

The Distribution of Declarative V2-Clauses in the Light of Disjunction

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Disjunction presents one of the obstacles to the hypothesis that the distribution of Germanic V2-declaratives can be predicted from their assertionhood. We will explore some consequences of trying to circumvent this obstacle under two perspectives: assertion as speaker commitment and assertion as update of the common ground. We will conclude that unwelcome effects such as overgeneration and necessity of seemingly ad hoc mechanisms appear to be unavoidable, irrespective of the approach to assertion adopted.