

# Pro-drop with and without pronoun\_n\_rel

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# Kinds of pro-drop

- Subjects can go missing, subject to discourse recoverability
- Any argument can go missing, subject to discourse recoverability
- Incorporated pronouns
- Lexically licensed (in)definite null instantiation
- Constructionally licensed null instantiation

# Info to record

- Agreement features (png, animateness, ...)
- Honorification
- Definiteness

- Should all of the types of null instantiation get the same representation?
- Does it matter that pro-drop in some languages corresponds to overt pronouns in others?
- Is anything lost by leaving the ARGn position unlinked to any particular nominal relation?
- What about with RMRS-style argn\_rel?

- If we do put in pronouns, where do we draw the boundaries?

- I'll bet Kim \$5 to \$50 that Sandy wins.

- I'll bet

- What does the pronoun for a dropped clausal argument look like?

- Are we actually talking about different verbs?