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ACTUAL DIVISION OF THE SENTENCE AND SYNTACTIC INVERSION

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Abstract. This theoretical and analytical paper examines one of the central issues in modern English linguistics - the structural and functional relationship between the Actual Division of the Sentence (also known as Functional Sentence Perspective - FSP) and the phenomenon of Syntactic Inversion, alongside their collective role in text organization. While traditional grammar primarily classifies sentence constituents according to formal syntactic functions (Subject, Predicate, Object), this study prioritizes the informational structure of the sentence and its pragmatic function within discourse.

The research elucidates the core constituents of the actual division of the sentence - namely, the Theme (given/contextual information) and the Rheme (new/essential information) - and their respective roles in advancing communicative dynamism. Given that English is an analytical language with a relatively rigid basic word order (Subject - Verb - Object), syntactic inversion serves as a pivotal stylistic and pragmatic mechanism for aligning formal syntactic rules with the speaker's communicative intentions and information focus.

Furthermore, the paper provides a comparative analysis of the two primary structural types of syntactic inversion in English: Full Inversion (Subject-Verb Inversion) and Partial Inversion (Subject-Auxiliary Inversion). It investigates how fronting locative, directional, or negative adverbial elements shifts the communicative focus onto the Rheme, thereby creating logical cohesion and rhetorical emphasis across continuous prose.

In conclusion, the study demonstrates that syntactic inversion is not merely an arbitrary grammatical exception or stylistic embellishment, but a systematic communicative tool designed to reconcile formal syntax with pragmatic focus. The insights offered in this paper hold practical value for courses in theoretical English grammar, stylistics, and translation studies.

Keywords: Actual Division of the Sentence, Functional Sentence Perspective (FSP), Theme and Rheme, Syntactic Inversion, Full Inversion, Partial Inversion, Communicative Dynamism, Word Order, Stylistic Devices.

Introduction. Any given sentence is not merely a combination of words, but a targeted communicative message. While traditional grammar analyzes a sentence by its formal constituents (Subject, Predicate, Object), the actual division studies the sentence as a source of information. This field serves to identify the logical center of the sentence. In certain linguistic literature, the actual division of the sentence is also referred to as the Functional Sentence Perspective (FSP). This concept was introduced to linguistics by the Prague Linguistic Circle (V. MATHESIUS). Because speech possesses an individual nature, the combination of word - forms participating in a sentence is also free. However, this "freedom" never goes beyond general linguistic laws. Word - forms acquire a general order based on the speaker's communicative intent and stylistic requirements.

Every spoken sentence not only reflects a certain reality but also demonstrates the speaker's informational objective.

For example:

In the sentence "Jamshid went to school", alongside stating the reality of Jamshid's going to school, the speaker's intention to inform the listener about where Jamshid went is also reflected. Therefore, this sentence answers the question "Where did Jamshid go?" Consequently, the primary focus in this sentence is not merely the reality of Jamshid going somewhere, but providing the listener with information regarding where Jamshid went.

If we rearrange the sentence to "To school went Jamshid", the objective reality remains identical to the previous sentence, yet the speaker's informational goal becomes specific through the question "Who went to school?" In the first sentence, the direction of the action is the informational target, whereas in the second sentence, the agent of the action is the target. The structure of a sentence from the point of view of its communicative function is called its **ACTUAL structure**. The constituent parts of this actual structure are called **Actual components.**

2. Theme and Rheme: Definition and Essence

From a functional/communicative standpoint, the elements forming a sentence are divided into "THEME" (given/known information) and "RHEME" (new information). The RHEME component of the sentence is communicatively (informationally) essential. Questions are asked precisely to identify this Rheme. The Theme component, being already known, is directly repeated in the interrogative sentence.

What is Theme?

- Theme is the part of the sentence that is known in advance, previously mentioned during conversation, or easily inferable from context.
- It usually appears at the beginning of the sentence.
- It serves as the foundation for the answer.
- Example: The book I read. (Here, "the book" is the Theme - what is being talked about).

What is Rheme?

- Rheme is the primary, new, and essential information in the sentence.
- It is the core/center of the sentence's meaning.
- It usually appears at the end of the sentence.
- Logical stress falls directly on the Rheme.
- Example: The book I read. (Here, "I read" is the Rheme - the new information).

3. Means of Realizing the Actual Division of the Sentence

The means that bring about the actual division of the sentence (partitioning the message into Theme and Rheme) operate at various levels of language: phonetic, lexical, morphological, and syntactic.

1. Intonation and Logical Stress (Phonetic Means)

This is the most universal and widespread means. Even if the word order in the sentence remains unchanged, whichever word receives the logical stress becomes the Rheme (new message).

