

## A Syntactic Approach to the 1<sup>st</sup> Person Restriction of Causal Clauses in Korean

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### Abstract

The main purpose of this paper is to provide a syntax-based analysis of the differences between the two Korean causal clauses, i.e. *ese*-clauses and *nikka*-clauses. Focusing on the various aspects of Mood distinction, we claim that *nikka* and *ese*-clauses can be analyzed as indicatives and subjunctives, respectively. Such an analysis enables us to provide syntactic explanations for issues—what we call the 1<sup>st</sup> person restriction of *ese*-clauses and its obviation—which might be considered merely semantic/pragmatic issues.

### 1 Main puzzle: The 1<sup>st</sup> person restriction of *ese*-clauses

Korean has two causal connectives, *-nikka* and *-ese* ‘because’. In most cases, they can be used interchangeably without noticeable differences in their meanings:

- (1) Pi-ka o-*ase/nikka* ttang-i cecnun-ta.  
rain-Nom come-because ground-Nom wet  
‘Because it rains, the ground is getting wet.’

The two connectives, however, exhibit different distributions with respect to the main clause subject when they contain a Contrastive Topic (CT) marking: while *ese*-clauses display person restrictions on the main clause subject, *nikka*-clauses do not. In (2), for example, both *-ese* and *-nikka* allow CT-marking when the main clause subject is 1<sup>st</sup> person. In this case, the CT conveys the implied

message that the speaker believes that *Hoya* cannot fulfill other conditions required for marriage, such as a full-time job position.

- (2) a. pro<sub>2</sub> cip-**un** sa-**se**, na<sub>1</sub>-nun  
pro house-CT buy-*ese* I-Top  
Hoya<sub>2</sub>-wa kyeolhonha-yss-ta.  
Hoya-with marry-Past-Decl  
b. pro<sub>2</sub> cip-**un** sa-ss-**unikka**, na<sub>1</sub>-nun  
pro house-CT buy-Past-*nikka* I-Top  
Hoya<sub>2</sub>-wa kyeolhonha-yss-ta.  
Hoya-with marry-Past-Decl  
‘I married Hoya because he (at least)  
bought a house.’

However, the two connectives behave differently when the main clause subject is not 1<sup>st</sup> person. As in (3a), an *ese*-clause does not allow CT-marking, when the main clause subject is 3<sup>rd</sup> person. We name this constraint *the 1<sup>st</sup> Person Restriction (PR)*.

Unlike *ese*-clauses, *nikka*-clauses allow CT-marking regardless of whether the main clause subject is 1<sup>st</sup> person or not. In (3b), *Yuna* is the one who believes *Hoya* at least meets the minimum condition for marriage, but it is possible that he cannot fulfill any other conditions.<sup>1</sup>

- (3) a. #pro<sub>2</sub> cip-**un** sa-**se**, Yuna<sub>1</sub>-nun  
pro house-CT buy-because Yuna-Top  
Hoya<sub>2</sub>-wa kyeolhonha-yss-ta.  
Hoya-with marry-Past-Decl  
‘Yuna married Hoya because he (at least)  
bought a house.’

<sup>1</sup> As far as we know, this kind of difference doesn’t seem to be found in any other languages—even though some languages use two words for ‘because’ (e.g., German *denn* and *weil*).

- b. pro<sub>2</sub> cip-**un** sa-ss-**unikka**, Yuna<sub>1</sub>-nun  
 pro house-CT buy-Past-**nikka** Yuna-Top  
 Hoya<sub>2</sub>-wa kyeolhonha-yss-ta.  
 Hoya-with marry-Past-Decl  
 ‘Yuna married Hoya because he (at least)  
 bought a house.’

Note that an *ese*-clause displays this restriction only in cases where it contains a CT marker:

- (4) pro<sub>2</sub> cip-**ul** sa-**se**, na<sub>1</sub>/Yuna<sub>1</sub>-nun  
 pro house-Acc buy-*ese* I/Yuna-Top  
 Hoya<sub>2</sub>-wa kyeolhonha-yss-ta.  
 Hoya-with marry-Past-Decl  
 ‘I/Yuna married Hoya because he bought a  
 house’

More surprisingly, PR can be circumvented when even one of the arguments in the *ese*-clause is co-indexed with the subject of the main clause. It is commonly claimed that as an applicative construction *-e cwu-* adds a *goal* argument of the beneficiary relation (Jung 2014, etc.). PR can be obviated due to a co-indexation of the goal argument with the main clause subject, as in (5).

