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Dependency distance: A new perspective on syntactic patterns in natural languages

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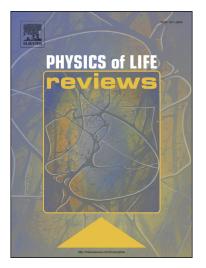
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Highlights

- Dependency distance minimization is a linguistic universal driven by human beings.
- Dependency Distance Minimization mirrors the constraints of human cognition.
- Dependency Distance Minimization may motivate numerous syntactic patterns in languages.
- Some special syntactic patterns may be found in long-distance dependencies.

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