

Anaphora in the African Languages - Questionnaire

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LANGUAGE: Basàá (Bantu (basaá as pronounced by native speakers))

Part 3 General details about the strategies

3.1 Marking

3.1.1

As a follow-up to PART ONE and TWO of the present questionnaire, we can deduce that there are at least four marking strategies for construed interpretations as can be illustrated below:

Basa'a Marking Strategies for construed interpretations

Ma) **Marking on a construed argument or adjunct.** (E.g., English *himself*)

Ma1) **maangé**_i a- ní- jé **nyé-médé**_i
child SM-Pres-eat PRN.c1-REFL
'The/A child eats him/herself'

Mb) **Marking on the verb or an auxiliary.** (French clitic *se*, the Bantu reflexive marker)

Mb1) **maangé** a- ní- pót- **ba**
child SM-Pres-speak/talk-RFM
'A/The child soliloquizes' Literally: 'The child speaks alone (s/he speaks to him/herself)'

Note that the verbal extension *-ba* which is suffixed to the verbal root *pót* 'speak/talk' conveys a reflexive interpretation; that is why I glossed it either as RFM or as *ba*.

Mb2) **mawándá** má-ń- nól- **ná**
friends SM-Pres-laugh-RCM

'Friends laugh at each other/one another' i.e. they are mocking at each other/one another'

One thing we have to clear up is whether **ba** and **ná** are allomorphs or if they are distinct affixes. If they are separate, then the RCM strategy is another verb-marking strategy like the RFM strategy. As seen below, the affix when it means 'reciprocal' can combine with the *mó ní mó* strategy.

Idiomatic V-RFM - The following examples with verbs of grooming (verbs which deal with care of the body like 'rub' 'dress' 'shave' etc.). Keep in mind that when used separately in another context, the verbal root *sas-* means 'clean' or 'sweep' etc. But when associated with the reflexive *-ba* the whole verbal complex (root+reflexive) means 'rub'.

Mb2) **maangé** a- ní- sas- **ba**
child SM-Prs-clean-REFL

'A/The child rubs him/herself'/s/he applies lotion to his/her body'

Another instance of such category changing is attested in Mb3 below whereby the sole verbal

root *h̄mb* means ‘scratch’ but changes when associated with the reflexive morpheme *-ba* to form a new lexical verb namely *h̄mb-ba* ‘shave oneself’.

Mb3) *hilóŷá hí- bí- h̄mb-bá yáání*
boy SM-PST2-shave-REFL yesterday

‘The boy shaved himself yesterday’

NB: PST2 stands for *past tense two* i.e. a past tense starting from yesterday up to a remote time in the past.

c) **Coconstrual is marked by dropping an argument.** (as in English *John washed*)

Note that in Basàá one has to choose either a ‘drop’ strategy or a full NP (reflexive pronoun). This is explained by the optionality of the reflexive ‘him/herself’.

Mc1) *maṅgéi a- ní- nóŷôp (nyé-médéi)*
child SM-Pres-wash (PRN.3ps+médé)
‘A/The child washes (him/herself)’

Mc2) *maṅgéi a- ní- jé (nyé-médéi)*
child SM-Pres-eat (PRN.3ps+médé)
‘A/The child eats him/herself’

Md) **Coconstrual is signaled by a specialized adjunct.** (Such as *l’un l’autre* in (Y1)).

This strategy resembles the French one i.e. the one which makes use of the adjunct ‘l’un l’autre’. As the reader can see the ‘adjunct –like’ expression *mó ni mó* ‘literally each other or one another’ is used along with special verb morphology (here the use of the marker *-na* at the right of the verbal root *nɔl* ‘laugh’. When the verbal extension *-na* is dropped, the sequence conveys a different interpretation illicit as in Md2 below where there is no reciprocal meaning. Note that CONN for ‘connective’.

Md1) *mawándá má-ń- nɔl- ná (mó ni mó)*
friends SM-Pres-laugh-RCM them CONN them
‘Friends laugh at each other/one another’ i.e. they are mocking at each other/one another’

Md2) *mawándá má-ń- nɔl- (mó ni mó)*
friends SM-Pres-laugh them CONN them

Intended: ‘Friends laugh among themselves’/the friends laugh together’ Or ‘Les amis rient entre eux’ (French translation).

Ken: We need to distinguish three possibilities, namely, RCM alone, *mó ni mó* and RCM, and *mó ni mó* alone. It seems like *mó ni mó* alone is not inherently reciprocal, but is sociative, i.e., activities done together. If so, it is RCM that provides the reciprocal meaning. Then, of course, we still need to answer whether the RFM/RCM are really different.

3.2 Productivity

3.2.1 How productive is this strategy, with respect to which verbs or predicates allow it? when you write up this section, indicate that the strategy in question is either *extremely productive*, *fairly productive*, or *I am not sure*.

The four strategies listed above are given here in turn:

Ma) Marking on a coconstrued argument or adjunct. (E.g., English *himself*)

Ma1) *maṅgéi a- ní- jé nyé-médéi*
child SM-Pres-eat him+médé

‘The/A child eats him/herself’

It appears to be the case that the strategy **PRONOUN (accusative)+medé (PRONOUN-REFL)** is more productive than the other ones in the sense that it ‘nearly applies to every verb in the language. Some verbs include the following:

jowa ‘wash’, *áŋ* ‘read’, *tila* ‘write’ *ke* ‘go/leave/walk’, *je* ‘eat’, *ɲɔ* ‘drink’, *pɔt* ‘speak/talk’, *sál* ‘work’, *lámɓ* ‘cook’, *émblɛ* ‘hear/listen’, *níŋl* ‘learn’, *hjóɓ* ‘stroll/strand’, *kwaayɛ* ‘crawl’, *yen* ‘sit down’, *télɛβ* ‘stand up’, *lɔβ*, *gwém* ‘hunt’, *sɔmb* ‘buy’, *níŋa* ‘teach’ *ot* ‘draw’ etc.

Mb) Marking on the verb or an auxiliary. (French clitic *se*, the Bantu reflexive marker)

Mb1) *maɲgé a- m- pót- ba*
child SM-Pres-speak/talk-REFL(*ba*)
‘A/The child soliloquizes’/speaks alone’

The strategy which makes use of a reflexive suffix (Mb1) is very limited to specific predicates, such as ‘bathe, wash, dress and the like’ and some other predicate types which have to do with the body as illustrated below:

- (4) a. *maɲgé a- n- hɔ́-ɓá lán*
child SM-PST1-put-REFL lotion made up of palm nuts
‘The/A child put on lotion/cream on his/her body’
b. *maɲgé a- n- séŋ- ɓá móó*
child SM-PST1-rub-REFL oil
‘A/The child has rubbed his body with oil’
c. *maɲgé a- ŋ- koo- ɓá málɛp*
child SM-PST-pour-REFL water
‘A/The child poured water on him/herself’
d. *hiŋgɔnda hí- ŋ- kéŋ-ɓa*
girl SM- PST1-hurt-REFL
‘The girl hurt herself’

Mc1) *maɲgé: a- ní- nɔ́ŋɔ́p (nyé-medé:)*
child SM-Pres-wash (him/her-REFL)
‘A/The child washes (him/herself)

The null object strategy i.e. Mc1) is also productive but not as the first strategy. For instance, the null object strategy can be used with verbs of motion (1), of grooming (such as wash’, bathe, ‘dress’ etc. (2) as well as other verbs denoting activities (3), to name only these few.

- 1) a. *maɲgé a- ŋ- kwaayɛ*
child SM-Pres-crawl
‘The/A child crawls(him/herself)’
b. *maɲgé a- ŋ- ke*
child SM-Pres-walk
‘The/A child walks (him/herself)’
(2 a. *maɲgé a- ní- nɔ́ŋɔ́β*
child SM-Pres-bathe
‘A/The child bathes (him/herself)’
b. *maɲgé a- ní- jowa*
child SM-Pres-wash
‘A/The child washes (him/herself)’

- 3) a. maanǵé a- n̄- tila
 child SM-Pres-write
 ‘A/The child writes (him/herself)’
 b. maanǵé a- n̄- lám̄b
 child SM-Pres-cook
 ‘The/A child cooks (him/herself)’

Md1) mawándá má-n̄- n̄l- ná (mó ni m̄ó),
 friends SM-Pres-laugh-RCM them CONN them

‘Friends laugh at each other/one another’ i.e. they are mocking at each other/one another’

The reciprocal strategy seems to be the second most productive one after the **PRONOUN** (accusative)+**m̄edé** (PRONOUN-REFL) one because it can be used with a wide range of verbs involving relationship such as ‘greet, love/like’, ‘insult’, ‘hate’ etc. For instance, the following examples illustrate the reciprocal strategy.

- 5) a. Malēt ni baúdú bá- n̄- n̄óŷl- a
 teacher CONN students SM-PRS-get along/on-RCM
 ‘The teacher and the students get along/on well’
 b. mudaá ni munlóm bá- n̄- s̄l- na
 woman CONN man SM-PRS-insult-RCM
 ‘The woman and man insult each other.’
 c. hilóŷá ni hiŋḡnda bá n̄- gwés-na
 boy CONN girl SM-PRS-love-RCM
 ‘The boy and girl love each other.’
 d. hilóŷá ni nsáj bá- m̄- yeŷ-na
 boy CONN father SM-Pres-greet-RCM
 ‘The boy and his father resemble each other.’

3.2.2 Is the use of this strategy lexically restricted to certain verb classes, or is it unrestricted (applies across all verb classes)?

As the reader can see, it appears that the reciprocal strategy is restricted to a specific class of predicates namely the ones which have to do with interpersonal relationship. As for the first strategy i.e. PRONOUN (accusative)-REFL, it seems to be extended to virtually every class of predicate. The null object strategy in most cases involves a wide range of verbs. The reflexive strategy, that is, the one which makes use of specific morphemes encoding reciprocity also covers a specific class of verb namely verbs with a direct relation with the body.

3.3 Context of Use

3.3.1 How marked or natural is this strategy

In most, if not all cases, none of the strategies delineated above is restricted to specific contexts. Each of them can be used in every discourse situation with neither stylistic nor pragmatic effects. However, it is important to mention that the first strategy i.e. PRN (accusative)-REFL can be used to express emphasis or to mark an element in the discourse as being more prominent or salient. In this way the marked element (the reflexive) appears to express contrastiveness/contrastivity or exclusivity.

e.g. Consider the following context whereby speaker B contradicts speaker A by showing that nobody washed the child, rather, the child washed him/herSELF

Speaker A: Mɛ n- nɔ̃ʋ lé mudaá a- n- núʋ-ûs mááŋgé
 I PST1-hear that woman SM-PST1-wash-CAUS child
 ‘I heard that the woman washed the child.’

Speaker B: Tò, maŋgé; a- n- nɔ̃ʋɔ̃p nyé-mɛdɛ;
 no child SM-PST1-wash him/her-REFL
 ‘No, a/the child washes (him/herSELF)’ Intended: Nobody washed the child, HE (child) washed him/herSELF’

As can be seen above, the reflexive can be used as a focus operator with a contrastive focus interpretation.

Can the PRN-REFL be fronted for focus or topic? I think we have such an example.

3.3.2 Is special intonation or emphasis necessary, and if so, where (e.g., is it on the morpheme that constitutes the marker for the strategy or is it a contour on the verb, or perhaps a special contour for the whole sentence). For example, English has adverbial reflexives which look like object reflexives except they don’t apply to arguments of the verb, e.g. *John did it himSELF*, where upper case indicates stress.

3.3.3 Is a particular discourse context (e.g., contradicting) necessary? For example, it is possible to get coconstrual of subject and object in English with an object pronoun in special circumstances, as in B1.

- B1a) If Marsha admires just one person, then I suspect that she admires just HER.
- b) Marsha thinks I should trust no one but herSELF.

The following context can be considered for Basaá:

B2a) liwandá jêm lí- ɲ- kál lé mɛ gwêš bân mut númpê ndígí nyétámá
 friend my SM-Pres-say that I SUBJ.love NEG man other only him/her alone
 ‘My friend told me to love nobody else but HIM/HER’

Note that in a context such as B2a above, the reflexive *nyé-mɛdɛ*(him/her-REFL) can be perfectly ruled in place of the form *nyé+támá* (him/her+ *támá*). This latter form (PRONOUN (accusative+ *támá*)) is interpreted as ‘alone’ in English with an exclusive focus reading.

3.4 Morphology

3.4.1 Does the reflexive element, in its entirety, have a stateable lexical translation? **Not applicable to Basaá.**

3.4.2 If the term used as a reflexive or reciprocal can be used for a non-reflexive/non-reciprocal meaning, is it an ordinary noun that can be possessed by other pronouns? Is it some form of prepositional phrase or adjective? Is there anything further to say about its meaning in such cases? **Not applicable**

What about *mó ni mó* construction? That seems to have a sociative meaning, no?

3.4.3 If the reflexive element has clear syntactic and part-of-speech sub-structure (e.g., head and modifiers, determiners, possessives) show it here.

- (a) Agreement features etc.
- (b) Does this morpheme have a lexical meaning? Is it clearly or plausibly related to a lexically

contentful word or morpheme? Give details as necessary.

Not applicable =? none of the reflexive or reciprocal morphemes have any independent use or meaning?

3.5 The agreement paradigm

3.5.1 Give the morphological paradigm of each reflexive strategy.

3.5.2 For each morphological feature, what determines its value? (e.g., agreement with the antecedent, or agreement, in the case of possessives in some languages, with the possessed N)

The agreement paradigm in Basaá is gender-specific i.e. reflexive pronoun formation appeals to noun class agreement in the language so much so that there exists a variable apart which is made up of a pronoun of the accusative form, and an invariable part which is made up of the *médé* literally translated as ‘SELF’. Given that Basaá is a noun class language, to each noun class corresponds a specific accusative pronoun which combines with the reflexive *médé* ‘SELF’ to form the reflexive pronoun.

The following table recapitulates the number of reflexives depending on the noun class.

NOUN CLASS	ACCUSATIVE PRONOUN	PRONOUN+‘REFL’
1	nyé ‘him/her’ (+human)	nyε+médé ‘him/her+ REFL’
2	ḃó ‘them’ (+human)	ḃó+médé ‘them+ REFL’
3	wó ‘it’ (-human)	wó+médé ‘it+ REFL’
4	mó ‘them’ (-human)	mó+médé ‘them+ REFL’
5	jó ‘it’ (±human)	jó+médé ‘it+ REFL’
6	mó ‘them’ (±human)	mó+médé ‘them+ REFL’
7	yɔ ‘it’ (±human)	yɔ+médé ‘it+ REFL’
8	gwó ‘them’ (±human)	gwó+médé ‘them+ REFL’
9	yɔ ‘it’ (-human)	yɔ+médé ‘it+ REFL’
10	yó ‘them’ (-human)	yó+médé ‘them+ REFL’
12	tʃó ‘them’ (±human)	tʃó+médé ‘them+ REFL’
14	wó ‘it’ (-human)	wó+médé ‘it+ REFL’
19	hyó ‘it’ (±human)	hyó+médé ‘it+ REFL’

Note also that apart from the reflexives obtained from noun classes, one also has reflexives formed from the six accusative personal pronouns used in the conjugation and which denote only humans as illustrated below. Note also that from the first person plural one has to use the form *ḃó* which is indeed homophonous with the third person accusative *ḃó* ‘them’ followed by the ‘SELF’ part. In the third person plural since the same *ḃó* cannot be repeated in reflexives formation. In this case we can say that the morpheme *ḃó* denotes plurality.

mε ‘Me’	mε+médé ‘myself’
wε ‘you’	wε+médé ‘yourself’
nyé ‘him/her’	nyé-médé ‘him/herself’
ḃés ‘us’	ḃés ḃó+médé ‘ourselves’
ḃě ‘you’ 2.PL	ḃě ḃó+médé ‘yourselves’
ḃó ‘them’	ḃó+médé ‘themselves’

3.6 Interaction with verb morphology - Incompatibilities

3.6.1 Tense, Mood, Aspect.

It is sometimes observed that coconstrual strategies are sensitive to the tense, mood or aspect of a verb. The four strategies already examined do not exhibit any incompatibility to the best of my knowledge. The following examples show that each of the strategies can be used irrespective of tense, aspect, mood and the like.

- B3a') maangé a- n- nóŷb- áŷ (nyé+ mɛdɛ́)
 child SM-PST1-wash-PROG him/her-REFL
 'A/the child was washing (him/herself)'
 b. maangé a- ní- lámá nóŷôb (nyé+ mɛdɛ́)
 child SM-Pres-should wash him/her-REFL
 'A/The child should wash (him/herself)'
 c. maangé á- sâs- bá (nyé+ mɛdɛ́)!!
 child SM.IMP-rub-REFL him/herself
 'Let A/The child rub him/herself)
 d. mawandá má- bí- sɔl- ná (mó ni mó)
 friends SM- PST2-insult-RCM them CONN them
 'The friends insulted each other/one another'

3.6.2 Grammatical Function (GF)-changing - Consider GF-changing constructions or operations in your language that affect the argument structure of a verb, adding, promoting, or demoting arguments.

Like in many Bantu languages, there exists in Basaá a good number of verbal extensions, which, when associated with a verbal root, change the argument structure of the verb. Consider for instance the paradigm below with the verbs *pɔ́* 'speak/talk', *nɔ́* 'kill' and *gwɛl* 'catch/arrest/hold/do'.

a) 'to kill'

Base

nɔ́l 'kill'

nɔ́l-â 'kill'

Reflexivity

nɔ́l-bá 'to kill oneself or to commit suicide' (reflexive)

Reciprocity nɔ́l-na 'to kill one another/each other'

Causativity

nɔ́l-ha 'cause/make sth/sb be killed' OR nɔ́l-ôs 'to cause/make sth/sb be killed'

Applicative

nɔ́l-ól 'kill sb/sth on somebody/something' or kill sb/sth for some reasons'

Benefactive

nɔ́l-ól 'kill to the advantage of'

A. strategy one: PRONOUN (accusative)+mɛdɛ́

This strategy can be applied to all verbal extensions exhibited above

- 1a) mudaá a- ní- nɔ́l *(nyé-mɛdɛ́)
 woman SM-Pres-kill her-REFL
 'A/The woman kills herself'
 b) mudaá a- ní- nɔ́l-bá (nyé-mɛdɛ́)
 woman SM-Pres-kill-RFM her-REFL
 'The woman kills herself'
 c) mudaá a- ní- nɔ́l-ôs *(nyé-mɛdɛ́)
 woman SM-Pres-kill-CAUS her-REFL

‘The woman makes causes herself kill’

d) **mudaá** a- ní- nól-há (nyé-médé)

woman SM-Pres-kill-CAUS her-REFL

‘The woman makes/causes herself kill’

Note that in (d) if the reflexive *nyé-médé* ‘herself’ is dropped we obtain a causative interpretation namely ‘the woman causes/makes people/things kill’ which can felicitously include ‘herself’(woman). So here, the meaning is extended to other entities, which is different if the reflexive is used.

e) **mudaá** a- ní- nól-ól *(nyé-médé) ηγοβου

woman SM-Pres-kill-CAUS her-REFL blackmail

‘The woman makes/causes herself kill because of blackmail’

B. Strategy two: Reciprocal strategy

This strategy is limited to the sole reciprocal morpheme i.e. other verbal extension do not allow reciprocity.

(2) a. bajɔ gwět bá- ní- nól- ná (bó ni bó)

fighters war SM-Pres-kill-RCM them CONN them

‘Warriors kill one another/each other’

C. Strategy three: Reflexive strategy

This involves a reflexive morpheme which is preceded by a verbal root. Other verbal extensions cannot be used in this strategy.

(3)a. **mudaá** a- ní- nól-bá

woman SM-Pres-kill-RFM

‘The woman kills herself’

D. Strategy four: null object

In this context we can use (3a) repeated as (4a), a causative strategy (4b) or a strategy which consists in using the verbal base in its simple (4c) or extended form (4d).

(4) a. **mudaá** a- ní- nól-ba

woman SM-Pres-kill-REFL

‘The woman kills herself’

The null object strategy is only so called if the verb is unaffixed.

b. **mudaá** a- ní- nól-ha

woman SM-Pres-kill-CAUS

Literally: ‘The woman makes/causes kill’

This is not a reflexive strategy

c. **mudaá** a- ní- nól

woman SM-Pres-kill

‘The woman kills’

Also not a reflexive strategy (also possible in English)

d. **mudaá** a- ní- nól-â

woman SM-Pres-kill

‘The woman kills’

Note that both (4c-d) have the same meaning, they only differ in the realization of the final verbal extension (which is absent in 4c and explicit in 4d).

‘to speak/talk’

- A. **Base**
- B. pót ‘speak/talk’
- C. **Dative**
- D. pód-ós ‘speak/talk to sb’
- E. **Causative**
- F. pód-ha make/cause someone speak’
- G. **Oblique**
- H. pód-ól ‘talk about’
- I. **Benefactive**
- J. pód-he ‘talk to someone for somebody’
- K. **Reciprocal**
- L. pód-ha ‘talk to each other/one another’
- M. **Causative**
- N. pód-ha ‘to make/cause someone speak’
- O. **Reflexive**
- P. pót-bá ‘soliloquize/talk to oneself’
- Q. **Strategy one: PRONOUN+medé ‘Pronoun-REFL’**

This can apply to all extensions exhibited above.

- (5) a. **Maangé** a- mí- pót **nyé-medé**
child SM-Pres-speak/talk him/her-REFL
‘The child speaks him/herself’
- b. **Maangé** a- mí- pód-ós **nyε-medé**
child SM-Pres-speak/talk-DAT him/her-REFL
‘The child talks to him/herself’
- c. **Maangé** a- mí- pód-há **nyé-medé**
child SM-Pres-speak/talk-CAUS him/her-REFL
‘The child makes/causes him/herself speak’
- d. **Maangé** a- mí- pód-ól **nyé-medé**
child SM-Pres-speak/talk-OBL him/her-REFL
‘The child speaks about him/herself’
- e. **Maangé_i** a- mí- pód-hé mawandá mē malê_j **nyé-medé_{i/j}**
child SM-Pres-speak/talk-OBL friends his/her teacher him/her-REFL
‘The child talks for his friends to the teacher him/herself’

As can be seen from the glosses in (5e), coreference can be felicitously attested either between the subject NP *maangé_i* ‘child’ and the reflexive or between the indirect object NP *malê_j* ‘teacher’ and the reflexive.

- f. báúdú bá- mí- pód- há bó-medé
students SM-Pres-speak-RCM them+selves
‘The students talk to each other/one another’
- g. báúdú bá- mí- pód- há bó-medé
students SM-Pres-speak-RCM them+selves
‘The students make/cause themselves talk/cause each other/one another talk’

Note that (5f-g) make use of the same verbal extension *-ha* but with two different interpretations namely reciprocity and causativity.

- h. maṅgé a- mí- **pót-** **ba** (nyémedé/ nyé-támá)
 child SM-Pres-speak/talk-REFL PRN.c1-REFL him/her+alone
 ‘The child speaks alone/soliloquizes/soliloquizes him/herself’
R. Strategy two: Reciprocal morpheme

This is limited to the sole reciprocal morpheme i.e. other verbal extensions are not licensed.

- (6) ɓɔŋgé bá- mí- **pód-** **há** (bó ni bó)
 children SM-Pres-speak-RCM (them CONN them)
 ‘The children talk to each other/one another’
S. Strategy three: REFLEXIVITY

This is limited to the reflexive morpheme as can be seen below.

