

Une perspective morphomique sur les marqueurs de personne du laze

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Introduction

- Laz has an intricate person marking system, with a variety of aspects calling for a purely morphological ('morphomic') analysis.
- Most notably, plain vs. inverse constructions:

(1) *me-g-o-x-e-n*

PV-CPL.2-VAL_ O-sit-TH-SBJ.3SG

'it sits on you (sg)'

(2) *g-i-dzir-u-n*

SBJ.2-VAL_ U-see-TH-CPL.3SG

SUJ.2-VAL_ U-see-TH-CPL.3SG 'you (sg) have seen him'

- Goals:
 - Provide a detailed description of the system
 - Motivate the use of **morphomic features**, as a way of reducing the plain vs. inverse distinction to a morphological reversal
 - Explicit formal analysis in terms of Paradigm Function Morphology

The language Laz

- Belongs to the South Caucasian language family, which also includes Georgian, Mingrelian and Svan
- Spoken in North-East Turkey and South-West Georgia



- Approximately 250,000 speakers (Feurstein 1983).
 - Endangered : speakers under the age of ca. 25 do not speak Laz.
 - Four dialect areas. The data presented here are from the dialect of Arhavi. They are taken from published sources and from René Lacroix's fieldwork.
- 👉 A preliminary analysis of person marking in Arhavi Laz is provided in Lacroix (2009).

The structure of the finite verb

- As other South Caucasian languages, Laz has an intricate conjugation system
- Lacroix (2009): 11 derivational and/or inflectional position classes

preverbs	preverbs	person marking	valency/aspect	root	causative	causative	thematic suffix	TAM	TAM	person marking	TAM/evidentiality
-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<i>ko-</i>	<i>go-</i>	<i>m-</i>	<i>o-</i>	<i>k'untsx</i>	<i>-in</i>		<i>-am</i>	<i>-t'</i>	<i>-i</i>	<i>-t</i>	<i>-doe</i>
PV	PV	CPL.1	VAL1	wake_up	CAUS		TH	PST.IPFV	PST	SBJ.12PL	EVD
‘you(pl.) were waking me up, I’m told’											

- Some position classes host both derivational and inflectional affixes
- In this talk we will only be concerned with the person markers in red

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The plain construction: case marking

- Monovalent verbs take an ergative or absolutive subject

(3) *K'oči-k čind-um-s*
man-ERG sneeze-TH-SBJ.3SG

'The man sneezes.'

(field data)

- Divalent verbs may take:

- An ergative subject and an absolutive complement
- An ergative subject and a dative complement
- An absolutive subject and a dative complement

(4) a. *Bere-k otsxodž me-tk'oč-u*
child-ERG comb[ABS] PV-throw-AOR.SBJ.3SG

'The boy threw the comb.'

(Dumézil 1937, text 1)

b. *Bere-k bozo-s mend-o-tsk'e-s*
child-ERG girl-DAT PV-VAL_O-look_at-SBJ.3SG

'The boy looks at the girl.'

(field data)

c. *Ha t'urva-s čkar mč'adži var n-o-xed-asen*
DEM bag-DAT no fly[ABS] NEG PV-VAL_O-sit-FUT.SBJ.3SG

'No fly will sit on this bag.'

(Dumézil 1967, text XXXV)

The inverse construction: case marking

- Monovalent verbs take a dative subject

(5) *Bozo-s a-škurin-u*
girl-DAT VAL_A-get_afraid-AOR.SBJ.3SG
'The girl got afraid.' (Žghent'i 1938, text 50)

- Divalent verbs take a dative subject and an absolutive complement

(6) *K'oči-s čxomi va a-č'op-u*
man-DAT fish[ABS] NEG VAL_A-take-AOR.SBJ.3SG
'The man could not catch fish.' (field data)

Distribution of the two constructions

Most verbal lexemes are **congruent**:

- If the form is –PERFECT, the plain construction is used.
- If the form is +PERFECT, the inverse construction is used.

TAM	1PL>3SG form of <i>dzir</i> 'see'
present	bdziromt
past imperfective	bdziromt 'it
aurist	bdzirit
future	bdzirat en
present perfect	midzirunan
past perfect	midzirut ' es
subjunctive	bdziromt ' at
optative	bdzirat
past optative	bdzirat 'it

Distribution of the two constructions

A few basic verbs are non-congruent: they use the inverse construction for –PERFECT forms (instead of the expected plain construction)

- (7) *k'oči-s a-škuin-u*
man-DAT VAL_A-fear-AOR.CPL.3SG
'The man was scared.' (field data)

In addition, the potential derivation creates new non-congruent verbs

- (8) *k'oči-s čxomi va a-č'op-u*
man-DAT fish NEG VAL_A-take-AOR.CPL.3SG
'The man could not catch fish.' (field data)

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Person markers in the plain construction

- Verbs agree with both subjects and (direct or indirect) complements.

(9) *m-dzir-om-an*

CPL.1-see-TH-3SG>PL

'He sees us.'

- Monovalent verbs in the plain construction use of a first set of affixes

1SG blalum

2SG lalum

3SG lalums

1PL blalumt

2PL lalumt

3PL laluman

Present of *lal* 'bark'

☞ From now on we will refer to these affixes as **set 1 markers**

Person marking on divalent verbs

- Divalent verbs use the **same set of subject person markers** as monovalent verbs.
- A **second set of affixes** serve as complement person markers.

