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## The Principle of Repulsion between Active Inflecting Words

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### I. Stative inflecting words and active inflecting words

In his work *Gengyo shishuron* ("Theory of the four-way distinction in words"), Hanareya Okina Suzuki Akira presents a completely novel proposal for a categorization of inflecting words. It is argued under the title of "words for states and words for actions" and is presented as follows:

For items that have heretofore been treated under a single category, variously called 'words of application,' 'words of function,' 'words of inflection,' etc., now I divide them into the two categories of 'stative words' and 'active words', with the distinction between them being whether either for the inflecting words in the "te, ni, wo, ha" class<sup>i</sup> attached to the ends of these words, or for these words themselves, the written symbol suffixed to the word root corresponds to second column 'i' rhymes<sup>ii</sup> or to third column 'u' rhymes. In the case of those rhyming with 'i', they are further divided into words ending in 'si' and those ending in 'ri'. In the case of 'si', it can be recognized as the 'si' in words such as 'kirakirasi' (shiny.CLS<sup>iii</sup>) or 'sugasugasi' (fresh.CLS), or in the contemporary speech as the '-sii' in 'nani-nanisi-i' (something-something-ACOP.CLS), the nature of which is denoting states: The '-si' of '-kesi' as in 'sizukesi' (tranquil.CLS), 'harukesi' (distant.CLS); of '-tasi' as in 'ureta-si' (annoying-CLS), 'medeta-si' (praiseworthy-CLS); of '-mekasi' as in 'hurumekasi' (old-fashioned.CLS), 'obomekasi' (vague.CLS) all are in this category, as is the '-si' in 'taka-si' (high-CLS), 'hiki-si' (low-CLS), 'yo-si' (good-CLS), 'a-si' (bad-CLS), 'kanasi' (disarming.CLS), 'tanosi' (interesting.CLS). In the case of '-ri', the form is 'ar-i' (exist-CLS) with the 'a-' being that 'a-' attested in words like 'ariari' (manifest), 'azayaka' (vivid), 'araharu' (appear) 'akiraka' (clear), which is elided and disappears when suffixed to other elements: 'wori' (be.sitting.ADI) is from 'wi-ari' (sit-exist.ADI); 'kik-eri' (hear-STV.ADI) and 'mi-tari' (see-PRF.ADI) are from 'kiki-ari' (hear-exist.ADI) and 'mi-te-ari' (see-PRF-exist.ADI); 'yuk-eri' (go-STV.ADI) and 'kaher-eri' (return-STV.ADI) are from 'yuki-ari' (go-exist.ADI) and 'kaheri-ari' (return-STV.ADI). Every such word ending in the character 'ri' is originally an active word that now denotes a state. In this way, all words that end in either 'i' or 'ri' denote states....

The point in which the categorization above differs in result from typical bipartite categorizations dividing predicates into verbs and adjectives is in its treatment of the 'ra'-row irregular inflecting verbs<sup>iv</sup>, whereby verbs such as 'ari' (exist.ADI) 'wori' ('be.sitting.ADI'), 'haberi' (serve.ADI), 'imasokari' ('go.ADI'), etc. are separated from other verbs and subsumed under a category including adjectives.

That the distinction between stative and active predicates is not one merely applying to free inflecting morphemes but is also applicable to bound verbal suffixes

should be clear from the quotation above. But from the fact that verbal suffixes in Japanese are limited to two classes, those with conclusive forms in 'i' and those in 'u', without a single item having a conclusive form other than those two, the classification can be seen to partition all the inflecting forms of Japanese into two clear groups. Moreover, as a result of this, with regard to two forms that should be thought of as occupying the same category on the basis of semantics, namely 'ari' ('exist.ADI') and 'na-si' ('lacking-CLS'), the need for the strange analysis whereby the former is a verb and the latter is an adjective is eliminated. Furthermore, we must recognize that, as can be seen in the naming that Suzuki applies to the categories, the resulting grouping of inflecting words denoting the states of things and those denoting the actions of things is not a distinction merely drawn on the basis of morphology, but parallels observations on a semantic level as well. To this extent the analysis above captures an aspect of the nature of the Japanese language very accurately and can be thought of as having a significance equal to that of the partitioning of verbs from adjectives. Nevertheless, because the morphological utility of the analysis was lost due to the enormous disruption of the inflection system after the Muromachi period, which resulted in the elimination of the 'ra'-row irregular inflection, this analysis saw no development worth mentioning since the publication of *Gengyo shishuron*, and compared to the verb/adjective distinction, it seems to have been left in neglect. Nevertheless, the analysis can be thought of as having plenty of value at least with respect to the Japanese language that predates the loss of the 'ra'-row irregular inflection, so based on Suzuki's categorization, I propose, in the pages that follow, to investigate how said categorization is reflected in the makeup of the Japanese language.

Suzuki's analysis can be summarized as follows:

All the inflecting words in the Japanese language can be divided into two groups depending on whether the conclusive form of a given word ends in an 'i' rhyme or a 'u' rhyme. There are no exceptions. The first group is designated as the group of stative predicates, and the latter is the group of active predicates.

Now, when making these definitions based on morphology, the semantic fact that, without exception, stative predicates always denote states of things and active predicates always denote actions of things strictly falls out as a consequence is (as noted above) an important feature of the categorization. However, language is never without change and development, with semantic shift and changes in lexical characteristics being unavoidable, so that items which undergo changes in lexical characteristics due to external influences are attested, albeit in small numbers. Specifically, the items presented in the discussion that immediately follows are originally active inflecting words which have come to be used as stative inflecting words (and there are no items exemplifying a shift in the opposite direction).

(1) miyu (be.visible.CLS), kikoyu (be.audible.CLS), oboyu (be.perceptible.CLS)

These words do not denote actions of things, but rather denote judgments about the subjective existence of things on the occasion of seeing, hearing, and perceiving them, and to this extent these words should be categorized together with stative inflecting words. It has already been pointed out by previous researchers that these words are originally 'miru' (see.ADN), 'kiku' (hear.ADC), and 'omohu' (think.ADC) with the verbal auxiliary '-yu' (-PASS.CLS) attached, and are thus not strictly single-morpheme items, but it can be said that on a semantic level their character of denoting not actions but rather states is a result of external influences.

(2) saburahu (serve.ADC), samorahu (wait.upon.ADC), ohasu (go.CLS)

It is generally acknowledged that originally each of these words respectively denoted distinct actions for the most part, but due to semantic change, they all came to be used in exactly the same way as 'ari' and 'haberi'. Furthermore, it can be proven that this semantic shift was a change due to external influences that occurred after the Heian period.

(3) to ihu (COMP say.ADC), ni naru ('COP.INF become.ADC')

These expressions are limited to cases where, respectively, 'to ihu' is used to express appellation, and 'ni naru' is used to express longevity. In contemporary Japanese as well, the statements 'watasi wa nanigasi to iimasu' (lit. 'I call (myself) such and such') and 'watasi wa boosai ni narimasu' (lit. 'I become such and such years old') express, in effect, the same meanings as 'watasi wa nanigasi desu' ('I am such and such') and 'watasi wa boosai desu' ('I am such and such years old'). Accordingly, it is clear that these expressions are not accompanied by the active meanings of 'to ihu' and 'ni naru', and their origins belong to a historical period that is amenable to empirical verification.

