

ARCHI: OVERVIEW

East Caucasian (=Northeast Caucasian, =Nakh-Daghestanian) languages

Nakh	Avar	Andic	Tsezic	Lak	Dargi	Lezgian	Khinalugh
Chechen-Ingush Chechen Ingush Tsova-Tush (=Batsbi)	Avar	Akhvakh Andi Bagwalal Botlikh Chamalal Godoberi Karata Tindi	Bezhta Hinuq Hunzib Khvarshi Tsez(=Dido)	Lak	Dargi	Archi Nuclear Lezgian Aghul Budukh Kryz Lezgian Rutul Tabassaran Tsakhur Udi	Khinalugh

PHONOLOGY

Table 1. Vowels

	front	central	back
high	i / i:		u / u:
middle	e / e:	ə	o / o:
low		a / a:	

long vs. short: the contrast is phonological:

(1) ɣiniš

‘from there’ (higher than the speaker)

ɣini:š

‘from there’ (higher and far away from the speaker)

Table 2. Consonants

	bilabial	dental	alveolar	palatal	palato-velar	velar	uvular	pharyngeal	laryngeal
plosive	p p' b	t t' d t ^w d ^w				k k' g k ^w k' ^w g ^w k:	q q' q: ['] q ^w q' ^w	ʕ	ʔ
nasal	m	n							
trill		r							
fricative		s z s ^w z ^w s: s: ^w	š ž š ^w ž ^w š: š: ^w				χ ʁ χ ^w ʁ ^w χ: χ: ^w	ħ	h
affricate		c c' c ^w c' ^w c: [']	č č' č ^w č' ^w č: [']						
lateral fricative					ɬ ɮ ɬ: ɬ ^w ɬ: ^w				
lateral affricate					kɬ kɬ' kɬ ^w kɬ' ^w				
approx	w			j					
lateral approx		ɭ							

Examples:

Laterals:

(2) was kammu-t:u ʁudu ɬ:unne
 2SG.DAT shoot.PFV-ATR.I.SG that.one.I.SG I.SG.flee.PFV¹
 'The one who shot at you, he ran away.' (Bear story, 8)

(3) ɭon ɬ:onnol
 'five' (when counting sheep) 'wife, woman'

ɬwert ɬ:wa:na
 'scar, trace' 'resemble'

kɬan kɬ'an
 'hole' 'love'

Fortis consonants:

(4) q^ʕel kes q:^ʕel
 'collapse' 'crack, split' (noun)

χat χ:at
 'scratch' 'tie-beam'

¹ NB 1,2,3 – 1st, 2nd, 3rd persons
 I, II, III, IV – genders

- (10) k^wač'-ur-če-t osd-er žu-s harak
 paw(III)-PL-OBL.PL-SUPER <III.SG>stand.PFV-RPRT LOGOPH.I.OBL.SG-DAT in.front
 '(it came)...and allegedly stood on its (hind) paws in front of him (Uncle Umar).' (Bear story, 6)

Table 5. Gender and number (evidence from verbs)

GENDER		NUMBER	
		SINGULAR	PLURAL
I	(male human)	w-/<w>	b-/
II	(female human)	d-/<ɾ>	
III	(some animates, all insects, some inanimates)	b-/	∅-/<∅>
IV	(some animates, some inanimates, abstracts)	∅-/<∅>	

This is a typical Daghestanian system, we see the same system in Tsakhur, but compare to Tsez where, in the plural, masculine is opposed to other genders (Polinsky and Comrie 1999).

- (11) šipič-li eɬ:u-li tumank' kammu-li
 shapi(I)-SG.ERG <III.SG>put.PFV-CVB1 gun(III)[SG.ABS] shoot.PFV-EVID

'Shapi, having put the gun (i.e. having aimed), shot.' (Bear story, 3)

- (12) zari han uw-li was
 1SG.ERG what(IV) [SG.ABS] do.IV.SG.PFV-CVB1 2SG.DAT
 'What have I done to you?' (Bear story, 7)

