The Components of Sideward Movement in the Verb Copying Construction in Mandarin Chinese

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Abstract

In this paper, I explore the components of the sideward movement involved in the verb copying construction proposed by Cheng (2007). I first present some facts of the resultative *de*-clause of the verb copying construction which seems to be puzzling under Cheng's analysis. An extended analysis is then proposed. Under the extended analysis, I propose that the sideward movement mechanism involved in the resultative *de*-clause can be further analyzed as internal topicalization plus differential object marking. This analysis of sideward movement is also attested in the manner *de*-clause of the verb copying construction. The proposed components relate the sideward movement in the verb copying construction to the syntactic mechanisms which are also observed widely in Mandarin Chinese and other languages.

Keywords

verb copying, standard movement, sideward movement, internal topicalization, differential object marking, BA construction

漢語動詞重複句中側邊移動之構成要素

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提要

本篇文章探討由 Cheng (2007) 對動詞拷貝結構所提出的側邊移動之句法成份。本文首先檢視動詞拷貝結構中的結果之得-子句次類,並指出在鄭的分析下,有些事實似乎需要再解釋。因此以 Cheng (2007) 為基礎,本文提出一個延伸的分析。在此延伸的分析中,本文提出在結果之得-子句次類中所涉及的側邊移動機制可以更進一步分析為內主題化加上受詞區別標記。再者,此種對側邊移動的分析在方式之得-子句中也可得到驗證。最後,不論是在漢語本身或跨語言比較方面,本文提出的內主題化和受詞區別標記這兩種句法機制,都是廣泛存在的。

關鍵詞

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