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Abstract

The main concern of this study is to investigate the phenomenon of wh-movement in Arabic and how it fits into the Minimalist program. We argue that Economy considerations play a great role in accounting for the syntactic properties of wh-movement in Arabic, and they provide a unified account of this movement in various types of wh-questions including those in topic-comment structures. Interestingly, wh-movement in Arabic constitutes strong evidence for the success of the Minimalist program.