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COMPARATIVE CONSTRUCTIONS IN YAKUT AND ALTAI (COMPARATIVE-CONTRASTIVE AND COMPONENT ANALYSIS)¹

INTRODUCTION

The problem of studying main structural-semantic types of comparative construction in Yakut and Altai is important as this layer of the related languages has not been studied adequately. The phenomenon is unique for every language vocabulary. Scientific relevance of the study resides in revealing common and specific parameters of the analyzed comparative constructions in Yakut and Altai determined by common typological characteristics and systematic-structural features of the compared languages. The aim of the investigation is to analyze the main types of comparative constructions in Yakut and Altai from the comparative-contrastive and component aspect.

The hypothesis of the study suggests that the common parameters of these constructions are the functioning of nominal comparative constructions of the synthetic and analytic type in them as well as manifestation of synthetic and analytic-synthetic structures in the domain of verbal comparative constructions, which is determined by postpositive agglutinative nature of the language system. In the article we are going to ground that the indicators of comparison of the considered constructions don't agree in the plane of expression except for the ablative case form and the syntactic indicator formed from the auxiliary verb *бүол-* / *бол-*.

The value of the work ranges from theoretic aspects of comparative linguistics to practical aspects of foreign language learning and even machine translation. Such in-depth language investigations attain more and more ponderability in our age of global communication. The scientific advancement of linguistics allows to elaborate more and more sophisticated theories which incorporate the studies of various language and speech peculiarities formerly lacking attention. The following

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work represents one of the steps on this way. In particular, to the author's mind, comparative-contrastive and component analysis is one of the promising directions in the modern linguistics.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

With the general research method being the inductive-deductive one, theoretical conclusions are drawn from the analysis of comparative constructions of the synthetic, analytic, and analytic-synthetic types of the languages under consideration. A contrastive analysis of comparative constructions of the Turkic languages Yakut and Altai was made on a wide range of language material, for example: later on in the article – (Ojunskij 1975, p. 17; Sofronov 1965, p. 358; Kulun 1985, p. 94; RAD 1964, p. 236). The comparative contrastive analysis reveals similar and different parameters of the discussed constructions determined by common typological characteristics and systematic structural features of the compared languages. Comparative constructions are characterized by active functioning of the analytical means *күрдүк*, whereas the Altai languages show the dominance of structures with the synthetic indicator *-дый*.

The method of component analysis involves deconstruction of comparative constructions into smallest meaningful units codified in lexicographic sources. To decipher functional actualizations it is necessary to study the structure of knowledge behind the comparative construction.

THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

The paper considers the main structural semantic types of comparative constructions in Yakut and Altai in comparative-contrastive aspect. The comparative contrastive analysis reveals similar and different parameters of the discussed constructions determined by common typological characteristics and systematic structural features of the compared languages.

Simile is a figure of speech “through which we reveal the secret of creation, mysteries of word” (Balzer 2001). It is linguistically expressed as a model of various comparative constructions involving the object/subject of comparison (what is compared), the model for comparison (with what is something compared), a common criterion for comparison, an indicator of comparison. The importance of this problem is determined by perspectives of this field of comparative studies, in particular, in the field of comparative construction of Yakut and Altai.

Simile, comparative and other constructions are covered in various aspects: structural-semantic, comparative, cognitive, translation, etc. in Russian, English, German and other languages. For example such different and overlapping viewpoints and accents as on lingvocognitive approach (Razuvaeva 2017), linguistic

consciousness (Khakulova 2016), linguistic picture of the world (Li, Chshan 2015), sensations in comparative constructions (Alexandrova 2015; Nedosekina 2015, 2016), national-specific features of comparative phraseology (Vedmanova, Kulikova 2015; Hessky 1989), forms of comparative constructions (Goleva, Voronkova 2016), syntax (Bresnan 1973; Baeskai-Atkari 2014), clausal comparative constructions Kantor 2006), word order typology (Andersen 1983), competing comparative constructions (Stolz 2013), “carnivalization” of the language (Krylova 2016a), comparative constructions in poetic texts (Krylova 2016b), stability (Bogdanova, Malkova 2014; Boyko 2016; Malkova 2014; Mokienko 2016; Lytkina 2016; Arnold 2016; Balzer 2001; Baranov, Dobrovolskij 2016), live and inanimate in stable comparisons (Frolova 2014), stability and dynamism (Ogoltseva 2015), teaching (Okhlopkova 2017). Attention is paid to variousity of languages, among others Bulgarian (Leonidova 1987), Croatian (Matulina, Jerolimov, Pavić Pintarić 2004), English (Gnutzmann, Ilson, Webster 2008; Treis 2017), French (Price 2017), German (Brehmer, Golubović 2007), Hungarian (Födes 1992), Italian (Lichtenberg 1994), Latvian (Chinkure 2006), Lithuanian (Lapinskas 2000), Ossetic (Bibilova, Chadasheva, Zuzieva 2015), Persian (Valipur, Ibrahimsharifi 2016), Polish (Szczęk, Wysoczański 2004), Russian (Sinićkina, Potanina 2015), Spanish (Price 2017), Tajik (Sidikova 2016), Tatar (Bulgarova, Safonova 2015).

