

## 9.57 PROBLEM SET 2

Problem (1) Show the derivation in GERMAN of the sentence: “That book wrote John.” (Meaning the sensible meaning, of course, i.e., John wrote that book.). Please draw the tree for this sentence and show the movements that take place.

Problem (2):

(a) Norwegian in an SVO/V2 language. For each of the following sentences say whether the sentence is good in adult Norwegian. In each case, why? (Remember that in a V2 language an adverb like “soon” can be the constituent which moves into first position (Spec,C)). +*fin* means “finite”

(1) John leaves [+fin] soon

(2) Soon leaves [+fin] John

(3) John leave [-fin] soon

(4) Soon leave [-fin] John

(5) Soon John leaves [+fin]

(6) Soon John leave [-fin]

(b) For the same 6 sentences, which ones would the “Modal Drop” theory of the Optional Infinitive stage predict would be produced in this stage. Why? (Assume that “soon” occurs in the deep structure after the Verb Phrase or at the end of the Verb Phrase).

(c) For the same 6 sentences, which ones actually WILL be produced during the Optional Infinitive stage? Why?