Table 6. Gender assignment

GENDER III	GENDER IV
domestic animals and birds χ'on 'cow', dogi 'donkey', qaz 'goose'	young animals and birds (wild and domestic) biš 'calf', k'e'rt 'foal (of donkey)'
larger wild animals and birds pil 'elephant', jam 'wolf', isu 'owl'	smaller wild animals and birds mejmanak 'monkey', hudhud 'hoopoe', žibəla 'swallow'
all insects hilku 'fly', nibsu 'moth'	
mythical beings žin 'genie', ilbis 'demon'	
musical instruments parχ 'drum', moχol 'tambourine'	most tools and cutting instruments bel 'spade', dab 'awl', k'os 'knife'
cereals qoqol 'wheat', maχa 'barley'	cloth, most clothing at'ras 'satin', palatnoj 'linen', k'az 'shawl', χalac'i 'sleeve'
trees had 'lime', kal 'fir'	metals lacut 'iron', qalaj 'tin'
water phenomena ɬat 'sea', ba'ri 'lake', biɬw 'whirlpool', qol 'ice'	liquids ɬ'an 'water', čixir 'wine', nabq 'tears', χ:el 'rain'
astronomical and meteorological phenomena bac 'moon', barq 'sun', marχ:əla 'snow'	abstracts (including some temporal concepts) iq 'day', s:an 'year', mukul 'beauty'

(See Kibrik, Kodzasov, Olovjannikova & Samedov 1977a: 55-66 for details, and Corbett 1991: 27-29 for discussion of their data).

There is a question about person, but since it is more relevant for our Topic 3, we will be discussing it later, here are just the basic facts:

Agreement with personal pronouns

zon “I” → gender agreement
un “you (sg)” → gender agreement
teb “they” → gender agreement

nen “we” [humans and non-humans] → Ø-
ž^wen “you (pl)” [humans and non-humans] → Ø-

Examples:

- (13) *zon* **d-irχ:win**
1SG.ABS II.SG-work.IPFV
‘I work.’ (woman speaking)
- (14) *un* *hanžugur* **d-aq^sa?**
2SG.ABS what.way II.SG-come.PFV
‘How did you get here?’ (to a woman)

(Chumakina, Kibort & Corbett, 2007)

- (15) *teb* **ba-q^sa**
they I/II.PL-came
‘they (human) came’
- (16) *teb* **q^sa**
they [III/IV.PL]came
‘they (non-human) came’
- (17) *nen* **q^sa**
we.EXCL [?]came
‘we came’
- (18) *ž^wen* **q^sa**
you.PL [?]came
‘you came’

(Aleksandr Kibrik 1972 and personal communication)

PRONOUN

	SG		PL		
	1st person	2nd person	1st person		2nd person
			EXCL	INCL	
ABS	zon	un	nen	nent'u	ž ^w en
ERG	zari		nen	nen-a-w nena<ɾ>u nena<ɓ>u nent'u	ž ^w en
GEN	w-is d-is b-is is	wit	ulu d-olo b-olo olo	la<w>u la<ɾ>u la<ɓ>u lat'u	wiš
DAT	w-ez d-ez b-ez ez	was	w-el d-el b-el el	w-ela-w d-ela<ɾ>u b-ela<ɓ>u el<t'>u	wež
COMIT	zaɫ:u	waɫ:u	laɫ:u		ž ^w al:u
SIMILAT	zaq ^ɕ di	waq ^ɕ di	laq ^ɕ di		ž ^w aq ^ɕ di
COMP	zaχur	waχur	laχur		ž ^w aχur
SUBST	zakɫ'ena	wakɫ'ena	lakɫ'ena		ž ^w akɫ'ena
SUPERESS	zat	wat	lat		ž ^w at
SUPERELAT	zat:iš	wat:iš	lat:iš		ž ^w at:iš
SUPERLAT	zat:ik	wat:ik	lat:ik		ž ^w at:ik
SUPERTERM	zat:ikəna	wat:ikəna	lat:ikəna		ž ^w at:ikəna
CONTELAT	zaraš	waraš	laraš		ž ^w araš
CONTLAT	zarak	warak	larak		ž ^w arak
CONTALL	zarši	warši	larši		ž ^w arši
CONTTERM	zarakəna	warakəna	larakəna		ž ^w arakəna

(NOTE multiple exponence in the dative plural inclusive,
Topic 3 Syntax-morphology interface problem)

Wh-words do not have a morphological slot for agreement:

- han* – ‘what’
- k^wi* – ‘who’
- danna* – ‘where’
- basa* – ‘when’
- daki* – ‘why’

ADJECTIVE

non-derived:

- no inflection
- small class (33 in our dictionary), none “basic”:
nationalities
ʕarab ‘Arab’ *haman* ‘Lak’ *maʕarul* ‘Avar’ *oʕroʕs* ‘Russian’ *pirs:i* ‘Persian’
characteristics:
bišin ‘foreign, step’ *č'ere* ‘barren’ *dalū* ‘mad’ *mektē* ‘male’

inflected adjectives: derived

- from (stative) verbs:
t'i-t:u-t ‘small’ *na^ɕg-du-t* ‘blue’ *χala-t:u-t* ‘old’ *mac'a-t:u-t* ‘new’
- from adverbs:
hinc-du-t ‘present, actual’ *qi-t:u-t* ‘day’ *jak-du-t* ‘deep’
- from genitives:
kutak-li-nnu-t ‘hard’ *orχ^ɕi-li-nnu-t* ‘salty’

from loanwords:

zor-t:u-t 'strong' *χas-du-t* 'special' *mašhur-t:u-t* 'famous'

Table 7. Gender-number marking on adjectives

			'real, reliable'	
	SG	PL	SG	PL
I	-w	-ib	hædu	hædib
II	-r		hædur	
III	-b		hædub	
IV	-t		hædut	

Compare this to Tsez system where adjective mark the same oppositions as verbs:

(19) Tsez adjectives (Polinsky and Comrie 1999: 112)

	SG		PL	
I	∅-exora CL1-long 'tall boy'	uži boy	b -exora CL1PL-long 'tall boys'	uži-bi boy-PL
II	y-exora CL2-long 'tall girl'	kid girl		
III	b-exora CL3-long 'long snake'	bikori snake	r -exora CL2-4PL-long 'long snakes'	bikori-bi snake-PL
IV	r-exora CL4-long 'long way'	huni road		

VERB

The Archi verb has basic tense/aspect/mood forms and related gerunds, participles and masdars. The verb agrees with the absolutive of the clause in gender and number.

Table 8. Verbal stems

	PERFECTIVE	IMPERFECTIVE	INFINITIVE	IMPERATIVE	POTENTIAL (PFV-qi)
'divide'	q ^ʰ o	q ^ʰ a-r	q ^ʰ a-s	q ^ʰ a	q ^ʰ oqi
'get cold'	qa	qe<ɾ>qi-r	qe-s	qeqi	qaqi
'beat'	daχdi	da<ɾ>χi-r	daχi-s	daχi	daχdiqi

Stative verb: one stem, no imperative, for example: *kl'an* 'love', *sini* 'know', *hiba* 'be good'

Table 9. Gender marking in the verb
aχas 'lie down, sleep':

gender	PERFECTIVE		IMPERFECTIVE		INFINITIVE		IMPERATIVE		POTENTIAL (PFV-qi)	
	SG	PL	SG	PL	SG	PL	SG	PL	SG	PL
I	a<w>χu	aχu	w-a<ɾ>χa-r	b-a<ɾ>χa-r	a<w>χa-s	aχa-s	w-aχa	b-aχa	a<w>χuqi	aχuqi
II	a<ɾ>χu		d-a<ɾ>χa-r		a<ɾ>χa-s		d-aχa		a<ɾ>χuqi	
III	aχu	aχu	b-a<ɾ>χa-r	a<ɾ>χa-r	aχa-s	aχa-s	b-aχa	aχa	aχuqi	aχuqi
IV	aχu		a<ɾ>χa-r		aχa-s		aχa		aχuqi	

Table 10. Gender marking according to verb type

	PERFECTIVE ²		IMPERFECTIVE		INFINITIVE		IMPERATIVE	
	IV	III	IV	III	IV	III	IV	III
‘milk’	acu	b-acu	a<ɾ>ca-r	b-a<ɾ>ca-r	aca-s	b-aca-s	aca	b-aca
‘drop’	caχu	caχu	ca<ɾ>χa-r	caχa-r	caχa-s	caχa-s	caχa	caχa
‘lie down’	aχu	aχu	a<ɾ>χa-r	b-a<ɾ>χa-r	aχa-s	aχa-s	aχa	b-aχa

Tense is expressed periphrastically by a combination of a converb and a verb ‘be’ in the present or in the past

Table 11. Converbs which are used to produce periphrastic tenses

irχ^wmus ‘work’ IV.SG

stem	CONSECUTIVE	SIMULTANEOUS	CONTINUOUS
INF		<i>irχ^wmus-ši</i>	
IPFV		<i>irχ^win-ši</i>	<i>irχ^wim-mat</i>
PFV	<i>irχ^wni-li</i>		<i>irχ^wni-mat</i>
POT		<i>irχ^wniqi-ši</i>	

Table 12. Forms of the verb ‘be’ used to produce periphrastic tenses:

gender	PRESENT		PAST	
	SG	PL	SG	PL
I	wi	bi	i<w>di	edi
II	di		e<ɾ>di	
III	bi	i	edi	edi
IV	i		edi	