- (5) pro<sub>2</sub> cip-**un** pro<sub>1</sub> sa-cwu-**ese**,  
 pro house-CT pro buy-give-because  
 na<sub>1</sub>/Yuna<sub>1</sub>-nun Hoya<sub>2</sub>-wa kyeolhonha-yss-ta.  
 I/Yuna-Top Hoya-with marry-Past-Decl  
 ‘Yuna married Hoya because he (at least)  
 bought a house for her.’

Just like (3b), the implied message in (5) is that *Yuna* believes it is possible that *Hoya* meets the minimum condition for marriage, but he cannot fulfill other conditions. Thus, (3b) and (5) show that the unacceptability of (3a) cannot be attributed to a semantic/pragmatic anomaly.

## 2 Causal clauses and Contrastive marking

To explain PR, it is necessary to understand the CT-marking in causal clauses. As widely pointed out in the previous literature, CT-marking is restricted in embedded contexts: while it is allowed in a causal clause but not in a temporal/conditional clause: (e.g., Hara 2008, Tomioka 2015 for Japanese, Park & Hoe 2015, etc.)

- (6) \*Hangsang aitul-**un** cip-ey  
 always children-CT house-to  
 o-*l ttay*, kay-ka cic-nun-ta.  
 come when dog-Nom bark-Pres-Decl

- ‘When (at least) children come to our house,  
 dogs always bark.’ (based on Hara 2008)  
 (7) Sacangnim-un John-i ilpone-**nun**  
 president-Top John-Nom Japanese-CT  
 hal cul-a-**nikka/al-ase** chayonghay-ss-ta.  
 do can-because hire-Past-Decl  
 ‘Because John can speak (at least) Japanese,  
 the president hired him.’ (based on Hara 2008)

According to Hara (2008), a CT-marking conveys an implied message that some epistemic bearer (mostly the speaker of the ‘utterance context’ (C<sub>u</sub>, hereafter)) entertains the possibility that the stronger scalar alternatives to the asserted proposition are false (e.g., it is possible that John cannot speak both Japanese and Korean in (7)). For such a scalar comparison, the use of CT requires some kind of epistemic bearer who has limited knowledge. Given this, Hara (2008) claims that CT-marking is licensed in causal clauses because causal clauses can fulfill the requirement about the epistemic bearer by introducing their own contexts.

The idea of introducing an additional context can also be supported by Davidson’s (1963) primary reason. According to Davidson, doing something for a reason means doing something intentionally. Thus, to accept a rationalization of an action, we should be able to say what caused the agent to do the action (e.g., attractions, obligations, etc.). Davidson claims that when somebody does something for a reason, he must have a primary reason that consists of (i) a pro-attitude toward an action of a certain kind (e.g. desires come from moral beliefs, social conventions, etc.), and (ii) a belief that doing his action is of that kind, and (iii) this belief and desire cause him in the right way to do the action. In this way, the primary reason can be understood as a cause of the action. In order to accept only intentionally qualified causal relations, a kind of screening of the causal relation is added (expressed by “in the right way”). The relation between the reason/cause and its unintended outcomes cannot be qualified as a “right” causal relation. As exemplified in Davidson (1963), if someone turned on the light and by doing so he happened to alert the burglar in the room, the relation between the two events cannot be qualified as a right causal relation if the pro-attitude is supposed to be an intention. Given this, we can say that the use of causal clauses adds some additional context corresponding to the qualifying process. We call

this additional context ‘reason context ( $C_R$ , hereafter)’.

If we accept Kaplanian context, a context can be construed as a tuple of indices identifying the contextual features such as an author, addressee, etc. In this way,  $C_U$  and  $C_R$  can be illustrated as in (8).

- (8) a. utterance context ( $C_U$ ) in main clauses:  
 <author (= speaker), addressee (=hearer), tense (=utterance time), location, .....>  
 b. reason context ( $C_R$ ) in causal clauses:  
 <author (= subject of the main clauses), addressee, tense (= tense information of the main clauses), location, .....>

As in (8), the  $C_R$  is different from the  $C_U$  in that its author feature is associated with the subject of the main clause (see also Hara 2008).

