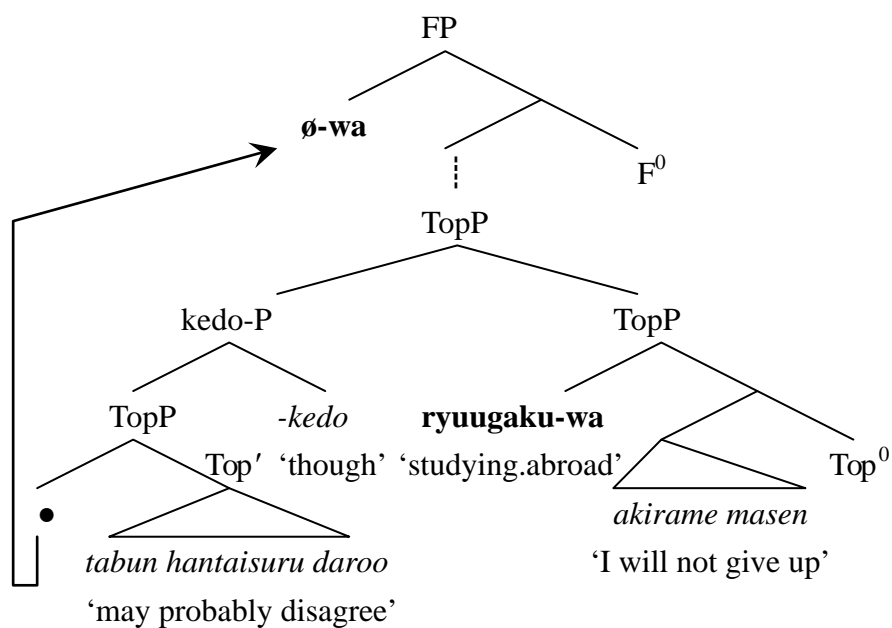
(38) *Extraction out of a right-dislocated phrase is forbidden*

- a. John -wa [ Mary-ga yubiwa-o nakusita -kedo] okora-naka-tta.  
 -Top -Nom ring-Acc lost -though get.angry-Neg-Past  
 ‘Though Mary lost the ring, John didn’t get angry.’
- b. Yubiwa-o<sub>i</sub> John -wa [ Mary-ga t<sub>i</sub> nakusita -kedo] okora-naka-tta.  
 ring-Acc -Top -Nom lost -though get.angry-Neg-Past
- c. \*Yubiwa-o<sub>j</sub> John -wa \_\_\_\_<sub>i</sub> okora-naka-tta, [ Mary-ga t<sub>j</sub> nakusita -kedo]<sub>i</sub>.  
 ring-Acc -Top get.angry-Neg-Past -Nom lost -though

(39) The structure of (36Bb) --- cf. (33)



(40) The Structure of (35B)



(41) = (38b) Some adjunct clauses do not exhibit island effects (Mihara (1994))

Yubiwa-o<sub>i</sub> John -wa [ Mary-ga t<sub>i</sub> nakusita -kedo] okora-naka-tta.  
 ring-Acc -Top -Nom lost -though get.angry-Neg-Past  
 'Though Mary lost the ring, John didn't get angry.'

(42) *Still, movement is involved*

a. *No pro-form of PP → The gap must be a trace*

**Hasami-de<sub>i</sub>** John -wa [ Mary-ga \_\_\_\_<sub>i</sub> tiizu-o kitta -kedo]  
 scissors-with -Top -Nom cheese-Acc cut -though  
 okora-naka-tta.

get.angry-Neg-Past

‘Though Mary cut the cheese with scissors, John didn’t get angry.’

b. *A gap resulting from movement cannot be filled with a resumptive pronoun (Saito (1985))*

\*Yubiwa-o<sub>i</sub> John -wa [ Mary-ga **sore-o<sub>i</sub>** nakusita -kedo] okora-naka-tta.  
 ring-Acc -Top -Nom it-Acc lost -though get.angry-Neg-Past

‘Though the ring, Mary lost it, John didn’t get angry.’

c. *Connectivity*

**Zibunzisin-o<sub>i</sub>** John -wa [ Mary-ga<sub>i</sub> t<sub>i</sub> hihansita -kedo] odoroka-naka-tta.  
 self-Acc -Top -Nom criticized-though surprised-Neg-Past

‘Though Mary criticized herself, John was not surprised.’