(4) -zu (NEG.ADI), -mu (CJR.ADC)

The conclusive form of the verbal auxiliary for negation 'zu' ends in a rhyme with 'u', but its inflectional paradigm should be identified with that of adjectives (Hashimoto, *Shōwa* 30 (1955) lecture "Kokubunpō taikai-ron"). Furthermore, its inflectional paradigm can clearly be seen to be made up of two distinct variant types, one in the 'na'-row and one in the 'za'-row, so that it must be admitted that this inflection is also a result of a change due to external influences. Furthermore, the conclusive form of the verbal auxiliary for conjecture 'mu' also ends in a rhyme with 'u', but, given that it originally was simply used

to denote either conjecture and futurity or to denote intention, it can be argued that semantically the first usage includes stativity in its meaning. The reason is that in Classical Japanese the expression 'yuka-mu' (go-CJR.ADC) was a single form with two senses, capable of expressing both conjecture and intention, but in Contemporary Spoken Japanese the expression 'yukau' (go.HORT) expresses in the Standard Language only intention and not conjecture. In order to simply express conjecture the form becomes 'yuku darau' (go.ADC COP.HORT) where, given that 'dara' can be traced back to 'de ari' (COP.GER exist.CLS), it can be seen that 'ari' mediates in the formation of the expression. In addition, these stay as two distinct forms in polite speech: 'yuki-maseu' (go-POL.HORT) and 'yuku deseu' (go.ADC COP.POL.HORT), but while, as can be seen in the expression

'Izure kuwasii koto wa honnin ga mawosiagemmaseu ga toriaezu watasi kara daitai wo ohanasi simasu.' ('Eventually the person in question will tell the details, but for the moment I will give the gist') it cannot be easily claimed that there are absolutely no instances where '-maseu' expresses conjecture, normally 'yukimaseu' expresses intention and 'yuku deseu' expresses conjecture. When we consider the relationship between '-masu' (-POL.CLS) and 'mawirasu' (submit.CLS), and that between 'desu' (COP.POL.CLS) and 'de ar-imasu' (COP.GER exist-POL.CLS) we also can see the existence of stativity in the forms that denote conjecture. If we state this from the point of view whereby auxiliary verbs are what Tokieda calls 'kannen-go' (conceptual-words), since we should consider the forms expressing the intention of the subject as being more direct expressions, it is more fitting to consider the expression simply denoting conjecture or futurity as being the result of an expansion of the usage of 'mu,' and accordingly the fact that 'mu' which rhymes with 'u' has come to denote stative meanings can be said to be a result of a change in lexical characteristics. The same can be said of the conjectural forms 'ramu' (CJR.ADC) and '-kemu' (-CJR.ADC).

The only forms that should be regarded as exceptions within the stative/active categorization are those few set out in the discussion above, but as previously noted these are all the result of either changes or expansions of the semantics or lexical characteristics due to external influences, changes which were newly arisen and certainly not any original characteristic of the words in question. For this reason, we can consider the stative/active categorization to be a truly magnificent categorization allowing of no exceptions with respect to the time period at which the inflections of words in the Japanese language had yet to be exposed to the eroding winds of language change, and from this standpoint, we can say that the above categorization has a necessity deeply rooted in the nature of the Japanese language.

Now, at the point when the items raised above (which morphologically have conclusive forms rhyming with 'u', while at the same time semantically denote states of things) had their membership shift from the class quasi-stative words to that of stative words, the scope of the class of stative words was as follows:

## i. adjectives

‘-ku’ inflection

‘-siku’ inflection

## ii. verbs

‘ra’ row irregular inflection; ‘miyu’, ‘kikoyu’, ‘oboyu’, ‘saburahu’, ‘samorahu’,  
‘ohasu’, ‘to ihu’, ‘ni naru’

## iii. verbal auxiliaries

‘besi’ (‘ought’), ‘-tasi’ (‘desire’), ‘gotosi’ (semblative), ‘-mazi’ (negative conjecture), ‘-mahosi’ (‘desire’), ‘-tari’ (resultative), ‘-ri’ (progressive), ‘-keri,’ (modal past), ‘meri’ (evidential), ‘nari’ (evidential), ‘bekari’ (‘ought’), ‘-takari’ (be desirous of), ‘-mazikari’ (negative conjecture), ‘-mahosikari’ (‘be desirous of’), ‘-zari’ (negative), ‘gotoku nari’ (semblative), ‘-ki’ (simple past), ‘-masi’ (subjunctive), ‘rasi’ (evidential) ‘-zi’ (negative conjectural), ‘-zu’ (negative), ‘-mu’ (conjectural), ‘ramu’ (conjectural), ‘-kemu’ (conjectural)

Accordingly, all of the inflecting forms other than those listed above are active predicates. I propose to investigate how the consequences of this categorization are reflected in the structure of the Japanese language.

## II. Stative nominalizations<sup>v</sup> and active nominalizations

It is said that the particle ‘no’ connects substantive expressions (and quasi-substantive expressions) to inflecting words, thereby forming a nominative case relationship, but in most of these instances they form nominalizations in complex clauses,<sup>vi</sup> with simplex sentences being rather rare. Furthermore, the nominalizations formed by ‘no’ in this way are distinguished as being of two types of extremely different natures, such that the two cannot be treated as belonging to the same class, as has been pointed out by Yuzawa Kōkichirō (“‘No’, ‘ga’ wo tomonau ku no ikkeisiki,”

*Kokugogakuron* 国語学). To wit:

(1) 友の 遠方より 訪れたるを 喜ぶ。

Tomo=no wenpauyori otozure-taru=wo yorokobu  
friend=NOM afar=ABL visit-PRF.ADN=ACC celebrate.CLS  
(We, they) celebrate the friend's having visited from afar'

(2) 友の 遠方より 訪れたるを もてなす。

Tomo=no wenpau=yori otozure-taru=wo motenasu  
 friend=GEN afar=ABL visit-PRF.ADN=ACC welcome.CLS  
 '(We, they) welcome the friend who has visited from afar'

In examples (1) and (2) above, the underlined parts take on object roles in relation to the predicates 'yorokobu' ('celebrate.ADC') and 'motenasu' ('welcome.ADC'), respectively, forming nominalizations through the mediation of the particle 'no'. Furthermore, the nominalizations in (1) and (2) are completely identical in form, admitting of no difference whatsoever, but considered from the aspect of their semantics, they are not necessarily the same. The reason is that in example (1), the interpretation is '(We, they) celebrate (the fact of) a friend's coming to visit from afar,' while in example (2) the interpretation is '(We, they) welcome a friend who has come to visit from afar,' so that in (1) the entire expression 'tomo no wenpau yori otozuretaru' takes on its grammatical dependency as a proposition or sentence, while in (2) the only element of 'tomo no wenpau yori motenasu' that semantically takes on a direct grammatical dependency is the noun 'tomo' ('friend').

In the final analysis, (2) means 'to welcome a friend,' so that 'come to visit from afar' is not so much predicated of 'friend' as it is ascribed to 'friend.' In effect, the 'no' in (2) is, as Yuzawa might say, functioning in a way analogous to the relative pronouns in such languages as English, German, and French, forming something along the lines of an appositive construction. Rather than being a nominative marker, the 'no' in (2) is more properly characterized as being a genitive marker.

Given that we should distinguish between the two types of 'no' in nominalizations of the sort described above, the question is whether the difference between the two is a matter only of semantics, or whether there is some difference with regard to morpho-syntax as well.

	a d j e c t i v e	'ra' i r r e g u l a r	b e s i	m a z i	m a h o s i	t a r i	N a r i	K e r i	r i	z a r i	k a r i	k i	m i y u	s a m o r a h u	o h a s u	t o i h u	n i n a r u	z u	m u	r a m u	o t h e r
Senmyō		1	1																1		
Norito																					
Taketori																					
Ise	2					1		5	1												1
Tosa	1					1	2														
Yamato	4	2				4	5	8	1							1					
Genzi	59	36	6	2	2	109	63	7	36		16	4	2	1	1	2		10	4	1	13
Konjaku	56	61	5			107	113	129	12	3		9		5	2	1		13			33

Uji	16	18	2			37	35	31	1			5				5			8		
Chomon	9	3				23	12	35	2				2				1		4		
Gukan	1	1	1	1		1	7	16						3		1	3	2			
Hōgen	1				1	6	2	1													
Heiji	2					5		2				1						1S			
Total	151	122	15	3	3	294	293	234	53	3	16	24	2	8	6	4	1	31	9	1	59

If, as a preliminary test, we look at the attestations of the type in (2), namely those where ‘no’ is used as a relative pronoun and ascertain the type of inflecting word that locally combines with it, we get results as set out in the chart above. (The texts were chosen to provide an overview of each historical period: *Shokunihongi senmyō*, *Norito*, *Taketori monogatari*, *Ise monogatari*, *Tosa nikki*, *Yamato monogatari*, *Genji monogatari*, *Konjaku monogatari*, *Udi shūimonogatari*, *Kokon Chomonshū*, *Gukanshō*, *Hōgen monogatari*, *Heiji monogatari*. In addition, the base texts used for the survey are the same as those from volume 210 of *Kokugo to Kokubungaku*.)