- (7) maṅgé a- mí- **pót-** **bá**
 child SM-Pres-speak-REFL
 ‘The child soliloquizes’/talks to him/herself’
T. Strategy four: Null object

This can be used in the following contexts

- (8) a. maṅgé a- mí- **pót** *Simple verbal base*
 child SM-Pres-speak/talk
 ‘The child talks/speaks (himself)’
 b. ɓaúdí bá- mí- **pód-** **há** *Causativity*
 students SM-Pres-speak/talk-CAUS
 ‘The students make/cause (people) talk’
 c. mawándá má-mí- **pód-** **ha** *Reciprocity*
 friends SM-Pres-speak/talk-RCM
 ‘Friends talk to each other/one another’

The following ungrammatical sentences show that dative, oblique, and benefactive constructions do not allow the null object strategy.

- (9) a.* mawándá má-mí- **pód-òs** *Oblique*
 friends SM-Pres-speak/talk-OBL
 b. *mawándá má-mí- **pód-òl** *Dative*
 friends SM- Pres-speak/talk-DAT
 c.*mawándá má- mí- **pód-** **he** *Benefactive*
 friends SM- Pres-speak/talk-Ben

3.6.3 (formerly 3.6.1) If you are aware of operations or morphemes that cannot co-occur with this strategy, then list them here, providing an example and a brief statement of what the incompatible morphemes or constructions are. So for example, if your language distinguishes accusative case from dative case, is one or the other case exclusively compatible or incompatible with a particular strategy?

In other words, oblique, dative and benefactive constructions are incompatible with the null object strategy as the ungrammaticality in (9) show it.

3.7 Uses that are not quite coreference

3.7.1 Idiosyncratic or inherent. Some languages have verbs that lexically require a reflexive which does not appear to correspond to an argument.

It is important to note that in Basaá there is a class of verbs which inherently denote reflexivity. These verbs may use locative adjuncts or expressions as illustrated below.

- (10)a. maanǵé a- m- **ḡômla** (í ηɔʏ)
child SM-PST1-stumble LOC stone/stone
'The child stumbled against a rock/stone'
- b. maanǵé a- n- **lêʏ-ḡa** (í wɔɔ)
child SM-PST1-burn-RFM? LOC hand
'The child burns him/herself'
- c. maanǵé a- η- **kɔʏ-a** (hílêmb)
child SM- PST1-bite-RFM? tongue
'The child bite himself on the tongue'
- d. mudaá a- n- **nít-ḡa**
woman SM-PST1-commit suicide-RFM
'The woman committed suicide'

Note also that apart from (10a) other verbs require a reflexive morpheme which can be either of the form CV (consonant-vowel) or V (vowel).

3.7.2 Emphatic or intensifier. As in the English, The president himself answered the phone.

Your language may also have forms that require a local antecedent but seem to indicate a relationship with an antecedent that stresses how a particular participant related to an event. We see this with constructions in English like (B1c,d)

B1c) John ate fish himself.

d) John himself ate fish.

Please translate (B1c,d). Which of the readings below are permitted? (English adverbial reflexives permit readings (C) and (D), but other languages permit (A) and (D) with forms that seem more like English *himself* than English *alone*.)

A) John alone did this - i.e., only John and no other individuals did this.

B) John did this alone - John was unaccompanied when he did this.

C) John himself did this - John appearing in person did this (no one did it for him)

D) John himself did this - Even John did this (e.g. Although you would not have thought he would, John also ate the crispy jellyfish)

In Basaá it is possible to translate (B1c,d) using the reflexive form PROUNOUN (accusative) +*médé* 'pronoun-REFL' the 'focus-sensitive particle PROUNOUN (accusative)+*támá* which can literally mean 'alone'

First of all (B1c,d) can be translated as follows. While only readings C and D are attested with the form PRONOUN-REFL i.e. B1e-f, one obtains A, B, C, and D altogether with the form PRONOUN+*támá* in B1g-h.

- B1e) Yohánes a- bí- jé hjóβí **nyé-médé**
John SM-PST2-eat fish PRN.c1-REFL
'John eats fish himself/John himself eats fish'
- f) Yohánes **nyé-médé** a- bí- jé hjóβí

John PRN.c1-REFL SM-PST2-eat fish
'John eats fish himself'/John himself eats fish'

- g) Yohánēs a- bí- jé hjóβí **nyé+támá**
John SM-PST2-eat fish him+támá
'John eats fish himself/John himself eats fish'
- a) Yohánēs **nyé+támá** a- bí- jé hjóβí
John him+támá SM- PST2-eat fish
'John eats fish himself/John himself eats fish'

3.7.3 Middle. The argument structure of the verb is changed into a form that has an explicit patient, but no agent is present and an agent may or may not be implied.

It is possible to get such structures in Basaá as the following examples show it. Note that in (1a) and (1c) the reflexive morpheme is realized while it is not so with (1b). As can be seen, the reflexive pronouns are optional. Considering that sentences below have only one participant agent, we consider them as involving reflexive passives in the sense that the agent itself can be considered as patient at the same time.

- (1) a. Matǵéé má-kéŷ -í (mó+médé)
eggs SM-hatch/open out-ACAUS PRN.c2-REFL
'Eggs hatch/open out themselves'
- b. tómblo í ní- bóo (yɔ+médé)
glass SM-Pres-break it-REFL
'The glass breaks itself'
- c. pós í- n- túβ- í (yɔ+médé)
bottle SM-PST1-pierce-REFL it-REFL
'The bottle pierced itself' ("sprang a leak")

3.7.4 Distributive, sociative, etc. Some strategies (reciprocal markers most frequently) can also be used to mean that some action was performed separately, or jointly, or repeatedly, etc. You should only report uses that do not involve coconstrual between two logical arguments.

Note applicable to the present state of my knowledge

3.7.5 Deictic use - If the current strategy involves a nominal form (e.g., English himself) Can this form be used when the antecedent is physically present or otherwise prominent, but has not been mentioned (such that X does not refer to Bill or Mary)? (Suggest a context if necessary).

- B5a) Bill did not see X
b) Does Mary like X?
c) X went to the bank yesterday.

Note applicable or better still is difficult to find out

Can this form be used to refer to one of the participants in the conversation who is not otherwise mentioned in that sentence?

- B6a) Bill insulted X. (X = speaker, X = addressee)
b) Many people do not like anchovies, but X likes them.

(X = speaker, X = addressee)

Not applicable

Can the form in question be used in a sense like that of English generic one. Or is there a meaning that means "arbitrary person". There are otherwise local anaphors in Hindi, for example, that can have the latter usage.

- B7a) I don't like the way he speaks to one.
- b) One cannot be too careful
- c) Bill insults one before one can say a word.

Not applicable

3.7.6 Focus.

Please translate these question-answer pairs. (Numbers are out of sequence here for a reason)

B15) Who did the farmers see?

Njéé basâl hisí bá- n- téhê
 who workers land SM-PST1-see
 'Who did the farmers see?'

They saw *him*.

(basâl hisí) bá-n-téhé nyé
 workers land SM-PST1-see him/her
 'They saw *him/her*

Note that Basaá is pro-drop and that is why the subject *basâl hisí* 'farmers' can be dropped together since it can be semantically recovered by the subject marker (SM). The fact that the subject 'farmers' is known in the discourse is explained by the fact that it may be dropped altogether (see parentheses).

(For example, the children are playing hide and seek in the yard, four girls and one boy, John. The farmers entered the yard but they only saw John).

B16) The farmers didn't see Mary. They saw *him*.

In this case one obtains a contrastive focus reading as illustrated below.

- 1) a. (basâl hisí) bá n- téhé béé Máariya, nyé-n bá- n- téhê
 workers land SM-PST1-see NEG Mary HIM-FOC SM-PST-see
 'The farmers didn't see Mary, they saw HIM (referring to John)'

Note that since the pronoun *nyé* corefers with both male and female, (1a) is correct if and only if 'John' has been mentioned in a previous discourse. Note that there is homophony between agreeing morphemes and accusative pronominal in Basaá so much so that instead of glossing the complex 'Nyé-n' as HIM/HER-FOC(us), one can also gloss it as AGR(reement)-FOC(us) where AGR stands for noun class agreement.

In the following example, we see that we obtain a focus-drop construction if the focalized noun/element has known in the discourse.

Context: Speaker A: mε n- nɔŷ lé malêt a- n- téhé báúdú
 I PST1-hear that teacher SM-PST1-see students
 'I heard that the teacher saw the students'

Speaker B: mh̄m, (báúdú) bɔ- n (malêt) a- n- téhé
 yes, students AGR/THEM-FOC teacher SM-PST1-see

‘Yes, it is them that he (the teacher) saw/yes, he (the teacher) saw THEM’
 As the reader can see, there is a mismatch between the agreeing morpheme *ba* and the accusative pronoun *ba* ‘them’. The nominal in parentheses are optional, i.e. they can be dropped when already known in the context.

3.7.7 Other. Are there other ways to use the strategy that do not express coreference (or reciprocal coreference) between two arguments? If so, give examples and a brief explanation here.

3.8 Proxy readings

One interpretation that the choice of coreferent strategy is sometimes sensitive to is proxy interpretation. A proxy reading is one where the coreferent argument is understood as a representation of or a "stand in" for the reference of the antecedent. This is often the case with statues, for example, or authors (e.g., Grisham) and their work. Feel free to substitute your favorite national author for Grisham.

- B8a) Castro admired himself in the wax museum. (himself = statue of Castro)
 b) Grisham has not read himself in Swahili, though he has read himself in Spanish. (himself = Grisham's writings)

In Basaa it is possible to get proxy readings as can be seen below, where Um Nyobé, a famous Cameroonian martyr went to the museum and had a look at his own picture. Here the reflexive ‘himself’ is optional.

- B8c) Um Nyobé a- bí- **běng- bá** (nyé-medé)
 Um Nyobé SM-PST2-watch-REFL PRN.c1-REFL
 ‘Um Nyobé watched himself’

The differences emerge in English for cases like those in (B9). Imagine that the wax museum is having a special event, which the wax statues of each celebrity will be washed and dressed by the celebrity they represent.

- B9a) Castro washed himself carefully, so as not to damage the wax.
 b) Castro washed carefully, so as not to damage the wax.
 c) The movie star dressed herself carefully, so as not to damage the wax.
 d) The movie star dressed carefully, so as not to damage the wax.
 e) Castro saw himself in the show, but he didn't like what he saw.

Test for proxy readings in your language and see if there are instances where they are possible and others where they are not.

- B10a) Grisham says he sounds better in Swahili. (where he = Grisham's writings)
 b) Castro thought that he looked handsome. (he = statue of Castro)

The following examples illustrate proxy readings in the language.

- B11a) *Bikokó a- bí- joó- ba nyé-medé lóngé
 Bikokó SM-PST2-wash-REFL PRN.c1-REFL carefully
 Intended: Bikokó washed himself carefully’
 b). Ntóβ tʃembí a- bí- **eng- bá** lóngé nyé-medé
 singer songs SM-PST2-dress-REFL carefully him/her-REFL

‘The singer dressed him/herself carefully’

c). Ntôβ tʃembí a- bí- εηg nyé-medé lónǵé
singer songs SM-PST2-dress him/her-REFL carefully
‘The singer dressed carefully’

d). Bikokóó a- bí- téé-bá (nyé-medé) í ηkuú bítití
Bikokóó SM-PST2-see-REFL PRN.c1-REFL LOC box pictures
‘Bikokóó saw himself on TV’

e). Bikokóó a- bí- téé nyé-medé í ηkuú bítití
Bikokóó SM-PST2-see PRN.c1-REFL LOC box pictures
‘Bikokóó saw himself on TV’

Note that a proxy reading is not possible with a verb like *jowa* ‘wash’ in the language. However, as can be seen in (Bb-e), proxy readings are possible with verbs such as *εηg* ‘dress’ and *téhé* (inflected in B11a as *téé*) ‘see’. Note also that (B11b) does not convey a proxy reading per se. So the only reading possible here is that ‘the singer dressed her own person, but not his statue’. In (B11c) the idea is that either ‘the singer dressed his/her own person’ or ‘he/she dressed her statue’. In (B11d-) two readings are possible. First of all, ‘Bikokóó saw himself (reflexivity)’ or ‘Bikokóó saw his statue’. Sentence (B11e) conveys the same interpretations as (B11d). The only difference is that in (B11d) there is a reflexive morpheme *-bá* and an optional reflexive pronoun namely ‘himself’ at the same time. Also, note that (B11d) can convey the interpretation according to which ‘Bikokóó was seen by other people’. In this case we obtain a passive reading even if there is no explicit *by-phrase* containing an agent. A passive reading in this case will be introduced by the same verbal extension *-bá* which is right attached to the verbal root. So the idea is that there is a sort of homophony between the passive and reflexive morphemes.

Proxy readings do not require locality, so cases like B11a-b are also possible in Basaa.

B11a). Tɔnyéi a_i- ḡ- kal lé a_i- ṁ- pɔt ndígí malíǵá
Tonye SM-Pres-say that he/SM-Pres-speak/talk only truth
‘Tɔnyéi says that he_i tells only the truth (in his writing for instance)’

b). Ntɔǵεi a_i- bí- hónǵl lé a_i- ye nlâm ηgandaǵ
Ntɔǵε SM-PST2-think that SM/he-be nice/handsome very
‘Ntɔǵεi thought that he_i was very handsome’

Note that we gloss the morpheme *a-* either as a subject marker (SM) or a pronoun ‘he’ because of the homophony between the two in the language. This says, the SM bears person, gender and number features of the subject even in a long-distance relationship.

Provide both local and long distance examples with gloss and translation of proxy readings. If proxy readings seem difficult for you to get just say so, and if you find that you need to transform the examples in some way to get the right interpretation, feel free to do so, but then be extra careful about gloss and translation.

Proxy readings are also possible for reciprocals in many languages. For (B11a), once again the antecedents are the authors and each other describes the works these authors have written, such that Mark Twain did not read Victor Hugo's novels in Swahili and Victor Hugo did

not read Mark Twain's novels in Berber. For (B11b), imagine a show where there are actors masquerading as our two protagonists. The first each other refers to the person Marlene and Castro, but the second each other refers to the actors (or statues) representing them on the stage or in the show.

B11a) Mark Twain and Victor Hugo did not read each other in Berber.

b) Marlene and Castro did not see each other in the audience, but they did see each other on the stage/in the show.

The following examples illustrate the two cases in Basaá. First in (B11c) both Yɛtná and Bíkûn are writers. The case in (B11c) shows that both authors did not read each other.

B11c) Yɛtná ni Bíkûn bá- bí- êŋ- **ba** bée

Y. CONN B. SM-PST2-read-RCM NEG

‘Yɛtná and Bíkûn did not read each other’

c) Ewas ni Hjɔl bá- bí- **téh-ná** bée í ŋgand,

E. CONN H. SM-PST2-see-RCM NEG LOC party

ndí bá- bí- **tée-bá** í lemân

but SM/they-PST2-see-PASS.RCM LOC screen/mirror

Ewas and Hjɔl not see each other at the party, but they did see each other on the screen TV.’

*As the reader can see, the verbal root for ‘see’ is not stable i.e. it varies depending on the verbal extension attached to it. It is the reason why in B11c, it realizes as **téh** when attached to a reciprocal and as **tée** when it gets attached to a ‘reciprocal passive’. By ‘reciprocal passive’ here it is meant the fact that Ewas was seen by Hjɔl and Hjɔl by Ewas. So I assumed that each of them is seen by the other in a reciprocal manner.*

3.9 Ellipsis

Consider the following examples, which all have an ellipsis of one sort or another. In (B12), there is missing structure that is parallel or identical to stated structure and it is interpreted as if it is there.

B12a) Sherman likes/praises himself more than Bill

b) Sherman likes/praises himself more than Bill does

English permits both of these, though I suspect (B12b) may not be as widely available as (B12a). If not, then concentrate on (B12a). The following readings, where the Italicized portions are what is missing for (B12a,b) but can be interpreted as if it was there (which is what is meant here by ‘ellipsis’)

i. Sherman likes/praises himself more than *Sherman likes* Bill.

ii. Sherman likes/praises himself more than Bill *likes him* (=Sherman).

iii. Sherman likes/praises himself more than Bill *likes himself*.

Please try to formulate sentences like those in (B12a) (an/or B12b, if that is possible) trying out each of the non-reciprocal strategies in the first clause and determining for each strategy which

of the readings i-iii. are possible. If you have several strategies in your language, then we expect you will have many examples as translations of (12a,b) for whatever verb works with the strategy in question. Please adjust the examples to use appropriate verbs for the strategy you are testing, and if there are generalizations about which verbs go with which strategies more successfully, that would be very interesting to know. Remember to try both affixal and argument anaphor strategies, if your language has both.

Let us consider the following example and its different meanings.

B12c) Ewas a- ḡ- gwêš nyémédé i lɔɔ Hjɔl
 E. SM-Pres-love/like PRN.c1-REFL INF surpass H
 ‘Ewas likes himself more than Hjɔl’

The sentence in B12c is ambiguous in four ways and can have the following interpretations:

- B12d). *Ewas_i* likes *himself_i* more *He_i* (Ewas) likes **Hjɔl_j**
 e). *Ewas_i* likes *himself_i* more than **Hjɔl_j** likes *him_i* (Ewas)
 f). *Ewas_i* likes *himself_i* more than *he_i* (Ewas) likes **Hjɔl_j**
 g). *Ewas_i* likes *himself_i* more than **Hjɔl_j** likes **himself_j**

The affixal strategy does not trigger any ambiguity i.e. a sentence like B12h below has only one-way interpretation namely that ‘**Ewas_i** likes **himself_i** more than *Hjɔl_j* likes *himself_j*’

B12h). Ewas a- ḡ- gwêš-**ba** i lɔɔ Hjɔl
 E. SM-Pres-like-REFL INF surpass Hjɔl
 ‘**Ewas_i** likes **himself_i** more than *Hjɔl_j* likes *himself_j*’

NB: Note *INF* above stands for infinitive (the infinitive particle like the English ‘to’)

PART 4 Exploration of syntactic domains

This section is more exploratory than the preceding ones, and so we rely more on your linguistic expertise and your sense of what we are looking for in the pattern of anaphora in your language. Soliciting examples for all possible combinations of syntactic factors would be a prohibitive task. We present selected combinations of syntactic factors and ask you be on the lookout for any significant interactions between these factors and the strategies they allow, such as distance from the antecedent, type of antecedent, and some details of interpretation. Some of the information asked for here will be redundant with respect to earlier information, but please bear with us, as we are establishing broader paradigms of what is possible for each strategy. Please read these instructions carefully, and return to them if unclear about how to handle a question.

In this section you will be asked to construct a variety of sentence types and test their acceptability. In typical cases, an English sentence will be provided as a guide with one argument marked "X" and the X argument is to be construed as coreferent with some other designated argument (e.g., X = John). When you are asked to provide a reciprocal example, change John to some plural subject of the form John and Bill or the boys or the girls, but do not use other sorts of subjects unless you are instructed to do so (we are avoiding certain kinds of complications that arise with quantified subjects that we will ask about separately below).

To show how we would like you to proceed in this section, we begin with a relatively simple elicitation. Construct a relatively simple transitive sentence, such as John hit Bill, providing gloss and translation. Now use each coreference strategy in your list to change the

sentence you constructed into a reflexive. For example, for a sentence like John hit X where X is John, try each strategy and determine whether or not the outcome is successful for a reflexive or reciprocal reading. For English, we might describe four strategies as IMPLICIT, X-SELF, EACH-O and O-another (one another) as well as the pronominal strategy which, in English, does not normally work for coargument coreference. As a native English speaker, I might respond as follows.

- X1a)*John hit.
- b) John hit himself.
- c)*The boys hit.
- d) The boys hit each other.
- e) The boys hit one another.
- f)*John hit him

Remarks: *Example (X1c) is not possible with any interpretation, reciprocal or reflexive. The IMPLICIT strategy is limited to certain verb classes, as mentioned in section 2.1.3.*

The following cases are attested in Basaá.

X1g) *Yɔhánes a- bí- bɛ̀ɛ̀
 John SM-PST2-hit
 ‘*John hit’

h) Yɔhánes a- bí- bɛ̀ɛ̀ nyé-mɛ̀dɛ̀
 John SM-PST2-hit PRN.c1-REFL
 ‘John hit himself’

i) Yɔhánes a- bí- **bɛ̀ɛ̀-ba** (nyé-mɛ̀dɛ̀) NB: *The anaphor is optional*
 John SM-PST2-hit-REFL PRN.c1-REFL
 ‘John hit himself’

j) *baúdú bá- bí- bɛ̀ɛ̀
 students SM-PST2-hit
 ‘*The students hit’

k) baúdú bá- bí- **bɛ̀ɛ̀-na** (bó ni bó) NB: *The anaphor is optional*
 students SM-PST2-hit-RCM them CONN them
 ‘The students hit each other/one another’

l) baúdú bá- bí- **bɛ̀ɛ̀-ba** (bó+mɛ̀dɛ̀) NB: *The anaphor is optional*
 students SM-PST2-hit-REFL PRN.c2-REFL
 ‘The students hit themselves i.e. each student of the group hit himself’

m) Yɔhánes_i a- bí- bɛ̀ɛ̀ nyé_i/_{*i}
 John SM-PST2-hit him
 ‘John_i hit him_i/_{*i}’

NB: Like in English, Coreference is not possible between Yɔhánes_i ‘John’ and the pronoun nyé ‘him’

Now suppose that the verb chosen had been wash. As a native English speaker, I might respond as follows.

X2a) John washed.

X2a' **Ychánēs** a- bí- nóYôβ
John SM-PST2-wash
'John washed'

b) John washed himself.

X2b' **Ychánēs** a- bí- nóYôβ nyé-medé
John SM-PST2-wash PRN.c1-REFL
'John washed himself'

c) The boys washed.

X2c' **baúdí** bá- bí- nóYôβ
students SM-PST2-wash
'The students washed'

d) The boys washed each other.

Note that this interpretation is only possible in the presence of a reciprocal morpheme as attested X2d''.

X2d' **baúdí** bá- bí- nóYôβ
students SM-PST2-wash
'The students washed themselves'

X2d'' **baúdí** bá- bí- nûYô-a- ha NB: EPTH stands for epenthetic
students SM-PST2-wash-EPTH-RCM
'The students washed one another/each other'

e) The boys washed one another. (see X2d'' above)

f)*John washed him.

X2f' **Ychánēs_i** a- bí- **núY-ús** nyé_j/*_i
John SM-PST2-wash-CAUS
'John washed him /made him clean'

Here again, coreference between *Ychánēs* 'John and *nyé* 'him' is not possible as the indexes show it.

Remarks: *Examples (X2a) and (X2b) contrast, although the difference is unclear to me. You could say John washed himself clean, but not *John washed clean. I am not sure why. Example (X2c) can have a reflexive interpretation like (X2a), but (X2a) is * if it is intended to have a reciprocal reading like (X2d) or (X2e). The implicit (null) strategy, as mentioned in section 2.1.3, is limited to verbs of grooming, etc., so I will not test it further with verbs it is not compatible with.*

Now suppose the example is constructed as follows, where what we are seeking to test is whether or not the possessive of an argument of the main predicate (verb in this case) can be represented by one of the coreference strategies that we have identified as holding between coarguments.

X3a)*John saw himself's mother.

X3a' **Ychánēs_i** a- bí- téhé nâη_j/j (wê_i) nyé-medé_i/j
John SM-PST2-see mother his_i him/her-REFL
'John himself saw his mother /John saw his own mother/John saw his *mother* (his mother in

person) i.e. *herself*

Note that in X3a' the possessive *wê* (his) is optional because we have an instance of inherent possession. Also, it is possible to get coreference between the possessive and another NP known in the discourse (see co-indexation).

When the pronoun is not present, is it still possible to have a discourse antecedent?

b)*John washed mother,

X3b' **Yohánes**_i a- bí- núŸ-ús nâŋ_{i/j}

John SM-PST2-wash-CAUS mother

'John_i washed his_{i/j} mother'

c)?John and Bill saw each other's mother.

