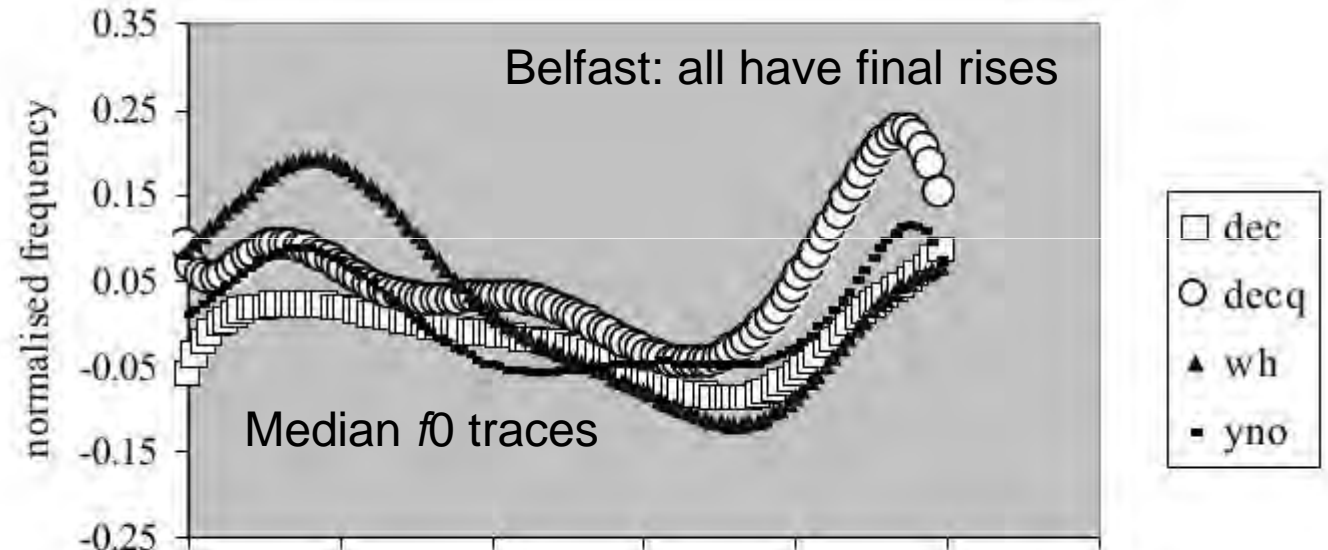# Differences in sentence tunes

"Statements have falling intonation, whereas questions tend to rise at the end"
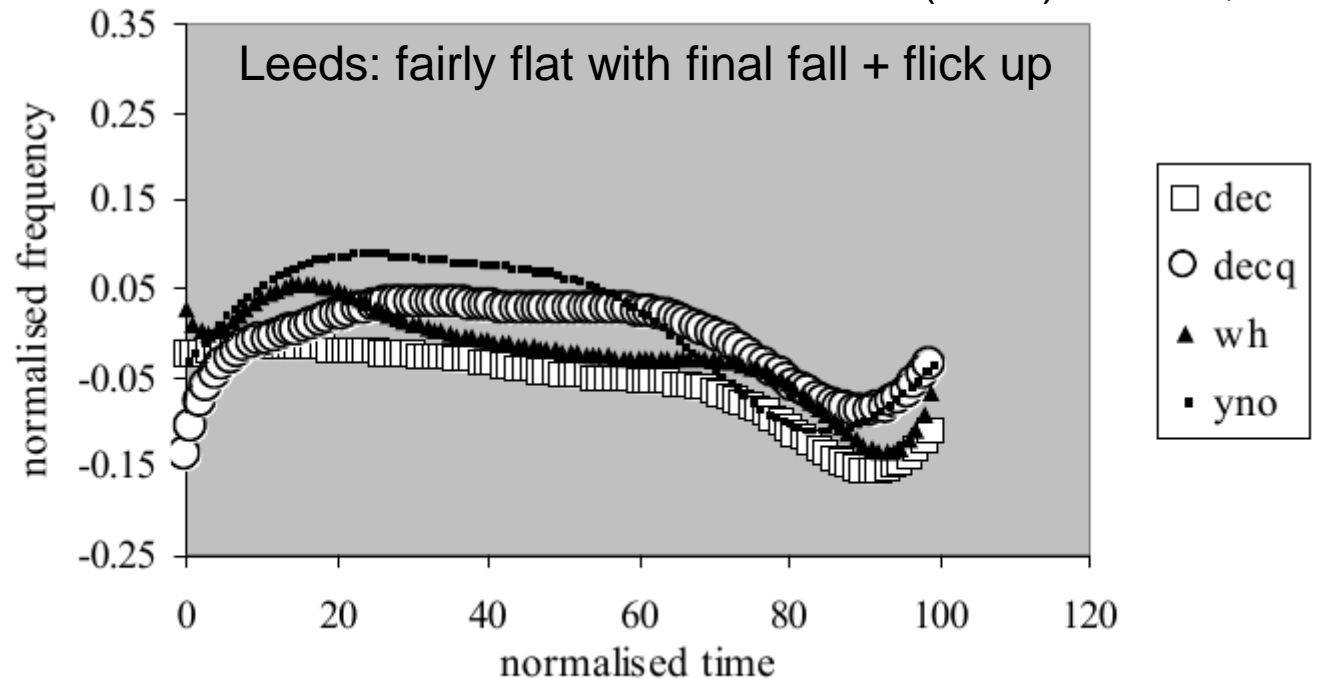
er … not necessarily

Belfast and Leeds: all sentence types have quite similar contour shapes.