Table 13. Example of periphrastic tenses³:

irχ^wmus ‘work’ IV.SG

stems	converbs	PRESENT (i)	PAST (edi)
IPFV (<i>irχ^win</i>)	IPFV- <i>ši</i>	present1 <i>irχ^win-ši i</i>	imperfect1 <i>irχ^win-ši edi</i>
	IPFV- <i>mat</i>	present2 <i>irχ^wim-mat i</i>	imperfect2 <i>irχ^wim-mat edi</i>
PFV (<i>irχ^wni</i>)	PFV- <i>li</i>	perfect1 <i>irχ^wni-li i</i>	pluperfect1 <i>irχ^wni-li edi</i>
	PFV- <i>mat</i>	perfect2 <i>irχ^wni-mat i</i>	pluperfect2 <i>irχ^wni-mat edi</i>
POT (<i>irχ^wniqi</i>)	POT+ <i>ši</i>	inceptive <i>irχ^wniqi-ši i</i>	past inceptive <i>irχ^wniqi-ši edi</i>

Other Converbs (those that we have not seen before are in bold)

(21) *irχ^wmus* ‘work’

	CONSECUTIVE		SIMULTANEOUS	CONTINUOUS	NEGATIVE
INF			<i>irχ^wmus-ši</i>		<i>irχ^wmus-t’u-ši</i>
IPFV			<i>irχ^win-ši</i>	<i>irχ^wim-mat</i>	<i>irχ^wna:-t’u-ši</i>
PFV	CONS1	CONS2		<i>irχ^wni-mat</i>	<i>irχ^wni-t’aw</i>
	<i>irχ^wni-li</i>	<i>irχ^wni-na</i>			
POT			<i>irχ^wniqi-ši</i>		

This is relevant for Topic 4 (conditions on agreement): imperfective converbs in *-ši* license biabsolutive agreement, imperfective converbs in *-mat* require it (similar situation in Tsez).

² Potential stem has the same form as the perfective plus suffix *-qi*.

³ See Chumakina (forthcoming) for the usage of periphrastic tenses.

Participles

(22) *aχas* ‘lie down, sleep’

gender	PERFECTIVE	IMPERFECTIVE	INFINITIVE	POTENTIAL
I.SG	awχu-t:u	w-arya-r-t:u	awχa-s-t:u	awχu-qi-t:u
II.SG	arχu-t:u-r	d-arya-r-t:u-r	arya-s-t:u-r	arχu-qi-t:u-r
III.SG	abyu-t:u-b	b-arya-r-t:u-b	abya-s-t:u-b	abyu-qi-t:u-b
IV.SG	aχu-t:u-t	arya-r-t:u-t	aχa-s-t:u-t	aχu-qi-t:u-t
I/II.PL	abyu-t:-ib	b-arya-r-t:ib	abya-s-t:-ib	abyu-qi-t:-ib
III/IV.PL	aχu-t:-ib	arya-r-t:-ib	aχa-s-t:-ib	aχu-qi-t:-ib
gloss	one who is asleep	one who is always or often asleep	one who is supposed to be asleep	one who will be asleep

Example of masdar that agrees in gender

(23) *iq^{wš}kul* ‘heaviness’

	SG	PL
I	wiq ^{wš} kul	biq ^{wš} kul
II	diq ^{wš} kul	
III	biq ^{wš} kul	iq ^{wš} kul
IV	iq ^{wš} kul	

Simple vs. complex verbs

simple verbs: about 170;

complex verbs: 1000+

complex verb = lexical part + simple verb

simple verb:

as ‘do’, *kes* ‘become’, *bos* ‘say’,
other simple verb (less commonly)

lexical part:

stative verb: *do^z* ‘be big’

do^z as ‘grow’

noun: *cac* ‘prickle’

cac kes ‘frown’

noun in the locative: *ba^{ri}* ‘pool’

ba^{ri} raj aχas ‘bathe’

noun in the ergative: *k^{os}* ‘knife’

k^{os} as ‘slaughter’

verbal noun from a Russian verb: *mešat* ‘disturb’

mišajət kul as ‘disturb’

reduplicated form not otherwise used:

χ:iriχ-χ:iris as ‘pester’

loanwords otherwise not used:

dagawur as ‘sign an agreement’, *jabalgu as* ‘barter’

unclassified:

ac:ⁱis eχmus ‘fall ill’ (≪fake≫ dative of *ac:ⁱi* ‘illness’, real dative is *ac:ⁱilis*)

SYNTAX

Argument alignment

INTRANSITIVE

- (24) buwa da-q^əa
 mother(II)[ABS.SG] II.SG-come.PFV
 ‘Mother came.’