X3c' [**Yohánes** ni **Paáolo**]_i bá- bí- téé-ná bájâŋ_j (**bâβ**_i)

John CONN Paul SM-PST2-see-RCM mothers **their**

'John and Paul saw each other's mother' *John and Paul saw one another's mother'

What do you take to be the difference between these two translations?

d)?*John and Bill saw one another's mother. (see the illicit in red above in X3c')

e) John and Bill saw their mother.

X3e' [**Yohánes** ni **Paáolo**]_i bá- bí- téhé bájâŋ_j (**bâβ**_i)

John CONN Paul SM-PST2-see mother their

f) John washed/saw his mother.

X3f' **Yohánes**_i a- bí- núŸ-ús nâŋ_{i/j} (see also X3b' above)

John SM-PST2-wash-CAUS mother

'John_i washed his_{i/j} mother'

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4.1.1 Verb class restrictions

4.1.1.1 Canonical transitives - Can this strategy be used with ordinary transitive verbs, such as the verb meaning "see"? Give some examples, including the following.

If X stands for another name different from 'Bob' for instance, then the following sentences can be considered. But, if not, please let me know e.g. if X stands for an anaphor).

C1a) Bob saw X.

C1a' Bíkûn a- bí- téhé Hjôl

B. SM-PST2-see H

'Bíkûn saw Hjôl'

b) The women described X. (difficult to provide an equivalent for 'describe' in Basaa)

c) You(pl.) kicked X.

C1c') Ni bí-**béβ** Hjôl **koo**

you(pl.) PST2-hit H. foot

'You kicked Hjôl'

NB: The verb 'kick' in Basaa is complex and is made up of three entities namely the verb *béβ* 'hit' an indirect object (e.g someone/something (here **Hjôl**) and a direct object (here **koo** 'foot'). This is close to the French 'donner un coup de pied' 'to kick'.

d) They praised X

Cd' bá bí- béŸés Hjôl'

they PST2-praise H.
'They praised Hǵǵl'

4.1.1.2 Commonly reflexive predicates - Can this strategy be used with verbs of grooming, inalienable-possession objects, etc? Give judgements on the following. Provide some additional examples of your own.

C3a) Donna washed X. (X = Donna)

C3a' ** Donna a- bí- núŸ-ûs Donna
Donna SM-PST2-wash-CAUS Donna
** 'Donna washed Donna'

b) Don cut X's hair. (X = Don).

C3b' ** Donna a- bí- kít tǵóŋ tǵí Donna **NB: GEN stands for genitive**
Donna SM-PST2-cut hair GEN Donna
**Donna cut Donna's hair'

c) The girl cut X [unintentionally] (X = the girl)

C3c' ** hiŋɔnda hí- kít híŋɔnda
girl SM-cut girl
**The girl cut the girl'

4.1.1.3 Psychological predicates. Please provide examples for verbs like those below, even if nothing exact seems appropriate for the current strategy, marking them according to the level of their acceptability based on the scale given above.

C4a) John hates/fears X

C4a' ** Yohánēs a- ḡ- ɔɔ Yóhánēs
John SM-Pres-hate John
**John hates John'

C4a'' Yohánēs a- ḡ- ɔɔ- (bá) (nyé-médé)
John SM-Pres-hate-REFL PRN.c1-REFL
'John hates himself'

C4a''' Yohánēs_i a- ḡ- ɔɔ núú yê_{i/j}
John SM-Pres-hate body his_{i/j}
'John hates himself/Literally: John hates his body'

Note that in C4a'' the reflexive morpheme and the anaphor are optional without any change of the meaning of the sentence. Note also that the sentences above are licit (except C4a') because the verb is 'hate'. However if the verb is 'fear', only the equivalent of C4a''' is correct as can be seen in C4''''. Note that the verb 'fear' or 'be afraid' in Basaá is the complex *kɔn wɔŋí*.

C4a'''' Yohánēs_i a- ḡ- kɔn núú yê_{i/j} wɔŋí
John SM-Pres-be sick body his_{i/j} fear (fear as a noun)
'John is afraid of himself'

b) John is ashamed of X

C4b' Yohánēs_i a- ḡ- wó núú yê_{i/j} nuú OR
John SM-Pres-die body his body
'John is ashamed of himself' Lit: 'John is ashamed of his own body'

C4b” **Yohánes**_i a- ḡ- wó nyé-medé **juú**
‘John is ashamed of himself’

Note that ‘to be ashamed’ means *wó juú* but which means literally ‘die body’.

c) John is worried about X

C4c’ **Yohánes** a- ḡ- toḡ- ba OR

John SM-Pres-worry-REFL

‘John is worried about himself’

C4c” **Yohánes**_i a- ḡ- toḡ **juú** yê_{i/j} (nyé-medé_{i/j})

John SM-Pres-worry body his him/her-REFL

‘John is worried about himself’

d) John is proud of X

C4d’ **Yohánes**_i a ye-ne nyé+ medé_{i/j} maséé

John SM-be-OBL him/her-REFL happiness

‘John is proud of himself’

C4d” **Yohánes**_i a ye maséé ni nyé+ medé_{i/j}

John SM-be happiness CONN him/her-REFL

‘John is proud of himself’

C4d”” **Yohánes**_i a ye- ne juú yê_{i/j} maséé

John SM-be-OBL body his/her happiness

‘John is proud of himself’

e) John worries/troubles/pleases X

C4e’ **Yohánes**_i a- ḡ- teḡgá nyé-medé_i OR

John SM-Pres-trouble him/her-REFL

‘John troubles himself’

C4e” **Yohánes**_i a- ḡ- teḡgá juú yê_{i/j} nyé-medé_{i/j}

John SM-Pres-trouble body his/her him/her-REFL

‘John troubles himself’ Literally: John_i troubles his_{i/j} body’

With the verb ‘please’ we have the following examples:

C4e”” **Yohánes**_i a- ḡ- lémeł nyé-medé_{i/j} OR

John SM-Pres-please him/her-REFL

‘John pleases himself’

C4e””” **Yohánes**_i a- ḡ- lémeł juú yê_{i/j} (nyé-medé_{i/j})

John SM-Pres-please body his/her him/her-REFL

‘John pleases himself’ Literally: John pleases his body’

4.1.1.4 Creation and destruction predicates. Provide examples in addition to (C5) using verbs of creation (e.g., "sew", "make", "form") or destruction (e.g. "kill", "eliminate", "make disappear").

C5a) The women will destroy X

C5a’ **bodaái** bá- gá- tḡé- ná **bó+medé_i**

women SM-FUT2-destroy-RCM PRN.c2-REFL

‘The women will destroy each other/one another’

C5a” **bodaái** bá- gá- tḡé **bó+medé_i**

woman SM-FUT2-destroy PRN.c2-REFL

‘The women will destroy themselves’

C5a”” **bodaái** bá- gá- tḡí- bá **bó+medé_i**

women SM-FUT2-destroy-PASS PRN.c2-REFL

‘The women will make themselves destroy’

Note that the verb ‘destroy’ in Basaa is *tʃé* (see C5a’ and C5a’’) but when combined with a passive morpheme, it may change as in C5a’’’ where it is realized as *tʃí-*

b) The machines built X (X = themselves)

Cb’) βikεy_i bí- ḡ- úú- bá ní gwó+médé_i
machines SM- Pres-make-PASS/REC/REFL CONN (by) PRN.c2-REFL

‘The machines make themselves/each other/one another’ OR the machines are made by themselves’

Note that the verbal extension *-bá* in Cb’ above is multifunctional in that it can convey passive, reciprocal and/or reflexive interpretation(s). This is what we are re-examining – the reciprocal reading in Cb’ may be pragmatically available because machines of this kind can make other machines of this kind, but if we say “those two machines made each other’ there is a logical difficulty if both of them start from nothing.

4.1.1.5 Verbs of representation. Reflexive versions of these verbs include instances where individuals act on their own behalf, rather than have someone act in their name or for them.

C6a) The boys represented X.

This is difficult to find out

b) John spoke for X

C6b’ Yohánes_i a- mí- pód- ól *(nyé-médé_i) NB: The anaphor is mandatory

John SM-Pres-speak-OBL PRN.c1-REFL

‘John spoke for himself’

At this point you might want to reconsider your answer to section 3.7.1, where we asked you about idiosyncratic or inherent reflexives - perhaps some of the ones you looked at earlier belong to some pattern that you might alert us to here.

4.1.2 Argument position pairings

4.1.2.1 Subject-indirect object - The preceding questions asked mostly about subject-object coreference. Can this strategy be used to express coreference between a subject and an indirect object? Choose verbs that have an indirect object in your language.

C7a) Mary gave the gift to X (X = Mary)

C7a’ ?? Maríya a- bí- tí- n- bá líkebla NB: Less acceptable.

Mary SM-PST2-give-EPH-REFL gift

‘Mary gave herself a gift’

C7’’) Maríya_i a- bí- tí- nyé-médé_{i/j} líkebla NB: Correct

Mary SM-PST2-give him/her-REFL gift

‘Mary_i gave herself_{i/j} a gift’

b) John showed the house to X (X = John)

C7b’ ok Yohánes_i a- bí- und- bá ndáβ (nyé-médé_i) NB: Correct

John SM-PST2-show-REFL house PRN.c1-REFL

‘John showed the house to himself’

C7c) ok **Yohánes**; a- bí- nîm- bá líkebla (**nyé-mædédi**) **NB: Correct**
 John SM-PST2-refuse-REFL gift PRN.c1-REFL
 ‘John refused himself a gift’

As can be seen, the verb ‘give’ marginally license reflexivity or coreference (C7a’) but license coreference with an anaphor (C7a’’).

For comparison, also provide judgements for the following:

C8a) Mary gave X the gift (X = Mary)
 b) John showed X to the children (X = John)

NB: See C7 above. The result is the same.

4.1.2.2 Oblique arguments - Give some examples with oblique arguments, in whatever forms your language allows.

C9a) Dan talked to X.
 C9a’) ??**Dani** a- bí- pód-ós nyé-mædédi **NB: Marginally acceptable**
 Dan SM-PST2-speak/talk-OBL PRN.c1-REFL
 ‘Dan talked to himself’
 C9a’’) **Dan** a- bí- pót- ba
 Dan SM- PST2-speak/talk-REFL
 ?? ‘Dan talked to himself/ OK Dan soliloquized’

NB: Note that C9a’’) above conveys more the meaning of ‘self introspection’ than that of talking to oneself even though it is not easier to distinguish both meaning in my opinion. It is the reason why the second meaning (soliloquy) is more finer than the first.

b) Dan told Mary about X (X = Dan)

C9b’) **Dani** a- bí- pód- ól **nyé-mædédi** **Mariya**
 Dan SM-PST2-speak/talk-OBL PRN.c1-REFL Mary
 ‘**Dani** talked to Mary about himself;’

NB: Note that the position of the anaphor is very instrumental to the interpretation of C9b’ in the sense that if the anaphor follows *Mariya* ‘Mary’ we get a different interpretation as can be seen below:

C9b’’) **Dani** a- bí- pód- ól **Mariya nyé-mædédi/j**
 Dan SM-PST2-speak/talk-OBL Mary PRN.c1-REFL
 ‘**Dani** talked to Mary himself; (Dan in person)’ ‘Dan talked about Mary him/her+self_{i/j}’

Although I can’t decide whether the English version is correct or not, note that in the second case i.e. in ‘Dan talked about Mary him/her+self_{i/j}’ the idea is that either ‘Dan talked to someone else about Mary; herself;’ or ‘**Dani** himself; talked to someone else about Mary’. With this in mind, one can understand why coreference is possible between *Dan* and the anaphor and *Mary* and the same anaphor.

c) Dan gave X a book.

If X stands for ‘Dan’ then the result is the following:

C9c’) ?? **Dan** a- bí- tí- n- bá káat **NB: Less acceptable.**
 Dan SM-PST2-give-EPH-REFL book
 ‘**Dani** gave himself; a book’

C7”) Dan_i a- bí- tí- nyé-medé_{i/j} káat **NB: Correct**
 Dan SM-PST2-give him/her-REFL book
 ‘Dan_i gave him/her+self_{i/j} a book’

4.1.2.3 Subject-adjunct - Provide some examples of coreference between a subject and an adjunct, e.g., a locative PP. If appropriate translations are not prepositional objects, try to construct appropriate examples.

C10a) Mary saw a snake behind X (X = Mary)

C10a’) **Maríya**_i a- bí- téhé n’óó í mbús yê **nyé-medé_{i/j}**
 Mary SM-PST2-see snake LOC back her/his him/her-REFL

‘Mary saw a snake behind her/him’ Literally: ‘Mary saw a snake behind him/her+self’

NB: Note that the adjunct ‘behind’ in Basaá is a locative expression which can literally mean ‘to the back’. Note also that coreference is possible between *Maríya* ‘Mary’ and the anaphor and the anaphor and another given discourse referent.

b) Mary called me because of an article about X (X = Mary)

C10b’) **Maríya**_i a- bí- seβl-é mé ínúú kaat (i) i- m- pód-ól **nyé-medé_{i/j}**
 Mary SM-PST2-call-OBL me for book REL.SM-Pres-talk-OBL him/her-REFL

‘Mary called me because of the book about her/him+self’

‘Mary called me because of the book about someone else’

NB: Note that two interpretations are possible in Cb’). Note also that REL stands for ‘relative operator (which is optional).

c) John offended Mary because of X (X = John)

C10c). **Yóhánés**_i a- bí- ún’á- há **Maríya**_j ínúú yê_{i/j} **nyé-medé_{i/j/k}**
 John SM-PST2-make angry-CAUS Mary for his/her_{i/j} PRN.c1-REFL

‘John_i made Mary_j angry because of him_{i/j/k}her_{i/j/k}+self’

Keep in mind that the anaphor *nyé-medé_{i/j/k}* can corefer with either with *Yóhánés_i*, *Maríya_j* or any other presupposed/given discourse referent (see co-indexation).

d) We laughed in spite of X (Difficult to find out ‘in spite of’)

4.1.2.4 Ditransitives and double complements- Can the strategy be used to indicate coreference between the two non-subject arguments of a verb?. If there is more than one way to express the two non-subject arguments of a verb like "give", give examples for each type of construction. In English, for example, we would want examples both of the type "show Hal the book" and "show the book to Hal." (where X = Hal for C11a-d). For example, for (C11c), Bill gave Hal himself, which is admittedly pragmatically awkward, but imagine for (C11a) that Mary is showing Hal his image in the mirror - imagine Hal had never seen a mirror before.

C11a) Mary showed Hal to X.

C11a’) **Maríya**_a a- bí- undá Hal_j nyé-medé_{i/j/k}
 Mary SM-PST2-show Hal PRN.c1-REFL

‘Mary showed Hal to himself’ **NB: Mary is showing Hal his image in the mirror**

b) Mary showed X to Hal.

C11b') Maríya_i a- bí- undá Hal_j nyé-médé_{i/j/k}
 Mary SM-PST2-show Hal PRN.c1-REFL
 'Mary showed Hal to himself' NB: Mary is showing Hal his image in the mirror

C11b'') ** Maríya_i a- bí- undá Hal_j Hal_j
 Mary SM-PST2-show Hal PRN.c1-REFL
 'Mary showed Hal to himself' NB: Mary is showing Hal his image in the mirror

c) Bill gave Hal X. NB: Not applicable

d) Bill gave X Hal. NB: Not applicable

e) Mary told/asked the boys about themselves/each other.

C11e') Maríya a- bí- pód- ól dífóŷá_{i/j} ínuu yâβ_{i/j} bó-médé_{i/j}
 Mary SM-PST2-speak-OBL boys for their PRN.c2-REFL
 'Mary told the boys about themselves_{i/j}'

NB: Not applicable with 'ask' in Basaá.

f) Mary showed/introduced/presented the boys to each other.

C11f') Maríya a- bí- bõŋ lé dífóŷá_i dí- yí- ná tʃó ni tʃó_i
 Mary SM-PST2-do that boys SM-know-RCM them CONN them
 'Mary managed to introduce the boys to each other/one another'

Literally: 'Mary did that the boys should know each other/one another'

NBA: As can be seen, from C11f', it is not possible to get a licit sentence parallel to the English one (i.e. with verbs like 'introduce' or 'present').

4.1.2.5 Two internal arguments or adjuncts - Consider coreference between two arguments of adjunct NPs in the same clause, neither of which is a subject and neither of which is a direct object. Consider X=Hal in (C12).

C12a) Bill talked about Hal to X.

C12a') Bill_i a- bí- pód- ól Hal_j (ínuu yê_{i/j}) (nyé-médé_{i/j/k})
 Bill SM-PST2-speak-OBL Hal for his/her (Poss) him/her-REFL
 'Bill_i talked to Hal_j about himself_{i/j/k}'

NB: The sentence is still grammatical if either the expression *ínuu yé* or the anaphor *nyé-médé* is dropped. In other words, only one of them can be dropped, but not two of them at a time. Also, the sentence cannot be correct in a structure such as 'Bill talked Hal about Hal' i.e. if the NP 'Hal' is repeated, the structure becomes illicit.

b) Mary talked about X to Hal.

c) Mary talked to Hal about X

d) Mary talked to X about Hal.

NB: If X stands for 'Hal' then, we obtain C12a' as a translation for C12b, C12c, and C12d. Also, note that if the NP 'Hal' in C12a' occupies the sentence final position, the resulting sentence is ungrammatical as can be seen below:

C12e) ** Bill_i a- bí- pód- ól (ínuu yê_{i/j}) (nyé-médé_{i/j/k}) Hal_j
 Bill SM-PST2-talk-OBL for his/her (Poss) him/her-REFL Hal

4.1.2.6 Clausemate noncoarguments

Possessives - Give examples based on the following sentences, and/or by constructing analogous

examples from reflexive sentences from the previous sections. For each of (C13) and (C14), X = Nick.

C13a) Nick telephoned X's mother.

C13a' Nick a- bí- seβél nâŋ_{i/j} í siŋga
 Nick SM-PST2-call mother LOC thread
 'Nick_i called his_{i/j} mother on the phone'

Note that the noun *nâŋ* denotes inherent possession i.e. when the possessor is third person singular, there is no need for having a possessive adjective such as 'his/her'. Also, as showed in the co-indexation, coreference can hold between 'Nick' and 'mother' or between another given /known discourse referent and the NP 'mother'.

b) Nick combed X's hair.

C13b') Nick_i a- bí- péhél t̥ôŋ t̥ê_{i/j}
 Nick SM-PST2-comb hair his
 'Nick_i combed his_{i/j} hair'

C13b'') Nick_i a- bí- péhél ŋó (wê_{i/j})
 Nick SM-PST2-comb head his/her
 'Nick_i combed his_{i/j} hair'

NB: In C13b'') above, the possessive *wé* 'his/her' is optional. But if dropped, coreference holds only between 'Nick' and 'head' (his head).

c) Nick spoke to X's boss.

C13c') Nick_i a- bí- pód- ós nsâŋ wê_{i/j} nsón
 Nick SM-PST2-speak-OBL father his work (noun)
 'Nick_{i/j} talked to his_{i/j} boss'

d) Nick put X's book on the table.

C13d') Nick_i a- bí- kes káat yê_{i/j} í ŋgî téble
 Nick SM-PST2-put on book his LOC above table
 'Nick_i put his_{i/j} book on the table'

e) The king gave Nick a prize in X's village.

C13e') ŋanɛ_i a- bí- tí Nick_j likebla í lŋ yê_{i/j/k} (nyé-médé
 king SM-PST2-give Nick gift LOC village/country his him/her-REFL
 'The king_i gave Nick_j a gift in his_{i/j/k} village'

NB: It is not easy to find out the word 'prize'

f) The boys washed X's face.

C13f') Dilóŷá dí- bí- jowá Nick sú
 boys SM-PST2-wash Nick face
 'The boys washed Nick's face'

C14a) Nick's father admires X.

Note in what follows that C14a' is marginally acceptable under the reading that Nick and the pronoun *nyé* 'his/her' corefer as the questions marks behind the index *i* ?? show it. Rather if it is the case that 'Nick's father admires someone else apart from Nick himself' then the sentence is correct. In order to get a good sentence where Nick corefers with the pronoun *nyé* 'him', 'Nick' should be presupposed/known/familiar in the discourse. In this case, 'Nick' should be a topic (here the topic is followed by a comma which represents a prosodic break) as can be seen in

C14a'' below.

C14a') nsâŋ Nick_i a- mí- mɛmlé nyé ??_{i/j}
father Nick SM-Pres admire him/her
'Nick_i' father admires him_{i/j}'

C14a'') **Nick_i**, nsâŋ a- mí- mɛmlé **nyé_i**
Nick father SM-Pres-admire him
'Nick_i, his_i father admires him_i'
b) Nick's ambition destroyed X.

All the same, in the context of C14b, two scenari come into play. First of all, if the possessor 'Nick' and the possessed NP 'ambiton precede the coreferent pronoun, we obtain a marginal sequence (see C14b'). However if 'Nick' is topicalized, the result is successful whether the coreferent is a pronoun or a reflexive (see C14b''). Note that it is difficult to find out the word 'ambition' presently. In C14b''', it is shown that topicalization of 'Nick' and the anaphor *nyé-medé* 'himself' (reflexive) at the same time is correct and resumption in the sentence final position is required (see that each topicalized element is followed by a comma). Another strategy consists in topicalizing the anaphor and the NP 'Nick' as a whole (here the comma follows the complex anaphor-Nick) in the order 'anaphor-Nick in C14b'''' (compare with C14b'' where the order Nick-anaphor is used). Finally C14b''''' shows that we can have topicalization in the order 'Nick-anaphor' and resumption in the sentence final position. But note that in terms of interpretation C14'''' lays emphasis on 'Nick_i' and then on the anaphor **nyé-medé_i** 'himself'. But in C14b'''' and C14b''''' we obtain the same interpretation i.e. focus is on the 'Nick himself' as a whole.

C14b') Mahóŋôl má **Nick_i** má- bí- tʃé **nyé ??_{i/j}**
thought GEN Nick SM- PST2-destroy him

'Bill's thoughts destroyed himself' Or Bill's thoughts destroyed someone else (known in the context).

C14b'') **Nick_i**, mahóŋôl mɛ má- bí- tʃé **nyé_i / nyé-medé_i**
Nick thoughts his SM-PST2-destroy him /PRN.c1-REFL
'Nick_i, his_i thoughts destroyed him_i/himself_i'

C14b''') **Nick_i**, **nyé-medé_i**, mahóŋôl mɛ_i má- bí- tʃé **nyé_i**
Nick PRN.c1-REFL thoughts his SM-PST2-destroy him
'Literally: Nick himself_i, his thoughts destroyed him_i'

C14b''''') **nyé-medé_i** **Nick_i**, mahóŋôl mɛ_i má- bí- tʃé **nyé_i**
PRN.c1-REFL Nick thoughts his SM-PST2-destroy him

‘Nick himself_i, his_i thoughts destroyed him_i’ Literally: Himself_i Nick_i, his_i thoughts destroyed him_i’

C14b””) Nick_i nyé-mədé_i, mahónɔ̃l mēi má- bí- tʃé nyé_i

Nick PRN.c1-REFL thoughts his SM- PST2-destroy him

‘Nick himself_i, his thoughts destroyed him_i’

c) Nick’s mother sold X’s car.

As can be seen below, in a sentence like C14c’ three interpretations are possible.

C14c’) [nâɲ Nick_i]_j a- bí- nuɲûl litowá jê_i/j/k
mother Nick SM-PST2-sell car his/her

‘Nick’s mother sold Nick’s car Or ‘Nick’s mother sold his (Nick’s mother) own car’ Or ‘Nick’s mother sold someone else car’

Another possibility consists in topicalizing ‘Nick’ and in this case a wide range of interpretations are possible as can be seen in C14c” below. In C14b”” below *Nick* and the anaphor *nyé-mədé_i* ‘himself’ are topicalized separately (see the commas following each of them) because focus is on each of them separately. Both C14b”” and C14b””” have the same meaning. As can be seen C14b”” and C14b””” involve topicalization of the whole anaphor-Nick or Nick-anaphor.

