

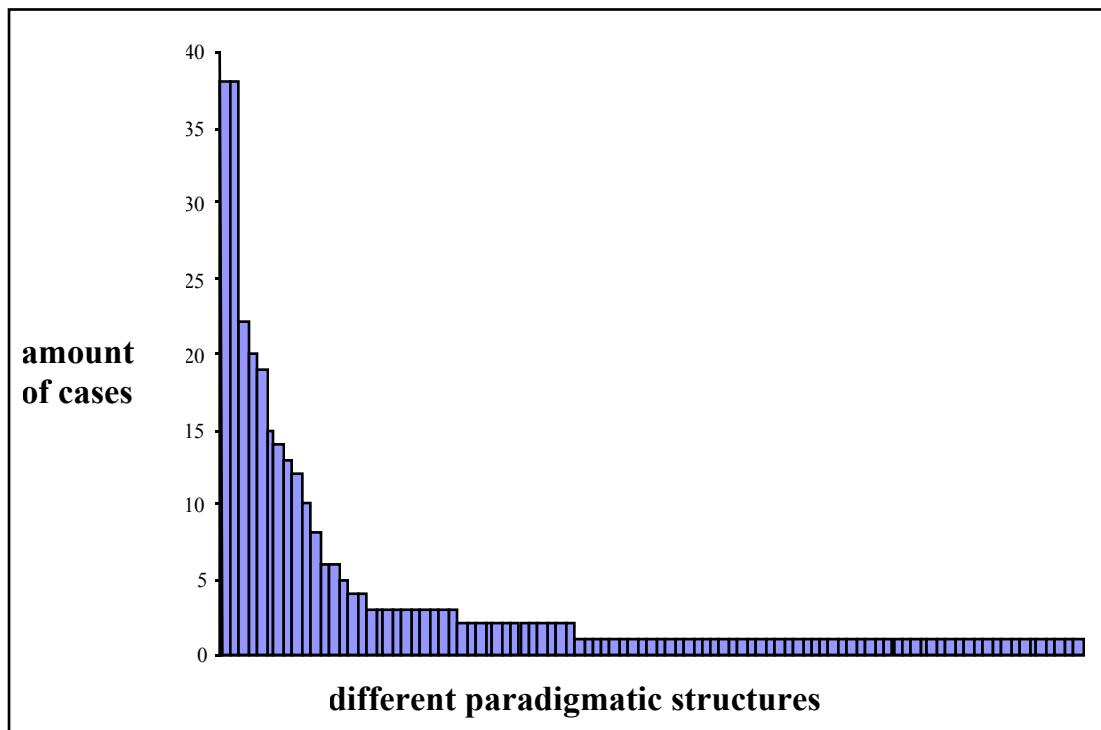
Zur Vielfalt sprachlicher Personmarkierung

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1. Introduction

Figure 1.1. Continuum of variation



2. Method

Figure 2.1. Conceptual framework for person marking

	singular	non-singular	
			minimal inclusive
		I+2	augmented inclusive
		I+2+3	
speaker	I	I+3	exclusive
addressee	2	2+3	second person plural
other	3	3+3	third person plural

inclusive

first person plural

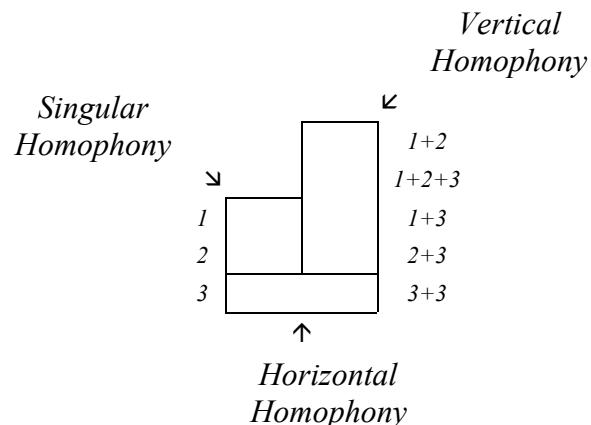
Figure 2.2. Latin present suffixes

			I+2
		...-mus	I+2+3
1	...-o		I+3
2	...-s	...-tis	2+3
3	...-t	...-unt	3+3

Figure 2.3. Kunimaipa perfective suffixes (Pence, 1968; Geary, 1977)