		COMPLEMENT					
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
SUBJECT	1SG	—	gdzirom	bdzirom	—	gdziromt	bdzirom
	2SG	mdzirom	—	dzirom	mdziromt	—	dzirom
	3SG	mdziroms	gdziroms	dziroms	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroms
	1PL	—	gdziromt	bdziromt	—	gdziromt	bdziromt
	2PL	mdziromt	—	dziromt	mdziromt	—	dziromt
	3PL	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroman	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroman

Present of *dzir* 'see'

NB: some affixes are cumulative Set 1 / Set 2 markers. Deciding what is cumulative and what is not depends on theoretical decisions

Allomorphy in person suffixes

- *-an* alternates with two other suffixes:
 - *-an* is used with class I verbs in the indicative present
 - *-nan* is used with class II and class III verbs in the indicative present
 - *-n* is used elsewhere

		COMPLEMENT					
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
SUBJECT	1SG	—	gdzirom	bdzirom	—	gdziromt	bdzirom
	2SG	mdzirom	—	dzirom	mdziromt	—	dzirom
	3SG	mdziroms	gdziroms	dziroms	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroms
	1PL	—	gdziromt	bdziromt	—	gdziromt	bdziromt
	2PL	mdziromt	—	dziromt	mdziromt	—	dziromt
	3PL	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroman	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroman

Present of *dzir* 'see'

		COMPLEMENT					
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
SUBJECT	1SG	—	megoxe	meboxe	—	megoxet	meboxe
	2SG	memoxe	—	noxex	memoxet	—	noxex
	3SG	memoxen	megoxen	noxen	memoxenan	megoxenan	noxen
	1PL	—	megoxet	meboxet	—	megoxet	meboxet
	2PL	memoxet	—	noxet	memoxet	—	noxet
	3PL	memoxenan	megoxenan	noxenan	memoxenan	megoxenan	noxenan

Present of *meox* 'sit'

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		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
SUBJECT	1SG	—	gdzirom	bdzirom	—	gdziromt	bdzirom
	2SG	mdzirom	—	dzirom	mdziromt	—	dzirom
	3SG	mdziroms	gdziroms	dziroms	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroms
	1PL	—	gdziromt	bdziromt	—	gdziromt	bdziromt
	2PL	mdziromt	—	dziromt	mdziromt	—	dziromt
	3PL	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroman	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroman

Present of *dzir* 'see'

		COMPLEMENT					
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
SUBJECT	1SG	—	gdzira	bdzira	—	gdzirat	bdzira
	2SG	mdzira	—	dzira	mdzirat	—	dzira
	3SG	mdziras	gdziras	dziras	mdziran	gdziran	dziras
	1PL	—	gdzirat	bdzirat	—	gdzirat	bdzirat
	2PL	mdzirat	—	dzirat	mdzirat	—	dzirat
	3PL	mdziran	gdziran	dziran	mdziran	gdziran	dziran

Optative of *dzir* 'see'

Allomorphy in person suffixes

- -s alternates with another suffix:
 - -n is used with class III verbs in the indicative present
 - -s is used elsewhere

		COMPLEMENT					
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
SUBJECT	1SG	—	gdzirom	bdzirom	—	gdziromt	bdzirom
	2SG	mdzirom	—	dzirom	mdziromt	—	dzirom
	3SG	mdziroms	gdziroms	dziroms	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroms
	1PL	—	gdziromt	bdziromt	—	gdziromt	bdziromt
	2PL	mdziromt	—	dziromt	mdziromt	—	dziromt
	3PL	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroman	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroman

Present of *dzir* 'see'

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		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
SUBJECT	1SG	—	megoxe	meboxe	—	megoxet	meboxe
	2SG	memoxe	—	noxex	memoxet	—	noxex
	3SG	memoxen	megoxen	noxen	memoxenan	megoxenan	noxen
	1PL	—	megoxet	meboxet	—	megoxet	meboxet
	2PL	memoxet	—	noxet	memoxet	—	noxet
	3PL	memoxenan	megoxenan	noxenan	memoxenan	megoxenan	noxenan

Present of *meox* 'sit'

Allomorphy in person suffixes

- In the future, full set of suffixes cumulating tense and person marking

		COMPLEMENT					
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
SUBJECT	1SG	—	gdzirom	bdzirom	—	gdziromt	bdzirom
	2SG	mdzirom	—	dzirom	mdziromt	—	dzirom
	3SG	mdziroms	gdziroms	dziroms	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroms
	1PL	—	gdziromt	bdziromt	—	gdziromt	bdziromt
	2PL	mdziromt	—	dziromt	mdziromt	—	dziromt
	3PL	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroman	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroman

Present of *dzir* 'see'

		COMPLEMENT					
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
SUBJECT	1SG	—	gdzirare	bdzirare	—	gdziraten	bdzirare
	2SG	mdzir are	—	dzirare	mdziraten	—	dzirare
	3SG	mdzirasen	gdzirasen	dzirasen	mdziranoren	gdziranoren	dzirasen
	1PL	—	gdziraten	bdziraten	—	gdziraten	bdziraten
	2PL	mdziraten	—	dziraten	mdziraten	—	dziraten
	3PL	m-dziranoren	gdziranoren	dziranoren	mdziranoren	gdziranoren	mdziranoren

Future of *dzir* 'see'