Example: Scientists came to the school today.

Analysis: Stress falls on the word "scientists". Thus, everyone knew that someone was coming to the school, but the specific fact of who arrived (scientists) constitutes the new information.

2. Word Order (Syntactic Means)

In Uzbek/general syntax, the Rheme typically precedes the predicate. To emphasize important information, it is shifted closer to the predicate or fronted to the beginning of the sentence (inversion).

Neutral position: Akmal will go to Tashkent tomorrow. (Rheme: to Tashkent).

Altered position: To Tashkent tomorrow Akmal will go. (Rheme: Akmal).

Inversion: Will go tomorrow to Tashkent Akmal. (Here, the action "going" is fronted to the beginning as the most vital message).

3. Lexical-Semantic Means

Certain words function to highlight the semantic core (Rheme) in a sentence. These include emphasizing, restrictive, and differentiating words.

Tools: Specifically, exactly, only, mainly, even, especially.

Example: Only directors entered the meeting. (Analysis: The word “only” turns “directors” into the Rheme, emphasizing that others did not enter).

Example: Specifically you must complete this task. (Analysis: The word “specifically” focuses attention on the pronoun “you”, making it the communicative center).

4. Morphological Means (Particles)

Particles are very active in realizing actual division. A word attached to a particle receives logical stress and becomes the Rheme.

Tools: -mi, -chi, -gina, -oq/-yoq, -ku, -da, -u/-yu. [Suffixes in Uzbek]

Example: Was it YOU who did this job? (Rheme: YOU).

Example: As soon as he came, work started. (Rheme: his immediate arrival).

Example: The book I DID read, but I didn't understand it. (Analysis: The particle -ku turns “the book” into the Theme, signaling that the subsequent clause - not understanding it - is the new information).

4. The Concept of Syntactic Inversion

Inversion is derived from the Latin word “inversion”, meaning “reversal” or “transposition”. Syntactic inversion refers to the alteration of the standard, accepted word order in a language for stylistic and pragmatic purposes. Although Uzbek belongs to languages with a “fixed word order”, inversion is used very actively in spoken speech and literary fiction. This demonstrates the vast internal potential of the language.

Standard (Neutral) Word Order in Uzbek Syntax:

According to syntactic norms:

1. Subject (at the beginning)
2. Attributive (before the modified noun)
3. Adverbial and Object (before the predicate)
4. Predicate (at the end)

Example: “We (S) today (Adv) an interesting book (O) read (P)”.

5. Types and Functions of Inversion

Predicative Inversion (Inversion of the Predicate)

Moving the predicate from the final position to another place in the sentence is the most powerful

emotional tool.

In Poetry: “Flew the clouds, stained in the blood of timelessness...”

Function: To bring the action or state into the foreground, starting the message unexpectedly.

Semantics of Attributive Inversion

An attribute (adjective) always precedes the modified noun (noun). If its position changes, the attribute becomes independent.
Example: “My Motherland is sacred”. (Not merely an ordinary feature, but presented as a supreme truth).
An inverted attribute often approaches the predicative center of the sentence.

Inversion of Objects and Adverbials

Inversion: “I will write a letter”, “He arrived in a hurry”.

This state frequently reflects the segmentation of thought in colloquial speech. A person utters the main point first, then gradually adds the details.

6. The Role of Inversion in Literary and Colloquial Discourse

Inversion in Literary Style

In poetry, inversion is a primary tool:
Rhythm and Rhyme: Assists in structural placement of words in poetic meter.
Imagery: The author creates a unique individual style. For example, in the works of Oybek or G‘afur G‘ulom, inversion imparts a folk, colloquial spirit.
Example (Erkin Vahidov): “Calling myself an Uzbek, why should I not take pride before the wide world?” (Analysis: The word “why” has become the logical core of the sentence through inversion).

The Role of Inversion in Colloquial Speech
In live spoken speech, we strive for economy and speed.
“Let’s go home!” (The primary objective is reaching home, rather than the action itself).
Conversational inversion plays a leading role in imparting expressive - emotional coloration.

Boundaries of Inversion
Inversion is not permissible in all functional styles:

- Formal-Official Style: Strictly prohibited (precision in documents is paramount).
- Scientific Style: Used very rarely (so that logical continuity is not disrupted).
- Publicistic Style: Used in headlines to attract attention.

Conclusion. The actual division of the sentence and syntactic inversion showcase the functional power of language. Through them, language proves to be not merely a set of rigid rules,

but a living mechanism that conveys thoughts and emotions down to their finest nuances. The deep study of these phenomena is a key factor in enhancing rhetorical and speech mastery.

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