			I+2
		...-ho	I+2+3
1	...-ho		I+3
2	...-ngi	...-gi	2+3
3		...-ha	3+3

Figure 2.4. Different kinds of homophony (syncretism)



3. Singular homophony

Figure 3.1. Dutch present suffixes (without inversion)

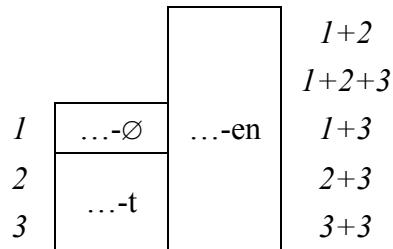


Figure 3.2. Spanish imperfect suffixes

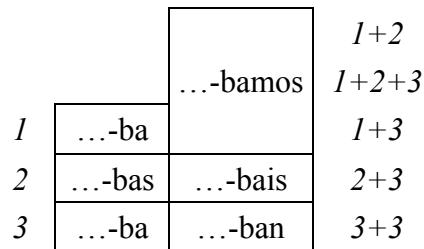


Figure 3.3. English present suffixes

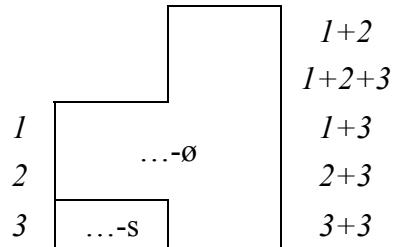


Figure 3.4. Different kinds of singular homophony

	homophony	zeros	cases
2 = 3	no zeros:	4	
	first is zero:	2	14
	non-first is zero:	8	
1 = 3	no zeros:	4	
	second is zero:	—	9
	non-second is zero:	5	
1 = 2	no zeros:	4	
	third is zero:	2	8
	non-third is zero:	2	

Almost all inflectional; (possible) exceptions: Qawesqar (Alacalufan: Clairis, 1985; 1: *ce*, 2/3: *caw*), Winnebago (Siouan: Lipkind 1945; 1/2: *nee*, 3: *ʔee*)

4. Vertical (Non-singular) homophony

Figure 4.1. Slave object pronouns (*Athabascan*: Rice, 1989: 253, 431).

			<i>I+2</i>
		<i>naxi</i>	<i>I+2+3</i>
<i>I</i>	<i>sɪ</i>		<i>I+3</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>ni</i>		<i>2+3</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>?edɪ</i>	<i>?egedi</i>	<i>3+3</i>

Figure 4.2. Shuswap intransitive suffixes (Salish: Kuipers, 1974: 45, 59).

			<i>I+2</i>
		<i>...-ət</i>	<i>I+2+3</i>
<i>I</i>	<i>...-wn</i>	<i>...-əs</i>	<i>I+3</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>...-əx°</i>	<i>...-əp</i>	<i>2+3</i>
<i>3</i>		<i>...-əs</i>	<i>3+3</i>

Figure 4.3. Vertical homophony without an inclusive/exclusive opposition

Vertical Homophony	Number of cases	% Inflectional
1+2/3, 2+3	16	62.5%
1+2/3, 3+3	10	78.9%
2+3, 3+3	9	
1+2/3, 2+3, 3+3	6	100%
Total	41	75.6%

Figure 4.4. Vertical homophony with an inclusive/exclusive opposition

Vertical Homophony	Number of cases	% Inflectional
inclusive and 2+3	5	77.8%
exclusive and 3+3	4	
inclusive and 3+3	2	
exclusive and 2+3	1	
2+3 and 3+3	1	100%
1+2+3, 1+3 and 2+3	1	
Total	14	85.7%

