Sumsgiwa

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1 Introduction

2 Typology

2.1 Word Order

The default sentence structure in Sumsgiwa is VAP/VS (VSO). Negative clauses are AVP/SV (SVO), and nouns can be topicalized by moving them to the front of the clause.

2.2 Morphological Typology

2.2.1 Synthesis

Sumsgiwa is a somewhat polysynthetic language, with many morphemes occurring in each word.

2.2.2 **Fusion**

Sumsgiwa is highly agglutinative, with most morphemes having only one meaning.

2.2.3 Morphological Processes

Sumsgiwa inflects its words mostly through the use of prefixes. There are also a few suffixes and stem modifications.

3 Phonology

3.1 Consonants

| | Bila | bial | Alve | eolar | Posta | lveolar | Palatal | Labiovelar | Ve | lar |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---|---|---|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Plosive | [p ^h] /p/ /p> | [b] /b/ ⟨b⟩ | [t ^h] /t/ ⟨t⟩ | [d] /d/ (d) | | | | | [k ^h] /k/ ⟨k⟩ | [g] /g/ ⟨g⟩ |
| Nasal | | [m] /m/ ⟨m⟩ | | [n] /n/ ⟨n⟩ | | | | | | [ŋ] /ŋ/ ⟨ñ⟩ |
| Fricative | | | [s] /s/ ⟨s⟩ | [z] /z/ ⟨z⟩ | [ʃ] /ʃ/ ⟨š⟩ | [3] /3/ ⟨ž⟩ | | | | |
| Approximant | | | | | | | [j] /j/ ⟨y⟩ | [w] /w/ ⟨w⟩ | | |
| Affricate | | | $ \begin{array}{c c} \widehat{(ts)} \\ /\widehat{(ts)} \\ \langle c \rangle \end{array} $ | $\begin{array}{c c} \widehat{(\mathrm{d}z]} \\ /\widehat{\mathrm{d}z}/\\ \langle \dot{z} \rangle \end{array}$ | $ \begin{array}{c c} \widehat{[tf]} \\ \widehat{/tf}/\\ \langle \check{c} \rangle \end{array} $ | $[\widehat{\mathrm{d}_3}]$ $/\widehat{\mathrm{d}_3}/$ $\langle \mathrm{j} angle$ | | | | |

3.2 Vowels

| | Front | Back |
|-------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| | [i] | [u] |
| Close | /i/ | /u/ |
| | $\langle \mathrm{i} angle$ | $\langle \mathrm{u} \rangle$ |
| | $[e \sim \epsilon]$ | [o] |
| Mid | /e/ | /o/ |
| | $\langle e \rangle$ | $\langle o \rangle$ |
| | [a] | |
| Open | /a/ | |
| | $\langle a \rangle$ | |

