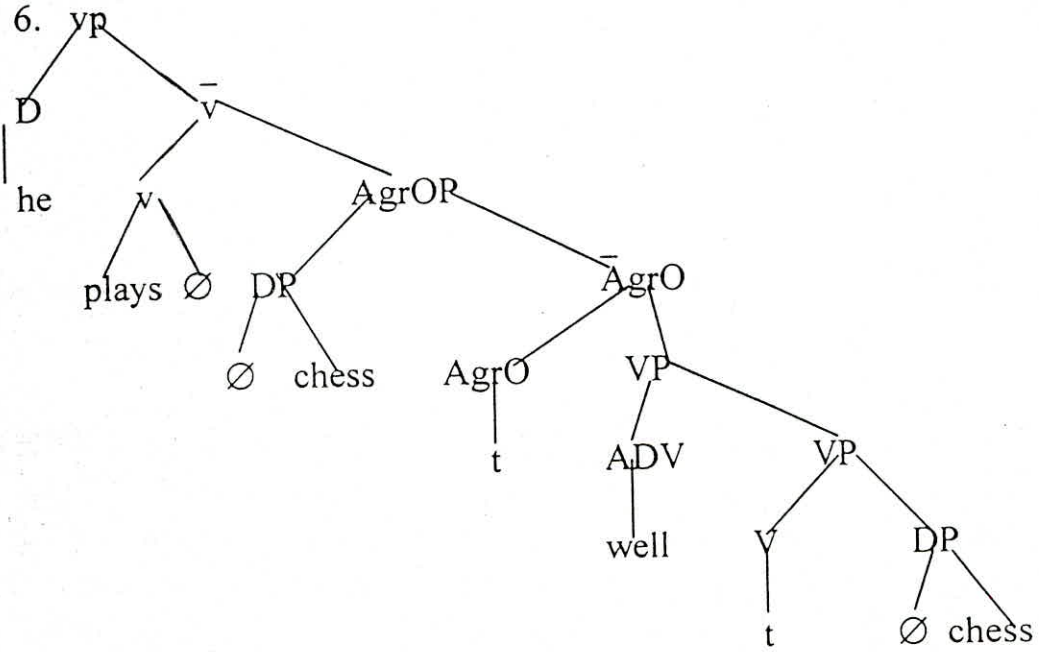
A different kind of argument in support of the claim that DP objects move to spec-AgrOP for case-checking purposes comes by looking at the position of adverbs, as shown in (5).

5.
(i) *He plays chess* ***well.***
(ii) * *He plays well chess.*
(iii) * *He well plays chess.*

The traditional assumption is that *well* is a VP adverb (i.e. it merges with the maximal projection VP, as shown in (6).

6.



The assumption in (6) is that both verbs and objective DPs raise **across** VP adverbs (236), thereby predicting the ungrammaticality