TRANSITIVE

- ERGATIVE-ABSOLUTIVE
- (25) dija-mu buwa χir a<ɾ>u
 father(I)-SG.ERG mother(II)[SG.ABS] behind <II.SG>do.PFV
 ‘Father brought mother with him.’
- (26) u^hnš:əl-li hilku b-ukne
 lizard(III)-SG.ERG fly(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-eat.PFV
 ‘The lizard ate the fly.’

- DATIVE-ABSOLUTIVE
- (27) to-w-mi-s Ajša d-ak:u
 that.one-I.SG-OBL.SG-DAT Aisha(II)[SG.ABS] II.SG-see.PFV
 ‘He has seen Aisha (female).’

- (28) to-w-mu-s buwa t'ibir d-e<ɾ>χi-r
 that.one-I.SG-OBL.SG-DAT mother(II)[SG.ABS] be.sorry II.SG-<IPFV>climb-IPFV
 ‘He feels sorry for (his) mother.’

BIABSOLUTIVE

(Topic 4: conditions on agreement)

- (29) tor ɸ^əaža-r-mat d-i
 she.ABS cut-IPFV-CVB II.SG-be.PRS
 ‘She is still (hay) cutting.’
- (30) tor χ^əošon b-a-r-ši e<ɾ>di
 she.ABS dress(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-make-IPFV-CVB <II.SG>be.PAST
 ‘he was making a dress.’

Agreement

Controllers

clause level: absolute argument:

- (31) ʒumar-dada usdi-mij-wu w-immi<w>χu-li
 Umar-uncle(I)[SG.ABS] stand.I.SG.PFV-LOC.CVB-and I.SG-remain<I.SG.>PFV-EVID
 ‘Uncle Umar was standing right where he was.’ (Bear story, 5)
- (32) zari han uw-li was
 I.SG.ERG what(IV)[SG.ABS] do.IV.SG.PFV-CVB1 2SG.DAT
 ‘What have I done to you?’ (Bear story, 7)

noun phrase: head of the noun phrase:

- (33) w-is uš-mi-n oq-li-t zon
 I.SG-1SG.GEN brother(I)-OBL.SG-GEN wedding(IV)-OBL.SG-SUP I.SG.ABS
 qebu-li e<ɾ>di.
 dance.PFV-CVB1 <II.SG>be.PAST
 ‘I (female) was dancing at my brother’s wedding.’

Targets: ALL WORD CLASSES

(Topic 1: domain problem)

- verbs, adjectives, adverbs:
 (34) oq^a-t:u-b balah **dit:au** b-erχin
 <III.SG>leave.PFV-ATR-III.SG trouble(III)[SG.ABS] **soon<III.SG>** III.SG-forget.IPFV
 ‘Past trouble gets forgotten quickly.’ (Kibrik et al. 1977a: 186)

- particles:**
 (35) arša horo:k **eju** iškul dablu
 Archi.IN.ESS long.ago **very<III.SG>** school(III)[SG.ABS] open.PFV
 ‘A school was opened in Archi very long time ago.’ (Kibrik et al. 1977a: 326)

- pronouns:**
 (36) **d-ez** un malgan
II.SG-1SG.DAT 2SG.ABS be.dear
 ‘You (female) are dear to me (male).’

- postpositions:**
 (37) to-w-mi-s sin-t'u ł:wak-du-t duχriq^a-k
 that.one-I.SG-OBL.SG-DAT know-NEG near-ATR-IV.SG village(IV).SG.INTER-LAT
eq^{en} b-i-t:u-b deq^{is}
<III.SG>up.to III.SG-be.PRS-ATR-III.SG road(III)[SG.ABS]
 ‘He does not know the way to the next village.’ (Kibrik et al. 1977a: 227)

Relative clauses

INTRANSITIVE VERB

Non-agentive subject

- (38) (a) source sentence

to-r ł:onnol š^waš q^{is}ot d-ak'a
 that.one-II.SG woman(II)SG.ERG last.year in.winter II.SG-die.PFV
 ‘That woman died last winter’

- (38) (b) relative clause

š^waš q^{is}ot d-ak'a-t:u-r ł:anna b-el χabar
 last.year in.winter II.SG-die.PFV-ATR-II.SG woman(II)SG.ERG III.SG-1PL.DAT story(III)[SG.ABS]
 b-a<ɾ>ti-r-ši edi
 III.SG-<IPFV>let.go-IPFV-CVB2 <III.SG>be.PAST
 ‘The woman who died last winter was telling us stories.’