3.3 Syllable Structure

Syllables in Sumsgiwa consist of an onset, a nucleus, and a rhyme. Most syllables are open. Syllable possibilities:

```
CV(N) \\ C = p, b, t, d, k, g, m, n, \tilde{n}, s, z, \check{s}, \check{z}, y, w, c, \dot{z}, \check{c}, j \\ V = i, u, e, o, a \\ N = m, n, \tilde{n} \\ \\ SPV(N) \\ S = s, \check{s} \\ P = b, d, g \\ V = i, u, e, o, a \\ N = m, n, \tilde{n} \\
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3.4 Stress

Stress always falls on the penultimate syllable of the word stem and does not move when prefixes or suffixes are added.

4 Grammar

4.1 Parts of Speech

4.1.1 Nouns

4.1.1.1 Noun Phrases

Noun phrases are structured as follows:

[Adposition]
[Ordinal]
Case-NOUN STEM-[Augmentative/Diminutive]
[Adjective(s)]
[Comparative]
[Cardinal/Quantifier]
[Demonstrative]
[Genitive]
[Relative Phrase]

[] = optional part of noun phrase

4.1.1.2 Noun Cases

There are 5 cases in Sumsgiwa indicated using prefixes:

Nominative nom Subject of an intransitive verb

Ergative erg Agent of a transitive verb

Accusative acc Patient of a transitive verb

Dative dat Indirect object of a verb

Genitive gen Modifier of another noun

| Nominative NOM | ⟨ja⟩- |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Ergative ERG | ⟨di⟩- |
| Accusative ACC | ⟨ša⟩- |
| Dative DAT | ⟨šo⟩- |
| Genitive GEN | $\langle \mathrm{ne} \rangle$ - |

4.1.1.3 Gender

There are 3 genders, and nouns are categorized purely through semantics, rather than through phonology or spelling.

Human h Humans, body parts, nouns relating to language

Animate an Animals, thoughts

Inanimate inan Objects, plants, fungi

Both adjectives and verbs must agree with nouns in gender.

4.1.2 Verbs

4.1.2.1 Verb Phrases

Verb phrases are structured as follows:

[Question Particle] Mood-Aspect-VERB STEM-Gender of S-Gender of A-Gender of P [Adverb(s)]

= optional part of verb phrase

4.1.2.2 Mood

Verbs have 4 moods marked using prefixes:

Indicative ind Default, all realis statements

Optative opt Wishes, hopes, and desires

Deontic deo How things "ought" to be

Subjunctive sjv All other irrealis statements

| Indicative IND | Ø- or $\langle s \rangle$ - | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Optative OPT | ⟨šd⟩- | |
| Deontic deo | ⟨šuč⟩- | |
| Subjunctive sjv | ⟨y⟩- | |

Imperative statements use the deontic mood. [See 4.3.3 Imperatives]

4.1.2.3 Aspect

Verbs have 4 aspects marked with prefixes:

Perfective pfv Complete action as a single event in time

Habitual hab Habitual actions (repetition over multiple occasions)

Iterative iter Repeated actions (repetition at a single occasion)

Progressive prog Action in progress at a specific time (incl. continuous)

| Perfective PFV | -Ø- or -⟨e⟩- | |
|------------------|----------------------|--|
| Habitual HAB | -(ini)- | |
| Iterative ITER | -\langle i \rangle - | |
| Progressive Prog | -(a)- | |

4.1.2.4 Agreement with Nouns

Verbs agree with their subject, agent, and patient arguments in gender.

4.1.2.4.1 Subject Gender

| Human H | -(po) | |
|----------------|--------|--|
| Animate AN | -(žu) | |
| Inanimate INAN | -(šbi) | |

4.1.2.4.2 Agent Gender

| Human H | -(jo)- | |
|----------------|---------|--|
| Animate AN | -(če)- | |
| Inanimate INAN | -(sba)- | |

4.1.2.4.3 Patient Gender

| Human н | $-\langle pon \rangle$ | |
|----------------|------------------------|--|
| Animate AN | -(šum) | |
| Inanimate INAN | -(žo) | |

4.1.3 Adjectives

Adjectives are structured as follows:

Case-ADJECTIVE STEM-Gender

4.1.3.1 Agreement with Nouns

Adjectives agree with the nouns they modify in case and gender.

4.1.3.1.1 Case

| Nominative NOM | ⟨ča⟩- | |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Ergative ERG | ⟨ti⟩- | |
| Accusative ACC | ⟨ša⟩- | |
| Dative DAT | ⟨šo⟩- | |
| Genitive GEN | $\langle \mathrm{ne} \rangle$ - | |

4.1.3.1.2 Gender

| Human H | -(po) | |
|----------------|--------|--|
| Animate AN | -(žu) | |
| Inanimate INAN | -{šbi} | |

4.1.4 Adverbs

Adverb structure:

Aspect-ADVERB STEM $\,$

or

ADVERB STEM-Gender

4.1.4.1 Agreement with Verbs

Adverbs follow the verbs they modify and agree with them in aspect.

4.1.4.1.1 Aspect

| Perfective PFV | Ø- | |