The chart above indicates that the inflecting words heading the nominalizations that are formed through the mediation of ‘no’ belong in large part to the class of so-called stative inflecting words defined in the previous section. Several of these examples are presented below:

奪 靈 乃 子菰

taputwo-ki mi-tama n-o uminokwo=no  
august-ADN HON-soul COP-ADN grandchild=NOM

遠 流天尋 京都仁

topo-ku nagasi-te aru=wo-ba miyakwo=ni  
distant-INF exile-PRF.INF exist.ADN=ACC-TOP capital=DAT

召上天 臣 止 成无

myesi-agete omi to nas-amu  
call-raise.GER minister COP.INF make.become-CJR.CLS

‘I wish to call to the capital your august spirit’s descendants of who have been exiled to a distant place and make them ministers’

(*Senmyō* 34)

しろき 鳥の はしと あしと

siro-ki tori=no hasi=to asi=to



white-ADN bird=NOM beak=COO foot=COO

あかき、しぎの 大きき なる、

aka-ki sigi=no ohoki-sa naru,  
red-ADN pheasant=GEN big-NMZ COP.ADN

水の 上に あそびつゝ

midu=no uwe=ni asobitutu  
water=GEN top=DAT play.CTT

‘a bird such that its beak and feet are red, and it is the size of a sandpiper playing on the surface of the water’

(Ise monogatari)

文時・ 惟茂が 舟の 遅れたりし、

huntoki koremoti =ga hune=no okure-tari-si,  
Huntoki Koremoti=GEN boat=NOM be.late-PRF-PST.ADN

奈良志津より 室津へ 来ぬ

narasidu=yori murotu=he ki-nu  
Narasizu=ABL Murotsu=ALL come-PRF.CLS

‘Huntoki’s and Koremoti’s boat which had been late came from Narasizu to Murotsu’

(Tosa nikki)

此の 大徳の 親族なりける

kono daitoku=no sizoku nar-ikeru  
this pious.monk=GEN relative COP-MOD.ADN

人の女の 内裏に 奉らん とて

hito=no musume=no dairi=ni tatematura-n tote  
person=GEN daughter=NOM inner.palace=DAT offer.up-CJR.CLS COMP

かしづきけるを 密かに 語らひてけり

kasiduki-keru=wo hisoka ni katarahi-te-keri  
humbly.raise-MOD.ADN=ACC secret COP.INF talk-PRF-MOD.CLS

‘This high-ranked monk secretly seduced his relative’s daughter, who was being carefully groomed with the intention of offering her into service to the inner palace’

(Yamato monogatari)

友だちの 人を うしなへるが 許  
 tomodati=no hito=wo usinah-eru=ga moto  
 friend=NOM person=ACC lose-STV.ADN=GEN place  
 'the home of a friend who had lost someone'

(Ise monogatari)

In addition, there are examples with quasi-stative predicates:

紙の 御几帳の 側より 仄 見ゆるを 取りて  
 kami=no mi-kityau=no soba=yori hono miyuru=wo torite  
 paper=NOM HON-partition=GEN side=ABL slightly be.visible.ADN=ACC take.GER  
 'taking the paper that was slightly visible to the side of the partition'

(Genji, Yokobuye)

所領の 候を 人に おしとられて 候  
 syoryau=nosaburahu=wo hito=ni osi-tora-rete saburahe  
 estate=NOM exist.ADN=ACC person=DAT push-take-PASS.GER exist.CSS  
 'an estate that exists has been stolen by someone'

(Chomonshū 5)

神ノ 御スルガ 人ヲ 生贖 ニ 食 也  
 kami=no ohasuru=ga hito=wo ikenihe ni kuhu nari  
 god=NOM exist.ADN=NOM person=ACC sacrifice COP.INF eat.CLS EVD.CLS  
 'it appears that there is a god who eats people as sacrifices'

(Konjaku 26)

女の 辨といふを 呼び出でて  
 musume=no ben to ihu=wo yobi-idete  
 woman=NOM Ben COMP say.ADN=ACC call-put.out.GER  
 'calling out (his) daughter who calls (herself) Ben'

(Genji, Aoi)

王子ノ 四 ニ ナラセ給ヲ 踐祚シテ  
 wauji=no yo-tu ni nara-se-tamahu=wo senso site

prince=NOM four-CLF COP.INF become-HON-HON.ADN=ACC accede do.GER  
 ‘making the prince, who was four years old, ascend to the throne’

(Gukanshō 6)

兄弟など には あらぬ 人の、 氣近く 言ひ通ひて  
 harakara=nado ni=ha ara-nu hito=no, ke-dika-ku ihi-  
 kayohite  
 sibling=RES COP.INF=RES exist-NEG.ADN person=NOMspirit-close-INF say-  
 commute.GER

事に 觸れつ 自ら  
 koto=ni huretutu onodukara  
 matter=DAT touch.upon.CTT self

聲 氣はひをも 聞き見馴れむは、  
 kowe kehahi=wo=mo kiki-mi-nare-mu=ha,  
 voice presence=ACC=MPH hear-see-tame-CJR.ADN=RES

いかでか 唯 には 思はむ  
 ikade=ka tada ni=ha omoha-mu  
 how=FOC direct COP.INF=RES think-CJR.ADN

‘for someone who is not even his brother by blood to sidle up to him and, touching on various matters, try to make himself familiar in voice and presence, how could anyone think this is innocent?’

(Genji, Yadoriki)

Furthermore, as the language enters the Muromachi period, the inflecting words of Japanese lose the distinction between conclusive and adnominal forms for the most part, accompanied by the expiration of the ‘ra’ irregular inflection, but in this case, according to a survey of the *Amagusabon Heike monogatari* and *Esopo monogatari*, the only predicates following the relative pronoun use of particle ‘no’ are adjectives, the descendants of auxiliaries ‘tari’ and ‘nari’ –namely ‘ta’ and ‘na’, and quasi-stative predicates.

According to the discussion above, it can be provisionally concluded that nominalizations formed by the relative pronominal use of ‘no’ as in the aforementioned example (2) required stative predicates, but the point at issue here is the inventory of words grouped under ‘other’ in the immediately preceding chart, which contains neither purely stative nor quasi-stative predicates, and so is an aggregation of purely active ones. Moreover, these attestations cannot simply be set aside as exceptions, considering how

numerous they are. So as not to shirk an onerous task, let us examine a few of the items grouped under 'other'.

嫡腹の 限り なくと

mukahibara=no kagiri na-ku=to  
child\_by\_marriage=NOM limit lacking\_INF=COMP

思すは、 はかましうも

omohasu=ha, hakabakasi-u=mo  
think-HON.ADN=TOP satisfactory\_INF=MPH

得あらぬ に

e-ara-nu ni  
can-exist-NEG.ADN COP.INF

'she, who being a child by marriage, was considered to be blessed by fortune without limit, was in a position that was insupportable' (*Genji*, Sakaki)

物怪の 現れ出で来るも

mononoke=noarahare-ide-kuru=mo  
evil.spirit=NOM appear-leave-come.ADN=MPH

無き に

na-ki ni  
lacking-ADN COP.INF

'(might) not there be an evil spirit that appears?' (*ibid.*, Kashiwagi)

京の 家の 限り なく と

kyau=no ihe=no kagiri na-ku to  
capital=GEN house=NOM limit lacking-INF COP.INF

磨くも、 え 斯うは

migaku=mo e kau=ha  
polish.ADN=MPH can.INF this.way=RES

あらぬや と 覺ゆ

ara-nu=ya to oboyu  
exist-NEG.ADN=FOC COMP think.CLS

'he thought, "how can it be that there is a place that can rival my immeasurably beautiful home in the capital?"'

(*ibid.*, Agemaki)

山人ノ                      行き通ズル、五人      有ケリ  
 yama-bito=no              yuki-tuuzuru, go-nin    ari-keri  
 mountain-people=NOM go-pass.ADN five-CLF    exist-MOD.CLS  
 'there were five mountain people who were passing by'

(*Konjaku* 5)

大ル              童ノ              本ヨリ              仕ル              有リ  
 opo-naru    waraha=no moto=yori tukamaturu    ari  
 big-COP.ADN child=NOM origin=from serve.ADN    exist.CLS  
 'there was a big child who had done service previously'

(*ibid.* 12)

女ノ                      清水ニ                      強              ニ                      参ル                      有ケリ  
 womuna=no    kiyomidu=ni    anagati    ni                      mawiru  
 woman=NOM    Kiyomizu=ALL willful    COP.INF    go.ADN    ari-keri exist-  
 MOD.CLS  
 'there was a woman who willfully went to Kiyomizu'

(*ibid.*, 16)

僧共ノ              相知ル、                      有テ  
 sou-domo=no ai-siru,                      arite  
 monk-PL=NOM RECP-know.ADN exist.GER  
 'there being some monks with whom (he) was acquainted' (*ibid.*, 17)

圓              ナル              物ノ              光ル              有ケリ  
 maruyaka naru    mono=no hikaru    ari-keri  
 round COP.ADN    thing=NOM shine.ADN    exist-MOD.CLS  
 'there was a round thing that was shining'

(*ibid.*, 27)

