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An experimental investigation of the case matching requirement in Polish ATB movement and RNR

The literature claims that sharing constructions (SCs) are subject to a case matching requirement (e.g., Franks 1993) but that case mismatches are possible if the case marker on the shared constituent is either syncretic or indicates the case assigned in the adjacent conjunct (e.g., Citko 2011; Ibnbari 2014). We investigated these claims empirically by conducting an acceptability rating study in Polish where the participants rated examples of across-the-board (ATB) movement and right node raising (RNR) with different case patterns. The results indicate that both constructions exhibit the case syncretism effect and the case proximity effect. Given the parallel behaviour of ATB movement and RNR, we claim (i) that there is no case matching requirement and (ii) that both constructions require the same kind of derivation. Of the available approaches to the syntax of SCs, the ellipsis approach is most compatible with these results.