|------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Habitual нав | ⟨ni⟩- | |
| Iterative ITER | $\langle \text{neye} \rangle$ - | |
| Progressive Prog | ⟨na⟩- | |

4.1.4.2 Agreement with Adjectives

Adverbs follow the adjectives they modify and agree with them in gender.

4.1.4.2.1 Gender

| Human H | -(po) | |
|----------------|------------------------|--|
| Animate AN | -(šu) | |
| Inanimate INAN | $-\langle šbe \rangle$ | |

4.1.5 Pronouns

There are different pronoun forms for each of the 5 cases. Pronouns in Sumsgiwa distinguish between 1st person exclusive and 1st person inclusive, and there are 3 politeness levels for 2nd person pronouns. In addition, there are 3 sets of pronouns for each of the 3 genders.

First person exclusive 1ex 1st person, excluding the hearer

First person inclusive 1 in 1st person, including the hearer

Second person polite 2pol 2nd person, used in formal or neutral circumstances

Second person humiliative 2hum 2nd person, used when speaking to figures of authority, elders, etc.

Second person familiar 2fam 2nd person, used when speaking to friends and/or family members

Third person 3 3rd person

4.1.5.1 Human

| | Nomin- ative NOM | Ergative ERG | Accusative ACC | Dative DAT | Genitive GEN |
|---|---------------------|--------------|----------------|--|-----------------|
| First person exclusive 1EX | (yem) | (ya) | (yu) | (yeżo) | ⟨yañi⟩ |
| First person inclusive 11N | (žem) | ⟨ža⟩ | ⟨žu⟩ | ⟨žeżo⟩ | ⟨žiñi⟩ |
| Second person polite 2POL | (jišbem) | (jišba) | (jišbu) | (jiżo) | ⟨jiši⟩ |
| Second person humiliative 2HUM | (żešbem) | (żešba) | (żešbu) | \langle zežo \rangle | (żeši) |
| Second person familiar 2FAM | ⟨šbem⟩ | ⟨šba⟩ | ⟨šbu⟩ | \(\rightarrow\rightarr | ⟨šbiñi⟩ |
| Third person 3 | ⟨čem⟩ | ⟨ča⟩ | ⟨ču⟩ | ⟨čużo⟩ | ⟨čañi⟩ |

4.1.5.2 Animate

| | Nomin- | Ergative | Accusative | Dative | Genitive |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | ative NOM | ERG | ACC | DAT | GEN |
| Second person 2 | ⟨consi⟩ | (consan) | $\langle conso \rangle$ | ⟨sonsuče⟩ | (consuči) |
| Third person 3 | \langle si \rangle | \lankar \ | $\langle so \rangle$ | ⟨suče⟩ | (suči) |

4.1.5.3 Inanimate

| | Nomin- | Ergative | Accusative | Dative | Genitive |
|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | ative NOM | ERG | ACC | DAT | GEN |
| Third person 3 | (yo) | $\langle zin \rangle$ | ⟨je⟩ | \langle sayo \rangle | \langle zeyo \rangle |

4.1.6 Adpositions

Sumsgiwa uses prepositions that take uninflected nouns. The prepositional phrases follow the verb. However, some functions usually covered by adpositions in other languages are covered by the dative case.

4.2 Noun and Noun-Phrase Operations

4.2.1 Noun-Noun Compounding

Nouns are compounded by juxtaposition, with the new combined form inflected as one word.

4.2.2 Denominalization

There are two ways nouns can be verbalized, with different meanings. In both cases, morphological changes are applied to the uninflected forms of the nouns.

The prefix $\langle do \rangle$ - converts the noun into a verb meaning "to become [noun]."

The prefix $\langle ke \rangle$ - changes the noun into a verb that means "to have [noun]."

4.2.3 Adjectivization

A noun can take adjectival case and gender markings to become an adjective meaning "similar to [noun]."

4.2.4 Determiners

4.2.4.1 Demonstratives

Demonstratives agree with the nouns they modify in gender, and are split into 3 categories. They go after the nouns they modify.

Proximal prox Close to the speaker

Medial med Close to the listener

Distal dist Far from both the speaker and the listener

| | Proximal Prox | Medial MED | Distal dist |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Human H \(\langle \text{ke\sii} \rangle | | \langle zišgo \rangle | $\langle simsbe \rangle$ |
| Animate AN | $\langle \mathrm{gunzin} \rangle$ | ⟨sgaku⟩ | $\langle \mathrm{densi} \rangle$ |
| Inanimate INAN | $\langle { m dazo} angle$ | (yezi) | ⟨šosu⟩ |

Sumsgiwa does not have demonstrative pronouns, so it uses a demonstrative adjective and a generic noun to specify the same meaning.

4.3 Verb and Verb-Phrase Operations

4.3.1 Negation