武者ノ 通ル 有ケリ

musya=no tohoru ari-keri  
warrior=NOM pass-ADN exist-MOD.CLS  
'there was a warrior who was passing by'

(*ibid.*, 29)

節會の 袍とて ほのゑ" と

setiwe=no uhenokinu=tote honobono to  
Sechie=GEN overcloak=COMP scant COPINF

ある 物の 人に かすなどが

aru mono=no hito=ni kasu=nado=ga  
exist.ADN person=NOM stranger=DAT loan.ADN=RES=NOM

有けるを

ari-keru=wo  
exist-MOD.ADN=CJN

'there was a person who had very little who loaned his Sechi'e overcloak to a stranger'

(*Chomonshū* 3)

妻の いと 物ねたみ する 有けり

tuma=no ito mono-netami suru ari-keri  
spouse=NOM extremely object-hate do.ADN exist-MOD.CLS  
'there was a wife who was extremely resentful'

(*ibid.*, 16)

蟬の 露を のまん と する あり

semi=no tuyu=wo nom-an to suru ari  
cicada=NOM dew-ACC drink-CJR.CLS COMP do.ADN exist.CLS  
'there was a cicada that was making to drink some dew'

(*ibid.*, 20)

たより なかりける 女の 清水に

tayori na-k-ari-keru womuna=no kiyomidu=ni  
support lacking-INF-exist-MOD.ADN woman=NOM Kiyomizu=ALL

あながちに まいる、ありけり  
 anagati ni mawiru, ari-keri  
 willful COP.INF go.ADN exist-MOD.CLS  
 'a woman without an entourage willfully went to Kiyomizu'

(Uji shūi 11)

入たる ものの かへりゆく なし  
 iri-taru mono=no kaheri-yuku na-si  
 enter-PRF.ADN person=NOM return-go.ADN lacking-CLS  
 'there are no people who have gone in who have returned'

(ibid., 11)

唐人の 雫 いみじく をく ありけり  
 karabito=no san imiji-ku woku ari-keri  
 China-person abacus skillful-INF put.ADN exist-MOD.CLS  
 'there was a Chinese person who skillfully manipulated the abacus'

(ibid., 14)

On examining these examples, there is one phenomenon common to all which comes to our attention. That is the fact that all the examples are complex clauses taking the nominalization formed from the particle 'no' as a subject, and furthermore, the inflecting word that makes up the predicate of the complex clause is either 'ari' or 'nasi'. In other words, stated on the basis of the status of 'no', the predicate that directly follows it is active, but in addition, the predicate that indirectly follows it is invariably stative, specifically either 'ari' or 'nasi'.

Of the items under 'other' in the preceding chart, excluding examples of the sort listed above, there remain extremely few items, and indeed among them are only either instances where the predicate is stative in variant texts, or instances where there clearly has been some morphological or semantic mixing through analogy. Especially in texts having orthography that is comparatively unclear, such as the *Konjaku monogatari*, where the script is 「入ル」 'iru' (enter.ADC), 「返ル」 'kaheru' (return.ADN), 「下ル」 'kudaru' (descend.ADC), 「爲ル」 'suru' (do.ADN), etc., readings of 'ir-eru' (enter-STV.ADN), 'kaher-eru' (return-STV.ADN), 'kudar-eru' (descend-STV.ADN), and 's-eru' (do-STV.ADN) possibly ought to be adopted. Consequently, as there are items that cannot be readily identified as active predicates, the only examples that are unmistakably exceptions are the seven following examples:

- (1) 人の むすめの かしつく、

hito=no musume=no kasiduku,  
 person=GEN daughter=NOM be.raised.carefully-and

いかで この おとこに物 いはんと

ikade kono otoko=ni mono iha-n=to  
 somehow this man=DAT thing say-CJR.CLS=COMP

おもひけり

omohi-keri

think-MOD-CLS

'someone's daughter who was being raised with great care thought she would by any means possible convey her thoughts to him'

(Ise monogatari)

- (2) 受領どもの 面白き 家造り

zuryaudomo=no omosiro-ki ihe-dukuri  
 landholder-PL=NOM unusual-ADN house-make

好むが、 この 宮の 木立を

konomu=ga, kono miya=no kodati =wo  
 enjoy.ADN=NOM this palace=GEN copse=ACC

心に 附けて

kokoro=ni tukete

mind=DAT attach.GER

'landholders who enjoyed unusual architecture, taking an interest in the stand of trees of this palace'

(Genji, Yomogi'u)

- (3) 夜 光ル 玉ノ 目出タク 明ク

yo hikaru tama=no medeta-ku akaru-ku  
 night shine.ADNjewel=NOM admirable-INF bright-INF

照スヲ 持テ

terasu=wo motite

shine.ADN hold.GER



‘picking up the jewel that glowed by night that shone admirably and brightly’

(Konjaku 10)

- (4) 船ノ 行クガ、 島隠レ 爲ルヲ

hune=no yuku=ga,sima-gakure suru=wo  
boat=NOM go.ADN=NOM island-hidedo.ADN=ACC

‘a boat that was going along that was hiding among islands’

(*ibid.*, 24)

- (5) 女 形 美=ト 聞クヲバ、

wonna=no katati uruhasi=to kiku=woba,  
woman=NOM form beautiful.CLS=COMP hear.ADN=ACC

宮仕人ヲモ 人ノ 娘ヲモ

miya-dukahe-bito=wo=mo hito=no musume=wo=mo  
palace-serve-person=ACC=MPH person=GEN daughter=ACC=MPH

見残ス 无ク 員ヲ 盡シテ

mi-nokosu na-ku kazu=wo tukusite  
see-leave.over.ADN lacking-INF number=ACC exhaust.GER

見ム

mi-mu  
see-CJR.CLS

‘any woman who was heard to be beautiful in form, whether a palace servant or the daughter of a lord, he would want to see, exhausting the inventory of them, without leaving anyone unseen’

(*ibid.*, 27)

- (6) すゝめの おどりありくを、 石を とりて

suzume=no odori-ariku=wo, isi=wo torite  
sparrow=NOM dance-walk.ADN=ACC stone=ACC take.GER

もしや とてうてば

mosi=ya tote uteba  
if=FOC COMP hit.PRV

‘when, taking a stone and, thinking, “Just maybe if...,” he hit a small sparrow that was hopping about’

(Uji shūi 3)

- (7) この とらの 人 くふを、 やすく 射ん  
 kono tora=no hito kuhu=wo, yasu-ku uta-n  
 this tiger=NOM people eat.ADN=ACC easy-INF smite-CJR.CLS  
 '(I) will easily smite this tiger that eats people'

(ibid., 13)

Furthermore, in (4) the particle 'ga' can be considered a connective particle, and if we interpret (6) and (7) as meaning, respectively, 'at the event of (its) walking' and 'at the event of (its) eating,' it is not outside the realm of possibility to say that these too do not constitute exceptions. In either case, given that there are no rules without exceptions, it is conceivable that of all 1278 instances, a mere 0.5% (7 items) ought to be allowed for.

For these reasons I believe that it is plausible to refer to nominalizations formed by relative pronominal 'no' as stative nominalizations. From their semantics as well, stative nominalizations can be said to make ascriptions to things on the basis of the stative aspect of their properties, as previously discussed. Accordingly, it is surely natural that, in contrast to these, nominalizations formed through the nominative 'no' are to be referred to as active nominalizations. Again, as previously discussed, active nominalizations make predications about things on the basis of the active aspect of their properties.

So far, we have established that stative nominalizations require only stative predicates, but when we examine the nature of active nominalizations, we see that they receive no restriction whatsoever with regard to predicate type. Both active and stative predicates can be used freely and there is no need to take the effort to provide proof of this, but the phenomenon resulting from this deserves attention: Stative nominalizations and active nominalizations are complementary concepts with regard to semantics, but not with regard to morphology. That is, stative predicates can form both stative nominalizations and active nominalizations. In the two examples presented at the beginning of this section (reproduced below) the underlined part in (1) is an active nominalization while the underlined part in (2) is a stative nominalization, but the fact that the two expressions are morphologically identical bespeaks this state of affairs.

(1) Tomo no wenpau yori otozuretaru wo yorokobu.

(2) Tomo no wenpau yori otozuretaru wo motenasu.

In this instance the distinction between the two expressions is based purely on semantics, depending on whether there is predication based on an active aspect or there is ascription based on a stative aspect.