### 3 Indicative vs. Subjunctive Mood

To explain PR, we claim that there’s a correspondence between the two causal clauses and two different moods. In this section, we layout semantic and syntactic properties of mood distinction and provide some evidence.

#### 3.1 Semantic Aspect

Anand & Hacquard (2009) (A&H, hereafter) show that only certain types of attitude verbs allow epistemic modals in their complement:

- (9) a. John [believes, argues, assumed] that the Earth might be flat.  
 b. #John [hopes, wishes, commanded] that the Earth might be flat. (A&H 2009, (1))

According to A&H, in the complement of ‘believe’ type verbs, doxastic attitudes of *John* (that is the attitude holder) can license the embedded epistemic modal *might*. In contrast, in the complement of ‘want’ type verbs, since doxastic attitudes of the attitude holder are not involved, the embedded epistemic modal cannot be licensed. A&H argue that such a distinction is attributed to the mood distinction: while ‘believe’ type verbs select an indicative complement, ‘want’ type verbs select a subjunctive complement.

We assume that causal connectives introduce modal environments similar to attitude verbs. Recall Davidson’s (1963) claim that primary reasons in causal relation always consist of a pro-attitude and belief related in the right way. Given this, we further claim that the two causal clauses are differ-

ent in their moods: *nikka*-clauses and *ese*-clauses correspond to indicative and subjunctive mood, respectively.<sup>2 3</sup>

The supporting evidence for the current analysis can be found in the examples like (10). As in (10), while *nikka*-clauses allow epistemic modals, *ese*-clauses do not.

- (10) The speaker came to know that a bomb went off at the park ....  
 a. Mina-ka cip-ey iss-e ya ha-*nikka*,  
 Mina-Nom home-Loc stay-have to-*nikka*  
 na-nun ansim-i-ta.  
 I-Top be.relieved-Cop-Decl  
 ‘Because Mina must be home, I feel relieved.’  
 (ok) Circumstantial, (ok) Epistemic  
 b. Mina-ka cip-ey iss-e ya ha-*ese*,  
 Mina-Nom home-Loc stay-have to-*ese*  
 na-nun ansim-i-ta.  
 I-Top be.relieved-Cop-Decl  
 ‘Because Mina must be home, I feel relieved.’  
 (ok) Circumstantial, \*Epistemic

The modal *-e ya ha-* in (10a) can be interpreted as either circumstantially (i.e. ‘Mina is obligated to stay at home due to the curfew hour. Thus, I am not worried about her safety’) or epistemically (i.e. ‘As far as I know, it is quite certain that Mina stays at home since she is very tired due to a long trip. Thus, I am not worried about her safety.’). In (10b), by contrast, *-e ya ha-* is interpreted only as a circumstantial modal.

#### 3.2 Syntactic Aspect

On the syntactic side, various syntactic analyses have been proposed to explain the mood distinction concerning: finiteness, phi-feature agreements,

<sup>2</sup> Portner & Rubinstein (2012) show convincingly that despite a similar meaning, two relevant predicates can select a different complement with respect to moods (e.g. *vouloir* ‘want’-subjunctive vs. *espérer* ‘hope’-indicative in French, etc.). We refer to Portner & Rubinstein (2012) for more detailed discussion.

<sup>3</sup> Some might say that the subjunctive is not suitable for causal clauses since it has been discussed that its content cannot be regarded as a true statement (e.g. irrealis, non-veridicality, etc.). But this seems not always the case as evidenced by the cases like *prin* ‘before’-subjunctive vs. *afu* ‘after’-indicative in Greek (Giannakidou 2015) and so on. See also de Jonge (2001), A&H (2009) for alternatives regarding the semantic nature of the subjunctive mood.

temporal markers, designated verbal forms, special kinds of the complementizer, etc. However, Bianchi (2001, 2003) argues that many of them are just peripheral effects related to the finiteness, and that it is *context anchoring* that plays a crucial role to determine moods and finiteness (See also Amritavalli 2014).<sup>4</sup> In this regard, it can be said that the mood determination has to do with the context choice: which context can/should the materials in the complements be evaluated with? Based on Bianchi's (2001, 2003) analysis, we suggest (11).

