Contiguity Theory and conditions on wh-phrases in some of the languages of India

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Some of the languages of India (such as Hindi and Malayalam, for example) are famous for a kind of wh-in-situ with apparent restrictions; they are sometimes described as languages in which wh-phrases may be in situ as long as they are not separated from their scope position by tensed clause boundaries. I will investigate these facts in the framework of Contiguity Theory, an approach to the phonology-syntax interface which makes predictions about the distribution of overt movement and of pied-piping.