Portmanteau suffixes in the past

- In the past, two portmanteau suffixes corresponding to *-nan* and *-n*

		COMPLEMENT					
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
SUBJECT	1SG	—	gdzirom	bdzirom	—	gdziromt	bdzirom
	2SG	mdzirom	—	dzirom	mdziromt	—	dzirom
	3SG	mdziroms	gdziroms	dziroms	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroms
	1PL	—	gdziromt	bdziromt	—	gdziromt	bdziromt
	2PL	mdziromt	—	dziromt	mdziromt	—	dziromt
	3PL	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroman	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroman

Present of *dzir* 'see'

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		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
SUBJECT	1SG	—	gdziri	bdziri	—	gdzirit	bdziri
	2SG	mdziri	—	dziri	mdzirit	—	dziri
	3SG	mdzir <u>u</u>	gdzir <u>u</u>	dzir <u>u</u>	mdzir <u>es</u>	gdzir <u>es</u>	dzir <u>u</u>
	1PL	—	gdzirit	bdzirit	—	gdzirit	bdzirit
	2PL	mdzirit	—	dzirit	mdzirit	—	dzirit
	3PL	m-dzir <u>es</u>	gdzir <u>es</u>	dzir <u>es</u>	mdzir <u>es</u>	gdzir <u>es</u>	dzir <u>es</u>

Aorist of *dzir* 'see'

The distribution of suffix allomorphy

- Alternate person suffixes always occur in the same 4 zones of the paradigm; giving rise to systematic syncretism
- Two orthogonal dimensions of classification for suffixes: person marking, TAM+class

		COMPLEMENT					
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
SUBJECT	1SG		A		D		A
	2SG						
	3SG		C		B		C
	1PL		D				
	2PL						
	3PL		B				

A: { *are* in the future
 \emptyset elsewhere

B: { *anoren* in the future
 portmanteau *es* in the past
nan in the present, classes II and III
an in the present, class I
n elsewhere

C: { *asen* in the future
 portmanteau *u* in the past
n in the present, class III
s elsewhere

D: { *aten* in the future
t elsewhere

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Person markers in the inverse construction

- As in the plain construction, verbs agree with both subjects and complements.

(10) *b-u-dzir-u-t*
3>1-SUBJ.3.VAL_U-see-TH-CPL.PL
'He has seen us'

- Monovalent verbs recycle Set 2 person markers from the plain construction

1SG **maškurinen**

2SG **gaškurinen**

3SG **aškurinen**

1PL **maškurinenan**

2PL **gaškurinenan**

3PL **aškurinenan**

Present of *aškurin* 'get afraid'

Person marking on divalent verbs

- Set 2 markers register subject agreement, set 1 markers complement agreement

plain construction

—	megoxe	meboxe	—	megoxet	meboxe	
2SG	memoxe	—	noxex	memoxet	—	noxex
3SG	memoxen	megoxen	noxen	memoxenan	megoxenan	noxen
1PL	—	megoxet	meboxet	—	megoxet	meboxet
2PL	memoxet	—	noxet	memoxet	—	noxet
3PL	memoxenan	megoxenan	noxenan	memoxenan	megoxenan	noxenan

inverse construction

1SG	—	midziu	midziun	—	midziut	midziun
2SG	gidziu	—	gidziun	gidziut	—	gidziun
3SG	budziu	udziu	udziun	budziut	udziut	udziun
1PL	—	midziut	midziunan	—	midzi-ut	midziunan
2PL	gidziut	—	gidziunan	gidziut	—	gidziunan
3PL	budziut	udziu	udziunan	budziut	udziut	udziunan

Comparing the two constructions

- Observation: the table is symmetrical, except for the greyed out area
- ☞ This is almost a morphological reversal (Baerman 2007)

plain construction

	1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
1SG	—	g-∅	b-∅	—	g-t	b-∅
2SG	m-∅	—	∅-∅	m-t	—	∅-∅
3SG	m-n	g-n	∅-n	m-nan	g-nan	∅-n
1PL	—	g-t	b-t	—	g-t	b-t
2PL	m-t	—	∅-t	m-t	—	∅-t
3PL	m-nan	g-nan	∅-nan	m-nan	g-nan	∅-nan

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2SG	g-∅	—	g-n	g-t	—	g-n
3SG	b-∅	∅-∅	∅-n	b-t	-t	∅-n
1PL	—	m-t	m-nan	—	m-t	m-nan
2PL	g-t	—	g-nan	g-t	—	g-nan
3PL	b-∅	∅-∅	∅-nan	b-t	∅-t	∅-nan

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2SG	m-∅	—	∅-∅	m-t	—	∅-∅
3SG	m-n	g-n	∅-n	m-nan	g-nan	∅-n
1PL	—	g-t	b-t	—	g-t	b-t
2PL	m-t	—	∅-t	m-t	—	∅-t
3PL	m-nan	g-nan	∅-nan	m-nan	g-nan	∅-nan

inverse construction

	1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
1SG	—	m-∅	m-n	—	m-t	m-n
2SG	g-∅	—	g-n	g-t	—	g-n
3SG	b-∅	∅-∅	∅-n	b-t	-t	∅-n
1PL	—	m-t	m-nan	—	m-t	m-nan
2PL	g-t	—	g-nan	g-t	—	g-nan
3PL	b-∅	∅-∅	∅-nan	b-t	∅-t	∅-nan