Agentive subject

- (39) (a) source sentence

bošor s:anɣi a^s?a^s-r-ši i<w>di
 man(I)[SG.ABS] yesterday call-IPFV-CVB2 <I.SG>be.PAST
 ‘A man called yesterday.’

- 39 (b) relative clause

s:anɣi a^s?a^s-r-ši i<w>di-t:u bošor w-is bo-t:u
 yesterday call-IPFV-CVB2 <I.SG>be.PAST-ATR.I.SG man(I)[SG.ABS] I.SG-1SG.GEN say.PFV-ATR.I.SG
 ‘The man who called yesterday is my fiancé.’

TRANSITIVE VERB

Absolutive argument (object)

(40) (a) source sentence

s:anɿi nen akɿ' č'arq'a-s uw
 yesterday 1PL.EXCL.ERG meat(IV)[SG.ABS] roast-INF do.IV.SG.PFV
 'Yesterday we roasted meat.'

(40) (b) relative clause

s:anɿi č'arq'a-s uw-t:u-t akɿ' jonsaw i
 yesterday roast-INF do.IV.SG.PFV-ATR-IV.SG meat(IV)[SG.ABS] still be.PRS.IV.SG
 'There is still some meat of the meat that was roasted yesterday.'

Ergative argument (agentive subject)

(41) (a) source sentence

akkonniɿ:u laha χ'on b-a<r>ci-r-ši e<r>di
 morning girl(II)[SG.ABS] cow(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-<IPFV>milk-IPFV-CVB2 <II.SG>be.PAST
 'Daughter, was milking the cow in the morning.'

(41) (b) relative clause

akkonniɿ:u χ'on b-a<r>ci-r-ši e<r>di-t:u-r lo
 morning cow(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-<IPFV>milk-IPFV-CVB2 <II.SG>be.PAST-ATR-II.SG girl(II)[SG.ABS]
 jasqi boš-or-če-χur d-i
 today calf-PL-OBL.PL-COMP II.SG-be.PRS
 'Daughter, who was milking the cow this morning, is to look after the calves today.'

Dative experience

(42) (a) source sentence

bošor-mi-s k'an χo
 man(I)-OBL.SG-DAT horseshoe(IV)[SG.ABS] find.IV.SG.PFV
 'A man found a horseshoe.'

(42) (b) relative clause

k'an χo-t:u bošor-mi tot
 horseshoe(IV)[SG.ABS] find.IV.SG.PFV-ATR.I.SG man(I)-SG.ERG that.one(IV)[SG.ABS]
 dakɿ'-i-t dayɿdi
 door(IV)-OBL.SG-SUP hit.IV.SG.PFV
 'The man who found a horseshoe, nailed it to the door.'

(NOTE multiple controllers, **Topic 3 Syntax-morphology interface problem**)

(43) (a) source sentence

tu-w adam-li-s moroženij kɿ'an
 that.one-I.SG person(IV)-OBL.SG-DAT icecream(IV)[SG.ABS] like/want
 'That man wants ice cream.'

(43) (b) relative clause

moroženij kɿ'an-nu-t adam-li kul jat:ɣa
 icecream(IV)[SG.ABS] like-ATR-IV.SG person(IV)-SG.ERG hand(IV)[SG.ABS] raise.IV.SG.IMP
 'Those who like ice cream, raise your hand.'

Genitive subject

(44) (a) source sentence

tu-w bošor-mi-n ʕali-l:u anɣ uw
 that.one-I.SG man(I)-OBL.SG-GEN Ali(I)-COMIT fight(IV)[SG.ABS] make.IV.SG.PFV
 ‘That man fought with Ali.’

(44) (b) relative clause

ʕali-l:u anɣ uw-t:u bošor jasqi
 Ali(I)-COMIT fight(IV)[SG.ABS] make.IV.SG.PFV-ATR.I.SG man(I)[SG.ABS] today
 ari-li-t:i-k q^ʕwa-t'u
 work-OBL.SG-SUPER-LAT go.I.SG.PFV-NEG
 ‘The man who fought with Ali, hasn’t come to work today.’

