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POLYFUNCTIONALITY OF VERBAL PREFIXES IN DYNAMICS AND THE PROBLEM OF VERB MODELLING

Modern Georgian distinguishes the following four functions of verbal-prefixes: 1) direction; (2) orientation; (3) formation of perfective aspect; (4) word forming, (A.Shanidze). The first two, direction, orientation, are its basic functions. The fourth function also seems to have developed from the first and second ones; as for the third, formation of the perfective aspect, it is of the late period in comparison with the three. Recent researches have also revealed that verbal-prefixes have developed qualities of expressing additional meanings (grammatical and semantic) (M.Manjgaladze, M.Monaselidze, Ts. Kvantaliani).

The polyfunctionality of verbal prefixes gives rise to the question of mutual relationships between the functions. As it is noted by A. Shanidze the third function does not express the first two but, is usually used in unity with them i.e. expresses perfective aspect and direction at the same time. Most probably the ability of expressing the new functions (including the perfective aspect) have evolved on the expense of the basic function. At the same time verbal prefixes tend to be differentiated (e.g. the altering of meanings of Ga and da).

It is absolutely necessary that all these tendencies should be considered in solving the problem of verb modelling.