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The paper investigates the occurrences of suppletion in German verbal inflection in order to show that apparent unnaturalness of suppletion can be explained within the framework of Natural Morphology.

The notion of scale is used to describe cases of weak and strong suppletion (*ziehen-zogen* vs *sein-war* respectively). It is claimed that suppletive forms are preserved in the language if they occur in semantically defined domain of suppletion, and that suppletion is not a result of token frequency.