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The role of the reflexives in valency: Evidence from Czech

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The reflexives in Czech – as in other Slavic languages – serve various functions (Gast & Haas 2008, Siloni 2008, and Knjazev 2007). As a result, their analysis represents a complex task, often resulting in different theories in diverse conclusions. Here we analyze functions of the reflexives with respect to valency structure of Czech verbs, based on the Functional Generative Description (Panevová 1994) and data provided by the VALLEX lexicon (Lopatková et al. 2016).

The reflexives in Czech have short (clitic) and long forms (*se/sebe*, *si/sobě, sebou*). From the perspective of valency, the crucial distinction in their functions is whether they form analogous syntactic structures as personal pronouns (i), or not (ii-iv). In case (i), the reflexives fill a valency position; depending on their position in a sentence, they have either the clitic, or the long form. These reflexives serve as a marker of reflexivity and/or reciprocity. The reflexives of type (ii-iv) have only the clitic forms; they mark (ii) the reflexive form of a verb (being a part of its inflectional paradigm, the clitic *se* serves as deagentive marker), or (iii) the reflexive lemma of a verb as a part of its derivational paradigm. Moreover, (iv) the clitic reflexives are an obligatory part of verb lemmas with reflexive tantum verbs (*bát se* 'to be afraid') and an optional part with several other verbs (*myslet si* ← *myslet* 'to think'), with no overt syntactic and/or semantic functions.

Changes in valency structure of Czech verbs associated with reflexivity and reciprocity (i) and deagentive diathesis (ii) have been extensively discussed in (Daneš et al. 1987, Panevová 1999, Panevová & Mikulová 2007). However, those changes that are brought about by the reflexive as the derivational morpheme (iii) have not been systematically described yet though they are regular to some extent; see, e.g., a conversive mapping of participants onto valency positions of the verb in (a-b), leading to changes in its surface expression.

a.   *Petr-Ø*   *nakazil-Ø*   *Jan-u*   *chřipk-ou.*
        Peter-NOM.SG.M   infected-SG.M   Jane-ACC.SG.F   flu-INS.SG.F
        'Peter infected Jane with flu.'

b.   *Jan-a   se   nakazil-a   od   Petr-a   chřipk-ou.*
       Jane-NOM.SG.F   REFL   infected-SG.F from   Peter-GEN.SG.M   flu-INS.SG.F
       'Jane was infected with flu from Peter.'

In VALLEX, the following functions of the reflexive derivational morpheme are attested:

(a) decausative (*naklonit se* 'to tilt'← *naklonit* 'to give a tilt'),
(b) inherently reciprocal (*pomáhat si* 'to help each other' ← *pomáhat* 'to help'),
(c) conversive (*půjčit si* 'to borrow' ← *půjčit* 'to lend'),
(d) intransitive (*dohodnout se* 'to arrange' ← *dohodnout* 'to arrange').

We show that the reflexives (a)-(d) give rise to both a specific shift in meaning of verbs and systematic changes in their valency structure. Further, we demonstrate that these changes are regular enough to be described by formal rules associating valency structure of reflexive verbs with their irreflexive counterparts.

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