(43) *Resumptive pronoun*

A: John -wa kimi-ga ryuugakusuru koto-ni hantaisuru nzyanai no?  
 -Top you-Nom study.abroad Nmz-about disagree isn’t.likely Q

‘Isn’t it likely that John will disagree about you studying abroad?’

B:  $\emptyset$ -wa (\***kare-wa**) tabun (\***kare-wa**) hantaisuru daroo -kedo,  
 $\emptyset$ -Top (\*he-Top) probably (\*he-Top) disagree may -though  
 ryuugaku -wa akirame-masen.

studying.abroad -Top give.up-Neg

‘Though, speaking of John, he may probably disagree, speaking of studying abroad, I will not give it up.’

### 3.4 Summary

(44) The stranded particle (‘ $\emptyset$ -wa’) must move from Spec-TopP to Spec-FP. (i.e., It must be licensed not only by Top<sup>0</sup> but also by F<sup>0</sup>.) On the other hand, an overt topic (‘NP-wa’) may stay in Spec-TopP.

(45) *Further evidence: embedding the kedo-clause within a reported clause*

Ryuugaku	-nituite	John	-ga	doo	omotteiru	ka	kik-are-ta	toki,
studying.abroad	-about		-Nom	what	think	Q	ask-Pass-Past	when
Mary-wa	yoosuruni	[ <sub>REPORTED-CLAUSE</sub>		[ <sub>KEDO-CLAUSE</sub>	{ <b>John-wa</b> / * <b>ø-wa</b> }			tabun
-Top	in.summary				{	-Top / * <b>ø-Top</b> }		probably
hantaisuru	daroo	-kedo]		kanozyono	ketui	-wa	kawara-nai	to]
disagree	may	-though	her		decision-Top	change-Neg	Comp	
ii-takatta	no	da.						
say-wanted	Comp	Cop						

‘When she was asked what John thought of her studying abroad, Mary wanted to say in summary that though he might probably disagree, her decision would not be changed.’

- As seen in section 2.3, a reported clause in indirect speech does not have a position for a stranded particle. The ungrammaticality of (45) with particle stranding indicates that the *kedo*-clause also lacks the relevant position.

(46) *Revision of the Table (25)*

	topicalization	interjection	final particle	particle stranding
Class 1	no	no	no	no
Class 2	yes	no	no	no
Class 3	yes	yes	yes	yes

- i. Particle stranding as well as interjections and final particles is possible only in a quoted clause in direct speech (Class 3 clause), which is effectively a main clause (see section 2.2.3). → They are genuine main clause phenomena.
- ii. These phenomena take place in FP located above TopP.
- iii. Questions: Where is FP?  
What are the properties common to genuine main clause phenomena such as particle stranding and sentence final particles?

#### 4. Particle Stranding and Sentence Final Particles

### 4.1 Illocutionary Force

- Particle stranding and sentence final particles do not make a contribution to determining sentence types. By contrast, illocutionary force markers are obligatory and participating in determining sentence types.

(47) *Sentence final particle*

- a. Sugini iku\*(-u) (ne). 'I'm going soon.'  
soon go-Decl Prt
- b. Sugini iki\*(-nasai) (ne)! 'Go soon!'  
go-Imp
- c. Suguni iko\*(-o) (ne). 'Let's go soon.'  
go-Exh
- d. Sugini iku \*(ka) (ne)? 'Are you going soon?'  
Q

(48) *Particle stranding*

- a. A: Sono yubiwa-wa dare-ga mituketa no?  
the ring -Top who-Nom found Q  
'Speaking of that ring, who found it?'  
B: (ø-wa) watasi-ga mituke\*(-masita).  
(ø-Top) I -Nom find-Past(Decl)  
'Speaking of the ring, I found it.'
- b. A: Kono hon-wa dare-ni kaese-ba ii no?  
this book-Top who-to return-if good Q  
'Who should I return this book to?'  
B: (ø-wa) John -ni kaesi\*(-nasai).  
(ø-Top) -to return-Imp  
'Speaking of this book, return it to John.'
- c. A: Rensyuu-wa itu hazimeru no?  
practice-Top when start Q  
'When do we start a practice?'  
B: (ø-wa) imasugu hazime\*(-yoo).  
(ø-Top) right.now start-Exh  
'Speaking of a practice, let's start it right now.'
- d. *One exception! – interrogative sentence*  
A: John -wa sugoku okotteta yo.  
-Top very was.angry Prt  
'John was very angry'  
B: (\*ø-wa) nande sonnani okotteta no?  
(\*ø-Top) why so was.angry Q  
'Speaking of John, why was he so angry?'