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1SG	—	g-∅	b-∅	—	g-t	b-∅	
2SG	m-∅	—	∅-∅	(m-t)	—	∅-∅	
3SG	m-n	g-n	∅-n	m-nan	g-nan	∅-n	
1PL	—	g-t	b-t	—	g-t	b-t	
2PL	m-t	—	∅-t	m-t	—	∅-t	
3PL	m-nan	g-nan	∅-nan	m-nan	g-nan	∅-nan	
		inverse construction					
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
1SG	—	m-∅	m-n	—	m-t	m-n	
2SG	g-∅	—	g-n	g-t	—	g-n	
3SG	b-∅	∅-∅	∅-n	b-t	-t	∅-n	
1PL	—	(m-t)	m-nan	—	m-t	m-nan	
2PL	g-t	—	g-nan	g-t	—	g-nan	
3PL	b-∅	∅-∅	∅-nan	b-t	∅-t	∅-nan	

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1SG	—	g-∅	b-∅	—	g-t	b-∅	
2SG	m-∅	—	∅-∅	(m-t)	—	∅-∅	
3SG	m-n	g-n	∅-n	(m-nan)	g-nan	∅-n	
1PL	—	g-t	b-t	—	g-t	b-t	
2PL	m-t	—	∅-t	m-t	—	∅-t	
3PL	m-nan	g-nan	∅-nan	m-nan	g-nan	∅-nan	
		inverse construction					
1SG	—	m-∅	m-n	—	m-t	m-n	
2SG	g-∅	—	g-n	g-t	—	g-n	
3SG	b-∅	∅-∅	∅-n	b-t	-t	∅-n	
1PL	—	(m-t)	(m-nan)	—	m-t	m-nan	
2PL	g-t	—	g-nan	g-t	—	g-nan	
3PL	b-∅	∅-∅	∅-nan	b-t	∅-t	∅-nan	

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2SG	m-∅	—	∅-∅	(m-t)	—	∅-∅
3SG	m-n	g-n	∅-n	(m-nan)	g-nan	(∅-n)
1PL	—	g-t	b-t	—	g-t	b-t
2PL	m-t	—	∅-t	m-t	—	∅-t
3PL	m-nan	g-nan	∅-nan	m-nan	g-nan	∅-nan
	inverse construction					
1SG	—	m-∅	m-n	—	m-t	m-n
2SG	g-∅	—	g-n	g-t	—	g-n
3SG	b-∅	∅-∅	∅-n	b-t	-t	∅-n
1PL	—	(m-t)	(m-nan)	—	m-t	m-nan
2PL	g-t	—	g-nan	g-t	—	g-nan
3PL	b-∅	∅-∅	(∅-nan)	b-t	∅-t	∅-nan

Comparing the two constructions

- Systematic syncretism between 3SG and 3PL complements
- Both look like SG forms
- Analysis: no number agreement; remove a column

plain construction

	1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
1SG	—	g- \emptyset	b- \emptyset	—	g-t	b- \emptyset
2SG	m- \emptyset	—	\emptyset - \emptyset	m-t	—	\emptyset - \emptyset
3SG	m-n	g-n	\emptyset -n	m-nan	g-nan	\emptyset -n
1PL	—	g-t	b-t	—	g-t	b-t
2PL	m-t	—	\emptyset -t	m-t	—	\emptyset -t
3PL	m-nan	g-nan	\emptyset -nan	m-nan	g-nan	\emptyset -nan

inverse construction

1SG	—	m- \emptyset	m-n	—	m-t	m-n
2SG	g- \emptyset	—	g-n	g-t	—	g-n
3SG	b- \emptyset	\emptyset - \emptyset	\emptyset -n	b-t	-t	\emptyset -n
1PL	—	m-t	m-nan	—	m-t	m-nan
2PL	g-t	—	g-nan	g-t	—	g-nan
3PL	b- \emptyset	\emptyset - \emptyset	\emptyset -nan	b-t	\emptyset -t	\emptyset -nan

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plain construction

	1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
1SG	—	$g-(\bar{\emptyset})$	$b-(\bar{\emptyset})$	—	$g-t$	$b-(\bar{\emptyset})$
2SG	$m-(\bar{\emptyset})$	—	$\emptyset-(\bar{\emptyset})$	$m-t$	—	$\emptyset-(\bar{\emptyset})$
3SG	$m-(\bar{n})$	$g-(\bar{n})$	$\emptyset-(\bar{n})$	$m-nan$	$g-nan$	$\emptyset-(\bar{n})$
1PL	—	$g-t$	$b-t$	—	$g-t$	$b-t$
2PL	$m-t$	—	$\emptyset-t$	$m-t$	—	$\emptyset-t$
3PL	$m-nan$	$g-nan$	$\emptyset-nan$	$m-nan$	$g-nan$	$\emptyset-nan$

inverse construction

1SG	—	$m-\emptyset$	$m-n$	—	$m-t$	$m-n$
2SG	$g-\emptyset$	—	$g-n$	$g-t$	—	$g-n$
3SG	$b-\emptyset$	$\emptyset-\emptyset$	$\emptyset-n$	$b-t$	$-t$	$\emptyset-n$
1PL	—	$m-t$	$m-nan$	—	$m-t$	$m-nan$
2PL	$g-t$	—	$g-nan$	$g-t$	—	$g-nan$
3PL	$b-\emptyset$	$\emptyset-\emptyset$	$\emptyset-nan$	$b-t$	$\emptyset-t$	$\emptyset-nan$

