

## Reflexive pronouns in Sanzhi Dargwa

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### 1. Introduction

- simple reflexive pronouns (Table 1) and two types of complex reflexive pronouns (Table 2) for third person reflexivization.
- reflexive pronouns are marked for gender (in the absolutive only), for number and case
- the absolutive case of the reflexive pronoun is identical to the copula and might be diachronically related to it
- for all other cases suppletive stems

Table 1: Simple reflexive pronouns

	Singular	Plural
Absolutive	ca-w /-r /-b	ca-b /-d
Ergative	cin-ni	ču-l
Genitive	cin-na	ču-la
Dative	cini-j	ču-j
Comitative	cini-c:ella	ču-c:ella

- both types of complex reflexive pronouns consist of a reduplicated form of the simple reflexive (Table 1)
- first variant: one part of the reflexive undergoes case-copying from the controller (in Table 2 exemplified with an ergative controller), and the second part takes the appropriate case-marking
- second variant: the first part is invariably genitive; the second part takes the case-marking
- the complex genitive reflexive lacks a form for the genitive and can never occur as possessor

Table 2: Complex reflexive pronouns

	Singular		Plural	
	Case copying (with ergative controller)	Genitive reflexive	Case copying (with ergative controller)	Genitive reflexive
Absolutive	cinni ca-w /-r /-b	cinna ca-w/ -r / -b	čul ca-b /-d	čula ca-b /-d
Ergative	#	cinna cin-ni	#	čula čul
Genitive	cinni cin-na	#	čul čula	#
Dative	cinni cini-j	cinna cini-j	čul ču-j	čula ču-j
Comitative	cinni cini-c:ella	cinna cini-c:ella	čul ču-c:ella	čula ču-c:ella

### 2. Functions of the simple reflexive pronouns

- in local reflexivization (binding within the same clause)
- emphatic reflexive use
- in non-local reflexivization (including logophoric contexts)
- to establish reference across clausal boundaries,
- as pause fillers (only genitive reflexive pronouns)
- in comitative constructions (only the absolutive reflexive pronouns)

#### 2.1. Local reflexivization

- bound within the clause

- (1) ca ca ilt:a-j d-ič:-ib, ca **cin-i-j** b-at-ur  
 one one 3pl.obl-dat npl-give.pfv-pret one refl.sg-obl-dat n-let.pfv-pret  
 (The boy) gave them one pear each, one he kept for himself.

- case marking of binder and bindee can swap  
 - but fixed word order; if the order of demonstrative (as binder) and reflexive is reversed, the reflexive reading is lost  
 - case swapping is only available for affective verbs with dative experiencers; forbidden for transitive verbs and other valency classes

- (2a) it-i-j **ca-w** // it **cin-i-j** či-w-ig-ul ca-w  
 3sg-obl-dat refl-m // 3sg refl.sg-obl-dat spr-m-see.ipfv-icvb be-m  
 He sees himself

## 2.2. Emphatic reflexive use

- not bound by a co-referent argument in the clause  
 - mostly without the co-referent nominal, but if they co-occur then the reflexive is following the nominal  
 - functions of emphatic reflexives (König & Gast 2006)  
 (i) adnominal (*X, not Y* or *X, in contrast to Y*)  
 (ii) adverbial-exclusive (*alone, without help*)  
 (iii) adverbial-inclusive (*also, too*) (not common in Nakh-Daghestanian)  
 (iv) attributive (*own*)

- (3a) **cin-ni** a-b-erk<sup>w</sup>-un-ne turba-le-r lak'  
 refl.sg-erg neg-n-eat.pfv-pret-cvb chimney-spr-abl throw

bi-ka-b-arq'-ib ca-b qili hel qix  
 in-down-n-do.pfv-pret be-n home that nut

(When she was sweeping, she found a walnut.) She did not eat the nut herself, but threw it through the chimney into the house.