C14c”) Nick_i, nâɲ_i a- bí- nuɲûl litowá jê_i/j/k
Nick mother SM- PST2-sell car his/her

‘Nick_i, his_i mother sold his_i car’ Or ‘Nick_i, his_i mother sold someone else car’

C14c””) Nick_i, nyé-mədé_i, nâɲ_i a- bí- nuɲûl litowá jê_i/j/k
Nick PRN.c1-REFL mother SM-PST2-sell car his/her

‘Nick_i himself_i, his_i mother sold his_i car’ Or ‘Nick himself, [his_i mother]_j sold her_j (Nick’s mother) own car’

C14b””) Nick_i nyé-mədé_i, nâɲ_i a- bí- nuɲûl litowá jê_i/j/k
Nick PRN.c1-REFL mother SM-PST2-sell car his/her

‘Nick_i himself_i, his_i mother sold his_i car (Nick’s car)’ Or ‘Nick_i himself_i, [his_i mother]_j sold her_j own car’ Or ‘Nick himself, his mother sold someone else car’

C14b””) nyé-mədé_i Nick_i, nâɲ_i a- bí- nuɲûl litowá jê_i/j/k
PRN.c1-REFL Nick mother SM-PST2-sell car his/her

‘Nick_i himself_i, his_i mother sold his_i car (Nick’s car)’ Or ‘Nick_i himself_i, [his_i mother]_j sold her_j own car’ Or ‘Nick himself, his mother sold someone else car’ ‘Literally: Himself_i Nick_i, [his_i mother]_j sold his_i/k/her_j car’

Please provide translations and judgments for the following examples where the plural pronoun is coconstrued with the boys or the politicians.

X20a) The boys saw pictures of themselves/each other/them

X20a’ dilóʎá dí- bí- téé-ná βítití
boys SM-PST2-see-RCM pictures

‘The boys saw pictures of each other/one another’

b) Mary told the boys about pictures of themselves/each other/them

X20b’ Maríya a- bí- pód- ól dilóʎá βítití gwâβ_i/j bós+mədé_i/j
Mary SM-PST2-speak-OBL boys pictures their them+selves

‘Mary told the boys about pictures of themselves/each other/one another’

c) The politicians planned attacks against each other.

X20c’ [bôt bá mbân]_i (bó ni bó)_i bá- bí- nân- ná bísaŋ (bó ni bó)_i
people GEN politics them CONN them SM-PST2-invite-RCM fights them CONN them
Literally: ‘The politicians invited each other/one another to battles’

Note that the string (bó ni bó)_i which can literally translated as ‘among them’ can be preceded by the compound NP bôt bámbân ‘politicians’ or can be sentence final.

d) The politicians faked/simulated attacks against themselves/them.

NB: Difficult to find out the equivalent of ‘fake’ or ‘simulate’

4.1.2.7 Demoted arguments -

Example: (C15a-c) have been passivized. If your language has passive, construct reflexive and non-reflexive versions of each one as above. For English, the by-phrases in (C15a,b) are not interpretable as "alone" (see 3.6) and are not generally regarded as acceptable with by herself.

C15a) Polly was praised by X

C15a’ Polly_i a- bí- béÿês nyé-médé_i
Polly SM-PST2-praise PRN.c1-REFL
‘Polly_i praised himself_i’

Note that only a reflexive reading can be obtained from C15a, a passive construction is not possible with the béÿês ‘praise’.

b) Polly was helped by X

C15b’ Polly_i a- bí- hól- bá (nyé-médé_i)
Polly SM-PST2-help-PASS PRN.c1-REFL
‘Polly_i was helped by herself_i’

c) Little is known by Polly about X (X = Polly)

C15b’’ ndeÿ i- ní- yí- bá ni Polly_i ínuú yê_i (nyé-médé_i)
little SM-Pres-know-PASS by Polly for her PRN.c1-REFL
‘Little is known by Polly_i about herself_i’

C15b’’ ndeÿ yǝ-n i- ní- yí- bá ni Polly_i ínuú yê_i (nyé-médé_i)
little it-FOC SM-Pres-know-PASS by Polly for his PRN.c1-REFL

‘Little is known by Polly_i about herself_i’ Literally: ‘What is known by Polly about himself is little OR ‘It is little which is known by Polly about himself’

Note that C15b can have two different structures, but the difference is that the second one i.e. C15b’’ is focused (the adjective ‘little is focused in the language) as the literal translation shows it.

d) The wax melted itself

C15d’ [βihómbôl bí mábâm]_i bí- bí- suÿi (gwó+médé_i)
wax SM-PST2-melt.PASS them+selves
‘The wax melted itself’

Note that the verb *suÿi* ‘melt’ is inherently focused in Basaá although the passive morpheme remains implicit.

4.1.3 Properties of antecedents

4.1.3.1 Pronouns, person and number - Consider all possible person/number combinations for the subject of the following sentence.

C16a) I saw X.

Unless my understanding is wrong, let us consider the following examples.

C16a' Με_i bí- téhéhé με+μεδέ
I PST2-see me-REFL
'I saw myself (I in person saw)'

b) You saw X. (etc.)

C16a'' U_i bí- téhéhé we+μεδέ_i
you PST2-see you-REFL
'You saw yourself (you in person saw)'

Repeat with the following sentences, or other suitable examples from section 4.1.1.

If X stands 'I' or 'Me' in the context, let us consider the following examples.

C17a) I washed X.

C17a' Με_i bí- nóγóβ (με+μεδέ_i)
I PST2-wash me-REFL
'I washed (myself)'

b) I hate X.

C17b' Με_i ή- εό- βά (με+μεδέ_i)
I Pres-hate-REFL me-REFL
'I hate (myself)'

c) I told John about X

C17c' Με bí- πόδ- όλ (με+μεδέ_i) Yóhanes (με+μεδέ_i)
I PST2-speak/talk-OBL me-REFL John me-REFL
'I told John about myself'

NB: Here the anaphor can precede or follow Yóhanes 'John' but it is not optional.

d) I saw a snake near X

C17d' Με_i bí- téhéhé nóό ί páη yêm_i
I PST2-see snake LOC side my
'I saw a snake near me' Literally: 'I saw a snake on my side'

e) I am liked by X.

C17e' Με_i ή- gwés-βά (με+μεδέ_i)
I Pres-like-REFL.PASS me-REFL
'I am liked by myself'

Note that in C17e' above the morpheme -*ba* encodes reflexivity and passive at the same time.

f) I telephoned X's mother

C17d' Με_i bí- séβél ní_i ί síŋga
I PST2-call mother LOC thread
'I call my mother on the phone'

NB: As already mentioned in the preceding sections, the item 'mother' in Basaá is has an inherent possession i.e. it changes depending on the possessor. For instance if the possessor is the first person singular ME, the item should be *ní* as in C17d' above (the same item is used if the possessor is the first person plural US). If the possessor is the second person singular or the second person plural 'YOU' the item should be *niŋ*. Finally, if the possessor is third person singular HIM/HER or third person plural 'THEM' the item is *niŋ*. As a result, the items *ní*, *niŋ*

and *nsáŋ* denote the same entity namely ‘mother’ depending on the possessor.

g) My father admires X

C17g’ (ta)tá_i a- n- mēmlé mē_i

father SM-Pres-admire me

‘My father admires me’

In the same vein the item ‘father’ in Basaá varies depending on the possessor. So, (ta)tá_i is used if the possessor is first person singular ME or first person plural ‘US’ *nsóŋ* is used for second person singular ‘YOU’ and second person plural ‘YOU’ while *nsáŋ* when the possessor is third person singular or plural namely ‘HIM/HER and ‘THEM’.

4.1.3.2 Animacy or humanity- If animacy plays a role in choice of strategy or if a strategy is restricted to human (or metaphorically human) entities, please give examples showing both success and failure of the strategy in a way that illustrates the difference.

C18a) History repeats X

In order to have an approximate sentence to C18a, I will use ‘life’ instead of ‘history’ because it is easier to convey the message appropriately with the former than with the latter. The word for ‘history’ is more complex and might not convey the meaning appropriately. Note also that the presence of the anaphor (reflexive) leads to marginal acceptability.

C18a’ Niŋ_i í n- timba (?? yó+mēdē_i)

Life SM-Pres-repeat it-REFL

‘Life repeats itself’

b) This type of fish cannibalizes X

C18b’ mǐntén mǐ tʃóβǐ mǐnǐ mǐ- n- jé-ná (mó ni mó)

types GEN fish these (DEM) SM-Pres-eat-RCM them CONN them

This kind of fish cannibalizes? Literally: ‘These kinds of fish eat each other/one another’

Note that DEM stands for ‘demonstrative’. As can be seen, the verb *timba* ‘repeat’ is inherently reflexive.

c) This machine destroys X (e.g., after you use it)

í key_i ínǐ í- j- oβǐ (yó+mēdē_i)

C18c’ DEF machine this (DEM) SM-Pres-destroy (one-REFL)

‘This machine destroys itself’ OR

C18c’’ í key_i ínǐ í- n- tímǐá (yó+mēdē_i)

DEF machine this (DEM) SM-Pres-destroy (one-REFL)

‘This machine destroys itself’

In C18c’ and C18c’’ both *oβǐ* and *tímǐá* are synonymous. All the same, these verbs are inherently reflexive and this can be clearly understood by the fact that they optionally select anaphors.

4.1.3.3 Pronoun types - If your language has more than one class of subject pronouns (e.g., clitic and non-clitic), repeat the tests of the previous section for each type. Also repeat for null pronouns, if applicable.

a) *Personal pronouns subject*

Mε ‘I’

U ‘you’

b) *Personal pronouns object*

Mε ‘Me’

wε ‘you’

A 'He/she'
 Di 'we'
 Ni 'you (pl.)'
 bá 'they'

nyé 'her/him'
 běs 'us'
 bě 'you (pl.)'
 bó 'them'

c) *Possessive pronouns*

w-əm 'mine'
 w-ě 'his/her'
 nân 'yours (2.pers. pl)'

w-ǫη ,yours (2. Pers. Sing)
 w-ěs 'ours'
 w-ǫp 'theirs'

Note that since *basáá* is a noun class language like many African languages, there is always morphological agreement between the head noun and its satellites (adjectives, possessives, demonstratives, numerals etc.) within the noun phrase/Determiner phrase. For instance, in a noun phrase like *maleŕt w-əm* "my teacher", the agreement morpheme *w-* corresponds to class one in this language and is invariable in person and number (apart from *nân* "yours" whereas the possessive adjective marker *-əm* varies depending on the noun class, person and number. Keep also in mind that possessive adjectives and possessive pronouns in this language are homophonous. For instance:

(i) mǎn w- w-ǫη- a ye héé
 child Agreement Marker-possessive- SM be where
 "Where is your child?"

(ii) w- w-ǫη- a ye héé?
 Agreement Marker-Possessive SM be where
 "Where is yours?"

There are about 13-24 noun classes in *basáá* in such a way that to each noun class corresponds a specific agreement marker.

4.1.3.4 Quantifiers - Provide judgements for the following sentences, where X is a pronoun corresponding to the subject successfully, or X is the anaphoric (reflexive) strategy that achieves a reflexive (coconstrued) reading.

C19a) Every woman saw X.

C19a' híkií mudaái a-bí-téhé nyé-mədéi
 each/every woman SM-PST2-see her/him+self

'Every woman_i saw herself_i' OR 'Every woman_i saw him_j/herself_j' OR

C19a'' híkií mudaái a- bí- téé-ba (nyé-mədéi) NB: Optional reflexive
 each/every woman SM-PST2-see-REFL

b) Every child washed X.

C19b' híkií mààŋgéi a- bí- nóŶóβ (nyé-mədéi)
 each/every child SM-PST2-wash PRN.c1-REFL
 'Each/every child_i washed (himself_i)

c) Every student hates X.

C19c' híkií ŋúdú a- ŋ- ɔɔ- ba
 each/every student SM-Pres-hate-REFL
 'Every students hates himself'

C19c'' híkií ŋúdú_i a- ŋ- ɔɔ nú yêi nyé-mədéi
 each/every student SM-Pres-hate body his/her him/her-REFL

‘Every student hates himself’ OR Literally: ‘Every student hates his/her own body’
 C19c’’ híkií ñúúú_i a- ñ- ɔɔ nú yê_i
 each/every student SM-Pres-hate body his/her

‘Every student hates himself’ OR Literally: ‘Every student hates his/her own body’
 C19c’’’’ híkií ñúúú_i a- ñ- ɔɔ nyé-médé_{i/j}
 each/every student SM-Pres-hate him/her-REFL
 ‘Every student hates himself’

NB: Note that in C19c’’ there is a simultaneous use of the expression *nú yê* (literally ‘his own body’) and the reflexive *nyé-médé* ‘him/herself’, but in C19c’’’’ and C19c’’’’ each expression is used separately. However, the meaning is the same even if at the level of interpretation C19’’’’ the reflexive *nyé-médé_{i/j}* ‘his/herself’ can corefer either with the subject ‘student’ or with some other referent in the discourse.

d) Every child saw a snake near X.
 C19d’ híkií mààṅgé_i a- bí- téhé nɔ́ɔ í pân yê_{i/j} (nyé-médé_{i/j})
 each child SM-PST2-see snake LOC side his/her him/her-REFL
 ‘Every child_i saw a snake near him_{i/j}’
 C19d’’ híkií mààṅgé_i a- bí- téé nɔ́ɔ í pân yê_{i/j} (nyé-médé_{i/j})
 each child SM-PST2-see+OBL snake LOC side his/her him/her-REFL
 ‘Every child_i saw a snake near him_{i/j}’
 C19d’’’’ híkií mààṅgé_i a- bí- téh-él nɔ́ɔ í pân yê_{i/j} (nyé-médé_{i/j})
 each child SM-PST2-see-OBL snake LOC side his/her him/her-REFL
 ‘Every child_i saw a snake near him_{i/j}’

NB: Keep in mind that although we have three different sentences for C19d, one obtains the same interpretation. The difference is at the level of the morphology of the verb *téhé* ‘see’ which can be realized differently. In C19d’’ the oblique morpheme is implicit but explicit in C19d’’’’.

e) Every child telephoned X's mother.
 C19e’ híkií mààṅgé_i nyé-médé_i a- bí- seβél nân_i í sɪŋga
 each/every child him/her-REFL SM-PST2-call mother LOC thread
 ‘Every child telephoned his own mother’

NB: Remember that the item *nân* ‘mother bear inherent possession and varies according to the possessor (the same as the item ‘father’ in the language).

e) Every child's father admires X.
 C19e’ híkií mààṅgé_i, nsân a- ní- mɛmlé nyé_i
 each/every child father SM-Pres-admire him/her
 ‘Every child_i’s father admires him_i’ Literally: Every child_i, his_i father admires him_i’

As can be seen in C19e’ above the quantified nominal *híkií mààṅgé* ‘every child’ has to be topicalized.

Repeat, replacing the quantifier "Every N" with "No N", and if any quantified antecedents behave differently from these, please provide the same paradigm.

C19f) mudaá_i tɔ- wa-dá a- bí- téhé béé nyé-médé_{i/j}
 woman no-AGR-dá SM-PST2-see NEG him/her-REFL
 ‘No woman saw herself’
 C19f’) mudaá_i tɔ- wa- dá a- bí- téé-bá béé (nyé-médé_{i/j})
 woman no-AGR-dá SM-PST2-see-REFL NEG him/her-REFL

- ‘No woman saw herself’
 C19g) maṅgé_i tɔ- wa-dá a- bí- nɔʎɔβ béé (nyé-médé_{i/j})
 child no-AGR-dá SM-PST2-wash NEG him/her-REFL
 ‘No child washed himself?’
- C19h) júdú_i tɔ- wa-dá a- ḡ- ɔɔ béé (nyé-médé_{i/j})
 student no-AGR-dá SM-Pres-hate NEG him/her-REFL
 ‘No student hates himself’
- C19h’) júdú_i tɔ- wa-dá a- ḡ- ɔɔ- ba béé (nyé-médé_{i/j})
 student no-AGR-dá SM-Pres-hate-REFL NEG him/her-REFL
 ‘No student hates himself’
- C19i) maṅgé_i tɔ- wa- dá a- bí- téhé béé jɔ́ í pāṅ yê_{i/j} (nyé-médé_{i/j})
 child no-AGR-dá SM-PST2-see NEG snake LOC side his/her him/her-REFL
 ‘No child saw a snake near him/herself’
- C19i’)
 maṅgé_i tɔ- wa- dá a- bí- téé béé jɔ́ í pāṅ yê_{i/j} (nyé-médé_{i/j})
 child no-AGR-dá SM-PST2-see.OBL NEG snake LOC side his/her him/her-REFL
 ‘No child saw a snake near him/herself’

As illustrated above, the negative quantifier ‘no’ in Basaá is a complex word made up of a negative morpheme *tɔ* ‘no’ an agreement morpheme (AGR-) which varies depending on the noun class of the negated noun and the morpheme *dá* (whose real meaning is unspecified here). Also since all negated noun above are from class one in the Basaá noun class system (they denote kinship) the agreement morpheme occurring in-between the negative morpheme *tɔ* ‘no’ and the morpheme *dá* is *-wa-*. Also, note that the reflexive (anaphor) is optional. Two examples are provided for ‘no woman washed’ because of two available strategies namely one without a reflexive morpheme (C19f) and the other one with a reflexive (C19f’). In like manner, the same two strategies are used for ‘no child hates himself’ (see C19h and C19h’)

NB: NEG stands for ‘NEGATION’ and as can be observed, the complex negative item *tɔ-wa-dá*, which I considered as an NPI by default always co-occurs with the negative marker *béé* like any other negative polarity item such as *tɔmut* ‘nobody’ *tɔyɔm* ‘nothing’ *tɔkíí* ‘anything’ etc. In C19i’ the oblique marker is implicit.

4.1.3.5 Questioned antecedents - As in (C19), X is coreferent with the wh-word in all of the following (if C20e is possible in your language). If your language leaves question words in situ, translate accordingly, and if your language allows both in situ and fronted questions, then provide examples of both possibilities and judgments for each of the coreference strategies.

- C20a) Who saw X?
 C20a’ njéé_i a- bí- téhé nyémédé_i
 who SM-PST2-see him/her-REFL
 ‘Who_i saw him/herself_i?’
- C20a’’ njéé_i a- bí- téé-ba
 who SM-PST2-see-REFL
 ‘Who_i saw him/herself_i?’
- b) Who washed X?
 C20b’ njéé_i a- bí- nɔʎɔβ (nyé-médé_i)
 who SM-PST2-wash him/her-REFL

‘Who_i washed himself_i?’

c) Who saw a snake near X?

C20c’ njéé_i a- bí- téhé jós í pân yê_i (nyé-médé_i)
who SM-PST2-see snake LOC side his/her him/her-REFL

‘Who saw a snake near himself?’ Literally: ‘Who saw a snake beside himself?’

C20c’’ njéé_i a- bí- téé jós í pân yê_i (nyé-médé_i)
who SM-PST2-see+OBL snake LOC side his/her him/her-REFL

‘Who saw a snake near himself?’ Literally: ‘Who saw a snake beside himself?’

C20c’’’ njéé_i a- bí- téé-né jós í pân yê_i (nyé-médé_i)
who SM-PST2-see-OBL snake LOC side his/her him/her-REFL

‘Who saw a snake near himself?’ Literally: ‘Who saw a snake beside himself?’

NB: All sentences in C20 above convey the same meaning. Please see comments below C19 above.

d) Who telephoned X’s mother?

C20c’’’’ njéé_i a- bí- seβél jân_i í siŋga
who SM-PST2-call mother LOC thread

‘Who telephoned his mother’ Literally: ‘Who called his/her mother on the phone?’

e) Whose father admires X?

C20e’ njéé_i nsân_{i/j} nyé-médé_{i/j} a- mí- memlɛ
who father him/her-REFL SM-Pres-admire

‘Whose father admires him/herself?’ OR literally ‘Who_i does his_{i/j} father admires?’

Note that in C20e’ coreference can hold between the wh-phrase *njéé* ‘who’ the NP *nsân* ‘father and the reflexive *nyé-médé* ‘him/herself’ or between the reflexive, and another discourse entity and ‘father’. The same holds for C20e’’ below.

C20e’’ njéé_i nyé-médé_{i/j} nsân_{i/j} a- mí- memlɛ
who him/her-REFL father SM-Pres-admire

‘Whose father admires him/herself?’

4.1.3.6 Reverse binding - In the following examples, the full NP (‘antecedent’) appears in the lower (prototypically, object) position. Try to translate these into your language. It is expected that many sentences constructed in this section, possibly all, will be unacceptable in many languages (as **Himself saw Fred* is in English). Naturally, any examples which are not ungrammatical are of particular interest.

C21a) X saw Fred.

C21a’) Nyé-médé_i Tónyé_i a- bí- téé- ba
PRN.c1-REFL Tónyé SM-PST2-see-REFL

‘Tónyé himself’ OR Literally: Tónyé (in person) saw himself’

C21a’’* Nyé-médé_i a- bí- téé- ba Tónyé_i
PRN.c1-REFL SM-PST2-see-REFL Tónyé

Intended: ‘Tónyé himself’ OR Literally: Tónyé (in person) saw himself’

NB: In the case of C21a’ above, focus is on the anaphor. This is a sort of emphatic construction which might convey a contrastive reading (e.g Tónyé HIMSELF (in person),but not someone

else.). Again, it is not possible to have the full NP (antecedent at the end of the clause) as the ungrammaticality of C21a” shows it.

b) X saw us. (X=us)

C21b is not applicable

c) X saw a snake behind Fred.

C21c”) Nyé-medé_i Tónyé_i a- bí- téé nǒó í pân yê_i
PRN.c1-REFL Tónyé SM-PST2-see.OBL snake LOC side his
‘Tónyé saw himself’ Literally: Tónyé (in person) saw himself’

Comment below C21a above also applies to C21c

d) X impressed Fred

Difficult to process

e) Bill spoke to X about Fred.

C21e’) Ewas_i a- bí- pód- ól nyé-medé_j Tónyé_j ínuu yê_{i/j/k}
Ewas SM-PST2-speak-OBL PRN.c1-REFL Tónyé for his/her

‘Ewas_i talked about himself_i to Tónyé_j’ ‘Ewas talked to Tónyé about someone else’ ‘Ewas talked about Tónyé_j to himself_i’

f) Bill told X about Fred

C21f) Ewas_i a- bí- pód- ól nyé-medé_j Tónyé_j ínuu yê_{i/j/k}
Ewas SM-PST2-speak-OBL PRN.c1-REFL Tónyé for his/herf

‘Ewas_i talked about himself_i to Tónyé_j’ ‘Ewas talked to Tónyé about someone else’ ‘Ewas talked about Tónyé_j to himself_i’

Note that CC21e and C21f’ are the same in Basaá.

g) X was praised by Fred.

Not applicable

h) X is liked by you. (X = you)

Note applicable.

If the current strategy permits a possessive position to be coreferent with its antecedent, please indicate if an anaphor or a pronoun is possible in the position of X, which should correspond to George in all of these examples.

C22a) X telephoned George's mother.

C22a’) Nyé-medé_i Tónyé_i a- bí- seβél nân_{i/j} í siŋga
PRN.c1-REFL Tónyé SM-PST2-call mother LOC thread

‘Tonye_i himself_i called his_{i/j} mother’ Literally: Tónyé_i (in person) called his_{i/j} mother on the phone’

Note that at this level, it is not possible to have the antecedent at the end of the clause as already mentioned in previous sections.

b) X's mother wanted to improve George.