Comparing the two constructions

- Systematic syncretism between 3SG and 3PL complements
- Both look like SG forms
- **Analysis: no number agreement; remove a column**

plain construction

	1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL
1SG	—	g- \emptyset	b- \emptyset	—	g-t
2SG	m- \emptyset	—	\emptyset - \emptyset	m-t	—
3SG	m-n	g-n	\emptyset -n	m-nan	g-nan
1PL	—	g-t	b-t	—	g-t
2PL	m-t	—	\emptyset -t	m-t	—
3PL	m-nan	g-nan	\emptyset -nan	m-nan	g-nan

inverse construction

1SG	—	m- \emptyset	m-n	—	m-t
2SG	g- \emptyset	—	g-n	g-t	—
3SG	b- \emptyset	\emptyset - \emptyset	\emptyset -n	b-t	-t
1PL	—	m-t	m-nan	—	m-t
2PL	g-t	—	g-nan	g-t	—
3PL	b- \emptyset	\emptyset - \emptyset	\emptyset -nan	b-t	\emptyset -t

Summing up

- We have three phenomena to account for:
 - Plain vs. inverse opposition, construed as a morphological reversal
 - Syncretism between 3PL and 3SG complement agreement affixes, construed as a failure of agreement
 - Intricate distribution of person markers
- A number of solutions have been proposed for related phenomena in Georgian (e.g. Harris, 1981; Anderson, 1984, 1986, 1992; Halle & Marantz, 1993; Stump, 2001; Stewart 2001)
 - none of these is fully satisfactory
 - the Laz facts are subtly different
- We attempt a new approach:
 - Person markers do not realize directly agreement features; rather, they realize **morphomic** features related to agreement features by FCRs.
 - As a result, no heterodox formal apparatus is needed to account for the distribution of person markers. . .
 - . . . and inversion can be implemented with a simple rule of referral.

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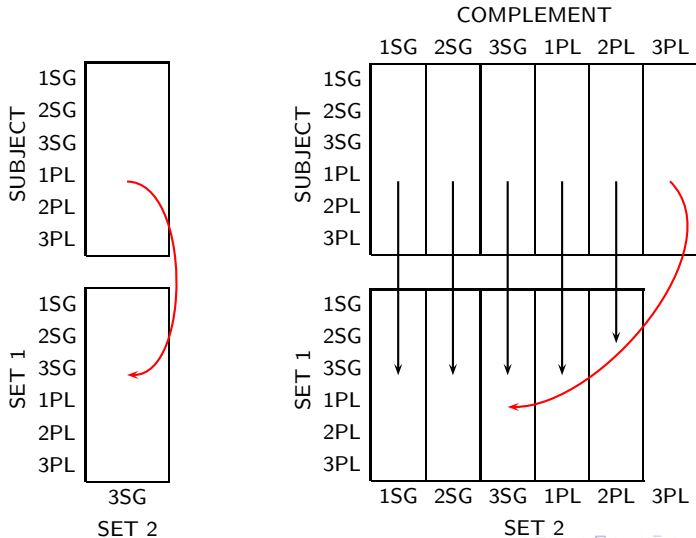
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Morphomic features

- We assume there is a discrepancy between the actual features of subjects and complements and the features realized by morphology
- We postulate two auxiliary features SETI and SETII
- These features mediate the relationship between true morphosyntactic properties and morphological exponents
- ☞ They are purely morphological, or **morphomic** features (Stump, 2005; Corbett & Baerman, 2006; Bonami & Boyé, 2008).
- Technically:
 - The list-valued ARG-ST feature registers morphosyntactic properties of arguments, in obliqueness order.
 - This list is related to SET-I and SET-II by Feature Cooccurrence Restrictions (Gazdar *et al.* 1985).
 - Realization rules realize SET-I and SET-II, not ARG-ST.

Relating features

- Morphosyntactic and morphological features are related by Feature Cooccurrence Restrictions

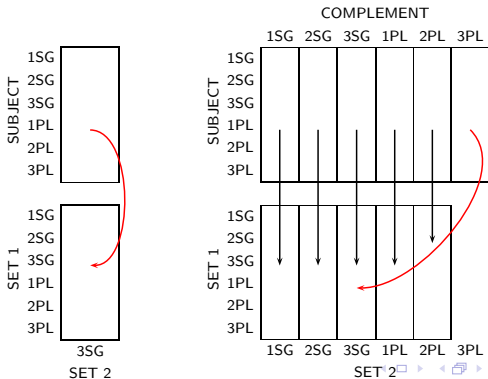


Relating features

- Morphosyntactic and morphological features are related by Feature Cooccurrence Restrictions

- Technically:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ARG-ST } \langle \phi, \dots \rangle \Rightarrow \text{SET1 } \phi \\ \text{ARG-ST } \langle \phi \rangle \Rightarrow \text{SET2 } \{\text{PER } 3, \text{NB } sg\} \\ \text{ARG-ST } \langle \phi, \{\text{PER } \tau\}, \dots \rangle \Rightarrow \text{SET2 } \{\text{PER } \tau\} \\ \text{ARG-ST } \langle \phi, \{\text{PER } 3\}, \dots \rangle \Rightarrow \text{SET2 } \{\text{NB } sg\} \\ \neg \text{ARG-ST } \langle \phi, \{\text{PER } 3\}, \dots \rangle \Rightarrow (\text{ARG-ST } \langle \phi, \{\text{NB } pl\}, \dots \rangle \Leftrightarrow \text{SET2 } \{\text{NB } pl\}) \end{array} \right.$$



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Accounting for person prefixes