5. Horizontal homophony

Figure 5.1. English independent pronouns

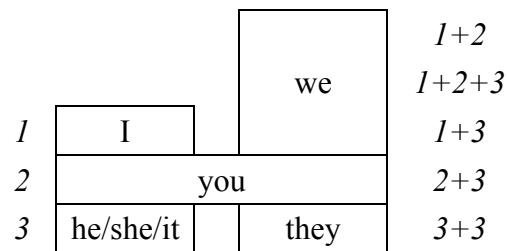


Figure 5.2. German subject suffixes

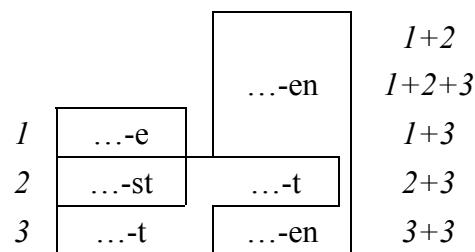


Figure 5.3. Huave intransitive prefixes (Stairs & Hollenbach 1969: 48-53)

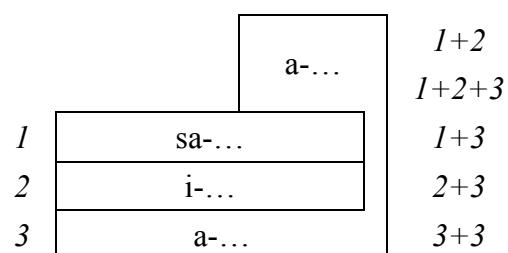


Figure 5.4. Horizontal Homophony Hierarchy

1 □ Inclusive	- - - - +	- - + + +	- - + + + +		
1 □ Exclusive	- - - + +	- + + + +	+ + - - -		
2 □ 2+3	- - + + +	+ + + - -	- - - - + +	diagonal	
3 □ 3+3	- + + + +	- - - + -	+ - + - + -		
Number of cases	136 38 22 18 23	6 3 2 4 2	1 1 1 1 0 0	7	
	237 (89.5%)				
	21 (7.9%)				
	(2.6%)				

Figure 5.5. Exemplars of the Horizontal Homophony Hierarchy

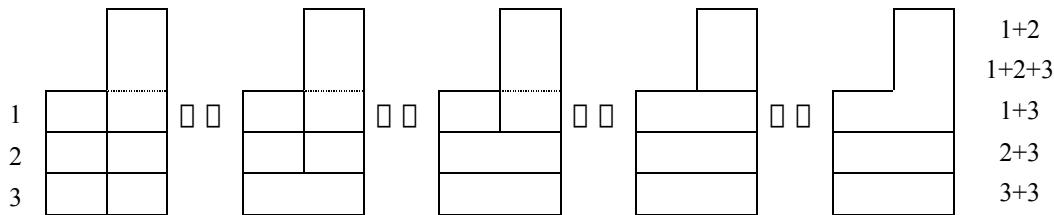


Figure 5.6. Horizontal homophony shows a slight preference for inflectional marking

1 □ Inclusive	- - - - +					
1 □ Exclusive	- - - + +					
2 □ 2+3	- - + + +					others
3 □ 3+3	- + + + +					
Number of cases	136 38 22 18 23	73 16 7 5 10	28			
<i>Independent</i>	63	22	15	13	13	6
<i>Inflectional</i>	46.3%	57.9%	68.2%	72.2%	56.5%	78.6%

6. Pure Person

Figure 6.1. Inclusive/exclusive and singular homophony (Fisher's exact $p = .000$):

	Inclusive vs. Exclusive		
	No	Yes	Total
No Singular Homophony	119 (44.9%)	121 (45.7%)	240
With Singular Homophony	25 (9.4%)	0 (0.0%)	25
Total	144	121	265

Figure 6.2. Inclusive/exclusive and vertical homophony (Fisher's exact $p = .001$):