- (11) The taxonomy of (syntactic) Moods
- a. Indicative: All the context sensitive elements in the complements can be freely evaluated with the embedded context and/or  $C_U$ .
  - b. Subjunctive
    - (i) Internally Centered logophoric Subjunctive (ILS): In the C-T layer of the complements, the logophoric elements should be used and evaluated relative to the embedded context via *internal Logophoric anchoring (iLa, hereafter)*.
    - (ii) Non-Internally anchored Subjunctive (NIS): Compared to ILS, some regular expressions can be employed instead of the logophoric elements and they can be associated with the outer perspective sources.

As for the indicatives, it is generally assumed that the elements in the embedded clause can be freely evaluated with the  $C_U$ . In this regard, the Double Access Reading (DAR) of tense is well studied (Abusch 1997, Giorgi & Pianesi 1997, a. o).

- (12) Double Access Reading
- a. John believed that Mary is pregnant.
  - b. #Two years ago, John believed that Mary is pregnant. (Abusch 1997, a. o)

It is well-known that in some languages (e.g. English, Italian, French, Spanish, and many other), the embedded indicative tense is evaluated twice: once

<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, we can say that as long as the finiteness is verified, the impoverishment of verbal forms does not necessarily mean the absence of the subjunctive mood. As for the finiteness and the subjunctive mood in Korean, we refer to Lee (2009). See also Giannakidou (2009) and Yoon (2013) for more detailed discussions on the various patterns of the subjunctive mood.

it is anchored to the  $C_U$  and once it is anchored to the 'attitude context ( $C_A$ , hereafter)'. As seen in (12), even if *John* believed *Mary's* pregnancy in the past, *Mary* should still be pregnant 'now'. Usually, this is understood as (13) (see Giorgi & Pianesi 1997 for more detailed discussion).

- (13) a. The indicative complement can specify the *independent* tense, which can be directly evaluated with respect to  $C_U$ .
- b. On the contrary, it has been argued that DAR is not generally available in subjunctive complements.

Unfortunately, DAR is hard to test in our target sentences since it is not clear whether Korean belongs to the DAR language group or not (see Kim 2013 for details). However, (13a) may still be relevant since there is evidence to show that only *niikka*-clauses allow the independent tense.

- (14) a. Pi-ka o-*ass-unikka*, ttang-i  
rain-Nom come-Past-*nikka* ground-Nom  
cec-ess-ta.  
wet-Past-Decl
- b. Pi-ka o-(\**ass*)-*ese*, ttang-i  
rain-Nom come-(\*Past)-*ese* ground-Nom  
cec-ess-ta.  
wet-Past-Decl  
'The ground got wet, because it rained.'

Previous analyses point out that unlike *ese*-clauses, *nikka*-clauses are obligatorily marked with tense (e.g., Lee S. 1978; Lee, E. 1990; etc.). Also, the main clause and the *nikka*-clause can be independent from each other with respect to their temporal interpretations. Unlike *nikka*, the tense of the *ese*-clause relies on the temporal interpretation of the main clause (Park 2015: p.53). As many authors have proposed, if only the indicative clauses allow independent tense (Landau 2004, 2015; Giannakidou 2009, etc.), the contrast in (14) can be easily accounted for.

Unlike indicatives, Bianchi (2001, 2003) argues that subjunctives can be subdivided along the (un-)obligatory use of the logophoric elements at the C-T layer depending on how much the C-T layer can reflect the independent phi-agreements.

In this line, to support ILS, Bianchi discusses the Obligatory Control (OC, hereafter) originating from attitude verbs. It is widely assumed that some logophoric elements should be interpreted with respect to a certain perspectival relation regarding



SELF, PIVOT, SOURCE (Sells 1987) and so on. Bianchi argues that PRO is one of them as evidenced by sentences like (15); PRO should be co-indexed with the *addressee* of the  $C_A$  in (15).

- (15) Object-oriented OC with an attitude verb  
 Yuna<sub>1</sub>-ka Yumi<sub>2</sub>-eykey [PRO<sub>2/\*1/\*3</sub>  
 Yuna-Nom Yumi-Dat [PRO  
 aph-ey ancu-la]-ko myenglyengha-yss-ta.  
 front-in sit-Imp]-comp order-Past-Decl  
 ‘Yuna ordered Yumi to sit in the front row.’