There are quantitative differences of detail.
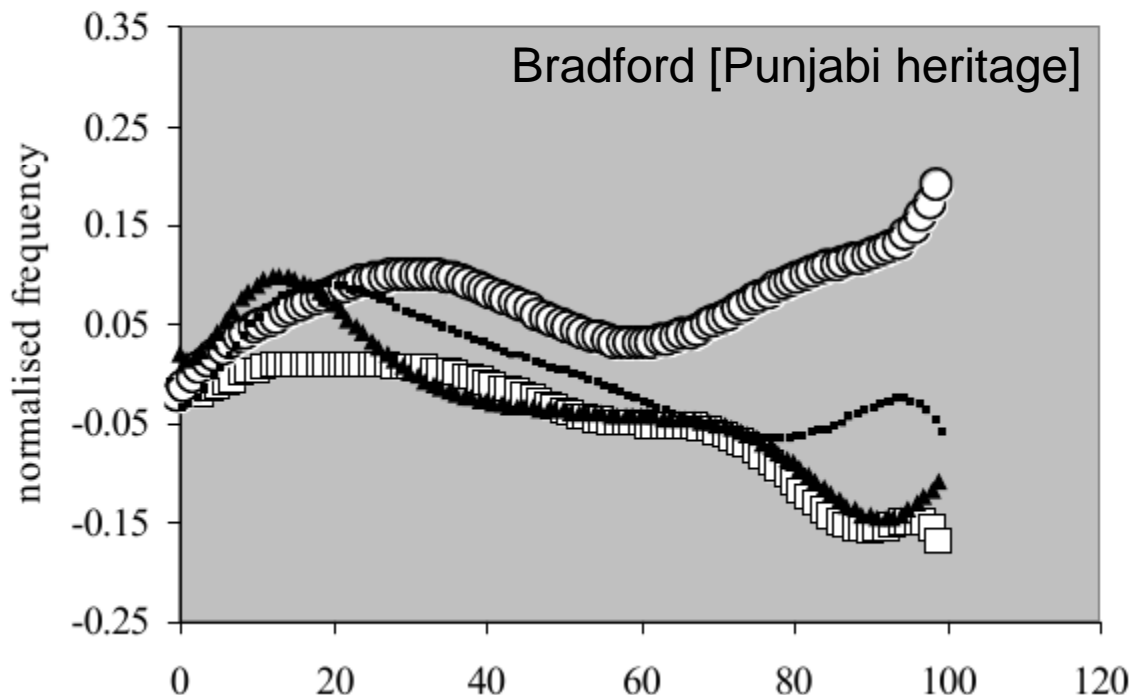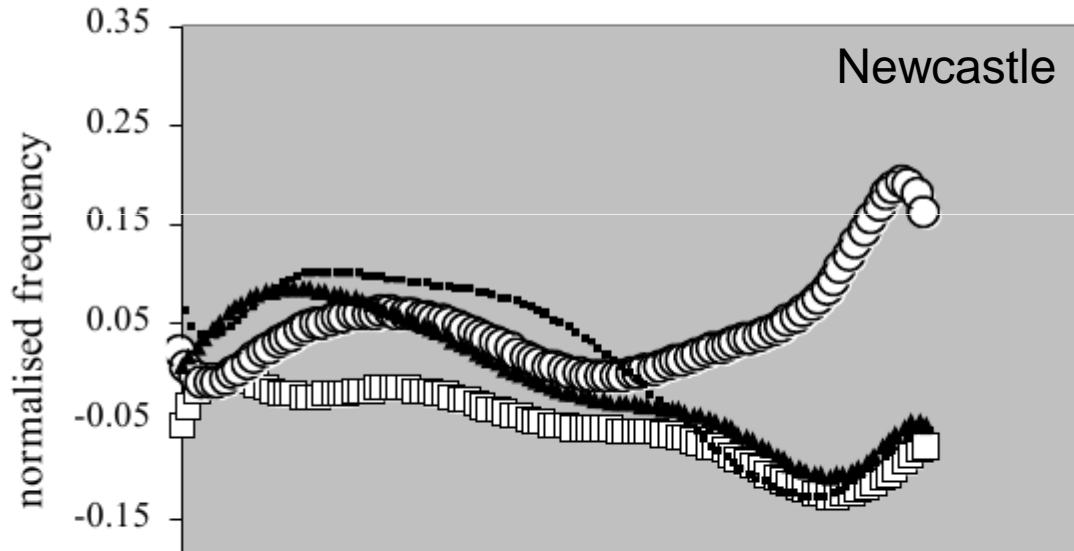

