

A TYPOLOGY OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN GRAMMATICAL CATEGORIES IN THE BULGARIAN LANGUAGE

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Abstract: The main purpose of this paper is to propose a classification of the types of relations between grammatical categories in the Bulgarian language. The theoretical basis of the study is the view that cross-categorial relations are relations between semantic features constituting the meanings of grammemes in the content plan. Two main criteria for the classification of the types of cross-categorial relations are distinguished: absence/presence of non-trivial combinations between the features of grammemes from different categories (i.e. combinations that are not mere sums of the individual features of the grammemes) and absence/presence of a formal change in one of the categories. These criteria distinguish between *non-interdependence* (trivial relations) and *interdependence* (non-trivial relations); and within the *interdependence*, further division is noted between *interrelation* (non-trivial relations with no formal change) and *interaction* (non-trivial relations with a formal change). The paper analysis postulates the existence of two subtypes of *interconnection* and of three subtypes of *interaction* between grammatical categories in the Bulgarian language.

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