Now, the existence of two types of nominalization, stative and active, is due to characteristics of the particle 'no'. Specifically, this comes from the fact that the particle 'no' can express a possessive or genitive meaning when combining with a noun, such as in the expression 'otodo=no kwo-ra' (minister=GEN child-PL, 'the children of the Minister'), while at the same time the particle 'no' can express an appositive meaning when joining together similar nouns, such as in the expression 'ya-tuka-po no ikasi-po' (eight-fist-ear COP.ADN plenty-ear, 'long rice which is plenty-grained rice'). This appositive function is one not found in other particles, so it is by principle that stative nominalizations (which may be thought of as a development of this appositive use) cannot be formed through any other particle. In fact, when we look through the history of the Japanese language, at the earliest stages there was no such particle other than 'no,' but as Yuzawa states, in later eras, approximately from the Heian period onward, other particles (namely, nominative particles and focus particles) were infected with this usage, most likely through analogy with 'no'. Furthermore, this usage was extended to structures completely unaccompanied by particles. As a consequence, it falls out for all nominalizations, needless to say whether they be accompanied by 'no' or not, that they belong either to the class of active nominalizations or to that of stative ones, and furthermore, stative nominalizations get their status as such just as they are, regardless of the presence or absence of particle 'no,' with the presence of 'no' not changing the meaning one iota.

The discussion above can be summarized as follows:

All nominalizations can be divided into two groups: stative nominalizations and active nominalizations. There are no other groups but these two. Active nominalizations can be freely formed on any kind of inflecting word, but the inflecting word of a stative nominalization must be a stative inflecting word. As one exception, a stative nominalization can take an active inflecting word provided that the resulting nominalization is the subject of a complex clause, where the inflecting word of that clause must be stative.

### III. Stative nominalizations and active following clauses

In the previous section we saw that stative nominalizations take only stative inflecting words, but there was an exception for stative nominalizations that take active inflecting words, under the condition that any such nominalization function as the subject of a complex clause, where that complex clause furthermore has a stative inflecting word as its predicate. On the basis of this we can imagine that there is some sort of interrelation between the inflecting word of the nominalization and the inflecting word that forms the predication in the following clause.

Accordingly, in this section I propose mainly to examine the inflecting words that form the predicates of complex clauses taking these nominalizations as subjects. In the Japanese language, there are three possible frames for marking subjects: one where

particle ‘no’ is used, one where particle ‘ga’ is used, and one where no particle is used at all. For this reason, where these nominalizations form the subjects of following clauses as well, we expect three cases to occur based on those frames. But because particle ‘no’ cannot directly mark an inflecting word (on this point see my article in *Kokugo to kokubungaku* Vol. 210), ‘no’ doesn’t function to mark these nominalizations. Accordingly, the only two possible patterns are as follows:

nominalization {∅, ga} inflecting word (where ∅ means no accompanying particle)

As these nominalizations are divided into two groups, stative and active, as described in the previous section, there are accordingly four cases to consider. Let us examine examples where a stative nominalization is the subject of the complex clause, starting with the expressions in which there is no accompanying particle. Expressions of this form are also found in poems, appearing in small numbers in the *Man’yōshū*.

(1634) 衣手に            水澁            つくまで  
 koromo-de=ni    mi-sibu        tuku=made  
 robe-hand=ALL   water-foam    stick.ADN=ALL  
 植ゑし            田を            引板  
 uwe-si            ta=wo        pik-ita  
 plant-PAST.ADN   field=ACC    pull-plank  
 吾が            延へ            守れる  
 wa=ga            pape        mamor-eru  
 PRS.1SG-NOM   extend.INF   guard-STV.ADN  
 苦し

kurusi (眞守有栗子)

agonizing.CLS

‘guarding the field (I) planted even unto scum sticking to (my) cuffs, my extending a bull-roarer, is agonizing’

(Book 8)

(2518) 吾妹子し            吾を            邊ると  
 wa-g-imo-kwo=si    a=wo    okuru=to

I-GEN-beloved-child I=ACC see.off.CLS=COMP

白細布の 袖 漬づまでに

sirowotape=no swode pidu=madeni

white=GEN sleeve get.wet.ADN=ALL

哭きし 念ほゆ

naki-si omopoyu (哭四所念)

cry-PST.ADN come.to.mind.CLS

'my wife's crying even unto her sleeves getting wet, making to see me off, comes to mind'

(Book 11)

(2913) いつまでに 生かむ 命ぞ

itu=madeni ika-muinoti=zo

when=ALL live-CJR-CLS life=FOC

凡は 戀ひつつ

opoyoso=pa kwopwitutu

preponderant=RES yearn.CTT

あらずは 死なむ 勝れり

ara-zupa sina-mu masar-eri (死上有)

exist-NEG.CND die-CJR.CLS surpass-STV.CLS

'Will this life last forever? On the whole, rather than yearning, it is better that I should die'

(Book 12)

All these examples have following clauses that take active nominalizations as subjects, with the wavy underline marking the inflecting word of the nominalization, and the straight underline marking the inflecting word in the complex clause. What is notable about the examples above is that the inflecting words of the complex clauses (that is, the words with the straight underlines) are all stative inflecting words. The interlinear glosses for these words are almost completely certain, giving 'kurusu' (painful.CLS, an adjective), 'masar-eri' (surpass-STV.CLS, a verb with an auxiliary 'ri,' the inflection of which is 'ra' irregular), and 'omopoyu' (come.to.mind.CLS, a quasi-stative inflecting word). Drawing a conclusion from just these few examples is of course risky, but it is unlikely that the facts set out above are coincidence. The reason for this is that, in the *Man'yōshū* there are

hardly any other instances of a complex predicate taking an active nominalization for a subject as in the examples above, but in the same collection, we do find 32 examples like the one below, with a special stative nominalization formed with a conclusive inflecting word, where moreover the complex clause invariably has a predicate formed on the inflecting word 'miyu' (be.visible.CLS).

- (3449) しろたへの 衣の 袖を  
 sirwo-tape=no koromo=no swode=wo  
 white-cloth=COP-ADN robe=GEN sleeve=ACC  
 眞久良我よ 海人榜ぎ來 見ゆ  
 makuraga=ywo pito kogi-ku miyu (許伎久見由)  
 Makuraga=ABL strangerrow-come.CLS be.visible.CLS  
 浪 立つな ゆめ  
 nami tatu=na yume  
 wave stand.CLS=PHB ever  
 '(making a pillow of the sleeve of your robe of white cloth) there is visible a fisher from  
 Makuraga rowing towards here. Waves, don't ever rise!'  
 (Book 14)

That the word 'miyu' is a quasi-stative inflecting predicate has been already pointed out. Additional examples of complex predicates taking stative nominalizations as subjects in the *Man'yōshū* include the following:

- (169) あかね さす 日は 照らせれど  
 akane sasu pi=pa teras-eredo  
 redness extend.ADN sun-RES shine-STV.CSS  
 ぬばたまの 夜 渡る 月の  
 nubatama=no ywo wataru tukwi=no  
 jewel=GEN night cross.ADN moon=NOM  
 隠らく 惜しも  
kakuraku wosi=mo (隠良久惜毛)  
 hide.NML regrettable.CLS=MPH

'although the sun which radiates redness is shining, how regrettable is it that the moon which crosses the jewel-black night is hiding!'

(Book 2)

Examples like these displaying the special form of the so-called 'ku-gohō' appear with considerable frequency, but in these instances the inflecting word in the complex clause is only ever an adjective of one of the following types:

- (1) conclusive adjective with either particle 'mo' or suffix '-mi' attached
- (2) adnominal adjective
- (3) infinitive adjective

We do find two extremely rare examples in which the inflecting words are verbs, presented here:

(1609) 宇陀の 野の 秋萩

uda=no nwo=no aki-pagwi  
Uda=GEN field=GEN autumn-bushclover

凌ぎ 鳴く 鹿も、

sinwogi naku sika=mo,  
overlay.INF cry.ADNdeer=MPH

妻に 戀ふらく

tuma=ni kwopuraku  
spouse=DAT yearn.NML

我には 益さじ

ware=ni=pa masa-zi (戀樂苦……不益)

I=DAT=RES exceed-NEGCJR.CLS

'the longing for one's spouse, by even by the deer that cries lying on the autumn bushclover in the fields of Uda, could not possibly surpass me'

(Book 8)

(2022) 相見らく 飽き足らねども

api-miraku aki-tara-nedomo (相見久厭雖不足)

RECP-see.NML be.sated-suffice-NEG.CSS

いな の め の 明け行きにけり

ina=no me=no ake-yuki-ni-kyeri  
rice-ear=GEN eye=GEN dawn-go-PRF-MOD.CLS

船出 せむ 嬢

pune-de se-mu tuma  
boat-depart do.CJR spouse

'Although our seeing each other is never enough, the dawn is breaking. My spouse, I shall set sail'

(Book 10)

But the auxiliaries which end the expressions are '-zi' and '-zu', both stative inflecting words.

