

Sluicing in Persian: A Minimalist Approach¹

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Abstract

In this paper sluicing in Persian Language will be examined. This study introduces two sub-types of clausal ellipsis in this language named sluicing (with an antecedent) and sprouting (without an antecedent). Regarding the different types, their reaction is evaluated to the clausal ellipsis. The Persian evidence confirms that the most popular approach called *Deletion analysis* is not able to answer the grammatical diversity in this language. Thus on the basis of another approach named *Re-use analysis* in Chung's et al framework (2011), sprouting is examined. The hypothesis is that the variety of Persian sentences cannot be responded by depending upon a bare syntactic-structural approach named *deletion* approach. Besides syntactic considerations, pragmatic ones should also be

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mentioned in this language such as argument structure, voice, case system, discourse markers and lexical selection.

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