Locality and Floating Quantifiers

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In this paper, I will discuss some problems concerning floating numeral quantifiers in Japanese that arise under syntactic approaches, functional approaches and semantic approaches. After reviewing a variety of different types of previously proposed approaches to floating NQs, I will suggest a unified analysis based on Rizzi's (2004) feature-based Relativized Minimality, which enables us to capture the basic insight into the syntactic, semantic and functional analyses of floating numeral quantifiers. In the course of discussion, I will show how the EPP is satisfied in Japanese.