- The situation is analogous to that in Georgian (Anderson 1992):
 - m** is the exponent of 1st person complement agreement
 - g** is the exponent of 2nd person complement agreement
 - b** is the exponent of 1st person subject agreement
- ⇒ extrinsic rule ordering (Anderson 1992, Halle & Marantz 1993) or multiple modes of rule application (Stump, 2001)
- Under our assumptions, this is not necessary: intransitives have no complement, but they have a SET2 specification.
 - $X_{\text{verb}, \sigma} : \{\text{SET2 } 1\} \rightarrow \mathbf{m}X$
 - $X_{\text{verb}, \sigma} : \{\text{SET2 } 2\} \rightarrow \mathbf{g}X$
 - $X_{\text{verb}, \sigma} : \{\text{SET1 } 1, \text{SET2 } 3\} \rightarrow \mathbf{b}X$

		SET 2				
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL
SET 1	1SG	—	g dzirom	b dzirom	—	g dziromt
	2SG	m dzirom	—	dzirom	m dziromt	—
	3SG	m dziroms	g dziroms	dziroms	m dziroman	g dziroman
	1PL	—	g dziromt	b dziromt	—	g dziromt
	2PL	m dziromt	—	dziromt	m dziromt	—
	3PL	m dziroman	g dziroman	dziroman	m dziroman	g dziroman

Accounting for person suffixes

- When we look at the future, a clear Pāinian pattern is apparent:

	SET 2					
	1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
SET 1	1SG —	gdzirare	bdzire	—	gdzraten	
	2SG mdzir are	—	dzir are	mdzraten	—	
	3SG mdzir asen	gdzir asen	dzir asen	mdzir anoren	gdzir anoren	
	1PL —	gdzraten	bdzraten	—	gdzraten	
	2PL mdzraten	—	dzraten	mdzraten	—	
	3PL m-dzir anoren	gdzir anoren	dzir anoren	mdzir anoren	gdzir anoren	

Future of *dzir* 'see'

- $X_{\text{verb}, \sigma} : \{\text{SET1 } 3\text{sg}, \text{SET2 } \text{sg}, \text{TNS } \text{fut}\} \rightarrow X_{\text{are}}$
- $X_{\text{verb}, \sigma} : \{\text{SET1 } 3, \text{TNS } \text{fut}\} \rightarrow X_{\text{anoren}}$
- $X_{\text{verb}, \sigma} : \{\text{SET1 } 3\text{sg}, \text{SET2 } \text{sg}, \text{TNS } \text{fut}\} \rightarrow X_{\text{asen}}$
- $X_{\text{verb}, \sigma} : \{\text{TNS } \text{fut}\} \rightarrow X_{\text{aten}}$

Accounting for person suffixes

- Other subparadigms have the exact same structure:

		SET 2					
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
SET 1	1SG	A			D		
	2SG	C			B		
	3SG	D					
	1PL						
	2PL						
	3PL	B					

- However this structure is masked by the fact that zone A is characterized by an absence of suffix

- Candidate sets of rules for the present of class I verbs:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 X_{\text{verb}, \sigma} : \{\text{SET1 sg}, \text{SET2 sg}\} \rightarrow X \\
 X_{\text{verb}, \sigma} : \{\text{SET1 3}\} \rightarrow X_{\text{an}} \\
 X_{\text{verb}, \sigma} : \{\text{SET1 3sg}, \text{SET2 sg}\} \rightarrow X_{\text{s}} \\
 X_{\text{verb}, \sigma} : \{\} \rightarrow X_{\text{t}}
 \end{array}
 \left|
 \begin{array}{l}
 X_{\text{verb}, \sigma} : \{\text{SET1 3}\} \rightarrow X_{\text{an}} \\
 X_{\text{verb}, \sigma} : \{\text{SET1 3sg}, \text{SET2 sg}\} \rightarrow X_{\text{s}} \\
 X_{\text{verb}, \sigma} : \{\text{SET1 12pl}\} \rightarrow X_{\text{s}} \\
 X_{\text{verb}, \sigma} : \{\text{SET1 12sg}, \text{SET2 12pl}\} \rightarrow X_{\text{s}}
 \end{array}
 \right.$$

☞ Tension between

- the presumption that the null suffix is the default
- the presumption that rule competition should be Pāṇinian

A solution: gangs of rules

- Our solution: group rules affecting the same zone in gangs, modelled as unordered rule blocks (Stump 2001, chap. 5)

SET 2

1SG 2SG 3SG 1PL 2PL 3PL

1SG	A		D		D	
2SG	C		B		B	
3SG	D					D
1PL	B					B
2PL						
3PL						

$X_{\text{verb}, \sigma : \{\text{SET1 sg}, \text{SET2 sg}\}} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : A$

$X_{\text{verb}, \sigma : \{\text{SET1 3}\}} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : B$

$X_{\text{verb}, \sigma : \{\text{SET1 3sg}, \text{SET2 sg}\}} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : C$

$X_{\text{verb}, \sigma : \{\}} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : D$

$A : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} X_{\text{verb}, \sigma : \{\text{TNS fut}\}} \rightarrow X_{\text{are}} \\ \text{Identity function default} \end{array} \right.$

$B : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} X_{\text{verb}, \sigma : \{\text{TNS fut}\}} \rightarrow X_{\text{anoren}} \\ X_{\text{verb}, \sigma : \{\text{TNS prs}\}} \rightarrow X_{\text{nans}} \\ X_{\text{I}, \sigma : \{\text{TNS prs}\}} \rightarrow X_{\text{an}} \\ X_{\text{verb}, \sigma : \{\}} \rightarrow X_{\text{n}} \end{array} \right.$