Ergative in instrumental meaning

(45) (a) source sentence

ʕali-mu dakl' nak'ən-ni dablu-r-ši edi
 Ali(I)-SG.ERG door(IV)[SG.ABS] key(IV)-SG.ERG] open-IPFV-CVB2 be.IV.SG.PAST
 ‘The key with which Ali opened this door, broke.’

(45) (b) relative clause

ʕali-mu dakl' dablu-r-ši edi-t:u-t nak'əna aq'u
 Ali(I)-SG.ERG door(IV)[SG.ABS] open-IPFV-CVB2 be.IV.SG.PAST-ATR-IV.SG key(IV)[SG.ABS] break.IV.SG.PFV
 ‘The key with which Ali opened this door, broke.’

Local case argument

(46) (a) source sentence

t'ahir to-b maħla-l-a w-i
 Tagir(I)[SG.ABS] that.one-III.SG house(III)-OBL.SG-IN I.SG-be.PRS
 ‘Tagir lives in that house.’

(46) (b) relative clause

t'ahir w-i-t:u-b maħla tu-w-mi-n
 Tagir(I)[SG.ABS] I.SG-be.PRS-ATR-III.SG house(III)[SG.ABS] that.one-I.SG-OBL.SG-GEN
 ummu-n edi
 father(I).OBL.SG-GEN <III.SG>be.PAST
 ‘The house in which Tagir lives belonged to his father.’

(47) (a) source sentence

pat'imat g^wači-li-kl'i-š e<r>q^wni
 Patimat(II)[SG.ABS] dog(III)-OBL.SG-SUB-EL <II.SG>get.scared.PFV
 ‘Patimat got scared of the dog.’

(47) (b) relative clause

pat'imat e<r>q^wni-t:u-b g^wači b-ułne
 Patimat(II)[SG.ABS] <II.SG>get.scared.PFV-ATR-III.SG dog(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-run.away.PFV
 ‘The dog that Patimat got scared of, ran away.’

Postpositional phrases

(48) (a) source clause

boɣ:^ʕot:u-mi-n haq'liq^ʕ ɣabar
 hunter(I)-OBL.SG-GEN about story(III)[SG.ABS]
 ‘a story about a hunter’

(48) (b) relative clause

žu-n haq'liq' dunil χabar-mul i-t:u
 LOGOPH.I.OBL.SG-GEN about a.lot story(III)-PL.ABS III/IV.PL.be.PRS-ATR.I.SG
 boχ:ʹot:u w-is wicl'ad
 hunter(I)[SG.ABS] I.SG-1SG.GEN father-in-law(I)[SG.ABS]
 'The hunter, about whom there are many stories, is my father-in-law.'

POSSESSOR

(49) (a) source sentence

še'nt-li-n aq aq'ʉ
 stool(III)-OBL.SG-GEN leg(IV)[SG.ABS] break.IV.SG.PFV
 'The leg of the stool broke.'

(49) (b) relative clause

aq aq'ʉ-t:u-b še'nt eku
 leg(IV)[SG.ABS] break.IV.SG.PFV-ATR-III.SG stool(III)[SG.ABS] <III.SG>fall.PFV
 'The stool, the leg of which was broken, fell down.'

(50) (a) source sentence

pat'imat-li-s q'umaš-li-n rang mu:-ši ak:u
 Patimat(II)-OBL.SG-DAT fabric(III)-OBL.SG-GEN colour(IV)[SG.ABS] be.good-CVB2 see.IV.SG-ATR-III.SG
 'Patimat liked the colour of this cloth.'

(50) (b) relative clause

pat'imat-li-s rang mu:-ši ak:u-t:u-b
 Patimat(II)-OBL.SG-DAT colour(IV)[SG.ABS] be.good-CVB2 see.IV.SG-ATR-III.SG
 q'umaš aset:i-li
 fabric(III)[SG.ABS] <III.SG>wear.out.<III.SG>become.PFV-CVB1
 'The cloth, the colour of which Patimat liked, got worn out.'

Complement clauses

(51) laha-s diq' a-s kl'an ke-r
 girl(II).OBL.SG-DAT soup(IV)[SG.ABS] make[IV.SG]-INF like AUX.IV.SG-IPFV
 'The girl likes making soup.'

(52) lo bje<ɾ>ɬ:u diq' a-s
 girl(II)[SG.ABS] start<II.SG>PFV soup(IV)[SG.ABS] make[IV.SG]-INF
 'The girl started to make soup.'

(53) lo laq'we<ɾ>t:i diq' uw-li
 girl(II)[SG.ABS] finish<II.SG>PFV soup(IV)[SG.ABS] make.IV.SG.PFV-CVB1
 'The girl finished making soup.'