When verbs are negated, the first consonant of the verb stem changes from a voiced consonant to an unvoiced one, or vice versa, and the clause-level word order changes from VAP/VS (VSO) to AVP/SV (SVO). If the initial consonant is $\langle y \rangle$ or $\langle w \rangle$, it becomes $\langle n \rangle$, $\langle m \rangle$, or $\langle \tilde{n} \rangle$, and vice versa. Which one the consonant becomes is unpredictable and must be memorized on a per-word basis.

4.3.2 Interrogatives

4.3.2.1 Yes/No Questions

Yes/no questions are marked by placing the question particle (šgezu) at the beginning of the sentence.

4.3.2.2 Content Questions

Content questions use the same interrogative marker as yes/no questions, (šgezu), but also use the following question words in situ:

| Nominative Noun | (sensu) | |
|-----------------------|----------|--|
| Ergative Noun | (senyu) | |
| Accusative Noun | (senge) | |
| Dative Noun | (senbi) | |
| Genitive Noun | (senžo) | |
| Time Adverb | (šanbi) | |
| Location Adverb | (šanzim) | |
| Manner Adverb | (šanže) | |
| Purpose/Reason Adverb | (šansum) | |

4.3.3 Imperatives

Imperatives are in the deontic mood and have either the imperative particle $\langle sesum \rangle$ or the negative imperative particle $\langle dosika \rangle$ in front of the sentence. When the speaker is telling the hearer to do something, the agent is dropped and the patient goes into the nominative case.

When both the agent and patient are present in the sentence, the speaker is telling the hearer to ask the agent to perform the action.

4.3.3.1 Polite Imperatives

Polite imperatives use the optative mood instead of the deontic mood. Additionally, the agent is explicitly expressed using either the second person polite 2POL or second person humiliative 2HUM pronouns.

4.3.4 Causatives

Causatives in Sumsgiwa are marked with the prefix $\langle kaga \rangle$ - on the fully-inflected verb. The tense/aspect inflections are still for the action itself rather than for causing the action. The causer takes the ergative case while the causee will take either the accusative or dative cases. The dative case is when the causee has little agency in the situation, while the accusative case is when they have some amount of agency.

4.3.5 Possessor Raising

Intransitive verbs with possessed subjects can be expressed as transitive verbs with the possessee as the agent and the possessor as the patient.

4.3.6 Argument Omission

Any argument of a verb can be omitted as long as the omitted noun is clear from context.

4.3.7 Verb Compounding

4.3.7.1 Noun Incorporation

4.3.7.1.1 Subject/Agent Incorporation

Subjects and agents are incorporated by moving their uninflected forms before the verb stem. Any prefixes that go on the verb will move to before the incorporated noun.

4.3.7.1.2 Patient Incorporation

Patients are incorporated by moving their uninflected forms after the verb stem. Any suffixes the verb may take will go after the incorporated patient.

4.3.7.2 Verb-Verb Incorporation

Verbs are compounded by juxtaposition, with inflections applied to the new combined word.

4.3.8 Nominalization

4.3.8.1 Action Nominalization

Action nominalization is achieved by adding case markings onto the uninflected form of the verb.

4.3.8.2 Agent/Subject Nominalization

Sumsgiwa nominalizes the typical agent or subject of a verb by adding the prefix $\langle juzi \rangle$ - to its uninflected form.

4.3.8.3 Patient Nominalization

The typical patients of verbs are nominalized by adding the suffix $-\langle soku\tilde{n} \rangle$ to the verbs' uninflected forms.

4.3.8.4 Instrument Nominalization

Sumsgiwa nominalizes the typical instruments of a verb by adding the suffix $-\langle \text{sodise} \rangle$ to its uninflected form.

4.3.8.5 Location Nominalization

Sumsgiwa nominalizes the typical locations where a verb happens by adding the suffix $\langle \text{gomsa} \rangle$ to its uninflected form.

4.3.8.6 Product Nominalization

Sumsgiwa nominalizes the typical products of the action represented by a verb by adding the suffix $-\langle \text{sigo} \rangle$ to its uninflected form.

4.4 Clause Operations

4.4.1 Left-Dislocation

Any argument of a verb can be left-dislocated by adding the suffix $-\langle sugu \rangle$.