In this way, it can be seen that the complex clauses taking active nominalizations as subjects in the *Man'yōshū* are all formed on stative inflecting words, with no active inflecting words attested. When we make a further survey of the various texts in each of the historical periods to ascertain whether this pattern has the character of a universal law, we obtain data on complex clauses taking active nominalizations as subjects as set out in the chart below. In the Asuka-Nara period, aside from the examples in the *Man'yōshū*, the only instances of complex sentences having 'miyu' as predicate are found in the poems of the *Kojiki* and *Nihonshoki*.

	A d j e c t i v e	'ra' i r r e g u l a r	b e s i	k a t a s i	g o h o s i	t a r i	n a r i	k e r i	r i	z a r i	z u	m i y u	k i k o y u	o b o y u
Taketori							1							
Ise														
Tosa														
Yamato	2						3							
Genzi	71	9					63					2	1	1
Konjaku	22	16	1		2	2	92	1		1	1			
Uji	10	1		1			10							
Chomon	31	4	3		1	1	71		1			1		
Gukan	5		1				4						1	



Hōgen		1					2								
Heiji							1								
Total	141	31	5	1	3	3	247	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	

As can be seen in the chart above, one can verify that all attestations have stative predicates. A few examples are presented below:

手 叩けば 山彦の 答ふる、

te tatakeba yamahiko=no kotahuru,  
hand beat.PRV Yamahiko=NOM answer.ADN

いと 煩はし

ito wadurahasi  
extremely burdensome.CLS

‘when (he) clapped (his) hands, Yamahiko’s answering was extremely lethargic’

(Genji, Yugao)

筆の行く、限りありて

hude=no yuku, kagiri arite  
brush=NOM go.ADN limit exist.GER

‘there was a limit to how far the brush would go’

(Genji, Eawase)

コノ 宴ヲ オコサルハ、 然ル ベシ

kono utage=wo okosa-ruru, sikaru be-si  
this party=ACC instigate-PASS.ADN be.this.way fitting-CLS

‘this party’s being held was in a manner most appropriate’

(Gukanshō 6)

目はなに いる、 たへがたし

me-hana=ni iru, tahe-gata-si  
eye-nose=ALL enter.ADN endure-difficult-CLS

‘it is difficult to endure (the rice) that gets in the nose and eyes’

(Uji shūi 11)

一 ノ 牛ヲ 殺シテ

hito-tu no usi=wo korosite  
one-CLF COP-ADN cow=ACC kill.GER

其ノ 報ヲ 受ケム、

sono hou=wo uke-mu,  
this reward=ACC receive-CJR.ADN

併 如レ此シ

sikasinagara kaku=no goto-si  
in.the.end this.way=GEN similar-CLS

'but in the end, their intending to kill one cow and receiving the reward for it turned out like this'

(Konjaku 2)

汝ヂ 出家 ノ 人

nandi syutuke no hito  
PRS.2SG forsake.home COP.ADN person

香油ヲ 身ニ 塗ル、

kau-yu=wo mi=ni nuru,  
fragrance-oil body=DATpaint.ADN

糞ヲ 塗ルニ 似タリ

kuso=wo nuru=ni ni-tari  
excrement=ACC slather.ADN=DAT resemble-PRF.CLS

'for you to slather ointment on the body of a person who has taken holy orders is like slathering excrement (on them)'

(Konjaku 2)

斯く 迎ふるを 翁は

kaku mukahuru=wo okina=ha  
this.way greet.ADN=ACC old.man=RES

泣き歎く、 能はぬ 事なり

naki-nageku, ataha-nu koto nari  
cry-grieve.ADN be.commensurate-NEG.ADN matter COP.CLS

'for (you) old man, to cry and grieve about my coming to take (her) away, is something that is inappropriate'

(*Taketori*)

其 女、 カノ 強キ、

sono womuna, tikara=no tuyo-ki  
this woman strength=NOM be.strong-ADN

人ノ カ 百人ニ 當リケリ

hito=no tikara hyaku-nin=ni atari-keri  
person=GEN strength 100-CLF=DAT equal-MOD.CLS

'as for this woman, her strength being strong was equal to the strength of one hundred people'

(*Konjaku* 23)

われ きのふ 物語 せん=と

ware kinohu monogatari se-n=to  
PRS.1SG yesterday speaking do-CJR.CLS=COMP

思ひしに 我を 見ざりし、

omohi-si=ni ware=wo mi-zari-si  
think-PAST.ADN=CJN PRS.1SG=ACC see-NEG-PST.ADN

ほいを そむけり

hoi=wo somuk-eri  
true.intentions=ACC counter-STV.CLS

'Yesterday when I thought I'd talk to you, your having ignored me went against (my) wishes'

(*Chomonshū* 2)

壹演 召ニ 隨テ 參テ

itien mesi=ni sitagahite mawirite  
Ichien command=DAT obey.GER come.GER

大臣ノ 御枕上 ニシテ

otodo=no ohomu-makura-gami nisite  
minister=GEN HON-pillow-top COP.GER

金剛般若經ヲ 讀誦 スル、

kongauhan'nyakukei=wo dokuzyu.suru

Diamond-sutra=ACC read do.ADN,

數卷ニ 不レ及ザル 程ニ

su-kuan=ni oyoba-zaru hodoni

number-scoll=DAT attain-NEG.ADN time.when

'Ichien's obeying orders, coming, and at the head of the Daijin's pillow, reciting the Vajracchedikā Prajñāpāramitā sutra, did not get through even a few scrolls, when...'

(Konjaku 14)

現 ニ 人ヲ 馬ニ

araha ni hito=wo uma ni

clear COP.INF person=ACC horseCOP.INF

打成ケル、 更ニ 不ニ心得ズ

uti-nasi-keru, sarani kokoro-e-zu

beat-make.become-MOD.ADN furthermore mind-gain-NEG.CLS

'we also don't know if (they) actually beat (people) into becoming horses'

(Konjaku 31)

下人も 數多く 頼もしげ

simo-bito=mo kazuoho-ku tanomosi-ge

low-person=MPH number many-INF confident-air

なる 氣色にて 橋より 今

naru kesiki=nite hasi=yori ima

COP.ADN mood=INS bridge=ABL now

渡り來る、 見ゆ

watari-kuru, miyu

cross-come.ADN be.visible.CLS

'one could see many underlings with a confident air come crossing over the bridge now'

(Genji, Yadoriki)

此 禪師ヲ 取テ 打出ント

kono zenzi=wo torite uti-ide-n=to

this Zenzi=ACC take-GER smite-put.out-CJR.CLS=COMP

シケル、 又 聞へテ

si-keru, mata kikohete  
do-MOD.ADN again be.audible.GER

'moreover, (their) trying to take and kill this Zenzi being heard of'

(Gukanshō 6)

生きたらじ=と 思ひ 沈み給へる、

iki-tara-zi=to omohi sizumi-tamap-eru,  
live-PRF-NEGCJR=COMP think.INF sink-HON-STV.ADN

理 と 覺ゆれば

kotowari to oboyureba  
natural.order COMP feel.PRV

'As (he) felt thinking to live no longer and being depressed to be reasonable'

(Genji, Tamakadura)

With the discussion above we have demonstrated that for instances unaccompanied by particles, the inflecting words of complex clauses that take nominalizations as subjects are invariably stative. This state of affairs is exactly the same for instances marked with 'ga.' A few examples are presented here.

わがきぬはがんと しつる

wa=ga kinuhaga-n=to si-turu  
PRS.1SG robe strip.off-CJR.CLS=COMP do-PRF.ADN

男のにはかに うせぬるが

otoko=nonihaka ni use-nuru=ga  
man=NOM sudden COP.INF disappear-PRF.ADN=NOM

あやしければ

ayasi-kereba  
suspicious-PRV

'as the man who tried to strip off my robes who suddenly disappeared was suspicious' (Uji shūi 14)

水のなきが 大事 なれば

midu=no na-ki=ga daizi nareba  
 water=NOM lacking-ADN big.incident COP.PRV  
 ‘as the water’s lacking was a matter of great concern’

(ibid., 7)

さばかり 語らひつるが 流石 に  
 sa=bakari katarahi-turu=ga sasuga ni  
 such.way=RES speak-PRF.ADN=NOM expected COP.INF

覺えて

oboyete  
 feel.GER  
 ‘feeling that even having talked so much, it was all as to be expected’

(Takatori)

To summarize the points discussed above, the inflecting words of complex clauses taking active nominalizations as subjects are invariably stative. They follow the pattern below:

active nominalization {ga, ∅} stative inflecting word

In contrast to this, when the subject is a stative nominalization both when unaccompanied by particle marking and when marked with ‘ga,’ either an active inflecting word or a stative inflecting word can be freely used as the predicate of the complex clause.