In particular in turkology, comparison has been structurally-semantically described in Azerbaijani (Abdullaev 1974), Tatar (Povarisov 1965), Uzbek (Mukaramov 1971)), Kazakh (Konyrov 1985), Khakass (Kyrzhinakova 2010), Tuvan (Cheremisina, Shamina 1996; Shamina 2014), Shor (Antonova 2012), Yakut (Efremov 2013) and other languages. It is also studied in comparative aspect, *e.g.* in Uzbek (Zufarova 1971).

In Kazakh, structural elements of comparison have been studied as they are the key to understand comparison as a linguistic phenomenon of a special kind with specific structure and distinctive semantics, with the status of word combination and sentence (Konyrov 1985). Forty ways of comparison have been revealed and described in the Kazakh language, with each of them having a unique place in the system of comparative knowledge.

The Tuva language has shown various means of expressing comparison. Also, an attempt has been made to relate certain linguistic forms of comparison with specific meaning and to outline systematic relations between certain forms of comparison and the expressed comparative meaning (Shamina 2014).

In Khakass, more than ten ways to express comparison at various levels have been found and described: lexical (7 ways), morphological (3), and syntactical (1) (Kyrzhinakova 2010).

Comparative constructions of the Yakut language were dealt with in the monograph by Y. I. Vasiliev (1986), those of the Altai language were studied in the doctorate research by L. N. Tybikova (1989).

In Yakut, word-formative, morphological means to express comparison as well as comparative constructions expressed by categorematic words, the postposition *курдук* and other syntactic words (*дылы* (*диэбиккэ* *дылы*), *кэриэмэ*, *са□а* (*са□ачча*), *тэңэ*, *буолан*, *быныылаах*, *айылаах*) have been described. In Altai, comparative constructions with synthetic (affix) and analytic (syntactic) indicators of comparison have been studied.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A preliminary analysis of comparative constructions in the compared languages shows that, in general, these constructions are formally characterized by their own means of expression.

A common means of expressing comparative relation in these languages is, first of all, the indicator of the ablative case. However, the comparative case is used to express these relations in Yakut much more commonly (Vasiliev 1986, p. 43).

Nominal comparative constructions (further, CC) of Yakut and Altai are classified into two types according to the indicator of comparison: synthetic and analytic. In synthetic CC, the indicator of comparison is represented by affix, means whether in analytic CC it is represented by syntactic words, postpositions. Verbal CC are poly-predicative sentences the parts of which are related through synthetic and analytic-synthetic (postpositive) means.

In Yakut, the forms of the ablative, comparative, instrumental cases as well as the affix *-лыы* functionally close to the case forms act as indicators of nominal CC of the synthetic type (Ubryatova 1976, p. 199; Vasiliev 1986, p. 49). In Altai, the CC of the synthetic type demonstrates three indicators of comparison =*дый* / =*дий*, =*ча=че* and the indicator of the ablative case =*наң* / =*нең*. They play an important role in expressing comparative relations (Tybikova 1989, p. 7).

Indicators of comparison in nominal CC of the analytic type are represented by syntactic words.

Nominal Comparative Constructions

1. Synthetic type

1) The Yakut language. Constructions with the ablative case. They indicate an object that “in some respect is inferior to another one” (Boethlingk 1990, p. 576], e.g.: *Манна баар эр дьонтон барыларыттан кини кыра уңохтаах, хатыңыр, мөлтөх көрүннээх* ‘Here he is of all men short (lit. with small bones), thin, weak looking’ (Vasiliev 1986, p. 39).

In Altai, such constructions express numerical comparison, *i.e.* numerical opposition “more-less” of a quantity, feature (Szczęk, Wysoczański 2004; Tybikova 1989, p. 7–8) that can be loaded by figurative meaning depending on the context: *Чыккан айдаң чыпчылду, Тийген күннең кеп-кеендүй, Ондый бала бойбой кайтты* ‘Fairer than the risen moon, More beautiful than the beams of the morning sun, – There was such a girl’ (Vasiliev 1986, p. 39).

The functional Yakut equivalent of the above mentioned Altai construction is the construction with the indicator of the comparative case that describes figurative comparative relation: *Сибэkkимээб эр тэмэркэй имнээх* (Szczęk, Wysoczański 2004; Sofronov 1965, p. 197) 'Her cheeks are rosier than the flower'.

This phenomenon verifies an idea according to which the Yakut comparative case is, in some respect, replaced by the ablative case from the domain of comparative constructions (Vasiliev 1986, p. 43). Where as in the Turkic languages the affix of the ablative case "is one of the leading means expressing comparison" (Konyrov 1985, p. 41).