In C22b’ below, there is topicalization of the whole nominal chunk Nyé-medé_i Tónyé_i ‘Tónyé himself’ or in person but, as already known, the antecedent cannot close off the sentence.

C22b’) Nyé-medé_i Tónyé_i, nân_{i/j} a- bí- sómból héŋêl nyé_{i/j}

PRN.c1-REFL Tónyé mother SM-PST2-want change/improve him
 ‘Tónyé_i himself_i, his_i mother (Tónyé’s mother or someone else (known in the context) mother) wanted to improve him_{i/j} (Tónyé or someone else known in the context)

c) X's mother worried/impressed George.

C22c’) Nyé-medéi Tónyé_i, nâ_i/j a- bí- ton- bá ínuu yê_i/j
 PRN.c1-REFL Tónyé mother SM-PST2-worry-REFL for his/her
 ‘Tónyé_i’s mother worried about him_{i/j}’

In C22c’ there is topicalization of the whole nominal chunk Nyé-medéi Tónyé_i ‘Tónyé himself’ or in person, but coreference can hold between either ‘mother’ and Tónyé or between ‘mother’ and some other name in the discourse’

d) Mary told X's mother about George.

C22d’) ?? Maríya a- bí- pód-ól nâ_i Tónyé_i ínuu Tónyé_i (nyé-medéi)
 Mary SM-PST2-speak-OBL mother T. for his/her PRN.c1-REFL
 ‘Mary_i talked to Tónyé_j’s mother about him_{i/j/k}’ ‘Literally:

C22d’’) Tónyé_i, Maríya_j a- bí- pód-ól nâ_i ínuu yê_i/j/k
 T. M. SM-PST2-speak-OBL mother for his/her
 ‘Tónyé_i, Mary_j spoke to his_i mother about him/her_{i/j/k}’

C22d’’) nyé-medéi Tónyé_i, Maríya a- bí- pód-ól nâ_i ínuu yê_i/j/k
 PRN.c1-REFL T. M. SM-PST2-speak-OBL mother for his/her
 ‘Tónyé_i himself_i, Mary_j talked to his_{i/j/k} mother about him/her_{i/j/k}’

C22d’’) Tónyé_i nyé-medéi, Maríya a- bí- pód-ól nâ_i ínuu yê_i/j/k
 T. PRN.c1-REFL M. SM-PST2-speak-OBL mother for his/her
 ‘Tónyé_i himself_i, Mary_j talked to his_{i/j/k} mother about him/her_{i/j/k}’

Note that C22d’ is marginally acceptable. C22d’), C22d’’) as well as C22d’’) are instances of topicalization (see also previous comments).

e) A picture of X's mother fell on George.

C22e’) Tónyé_i nyé-medéi, nâ_i tití yê_i/j/k í- bí- kwel nyé_i/j/k
 T. PRN.c1-REFL mother picture his/her SM-PST2-fall on him/her

‘A picture of Tónyé_i’s mother fell on him/her_{i/j/k}’ ‘Literally: ‘Tonyé_i (in person), his mother’s picture fell on him/her_{i/j/k}’

f) A picture of X's mother pleased George.

C22f’) Tónyé_i nyé-medéi, nâ_i tití yê_i/j/k í- bí- lémél nyé_i/j/k
 T. PRN.c1-REFL mother picture his/her SM-PST2-please him/her

‘A picture of Tónyé_i’s mother_j pleased him/her_{i/j/k}’

Please, have a careful look at co-indexation which enables one to have an idea about coreference.

4.1.4 Some matters of interpretation

4.1.4.1 Distribution, reflexivity and reciprocity - Select and translate a simple example illustrating the using a clausemate coreference strategy successfully, such as (C23).

C23) The women help X.

C23a) bodaá_i bá- bí- hól- ná (bó ni bó)_i
 women SM-PST2-help-RCM them CONN them

‘The women helped each other/one another/themseves’

C23a’) bodaá_i bá- bí- hólá bó-medé_i

women SM-PST2-help PRN.c2-REFL

‘The women helped themselves’ Literally: ‘The women help

Note that in C23a, there is a reciprocal reading while in C23a’ we don’t have such a reading, rather, what we obtain is a reflexive meaning.. Note that the base form of the verb ‘help’ is *holá* like in C23a’ but due category changing, the last vowel *á* of the base is deleted before the reciprocal morpheme get attached to the verbal root.

Which of the following meanings can this example have?

C24a) Each woman helps all (or almost all) of the women, excluding herself.

b) Each woman helps all of the women, including herself.

c) Each woman helps at least some of the other women.

d) Each woman helps herself.

e) The women together as a group help the women together as a group.

f) Each woman helps one of the women other than herself, such that all of the women are helped by one of the others.

C23a corresponds to C24b, and C24c, while C24a’ corresponds to C24e and probably C24d and C24f.

Translate each of the following examples, which are compatible with collective action, and state their possible interpretations as above.

C25a) The women praised X.

C25a’ *bodaái bá- bí- béŷês bós+médéi*

women SM-PST2-praise PRN.c2-REFL

‘The women praised themselves’ Literally: ‘The women as a group praised themselves as a group’/ Each woman of the group praised the other women of the same group including herself’.

C25a’’ *bodaái bá- bí- béŷ- há (bós+médéi)*

women SM-PST2-praise-RFM.RCM PRN.c2-REFL

‘The women praised each other/one another Literally: ‘The women as a group praised themselves as a group’/ Each woman of the group praised the other women of the same group including herself’.

NB: Note that in C25a’’ we have an instance of a reciprocal reflexive i.e. the women did not only praise themselves but also, praised each other/one another.

b) The women will support X.

C25b’) *bodaái bá- bí-hónbá-ná (bós ni bós)*

women SM-PST2-support-RCM them CONN them

‘The women supported each other/one another’

C25b’’) *bodaái bá- bí-hónbá-ná bós+médéi*

women SM-PST2-support-REFL PRN.c2-REFL

‘The women supported themselves’ Literally: ‘Each woman of the group supported herself’ and ‘each woman of the group supported other women of the same group’/’The women as a group supported the whole group (nobody out of the group should not help them’

Note that the morpheme *-ná* is multifunctional i.e. it encodes reciprocity (C25b’) and reflexivity (C25b’’).

c) The women photographed X.

C25c’) *bodaái bá- bí- ot- ná bítití (bós ni bós)*

women SM-PST2-photograph-RCM pictures them CONN them

‘The women photographed each other/one another’ i.e. ‘Each woman of the group photographed at least one woman of the same group’

C25c”) *bodaá_i bá- bí- ot bó-médé_i bítitfi*
women SM-PST2-photograph PRN.c2-REFL pictures

‘The women photographed each other/one another’ i.e. ‘Each woman of the group photographed at least one woman of the same group’

d) The women betrayed X.

C25d”) *bodaá_i bá- bí-sǎhbé-né bó-médé_i*
women SM-PST2-betray-RCM PRN.c2-REFL

‘The women betrayed themselves’ i.e. ‘The women as a group betrayed their own group’/

C25d”) *bodaá_i bá- bí-sǎhbé-né bó ni bó_i*
women SM-PST2-betray-RCM them CONN them

‘The women betrayed each other/one another’ OR ‘Each woman of the group betrayed at least one woman of the same group’

NB: Here again, note that the morpheme *né* is multifunctional in that it conveys reflexivity as well as reciprocity.

In light of these observations, which of the local coreference strategies in your language permit only reciprocal readings, which ones permit only reflexive readings, and which ones permit both?

If this strategy can have both reflexive and reciprocal readings, can you think of some predicates in which it is ambiguous? For example, in German, Die Kinderen wassen sich can mean either "the children are washing themselves" or "the children are washing each other."

4.1.4.2 Reciprocal readings - Complete this section only if your strategy allows a reciprocal reading (i.e., permits a reading like those in (C24a) or (C24f). If the strategy is ambiguous, make sure to use verbs that allow the reciprocal interpretation.

No verb in the language allows for readings such as C24a and C24f.

a) Which of the following verbs can the strategy be applied to?

C26) "meet", "see", "fight", "speak", "hit"

b) Does the strategy allow the constructions where X is understood to be a reciprocal which has a plural antecedent consisting of John and Bill (i.e., it would be understood as "John and Bill saw each other"). Are both "see" and "meet" possible in (C27), or is only one sort of verb acceptable?

C27) John met/saw X with Bill (Meaning: "John and Bill met/saw each other.")

c) Is there any difference in the range of interpretations permitted for (C28a) as opposed to (C28b), or any difference in reciprocal strategies that support these interpretations? If so, tell us what you think the problem is and provide pairs like these for subsequent tests in this section (and let us know if male/female gender pairings introduce any complications).

C28a) John and Mary praised X.

b) The women praised X.

Remarks: *In some languages, a different reciprocal is favored or required when the antecedent phrase refers to pairs (or perhaps distributed groups) rather than large pluralities.*

d) Can the strategy express reciprocity between a subject and an indirect object?

C29a) John and Mary spoke to X.

b) John and Mary met with X.

c) John and Mary gave this book to X.

e) Long-distance reciprocal readings - For any of the strategies that permit a reciprocal reading, can the following sentence be translated to mean "Bill thinks he likes Mary, and Mary thinks she likes Bill"?

C30) Bill and Mary think that they like X.

4.1.4.3 Sociative readings

Please translate these sentences, more than one way, if possible. Please be sure to let us know if any of the reciprocal or reflexive strategies can be used to achieve these readings.

Note that the following sentences in C31a' and C31b' express simultaneity (glossed as SIMUL) rather than reciprocity or reflexivity.

C31a) The baboons left together

C31a') βinuΥά βί- bí- ki- **ha**
animals SM-PST2-leave/go-SIMUL

'The animals left together'

b) The baboons ate fish together

C31b') ηgwó í- bí- jé- **há** nílamb
dogs SM-PST2-eat-SIMUL meat

'The dogs ate meat together'

Note that the simultaneous morpheme may bear a high or low tone depending on the argument structure of the predicate. If the verb is intransitive, there is no tone on it, but when the verb is transitive, this morpheme bears a high tone. Note also that the original forms of the verbs 'leave' and 'eat' are *kε* and *jé* and respectively. But due to simultaneity formation these verbs change the basic vowel *ε* into *i* and *e* respectively.

4.1.4.4 Antipassive readings

C32a) That panther bites people.

C32a') í njeé i i- η- óβ- **βa**
DEF panther that (DEM) SM-Pres-bite-A.PASS

'That panther bites (people or anything else)'

C32a'') í njeé i i- η- óβ **βôt**
DEF panther that (DEM) SM-Pres-bite people

'That panther bites people'

b) The government arrests people.

C32b') ηgómîn a- η- gwel- **a**

government/state SM-Pres-arrest/catch-A.PASS
 ‘The government arrests (people or anything else)’
 C32b”) ἡγόμεν a- ἦ- gwel bôt
 government/state SM-Pres-arrest/catch people
 ‘The government arrests people’
 c) Bill praises people
 C32c’) Ewas a- mí- bēŷ- ha
 Ewas SM-Pres-praise-A.PASS
 ‘Ewas praises people’
 C32c”) Ewas a- mí- bēŷês bôt
 Ewas SM-Pres-praise people
 ‘Ewas praises people’

NB: The data provided in C32 above show that there exists a specific morpheme (glossed as A.PASS for convenience and can vary in form) which encodes antipassive. Whenever this antipassive morpheme occurs, there is no explicit patient but this patient is implied. On the contrary, in a non-antipassive construction, the patient is explicit.

4.2 Cross-clausal binding

X4) John expects himself to win.

X4’) Yohánēs_i a-mí-bēm lé nyé-medé_{i/j} a_{i/j}-ἦ-kōmōl
 John SM-PRS-expect that PRN.c1-REFL SM- PRS-win

‘John_i expects himself_i to win’ OR ‘John expects some other X (in person) to win’

As can be seen from co-indexation, the anaphor can corefer with the higher subject namely *Yohánēs* ‘John’ or with another name known in the discourse. Note that sentences like X4’ in *Basaá* are serial verb constructions. In a serial verb construction in this language the embedded subject is never realized overtly, but is semantically recovered by the subject marker (SM) of the embedded clause (see co-indexation)

X5’) Ewas_i a- ἦ- kâl lé me nóódé kâl wé lé
 Ewas SM- PRS-say/tell that I try.SUBJ say/tell you that
 u pód- dôs nyé_{i/j} mbeηel
 you talk/speak-OBL.SUBJ him quietly

‘Ewas_i told me that I should try to tell you that you should talk to him_{i/j} quietly’

NB: Note that SUBJ stands for SUBJUNCTIVE. Coreference here can hold either between the matrix subject ‘Ewas’ and the most embedded object *nyé* ‘him/her’ or between the most embedded object *nyé* and another name known in the discourse.

X6’) Ewas_i a-ἦ-kâl lé Hjōl_j a-ἦ-gwês hínḡōndá hí hí-bí-samblá nyé_{i/j/k}
 E. SM-PST2-say that H. SM-Pres-love girl.DEF REL SM-PST2-kiss him/her
 ‘Ewas_i said that Hjōl_j loves the girl who loves him_{i/j/k}’

NB: In X6’ above DEF stands for DEFINITE (ness) and REL for RELATIVE (operator). Coreference can hold between the pronoun *nyé* ‘him/her’ and the matrix subject ‘Ewas’, between the pronoun and the intermediate embedded subject *Hjōl* or between the pronoun and another presupposed name.

X7’) Ewas_i a- ἦ- kâl lé Hjōl_j a- mí- bená kósé nyé_{i/j/k}
 E. SM-Pres-say that H. SM-Pres-have a habit criticize him/her

‘Ewas_i says that Hjɔl_j has a habit of criticizing him_{j/k}’

4.2.1 Coreference relations across typical tensed clausal complement

X8’) Yohánes_i a- η- kâl lé Mariya_j a- η- gwêś-bá (nyé-médé_j)
 Jonh SM-PST1-say that Mary SM-Pres-love-REFL PRN.c1-REFL
 ‘John_i said that Mary loves herself’

X8’’) Yohánes_i a- η- kâl lé Mariya_j a- η- gwêś nyé-médé_{i/j/k}
 Jonh SM-PST1-say that Mary SM-Pres-love PRN.c1-REFL
 ‘John said that Mary loves herself’

Note that in X8’ the anaphor is optional because of the presence of the reflexive morpheme *bá*, but when used coreference holds only between the embedded subject and the anaphor. In X8’’ where the anaphor is not optional coreference can hold in three ways. Note that no relationship holds between the matrix subject and the reflexive morpheme. This state of affairs provides evidence that the use of the reflexive morpheme is strictly local.

Keeping X8 above in mind and as already indicated, no reflexivity can hold between the highest subject and the reflexive morpheme.

X10’) Yohánes_i a- η- kâl lé Mariya_j a- η- gwêś nyé_{i/k}
 Jonh SM-PST1-say that Mary SM-Pres-love PRN.c1
 ‘John said that Mary loves him’

Note that coreference can also hold between the pronoun and another presupposed name.

X11’) Yohánes_i a- η- kâl nyé_j lé Mariya_k a- η- gwêś nyé_{i/j}
 Jonh SM-PST1-say him/her that Mary SM-Pres-love PRN.c1-REFL
 ‘John_i told him/her_j that Mary loves him/her_{i/j}’

X11’’) Yohánes_i a- η- kâl nyé_j lé Mariya_k a- η- gwêś-bá
 Jonh SM-PST1-say him/her that Mary SM-Pres-love-REFL
 ‘John_i told him/her_j that Mary_k loves herself_k’

X11’’ confirms the fact that reflexivity applies locally.

4.2.1.1 Tensed complement, long distance relations, anaphor in situ - Please provide translations for all of these sentences where X is Jack.

D1a) Jack said that X is smart.

D1a’)*? Ewas_i a- bí- kâl lé nyé+méd_i á_{i/j}- ní- yí jâm
 Ewas SM-PST2-say that PRN.c1-REFL SM- Pres-know thing
 ‘Ewas said that he is smart’

D1a’’) Ewas_i a- bí- kâl lé ny_{i/j} á_{i/j}- ní- yí jâm
 Ewas SM-PST2-say that him SM-Pres-know thing
 ‘Ewas said that he is smart’

D1a’’’) Ewas_i a_i- bí- kâl l á_{i/j}- ní- yí jâm
 Ewas SM-PST2-say that SM- Pres-know thing
 ‘Ewas said that he is smart’

NB: Sentence D1a’ is unacceptable because the predicate *yí* cannot select an anaphor as a subject. Note also that where there is a succession of two vowels at a morpheme boundary, one

causes elision of the first vowel as in D1a' and D1a'' where the anaphor *nyé+médε* 'himself' (D1a') and the pronoun *nyé* 'him/her' realize as *nyé+méd* and *ny* respectively by losing the final vowel due to adjacency with the subject marker *-a*. As a result of this, the high tone on the final vowel of both the anaphor *nyé-médé* 'himself' and the pronoun *nyé* 'him/her' spreads over the subject marker *-á*-which is right adjacent to it. The same process applies to D1a'' between the lexical complementizer *l(é)* 'that' and the subject marker *-á*. D1a'' and D1a''' are correct because the verb 'know' successfully selects *pro* as its subject since Basaá is pro-drop (D1a'''). In D1a'' the pronoun *ny(é)* 'him' can also be selected by the verb *yí* 'know'. Note also from co-indexation that it can be the case that the subject marker corefer with another presupposed name in the discourse.

b) Jack knows that George likes X.

D1b') Ewas_i a_i- ní- yí lé Tɔnyé_j a_j- ń- gwêš nyé_{i/k}
 E. SM-Pres-know that T. SM-Pres-love him/her
 'Ewas_i knows that Tɔnyé_j likes him_{i/k}'

c) Jack knows that Bill said that X is smart.

D1c') *Ewas_i a_i- ní- yí lé Tɔnyé_j a_j- bí-kâl lé **nyé+méd**_{i/j/k} á-n-yí jâm
 E. SM-Pres-know that T. SM-PST2-say that PRN.c1-REFL SM.c1-PRS-know thing
 Dc'') Ewas_i a_i- ní- yí lé Tɔnyé_j a_j- bí- kâl lé á_{i/j/k} ní- yí jâm
 E. SM-Pres-know that T. SM-PST2-say that SM-Pres-know thing
 'Ewas_i knows that Tɔnyé_j said that he_{i/j/k} is smart'
 Dc''') Ewas_i a_i- ní- yí lé Tɔnyé_j a_j- bí- kâl lé **ny** á_{i/j/k} ní- yí jâm
 E. SM-Pres-know that T. SM-PST2-say that him/her SM-Pres-know thing
 'Ewas_i knows that Tɔnyé_j said that he_{i/j/k} is smart'

d) Jack thinks that Lisa knows that Wendy likes X.

D1d') Ewas_i a- ń- hńńl lé Tɔnyé_j a- ní- yí lé Hjɔl_k a- ń-gwêš nyé_{i/j/k/l}
 E. SM-Pres-think that T. SM-Pres-know that H. SM-Pres-like him/her
 'Ewas_i thinks that Tɔnyé_j knows that Hjɔl_k likes him/her_{i/j/k/l}'
 D1d' Ewas_i a- ń- hńńl lé Tɔnyé_j a- ní- yí lé Hjɔl_k a- ń-gwêš nyé-médé_{i/j/k/l}
 E. SM-Pres-think that T. SM-Pres-know that H. SM-Pres-like him/her-REFL
 'Ewas_i thinks that Tɔnyé_j knows that Hjɔl_k likes him/herself_{i/j/k/l}'

e) Jack thinks that Lisa knows that X likes Alice.

D1d'') Ewas_i a- ń- hńńl lé Tɔnyé_j a- ní- yí l á_{i/j/k} ń- gwêš Hjɔl
 E. SM-Pres-think that T. SM-Pres-know that SM- Pres-like H.
 'Ewas_i thinks that Tɔnyé_j knows that he_{i/j/k} likes Hjɔl'
 D1d''') Ewas_i a- ń- hńńl lé Tɔnyé_j a- ní- yí lé **ny**_{i/j/k} á_{i/j/k} ń- gwêš Hjɔl
 E. SM-Pres-think that T. SM-Pres-know that him/her SM- Pres-like H.
 'Ewas_i thinks that Tɔnyé_j knows that he_{i/j/k} likes Hjɔl'
 D1d''') Ewas_i a- ń- hńńl lé Tɔnyé_j a- ní- yí lé **nyé-médé**_{i/j/k} á_{i/j/k}
 E. SM-Pres-think that T. SM-Pres-know that him/her-REFL SM-
 ń- gwêš Hjɔl
 Pres-like H.
 'Ewas_i thinks that Tɔnyé_j knows that he_{i/j/k} (in

f) Sarah told Jack that Lisa loves X.

D1f') Kondé_i a- bí- kâl Bíkû_j lé Ewas_k a- íj- gwê_s nyé_{i/j/k/l}
 K. SM-PST2-say B. that E. SM-Pres-like him/her
 'Kondé_i told Bíkû_j that Ewas_k likes him_{i/j/k/l}'

D1f'') Kondé_i a- bí- kâl Bíkû_j lé Ewas_k a- íj- gwê_s nyé-médé_{i/j/k/l}
 K. SM-PST2-say B. that E. SM-Pres-like him/her
 'Kondé_i told Bíkû_j that Ewas_k likes himself (in person)_{i/j/k/l}'

g) Sarah told Jack that X loves Wendy.

D1g') Kondé_i a- bí- kâl Bíkû_j lé nyé-médé_{i/j/k} a- íj- gwê_s Ewas
 K. SM-PST2-tell B. that PRN.c1-REFL SM-Pres-like E.
 'Kondé_i told Bíkû_j that himself_{i/j/k} (or him_{i/j/k} in person) loves Ewas'

D1g'') Kondé_i a- bí- kâl Bíkû_j lé nyé_{i/j/k} á- íj- gwê_s Ewas
 K. SM-PST2-tell B. that him/her SM-Pres-like E.
 'Kondé_i told Bíkû_j that he _{i/j/k} _{i/j/k} loves Ewas'

D1h') Kondé_i a- bí- kâl Bíkû_j l á_{i/j/k} íj- gwê_s Ewas
 K. SM-PST2-tell B. that SM- Pres-like E.
 'Kondé_i told Bíkû_j that he_{i/j/k} _{i/j/k} loves Ewas'

Note that D1c' is not acceptable for the reasons mentioned above for D1a'. See also comments below D1a in terms of phonological processes and interpretability alongside co-indexation. Also, in D1d'' we can see that the anaphor can corefer with not only all the names in the sentence, but also, it can corefer with another discourse salient (given) name. In D1d'' we have an instance of pro-drop in the lowest clause where what is realized is the subject marker. In D1d''' we have a pronominal object *ny(é)* followed by the subject marker. Finally in D1d'''' the anaphor *nyé-médé* in the embedded clause occupies the subject position and can have multiple coreferences. The same multiple coreference is obtained in D1f', D1f'' D1g' D1g'' and D1g'''.

D2a) Jack admitted that Mary loved X.

D2a') Ewas_i a- bí- néébé_é lé Maríya_j a- bí- gwê_s nyé_{i/k}
 E. SM-PST2-admit that M. SM-PST2-love him/her
 'Ewas admitted that Mary loved him_{i/j}'

D2a'') Ewas_i a- bí- néébé_é lé Maríya_j a- bí- gwê_s nyé-médé_{i/j/k}
 E. SM-PST2-admit that M. SM-PST2-love him/her-REFL
 'Ewas admitted that Mary loved himself_i (Ewas in person)_{j/k}'

Note that the anaphor *nyé-médé_{i/k}* can corefer with the matrix subject 'Ewas', the embedded subject 'Mary' or another discourse salient) known) name.

b) Jack suspected that Mary loved X. Difficult to process so far

Please also test adjuncts, such as those in (D3), where X = Jeff.

