1. Anaphora as a clue to hidden sentence structure
   1(a) Jill blames herself
   1(b) *Jill blames himself
   1(c) *Jill thinks Bob blames herself
   1(d) Mary confronted Marcy all by herself

   John drank the wine on the table. It was brown and round.

3. Anaphora as a clue to hidden discourse structure. Adapted from Sidner [1979].
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   6. They’ve been fundamental to understanding the “new relativity”.

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4. Credited by Grosz and Sidner [1986] to Polanyi and Scha “forthcoming”, although the published versions of Polanyi and Scha that I was able to find give a similar but longer discourse.

4(a) John came by and left the groceries.
4(b) Stop that you kids.
4(c) And I put them away after he left.

5. From Grishman [1986, pg. 157].
A: Do you know when the train to Boston leaves?
B: Yes.
A: I want to know when the train to Boston leaves.
B: I understand.

References


