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Morphology and the architecture of grammar

In my lectures I will focus on morphological phenomena and their implications for our conception of the architecture of grammars of natural languages.

In my first lecture, I will sketch a general picture of issues in linguistic theory and their implications for morphological analysis. In my second lecture I will discuss more specific ideas on the place and role of morphology in the architecture of the grammar, and how they are affected by the meta-linguistic considerations discussed in lecture 1 (Construction Morphology) in more detail.

Lecture 1 Wednesday 12 October

The debate on the architecture of the grammar

This debate takes place on various levels of abstractions. I will distinguish four levels of abstraction that play a role and affect the way in which we do morphological analysis and build morphological theories:

1. Generative grammar versus usage-based grammar: abstraction and idealisation
2. The architecture of the grammar: syntactico-centrism versus parallel architecture; the role of constructions, the nature of the lexicon
3. The relation between morphology and syntax: lexicalism versus syntacticism, the interaction between morphology and syntax
4. Models of inflection: Distributed Morphology vs Paradigm-based inflectional morphology.

Lecture 2. Thursday 13 October

Construction Morphology

Arguments for a constructional approach to morphology.

The hierarchical lexicon: constructional schemas and subschemas

The rise of morphology from syntax and compounding; affixoids and grammaticalization

The similarities between and the interaction of morphological and syntactic constructions

The nature of the lexicon: computation and storage

Phrasal lexical expressions

Construction-dependent morphology

Literature

(Booij 2011; Bybee & Beckner 2010; Deutscher 2005: Chapter 5; Jackendoff 2011)
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