D3a) Jeff complained about Mary when Ella blamed X

D3a') Ewas_i a- bí- tǔlélé_l ínuú Maríya_j í ngeda Kondék_k a- bí- kónd
 E. SM-PST2-complain about M. LOC time K. SM-PST2-blame
 nyé-médé_{i/j/k}
 him/her-REFL

'Ewas_i complained about Mary_j when Kondék_k blamed him(self)_{i/j/k}'

D3a'') Ewas_i a- bí- tǔlélé_l ínuú Maríya_j í ngeda Kondék_k a- bí- kónd nyé_{i/l}

E. SM-PST2-complain about M. LOC time K. SM-PST2-blame him/her
 ‘Ewas_i complained about Mary_j when Kondék_k blamed him_{i/1}’

b) Jeff returned home when/before/after X became tired.

D3b’) Ewas_i a- bí- temb í mbáy í ηgeda nyé-médé_{i/j} a- bí- wáâ
 E. SM-PST2-return LOC home LOC time him/her-REFL SM-PST2-tire
 ‘Ewas_i returned home when he_{i/j} (in person) tired’

D3b’’) Ewas_i a- bí- temb í mbáy í ηgeda ny_{i/j} á- bí- wáâ
 E. SM-PST2-return LOC home LOC time him/her SM-PST2-tire
 ‘Ewas_i returned home when he_{i/j}(as opposed to the others) tired’

D3b’’’) Ewas_i a- bí- temb í mbáy í ηgeda ai/j bí- wáâ
 E. SM-PST2-return LOC home LOC time SM-PST2-tire
 ‘Ewas_i returned home when he_{i/j} tired’

Note that D3b has three possibilities and many interpretative properties. Note that the interpretation in D3b’’ is that of contrastive topic. In other words, D3b’’ can be uttered in a context whereby we have a list of ‘people including Ewas working at the farm for instance’. In such a context, D3b’’ can be literally means that ‘Ewas, as opposed to the other workers’ returned home when he tired’. Since it is the case that coreference can also hold between the pronoun and another discourse name known in the context, the pronoun *ny(é)* will be contrasted to other member of the same list. In this case, the sentence will become ‘Ewas_i returned home when HE_j (e.g. Peter) tired’.

c) When/before/after Mary wrote to X, Jeff returned home.

D3c’) í mbûs Maríya_i a- bí- til- ná Kóndé, ni nyé_{i/k} a-témb í mbáy
 LOC back M. SM-PST2-write-OBL K. and him/her SM-return LOC home
 ‘Kóndé_i immediately went home after Mary_j wrote him_{i/k}a letter’

D3c’’) Kóndé_i a- bí- témb í mbáy í mbûs Maríya_j a_j- bê a_j- ma-
 K. SM-PST2-return LOC home LOC back M. SM-be.PAST SM-COMPL
 til- na nyε_{i/j}
 write-OBL him/her

‘Kóndé_i immediately went home after Mary_j wrote him_{i/k}a letter’

Note that PAST and COMPL above stand for PAST TENSE and COMPLETIVE ASPECT respectively. Also the adjunct clause *í mbûs Maríya a- bē a- ma-til-na nyé_{i/j}* ‘after Mary had written her/him_{i/j}’ is a serial verb construction in which we have two subject markers which are co-indexed with the lowest subject ‘Mary’ as expected.

d) Jeff left without Mary seeing X.

D3c’’) Kóndé_i a- bí- κε ηγι ni lé Maríya_j á_j- téhé nyé_i
 K. SM-PST2-leave without and that M. SM-see.SUBJ him
 ‘Kóndé_i left without Mary seeing him_i’

e) Mary condemned Jeff without meeting X.

D3c’’) Maríya_i a- bí- nóΥός Kóndé_j ηγι βομά nyé_{j/k}
 M. SM-PST2-condemn/punish K without meet him/her
 ‘Mary_i condemned/punished Kóndé_j without meeting him_{j/k}’

D3c’’’) Maríya_i a- bí- nóΥός Kóndé_j ηγι ni lé á_{i/k} βομά nyé_{j/k}
 M. SM-PST2-condemn/punish K without and that SM-meet him/her

‘Mary_i condemned/punished Kóndé_j without meeting him_{j/k}’ Literally: ‘Mary_i condemned/punished Kóndé_j without Mary meeting him_{j/k}’ OR ...without Kóndé_j her/him_{j/k}’

D3c’’’’) Maríya_i a- bí- nóΥός Kóndé_j ηγι ni lé βái/k βôm-ná

M. SM-PST2-condemn/punish K without and that SM-/they meet-RCM
 ‘Mary_i condemned/punished Kóndé_j without meeting each other’

D3c””) Μαρί_α a- bí- nóγός Kóndé_j βό ηγι βό_m-νά βό βάα

M. SM-PST2-condemn/punish K them without meet-RCM them two

‘Mary_i condemned/punished Kóndé_j without the two of them meeting each other’

Note that D3c”” and D3c””” involve reciprocal readings. Also, I glossed βά_i/k as ‘them or SM simply because of the homophony between the subject marker and the accusative pronoun. The interpretation according to which this SM or pronoun βά_i/k corefer with any other plural name (e.g. John and Peter) is possible. In this vein we will have the following: ‘Mary_i condemned/punished Kóndé_j without John and Peter meeting each other’. All the same, in D3”””, it is possible to get the interpretation “Mary_i condemned/punished Kóndé_j without both John and Peter (for instance) meeting’.

4.2.1.2 Climbing from tensed complements - This test applies particularly to reflexives in close association with a verb, either as affixes or clitic pronouns, but there are some languages where a form of focus movement can place a more an argument-marked anaphor in a higher clause.

Not applicable

4.2.2 Long distance relations and the variety of clausal embedding types

Consider what a list of major clause embedding types in your language would include.

X12a) I hope [to leave]

X12a’) Με ní- βót ηém lé με ή-ke

I Pres-hope that I Pres-leave/go

‘I hope to leave’ Literally; ‘I hope that I (will) leave’

X12a”) Με ní- βót ηém í- ke

I Pres-hope INF-leave/go

‘I hope to leave’

Note that X12a’ and X12” convey almost the same meaning.

I hope [for Bill to leave]

X12a”) Με ní- βót ηém lé Ewas a- ή- ke

I Pres-hope that Ewas SM-Pres-leave/go

‘I hope that Ewas (will) leave(s)’

I expect [Bill to be unpleasant]

X12a””) Με ní- βेम lé Ewas á- βέβêl βôt

I Pres-expect that Ewas SM-be unpleasant/disgust.SUBJ people

‘I expect Ewas to be unpleasant’

X12””) Με ní- βेम Ewas lé á- βέβêl βôt

I Pres-expect Ewas that SM-be unpleasant/disgust.SUBJ people

‘I expect Ewas to be unpleasant’

I persuaded Bill [to leave]

X12””) Με m- nééβá- há Ewas lé á- kê NB: Causative construction

I PST1-agree/accept-CAUS Ewas that SM/he-leave.SUBJ

‘I persuaded Ewas to leave’ Literally: ‘I made Ewas to leave’

X12””) Με m- βόη- há Ewas lé á- kê NB: Causative construction

I PST1-do/make-CAUS Ewas that SM/he-leave.SUBJ

‘I persuaded Ewas to leave’ Literally: ‘I made Ewas leave’

b) I made [Bill leave]

X12b’) Με η- kí- **há** Ewas

NB: Causative construction

I PST1-leave-CAUS Ewas

‘I made Ewas leave’

X12b’’) Με m- βόη lé Ewas á- kê

I PST1-do/make that Ewas SM-leave.SUBJ

‘I made Ewas leave’

c) I saw [someone leaving]

X12c’) Με bí- téhé ηγîm mut í η- ke

I PST2-see some man SM-PROG-leave

‘I saw someone leaving/going’

d) I require [that he speak softly]

X12d’) Με bí- bat lé á- pót mβηηel

NB: IMP stands for Imperative

I PST2-ask that SM/he-speak.IMP softy

‘I required that he speak softy’

X12d’’) Με bí- bat nyé lé á- pót mβηηel

I PST2-ask him/her that SM/he-speak.IMP softy

‘I required that he speak softy’ OR ‘I asked him to speak softy’

e) I consider [Bill unpleasant]

X12e’) Με η- yωη Ewas kikií mut βitémbé

I Pres-take/consider Ewas as man lie (noun)

‘I consider Ewas as a liar’ OR ‘I consider Ewas a liar’

NB: Not possible to find the Basaá adjective which translates as ‘unpleasant.’

In providing data for infinitives (if your language has infinitives), and where X = Edgar, we want you to give us a range of examples where the infinitive subject is not controlled by the matrix subject.

D4a) Edgar asked Bill to trust X.

D4a’) Ewas_i a- bí- bat Kóndé_j lé á_{j/k}- bód-ól **nyé_{i/k}** ηém

E. SM-PST2-ask K. that SM- trust-OBL him heart

‘Ewas_i asked Bill_j to trust him_{i/k}’

D4a’’) Ewas_i a- bí- bat Kóndé_j lé á_{j/k}- bód-ól **nyé-medé_{i/k}** ηém

E. SM-PST2-ask K. that SM- trust-OBL PRN.c1-REFL heart

‘Ewas_i asked Bill_j to trust himself_{i/j/k}’

D4a’’’) Ewas_i a- bí- bat lé Kóndé_j á- bód-ól **nyé-medé_{i/k}** ηém

E. SM-PST2-ask that K. SM- trust-OBL PRN.c1-REFL heart

‘Ewas_i asked Bill_j to trust himself_{i/j/k}’ OR ‘Ewas_i required that Bill_j should himself_{i/j/k}’ OR ‘Ewas_i asked Bill_j or someone_k else to trust himself_{i/j/k}’

Note that in D4a’’) and D4a’’’) coreference operates in three ways as is shown by co-indexation. Note that in D4a’’ the lexical complementizer *lé* ‘that’ follows the embedded subject *Kóndé* while in D4a’’’ the embedded subject *Kóndé* follows it.

b) Edgar asked Bill to give a book to X.

D4b’) Ewas_i a- bí- bat Kóndé_j lé á_{j/k}- tí **nyé_{i/j/k}** kaat

E. SM-PST2-ask K. that SM-give.SUBJ him book

‘Ewas_i asked Bill_j to give him_k a book’

D4b'') Ewas_i a- bí- bat lé Kóndé_j á- tí **nyé-médé_{i/j/k}** kaat
 E. SM-PST2-ask that K. SM-give.SUBJ PRN.c1-REFL book
 'Ewas_i asked Bill_j to give himself_{i/j/k} a book'

Note that the anaphor *nyé-médé* above conveys the meaning of 'in person'. See also co-indexation in order to see how far coreference operates. In D4b' the embedded subject *Kóndé* precedes the lexical complementizer while in D4b'' it rather follows it.

c) Edgar asked Bill to talk to X.

D4c') Ewas_i a- bí- bat Kóndé_j lé á_{j/k}- pód- ós **nyé_{i/j/k}**
 E. SM-PST2-ask K. that SM- speak-OBL him
 'Ewas_i asked Kóndé_j to speak to him_{i/k}' 'OR Literally: 'Ewas asked Kondé that someone else should speak to him_{i/k/l}'

Dc'') Ewas_i a- bí- bat lé Kóndé_j á- pód- ós **nyé_{i/j/k}**
 E. SM-PST2-ask that K. SM-speak-OBL him
 'Ewas_i asked Kóndé_j to speak to him_{i/k}' 'OR Literally: 'Ewas asked Kondé that

d) Edgar asked Bill to talk about X.

D4d') Ewas_i a- bí- bat Kóndé_j lé á- pód-ól **nyé_{i/k}**
 E. SM-PST2-ask K that SM-talk-OBL.SUBJ him
 'Ewas_i asked Kóndé_j to speak about him_{i/k}'

D4d'') Ewas_i a- bí- bat lé Kóndé_j á- pód-ól **nyé_{i/k}**
 E. SM-PST2-ask that K. that SM-talk-OBL.SUBJ him
 'Ewas_i asked Kóndé_j to speak about himself_{i/k}'

D4d''') Ewas_i a- bí- bat lé Kóndé_j á- pód-ól **nyé-médé_{i/j/k}**
 E. SM-PST2-ask that K. that SM-talk-OBL.SUBJ PRN.c1-REFL
 'Ewas_i asked Kóndé_j to speak about himself_{i/k} (in person)'

e) Edgar expected Bill to trust X.

D4e') Ewas_i a- bí- bém lé Kóndé_j á- bódól **nyé_{i/k}** ηêm
 E SM-PST2-expect that K. SM-trust.SUBJ him heart
 'Ewas_i expected Kondé_j to trust him_{i/k}'

D4e'') Ewas_i a- bí- bém Kóndé_j lé á- bódól **nyé_{i/k}** ηêm
 E SM-PST2-expect K. that SM-trust.SUBJ him heart
 'Ewas_i expected Kondé_j to trust him_{i/k}'

D4e''') Ewas_i a- bí- bém Kóndé_j lé á- bódól **nyé-médé_{i/k}** ηêm
 E SM-PST2-expect K. that SM-trust.SUBJ PRN.c1-REFL heart
 'Ewas_i expected Kondé_j to trust himself_{i/k}'

Note that D4e' and D4e'' differ only on the position of the lexical complementizer. Sentence D4e''' is anaphoric with three possible coreferences.

f) Edgar ordered Bill to pay X.

D4f') Ewas_i a- bí- ané Kóndé_j lé á- sáá **nyé_{i/k}**
 Ewas SM-PST2-order K. that SM-pay.IMP him
 'Ewas_i ordered Kóndé_j to pay him_{i/k}'

The following sentence with borrowing from English is also possible. So the Basaá item *áda* derive from the English verb 'order'.

D4f”) Ewas_i a- bí- tí Kóndé_j ɔ́da lé á- sáá nyé_{i/k}
Ewas SM-PST2-give K. that SM-pay.IMP him him

‘Ewas_i ordered Kóndé_j to pay him_{i/k}’

g) Edgar ordered Bill to say that X was smart.

D4g”) Ewas_i a- bí- ané Kóndé_j lé ái kâl lé a_{i/j-/k} bê yí jâm
E. SM-PST2-order K. that SM-say that SM/he/she-be.PAST.SUBJ know thing

‘Ewas_i ordered Kóndé_j to say that he_{i/j/k} was smart’

D4g”) Ewas_i a- bí- ané Kóndé_j í kâl lé a_{i/j-/k} bê yí jâm
E. SM-PST2-order K. INF say that SM/he/she-be.PAST.SUBJ know thing

‘Ewas_i ordered Kóndé_j to say that he_{i/j/k} was smart’

NB: See coreference between the most embedded subject marker/pronoun ‘a-_{i/j/k}’ (remember that we already showed that both are homophonous in the language) and the NPs.

h) Edgar ordered Bill to say that Mary loved X.

D4’) Ewas_i a- bí- ané Kóndé_j lé á_j kâl lé Maríya_k a_{k-} bí- gwês nyé_{i/j-/l}
E. SM-PST2-order K. that SM-say that M. SM-PST2-love him

‘Ewas_i ordered Kóndé_j to say that Maríya_k loved him_{i/j/k/l}’

D4h”) Ewas_i a- bí- ané Kóndé_j í kâl lé Maríya_k a_{k-} bí- gwês nyé_{i/j-/k}
E. SM-PST2-order K. INF say that M. SM-PST2-love him

‘Ewas_i ordered Kóndé_j to say that Maríya_k loved him_{i/j/k/l}’

If infinitives in your language permit lexical subjects, either by exceptional Casemarking, as in (D5), or by a more general strategy (in English tied to the complementizer for) as in (D6), please also provide examples of this type.

D5a) Edgar expects X to win.

D5a’) Ewas_i a- mí- bêm lé á_{i/j-} kómól
E. SM-Pres-expect that SM/he-win.SUBJ

‘Ewas expects himself to win’ / ‘Ewas expects someone else to win’

D5a”) Ewas_i a- mí- bêm lé nyé-medé_{i/j} á_{i/j-} kómól
E. SM-Pres-expect that PRN.c1-REFL SM/he-win.SUBJ

‘Ewas_i expects himself_j to win’ / ‘Ewas expects someone else to win’

b) Edgar expects Bill to defeat X.

D5b’) Ewas_i a- mí- bêm lé Hjól_j á_j yémbêl nyé_{i/k}
E. SM-Pres-expect that H. SM-defeat him

‘Ewas_i expects Hjól_j to defeat him_{i/k}’

D5b”) Ewas_i a- mí- bêm lé Hjól_j á_j yémbêl nyé-medé_{i/j/k}
E. SM-Pres-expect that H. SM-defeat him

‘Ewas_i expects Hjól_j to defeat himself_{i/j/k}’

Note once more that the co-indexation used in the English translation for convenience (for explanatory reasons).

D6a) Edgar hopes for X to win.

D6a’) Ewas_i a- mí- bót ηêm lé a_{i/j-} η̄- kómól
E. SM-Pres-hope that SM/he-Pres-win

Literally: ‘Ewas_i hopes that he_{i/j} (wins)/will win’

D6a”) Ewas_i a- mí- bót ηêm lé nyé-medé_{i/j} a_{i/j-} η̄- kómól
E. SM-Pres-hope that PRN.c1-REFL SM/he-Pres-win

Literally: ‘Ewas_i hopes that himself_{i/j} (wins)/will win’

b) Edgar hopes for Bill to defeat X.

D6b') Ewas_i a- mí- bót ηêm lé Hjɔlj a_j ní- yémbêl nyé_{i/k}

E. SM-Pres-hope that H. SM-Pres-defeat him

'Ewas_i hopes for Hjɔlj to defeat him_{i/1}'

D6b'') D5b') Ewas_i a- mí- bót ηêm lé Hjɔlj a_j ní- yémbêl nyé-médé_{i/j/k}

E. SM-Pres-hope that H. SM-Pres-defeat PRN.c1-REFL

'Ewas_i hopes for Hjɔlj to defeat himself_{i/j/1}'

If the coreferent nominal can be a possessive, provide also examples like the following:

D7a) Edgar expects Bill to defeat X's brother.

D7a') Ewas_i a- mí- βem lé Hjɔlj á_j yémbêl nâη_{i/j/k}

E. SM-Pres-expect that H. SM-defeat.SUBJ mother

'Ewas_i expects Hjɔlj to defeat his_{i/j/k} mother'

D7a'') Ewas_i a- mí- βem lé Hjɔlj á_j yémbêl nâη wê_{i/j/k}

E. SM-Pres-expect that H. SM-defeat.SUBJ mother his

'Ewas_i expects Hjɔlj to defeat his_{i/j/k} mother'

NB: Note that when the item nâη 'mother' is used along with a possessive it conveys more the meaning of social relationship (i.e. it means 'his boss') than of 'kinship' i.e. biological mother'. The same holds for the item nsâη 'father'.

b) Edgar hopes for Bill to defeat X's brother.

D7b') Ewas_i a- mí- bót ηêm lé Hjɔlj a_j ní- yémbêl nâη_{i/j/k}

E. SM-Pres-hope that H. SM-Pres-defeat mother

Literally: 'Ewas_i hopes that Hjɔlj defeats/will defeat his_{i/j/k} mother'

D7b'') Ewas_i a- mí- bót ηêm lé Hjɔlj a_j ní- yémbêl nâη wê_{i/j/k}

E. SM-Pres-hope that H. SM-Pres-defeat mother

Literally: 'Ewas_i hopes that Hjɔlj defeats/will defeat his_{i/j/k} mother'

See comments below D7a above for D7b' and D7b''.

c) Edgar expects X's brother to defeat him.

D7c') Ewas_i a- mí- βem lé nâη_{i/k} á_j yémbêl nyé_{i/k}

E. SM-Pres-expect that mother SM-defeat.SUBJ him

'Ewas_i expects his_{i/k} mother to defeat him_{i/k}'

D7c'') Ewas_i a- mí- βem lé nâη wê_{i/j} á_j yémbêl nyé_{i/j}

E. SM-Pres-expect that mother SM-defeat.SUBJ him

'Ewas_i expects his_{i/k} boss to defeat him_{i/k}'

d) Edgar hopes for Bill to defeat X's brother.

I think D7d is the same as D7c above.

D5c) Edgar X-expects to win.

d) Edgar X-expects Bill to defeat.

NB: Sentences involving climbing such as D5 above are not possible in the language.

If your language permits small clauses, such as English John considers Mary intelligent, where intelligent is thus predicated of Mary, then try the following tests, where X = Tom.

D8a) Tom considers X intelligent.

D8a') Ewas_i a- ní- γɔη nyé-médé_{i/j} kikií nyíjam

E. SM-PRS-consider/take PRN.c1-REFL as wise/intelligent

'Ewas_i considers himself_{i/j} intelligent'

D8a'') **Ewas_i** a- ní- yɔŋ-**ɓá** (**nyé-mɛdɛ́_{i/j}**) kikií nyíjam
 E. SM-PRS-consider/take PRN.c1-REFL as wise/intelligent
 'Ewas_i considers himself_{i/j} intelligent'

NB: D8a'' involves a reflexive structure with an optional anaphor as opposed to D8a'.

b) Tom considers Mary fond of X.

D8b') **Ewas_i** a- ní- yɔŋ **Hjɔ́l_j** kikií ŋgwés nyé_{i/k}
 E. SM-Pres-consider/take H. as lover him

Literally: 'Ewas_i considers **Hjɔ́l_j** as his_{i/k} lover'

D8b'') **Ewas_i** a- ní- yɔŋ **Hjɔ́l_j** kikií mut nú a- ŋ- gwés **nyé_{i/k}**
 E. SM-Pres-consider/take H. as man REL SM-Pres-love him

'Ewas_i considers **Hjɔ́l_j** as someone who loves him_{i/k}'

Note that both D8b' and D8b'' have the same meaning. The difference is that in the latter case we have a relative construction.

c) Tom considers Mary angry at X.

D8c') **Ewas_i** a- ní- yɔŋ **Hjɔ́l_j** kikií mut nú a- ŋ- únɓé- né **nyé_{i/k}**
 E. SM-Pres-consider/take H. as man REL SM-Pres-be angry-OBL him

'Ewas_i considers **Hjɔ́l_j** as someone angry with him_{i/k}'

4.2.3 Backwards anaphora

NB: Note that backwards anaphora is not possible in Basaá. To illustrate this, consider the ungrammatical D9a' and D9b' below.

D9a) That X was late upset Oliver.

D9a'')** lé **nyé-mɛdɛ́_i** a- bí- sóŷ ɓómâ (hála) a- bí- hélês Kóndé_i
 that PRN.c1-REFL SM-PST2-be late meeting (that) SM-PST2-surprise K.

'**That himself_i was late at the meeting surprised Kóndé_i'

b) That X was late suggested that Oliver was guilty.

D9b'')** lé **nyé_i** a- bí- sóŷ ɓómâ (hála) a- bí- hélês Kóndé_i
 that him SM-PST2-be late meeting (that) SM-PST2-surprise K.

'**That him_i was late at the meeting surprised Kóndé_i'

c) That X was late made Oliver look guilty.

d) That X was late implicated Oliver.

Section 4.3 Principle C-type effects

None of the following sentences below is acceptable in the language.

E1a) He criticized Malik.

b) He said Mariam criticized Malik.

c) He criticized the boy.

d) He said Mariam criticized the boy.

E2a) His mother criticized Malik.

b) His mother said Mariam criticized Malik.

c) His mother criticized the boy.

d) His mother said Mariam criticized the boy.

E3a) The man who he liked criticized Malik

b) The man who he liked criticized the boy.

c) The man who liked him criticized the boy.

None of the sentences in E4 are acceptable in the language.