4.4.2 Cleft Constructions

Sumsgiwa has cleft constructions consisting of the noun phrase, the predicate nominal copula [See 4.5.2 Predicate Nominals], and a headless relative clause [See 4.6.3 Relative Clauses], in that order.

4.5 Simple Sentences

4.5.1 Simple Declarative Sentences

Simple declarative sentences in Sumsgiwa are expressed with VAP/VS word order. Transitive verbs agree with both the agent and patient, and intransitive verbs agree with the subject

[See 4.1.2.4 Agreement with Nouns].

4.5.2 Predicate Nominals

Predicate nominals use a defective copula COP verb, $\langle se \rangle$, that inflects for mood but not aspect or gender. These constructions encompass proper inclusion, where something is asserted to be among the class specified by the nominal predicate, and equative clauses, where two things are asserted to be the same.

4.5.3 Predicate Adjectives

Predicate adjectives in Sumsgiwa consist of the noun and properly inflected adjective juxtaposed with each other, with no copular verbs or particles.

4.5.4 Predicate Locatives

Predicate locative constructions use the locative adposition, $\langle \tilde{s}im \rangle$, as a defective verb, inflecting it for mood but not for aspect or gender.

4.5.5 Existentials

Existentials use the same copular verb as predicate nominals, $\langle se \rangle$, and also only inflect it for mood.

4.5.6 Possessive Clauses

Possessive clauses use the same verb as predicate locatives, $\langle \check{\text{sim}} \rangle$, also only inflected for mood. The possessor is placed in the genitive case.

4.6 Clause Combinations

4.6.1 Complement Clauses

Sumsgiwa forms complement clauses by adding a case-marking prefix onto the verb.

4.6.2 Adverbial Clauses

Adverbial clauses use an adposition combined with a relative clause. The adposition, word expressing the function of the adverbial clause, and relativizer are shortened into one word.

4.6.3 Relative Clauses

Relative clauses come after the head noun. They are introduced with the relativizer $\langle \check{\text{su}}\check{\text{zon}} \rangle$ and use a pronoun retention strategy for case recoverability. All clause elements can be relativized.

4.6.4 Coordination

4.6.4.1 Conjunction

There is no special morphosyntax for conjunction, with clauses simply juxtaposed next to each other. So, any two clauses in Sumsgiwa can be said to be conjoined.

4.6.4.2 Disjunction

Disjunction is expressed with the particle $\langle zi\check{s}e \rangle$ inserted between the two clauses.

5 Quantifiers

5.1 Numerals

There are 3 numeral systems in Sumsgiwa, each modifying a different gender of noun. The inanimate numerals are used for counting.

5.1.1 Human

Numerals modifying human nouns are base 8.

| Octal | Decimal | Sumsgiwa |
|---------|------------------|---|
| 08 | 0_{10} | (punžon) |
| 1_8 | 1 ₁₀ | $\langle \check{z} \tilde{a} \tilde{n} e \rangle$ |
| 28 | 2 ₁₀ | ⟨šite⟩ |
| 3_{8} | 3 ₁₀ | $\langle \check{\mathrm{z}}\mathrm{oye} \rangle$ |
| 48 | 4_{10} | $\langle \mathrm{da\check{z}i} \rangle$ |
| 58 | 5 ₁₀ | $\langle \mathrm{kindu} \rangle$ |
| 68 | 610 | ⟨šoku⟩ |
| 7_8 | 7 ₁₀ | ⟨pažu⟩ |
| 108 | 8 ₁₀ | ⟨yesa⟩ ⟨žayeša⟩ |
| 118 | 9 ₁₀ | ⟨yesa žañe⟩ ⟨žayeša žañe⟩ |
| 128 | 10 ₁₀ | ⟨yesa šite⟩ ⟨žayeša šite⟩ |
| | | |
| 208 | 16 ₁₀ | \(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\) |
| 218 | 17 ₁₀ | ⟨šiyeša žañe⟩ |
| | | |

| Octal | Decimal | Sumsgiwa |
|------------------|-------------------|---|
| 308 | 24 ₁₀ | \(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\ |
| 40_{8} | 32_{10} | $\langle dayesa \rangle$ |
| 508 | 40_{10} | $\langle kinyesa \rangle$ |
| 60_{8} | 48 ₁₀ | \(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\)\(\ |
| 708 | 56_{10} | $\langle payesa \rangle$ |
| | | |
| 1008 | 64 ₁₀ | $\langle { m 	ilde{z}emdo} angle \ \langle { m 	ilde{z}azemdo} angle$ |
| 101 ₈ | 65_{10} | <pre> ⟨žemdo puyesa žañe⟩ ⟨žazemdo puyesa žañe⟩</pre> |
| 1028 | 66 ₁₀ | ⟨žemdo puyesa šite⟩ ⟨žazemdo puyesa šite⟩ |
| | | |
| 110 ₈ | 72 ₁₀ | ⟨žemdo yesa⟩ ⟨žazemdo žayeša⟩ |
| 120 ₈ | 80 ₁₀ | ⟨žemdo šiyeša⟩ ⟨žazemdo šiyeša⟩ |
| | | • • • |
| 200_{8} | 128_{10} | $\langle \check{	ext{s}} izemdo angle$ |