- (3b) **ca-r** ka-r-ic:-ur ca-r er-či-ka-r-ik'-ul heχ-i-j  
 refl-f down-f-stand.pfv-pret be-f look-spr-down-f-look-icvb 3sg-obl-dat  
 (He says, Hello, Asja Iwanowna.) (She) herself is standing and looking at him

- (3c) ħurija ja **ca-r** ha-r-ax-ul ak:u ja du r-ax-ul ak:<sup>w</sup>a-di  
 Hurija or refl-f up-f-go-icvb neg or 1sg f-go-icvb be.neg-1  
 Neither Xurija herself comes (to me) nor do I go (to her).

- (3d) **ca-b** ka-b-iž-ib-le da<sup>ʕ</sup>? amzu d-irq'-ul ca-d  
 refl-n down-n-be.pfv-pret-cvb face clean npl-do.ipfv-icvb be-npl  
 (The fox brought a lot of animals to the poor farmer. The farmer came home and was wondering, looked at them) Itself (the fox itself) is sitting and cleaning its face.

## 2.3. Long-distance reflexivization

- logophoric contexts (this includes longer stretches of discourse that are framed by verbs of speech and cognition)

- (4a) xunul-li-c:e=ra durħu<sup>ʕ</sup>-c:e=ra χabar b-urs-il ca-b  
 woman-obl-in=add boy-in=add story n-tell.pfv-ptcp be-n

[**cin-ni-j** ag-ur-il-la]  
 refl.sg-obl-dat go.pfv-pret-ptcp-gen  
 He tells his wife and his son what had happened to him.

- (4b) tusnaq-le-w=q:ella hek'-i-j d-aqil cik'al han  
 prison-spr-m=when 3sg-obl-dat npl-much something remember
- či-sa-d-irk-ul=de hel admi-li-j [cet'le milic'a-b-a-l  
 spr-hither-npl-occur.ipfv-icvb=pst that person-obl-dat how police-pl-obl-erg
- ca-w** w-it-ib-ce=de=l, cet'le **cin-ni** x:unul it-ul  
 refl-m m-beat.up-pret-attr.sg=pst=indq how refl.sg-erg woman beat.up-icvb
- kelg-un-ce=de=l]  
 remain.pfv-pret-attr.sg=pst=indq  
 When the man was in prison he remembered a lot, how the police beat him up, how he beat up his wife.

- relative clauses

- (5) il=q:el juldaš-li [juldaš:-a-l **cin-i-j**  
 that=when friend-erg friend.pl-obl-erg refl.sg-obl-dat
- sa-q:-ib-te] xunul-be ʔaʕli-j d-ič:-ib  
 hither-carry.pfv-pret-attr.pl gift-pl Ali-dat npl-give.pfv-pret  
 At that the friend gave to Ali the gifts that his friend had brought to him.

- other contexts of co-reference across clauses: referring to a topical referent in the discourse (not necessarily used as an argument in the preceding clause)

- (6a) hel ʔuʕrus x:unul er r-ik'-ul r-už-ib-le;  
 that Russian woman look f-look.at.ipfv-icvb f-be-pret-cvb
- alžana b-ik:-ab **cin-i-j**  
 heaven n-give.pfv-opt.3 refl.sg-obl-dat  
 It turned out that the Russian woman had looked (at the events), may heaven be given to her.

- (6b) tuɣum-te ruc-be ak:u=x:ar, w-alɣ-an uc:i urš-b-a-l,  
 relative-pl sister-pl neg=conc m-know.ipfv-ptcp brother guy-pl-obl-erg
- du-l=ra usal-dex a-b-irq'-id mas-la arc-la,  
 1sg-erg=add weak-nmlz neg-n-do.ipfv-1 wealth-gen silver-gen
- ču-l**=ra a-b-irq'-ul er r-arq'-ib=da  
 refl.pl-erg=add neg-n-do.ipfv-icvb life f-do.pfv-pret=1  
 Although there were no brothers (relatives) and sisters, my friends (known brothers), the guys, I also did not show lacking of money, things (i.e. supported them), and they also did not, so I have lived (my life).

