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*Gender agreement in superlative partitives in French*

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1. Introduction

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Noun classes (adapted from Ihsane & Sleeman 2016)

Class A: Suppletive forms: two distinct forms

Class B/C: Related forms: suffix (B) / determiner (C) change

Class D: Fixed-gender nouns

Grammar agreement in superlative partitives in French:

1. The gender of the noun in the inner DP

2. The gender of the predicate

Variation within the results

Individual variation: difference in feature marking in the mental lexicon

6. An analysis that seems to work...

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Individual variation: difference in feature marking in the mental lexicon

7. Conclusion

1. Replication of Sleeman & Ihsane’s experiment on a larger scale:

2. We have proposed a theoretical analysis that explains the agreement patterns observed

Future research: (i) Investigate quantified partitives (one of the X) & (ii) Investigate same phenomena in German

References