In cases like (15), when the  $C_A$  is constituted by a ‘want’ type verb like *myenglyenghata* ‘order’, its external argument (*Yuna* in 15) corresponds to the *author* of the  $C_A$ , and its internal argument (*Yumi* in 15) corresponds to the *addressee* of the  $C_A$  (Bianchi 2003, Landau 2015, a. o.). Given this, Bianchi argues that if the denotation of PRO should be determined in terms of *iLa*, we can explain why PRO should be co-indexed with the argument(s) of the matrix attitude verbs. Furthermore, we can say that the semantic correlation discussed in section 3.1 still hold since the complement of ‘want’ type verbs should be subjunctive. 333

Roughly summarizing, what Bianchi argues is that the distribution of PRO is (partly) attributed to the subjunctive mood allowing *iLa* (see also Landau 2015 for a similar analysis). In this regard, we can also easily find evidence for the existence of NIS: when a 3<sup>rd</sup> person pronominal subject is employed in a supposed OC complement, it comes to allow a Non-OC reading (though rather marginal).

- (16) Non-OC reading in NIS  
 a. Scenario (Seo & Hoe 2015)  
 Yumi, is a class leader, and her home teacher, Yuna, transmits an order to another student, Hoya, through Yumi.  
 b.(?)Yuna-nun Yumi-eykey [ku-ka aph-ey  
 Yuna-Top Yumi-Dat [he-Nom front-in  
 ancu-la]-ko myenglyeng-ha-yss-ta.  
 sit-Imp]-Comp order-Past-Decl  
 Int. ‘A teacher ordered to Yumi that Hoya should sit in the front row.’

Under the scenario in (16a), (16b) is much more acceptable than (15) weakening the OC reading. With this, we can easily draw a conclusion that *iLa* is blocked in (16b) in the following way: as widely discussed, unlike PRO, regular pronominals cannot be licensed in ILS since a more articulated structure (regarding phi-agreement, for example) is re-

quired (Bianchi 2001, 2003, Landau 2004, 2015, etc.). But such a complement should still be subjunctive since it is selected by the ‘want’ type predicate. Thus, even though Korean lacks any other overt cues like phi-agreements, the use of an overt pronominal subject is enough to show that the complement in (16b) amounts to NIS rightly predicting the absence of *iLa*.

#### 4 *Ese* vs. *Nikka*: Mood distinction

Up to this point, we have discussed two aspects of the mood distinction and provide some evidence to show that *ese*-clauses are identified with subjunctives while *nikka*-clauses are identified with indicatives. In this section, we further propose that such a distinction also holds in regard to *iLa*.

##### 4.1 More on the causal relation.

As we have seen in section 2, Davidson (1963) claims that the relation between the action and the reason for doing something can be accepted only in the case such that it is qualified in a *right way*, and this is why we add the independent  $C_R$ . However, such a qualification is not freely given in relation to the  $C_R$ . Instead, we suggest that there should be a type of doxastic information included in causal clauses, and it is necessary to judge whether this information is qualified from the evidential bearer’s perspective (cf. Hara 2008). We call this process *the judge requirement*.<sup>5</sup>

This poses one interesting question. As widely discussed, when a speaker utters a declarative sentence, the content in it should be regarded as true according to her doxastic information. If, then, the declarative sentence contains a causal clause, the following condition should hold, too.

- (17) *Felicity condition of the causal relations*:  
 The speaker is certain about the judge requirement.

Notice that (17) is not trivially satisfied. As discussed, the  $C_R$  exists independently, and it plays a crucial role for the judge requirement. Thus, it is

<sup>5</sup> In propositional attitude environments related to  $C_A$ , all the (specific) individuals should be identified by the attitude holder via a suitable acquaintance relation (e.g. *de re/se/te*) (Anand 2006, a. o.). Similar to this, we may say that the judge requirement can be regarded as a suitable acquaintance relation between the evidential holder and the causal relation in the  $C_R$ .

possible to imagine situations where the speaker cannot be the proper Evidential Bearer (EB, hereafter) of the causal relation.

#### 4.2 *Nikka vs Ese*: Judge requirement

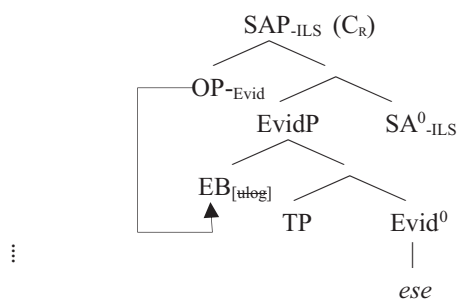
Following Speas (2004), Tenny (2006) and others, we assume that Evid(ential) Phrase constitutes a perspectival relation in causal clauses (cf. evidential OP in Hara 2008). Based on this, we suggest that the Judge requirement is also provided through the EvidP.