(6c) di-la pikri ha'sible, cin-i-j b-urq-an=da  
 1sg-gen thought following refl.sg-obl-dat n-hit.ipfv-ptcp=1

ik'-ul ca-w ik'  
 say.ipfv-icvb be-m dem.up

(discussing the possible thoughts and actions of figures on picture) In my opinion, he says, I will hit her.

## 2.4. Pause fillers

- the genitive reflexive pronouns are frequently used as pause fillers (both singular and plural)
- hypothesis: singular plural when the subject-like argument is singular (7a), plural pronoun for plural arguments (7b) (because of the original use as genitive reflexive pronouns)

(7a) heχ cinna c'aq'-le w-artaq-ib admi ca-w  
 3sg pause.filler very-advz m-enjoy.oneself.pfv-pret person be-m  
 He is a person that is very extroverted.

(7b) čula d-urk:-ar iχ-t:i ganza-l-gu-d gu-d  
 pause.filler npl-find.ipfv-cond.3 dem.down-pl ground-obl-sub-npl down-npl

da'ʔle ca-d  
 as be-npl

Well, probably they are like under the ground (growing).

## 2.5. Comitative construction

- the reflexive pronouns in the absolutive are used in a comitative construction (as an alternative to the comitative construction with the comitative case)
- [Y=ra X=ra] 'X with Y'
- X is animate (usually human), expressed through the reflexive
- Y is a nominal in the absolutive case (?), can be animate or inanimate
- both are marked with the additive =ra and most commonly adjacent to each other
- but they do not make up a conjoined NP that takes an argument position in the clause; the arguments are expressed independently
- described for Standard Dargwa by van den Berg (2004)

(8) hin-na [badra=ra ca-w=ra] heχ ka-jc:-ur ca-w  
 water-gen bucket=add refl-m=add dem.down down-stand.pfv-pret be-m  
 With a bucket of water he is standing.

- might have evolved from the emphatic reflexive function: when the emphatic reflexive is used in a conjoined NP: X X-self and Y (both ... and ...)

(9) ca x:unul-li χ:ap b-arq'-ib-le hil-i-la wešimišuk'=ra  
 one woman-erg grab n-do.pfv-pret-cvb that-obl-gen backpack=add

b-erq:-ib ca-b ca-r=ra ag-ur ca-r  
 n-carry.pfv-pret be-n refl-f=add go.pfv-pret be-f

There one woman grabbed his backpack, took it and went away with it.

lit. she also took [the backpack], and [she herself] also went away

-> she went away with the backpack

### 3. The complex reflexive pronouns

- local reflexivization
- emphatic reflexivization
- reciprocal constructions (only plural reflexive pronouns)

#### 3.1. Local reflexive use (Forker 2014)

- the only corpus example (first occurrence is emphatic reflexivization)

(10) u-l        daʔle    cin-ni        čaj-la    istikan    a-b-irq'-u        **cin-ni**  
2sg-erg    as        refl.sg-erg    tea-gen    glass    neg-n-do.ipfv-prs    refl.sg-erg

#### **cin-i-j**

refl.sg-obl-dat

(talking about the sister of one of the speakers) She does not make herself a glass of tea like you.

- in complementary distribution with personal or demonstrative pronouns
- the c-command requirement holds, i.e. a possessor cannot control a reflexive pronoun (11a)
- must be locally bound (11b)

(11a) Madina-la    aba        **cinij**        **ca-r**    čič<r>ig-ul=ca-r  
Madina-GEN    mother    REFL.DAT    REFL-F    see<F>-CVB=COP-F  
'Madina's<sub>i</sub> mother<sub>j</sub> sees herself\*<sub>i/j</sub>.'

