Task sets for the Udmurt DP. Draft. Thursday, May 17, 12
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Task set 1. Syntactic
What is the syntactic structure of the possessive construction A presented by
Sveti Edygarova?

Task set 2. Syntactic
What is the syntactic structure of the possessive construction B presented by
Sveti Edygarova?

Task set 3. Syntactic
What is the syntactic structure of the possessive construction C presented by
Sveti Edygarova?

Task set 4. Syntactic
Make a list of Determiners in Udmurt.
- demonstrative
- possessive determiner
- quantifier
How are their complements marked?

Task set 5. Syntactic
How do the determiners and adjectives interact with each other, which
combinations are not possible? (my every little dog vs little my dog)
- **my** little dog, **your** little dogs (possessive)
- **every** little dog, **each** little dog, **some** little dog, **either** dog, **no** dog
  (quantifying)

Task set 6. Syntactic
How do these categories interact with each other, which combinations are not
possible? (this little dog vs little this dog)
- **my** little dog, **your** little dogs (possessive)
- **this** little dog, **those** little dogs (demonstrative)

Task set 7. Elicitacion, search for patterns.
Definiteness: Find if there are any examples or counterexamples in Udmurt as in
Nikolaeva's set of examples and counterexamples. Consult with a native speaker
and check the result on the basis of the material on the Internet.

Task set 8. More pragmatic.
Definiteness: Does Nikolaeva's claim hold in Udmurt?
In Uralic the range of possible relationships between two entities encoded by means
of the possessive construction is much wider than in Indo-European, in fact infinite,
therefore the possessive affixes can express any kind of association between the host
noun and another entity. This entity must be already established in the discourse or
the situation of speech by the time of the utterance, so such constructions share one
important property: the "possessor" is conceptualised first and serves as a cognitive

reference-point for establishing mental contact with the "possessed".

Task set 9. The type of the noun
Does the type of the noun determine the behavior of the noun with the Px (or another construction, in addition to the material presented by Sveti)?

Task set 10. Between verbs and nominals
Fill in the table T1 of the nonfinite case forms with possessives.
Find native speaker examples.
Find Internet examples with the help of a native speaker.
How would a DP structure of these constructions look like?
What are the problems?

Task set 11. Between verbs and nominals
Fill in the table T2 of the nonfinite case forms with possessives.
Find native speaker examples.
Find Internet examples with the help of a native speaker.
How would a DP structure of these constructions look like?
What are the problems?