## 4.2 Distribution

- Particle stranding and final particles occur at the outermost edge of a sentence.

### (49) *Final particles at the rightmost edge*

- a. [ForceP Sugini ik- (\*ne) -u ] (ne). 'I'm going soon.'  
soon go- (\*Prt) -Pres(Decl) Prt
- b. [ForceP Sugini iki- (\*ne) -nasai ] (ne)! 'Go soon!'  
-Imp
- c. [ForceP Suguni iko- (\*ne) -o ] (ne). 'Let's go soon.'  
-Exh
- d. [ForceP Sugini iku (\*ne) ka ] (ne)? 'Are you going soon?'  
Q

### (50) *Particle stranding at the leftmost edge*

- a. *Cooccurrence with saa*  
**Saa** rensyuu-o hazime {-yoo / -nasai / \*-ru / \*-runo?}.  
now practice-Acc start {-Exh / -Imp / \*-Decl / \*Q}  
'Now, let's start a practice.' / 'Now, start a practice!' / \*'Now, we start a practice.' /  
\*'Now, do you start a practice?'
- b. A: Rensyuu-wa itu hazimeru no?  
practice-Top when start Q  
'When do we start a practice?'
- Ba: **ø-wa** [ForceP **saa** imasugu hazime-yoo ].  
ø-Top now right.now start-Exh  
'Speaking of a practice, now, let's start it right now.'
- Bb: \*[ForceP **saa ø-wa** imasugu hazime-yoo ].  
now ø-Top right.now start-Exh

## 4.3 Interpersonal Interaction

- Particle stranding and sentence final particles occur in dialogic contexts.
- The speaker/writer has (a) particular (i.e. not anonymous) addressee(s) in mind.

### (51) *Narrative (i.e. non-dialogic) contexts*

- a. *novel*  
Naoko -wa [...] nakanaka kaette-ko-naka-tta (\*yo). (\*ø-wa) Teruo-ga  
-Top for.long. back-come-Neg-Past (\*Prt) (\*ø-Top) -Nom  
kitakusite-kara-mo mada modora-naka-tta.  
came.home-when-even still return-Neg-Past  
'Naoko [...] was out for a long time. Even when Teruo came home, she still hadn't  
returned.'

--- Yasutaka Tsutsui, *Shiba wa Midori* (The Grass is Greener)

b. *newspaper article*

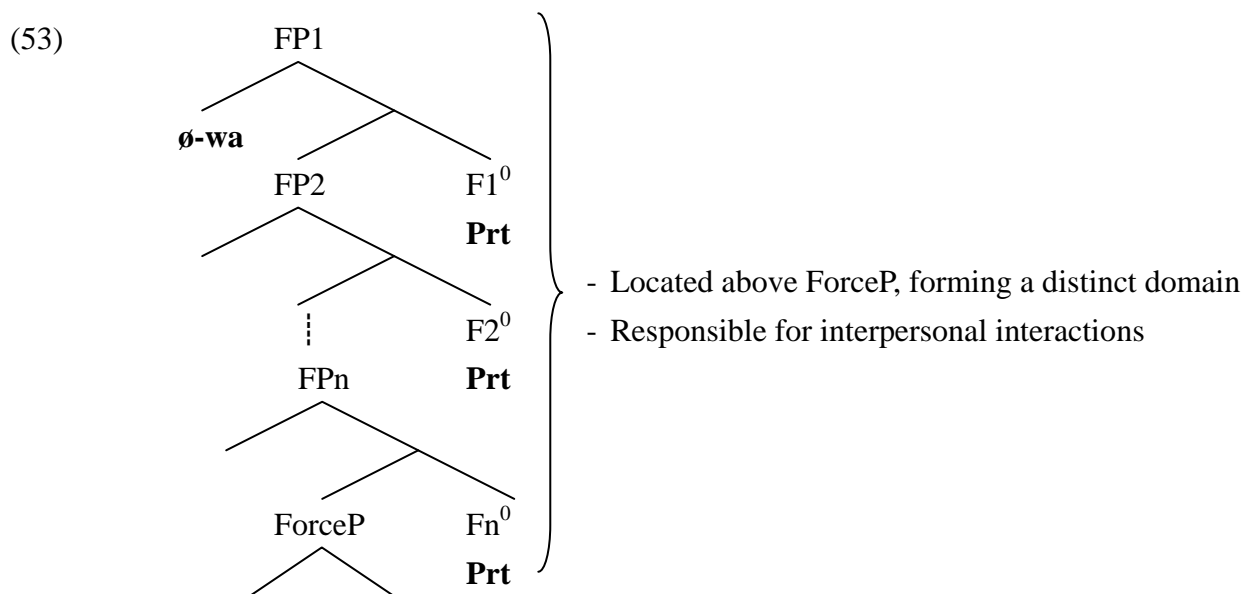
Nippon-Indo ryoo-koku seehu -wa kinoo ni-koku-kan-no  
 Japan-India both-country government-Top yesterday two-country-between-Gen  
 keezai-renkee-kyootee -o teeketusuru koto-de oosuzi  
 economic-partnership-agreement-Acc conclude Nmz-with generally  
 gooisita (\*yo).  
 agreed Prt

