

Focus movement is wh-movement?

This paper concerns the syntax and semantics of focus movement in Hungarian. The standard analysis of the construction assumes that a functional head, Focus, attracts the focal constituent (Brody 1995). Alternatives that have been proposed to this position include prosodically driven movement (Szendroi 2001) and movement driven by an exhaustive operator (Horvath 2004). These three approaches have different advantages and shortcomings. After evaluating these, a new proposal will be put forward which relies on the parallels (and discrepancies) between focus movement and wh-movement, which appears to be more consistent with the data than previous approaches.