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tense clauses and the uni-directional entailment; 4.2.2.1 Borgomanerese compound tense clauses. As discussed earlier, following Kayne (1993), Rizzi (2000), and Tortora (2010), I take compound tense clauses to be "lightly" bi-clausal, whereby the participial clause has a bit of functional architecture pro

4.2.2.2 Piedmontese (compound tense clause). As noted above, non-Borgomanerese-type Piedmontese dialects exhibit enclisis of the OCL on the participle in compound tense clauses (see (18) through (21)). This is despite the fact that they exhibit proclisis

4.2.2.3 Rounding out the picture: Italian (compound tense clause). As already noted, the OCL is obligatorily proclitic on the "matrix" auxiliary verb in Italian compound tense clauses. Under the approach advocated for here, this would mean that the Italia

4.2.2.4 Absolute Small Clauses (ASCs). Although Italian does not allow enclisis on past participles in the compound tenses, it is well known that it requires enclisis on participles in Absolute Small Clauses (Belletti 1990):

4.2.2.5 Romance Imperatives. It is also well known that all Romance behaves like Borgomanerese-type languages when it comes to Imperatives. That is, Romance Imperatives robustly exhibit OCL enclisis;

5. Another prediction made by Feature Spreading/Feature Content Hypotheses for causatives;

5.1 Obligatory clitic climbing in Romance Causatives

5.2 Causatives in Borgomanerese-type dialects and the Feature Content Hypothesis

Sommario/riassunto

This investigation constitutes a quantitative variationist approach toward Spanish in contact with Catalan in Barcelona, Spain. It seeks to empirically measure concrete usage patterns of two phonetic variants, [B:] and [z], in the Spanish of Catalan-Spanish bilinguals, as well as establish the extent to which both variants are conditioned by linguistic factors and Catalan dominance. The careful Spanish speech of 20 Barcelonan females (ages 18-27) was elicited through a word-reading task. Goldvarb binomial logistic regression analyses revealed that sensitivity to linguistic factors varied accord
