

Merge and Minimal Search: A Preliminary Sketch from GK to MC and Beyond

In this talk, we start our discussion by reviewing the form and function of Merge under SMT, in particular Minimal Search. We will focus on the problem confronting Chomsky (2021)'s GK system (outlined in "Minimalism: Where are we now, and where can we hope to go", *Gengo Kenkyu*), and the important revision, incorporated in Chomsky (2023)'s MC system (outlined in "The Miracle Creed and SMT", in press). We will elaborate the MC system with new ideas, simplifying a unified analysis of the v*P/CP phases. Our primary goal is to present a preliminary sketch of the generative system from GK to MC, and beyond. This is part of the ongoing joint research with T. Daniel Seely.