Case and Expletives:
Notes Towards a Parametric Account

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(1) It seems [John to be here]
(2) Who does it seem [t to be here]
(3) Who does it seem [t is here]
(4) The man who it seems [t is here]
(5) The man who it seems [t to be here]
(6) The man it seems [t to be here]
(7) I tried [[John to be here]]
(8) I tried [[PRO to be here]]
(9) It seems [there to be a man here]
(10) I tried [there to be a man here]

(11) A CHAIN is Case-marked if it contains exactly one Case-marked position; a position in a Case-marked CHAIN is visible for 4-marking.

(12) There is a man here
(13) There is usually a man here
(14) I heard usually a car (cf. I usually heard a car)
(15) There is likely [t to be someone here]
(16) There is likely [someone to be here]
(17) We consider [there a man in the room]
(18) We consider [there to be a man in the room]
(19) I consider [there to be] a solution
(20) We consider [there, likely [t, to be a man in the room]]
(21) Case is assigned only under government by a Case assigner.
(22) A car is not here

(23) I heard not a car
(24) John [Ann Tense [v will]] [vP leave]
(25) John [Ann Tense [v do]] [vP leave]
(26) [[A car] [Tense be,] [not t, here]]
(27) Is a car here
(28) Heard I a car
(29) There is usually a man here.
(30) There [Tense be,] [usually [t, a man here]]
(31) Will a car be here
(32) Will be a car here
(33) A car will not be here
(34) A car will be not here
(35) [[A car] [Tense will] [not be here]]
(36) *There will be usually a man here
(37) *I heard usually a car
(38a) a John is not noisy
     b John [Tense be,] [not t, noisy]
(39a) a Be not noisy
     b [IMP e] [not be noisy] (→ Do not be noisy)
(40) *I believe John to be not here
     cf. I believe John is not here
(41) *I believe John to be not singing
     cf. I believe John is not singing
(42) I believe John not to be here
(43) I believe John not to be singing
(44) *I believe there to be not a solution
(45) *I believe there to be usually a solution
(46) I believe there not to be a solution
(47) I believe there usually to be a solution
I believe there is not a solution

I believe there is usually a solution

There arrived a bus

There usually arrives a bus (at this time)

There arrives usually a bus (at this time)

There is usually a man here

*There arrived not a bus [*There did not arrive a bus]

*A bus arrived not [*A bus did not arrive]

*Arrived a bus [Did a bus arrive]

'Unaccusatives' and be are Case assigners.

There arrived a man

A man, arrived 

If C=(α₁,...,αₙ) is a maximal CHAIN, then αₙ occupies its unique θ-position and α₁ its unique Case-marked position.

*There is likely [there to be a man here]

A man is likely [to be here]

*There is likely [someone to be here]

*There is likely [to there be a man here]

A man is likely [to there be a man here]

*There is likely [there to be a man here]

*There is likely [there to be a man here]

*There is likely [there to be a man here]

*There is likely [there to be a man here]

*There is likely [there to be a man here]

*There has been put a book on the table

*There is a man in the room

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There is a man in the room

There are many fish in the lake

In which lake are there many fish

I discussed many fish in the lake

*In which lake did you discuss many fish

I want some fish in the lake

*In which lake do you want some fish

I always have considered Gianni intelligent

*There are considered some students intelligent

*There has been put a book on the table

I received letters (acc. pl.)

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I NEG received letters (acc. pl.)

I NEG received letters (gen. pl.)

NEG showed up (pl.) students (masc. nom. pl.)

NEG showed up (neut. sg.) students (masc. gen. pl.)

I not one minute NEG slept (fem. acc. sg.)

I not one minute NEG slept (fem. acc. sg.)
Jan przeszedł trzy mile
John walked three miles (acc.)
Jan nie przeszedł trzech mile
John not walked three miles (gen.)

Deszcz padał trzy godziny
The rain was falling three hours (acc.)
Deszcz nie padał trzecią godzinę
The rain not was falling three hours (gen.)

Appendix: On V-Raising

(1) *John likes not Mary
(2) Jean (n')aime pas Marie
(3) [ * V [Aff]]
(4) John is not noisy
(5) *Be not noisy
(6) Do not be noisy
(7) *I believe there to be not a solution
(8) I believe there is not a solution
(9) ?*I believe John to be not here
(10) I believe John is not here
(11) ?*I believe John to be not singing
(12) I believe John is not singing
(13) | English | French |
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(14) moderate | weak | weak |
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| strong | moderate | strong | weak | moderate | weak |
(15) *I believe there to do not be a solution