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Propositions

1. Humans possess knowledge of languages they do not speak.
2. General properties of human cognition – excluding hierarchic structure building and lexical categories – cannot exclusively account for word order preferences.
3. Hierarchic structure building and lexical categories are not enough to account for all word order preferences.
4. Verb clusters are great for lazy people; they don't have to move around anything.
5. There can be degrees of grammaticality.
6. Language variation is structured.
7. The distribution of syntactic properties across language varieties is indicative of properties of grammars.
8. The 3-1-2 order is different from the 1-2-3 order. A verb cluster with a 1-2-3 order is a typical Dutch verb cluster. Therefore, a cluster with a 3-1-2 order is different from a typical Dutch verb cluster.
9. Sentences that cannot be derived in syntax can nevertheless receive a prosodic and semantic interpretation.
10. It will take a few more years until models of language processing are precise enough to make testable predictions on word order preferences.
11. Some restrictions on language variation are universal to human language.
12. Belgium has its own language. It has several. (This is directed at John Stewart.)