Belfast: all have final rises

Median *f*0 traces

Hats off to Jarman and Cruttenden (1976). *JIPA* 6, 4–12.
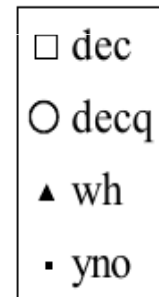
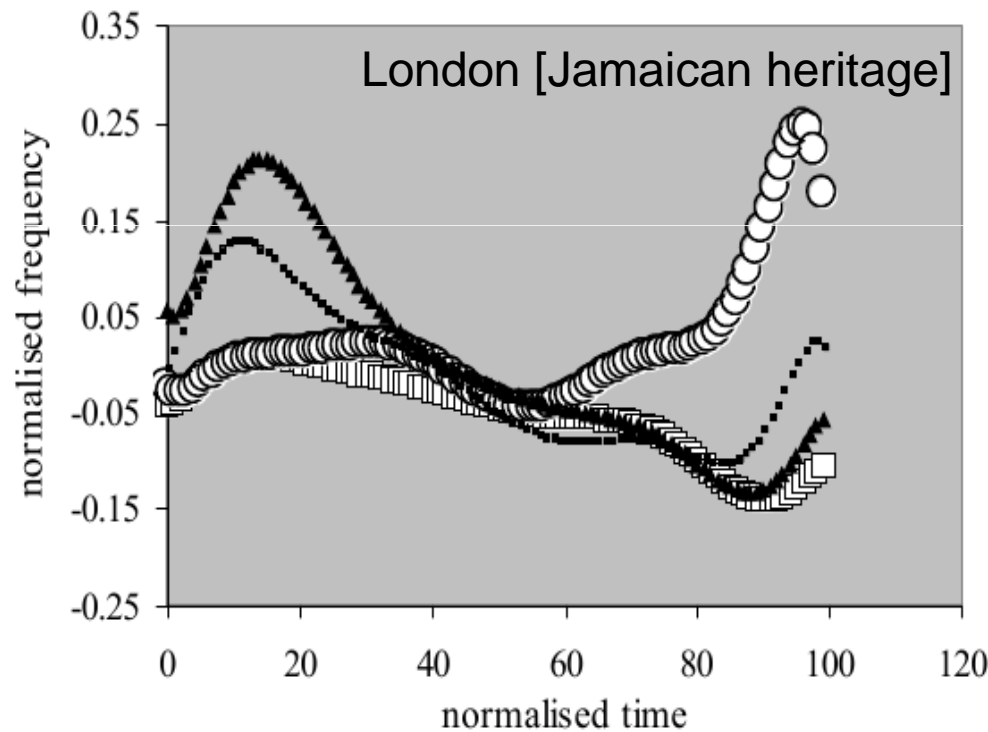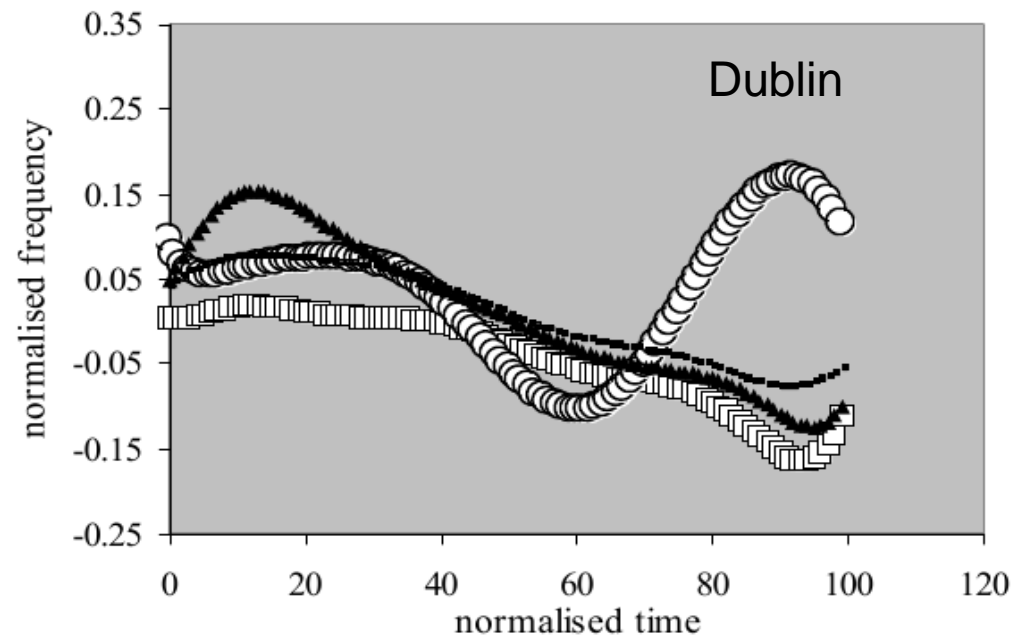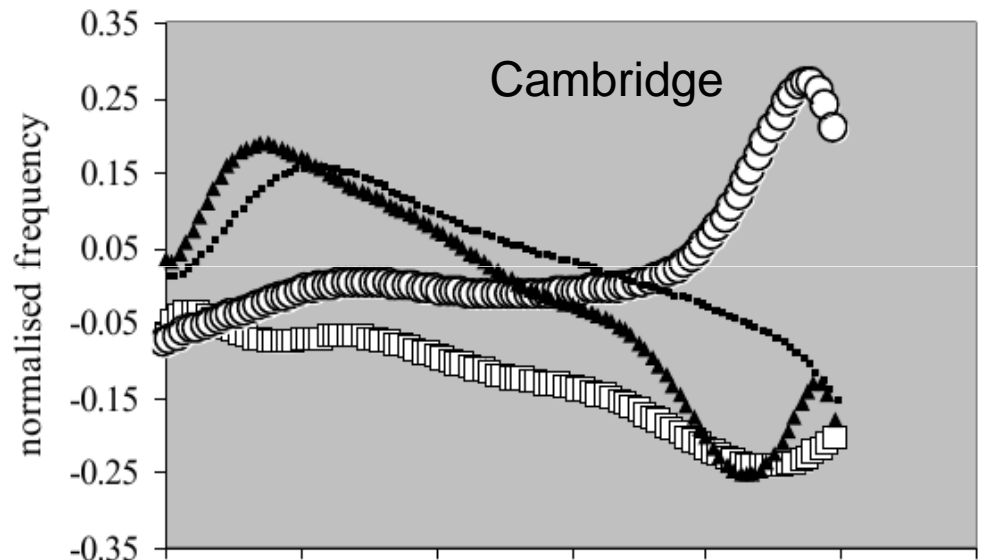Leeds: fairly flat with final fall + flick up