(11b) Madina-j    b-ik:-ul=ca-b                    [aba        **cinij**        **ca-r**    čič<r>až-ib-le]  
Madina-DAT    N-want-CVB=COP-N    mother    REFL.DAT    REFL-F    see<F>-PRET-CVB  
'Madina's<sub>i</sub> wants that the mother<sub>j</sub> sees herself\*<sub>i/j</sub>.'

- within a ditransitive construction the direct or the indirect object can function as binder (though simple reflexive pronouns would be preferred in such examples):

(12a) Pat'imat-li    Rašid<sub>i</sub>        surratic:e-w        **cin-na**        **cinij<sub>i</sub>**        čič<w>ižaq-ul-de  
Patimat-ERG    Rashid    picture.IN-M    REFL-GEN    REFL.DAT    show<M>-CVB-PST  
'Patimat showed Rashid<sub>i</sub> to himself<sub>i</sub> on the picture.'

(12b) Pat'imat-li    čič<w>ižaq-ul-de        Arsen-ni-j<sub>i</sub>        surrat-le-w        čič-w<sub>i</sub>  
Patimat-ERG    show<M>-CVB-PST    Arsen-OBL-DAT    picture-SPR-M    on-M

#### **cinij**

REFL-M

#### **ca-w**

REFL.DAT

'Patimat showed to Arsen<sub>i</sub> himself<sub>i</sub> on the picture.'

- with transitive and affective predicates the distribution of the case marking in reflexive constructions is free, i.e. either the controller or the pronoun takes the ergative or the dative case suffix:

(13a) Rasul-li        **cin-ni**        **ca-w**    /    **cin-na**        **ca-w**        gap.w.irq'-ul=ca-w  
Rasul-ERG    REFL-ERG    REFL-M    /    REFL-GEN    REFL-M    praise.M-CVB=COP-M  
'Rasul is praising himself.'

- (13b) Rasul **ca-w cin-ni** / **cin-na cin-ni** gap.w.irq'-ul=ca-w  
 Rasul REFL-M REFL-ERG / REFL-GEN REFL-ERG praise.M-CVB=COP-M  
 'Rasul is praising himself.'

- out of context there is no semantic or pragmatic difference between reflexive constructions with standard case marking and reflexive constructions with reversed marking (in contrast to other Nakh-Daghestanian languages)  
 - the reversal of the marking is forbidden for coarguments of extended intransitive verbs  
 - some restrictions on the word order, concerning both standard reflexive constructions and those with reversed marking

### 3.2. Reciprocal constructions

- always clause-bound

- (14) Madina-j=ra Pat'imat-li-j=ra **čula ca-b**  
 Madina-dat=add Patimat-obl-dat=add refl.pl.gen refl-hpl  
  
 či-b-ig-ul ca-b  
 spr-hpl-see.ipfv-icvb cop-hpl  
 Madina and Patimat see each other.

### 3.3. Emphatic reflexive use

- the complex genitive reflexives are also used as emphatic reflexives, e.g. function (i), (ii)

- (15a) hel-t-a-li ču-la ču-l d-iq:-ul het:i  
 that-pl-obl-erg refl.pl-gen refl.pl-erg npl-carry.ipfv-icvb those

q:up-re d-ic'-ib-le  
 sack-pl npl-fill.pfv-pret-cvb

They themselves were carrying the sacks and when they were filled.

- (15b) tem.bolee niš:a-la priedz-li-j=ra ču-la ca-b=ra  
 moreover 1pl-gen arrival-obl-dat=add refl.pl-gen refl-hpl=add

padgatuwlennij=de  
 prepared=pst

Moreover, (the Icarri people) themselves were prepared for our coming.

- (15c) absalut'na cin-na ca-w w-aš-i  
 absolutely refl.sg-gen refl-m m-go-hab.pst  
 He went completely on his own (alone).

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