(54) ɬ:unne-li laq'wiwt:a-t'u-kul sin-š-er
 flee.I.SG.PFV-CVB1 save.I.SG.PFV-NEG-MSD know-CVB2-RPRT
 'Allegedly having understood that he would not be able to save himself by fleeing...' (Bear story, 11)

Table 14. Personal pronouns and logophor

		SG				PL
3rd person pronoun		I	II	III	IV	
	ABS	tuw	tor	tob	tot	teb
ERG	tuwmi	tormi	tummi	totmi	temmaj	
logophor	ABS	inž				
	ERG	žu	že			

- (55) kʷač'-ur-če-t osd-er žu-s harak
 paw(III)-PL-OBL.PL-SUPER <III.SG>stand.PFV-RPRT LOGOPH.I.OBL.SG-DAT in.front
 '...and allegedly stood on his paws in front of him' (Uncle Umar) (Bear story, 6).

Long-distance agreement

- (56) laha-s me^s c'abu-s kɫ'an b-eker
 girl(II).OBL.SG-DAT whey(III)[SG.ABS] drink-INF like III.SG-AUX.IPFV
 'The girl likes drinking whey.'
- (57) laha-s kɫ'an ker čamasdak b-ukmu-s
 girl(II).OBL.SG-DAT like [IV.SG]AUX.IPFV date(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-eat-INF
 'The girl likes eating dates.'
- (58) laha-s kɫ'an b-eker čamasdak b-ukmu-s
 girl(II).OBL.SG-DAT like III.SG-AUX.IPFV date(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-eat-INF
 'The girl likes eating dates.'
- (59) A. laha-s sin-ši edi k^war akɫa-s
 girl(II).OBL.SG-DAT know-CVB2 IV.SG.be.PAST thread(III)[SG.ABS] <III.SG>put-INF
 B. laha-s k^war akɫa-s sin-ši edi
 girl(II).OBL.SG-DAT thread(III)[SG.ABS] <III.SG>put-INF know-CVB <III.SG>be.PAST
 'The girl knew how to sew.' (lit.: put thread through)
- (60) lo bije<r>ɫ:u berku aa-s
 girl(II)[SG.ABS] start<II.SG>PFV pasty(III)[SG.ABS] <III.SG>make-INF
 'The girl started making pasties.'
- (61) *lo bijeɫ:u berku aa-s
 girl(II)[SG.ABS] start<III.SG>PFV pasty(III)[SG.ABS] <III.SG>make-INF
 *The girl started making pasties.

Compare to Tsez where LDA is triggered by the topical constituent:

- (62) enir [uža: magalu ba:c'ruhi] r-iyxo
 mother [boy bread.III.ABS ate].IV IV-know
 The mother knows [the boy ate the bread]
 'The mother knows the boy ate the bread.'
- (63) enir uža: magalu ba:c'ruhi] b-iyxo
 mother [boy bread.III.ABS ate] III-know
 The mother knows [the boy ate the bread]
 'The mother knows the boy ate the bread.'

(Polinsky and Potsdam 2001)

Reflexives:

- (64) patimat-li-s q'onq' že-s:-ij<t'>u χarak χ'o
 Patimat-SG.OBL-DAT book(IV)[SG.ABS] LOG.OBL.II.SG-DAT-<IV.SG>EMPH behind found.PFV.IV.SG
 'Patimat found a book behind herself.'

Backward control (absent)

- (65) *laha berku aa-s kɫ'an ke-r
 girl(II).SG.ERG pasty(III)[SG.ABS] <III.SG>make-INF like IV.SG.AUX-IPFV
 *The girl likes making pasties.
- (66) laha-s berku aa-s kɫ'an ke-r
 girl(II).OBL.SG-DAT pasty(III)[SG.ABS] <III.SG>make-INF like IV.SG.AUX-IPFV
 'The girl likes making pasties.'

- (67) laha berku au
 girl(II).SG.ERG pasty(III)[SG.ABS] <III.SG>make.PFV
 'The girl has made pasties.'
- (68) b-ez laha berku aa-s k'an be-ke-r
 III.SG-1SG.DAT girl(II).SG.ERG pasty(III)[SG.ABS] <III.SG>make-INF like III.SG-AUX-IPFV
 'I like the girl to make pasties.'

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Less usual abbreviations

I, II, III, IV – genders I, II, III, IV

CVB – converb

MSD – masdar (verbal noun)