



Grammatical Analysis of Urdu Auxiliary Verbs

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Abstract

This thesis examines and illustrates the existence, internal structure, syntactic arrangement and semantic contribution of Urdu auxiliaries (single to multiple in a verb phrase). The study investigates the behavior of auxiliary verbs ending with different morphemes and how these auxiliaries can be classified on the basis of different morphological forms. The different auxiliaries have been classified and enlisted in the form of tables so that one group can be clearly distinguished from the other.

The dissertation explores that syntactic places of multiple auxiliaries are generally fixed and the position of auxiliaries cannot be changed or swapped. This aspect has been explained with the help of linear examples as well as syntactic trees. It has been shown that the syntactic trees can acquire various auxiliaries and intensifier simultaneously that evolves the trees from simple to complex forms.

The current work also draws attention towards the semantic information Urdu auxiliaries bring with them. It attempts to describe that the inflection in auxiliaries contributes the aspectual meanings of the main verb. Moreover, it is noticed that addition of auxiliaries does not always refer to the addition or change of meanings; it generally emphasizes or strengthens the existing interpretations. This research attempts to enlist all auxiliaries and their individual semantic properties.

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GLOSSARY

Gloss	Meaning
Sub	Subject
V	Verb
Adv	Adverb
Pl	Plural
AuxV	Auxiliary Verb
AuxT	Tense Auxiliary
AuxA	Aspectual Auxiliary
AuxA*	Multiple Aspectual Auxiliary
S	Sentence
NP	Noun Phrase
VP	Verb Phrase
AuxP	Auxiliary Phrase
AuxH	Habitual Auxiliary
AuxPr	Progressive Auxiliary
AuxPer	Perfective Auxiliary
AuxM	Modal Auxiliary
AuxHP	Habitual Auxiliary Phrase
Int	Intensifier
AuxPrP	Progressive Auxiliary Phrase
AuxDP	Durative auxiliary Phrase
AuxPerP	Perfective Auxiliary Phrase
AuxD	Durative Auxiliary

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INTRODUCTION

1.1. Preview

This chapter is an attempt to explain what the research is all about; it unfolds the topic of the research. It defines, clarifies and distinguishes the various terms involved in research. This section presents the various methodological steps and analytical skills engaged in current work. The scope and purpose of this study are also included to emphasize its significance. It demonstrates that how this work will be a useful endeavor for different fields of life. At the end of the chapter, organization of the work into different chapters is incorporated to provide the gist of each one to the reader.