Given all this, suppose that the default structure of *ese*-clauses is ILS. Then, we can say that since EB is responsible for a perspective relation, such a logophoric element should be controlled by *iLa* in *ese*-clauses.

To implement this idea, we assume that EvidP is located at the CP-peripheries and introduces EB. Additionally, to explain the obligatoriness of *iLa*, we adopt the *OP<sub>log</sub> binding* (Anand 2006) in the following manner: Anand (2006) argues that logophoric elements should be bound by a special kind of *OP<sub>log</sub>* by assuming that (i) as a bound variable (BV), the former contains the *uninterpretable log*-feature ([*u*log], hereafter), and the latter can check and erase [*u*log] in Chomsky's (1995) sense via a variable binding relation.

Along these lines, we propose that in ILS structures, the perspective sensitive elements in the C-T layer are just BVs which are born with [*u*log]. This means that EBs in ILS should bear [*u*log]. We further argue that *OP<sub>log</sub>* is introduced by the ILS SpeechAct phrase (*SAP<sub>ILS</sub>*, hereafter), which should be anchored to the *closest* context.<sup>6</sup>

(18) Structure of *ese*-clauses: *OP<sub>log</sub>* binding



Since Anand (2006, 2009) argues that there are various kinds of *OP<sub>log</sub>*s with respect to the nature of the perspectives (e.g. *OP<sub>SOURCE</sub>*, *OP<sub>SELF</sub>*, *OP<sub>PIVOT</sub>*, etc), we assume the *OP<sub>Evid</sub>* is introduced at spec, *SAP<sub>ILS</sub>* in the causal clauses.

In (18), the embedded context should be *C<sub>R</sub>*. Then, since the author of the *C<sub>R</sub>* is picked out as the subject of the main clause (Hara 2008), we can predict that the EB should be identified with it.

As for *nikka*-clauses, however, indicatives are not sensitive to *OP<sub>log</sub>* binding. Instead, similar to the tense interpretation in DAR cases, any elements in *nikka*-clauses can be evaluated with the *C<sub>U</sub>* directly. This implies, then, that EB in indicative *nikka* clauses can be freely associated with the speaker of the *C<sub>U</sub>*.

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### 5 Explanation of PR

Now, we can explain PR as follows. First, recall the licensing of the CT in causal clauses. As discussed, for CT to be interpreted, an epistemic bearer is required. Regarding the nature of causal clauses, we suggest that the epistemic bearer of CT is determined along with the EB. As the CT information is one of the main sources for the judge requirement, it is fair to say that EB is responsible for the CT information.

One immediate question now arises: regarding the Epistemic licensing, how can the Felicity condition in (17) hold? We believe that this is the key property of PR.

In our target sentence like (19), if *Yuna* is used as the subject of the main clause, the EB of the *ese*-clause should be *Yuna*, the author of the *C<sub>R</sub>*.

(19) # pro<sub>2</sub> cip-*un* sa-*se*, **Yuna**<sub>1</sub>-nun  
 pro house-CT buy-because Yuna-Top  
 Hoya<sub>2</sub>-wa kyeolhon-ha-yss-ta.  
 Hoya-with marry-Past-Decl.  
 ‘Yuna married Hoya because he (at least)  
 bought a house.’

As proposed, the epistemic bearer of CT is picked out as *Yuna*, and as a result, the CT information should be vested in *Yuna*'s personal CT scale. What this means is that *Yuna* becomes the only person who can fulfill the judge requirement. Since such CT information is unilateral, even if it could be accepted in general, and thus be easily accommodated, it cannot be regarded as a mutual belief for all the relevant people, including the speaker. Thus, when the speaker utters (19), there is no way for her to be convinced of whether the causal connection is felicitous along with *Yuna*'s personal CT

<sup>6</sup> Notice that this does not mean that *OP<sub>log</sub>* bindings are not allowed in NIS or indicative complements.

scale. Therefore, the Felicity condition in (17) cannot be met in (19).

On the other hand, in cases like (20), the Felicity condition in (17) can trivially hold, since the EB is the speaker of the  $C_U$ .

