

Deletion, reduction, ellipsis and their syntactic effects: A brief history

We will be looking at several ways of eliminating or reducing syntactic structure, including:

- Work of the 1960's on 'tree pruning' including its involvement in the earliest treatment of that-trace effects
- 'S' deletion' of LGB and its effects for Case, Binding, and movement
- Deletion of 'offending' traces - Subjacency vs. ECP
- Ellipsis, especially 'repair by ellipsis', and circumstances where repair fails.

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