ある 人の 子の 童  
 ar-u hito=no ko=no waraha  
 exist-ADV person=GEN child COP.ADN youngster

なる、 ひそかに いふ  
nar-u, hisoka ni ih-u  
 COP-ADN furtive COP.INF say-ADC

‘a youngster who was a certain person’s child said (this) furtively’

(Tosa)

新院ノ 御ヲモイ人ノ 鳥丸殿トテ

sin'in=no mi-womoi-bito=no karasumaru-dono=tote  
 new.retiree=GEN HON-think-person=GEN Karasumaru-HON=COMP

アリシ、 イマダ 生タリケレバ

ari-si imada iki-tari-kereba  
 exist-SPST.ADN yet live-PRF-MPST.PRV

'as a person, named Karasumaru, who was beloved of the lately retired emperor, was still alive...'

(Gukansyō 5)

女の まだ 世 へずと

onna=no mada yo he-zu=to  
 woman=NOM yet world pass-NEG.CLS=COMP

おぼえたるが 人の 御もとに

oboe-taru=ga hito=no ohon-moto=ni  
 perceive-PRF.ADN=NOM person=GEN HON-place=DAT

しのびて

sinobite  
 sneak.GER

'a woman who was believed to have not yet experienced the world, having crept to the place of a person of high status...'

(Ise)

香の 御唐櫃に 入れたりけるが

kau=no ohon-karabitu=ni ire-tari-keru=ga  
 incense=GEN HON-Chinese.chest=DAT put.in-PRF-MPST.ADN=NOM

いと 懐かしく 香りたるを

ito natukasi-ku kaori-taru=wo  
 extremely enticing-INF be.fragrant.ADN=ACC

'(the robes) that (they) had put into the incense smoking chest were giving off a fragrance in a most enticing way'

(Genji, Yomogi'u)

In short, they fall into the following pattern:

stative nominalization {ga, Ø} all inflecting words

As set out in the previous section, because active nominalizations have the status of the substantive word 'koto' (fact) whereas stative nominalizations have the status of the substantive word 'mono' (person), the complex clauses that take these two types of subjects respectively follow patterns like those below:

tomo=no      wenpau=yori otozure-taru(fact)=ga      uresi-ki nari.  
 friend=NOM    afar=ABL      visit-PRF.ADN=NOM      joyous-ADN COP.CLS  
 'a friend's visiting from afar is a joyous occasion'

tomo=no      wenpau=yori otozure-taru(entity)=ga to-guti=nite      yobu.  
 friend=NOM    afar=ABL      visit-PRF.ADN=NOM      door-mouth=LOC call.CLS  
 'a friend who was visiting from afar called from the doorway'

Accordingly, the predicates of complex clauses taking active nominalizations as subjects ascribe the properties of facts from a stative aspect, while the predicates of complex clauses taking stative nominalizations as subjects predicate the properties of entities from an active aspect. Consequently, we can refer to complex clauses taking active nominalizations as subjects as stative complex clauses, and to complex clauses taking stative nominalizations as subjects as active complex clauses.

At this point the discussion in this section can be summarized as follows:

Active complex clauses can take any kind of inflective word, but stative complex clauses must take only active inflecting words.

#### IV. The principle of repulsion between active inflecting words

The considerations above can be organized in the following way.

##### Principle 1

All of the inflecting words in the Japanese language are divided into two groups depending on whether their conclusive inflection ends with an 'i' rhyme or with an 'u' rhyme. There are no other classes besides these two. We designate the first as the class of stative inflecting words, and the second as the class of active inflecting words. Stative inflecting words denote states, and active inflecting words denote actions.

##### Principle 2



All nominalizations are divided into two classes: those that predicate properties of things from an active aspect, and those that ascribe properties to things from a stative aspect. There are no other classes besides these two. We designate the first as the class of active nominalizations and the second as the class of stative nominalizations. The inflecting word in an active nominalization can be any type of inflecting word, while the inflecting word in a stative nominalization must be stative. However, a stative nominalization can have an active inflecting word provided that it is the subject of a complex clause where that complex clause takes a stative inflecting word.

### Principle 3

All complex clauses that take nominalizations as subjects are divided into two groups: Those that predicate properties of subjects from an active aspect, and those that ascribe properties to subjects from a stative aspect. There are no other classes besides these two. We designate the first as the class of active complex clauses, and the second as the class of stative complex clauses. Active complex clauses take stative nominalizations as subjects and can take any kind of inflecting word as predicate. In contrast, stative complex clauses take active nominalizations as subjects, but only take stative predicates.

If we set aside focus particles and the like for the moment, we can diagram Principle 2 in a way that reduces each relation to a pattern:

#### (1) Structure of active nominalizations

∅	}	{	active inflecting word
ga			stative inflecting word
no			

#### (2) Structure of stative nominalizations

∅	}	stative inflecting word
ga		
no		

(3) Structure of special stative nominalizations

∅	}	{	∅	}	stative inflecting word
ga			ga		
no					

Next we diagram Principle 3:

(4) Structure of active complex clauses

stative nominalization	}	{	∅	}	active inflecting word
			ga		stative inflecting word

(5) Structure of stative complex clause

active nominalization	}	{	∅	}	stative inflecting word
			ga		

If we substitute the pattern in (1) for its corresponding term in (5), and substitute the pattern in (2) for its corresponding term in (4), we get the following diagrams:

(A)

∅	}	active inflecting word	{	∅	}	stative inflecting word
ga		stative inflecting word		ga		
no						

(B)

∅	}	stative inflecting word	{	∅	}	active inflecting word
ga				ga		stative inflecting word
no						

(C)

∅	}	stative inflecting word	{	∅	}	stative inflecting word
ga				ga		
no						

In the diagrams above, (A) indicates the structure of a stative complex clause, while (B) and (C) indicate the structures of active complex clauses. In short, calculating the combinations with the forms that normally mark subjects ('no,' 'ga,' and zero particle) yields the following total:

$$12 + 12 + 6 = 30$$

There are 30 distinct patterns that are possible. Furthermore, from among these 30 patterns, an interesting conclusion can be drawn about the combination of inflecting words. Namely, stative predicates can co-occur with each other, but combinations where an active predicate co-occurs with an active predicate are not to be found. At this point we can infer a further principle:

#### Principle 4

For all complex clauses taking nominalizations as subjects, at least one of either the inflecting word in the nominalization or the inflecting word in the complex clause must be a stative inflecting word. It is in principle absolutely impossible for the inflecting word in the nominalization and the inflecting word in the complex clause to both be active.

I designate the principle above as the principle of repulsion between active inflecting words.

With regard to the combination of particle ‘no’ with particle ‘ga,’ we can illustrate the above fact with examples from *Genji monogatari*.

- (a) Where ‘no’ forms an active nominalization marked by ‘ga’ and the inflecting word that selects that nominalization is stative.

この 君の いたく まめだち過して  
 kono kimi=no ita-ku mame-dati-sugusite  
 this lord=NOM extreme-INF conscientious-stand-exceed.GER

常に もどき給ふが  
 tune ni modoki-tamahu=ga  
 constant COP.INF act.impulsively-HON.ADN=NOM

妬きを

neta-ki=wo  
 despicable-ADN=CNJ

‘given how he resented this lord’s most excessive showing of conscientiousness and his always acting impulsively’

(Momiji no ga)

- (b) Where ‘no’ forms an active nominalization marked by ‘ga,’ and both the inflecting word selecting that nominalization and the inflecting word forming that nominalization are stative.

年頃 に 習ひ侍りにける  
 tosigoro ni narahi-haberi-ni-keru  
 year.upon.year COP.INF copy-serve-PRF-MOD.ADN

宮仕の 今はとて  
 miya-dukahe=no ima=wa=tote  
 palace-servants=NOM now=RES=COMP

絶え侍らむが 心細き になむ  
 taye-habera-mu=ga kokoro-boso-ki ni=namu  
 stop-serve-CJR.ADN=NOM mind-narrow-ADN COP.INF=FOC

‘it is quite a desolation, that the palace servants’ who observed the custom for years should leave off, as if to say, “No more”’

(Shii ga moto)

- (c) Where 'no' forms a stative nominalization marked by 'ga', and only the inflecting word forming that nominalization is stative.