- (20)  $pro_2$  cip-**un** sa-**se**, **na**<sub>1</sub>-nun  
 pro house-CT buy-because I-Top  
 Hoya<sub>2</sub>-wa kyeolhonha-yss-ta.  
 Hoya-with marry-Past-Decl  
 ‘I married Hoya because he (at least) bought a house.’

Thus, we can explain why CT can be properly used in ILS causal clauses only if the subject of the main clause is the speaker herself.

As predicted, however, such a contrast is not found with *nikka*-clauses. Due to the lack of the *iLa* in indicative clauses, the EB of the *nikka*-clause can be determined as either the author of the  $C_R$  or the speaker of the  $C_U$ .

- (21)  $pro_2$  cip-**un** sa-**ss-unikka**, **na**<sub>1</sub>/  
 pro house-CT buy-Past-because I/  
**Yuna**<sub>1</sub>-nun Hoya<sub>2</sub>-wa kyeolhonha-yss-ta.  
 Yuna-Top Hoya-with marry-Past-Decl  
 ‘I/Yuna married Hoya because he (at least) bought a house.’

No matter who the subject of the main clause is, (17) does not pose any problem in (21).

## 6 The obviation of PR: NIS over ILS

In the previous section, we tried to explain PR based on the nature of the ILS structure. However, it brings one non-trivial question: as a subjunctive, should *ese*-clauses constitute ILS only? The answer seems negative concerning the obviation as seen in (22).

- (22)  $pro_2$  cip-**un**  $pro_1$  sa-**cwu-ese**, [=5]  
 pro house-CT pro buy-*give*-because  
**na**<sub>1</sub>/**Yuna**<sub>1</sub>-nun Hoya<sub>2</sub>-wa kyeolhonha-yss-ta.  
 I/Yuna-Top Hoya-with marry-Past-Decl  
 ‘I/Yuna married Hoya because he (at least) bought a house for her.’

If *ese*-clauses were confined to ILS, (22) cannot be accounted for. This indicates that the most plausible candidate for the grammaticality of (22) will be a NIS structure. To explain this, we propose (23).

- (23) NIS over ILS in causal clauses  
 NIS can be selected only if ILS violates some *structurally* driven conditions.

In fact, (23) is reminiscent of the OC over Non-OC (Farkas 1992, Bianchi 2003; cf. Hornstein 2006; McFadden & Sundaresan 2016). Briefly speaking, its basic premise is that the OC structure is a default one, thereby it is preferred to Non-OC counterpart in general.

For instance, (15) is an OC structure with PRO as discussed above. However, it has been argued that Korean has a regular null pronoun, namely *pro*, too. Thus, given the existence of the structures like (16b), it is possible to say that (15) can be parsed as a Non-OC structure with *pro*; since there are no other distinctive markers as seen in (16b), the resulting phonological string with *pro* would become exactly the same as the one with PRO. However, (15) does not allow Non-OC reading at all.

OC over Non-OC is proposed to explain why OC structure is generally selected in cases like (15). In the relevant literature (e.g. Farkas 1992, Bianchi 2003; cf. McFadden & Sundaresan 2016), its motivation is usually tied to the assumption that OC structure has a less complex C-T layer than the Non-OC counterpart in regard to phi-agreement and finiteness (but see Hornstein 2006 for an alternative based on ‘parsing preference’). In this respect, the rationale behind OC over Non-OC can be understood in such a way that a more structurally economical construction should be selected unless there are clear reasons to block it.

Given the above-mentioned assumption that the OC-Non-OC pair is one instance of ILS-NIS pairs, we suggest that such a preference condition can be extended to all the ILS-NIS pairs as described in (23).

However, this raises another question: Why cannot the failure of the Felicity condition in (17) trigger the NIS over ILS?

Fortunately, there is evidence to show that pragmatically driven problems cannot be involved with the OC over Non-OC cases. In general, it has been argued that PRO in object-oriented OC should be interpreted *de te* (Anand 2006, Landau 2015, a. o.). In this regard, (15) should be construed with *de te* attitude; if *Yumi* does not recognize the fact that her conversational partner (that is the addressee of the reported speech context) is indeed *Yumi*, the sentence becomes unacceptable (Park 2011, Hoe 2014, etc.). However, in the Non-OC structure with an overt pronominal subject like (16b), a *de re* reading is also available (Hoe 2014). This can be interpreted as saying that *pro* in such a

position—if possible—should allow a *de re* reading, as well (see also Sundaresan 2014). Then, if pragmatic factors like the unavailability of the *de te* can trigger (23), *pro* can replace PRO allowing a *de re* attitude. If this were the case, however, we would not be able to explain why (15) should be interpreted as *de te*, since the supposed Non-OC structure and (15) have the exact same phonological string as discussed above.