$C : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} X_{\text{verb}, \sigma : \{\text{TNS fut}\}} \rightarrow X_{\text{asen}} \\ X_{\text{III}, \sigma : \{\text{TNS prs}\}} \rightarrow X_{\text{n}} \\ X_{\text{verb}, \sigma : \{\}} \rightarrow X_{\text{s}} \end{array} \right.$

$D : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} X_{\text{verb}, \sigma : \{\text{TNS fut}\}} \rightarrow X_{\text{aten}} \\ X_{\text{verb}, \sigma : \{\}} \rightarrow X_{\text{t}} \end{array} \right.$

Evaluation

- We need a few more rules; but
- We capture directly the recurrent structure of subparadigms
- We avoid the use of a non-default identity function

Sample analyses

To be realized:

$$\langle \text{LAL}, \{ \text{PRF } -, \text{TNS } \textit{prs}, \text{ARG-ST } \langle 1\textit{pl} \rangle \} \rangle$$

Consequences of FCRs:

$$\langle \text{LAL}, \{ \text{INV } -, \text{SET1 } 1\textit{pl}, \text{SET2 } 3\textit{sg}, \dots \} \rangle$$

Applicable prefix rules:

$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \text{SET1 } 1, \text{SET2 } 3 \} \rightarrow \mathbf{b}X$$

Applicable suffix rules:

$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \text{SET1 } \textit{sg}, \text{SET2 } \textit{sg} \} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : A$$
$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \text{SET1 } 3 \} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : B$$
$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \text{SET1 } 3\textit{sg}, \text{SET2 } \textit{sg} \} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : C$$
$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : D$$

Referred to:

$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \} \rightarrow X\mathbf{t}$$

Final form: blalumt

To be realized:

$$\langle \text{DZIR}, \{ \text{PRF } -, \text{TNS } \textit{prs}, \text{ARG-ST } \langle 3\textit{sg}, 3\textit{pl} \rangle \} \rangle$$

Consequences of FCRs:

$$\langle \text{DZIR}, \{ \text{INV } -, \text{SET1 } 3\textit{sg}, \text{SET2 } 3\textit{sg}, \dots \} \rangle$$

Applicable prefix rules:

none

Applicable suffix rules:

$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \text{SET1 } \textit{sg}, \text{SET2 } \textit{sg} \} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : A$$
$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \text{SET1 } 3 \} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : B$$
$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \text{SET1 } 3\textit{sg}, \text{SET2 } \textit{sg} \} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : C$$
$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : D$$

Referred to:

$$X, \sigma : \{ \} \rightarrow X\mathbf{s}$$

Final form: dziroms

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Almost a reversal...

- Remember the situation: in terms of subjects and complements, almost a morphological reversal.

	plain construction (subject/complement)					
	1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
1SG	—	g-∅	b-∅	—	g-t	b-∅
2SG	m-∅	—	∅-∅	(m-t)	—	∅-∅
3SG	m-n	g-n	∅-n	(m-nan)	g-nan	(∅-n)
1PL	—	g-t	b-t	—	g-t	b-t
2PL	m-t	—	∅-t	m-t	—	∅-t
3PL	m-nan	g-nan	∅-nan	m-nan	g-nan	∅-nan
	inverse construction (subject/complement)					
1SG	—	m-∅	m-n	—	m-t	m-n
2SG	g-∅	—	g-n	g-t	—	g-n
3SG	b-∅	∅-∅	∅-n	b-t	-t	∅-n
1PL	—	(m-t)	(m-nan)	—	m-t	m-nan
2PL	g-t	—	g-nan	g-t	—	g-nan
3PL	b-∅	∅-∅	(∅-nan)	b-t	∅-t	∅-nan

Almost a reversal...

- We dealt with this by discarding the last column at the interface:
 - ☞ {CPL 3p/} forms correspond to {SET2 3sg} cells, not {SET2 3p/} cells.

plain construction (interface)

	1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL
1SG	—	g-∅	b-∅	—	g-t
2SG	m-∅	—	∅-∅	(m-t)	—
3SG	m-n	g-n	∅-n	(m-nan)	g-nan
1PL	—	g-t	b-t	—	g-t
2PL	m-t	—	∅-t	m-t	—
3PL	m-nan	g-nan	∅-nan	m-nan	g-nan

inverse construction (interface)

1SG	—	m-∅	m-n	—	m-t
2SG	g-∅	—	g-n	g-t	—
3SG	b-∅	∅-∅	∅-n	b-t	-t
1PL	—	(m-t)	(m-nan)	—	m-t
2PL	g-t	—	g-nan	g-t	—
3PL	b-∅	∅-∅	(∅-nan)	b-t	∅-t

... really a reversal

- But in fact, the rule system given above **does** generate {SET2 3*p*}, although these are not used in plain constructions.

		plain construction (set1/set2)					
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
1SG	—	g-∅	b-∅	—	g-t	b-∅	
2SG	m-∅	—	∅-∅	(m-t)	—	∅-∅	
3SG	m-n	g-n	∅-n	(m-nan)	g-nan	(∅-nan)	
1PL	—	g-t	b-t	—	g-t	b-t	
2PL	m-t	—	∅-t	m-t	—	∅-t	
3PL	m-nan	g-nan	∅-nan	m-nan	g-nan	∅-nan	
		inverse construction (set1/set2)					
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
1SG	—	m-∅	m-n	—	m-t	m-nan	
2SG	g-∅	—	g-n	g-t	—	g-nan	
3SG	b-∅	∅-∅	∅-n	b-t	-t	∅-nan	
1PL	—	(m-t)	(m-nan)	—	m-t	m-nan	
2PL	g-t	—	g-nan	g-t	—	g-nan	
3PL	b-∅	∅-∅	(∅-nan)	b-t	∅-t	∅-nan	

The solution

- Thus inversion can be modelled as a **full morphological reversal**
- Global portmanteau rule (all rule blocks):

$$X_{\text{verb}, \sigma} : \{\text{INV } +, \text{SET1 } \phi, \text{SET2 } \psi\} \longrightarrow \\ \langle X, \sigma / \{\text{INV } -, \text{SET1 } \psi, \text{SET2 } \phi\} \rangle : \text{all blocks}$$

- Crucially, the reversal be formulated in terms of SET1 and SET2, **not** in terms of ARG-ST.