	Inclusive vs. Exclusive		
	No	Yes	Total
No Vertical Homophony	103 (38.9%)	107 (40.4%)	210
With Vertical Homophony	41 (15.5%)	14 (5.3%)	55
Total	144	121	265

Figure 6.3. Inclusive/exclusive and horizontal homophony (Fisher's exact $p = .388$):

	Inclusive vs. Exclusive		
	No	Yes	Total
No Horizontal Homophony	69 (26.0%)	65 (24.5%)	134
With Horizontal Homophony	75 (28.3%)	56 (21.1%)	131
Total	144	121	265

Figure 6.4. Explicitness Hierarchy

	Frequent Paradigmatic Structures					Infrequent Paradigmatic Structures				
Minimal vs. Augmented Inclusive	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	
Inclusive vs. Exclusive	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	
No Vertical Homophony	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	
No Singular Homophony	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	
Number of cases	26	78	99	20	21	3	12	4	1	
	(244 cases, 92% of total)					(21 cases, 8% of total)				

Figure 6.5. Exemplars of the Explicitness Hierarchy

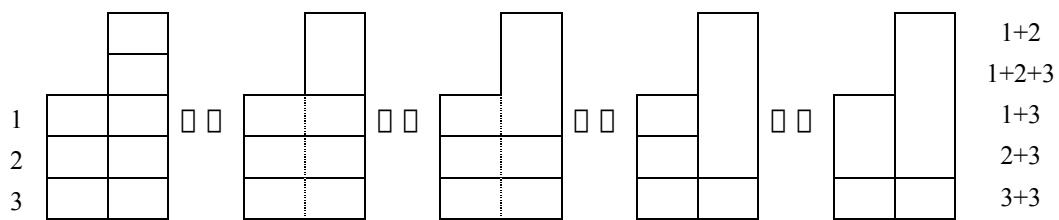


Figure 6.6. Correlation with Horizontal Homophony Hierarchy

Horizontal Homophony Hierarchy	Explicitness Hierarchy						others
	+	-	-	-	-	-	
	+	+	-	-	-	-	
	+	+	+	-	-	-	
	+	+	+	+	-	-	
none	24	38	38	14	14	8	
3□ 3+3	1	14	19	0	1	3	
2□ 2+3	0	8	10	0	1	3	
1□ Excl	0	15	20	0	3	3	
1□ Incl	0	0				0	
others	1	3	12	6	2	4	

7. Gender

Pronominal paradigms with an inclusive/exclusive distinction do not have (natural) gender involving first or second person. Counterexample: Nama independent pronouns (Khoekhoe: Hagman, 1977; Haacke, 1977; Güldeman, MS)

Figure 7.1. Nama independent pronouns

Singular			Plural			Dual		
			Neut.	Fem.	Masc.	Neut./Fem	Masc.	
			saá-tà	saá-se	saá-ke	saá-`m	saá-kx`m	I+2
1			tií-ta	sií-tà	sií-se	sií-ke	sií-`m	I+2+3
2	saá-s	saá-ts	saá-tù	saá-so	saá-ko	saá-rò	saá-kxà	I+3
3	//'ñ-‘i	//'ñ-s	//'ñ-p	//'ñ-`n	//'ñ-tì	//'ñ-ku	//'ñ-rà	2+3
								3+3

Two different systems. The root is partly borrowed from !Ui-Ta; the suffix is in much wider use, probably as a sort of Wackernagel-clitic. The idea of a pronoun is a rather Eurocentrically imposed category in this language, yielding the cross-linguistically uncommon paradigm with inclusive/exclusive and gender.

Figure 7.2. Nama PNG-elements (Wackernagel clitics ?)

