

“Further explanations” of cartographic properties: Locality and labelling

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Cartographic research has highlighted properties of functional sequences in the left periphery and other zones of the syntactic tree: order, mutual exclusion patterns, freezing effects. These results raise questions of “further explanation”: are the observed properties deductively amenable to basic principles of linguistic computation? I would like to illustrate the interplay of syntactic principles of locality and labeling, as well as of principles applying at the interface with semantics and discourse, in capturing certain observed properties of the functional sequences.