| 300_{8} | 19210 | $\langle { m zozemdo} \rangle$ |
| 400_{8} | 256_{10} | $\langle { m da \check{z} em do} \rangle$ |
| 500_{8} | 320_{10} | $\langle { m ki\check{z}emdo} angle$ |
| 600_{8} | 384 ₁₀ | $\langle sozemdo \rangle$ |
| 700_{8} | 448 ₁₀ | $\langle { m pa\check{z}emdo} \rangle$ |

5.1.2 Animate

Numerals modifying animate nouns are base 10.

| Decimal | Sumsgiwa |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 0_{10} | \(\zeta\times\u\) |
| 1 ₁₀ | $\langle gasdi \rangle$ |
| 2 ₁₀ | $\langle dosde \rangle$ |
| 3 ₁₀ | $\langle \check{ m sikim} angle$ |
| 410 | (beku) |

| Decimal | Sumsgiwa | | |
|-------------------|---|--|--|
| 510 | \(\rangle \text{cinsi} \rangle \) | | |
| 610 | \(\) \(\) \(\) \(\) \(\) \(\) \(\) \(\) | | |
| 7 ₁₀ | \langle kišge \rangle | | |
| 810 | (žiso) | | |
| 9 ₁₀ | $\langle \mathrm{zenbe} \rangle$ | | |
| 10 | $\langle { m kumsgi} \rangle$ | | |
| 10_{10} | $\langle { m gakumsgi} \rangle$ | | |
| 11 ₁₀ | $\langle \text{kumsgi gasdi} \rangle$ | | |
| 1110 | (gakumsgi gasdi) | | |
| 12 ₁₀ | $\langle \text{kumsgi dosde} \rangle$ | | |
| 1210 | $\langle gakumsgi dosde \rangle$ | | |
| | | | |
| 20 ₁₀ | $\langle dokumsgi \rangle$ | | |
| 21 ₁₀ | (dokumsgi gasdi) | | |
| | ••• | | |
| 30_{10} | $\langle \check{ m sikumsgi} angle$ | | |
| 40_{10} | $\langle bekumsgi \rangle$ | | |
| 50_{10} | $\langle { m cikumsgi} \rangle$ | | |
| 60_{10} | $\langle { m \check{s}asgumsi} \rangle$ | | |
| 70_{10} | \langle kišgumsi \rangle | | |
| 80 ₁₀ | ⟨žikumsgi⟩ | | |
| 90 ₁₀ | $\langle { m zekumsgi} \rangle$ | | |
| | | | |
| 100 ₁₀ | (dužo) | | |
| 10010 | (gadužo) | | |
| 101 ₁₀ | (dužo žakumsgi gasdi) | | |
| 10110 | (gadužo žakumsgi gasdi) | | |
| 102_{10} | (dužo žakumsgi dosde) | | |
| - 10 | (dužo žakumsgi dosde) | | |
| | | | |
| 110_{10} | ⟨dužo kumsgi⟩ | | |
| 10 | ⟨gadužo gakumsgi⟩ | | |
| 120_{10} | ⟨dužo dokumsgi⟩ | | |
| | (gadužo dokumsgi) | | |
| | | | |

| Decimal | Sumsgiwa |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| 200_{10} | (dodužo) |
| 300_{10} | ⟨šiduzo⟩ |
| 400_{10} | ⟨bedužo⟩ |
| 50010 | (cidužo) |
| 600 ₁₀ | (šaduzo) |
| 70010 | \langle kidužo \rangle |
| 80010 | (židuzo) |
| 90010 | (zedužo) |

5.1.3 Inanimate

Numerals modifying inanimate nouns are base 12.

| Dozenal | Decimal | Sumsgiwa | |
|------------------|------------------|--|--|
| 0_{12} | 010 | $\langle kamda \rangle$ | |
| 1_{12} | 1 ₁₀ | ⟨šudo⟩ | |
| 2_{12} | 2 ₁₀ | ⟨kiše⟩ | |
| 3 ₁₂ | 3 ₁₀ | \(\)češin\(\) | |
| 4 ₁₂ | 410 | (sgonti) | |
| 5_{12} | 5 ₁₀ | \(\) žago\(\) | |
| 612 | 610 | \langle pižu \rangle | |
| 7_{12} | 7 ₁₀ | \(\)šdeke\(\) | |
| 8 ₁₂ | 810 | $\langle { m semdum} \rangle$ | |
| 9_{12} | 9 ₁₀ | (cuše) | |
| X12 | 10 ₁₀ | ⟨šodu⟩ | |
| ξ_{12} | 11 ₁₀ | $\langle \check{ m z} u { m dan} angle$ | |
| 10_{12} | 12 ₁₀ | ⟨boša⟩ ⟨šubosa⟩ | |
| 11 ₁₂ | 13 ₁₀ | ⟨boša šudo⟩ ⟨šubosa šudo⟩ | |
| 12_{12} | 14 ₁₀ | ⟨boša kiše⟩ ⟨šubosa kiše⟩ | |
| | | | |
| 20_{12} | 24 ₁₀ | (kiboša) | |
| 21_{12} | 25_{10} | ⟨kiboša šudo⟩ | |

| Dozenal | Decimal | Sumsgiwa | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| | | | |
| 30_{12} | 36_{10} | (čeboša) | |
| 40_{12} | 48 ₁₀ | ⟨sgoboša⟩ | |
| 50_{12} | 60_{10} | (žabosa) | |
| 60_{12} | 72_{10} | (piboša) | |
| 70_{12} | 84 ₁₀ | $\langle \check{s}debo\check{s}a \rangle$ | |
| 80_{12} | 96 ₁₀ | $\langle { m sempo\check{s}a} \rangle$ | |
| 90_{12} | 108_{10} | $\langle { m cubosa} \rangle$ | |
| $\chi 0_{12}$ | 120_{10} | ⟨šobosa⟩ | |
| $\xi 0_{12}$ | 132_{10} | ⟨žubosa⟩ | |
| | | | |
| 100_{12} | 144_{10} | $\langle \text{ko}\check{\text{s}}\text{im}\rangle$ | |
| 10012 | 14410 | \(\section\)suko\(\section\) | |
| 101_{12} | 145_{10} | (košim kamposa šudo) | |
| 10112 | 1 1010 | (šukošim kamposa šudo) | |
| 102 ₁₂ | 146 ₁₀ | (košim kamposa kiše) | |
| 12 | | (šukošim kamposa kiše) | |
| | | | |
| 110_{12} | 156 ₁₀ 168 ₁₀ | (košim boša) | |
| | | ⟨šukošim šubosa⟩ | |
| 120_{12} | | (košim kiboša) | |
| | | ⟨šukošim kiboša⟩ | |
| 200 ₁₂ | 288 ₁₀ | /kirosim\ | |
| $\frac{200_{12}}{300_{12}}$ | 432_{10} | (kigosim) | |
| $\frac{300_{12}}{400_{12}}$ | 576_{10} | \langle \text{čekošim} \rangle \text{/srckosim} \rangle | |
