

Accentual Analysis of CSI Deverbatives: Consonantal Stems

This paper consists of an analysis of Common Slavic (CSI) deverbatives and their deriving verbs. The aim is to study the correlations of the accentuation types (APs) between deverbatives and the verbal stems. The deverbatives analyzed in this work are all masculine nouns, grouped into four accentual Slavic paradigms: AP-A, AP-B, AP-C, and AP-D. The verbs are grouped according to the auslaut of the CSI verbal stem in the present tense; the auslaut of the deverbatives is also considered. Previous work on that topic (Shrager 2015) looked at the CSI verbal stems with sonorants (liquids, nasals, j-stems) and vowels. The comparison of the verbs and the deverbatives showed that CSI verbal stems with dominant roots, form deverbatives with either AP-A, AP-B or AP-D; verbal stems with recessive roots form deverbatives of type AP-C. Thus, the findings demonstrated a direct type of dominancy correlations for most of the groups. In the current paper, only consonantal stems are analyzed. The analysis of this group is complicated by the fact that the CSI final consonant might originate from a former suffix which has altered the resulting accentual type upon being added to the verbal stem. To establish the dominancy correlations, the material is carefully studied and examined against data from CSI, Balto-Slavic, and Indo-European reconstructions. The theoretical framework used in this work is the one developed by the Moscow Accentological School and traditional IE comparative linguistics (e.g., Dybo et al 1993, Nikolaev and Starostin 1982, and others).

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