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# Linear paradigms

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# Russian

## (1) *Syncretism in Russian*

	place, sg.	teacher, pl.	both, m.i.	school, sg.	100
nom	mjest-o	učitel-ja	dv-a	škol-a	st-o
acc	mjest-o	učitel-ej	dv-a	škol-u	st-o
gen	mjest-a	učitel-ej	dv-ux	škol-y	st-a
prep	mjest-e	učitel-jax	dv-ux	škol-e	st-a
dat	mjest-u	učitel-am	dv-um	škol-e	st-a
ins	mjest-om	učitel-ami	dv-umja	škol-oj	st-a

## Numerlas

- (2) a. pjat'            bolšix   butylok   vina  
five.nom/acc big.gen bottles.gen wine.gen  
'five big bottles of wine'
- b. pjat'ju bolšimi butylkami vina  
five.ins big.ins bottles.ins wine.gen  
'with five big bottles of wine'
- (3) NOM — ACC — GEN — **LOC** — **DAT** — **INS**

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- d. soobščenie institutami firm-e svoich zakaz-ov  
informing institute-ins firm-dat their orders-gen  
'the institute's informing the company about their orders'



## Cumulative case decomposition

- (5) a. nom = [A]
- b. acc = [A, B]
- c. gen = [A, B, C]
- d. loc = [A, B, C, D]
- e. dat = [A, B, C, D, E]
- f. ins = [A, B, C, D, E, F]

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- (10) a. Ég breytti fundartímanum  
I changed meeting.time-dat  
'I changed the meetingtime.'
- b. breyting fundartímans  
change meeting.time-gen  
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# Your projects



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- The “logical” thing to do is to look at nominalizations... AND RELATIVE CLAUSES!! (Scott Grimm, Case attraction in relative clauses.)

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If a feminine surname ends in -us, it is generally not declined, e.g. Daces Markus gramata 'Dace Markus' book', or the ending is treated as though it was an -uss ending and declined accordingly, e.g. vizcete pie dakteres Markusas 'a visit to Dr. Markus'

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## Latvian numerals

(20) Latvian numeral 10

- a. Mēs sastapām desmit zēnu / zēnus  
We met ten boys-gen.pl. / boys-acc.pl.  
**'We met ten boys.'**
- b. Viņš palīdzēja desmit zēniem  
He helped ten boys-dat.pl.  
**'He helped ten boys.'**

## Slavic

- How different are your languages with respect to Russian?
- What are the counterexamples? (List them, see if there is a phonological explanation.)
- Do nominalizations/numerical constructions work the same as in Russian?
- Does the language have the genitive of negation?

## German

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- See Johnston 1997: Systematic homophony. Some lessons from paradigm geometry.
- There is case attraction in free relatives: Pittner 1995: The case of German relatives. *The Linguistic review*.
- Ralf Vogel has worked on German free relatives (a 2001 paper).
- Funny things with pronouns and the genitive case.

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