Adjectivization of Participles in Lithuanian

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Lithuanian participles

- ***Valgantis*** *vaikas – eating child,*
- ***nupirktas*** *maistas – bought food,*
- ***skaitomi*** *žodžiai – words that are being read.*

Ambivalent nature of participles

- Participles have properties of **verbs** and **adjectives** (DLKG 2005: 354).
- They have the **meaning of verb**, **categories of voice and tense**, **verbal arguments** (*vakar nupirktas maistas – food that has been bought yesterday, nupirkęs maistą – (someone who) has bought food*).
- They can be **inflected like adjectives, have degrees, pronominal forms and attributive, predicative functions**.

Adjectivization

- Participles can **lose verbal properties**.
- They become **adjectivized**:
- *įprastas (usual;* verb *įprasti – to get used to),*
- *nepakartojamas (unforgettable;* verb *nepakartoti – not to repeat);*
- *nevykęs (unsuccessful;* verb *nevykti – not to happen);*
- *užimtas žmogus (busy person;* verb *užimti – to occupy).*

The aim of the thesis

- Sometimes it is difficult to differentiate **between adjectivized and simple participles.**
- **The aim of this thesis** is to find criteria to differentiate between adjectives and participles that have similar function.

Pilot study

Material:
- 160 frequent verbs;
- 43 adjectives with forms of participles.

Sources:
- Lexical Database of Lithuanian Language Usage (Kovalevskaitė et al. 2021, https://kalbu.vdu.lt/mokymosi-priemones/leksikonas/);
- Pedagogic Corpus of Lithuanian (Rimkutė et al. 2022, https://clarin.vdu.lt/xmlui/handle/20.500.11821/50);
- Corpus of Contemporary Lithuanian Language (Utka et al. 2017, https://clarin.vdu.lt/xmlui/handle/20.500.11821/16).

Criteria to identify adjectivized participles

- Semantic;
- Grammatical;
- Derivational;
- Statistical.

Future work

- To use more statistical information for automatic analysis.
- To analyze more words, to classify participles by the degree of adjectivization.
- One of the possible results: word lists in which participles would be classified by the degree of adjectivization.

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