

Reduplication and the ordering of meaningful elements in the word.

Some typological remarks

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The *Graz Database on Reduplication [GDR]*, as well as the publications around this research project are based on a typologically biased sample of the languages of the world. It thus allows to address the crucial questions of reduplication and suffix ordering, or maybe more generally: of reduplication and the ordering of meaningful elements within the word.

The problems addressed in the proposed paper will be:

- reduplication is an 'additive' morphological procedure, and it has been claimed that reduplication behaves like affixation (e.g., in grammaticalization): parallels and differences will be explored;
- in some languages reduplication does work with competing affixation types: can we say anything about origins, mutual relations and developments?
- in some languages certain reduplication types and affixing are not competing procedures, but concomitant. Can we deduce anything about ordering principles from such systems?
- does the reduplication of stem material and the reduplication of affix material say anything about ordering principles (in derivation and thus in structure)?
- directionality and position: can we clearly say in which direction reduplication works? Does this question have any relation to the direction (pre-/post-) of affixation?
- contiguity: what can we find out about contiguous vs. non-contiguous ordering of Base and Reduplicant?
- adjacency: does the adjacency of Base and Reduplicant have any (formal?) importance for ordering?

If time remains the intricate problem of interaction of reduplication and infixation will be touched.

It will only be possible to give a rather programmatic overview of the topics sketched here, but the *GDR* delivers the material base for it.