- E4a) Malik criticized Malik.
 b) Malik said Mariam criticized Malik.
 c) The boy criticized the boy.
 d) The boy said Mariam criticized the boy.
 E5a) Malik's mother criticized Malik.

Talking about Ewas, Ewas's mother and some other person (s), the following sentence in E5a' can be uttered.

- E5a') η̂η̂_i Ewas_j a- bí- kósé Ewas_j (nyé-médé_j)
 mother Ewas SM-PST2-criticize Ewas PRN.c1-REFL
 'Ewas's mother criticized Ewas (himself (in person))'
 b) Malik's mother said Mariam criticized Malik.
 E5b') η̂η̂_i Ewas_j a- bí- kâl lé Hjɔl_k a- bí- kósé Ewas_j (nyé-médé_j)
 mother Ewas SM-PST2-say that H. SM-PST2-criticize Ewas PRN.c1-REFL
 'Ewas's mother_i said that Hjɔl criticized Ewas himself (in person)'
 c) The boy's mother criticized the boy.
 E5c') η̂η̂_i hilóŷá_j a- bí- kósé hilóŷá_j (hjó+médé_j)
 mother Ewas SM-PST2-criticize Ewas PRN.c1-REFL
 'The boy's mother criticized the boy (himself (in person))'
 d) The boy's mother said Mariam criticized the boy.
 E5d') η̂η̂_i hilóŷá_j a- bí- kâl lé Hjɔl_k a- bí- kósé hilóŷá_j (hjó+médé_j)
 mother boy SM-PST2-say that H. SM-PST2-criticize boy PRN.c1-REFL
 'The boy's mother_i said that Hjɔl criticized the boy himself (in person)'
 E6a) The man who Malik liked criticized Malik
 b) The man who the boy liked criticized the boy.
 c) The man who liked the boy criticized the boy.

None of the sentences in E6 is acceptable.

Now consider whether the boy = Malik for the following examples

- E7a) The boy criticized Malik.
 b) The boy said Mariam criticized Malik.
 c) Malik criticized the boy.
 d) Malik said Mariam criticized the boy.

E7 is not acceptable.

- E8a) The boy's mother criticized Malik.
 b) The boy's mother said Mariam criticized Malik.
 c) Malik's mother criticized the boy.
 d) Malik's mother said Mariam criticized the boy.

Not acceptable

- E9a) The man who the boy liked criticized Malik
 b) The man who Malik liked criticized the boy.
 c) The man who liked Malik criticized the boy.
 d) The man who liked the boy criticized Malik

Not acceptable

4.4 More on long distance anaphor strategies

Strategies that allow coreference across tensed clause boundaries, but where the marked

argument is one that is not a typical pronoun, we will call "long distance anaphor strategies", hereafter, LDA strategies.

D10) *John* believes *he* is guilty.

D10a') Ewas_i a- ḡ- h́óŋḡl lé a_{i/j}- ye híhoha
 Ewas SM-Pres-think that SM/he-be.Pres fault/mistake
 'Ewas_i thinks that he_{i/j} is guilty.'

D10a'') Ewas_i a- ḡ- h́óŋḡl lé **nyé-médé**_{i/j} a_{i/j}- ye híhoha
 Ewas SM-Pres-think that PRN.c1-REFL SM/he-be.Pres fault/mistake
 'Ewas_i thinks that himself_i (Ewas or any other presupposed discourse name in person) is guilty.'

Note that coreference can hold between the subject 'Ewas' and the SM/pronoun or between another discourse salient name and the SM/pronoun. Recall that Basaá is pro-drop in such a way that the SM helps recover the meaning of the dropped subject even though in a serial verb construction such as D10a' the lexical subject 'Ewas' can never realize in the embedded clause i.e. before the SM *a-*.

4.4.1 Position of the antecedent - Long-distance coreference is often constrained in ways that local coreference is not (especially: subject-orientation). Which possible syntactic positions can be occupied by a long-distance antecedent of the current strategy? Construct examples and give judgments where X = Zeke.. In English, the independent pronoun strategy is all that works for these (i.e., where X = he or him). If your language is like English, then the reflexive form does not work in the position of X where X = Zeke. If your language does not use the simple independent pronoun, but another form, be sure to show not only the form that works, but the one that doesn't.

NB: As usual co-indexation in the English translation is simply explanatory (indicative).

D11a) Larry told Zeke that Mike does not like X.

D11a') Ewas_i a- bí- kal Kóndéj lé Hjɔlk a- ḡ- gwêš b́éé **nyé**_{i/j/1}
 E. SM-PST2-tell K that H. SM-Pres-like NEG him
 'Ewas_i told Kóndéj that Hjɔlk does not like him_{i/j/1}'

D11a'') Ewas_i a- bí- kal Kóndéj lé Hjɔlk a- ḡ- gwêš b́éé **nyé-médé**_{i/j/1}
 E. SM-PST2-tell K that H. SM-Pres-like NEG PRN.c1-REFL
 'Ewas_i told Kóndéj that Hjɔlk does not like himself_{i/j/k/1}'

D11a''') Ewas_i a- bí- kal Kóndéj lé Hjɔlk a- ḡ- gwêš-**ḡa** b́éé (**nyé-médé**_k)
 E. SM-PST2-tell K that H. SM-Pres-like- REFL NEG PRN.c1-REFL
 'Ewas_i told Kóndéj that Hjɔlk does not like himself_k'

Note that in the reflexive strategy i.e. in D11a''' the anaphor is optional and coreference holds only between the anaphor and the most embedded subject namely *Hjɔl*.

b) Zeke told Larry that Mike does not like X.

D11b') Ewas_i a- bí- kal Kóndéj lé Hjɔlk a- ḡ- gwêš b́éé **nyé**_{i/j/1}
 E. SM-PST2-tell K that H. SM-Pres-like NEG him
 'Ewas_i told Kóndéj that Hjɔlk does not like him_{i/j/1}'

D11b'') Ewas_i a- bí- kal Kóndéj lé Hjɔlk a- ḡ- gwêš b́éé **nyé-médé**_{i/j/1}
 E. SM-PST2-tell K that H. SM-Pres-like NEG PRN.c1-REFL
 'Ewas_i told Kóndéj that Hjɔlk does not like him_{i/j/1}'

c) Zeke told Larry that X does not like Mike.

D11c’)** Ewas_i a- bí- kal Kóndé_j lé Ewas_i a- ń- gwês béé Hjól_k
E. SM-PST2-tell K that E. SM-Pres-like NEG H.

‘**Ewas_i told Kóndé_j that Ewas_i does not like Hjól_k’

D11c’’) Ewas_i a- bí- kal Kóndé_j lé **nyé-médé**_{i/j/k} a- ń- gwês béé Hjól_l
E. SM-PST2-tell K that PRN.c1-REFL SM-Pres-like NEG H.

‘Ewas_i told Kóndé_j himself_{i/j/k} does not like Hjól’

D11c’’) Ewas_i a- bí- kal Kóndé_j lé **nyé**_{i/j/k} a- ń- gwês béé Hjól_l
E. SM-PST2-tell K that him SM-Pres-like NEG H.

‘Ewas_i told Kóndé_j he_{i/j/k} does not like Hjól’ Literally: “Ewas_i told Kóndé_j he_{i/j/k} (as opposed to the other(s) does not like Hjól’

D11c’’) Ewas_i a- bí- kal Kóndé_j lé **a**_{i/j/k} - ń- gwês béé Hjól_l
E. SM-PST2-tell K that SM/he-Pres-like NEG H.

‘Ewas_i told Kóndé_j he_{i/j/k} does not like Hjól’

Note that in D11c’’) we have a contrastive topic reading i.e. a context in which the element (here the pronoun *nyé*) is contrasted with other members of the same list.

d) Larry told Zeke that X does not like Mike.

D11d’) Hjól_l a- bí- kal Ewas_j lé Ewas_j a- ń- gwês béé Kóndê_k **EMPHATIC**
H. SM-PST2-tell E. that E. SM-Pres-like NEG H.

‘Hjól_l told Ewas_j that he_j (Ewas) does not like Kóndê_k’

Note that cases like D11d’ are used in emphatic constructions, for instance when the speaker wants to make the subject (here Ewas) salient.

D11d’’) Hjól_l a- bí- kal Ewas_j lé **a**_{i/j/l}- ń- gwês béé Kóndê_k
H. SM-PST2-tell E. that SM/he -Pres-like NEG H.

‘Hjól_l told Ewas_j that he_j (Ewas) does not like Kóndê_k’

‘Hjól_l told Ewas_j that he_{i/j/k} does not like Kóndê_l’

e) Larry knows that Zeke thinks that Mike does not like X.

D11e’) Hjól_l a- ń- yí lé Ewas_j a- ń- hójól lé Kóndê_k a- ń- gwês béé **nyé**_{i/j/l}
H. SM-Pres-know that E. SM-Pres-think that K. SM-Pres-like NEG him

‘Hjól_l knows that Ewas_j thinks that Kóndê_k does not like him_{i/j/l}’

D11e’’) Hjól_l a- ń- yí lé **Ewas**_j a- ń- hójól lé Kóndê_k a- ń- gwês béé **Ewas**_j
H. SM-Pres-know that E. SM-Pres-think that K. SM-Pres-like NEG him

‘**Hjól_l knows that Ewas_j thinks that Kóndê_k does not like Ewas_j’

Note that D11e’’) can be used as an explanatory sentence i.e. when the speaker wants to explain what s/he has said before clearly. This happens if the speaker first produce an ambiguous sentence such as D11e’ with a pronoun corefering with more than one name. In this case the hearer might not be able to interpret the sentence, then the speaker produces D11e’’) in order to disambiguate D11e’.

D11e’’) Hjól_l a- ń- yí lé Ewas_j a- ń- hójól lé
H. SM-Pres-know that E. SM-Pres-think that

Kóndê_k a- ń- gwês béé **nyé+médé**_{i/j/k/l}

K. SM-Pres-like NEG PRN.c1-REFL

Literally: ‘Hjól_l knows that Ewas_j thinks that Kóndê_k does not like **himself**_{i/j/l}’

f) Zeke knows that Larry thinks that Mike does not like X.

D11f’) Ewas_i a- ń- yí lé Hjól_j a- ń- hójól lé Kóndê_k a- ń- gwês béé **nyé**_{i/j/l}
E SM-Pres-know that H SM-Pres-think that K. SM-Pres-like NEG him

‘Ewas_i knows that Hjɔl_j thinks that Kóndê_k does not like him_{i/j/l}’
 D11f’?? Ewas_i a- ní- yí lé Hjɔl_j a- ń- hɔ̀ŋ̀l lé Kóndê_k a- ń- gwêš bée Ewas_i
 E SM-Pres-know that H SM-Pres-think that K. SM-Pres-like NEG E.

‘**Ewas_i knows that Hjɔl_j thinks that Kóndê_k does not like Ewas_i’

See comment below D11e” to understand D11f’ and D11f”

D11f’’) Ewas_i a- ní- yí lé Hjɔl_j a- ń- hɔ̀ŋ̀l lé
 E SM-Pres-know that H SM-Pres-think that
 Kóndê_k a- ń- gwêš bée **nyé-medé**_{i/j/k/l}
 K. SM-Pres-like NEG PRN.c1-REFL.

Literally: ‘Ewas knows that thinks that does not like himself_{i/j/k/l}’

D12a) Zeke's mother thinks that Mike does not like X.

D12a’) [ŋǎŋ Ewas_i]_j a- ń- hɔ̀ŋ̀l lé Kóndê_k a- ń- gwêš bée Ewas_i
 mother E. SM-Pres-think that K. SM-Pres-like NEG E.

**[Ewas_i’s mother]_j thinks that Kóndê_k does not like Ewas_i’

See also comment below D11e” to understand D11f’ and D11f”

b) Zeke's mother thinks that X does not like Mike.

D12b’) [ŋǎŋ Ewas_i]_j a- ń- hɔ̀ŋ̀l lé Ewas_i a- ń- gwêš bée Kóndê_k
 mothe E. SM-Pres-think that E. SM-Pres-like NEG K.

‘[Ewas_i’s mother]_j thinks that Ewas_i does not like Kóndê_k’

D12b’’) [ŋǎŋ Ewas_i]_j a- ń- hɔ̀ŋ̀l lé á_{??i/j/k} ń- gwêš bée Kóndê_k
 mothe E. SM-Pres-think that SM/he- Pres-like NEG K.

‘??[Ewas_i’s mother]_j thinks that Ewas_i does not like Kóndê_k’

‘[Ewas_i’s mother]_j thinks that s/he_{j/l} does not like Kóndê_k’

NB: Note that D12b’ is fully acceptable in Basaá. As can be seen from the translation in D12b’’, if the dropping of ‘Ewas’ in the embedded clause leads to illicitness if the SM corefers with ‘Ewas’ (see ?? behind the index i). But if the same SM corefers with any other name, the sentence is correct.

c) Zeke thinks that Mike does not like X.

D12c’) Ewas_i a- ń- hɔ̀ŋ̀l lé Kóndê_j a- ń- gwêš bée **nyé**_{i/k}
 E. SM-Pres-think that K. SM-Pres-like NEG him

‘Ewas_i thinks that Kóndê_j does not like him_{i/k}’

D12c’’) Ewas_i a- ń- hɔ̀ŋ̀l lé Kóndê_j a- ń- gwêš bée **nyé-medé**_{i/j/k}
 E. SM-Pres-think that K. SM-Pres-like NEG PRN.c1-REFL

‘Ewas_i thinks that Kóndê_j does not like himself_{i/j/k}’

D12c’’) Ewas_i a- ń- hɔ̀ŋ̀l lé Kóndê_j a- ń- gwêš bée Ewas_i
 E. SM-Pres-think that K. SM-Pres-like NEG E.

‘Ewas_i thinks that Kóndê_j does not like Ewas_i’

Note that D12c’’) can be uttered for reasons already given above i.e. when the hearer did not successfully process D12c’ or D12c’).

d) Zeke's letter said that Mike does not like X.

D12d’) Kaat Ewas_i í- bí- pót lé Kóndê_j a- ń- gwêš bée **nyé**_{i/k}
 letter E. SM-PST2-tell that K. SM-Pres-like NEG him

‘Ewas_i’s letter said that Kóndê_j does not like him_{i/k}’

D12d’’) Kaat Ewas_i í- bí- pót lé Kóndê_j a- ń- gwêš bée **nyé-medé**_{i/k}
 letter E. SM-PST2-tell that K. SM-Pres-like NEG PRN.c1-REFL

‘Literally: ‘Ewas_i’s letter said that Kóndê_j does not like himself_{i/j/k}’

D12d'') Kaat Ewas_i í- bí- pót lé Kóndê_j a- íj- gwês béé Ewas;
letter E. SM-PST2-tell that K. SM-Pres-like NEG E.

Literally: 'Ewas_i's letter said that Kóndê_j does not like Ewas_i'

The comment above i.e. below D12c holds for D12d.

e) Zeke heard that Mary did not like X.

D12e') Ewas_i a- bí- nóY lé Kóndê_j a- íj- gwês béé nyé_{i/k}
E. SM-PST2-hear that K. SM-Pres-like NEG him
'Ewas_i heard that Kóndê_j does not like him_{i/k}'

D12e'') Ewas_i a- bí- nóY lé Kóndê_j a- íj- gwês béé nyé-médé_{i/j}
E. SM-PST2-hear that K. SM-Pres-like NEG PRN.c1-REFL

Literally: 'Ewas_i heard that Kóndê_j does not like himself_{i/k}'

f) Zeke was told that Mary did not like X. (if your language permits passive)

The following examples are correct. Note also that INDEF stands for 'INDEFINITE' (indefinite pronoun of course) like the French 'ON' while Expl. Stands for EXPLETIVE.

D12f') bá bí- kal Ewas_i lé Kóndê_j a- íj- gwês béé nyé_{i/k}
INDEF PST2-tell E. that K. SM-Pres-like NEG him
'Ewas_i was told that does not like him_{i/k}'

Literally: 'They told Ewas_i that Kóndê_j does not like him_{i/k}'

D12f'') í bí- kel-á Ewas_i lé Kóndê_j a- íj- gwês béé nyé_{i/k}
Expl. PST2-tell-PASS E. that K. SM-Pres-like NEG him
'Ewas_i was told that does not like him_{i/k}'

'It was told to Ewas_i that Kóndê_j does not like him_{i/k}'

D13a) Zeke said that X had dressed X.

D13a') Ewas_i a- bí- kal lé Kóndê_j nyé-médé_j nyé_j-n a- bí- eng- ba
E. SM-PST2-say that K. PRN.c1-REFL AGR-FOC SM-PST2-dress-PASS

'Ewas said that Kóndê_j dressed himself_j Literally: 'Ewas said that it is Kóndê_j himself_j who dressed dressed'

D13a'') Ewas_i a- bí- kal lé Kóndê_j a- bí- eng- bá (nyé-médé_{ij})
E. SM-PST2-say that K SM-PST2-dress-PASS PRN.c1-REFL
'Ewas_i said that Kóndê_j dressed himself_j

Keep in mind that D13a' involves a focus construction which can be translated as a cleft. As already said before, AGR stands for AGREEMENT and encodes class agreement with the focused element. Here again, AGR is homophonous with the accusative pronoun.

b) Zeke said that X had wounded X.

D13b') Ewas_i a- bí- kal lé Kóndê_j a- bí- bééβá (nyé-médé_j)
E. SM-PST2-say that K SM-PST2-wound.REFL PRN.c1-REFL

'Ewas_i said that Kóndê_j wounded himself_j'

D13b'') Ewas_i a- bí- kal lé Kóndê_j nyé-médé_j nyé_j-n a- bí- bééβa
E. SM-PST2-say that K PRN.c1-REFL AGR-FOC SM-PST2-wound.REFL

'Ewas_i said that Kóndê_j wounded himself_i (nobody wounded him)'

Note here that D13a' contains an 'inherent' reflexive verb in the language namely *bééβa* 'wound oneself' with an optional anaphor while D13b'' involves a focus construction.

c) Zeke said that X had tattooed X.

D13c') Ewas_i a- bí- kal lé Kóndê_j a- bí- wat-βá (nyé-médé_j)
E. SM-PST2-say that K SM-PST2-scratch-REFL PRN.c1-REFL

‘Ewas_i said that Kóndê_j tatoored himself_j’
 D13c”) Ewas_i a- bí- kal lé Kóndê_j nyé-médé_j nyé_j-n a- bí- wat-βa
 E. SM-PST2-say that K PRN.c1-REFL AGR-FOC SM-PST2-scratch-REFL

‘Ewas_i said that Kóndê_j tatoored himself_j’

For D13c above, see comment below D12b. The only difference is that in D13c” we have an overt reflexive morpheme while in D12b’ and b” the verb *βééβa* ‘wound oneself’ is inherently reflexive.

Consider potential antecedents in other non-subject syntactic positions, as allowed by your language (e.g., in English, John related to *Bill* that *Mary* had slandered him where Bill = him).

4.4.2 Antecedent properties

4.4.2.1 Person - Please replace Zeke in the Zeke paradigm of 4.4.1 with first and second person pronouns, and report the results. Even if most of the examples pattern exactly as third person cases do, please be careful to include sentences corresponding to (D13) in the Zeke paradigm.

4.4.2.2 Quantified antecedents - Review the examples in the Jack, Zeke and Edgar paradigms, replacing these names with "every child" and "no child" or "many children". Report all examples that differ in acceptability from the examples you have already provided for those paradigms. If there are no differences, just provide a few representative examples.

Note: Try overt and null pronouns as the coreferent NP if your language has both.

4.4.2.3 Split antecedents - Sometimes coreference is permitted when the antecedents for the anaphor or pronoun are separate arguments. Please provide examples that correspond to those in the Ozzie (male) and Harriet (female) paradigm. In all cases, X = Ozzie and Harriet (together). For example, in English, (D14d) would be "Ozzie told *Harriet* that Bill dislikes *them*," where them would be Ozzie and Harriet.

D14a) Ozzie talked about Harriet to X.

b) Ozzie talked about X to Harriet.

Note that D14a and b are not applicable in Basaá.

c) Ozzie told Harriet that X should leave.

D14c’) Ewas a- bí- kal Kóndé lé **βá** ké- n- êY
 E SM-PST2-tell K. that SM/they leave-EPTH-SUBJ

‘Ewas told Kondé that they ((Ewas and K together)/other persons) should leave.’

D14c”) Ewas a- bí- kal Kóndé lé **βó βáa βá-** ké- n- êY
 E SM-PST2-tell K. that them two SM/they leave-EPTH-SUBJ

‘Ewas told Kondé that they ((E. and K. together)/other persons) should leave.’

‘Literally: Ewas told Kondé that both of them (E. and K.)/ two other persons and should leave’

d) Ozzie told Harriet that Bill dislikes X.

D14d’) Ewas a- bí- kal Kóndé lé Hjɔl a- ŋ- ɔɔ **βó**
 E. SM-PST2-tell K that H. SM-Pres-dislike them

‘Ewas told Kondé that Hjɔl dislikes them (E. and K)/ other persons’

D14d”) Ewas a- bí- kal Kóndé lé Hjɔl a- ɲ- ɔɔ **ɓó ɓáa**
 E. SM-PST2-tell K that H. SM-Pres-dislike them two
 ‘Ewas told Kondé that Hjɔl dislikes both of them (E. and K)/ two other persons’
 e) Ozzie said that Harriet thinks that Bill dislikes X.

D14e”) Ewas a- bí- kal lé Kóndé a- ɲ- hóŋɔl lé Hjɔl a- ɲ- ɔɔ **ɓó**
 E. SM-PST2-say that K. SM-Pres-think that H. SM-Pres-dislike them
 ‘Ewas said that Kóndé thinks that Hjɔl dislikes them (E. and K.)/other persons’

D14e”) Ewas a- bí- kal lé Kóndé a- ɲ- hóŋɔl lé Hjɔl a- ɲ- ɔɔ **ɓó ɓáa**
 E. SM-PST2-say that K. SM-Pres-think that H. SM-Pres-dislike them two
 ‘Ewas said that Kóndé thinks that Hjɔl dislikes both of them (E. and K.)/two other persons’

4.4.2.4 Discourse antecedents - Sometimes, LDA strategies do not have to have antecedents in the same sentence if the discourse connections between sentences is strong. Please translate the following scenarios using only the acceptable strategies that permit the corresponding English pronouns all to refer to Mark (English allows only the independent pronoun strategy).

D15) Mark feared that his son was not safe. He was ashamed that he could not protect his closest relative. What would his cousins think of him?

D15a) **Ewas_i** a- bí- kɔn wɔŋí lé lɔY yê í- bê líkala líbɛ,
 E. SM-PST2-fell sick fear that son his SM-be.PAST scale bad/serious
a_i- bê wɔ juu lé **a_i-** gá- la bée tât mut **wê_i** juu.
 he-be.past die body that SM/he-FUT2-can NEG protect person his body
 βiloY bí ŋâŋ (**gwê_i**) βí- gá- yɔŋ láá **nyé_i**
 brothers his SM-FUT2-consider how him

‘Ewas_i feared that his_i son was in a bad situation, he_i was ashamed that that he_i would not protect a person/relative of his_i. How will his_i brothers consider him?’

D16) Mark was shocked to see his picture in the paper. All of his supporters would abandon him. How would he tell his mother?

D16a) **Ewas_i** a- bí- hêl títi yê_i í- ye í péβa.
 E. SM-PST2-be surprise picture his SM-be.Pres LOC paper
 Mawandá **mê_i**; mómásónâ má-ŋ- la tɔô **nyé_i** **a_i-** gá- kal láá **ŋâŋ_i**
 friends his all SM-Pres-can abandon him he/SM-FUT2-tell how mother

‘Ewas_i was surprise to see his_i picture in the paper. All his_i friends would abandon him_i. What would he_i tell his_i mother’

The following scenario concerns what Morris is reporting to us about Mark, where all of the English pronouns are understood as referring to Mark, not to Morris. Please translate using any (or every) strategy for coreference with Mark that works (including the independent pronoun strategy). Then give please tell us which strategies do not work, providing a translation and gloss, if it is significantly different from your acceptable translations of (D17). If your language permits null subjects understood as pronouns, don’t forget to consider that strategy.

