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Syntactic models in the agglutinative language (Based on Korean and Turkish)

Abstract

The article aims to perform a typological analysis of the syntactic subsystem of 2 modern agglutinative languages: Turkish and Korean, in particular, to describe three types of their basic patterns of syntactic structures, which, according to formal logic, are characteristic of all languages of the world: (i) copulative, (ii) predicative, (iii) attributive (in its varieties). These patterns were analyzed in detail in the works of G. P. Melnikov, and after him – V. G. Guzev in relation to the Turkic languages. With regard to Korean, despite typological similarity with Turkic languages, such a description has not yet been made. Specialized literature analysis shows that the Korean syntactic terminological apparatus is poorly developed. We take the Turkish syntactic terminological apparatus developed by Prof. V. G. Guzev as a framework due to obvious syntactic similarity of the two languages as presented in the article. A comparative analysis carried out in this study has shown that generally, syntactic structures in Korean and Turkish demonstrate typological similarities with some language-specific differences. The following similarities were discovered: first, similar word order in attributive patterns, second, high productivity of pattern components introduced by verbal-nominal forms, third, lexically expressed syntactical subject usually placed before lexically expressed syntactical predicate. Many differences were found for the category of Participle. Furthermore, in Korean, unlike in Turkish, there are morphological means to mark Theme and Rheme. We believe that the proposed model of syntactic description is productive for Korean, and this opens a new way to study it as an agglutinative language.

Keywords: languages of agglutinative type, syntax, syntactic structural pattern, Korean language, Turkish language

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