If this is on the right track, we can conclude that a certain structurally driven condition is violated in (22). Regarding this, we suggest (24).

- (24) Anti-logophoricity (or Disjoint) Effects:  
 Non-logophoric pronouns in the scope of the OP<sub>log</sub> must be disjoint from the antecedent of a logophoric element.

In order to more fully understand this, let us consider (25) first.

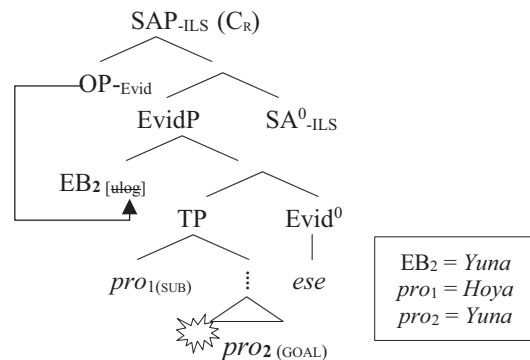
- (25) a. Kofi be ye-dzo.  
 Kofi say Log-leave  
 ‘Kofi<sub>1</sub> said Log<sub>1/\*2</sub> left.’  
 b. Kofi be e-dzo.  
 Kofi say 3<sup>rd</sup>-leave  
 ‘Kofi<sub>1</sub> said 3<sup>rd</sup><sub>2/\*1</sub> left.’ (Clements 1975)

As shown in (25), in environments where a logophor can be licensed, if a run-of-the-mill 3<sup>rd</sup> person pronoun is employed, it cannot refer to the individual that the logophor does (Koopman & Sportiche 1989, Bianchi 2003, Anand 2006, a. o.).

Along these lines, (24) can easily explain the obviation of PR in (22): a potential ILS structure is blocked due to (24) since the added goal argument is eventually co-indexed with the EB as illustrated in (26).<sup>7</sup> Thus, if an NIS structure is selected in (22), the Felicity condition in (17) can hold, thanks to the absence of *iLa*.

<sup>7</sup> We suspect that (24) in (26) has to do with Condition C violation: If the EB in (26) is a sort of BV, it cannot c-command any co-indexed (referential) DPs. However, the exact motivation of (24) is not clear to us yet. In particular, it has been pointed out that (24) does not arise uniformly in all subjunctive clauses or logophor licensing environments (Bianchi 2001, 2003, Landau 2015, a. o.). For example, in some languages (e.g. Italian, Hebrew, etc.), (24) is observed with an overt pronominal subject in Non-OC complements. But it is not found in Korean as seen in (16b), and this remains as yet unsolved (see Landau 2015 for more detailed discussion). We leave this for future research.

- (26) Anti-logophoricity violation: ILS in (22)



The example in (27) also buttresses this conclusion.

- (27) *pro*<sub>1/#2</sub> chaekimkam-*un* iss-*ese*,  
*pro* responsibility-CT exist-because  
 Yuna<sub>1</sub>-nun Hoya<sub>2</sub>-wa kyeolhonha-yss-ta.  
 Yuna-Top Hoya-with marry-Past-Decl  
 ‘Yuna married Hoya because she/#he (at least)  
 has a sense of responsibility.’  
 (Park & Hoe 2015)

Logically, *pro* can denote the subject or the comitative argument of the main clause. However, PR is circumvented only when *pro* refers to the subject, allowing to obtain the proper CT interpretation.

## 7 Conclusions

In this paper, we have claimed that the differences between *nikka* and *ese*-clauses can be explained in terms of the mood distinction. To do so, we first assumed that causal clauses involve some epistemic step to qualify their causal connections. We then provided novel observations to show that when the CT marking is involved, *nikka* and *ese*-clauses differ with respect to who is responsible for the epistemic step. Finally, we claimed that this can be explained with syntactic phenomena, namely logophoric anchoring.

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