

## DEPENDENCIES AND HIERARCHY BETWEEN GRAMMATICAL SYSTEMS

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**Abstract:** The first part gives a relatively detailed overview of the typological observations of A. Aikhenvald and R. M. W. Dixon on the dependencies between eight grammatical systems in many different languages: polarity, tense, aspect, evidentiality, person, reference classification, number, case. The second part examines the dependencies and hierarchy of three grammatical systems of names (definiteness, number and gender) and of three grammatical systems of verbs (evidentiality, tense and aspect) in the Bulgarian language. For this purpose, the formula introduced by Aikhenvald and Dixon is used: If the choices in system Y depend on that made from system X, in some language(s), but never vice versa, we shall say that there is a dependency relation between X and Y, i.e.  $X > Y$ .

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