‘Japanese and Indian governments came to a general agreement yesterday to conclude the Economic Partnership Agreement between them.’ --- *Nikkei Shimbun*, 10.09.10

(52) *Speaker-addressee interaction (Tateishi (1991), Endo (2007), etc.)*

- a. *Yo*: The speaker provides information that s/he assumes is accessible to him/her but inaccessible to the addressee.
- i. [A man walking ahead of the speaker dropped his wallet, but he didn’t notice it]  
 Mosimosi, saihi -o otosi-masi-ta \*(yo).  
 excuse.me wallet-Acc drop-Polite-Past \*(Prt)  
 ‘Excuse me, but you’ve dropped your wallet.’
  - ii. [The speaker got out of the bed in a very cold morning, speaking to himself/herself]  
 Aa! samui \*(yo).  
 Oh cold \*(Prt)  
 ‘Oh, it’s cold!’
- b. *Ne*: The speaker asks for the addressee’s acknowledgement of the content of his/her speech.
- i. [The speaker and the addressee have been standing in an overcrowded train for more than half an hour.]  
 Kono densya-wa sugoku kondemasu \*(ne).  
 this train -Top very crowded \*(Prt)  
 ‘This train is very crowded, isn’t it?’
  - ii. [The speaker got out of the bed in a very cold morning, speaking to himself/herself]  
 Aa! samui \*(ne).  
 Oh cold \*(Prt)  
 ‘Oh, it’s cold!’

#### 4.4 The Layers Hosting Initial and Final Particles



#### (54) Particle stacking

Kimi-wa kinoo Tokyo-ni ita {yo ne /\*ne yo}.  
 you-Top yesterday -in was {YO NE /\*NE YO}  
 'You were in Tokyo yesterday, weren't you?'

#### 4.5 Restrictions on Particle Stranding

#### (55) Exclusion from an interrogative sentence

A: John -wa sugoku okotteta yo.  
     -Top very was.angry Prt  
     'John was very angry'  
 B: { \*ø-wa / John-wa } nande sonnani okotteta no?  
     { \*ø-Top / -Top } why so was.angry Q  
     'Speaking of John, why was he so angry?'

#### (56) The preceding utterance must be interrogative.

A: John -wa kyoo gakkoo-ni ko-naka-tta rasii yo.  
     -Top today school -to come-Neg-Past I.heard Prt  
     'I heard that John didn't come to school today.'  
 B: { \*ø-wa / John-wa } kaze-demo hiitan daroo.  
     { \*ø-Top / -Top } cold-or.something caught may  
     'He may have caught a cold or something.'

- (57) A: John -wa kyoo gakkoo-ni ko-naka-tta {**no** / **ne**}?  
 -Top today school -to come-Neg-Past {Q / Prt}  
 ‘Did’t John come to school today?’ / ‘John didn’t come to school today, did he?’
- B: **ø-wa** (sooieba) kite-masen desita.  
 ø-Top (now.I.remember) come-Neg was  
 ‘Speaking of John, (now I remember) he was absent.’

(58) **Response and Supply** --- two pragmatic functions of particle stranding

The speaker signals to the addressee that *in response to* the addressee’s demand, s/he is ready to *supply* required information.

- (55): The speaker does NOT SUPPLY information. On the contrary, s/he DEMANDS it.
- (56): NO DEMAND for information from the addressee → NO target for RESPONSE

## 5. Conclusion

- topicalization: a ‘weak’ main clause phenomenon; a topic appears in Spec-TopP
- particle stranding: a ‘strong’ / genuine main clause phenomenon, occurring in Spec-FP
- FP: a domain above ForceP, responsible for encoding speaker-addressee interactions

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