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Towards the Distribution of Consonants in a Reducing Segment

Summary

The conditions for the contraction of a substantive in Georgian have been known (G. Akhvlediani, V. Topuria, A. Shanidze, T. Uturgaidze). Together with the other ones, the distribution of consonants in a reducing segment have been considered to be the necessary condition, namely, the principle of accessive fricativity should be maintained (T. Uturgaidze).

My investigation has been aimed at highlighting the order of consonants in a reducing segment, as a result of contraction, in mono-, di-, tri- and more syllabic stems. The results of the observation have been based on the data (up to 800 reduced forms) marked out by a computer from German-Georgian Dictionary (1977).

I had tried to estimate the frequency of the use of the consonant clusters having resulted by contraction.

It would be noteworthy to mention that in Georgian the order of the consonants of successive fricativity has been mainly characteristic of disyllabic stems: *çeram*, *urem*, *araq*, *somex*, *qasab*, *niyab*, *xoxob*, etc.

The above-mentioned conclusions are a result of a preliminary observation only and have not been presented with a claim of perfection.