

'Genuine' Sluicing in Japanese

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There has been a controversy concerning Japanese sluicing whether it is pseudo-sluicing which cleft/copula construction underlies or it is genuine sluicing which results from TP-deletion preceded by *wh*-movement. We argue that although 'sluicing' with sentences involving finite complements are best analyzed as pseudo-sluicing, Japanese also has genuine one, based on a novel set of data that involve sentences that select interrogative non-finite complements. In particular, we show that 'sluicing' with the latter type of sentences behave quite well with respect to various diagnostics that distinguish genuine sluicing from pseudo-sluicing, contrasting them with that with the former type of sentences.