| 500_{12} | 720_{10} | \langle sgokosim \rangle \langle \tilde{zakosim} | |
| 600_{12} | 864 ₁₀ | ⟨zakosim⟩ ⟨pikošim⟩ | |
| 700_{12} | 1008_{10} | \pirosim/ \sidegesim\ | |
| 800 ₁₂ | 1152_{10} | \semgošim\ | |
| 900_{12} | 1296_{10} | \semgosim\rangle \cukosim\rangle | |
| $\frac{900_{12}}{\chi 00_{12}}$ | 1290_{10} 1440_{10} | , , | |
| | | (šokošim) | |
| $\xi 00_{12}$ | 1584_{10} | \(\zeta\text{ukosim}\) | |

5.2 D-Quantifiers

D-quantifiers agree with nouns in gender.

| | Human H | Animate AN | Inanimate INAN |
|------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| none/zero | $\langle zosi \rangle$ | $\langle \mathrm{sodi} \rangle$ | $\langle { m \check{s}ugi} angle$ |
| some/a few | \dinsu\ | (pošu) | $\langle { m \check{c}ogi} angle$ |
| many/most | (šesbun) | $\langle \mathrm{sbeso} \rangle$ | $\langle \text{šbase} \rangle$ |
| all/every | \(\zerta\)iże\(\zerta\) | ⟨kašo⟩ | \langle zešo \rangle |

5.3 A-Quantifiers

Explicit A-quantifiers are not applicable to perfective and progressive aspects.

| Meaning | TAM | Adverb |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| usually/often | Positive Habitual | |
| usually doesn't/ only rarely | Negative Habitual | |
| always | Positive Habitual | \langle siyuži \rangle |
| never | Positive Habitual | $\langle { m ke} \check{ m zin} angle$ |
| Specified number of repetitions | Positive Iterative | ⟨žedun⟩ + INAN numeral |

6 Lexicon

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1W3hW0CICs0Jzt5hmA5ESs0ZLXcQeZ_dR1PPZJA39RSg/edit?usp=sharing

piše /piʃe/ $adj. \bullet$ sad. **duzo** /duzo/ $adj. \bullet$ wild, barbaric.

pode /pode/ an. n. • cat. **dušam** /duʃam/ h. n. • person, human.

biše /biʃe/ inan. n. • table. dem /dem/ adp. • inside.

tunžu /tunzu/ $adj. \bullet$ happy. desige /desige/ $adv. \bullet$ again.

težu
ñ /teʒuŋ/ inan. n. • everywhere. **do** /do/ adp. • toward.

dugaša /duga $\int a/inan.$ n. • rainwater. **došbi** /do $\int bi/v.$ • to stop, to finish.

dożešo /dodzeso/ $v. \bullet to jump.$

kiši /ki \int i/ inan. n. • light.

 $\mathbf{ku} / \mathbf{ku} / v. \bullet$ to go.

kuše /ku∫e/ adv. • slowly.

 $ke\tilde{n} / ke\eta / adv. \bullet now.$

kešde /ke∫de/ inan. n. • there (medial, near listener). Can refere to specifc place or anywhere near speaker depending on context. In contrast to ⟨sbiža⟩and ⟨žanti⟩.

kešgi /ke \int gi/ v. • to roll.

keše /keʃe/ adv. • in the past, a long time ago.

ginsbu /ginsbu/ $v. \bullet$ to rise.

getu /getu/ adv. • soon.

gažesu /gaʒesu/ an. n. • animal.

 $\tilde{\mathbf{n}}$ izu /ŋizu/ v. • walk (of an animal).

s- /s/ aff. • indicative verb.

sbiža /sbiʒa/ inan. n. • here (proximal). Can refere to specific place or anywhere near speaker depending on context. In contrast to ⟨kešde⟩and ⟨žanti⟩.

sinzi /sinzi/ v. • to come.

sukin /sukin/ adj. • bright.

-šbi /∫bi/ aff. • verb with inanimate subject.

šbedim /∫bedim/ adv. • tomorrow.

šikunso / jikunso / inan. $n. \bullet ball.$

šemdin / \int emdin/ h. n. • baby.

šo $/\int o/v$. • to look, to see.

šonyu / \int on $\widehat{d_3}$ u/ v. • to fall.

šožidu / \int ozidu/ v. • to play.

-žu /ʒu/ aff. • verb with animate subject.

-žu /ʒu/ aff. • animate adjective.

žege /3ege/ $inan. n. \bullet sky.$

 $\mathbf{\check{z}ojem} / 300 \widehat{3}em / inan. n. \bullet sun.$

žam /3am/ adp. • to (a location).

žanti /ʒanti/ inan. n. • there (distal, far from both listener and speaker). Can refer to specific place or anywhere near speaker depending on context. In contrast to ⟨sbiža⟩and ⟨kešde⟩.

ci $/\widehat{\text{tsi}}/$ $adp. \bullet$ away from.

 $\dot{\mathbf{z}}\mathbf{e}/\widehat{\mathrm{dze}}/v. \bullet \text{ to give.}$

 $\overleftarrow{\mathbf{co}}/\widehat{\mathbf{tfo}}/$ adp. \bullet surrounded by, inside.

čošdaže $/\widehat{t}$ jojdaze/ v. • to shout, to yell.

šede / $\int ede/h$. $n. \bullet child$.

kiže /kiʒe/ h. n. • boy.

sožašbe /so
3a ∫be/ v. • to cooperate.

ča- $/\widehat{t}$ aff. • nominative adjective.

ja- $/\widehat{d_{3}}a/$ aff. • nominative noun.

i- /i/ aff. • perfective verb.

a- /a/ $af\!f\!.$ \bullet progressive verb.

7 Translations

7.1 Conlang Syntax Test Cases

