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DP Analysis of the Noun Phrase in Hindi

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Abstract

Investigates the implications of the DP analysis of the nominal structure for the nominal expressions in Hindi. Takes the stand that the DP project constitutes a functional layer within the extended functional project of a nominal phrase in Hindi. Discusses the different strategies that are adopted mark (in)definiteness in Hindi and have shows that ek 'one; in Hindi, which has been previously claimed to be an indefinite determiner, is actually a "count" marker element. Also discusses the relative word order of the prenominal constituents in the Hindi nominal phrase and presentes evidence for a focus-related movement that triggers movement of the focused constituents to the left-periphery of the nominal phrase. We have examined the proposal that the Case Phrase (KP) constitutes a functional layer in the nominal phrase and shown that this proposal is extendable to Hindi too, but with the modification. Shows that the DP analysis of the nominal phrase presents a better analysis for the structure of the nominal phrase in Hindi than the analyses proposed in earlier work on Hindi nominals.

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