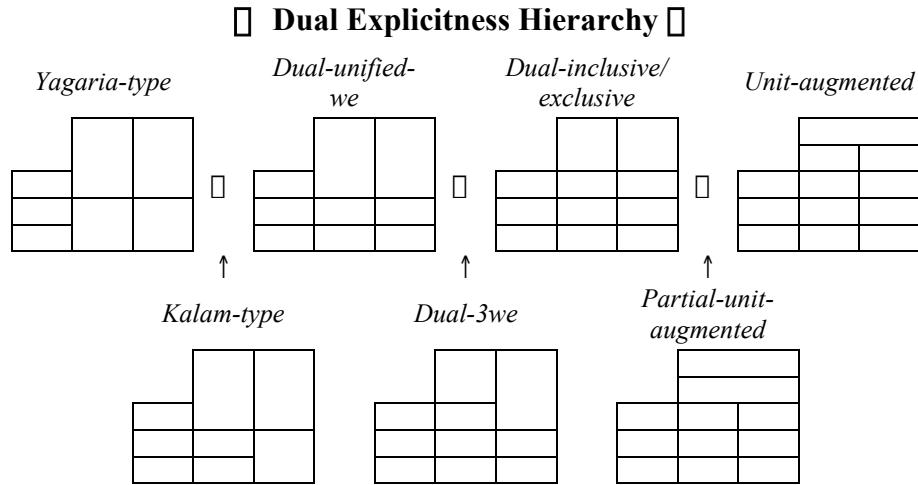
Singular			Plural			Dual		
			Neut.	Fem.	Masc.	Neut./Fem	Masc.	
			...-tà	...-se	...-ke	...-`m	...-kx`m	I+2
1			...-ta					I+2+3
2	...-s	...-ts	...-tù	...-so	...-ko	...-rò		I+3
3	...-‘i	...-p	...-`n	...-tì	...-ku	...-rà	...-kxà	2+3
								3+3

Figure 7.3 Nama pronominal roots

		saá-	I+2
			I+2+3
1	tií-	sií-	I+3
2	saá-		2+3
3	//'ñ-		3+3

8. Number

Figure 8.1. Dual Explicitness Hierarchy



9. Connections between types

Figure 9.1. Pama-Nyungan independent pronouns (Warrgamay, Dixon, 1981:40) (Nyawaygi, Dixon, 1983:463-467).

		<i>group</i>	<i>restricted group</i>	
		ŋana	ŋali	$I+2$
		jnura	jnubala	$I+2+3$
		ɖana	bula	$I+3$
				$2+3$
				$3+3$
		<i>group</i>	<i>restricted group</i>	
		ŋana	ŋali	$I+2$
		ŋanalihu	ŋaliliŋu	$I+2+3$
		jnura	jnubala	$I+3$
		ɖana	bula	$2+3$
				$3+3$

The table shows connections between Pama-Nyungan independent pronouns across two groups (group and restricted group) and three numbers (1, 2, 3). The first group (top half) includes forms like ŋayba, ŋinba, and jnaya. The second group (bottom half) includes forms like ŋayba, ŋinba, and jnaya. The restricted group includes forms like ŋana, ŋali, and bula. Numerical labels (I, 2, 3) indicate the number of participants, and superscripts (e.g., I+2, I+2+3) indicate the grammatical number (singular or plural).

Figure 9.2 Waris (Manem: Voorhoeve, 1975:416; Foley, 1986:71) (Amanab: Minch, 1991:31) (Imonda: Seiler, 1985:44)

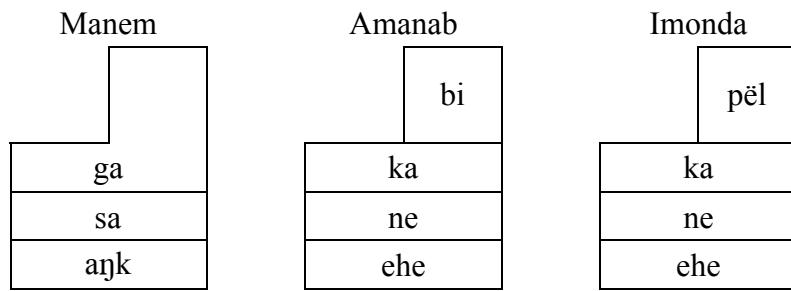


Figure 9.4. Web of interconnected paradigmatic structures