https://web.archive.org/web/20130603121930/http://fiziwig.com/conlang/syntax_tests.html

- (CSTC.1) sini9e4a9di9jeMSakiSi siniżesbažo dižojem šakiši s- ini- że -sba -žo di- žojem ša- kiši IND-HAB-give-INAN-INAN ERG-sun ACC-light "The sun shines." (lit. "The sun gives light.")
- (CSTC.2) ក្តីកំម្លាំជុំគ្នាច្នាំមួន šgezu siniżesbažo dižojem šakiši šgezu s- ini- że -sba -žo di- žojem ša- kiši YN HAB-PROG-give-INAN-INAN ERG-sun ACC-light "Does the sun shine?" (lit. "Does the sun give light?")
- (CSTC.3) นติศิตต์ ๆ ต้อยผู้ผู้ seżesbažo dižojem šakiši s- e- że -sba -žo di- žojem ša- kiši IND-PFV-give-INAN-INAN ERG-sun ACC-light "The sun shone." (lit. "The sun gave light.")
- (CSTC.5) ម្នាំគ្នាប្រជុំគ្នាម្នៃម្នៃ sażesbažo dižojem šakiši s- a- $\dot{z}e$ -sba - $\dot{z}o$ di- $\dot{z}ojem$ ša- kisi IND-PROG-give-INAN-INAN ERG-sun ACC-light "The sun has been shining." (lit. "The sun has been giving light.")
- (CSTC.6) ម្មីក្តីជាតិម្ហាធ្លឺក្នុងម៉ូម៉ូម៉ូមូ
 sażesbažo nadesige dižojem šakiši
 s- a- że -sba -žo na- desige di- žojem ša- kiši
 IND-PROG-give-INAN-INAN PROG-again ERG-sun ACC-light
 "The sun is shining again." (lit. "The sun is giving light again.")

(CSTC.8) ម្ហាំពុំគ្នាច្នាម្នាក់ពុំគ្នាច្នាម្នាំ siniżesbažo nasukin dižojem šakiši s- ini- że -sba -žo na- sukin di- žojem ša- kiši IND-HAB-give-INAN-INAN PROG-bright ERG-sun ACC-light "The sun shines brightly." (lit. "The sun gives light brightly.")

(CSTC.9) មួយជុំគ្នាប្រជុំម្នាប់ក្នុង ប្រជាជាធ្វើ នៅ sinizesbažo tisukinšbi dižojem šakiši s- ini- że -sba -žo ti- sukin -šbi di- žojem ša- kiši IND-HAB-give-INAN-INAN ERG-bright-INAN ERG-sun ACC-light "The bright sun shines." (lit. "The bright sun gives light.")

$(\mathrm{CSTC}.10)$ មហ្គាក់ប្រាធិម្មាធិប្រជុំម sasinzišbi nakeñ jažojem s- a- sinzi-sibi na- ken ja- zojem IND-PROG-come-INAN PROG-now NOM-sun "The sun is rising now." (lit. "The sun is coming now.")

(CSTC.12) பிர்ப்பிடியிகுட்டி čošdažepo jadušam diñšu Ø- Ø- čošdaže -po ja- dušam diñšu IND-PFV-shout -H NOM-person some.H "Some of the people shouted."

(CSTC.13) արժինիանիանին արկանին անձան sesbun sičošdažepo žedun kiše jadušam šesbun s- i- čošdaže-po žedun kiše ja- dušam šesbun IND-ITER-shout -H times two.INAN NOM-person many.H "Many of the people shouted twice."

(CSTC.14) பூற்கிர்நீர்க்கும் இதற்கு கூறி siničošdažepo jadušam čatunžupo s- ini- čošdaže-po ja- dušam ča- tunžu -po IND-HAB-shout -H NOM-person NOM-happy-H "Happy people often shout."

(CSTC.15) ก็ตุ้นตุ้นตุ้นตุ้นตุ้นตุ้นตุ้นตุ้น dożesożu dożege japode čašinžežu ∅- ∅- dożešo-žu do- žege ja- pode ča- šinže -žu IND-PFV-jump -AN toward-sky NOM-cat NOM-very_young-AN "The kitten jumped up."

(CSTC.19) 日本資本資本 Sonyušbi jadugaša Ø- Ø- šonyu-šbi ja- dugaša IND-PFV-fall -INAN NOM-rainwater "The rain came down." (lit. "Rainwater fell.")

(CSTC.21) 『『中華年神神神神』 došbi-šonyušbi jadugaša Ø- Ø- došbi-šonyu-šbi ja- dugaša IND-PFV-stop- fall -INAN NOM-rainwater "The rain has stopped."

(CSTC.22) ៧ជី៤ #ជុំពុំពុំពុំពុំគ្មឹម្មិ došbi-šonyušbi getu jadugaša Ø- Ø- došbi-šonyu-šbi Ø- getu ja- dugaša IND-PFV-stop- fall -INAN PFV-soon NOM-rainwater "Soon the rain will stop."

(CSTC.23) កំពង់ ្រង់ពុំពុំពុំពុំធុំធ្ងៃ šdedošbi-šonyušbi getu jadugaša šd- e- došbi-šonyu-šbi Ø- getu ja- dugaša OPT-PFV-stop- fall -INAN PFV-soon NOM-rainwater "I hope the rain stops soon."

(CSTC.25) ปะโตๆ ปี ผู้โตนีโตน์ ซึ่ง sašojožo nakuše ča šatežuñ s- a- šo -jo-žo na- kuše ča ša- težuñ IND-PROG-look-H-INAN PROG-slowly 3.H.ERG ACC-everywhere "Slowly she looked around."

(CSTC.26) படிகிந்திக்கி sesum šučekupo sesum šuč- e- ku-po IMP DEO-PFV-go-H "Go away!"

(CSTC.27) рффф šdekupo žem *šd- e- ku-po žem* ОРТ-РFV-go-H 1IN.H.NOM "Let's go!"

(CSTC.28) 填填填荷貨車 šučekupo jišbem šuč- e- ku-po jišbem DEO-PFV-go-H 2POL.H.NOM "You should go."

(CSTC.29) ជុំចំពុំម្នាំជុំ yekupo tunžu y- e- ku-po Ø- tunžu SBJV-PFV-go-H PFV-happily "I will be happy to go." (lit. "I will go happily.")

(CSTC.30) ப்பூசிற்றிய் yesinzipo getu čem y- e- sinzi-po Ø- getu čem SBJV-PFV-come-H PFV-soon 3.H.NOM "He will arrive soon."

(CSTC.31) 增貨資金 中央 (CSTC.31) 格式 (CSTC.31) 格式

(CSTC.32) ម្នាច្ចាំកំពុង្គចំង្គ្រា sasožašbepo jakiže šite s- a- sožašbe -po ja- kiže šite IND-PROG-cooperate-H NOM-boy two.H "The two boys are working together."