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## The Predicate-Participant Tactigm of Kwaiisu

### 1. Phonemes

p	t	c	k	kw	'
b	d	(dz)	g	gw	
	s			h	
	z				
m	n				
	j		w		
	i	y	u		
	e	a	o		

Junctures: \* , .

### 2. Morphonemics

Before juncture, /\*/ vowels are lost, devoiced or partially devoiced; consonants except nasals are accordingly totally devoiced and assimilated to the consonant to the right of the /\*/, totally devoiced and not assimilated, or partially devoiced and not assimilated.

voiceless Voiced Consonant clusters are realized /.../ devoiced.

Certain vowel clusters are realized phonemically as long geminates.

### 3. Morphemes following verbal type roots with no intervening juncture.

//dy// indefinite referential participle  
/hibi// 'drink' substantive. //hibi dy//, /hibidy/'Drink'  
anybody 'drinking',  
last pronoun or substantive  
is referent.

//ki// durative or continuous action

/waki ki dy//, /wakikidy/ 'anyone coming over'

//ba// future //pe-i ba dy \* ny?y//, /nezibadny?y/  
'I'm gonna holler.'

//bis// habitual action //padanii bis dy//, /padanibisty/  
'walks all the time (never stops)'.

//ka// past to near present. //?ipa ka dy//, /?ipadadv/'got scared

//gwe// initiation of action //paranii gwe dy//  
/paraniigwedy/ 'taking a hike'

however-- //ka<sup>a</sup>a gwe <sup>?</sup>usu//, /ka<sup>a</sup>agwe<sup>?</sup>usu/  
'go ahead and eat slow'

//kwe// completion of action //padanii kwe dy//  
/paraniikwedy/ 'walk home'

however //ka<sup>a</sup>a kwe <sup>?</sup>usu//, /ka<sup>a</sup>akwe<sup>?</sup>usu/  
'go ahead and eat ~~slow~~ fast.'

//kwi// participial (ing) //hibi kwi ba dy//  
/hibikwibady/ 'gonna be drinking.'

//<sup>l<sup>u</sup></sup>  
ti<sup>~</sup>autwya

4. Arrangement of Verbal Root and post elements with no intervening juncture.

Let  $V_1$  be a root.

$V_1$  kwi/ $V_2$

$V_2$  kwe  $\tilde{V}_3$   
gwe  $\tilde{V}_3$

$V_3$  ba  
ka  
bis /  $V_4$

$V_4$  dy / $V_5$

The foregoing does not account for all the pertinent items, merely the most frequent. The classes which compose each order of  $V_n$  can be increased in membership without disrupting the pattern.

5. Predicate-Participant Construction. PP

The Participant is the subject or object of the Predication as indicated in the following:

(a)

$PP_s$

$PP_o$

$P_2 * \emptyset / PP_{s1}$

$P_2 * S_{o_n} / PP_{o_n}$

$P_2 * S_{s_n} / PP_{s_{n-x}}$

$PP_{o_1} * S_{s_n} / PP_{s_1}$

$S * PP_{s_1} / PP_{s_2}$

(b)

P

Ss

So

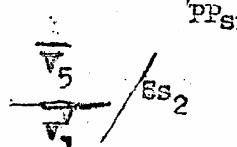
$S / P_1$

$S + O / S_{o_1}$

$S * \overline{V}_5 / P_2$

$\overline{V}_5 + S_{o_1} / S_{o_2}$

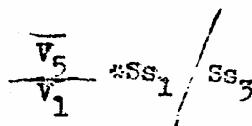
$PP_{s_{n-x}}$



$V_5 / P_2$

$S + S_{o_1} / S_{o_2}$

$PP_{o_n-y} * V_5 / P_2$



$P_1 / S$

$S * \emptyset / SS_1$

S substantive

numerical subscript--indicates rank.

s subject

$\overline{V}_x$  absolute or max of  $V_x$

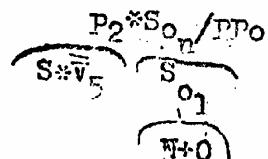
o object

$\frac{\overline{V}_x}{\overline{V}_y}$  morphological  
The/contents of  $\overline{V}_x$  less the morphological  
content of  $\overline{V}_y$

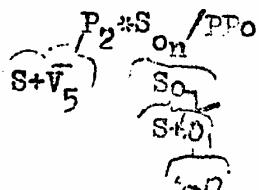
P predicate

6. Examples and analysis of PP constructions.

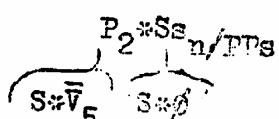
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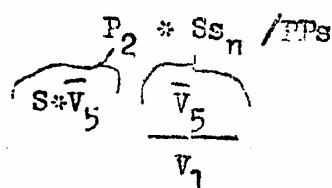
2. muupi,i\*skidyne 'a fly bites me.'



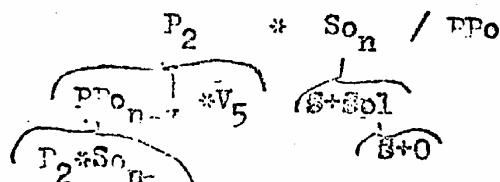
3. mumpizi\*skid\*tamū 'we bite a fly.'



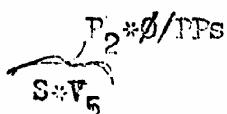
4. muumi,\*skid\*kwelkady 'one has bitten a fly (schön)



5. w̄haq\*pvuruebady+puguzia 'I had two dogs.'

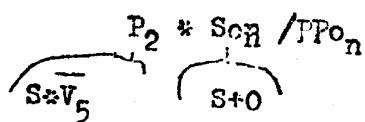


6. puguzi\*spungwebady 'I'm gonna have horse.'

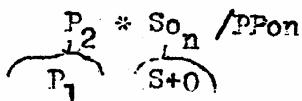


//.....dy\*t...//

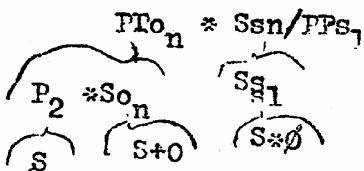
7. \*us\*pakwetka\*tyg'ia 'I kill'd a deer al ready.'



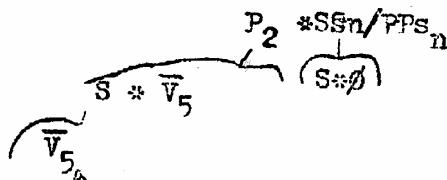
8. pugudumitamia 'Its our horse (incl +excl).



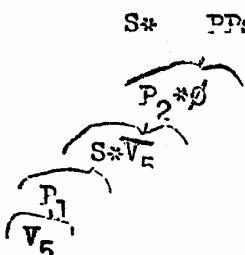
9. purun\*puguzzi 'you own a dog' (that dog is your dog.



10. wo'twod\*wihičigadneenize 'boy has a sharp knife.'



11. \*eepi\*istagakady\*wihičigvdy 'Boy owns a red knife.'



\*aagakad\*miigiz\*aawooqapid\*ny?y 'own ared  
 $P_2 * S_{\bar{n}} / PP_{s_n}$   
 $\underbrace{PP_{sh} \rightarrow \bar{V}_5}_{P_2 * S_{\bar{n}}} \quad \underbrace{P_2 * \emptyset}_{S+O}$