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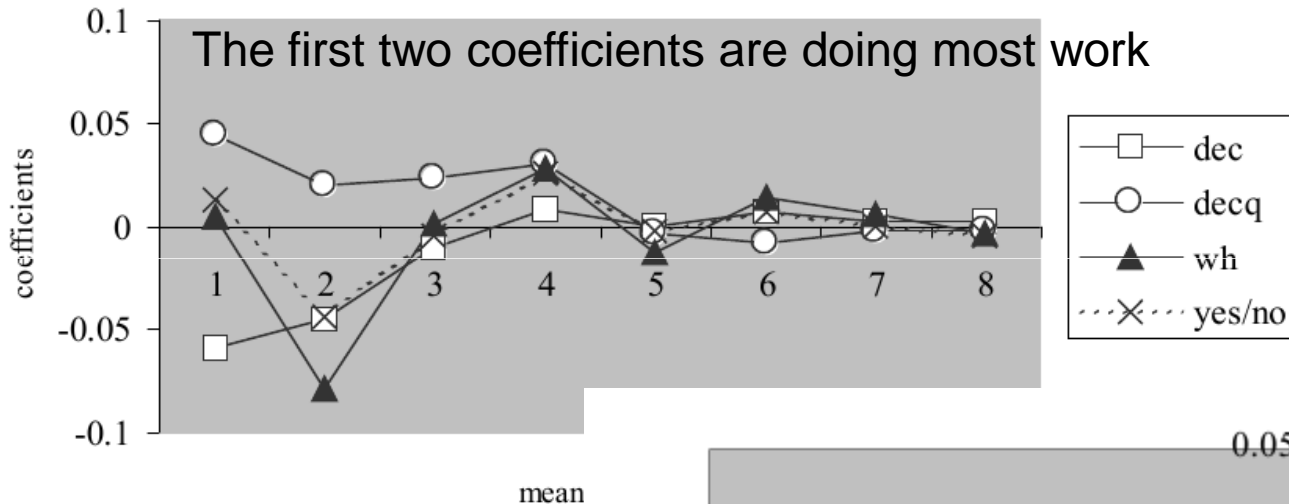Newcastle and Bradford: echo qs *do* have final rises
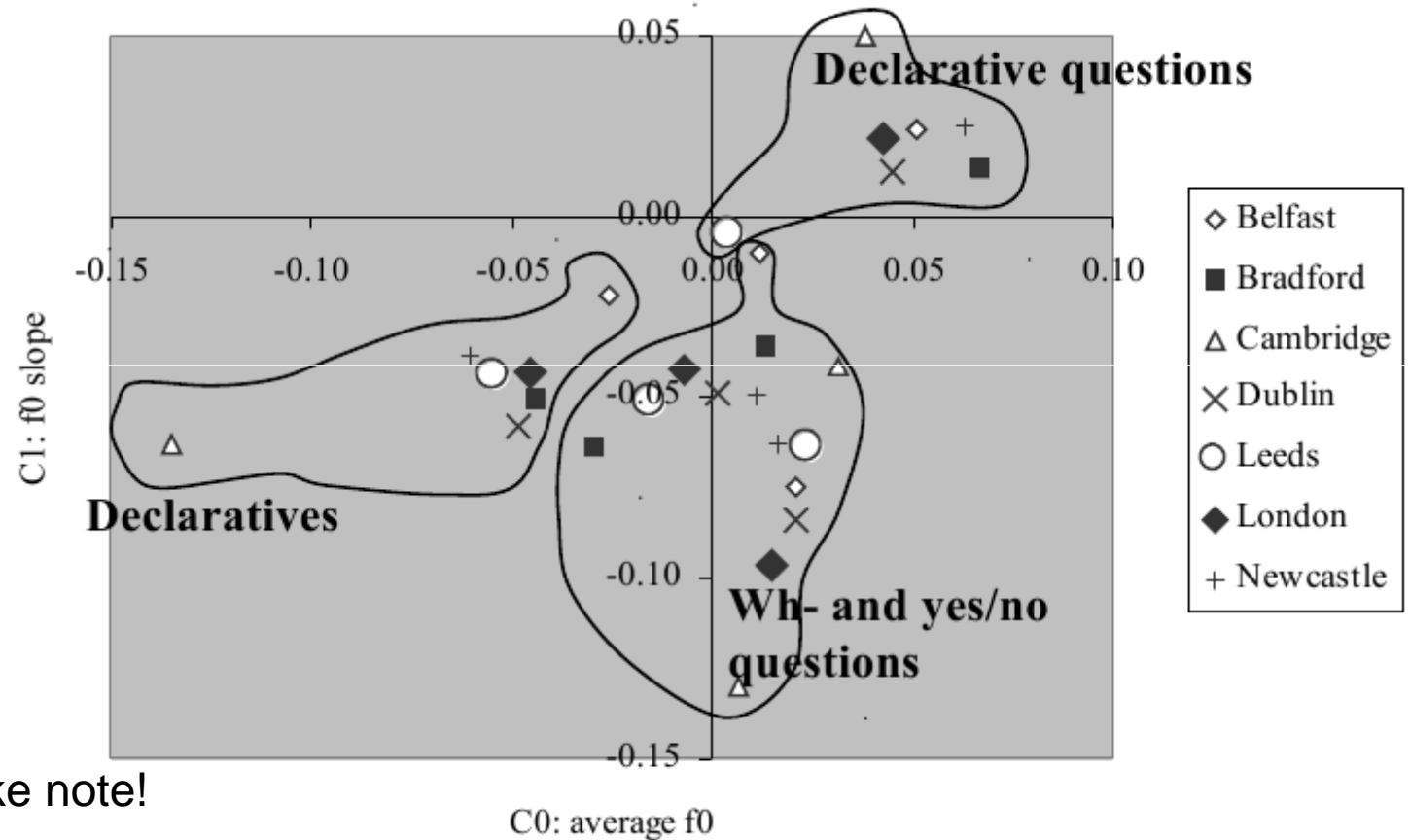
Differences in sentence tunes

In these dialects, the contours differ more across sentence types

Contribution of each coefficient

The first two coefficients are doing most work

The difference between declarative statements and questions is mainly signalled by overall average *f*0.

Echo questions are higher overall: right from the beginning, in fact. Wh-questions have *falling f*0, overall.

Textbook writers, please take note!