HANDLING CODA CLUSTERS FORMED BY GEMINATES IN DIFFERENT ARABIC DIALECTS

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ABSTRACT

This article is meant to discuss the different ways CVCC and CVVCC are handled by speakers of different forms of Jordanian and other Arabic dialects. The article explains the different ways in which CVCC is handled by speakers of different forms of Jordanian Arabic from an Optimality Theory perspective. The article also sheds light on the different repair strategies speakers of such Arabic dialects resort to in order to abide by the highly ranked constraint 'no three moras*3µ' when producing CVVCC. Four suggested strategies in the literature were revisited and analysis within the framework of the Optimality Theory was provided.

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