

"Multiple wh-fronting and spurious coordination"

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Many (perhaps all) multiple wh-fronting languages allow for what I will call a 'spurious coordinator' to appear between fronted wh-items, particularly arguments, as in (1) from Vlach (Aromanian) (all data from my fieldwork). (1) acari s Ci ari viJutU? who and what has seen 'Who_1 saw something and what did they_1 see?' I propose that the coordinator is spurious in that it does not coordinate the wh-phrases themselves, but rather occurs as a clausal left-edge conjunctive particle (related to free focus uses of these elements). I show that this analysis can account for the five main properties of these structures, including the fact that spurious coordinated questions only allow single pair answers, not the pair-list answers that are usually required in multiple wh questions in these languages (as noted first in Kazenin 2002, and analyzed insightfully in Gribanova to appear as due to the coordinator blocking quantifier absorption, an account I follow here).