Sample analyses

To be realized:

$$\langle \text{DZIR}, \{ \text{PRF } +, \text{TNS } \textit{prs}, \text{ARG-ST } \langle 2\textit{sg}, 3\textit{sg} \rangle \} \rangle$$

Consequences of FCRs:

$$\langle \text{DZIR}, \{ \text{INV } +, \text{SET1 } 2\textit{sg}, \text{SET2 } 3\textit{sg}, \dots \} \rangle$$

Referred to (by inversion):

$$\langle \text{DZIR}, \{ \text{INV } -, \text{SET1 } 3\textit{sg}, \text{SET2 } 2\textit{sg}, \dots \} \rangle$$

Applicable prefix rules:

$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \text{SET2 } 2 \} \rightarrow \mathbf{g}X$$

Applicable suffix rules:

$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \text{SET1 } \textit{sg}, \text{SET2 } \textit{sg} \} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : A$$
$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \text{SET1 } 3 \} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : B$$
$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \text{SET1 } 3\textit{sg}, \text{SET2 } \textit{sg} \} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : C$$
$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : D$$

Referred to:

$$X_{\text{III}}, \sigma : \{ \text{TNS } \textit{prs} \} \rightarrow X_{\mathbf{n}}$$

Final form: gidziu \mathbf{n}

To be realized:

$$\langle \text{DZIR}, \{ \text{PRF } +, \text{TNS } \textit{prs}, \text{ARG-ST } \langle 3\textit{pl}, 3\textit{sg} \rangle \} \rangle$$

Consequences of FCRs:

$$\langle \text{DZIR}, \{ \text{INV } +, \text{SET1 } 3\textit{pl}, \text{SET2 } 3\textit{sg}, \dots \} \rangle$$

Referred to (by inversion):

$$\langle \text{DZIR}, \{ \text{INV } -, \text{SET1 } 3\textit{sg}, \text{SET2 } 3\textit{pl}, \dots \} \rangle$$

Applicable prefix rules:

none

Applicable suffix rules:

$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \text{SET1 } \textit{sg}, \text{SET2 } \textit{sg} \} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : A$$
$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \text{SET1 } 3 \} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : B$$
$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \text{SET1 } 3\textit{sg}, \text{SET2 } \textit{sg} \} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : C$$
$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \} \rightarrow \langle X, \sigma \rangle : D$$

Referred to:

$$X_{\text{verb}}, \sigma : \{ \text{TNS } \textit{prs} \} \rightarrow X_{\mathbf{nan}}$$

Final form: udziu \mathbf{nan}

Conclusions

- To account for the Laz plain/inverse relationship, we postulate Morphomic features (see also Bonami & Boyé, 2008):
 - features that mediate the relation between morphosyntax and realization
 - can not be reduced to morphosyntactic features with multiple interpretations (Stump 2005)
 - are a distinct type of morphological features (Corbett & Baerman, 2006):
 - Distinct from lexeme classes: correspond to collections of forms
 - Distinct from form classes: the current features help specify the overall organization of the paradigm rather than local syncretisms
- Benefits:
 - No need for disjunctive rule ordering (Anderson, 1992), expanded mode for rule application (Stump 2001)
 - The whole system can be described in a formally conservative, streamlined version of PFM
 - Interfaces directly with a strongly lexicalist (e.g. LFG or HPSG) syntactic analysis
 - Straightforward DATR implementation (available on demand)

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		COMPLEMENT					
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
SUBJECT	1SG	—	gdzirom	bdzirom	—	gdziromt	bdzirom
	2SG	mdzirom	—	dzirom	mdziromt	—	dzirom
	3SG	mdziroms	gdziroms	dziroms	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroms
	1PL	—	gdziromt	bdziromt	—	gdziromt	bdziromt
	2PL	mdziromt	—	dziromt	mdziromt	—	dziromt
	3PL	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroman	mdziroman	gdziroman	dziroman

Present of *dzir* 'see' in Laz

		COMPLEMENT					
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
SUBJECT	1SG	—	mogk'lav	movk'lav	—	mogk'lavt	movklav
	2SG	momk'lav	—	mok'lav	mogvk'lav	—	mok'lav
	3SG	momk'lavs	mogk'lavs	mok'lavs	mogvk'lavs	mogk'lavt	mok'lavs
	1PL	—	mogk'lavt	movk'lavt	—	mogk'lavt	movk'lavt
	2PL	momk'lavt	—	mok'lavt	mogvk'lavt	—	mok'lavt
	3PL	momk'laven	mogk'laven	mok'laven	mogvk'laven	mogk'laven	mok'laven

Future of Georgian *mo-k'lav* 'kill' (Aronson 1990: 171)