Note that in D16a above we have a pro-drop case in which the subject marker (SM) helps recover the missing NP subject (Ewas_i).

D17) Morris said it was a difficult day for Mark. First, Morris told him that his car had been stolen. Then he had to hire a taxi to take him to work. Morris thought he might be angry.

D17) Ewas_i a- η- kâl lé lě_n_j a- báŷ Hjɔ_k kēl iβé Pôŷ, a_{i/k}- η- kâl nyé_{k/1} lé
 E. SM-PST1-say that today SM-be.PAST H. day bad first SM/he-PST1-tell him that
 litówa jě_{i/k} lí- n- nîβ- á, í mbûs hála, a_k-lámga lé
 car his SM-PST1-steal-PASS LOC back that SM-have to.PAST that
 á_k- pô litówa lipé í- ke-na nyé_k í hómá nsôn
 SM/he-borrow car another INF-go-OBL him LOC place work
 Ewas a- hóŋl- áŷ lé a- gá- únûβ
 E. SM-think-PROG that SM/he-FUT2-get angry

‘Ewas_i said that today was a bad day for Hjɔ_k. First, he_i (Ewas_i) told him_k that his_{i/k} car had been stolen. Then (after that), he_{i/k} had to borrow another car to take him to work. Ewas_i thought that he_i would get angry.’

Now suppose that Mark has recently been in the news and he is the topic of our conversation. Speakers A and B use pronouns to refer to him. Please translate using the strategy or strategies in your language that permit coreference with Mark. Once again, please tell us which strategies do not work, providing a translation and gloss, if it is significantly different from your acceptable translations of (D18).

D18) A: Look, there's Mark!

D18a) βeŋgé ki, Ewas_i núú_i (nɔɔ)
 look.IMP.2pers.sg a little bit Ewas DEM.DIST.LOC over there (reinforcer)
 ‘Look a little bit, there is Ewas!’ Literally: ‘Look, over there is Ewas!’

Note that in D18a, DEM stands for DEMONSTRATIVE, DIST for DISTAL and LOC for locative. Note that in Basaá D18a is a presentative construction which always involves demonstratives depending on the position of the object of reference. The demonstrative always agrees in class with the object it locates. Reinforcers change according to the position (proximal, distal etc).

B: He is so handsome.

D18a”) a_i- ye nlâm lé/ŋgandaŷ
 SM-he-be.Pres handsome so/very
 ‘He_i is so handsome’

A: I would not want to be his wife though. All the women are chasing him.

D18a”) Mε gá- gwês béé bá wáá (wêi) bodaá bóbásónâ bá-ŋ-gwês nyé_i
 I FUT2-like NEG be.INF wife his women all SM-Pres-like him
 ‘I will not want to be his wife_i All the women like him_i’

B: Also, I think he praises himself too much.

D18a”) Ni lé mε ŋ-hóŋl lé a- ŋ- heŋbá lé /ŋgandaŷ
 and that I Pres-think that SM-he-Pres-boast so/a lot
 ‘In addition, I think, he_i shows up a lot’

In considering your responses to this subsection, are there any generalizations that you think would be of interest to us in understanding the circumstances or nuances of meaning that a given choice of coreference strategy might reflect?

4.4.3 Blocking Effects

The agreement features of nominals intervening between an anaphor and its antecedent

can sometimes affect the grammaticality of coconstrual in some languages.

4.4.3.1 Features of intervening subjects - The following examples test for an intervening subject that is mismatched for person, gender, or number.

D19a) Larry thinks that John respects X.

D19a') **Ewas_i** a- ἦ- ἡὴὶλέ λέ Kondé_j a- ἦ- τί **nyé_{i/k}** lipém
E. SM-Pres-think that K SM-Pres-give him respect
'Ewas_i thinks that K respects him_{i/k}'

D19a'') **Ewas_i** a- ἦ- ἡὴὶλέ λέ Kondé_j a- ἦ- τί **nyé-médé_{i/j/k}** lipém
E. SM-Pres-think that K SM-Pres-give PRN.c1-REFL respect
'Ewas_i thinks that K respects himself_{i/j/k}'

b) Larry thinks that I respect X.

D19b') **Ewas_i** a- ἦ- ἡὴὶλέ λέ με ἦ- τί **nyé_{i/k}** lipém
E. SM-Pres-think that I Pres-give him respect
'Ewas_i thinks that I respect him_{i/j}'

D19b'') **Ewas_i** a- ἦ- ἡὴὶλέ λέ με ἦ- τί **nyé-médé_{i/j}** lipém
E. SM-Pres-think that I Pres-give PRN.c1-REFL respect
'Ewas_i thinks that I respect himself_{i/j}'

c) Larry thinks that Mary respects X.

Please see sentences D19a' and a'' above. There is no gender mismatch.

d) Larry thinks that the boys respect X.

D19d') **Ewas_i** a- ἦ- ἡὴὶλέ λέ dilóγá_j dí- ἦ- τί **nyé_{i/k}** lipém
E. SM-Pres-think that boys SM-Pres-give him respect
'Ewas_i thinks that the boys respect him_{i/k}'

D19d'') **Ewas_i** a- ἦ- ἡὴὶλέ λέ dilóγá_j dí- ἦ- τί **nyé-médé_{i/k}** lipém
E. SM-Pres-think that boys SM-Pres-give PRN.c1-REFL respect
'Ewas_i thinks that the boys respect himself (in person)_{i/k}'

e) The men think that the boys respect X. (X = the men)

D19e') **boolóm_i** bá- ἦ- ἡὴὶλέ λέ dilóγá_j dí- ἦ- τί **ḃó_{i/k}** lipém
men SM-Pres-think that boys SM-Pres-give them respect
'The men_i think that the boys respect them_{i/k}'

D19e'') **boolóm_i** bá- ἦ- ἡὴὶλέ λέ dilóγá_j dí- ἦ- τί **ḃó+médé_{i/j/k}** lipém
men SM-Pres-think that boys SM-Pres-give PRN.c2-REFL respect
'The men_i think that the boys respect them+selves (in person)_{i/k}'

Same tests, with the intervening subject in an intermediate clause:

D20a) Larry thinks that Bill knows that Dave respects X.

D20a') **Ewas_i** a- ἦ- ἡὴὶλέ λέ Hjól_j a- ἦ- yí lé Kondé_k a- ἦ- τί **nyé_{i/j/l}** lipém
E. SM-Pres-think that H. SM-Pres-know that K. SM-Pres-give him respect
'Ewas thinks that Hjól_j knows that Kondé_k respects him_{i/j/l}'

D20a'') **Ewas_i** a- ἦ- ἡὴὶλέ λέ Hjól_j a- ἦ- yí lé Kondé_k a- ἦ- τί **nyé-médé_{i/j/k/l}**
lipém
E. SM-PRS-think that H. SM-Pres-know that K. SM-PRS-give PRN.c1-REFL
respect

'Ewas thinks that Hjól_j knows that Kondé_k respects himself (in person)_{i/j/k/l}'

b) Larry thinks that I know that Dave respects X.

c) Larry thinks that Mary knows that Dave respects X.

Please, for D20b-c, see D20 above. No person/number/gender mismatch.

d) Larry thinks that the boys know that Dave respects X.

D20d') **Ewas_i** a- ḥ- h́h́ḥ́l lé díĺŷá_j dí- ḥ́- ý lé Kondék a- ḥ́- tí
E. SM-Pres-think that boys SM-Pres-know that K. SM-Pres-give
nyé_{i/1} lipém
him respect

'Ewas_i thinks that the boys know that Kondék respect him_{i/1}'

D20d'') **Ewas_i** a- ḥ- h́h́ḥ́l lé díĺŷá_j dí- ḥ́- ý lé Kondék a- ḥ́- tí
E. SM-Pres-think that boys SM-Pres-know that K. SM-Pres-give
nyé-médé_{i/k/1} lipém
PRN.c1-REFL respect

'Ewas_i thinks that the boys know that Kondék respect himself (in person)_{i/1}'

e) The men think that the boys know that Dave respects. (the men = X)

D20e') **ḥoolóm_i** bá- ḥ- h́h́ḥ́l lé díĺŷá_j dí- ḥ́- ý lé H́ḥ́l_k a- ḥ́- tí
men SM-Pres-think that boys SM-Pres-know that H. SM-Pres-give
ḥ́_{i/1} lipém
them respect

'The men_i think that the boys_j know that H́ḥ́l_k respects them_{i/1}'

D20e'') **ḥoolóm_i** bá- ḥ- h́h́ḥ́l lé díĺŷá_j dí- ḥ́- ý lé H́ḥ́l_k a- ḥ́- tí
men SM-Pres-think that boys SM-Pres-know that H. SM-Pres-give
ḥ́_m+médé_{i/j/1} lipém
them respect

'The men_i think that the boys_j know that H́ḥ́l_k respects themselves_{i/1}'

4.4.3.2 Positions of the intervener - The above interveners were subjects (the most common case). We now look for interveners in other positions.

D21a) Walter thinks that Bill told Harry that Dave respects X.

D21a') **Ewas_i** a- ḥ- h́h́ḥ́l lé H́ḥ́l_j a- bí- kal Kóndek lé
E. SM-Pres-know that H. SM-PST2-tell K. that
Bíkû_n a- ḥ́- tí nyé_{i/j/k/m} lipém
B. SM-Pres-give him respect

'Ewas_i thinks that H́ḥ́l_j told Kóndek that Bíkû_n respects him_{i/j/k/m}'

D21a'') **Ewas_i** a- ḥ- h́h́ḥ́l lé **H́ḥ́l_j** a- bí- kal **Kóndek** lé
E. SM-Pres-know that H. SM-PST2-tell K. that
Bíkû_n a- ḥ́- tí **nyé-médé_{i/j/k/l/m}** lipém
B. SM-Pres-give PRN.c1-REFL respect

'Ewas_i thinks that H́ḥ́l_j told Kóndek that Bíkû_n respects himself (in person)_{i/j/k/l/m}'

b) Walter thinks that Bill told me that Dave respects X.

D21b') **Ewas_i** a- ḥ- h́h́ḥ́l lé **H́ḥ́l_j** a- bí- kal mé lé
E. SM-Pres-think that H. SM-PST2-tell me that
Bíkû_k a- ḥ́- tí nyé_{i/j/1} lipém
B. SM-Pres-give him respect

'Ewas_i thinks that H́ḥ́l_j told me that Bíkû_k respects him_{i/j/1}'

D21b'') Ewas_i a- ñ- hóŋôl lé **Hjɔl**_j a- bí- kal mé lé
 E. SM-Pres-think that H. SM-PST2-tell me that
 Bíkûn_k a- ñ- tí nyé-médé_{i/j/k/l} lipê_m
 B. SM-Pres-give him respect
 'Ewas_i thinks that Hjɔl_j told me that Bíkûn_k respects himself (in person)_{i/j/l}'
 c) Walter told me that Dave respects X.

D21c') **Hjɔl**_i a- bí- kal mé lé Bíkûn_j a- ñ- tí nyé_{i/l} lipê_m
 H. SM-PST2-tell me that B. SM-Pres-give him respect

'**Hjɔl**_i told me that Bíkûn_j respects him_{i/l}'

D21c'') **Hjɔl**_i a- bí- kal mé lé Bíkûn_j a- ñ- tí nyé-médé_{i/j/k/l} lipê_m
 H. SM-PST2-tell me that B. SM-Pres-give PRN.c1-REFL respect

'**Hjɔl**_i told me that Bíkûn_j respects himself (in person)_{i/j/k/l}'

d) Walter said that Dave gave me a book about X.

D21d') **Hjɔl**_i a- bí- kal lé Bíkûn_j a- bí- tí nyé_{i/l} kaat i i- m- pód-ól
 H. SM-PST2-say that B. SM-PST2-give him book REL SM-Pres-talk-OBL
 nyé_{i/j/l}

him

'**Hjɔl**_i said that Bíkûn_j gave him_{i/l} a book about him_{i/j/l}'

D21d'') **Hjɔl**_i a- bí- kal lé Bíkûn_j a- bí- tí nyé_{i/l} kaat i i- m- pód-ól
 H. SM-PST2-say that B. SM-PST2-give him book REL SM-Pres-talk-OBL
 nyé-médé_{i/j/l}
 PRN.c1-REFL

'**Hjɔl**_i said that Bíkûn_j gave him_{i/l} a book about himself (in person)_{i/j/l}'

4.4.4 Islands

Do syntactic islands affect the acceptability of the current strategy? For all the examples in this section, Ira = X. As in 4.3, if the independent pronoun strategy is all that works, please say so, translate, and move on, but if more than one strategy works, please let us know which ones do. Also, if your language permits more than one type of pronoun, be sure to test both kinds (including null arguments interpreted pronominally).

D22a) Ira resents the fact that Mary hates X.

D22a'') **Ewas_i a- ñ-gwê_s í ñâŋ únú lé Kondé_j a- ñ- ɔ́ nyé_{i/j/l}
 E. SM-Pres-like DEF news DEM that K. SM-Pres-hate him

'Ewas_i likes the news that Kondé_j hates him_{i/j/l}'

b) Ira respects the man who likes X.

D22b') Ewas_i a- ñ- tí í mut nú a- ñ- gwê_s nyé_{i/j} lipê_m
 E. SM-Pres-give DEF person REL SM-Pres-like him respect

'Ewas_i respects the man who likes him_{i/j}'

D22b'') Ewas_i a- ñ- tí [í mut nú]_j a- ñ- gwê_s nyé-médé_{i/j/k} lipê_m
 E. SM-Pres-give DEF person REL SM-Pres-like PRN.c1-REFL respect

Literally: 'Ewas_i respects the man who likes himself_{i/j}'

Note that D22b' is correct and the predicate *tí lipê_m* 'respect' is discontinuous as expected i.e. it is always interspersed by an indirect object (note that the predicate *tí lipê_m* can literally mean 'give respect' so that the English 'give respect to someone' is translated as *tí mut lipê_m* (give someone respect' in Basaa. The sentence D22b' is correct. Note that the pronoun *nyé* 'him' in

D22b' can corefer with the subject 'Ewas' and with any other name known in the discourse. See also coreference in D22b'' with the anaphor *nyé-medé* 'himself' which can also corefer with the bracketed relativized NP (co-indexation in the latter case is not fine in fact, but not that it is the equivalent of the English complex NP 'the man who like himself' which is co-indexed as *j*).

c) Ira says that the man who likes X is intelligent.

D22d') Ewas_i a- ń- kal lé [í mut nú a- ń- gwêš **nyé_{i/j}**]_k a ní- yí jâm
 E. SM-Pres-say that DEF person REL SM-Pres-like him SM-Pres-know thing
 'Ewas_i says that [the man who likes him_{i/j}]_k is intelligent'

D22d') Ewas_i a- ń- kal lé [í mut nú a- ń- gwêš **nyé-medé_{i/j}**]_k
 E. SM-Pres-say that DEF person REL SM-Pres-like PRN.c1-REFL
 a ní- yí jâm
 SM-Pres-know thing

'Ewas_i says that [the man who likes himself_{i/j}]_k is intelligent' **ANAPHORIC**

d) Ira asked whether Bill saw X.

D22d') Ewas_i a- bí- bát lé tòš **Kondé_j** a- bí- téhé **nyé_{i/l}**
 E. SM-PST2-ask that whether/if K. SM-PST2-see him
 'Ewas_i asked whether Kondé_j saw him_{i/l}'

D22d'') Ewas_i a- bí- bát lé tòš **Kondé_j** a- bí- téhé **nyé-medé_{i/j}**
 E. SM-PST2-ask that whether/if K. SM-PST2-see PRN.c1-REFL
 'Ewas_i asked whether Kondé_j saw himself_{i/j}' **ANAPHORIC**

e) Ira asked when Bill saw X.

D22e') Ewas_i a- bí- bát lé kélkíí **Kondé_j** a- bí- téhé **nyé_{i/l}**
 E. SM-PST2-ask that when K. SM-PST2-see him
 'Ewas_i asked when Kondé_j saw him_{i/l}'

D22e'') Ewas_i a- bí- bát lé kélkíí **Kondé_j** a- bí- téhé **nyé-medé_{i/j/k}**
 E. SM-PST2-ask that when K. SM-PST2-see PRN.c1-REFL
 'Ewas_i asked when Kondé_j saw him_{i/j/k}' **ANAPHORIC**

NB: Coreference holds between the embedded subject *Kondé_j* and the anaphor *nyé-medé* 'himself' if and only if it is the case that *Kondé_j* sees himself in the mirror for instance, and under the assumption that he had never seen *himself* before in the mirror.

In D22e'' below where the reflexive morpheme is used, coreference holds only between the embedded subject *Kondé_j* and the anaphor *nyé-medé* 'himself' in case the anaphor is used.

D22e'') Ewas_i a- bí- bát lé kélkíí **Kondé_j** a- bí- téé-**bá** (**nyé-medé_i**)
 E. SM-PST2-ask that when K. SM-PST2-see-REFL PRN.c1-REFL
 'Ewas_i asked when Kondé_j saw him_{i/j/k}'

f) Ira did not realize that George followed X.

D22f') Ewas_i a- bí- yí bée lé **Kondé_j** a- bí- nŋ **nyé_{i/l}**
 E. SM-PST2-know NEG that K. SM-PST2-follow him
 'Ewas_i did not know that **Kondé_j** followed him_{i/l}'

g) Ira said that Mary was pretty and that she would marry X.

D22g') Ewas_i a- bí- kal lé Maríy_a a- ye nâm,
 E. SM-PST2-say that M. SM-be.Pres nice
 ní lé a_{i/j/k}- gá- la bíí **nyé_{i/k}**
 and that SM/s/he-FUT2-can marry him

NB: The following interpretations are possible.

‘Ewas_i said that Mary_j is nice and that s/he_{i/j/l} will marry him_{i/j/k}’

‘Ewas said that Mary is nice and that she (Mary/another person) will marry him (Ewas/another person)’

‘Ewas said that Mary is nice and that he (Ewas) will marry her (Mary/another person)’

‘Ewas said that Mary is nice and that another person will marry her/him (Mary/Ewas)’

4.4.5 De se reading

Sometimes an interpretation of identity with an antecedent is tinged by a different meaning distinction. There is a famous ambiguity in D23 depending on whether or not the subject of believe is aware that he is referring to himself. The distinction is between two readings where his=Oedipus, that is, we are not interested, for these cases, in readings where his is not Oedipus. Now imagine that Oedipus thinks his step-mother (Step) is his biological mother - he just calls her "mother", because Step is the only mother he has ever known. Now let us suppose that Oedipus is the only one in town who is unaware who his biological mother (Bio) is, perhaps because Bio is a notorious person of whom polite people do not normally speak. People in town, in spite of what they know, generally refer to Step as Oedipus' mother, since no one wants to bring up the subject of Bio. Then Bio, long out of town, makes a surprise visit to the town to see Oedipus, whom she finds scowling in his front yard, angry at Step because she has punished him.. Bio spends some time with Oedipus, as others watch suspiciously, but Bio does not tell Oedipus who she is. Oedipus thinks Bio is nice. Then someone says D23a or D23b.

D23a) *Oedipus* thinks/says *his* mother is nice.

D23a’) Ewas_i a- ḡ- kal lé ḡâḡ_{i/j} (wê_{i/j}) a- ye nlâm

E. SM-Pres-say that mother (his) SM-be.Pres nice

‘Ewas_i says that his_{i/j} mother is nice’

Note that since the item ḡâḡ ‘mother’ conveys inherent possession like any other kinship name as already mentioned, in the absence of the possessive adjective *wê* ‘his’ two interpretations are possible namely ‘Ewas biological mother’ and ‘someone else mother’ although a social reading might be possible. When the possessive is used, there is no kinship relation (to the best of my knowledge) between ‘Ewas’ or ‘someone else’ and ‘mother’. The relationship will be based more on social hierarchy (e.g. Ewas’ boss) than on kinship. However, it is important to mention that whether the possessive is dropped or not, the English interpretation of D23a also holds for Basaá. Globally the dropping of the possessive leads to two readings namely a kinship reading and a social one. The same thing holds for D23b’ below.

b) *Oedipus* thinks/says *his* mother is mean.

D23a’) Ewas_i a- ḡ- kal lé ḡâḡ_{i/j} (wê_{i/j}) a- ye βέβá

E. SM-Pres-say that mother (his) SM-be.Pres wicked

‘Ewas_i says that his_{i/j} mother is wicked’

Now his in both examples is to be coconstrued with Oedipus, but his mother in (23a) refers to Bio, whom he does not know is his mother, while (D23b) refers to Step, who is the only one Oedipus thinks is his mother (though others know otherwise), and Oedipus is angry at her just now. In some languages, a different morphological form, a different pronoun for example, is used to distinguish the two readings. If your language is like English, then there is no morphological distinction between the pronouns in (D23a,b). Just say so and move on.

No morphological distinction is attested.

However, other languages have such a morphological distinction (often it is like the logophoric distinction, discussed above, but not always). For example, Adésolá (2004) reports that Yoruba permits a non-logophoric pronoun (a weak pronoun) to be coconstrued with the matrix subject, but the logophoric marked one (the strong pronoun) is still distinguished insofar as it must be *de se*. The verb meaning 'believe' selects for the logophoric complementizer *pé* and the pronouns are distinguished as weak (w) and strong (s).

- D24a) Olú gbàgbó pé ilé rẹ̀ ti wó.
Olu believe that house he(w) ASP fall
b) Olú gbàgbó pé ilé òun ti wó.
Olu believe that house he(s) ASP fall
Both: "Olu believes that his house has collapsed."

As Adésolá remarks, "...a strong pronoun [*òun*] is used when self-reference is intended by the reported speaker (or believer) [15b], while a weak pronoun [*rẹ̀*] is used when the reported speaker (or believer) does not know that he was in fact referring to his own house [15a]." The weak pronoun does not have to refer to Olu, but the strong one must.

If there is such a distinction in your language, then translate the examples indicating the difference in pronouns and we will ask you more about it after we get the questionnaire responses. If you don't understand what is asked for in this section, skip it or ask for assistance.

PART 5 Final thoughts

5.1 - Having looked at the details of each strategy individually, do you have any general comments on differences in meaning between the various strategies, conditions that would cause one or another to be preferred or required, etc.?

Globally, we have examined four strategies in Basaá namely the independent pronoun strategy which involves an accusative pronoun, the reflexive strategy which involves addition of a specific reflexive morpheme (which varies depending on the verb base) to the verb base (although some verb are inherently reflexive i.e. they conveys reflexivity even with an implicit reflexive morpheme),. Also, the reflexive strategy may involve an anaphoric pronoun. The reciprocal strategy which involves addition of a reciprocal morpheme to the verb base,(the reciprocal morpheme also varies in form) and the null object strategy. Summarizing, the independent pronoun strategy, including the anaphoric pronoun and the null object strategy have been said to be very productive while the reciprocal and reflexive with specific morphemes are very limited.

5.2 - Are there any properties of the questionnaire that you think could be improved, made more relevant, or more flexible? Is there any part of the questionnaire that you thought was unsuccessful at addressing what seems to you an important class of phenomena for our anaphora project? Please make us aware of any way in which you think we could improve our data collection.

I suggest investigation be carried out on information structure devices such as topic, focus, question formation and the like if and only if they appear to be relevant to the project.

Also, any misunderstanding of the date provided should be mentioned so as to provide appropriate explanations. Some English translations used in the work do not abide with

grammaticality, rather, they are used for explanatory reasons.