Intervention effects in wh-islands and non-islands: experimental evidence

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5. In Extraction from wh-island, sentences with two restricted elements (i.e., Complex Identity) are not as degraded as sentences containing two bare wh-elements (i.e., Bare Identity). This is consistent with the fRM.

Strong Degradation: the featural configuration of the intervener completely overlaps the one of the extractee

- (1) $Q = Q$ in Bare Identity
- (2) $Q = N$ in Complex Identity
- (3) $Q = N$ in Inverse Inclusion

Moderate Degradation: the featural specification of the intervener partially overlaps the one of the extractee

- (4) $Q = N$ in Inclusion

Well-formedness: the featural specification of the intervener does not overlap the one of the extractee

- (5) $Q = N$ in Disjunction

1. Systematic investigation of predictions ensuing from fRM
2. Investigation of the role played by lexical restriction in modulating acceptability judgments for sentences involving extraction (both from wh-islands and from declaratives)