よからぬ 狐など いふ なる  
 yo-karanu kitune=nado ihu naru  
 good-NEG.ADN fox=RES say.ADN EVID.ADN

物の 諮れたるが 亡き 人の  
 mono=no tabure-taru=ga na-ki hito=no  
 thing=NOM plot-PRF.ADN=NOM dead-ADN person=NOM

面伏 なる 事 言ひ出つるも  
 omote-buse naru koto ihi-iduru=mo  
 surface-face.down COP.ADN purport say-put.out.ADN=MPH

'words to embarrass the dead that something people call a "wily fox" who has played a dirty trick says'

(Wakana no ge)

- (d) Where 'no' forms a stative nominalization marked by 'ga,' and both the inflecting word that forms that nominalization and the inflecting word that selects that nominalization are stative.

雲の 薄く 渡れるが 鈍色  
 kumo=nousu-ku water-eru=ga nibi-iro  
 cloud=NOM thin-INF cross-STV-.DN=NOM dull-color

なるを  
 naru=wo  
 COP.ADN=ACC

'clouds that are spreading thinly that are dull-colored'

(Usugumo)

- (e) Where 'no' forms a stative nominalization marked by 'ga,' and only the inflecting word selecting that nominalization is stative.

こよなく 衰へたる 宮仕人などの  
 koyona-ku otorohe-taru miya-dukahe-bito=nado=no  
 incomparable-INF fall.into.decline-PRF.ADN palace-servant-person=RES=NOM

巖の 中尋ぬるが

iwa-ho=no      nakatadunuru=ga  
 stone-peak=GEN    middle search.ADN=NOM

落ち留れるなどこそ      あれ

oti-tomar-eru=nado=koso    are  
 fall-stop-STV.ADN=RES=FOC    exist.XCL

‘although (she) was a palace servant incomparably reduced in fortune who had aspired to the life of a recluse and who had fallen short’

(Miotukusi)

The five scenarios above comprise the full inventory of types. There are as a rule no instances where the inflecting word preceding ‘ga’ and the inflecting word following ‘ga’ are both active. Thus, for example, an expression such as the following cannot be formed in the Japanese language.

\* kodomo=no muragaru=ga      sawagu<sup>vii</sup>  
 child=NOM    cluster.ADN=NOM    make.disturbance.CLS  
 (intended) ‘Children who gather make a disturbance’

This is because both the inflecting word preceding ‘ga’ and that following ‘ga’ are active. In order to form a grammatical expression, either the inflecting word following ‘ga’ needs to be made stative, making the expression a stative complex clause taking an active nominalization:

kodomo=no    muragaru=ga      sawagasi-i  
 child=NOM    cluster.ADN=NOM    boisterous-CLS  
 ‘Children who gather are boisterous’

Or the inflecting word preceding ‘ga’ needs to be made stative, making the expression an active complex clause taking a stative nominalization as subject:

kodomo=no    muragar-eru=ga      sawagu  
 child=NOM    cluster-STV.ADN=NOM    make.disturbance.CLS  
 ‘Children who are gathered make a disturbance’

One or the other of these alternatives must be adopted.

With the extinction of the ‘ra’ irregular inflectional type after the Muromachi period, the morphological distinction between stative and active inflecting words was lost, but the principle above can be seen to operate to a considerable degree even to the present day.

{	gunkan=no susumu warship=NOM proceed.ADN no=wa rippa NMLZ=TOP magnificent da COP.CLS 'warships proceeding are magnificent'	{	tanku=no hasiru no=wa tank=NOM drive NMLZ=TOP sugo-i amazing-CLS 'tanks driving are amazing'
	gunkan no rippa warship=NOM magnificent na no=ga COP.ADN NMLZ=NOM susumu proceed.CLS 'warships that are magnificent proceed'		tanku=no sugo-i tank=NOM amazing-CLS no=ga hasiru NMLZ=NOM drive.CLS 'tanks that are amazing drive'

The relationships can be seen in the data above. Consequently, the principle of repulsion between active predicates is a universal principle that obtains throughout all periods of the Japanese language and is fundamental to the rules governing the structure of complex clauses. Furthermore, there are many advantages to be had in applying this rule to the interpretation of texts. To set out the main instances, first there is the distinction between the nominative case marker 'ga' and the connective particle 'ga.' In short, because clauses can be easily formed in Japanese without subjects, even if no subject appears after particle 'ga,' it is not necessarily the case that this particle 'ga' cannot be considered to be a connective particle. However, in that case, if both the inflecting word preceding 'ga' and that following 'ga' are active, we can immediately determine that this 'ga' is a connective particle and not a nominative case marker. Secondly, the same point can be made for instances unaccompanied by particles. Particularly starting from the Middle Ages, even when no 'kakari-musubi' relationship is admitted, sentences can be freely ended with adnominal forms, and because inflecting words for which the conclusive form and the adnominal form are identical are comparatively abundant, it is frequently difficult to judge only from morphology whether a given sequence represents two independent clauses or whether it represents a complex clause in which subject-predicate relation obtains. Here again, if the inflecting words in the two parts are both active, we can immediately determine that the sequence comprises two mutually independent clauses with no nominative relation between them. Furthermore, as is clear from figures (A), (B), and (C) above, when a complex clause takes an active inflecting word as its predicate, it can be immediately determined that these fit pattern (B), and that the subject constitutes a stative nominalization. Various other advantages can be found in the examination along historical principles of the 30 patterns described above, which are not all attested at any given period, but as the allotted number of pages for this study has already been exceeded, I shall leave this point with only a description of the direction that might be pursued.

It is demonstrable that the method used in the classification of inflecting words by Hanareya Okina Suzuki Akira is reflected in the structure of the Japanese on a rather large

scale, with the distinction between stative and active inflecting words being a basic duality that governs inflecting forms in the Japanese language. This classification can be considered to have a value easily comparable to that of the classification into adjectives and verbs.

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<sup>i</sup> Apparently defining it as the class of suffixes and clitics, Suzuki includes all verbal auxiliaries in this class.

<sup>ii</sup> The columns of the syllabary array are headed by ‘a’, ‘i’, ‘u’, ‘e’, and ‘o’.

<sup>iii</sup> Phonemic transcription includes *kō-otu* distinctions for Old Japanese. Remaining examples are transcribed with *rekisiteki kanazukai* for historical texts and for created examples in Classical Japanese style. Glosses and translations have been added to show grammatical analysis compatible with Frellesvig, Bjarke. *A History of the Japanese Language*, Cambridge University Press, 2010. The abbreviations used in glosses are as follows: ABL = ablative particle; ACC = accusative particle; ACOP = adjectival copula; ADC = ambiguous between adnominal and conclusive inflection; ADI = ambiguous between adnominal and infinitive; ADN = adnominal inflection; ALL = allative particle; CJN; conjunctive particle; CJR = conjunctive auxiliary; CLF = classifier; CLS = conclusive inflection; COMP = complementizer; COP = copula; COO = coordinating particle; CND = conditional inflection; CSS = concessive inflection; CTT = continuative inflection; DAT = dative particle; EVD = evidential extension; FOC = focus particle; GEN = genitive particle; GER = gerund inflection; HON = honorific prefix or auxiliary; HORT = hortative inflection; INF = infinitive inflection; INS = instrumental particle; LOC = locational particle; MOD = modal past auxiliary; MPH = emphatic particle; NMLZ = nominalizing pronoun; NMZ = nominalizing suffix; NOM = nominative particle; PASS = passive auxiliary; PHB = prohibitive particle; PL = plural; PRF = perfective auxiliary; PRV = provisional inflection; PST = past auxiliary; RECP = reciprocal prefix; RES = restrictive particle; SG = singular; STV = stative auxiliary; TOP = topic particle; XCL = exclamatory inflection.

<sup>iv</sup> The rows of the syllabary array are headed by ‘a’, ‘ka’, ‘sa’, ‘ta’, ‘na’, ‘ha’, ‘ma’, ‘ya’, ‘ra’, and ‘wa’.

<sup>v</sup> Ishigaki uses the term ‘meisiku’ (名詞句, literally ‘noun phrase’) to refer to nominalized clauses. I replace this term with ‘nominalization’ to avoid confusion with the more general sense.

<sup>vi</sup> Roughly, any clause having a subject-predicate relation and within which a second



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subject-predicate relation obtains.

<sup>vii</sup> The asterisk ‘\*’ has been added to indicate an unattested pattern.

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