The Yakut construction with *-маағар* "are mainly used for comparison–opposition to a certain evaluation of the compared object positively or negatively" (Ubryatova 1976, p. 200–201). These comparative construction unlike the ones with the ablative case express not both simple and compound sentences: *Ынах сыйынаағар сылғы сыйта сыйты буолар* (Ojunkij 1975, p. 17) 'The smell of a horse is more intense than that of a cow'; [...] *төрөннүүт оғодун сүөһүттээбэр күнәбаннык тутаргын истэн* [...] '[...] having heard that you treat your own child worse than cattle [...] (Vasiliev 1986, p. 44); *Мин этэрим сити эн этэргинээбэр быдан чөпчеки суол* 'What I say is an easier way than what you say' (Grammar 1995, p. 275].

The Yakut constructions with the instrumental case are mainly found in phraseological groups of words: *Бу уол өчөнө, хадаара диэн, энэтэ энэтинэн* 'This boy is as stubborn, intractable as his grandfather' (lit., his grandfather by his grandfather); *Ардах ылғастаах уунан күтэр* 'The rain is pouring bucket water' (about heavy rain) (Vasiliev 1986, p. 47–48).

The Altai equivalent of this affix is the postpositional affix *-ла(-ле)*, with the Kazakh one being affix of the instrumental-connecting case *мен(ен)* (*ibidem*, p. 51).

Comparative constructions with the indicator *-лыы*. The structures with *-лыы* are intermediate between case and adverbial forms (Ubryatova 1976, p. 199; Vasiliev 1986, p. 48). The constructions of this type form both mono- and poly-predicative structures: *Санаа бағадыы, Самыыр былыштыны, Санарбат гына Самнары бамтаама* 'My thoughts/Like rain/Crushed me/Made me speechless' (Sofronov 1965, p. 358); [...] *мутуктарын/Будулуйар мотуок/Бутугастыы булкуйан*' [...] larch boughs/Swift stream/Like stirring butugas (buttermilk drink) (Sofronov 1965, p. 329–330); *Уруккулуу унунук Уранныры ууратан* 'Having stopped extensively embroidering (the poem) like in the old times' (*ibidem*, p. 252]; *Ууга охтубуттуу уолуңуйдүм, Харанба хаамтарбыттыы харбыаластым* '(I) panicked like falling into water, fumbled about like being in full darkness' (*ibidem*, p. 336).

The comparative constructions with *-лыы* are translated into Russian by structures with conjunctions *as, as if, like, just as, much as, as though* (Vasiliev 1986, p. 20–51) which indicates polysemy of the comparative constructions with the affix *-лыы*.

2). The Altai language. The CC with the synthetic indicator *=дый/=дий* correlate with the Russian CC with the conjunction *like*: *Школдың оогоо балдары кыраның ичиле кара тандың жүргүлэйт* 'Primary school children were walking on the ploughed field like black rooks' (Tybikova 1989, p. 7).

In Yakut, such relation of comparison can be represented by constructions with the analytic comparative indicator *курдук* 'like': *Озлор сүол устун кулунчук курдук тойторуна сырсаллар* 'Little children are running on the road like frisky foals'.

The Altai CC with the indicator *-ча/-чә* are found more rarely. They express comparison of objects only by their size and shape (compare Russian, *with the size of*). The standard of comparison is represented by a small number of objects mainly of small size: *Кадында арамтай алаканча акта толу айылдар түрү* 'Along the Katun' bank there stood some yurts on the field as small as a palm' (*ibidem*, p. 7). In Yakut, the same comparative relations are represented by the structures with the postposition *саға* that expresses quantitative comparison. Therewith, the standard of comparison is not restricted by objects of small size. Compare: *Кини ытыс саға сирдээх* 'He's got a land as small as a palm' (Kulun 1985, p. 94) and *Эрдэбэс күөс саға/Кумсаа уот илбистээх/Кырыктаах уот сырлылы/Унумтүн төбөмүгээр хамаан* 'Hooked all that/On the tip of his fierce spear/Burning with bloodthirstiness/Of the size of a medium pot' (*ibidem*, p. 365).

As has already been noted before, the Altai CC with the standard of comparison being the ablative case (*-нан/-нен*) express quantitative comparison, relation of quantitative opposition "more-less" of some quality, feature: *Көс жајынаң ару, сарјунаң жымжасак, сын женилтер, ийде кожор күтүк сүү* 'Purer than a tear drop, softer than butter, soothing and giving strength well water' (Tybikova 1989, p. 8). In Yakut, such constructions are found with the ablative and comparative cases: *Хайа да сир уутумтан ыраас, туюхтааңар да минньигэс, күүхү-күдэбү биэрэр дойдум өлбөт мэнэ уута* 'Purer than water of any other land, sweeter than anything (on earth), giving strength and power, the elixir of life – water of my homeland'.

2. Analytical type of nominal comparative constructions

1) The Yakut language. The construction with the indicator *курдук*: *Тохсун-ны ый туолар киэнктиң курдук Муус дъэнкир харабынан* (Kulun 1985, p. 89) 'By an icy, limpид/Like a full moon evening in January, eye' (*ibidem*, p. 360).

The construction with *дылы*: *Кини [...] обобо дылы күнүстэри утуйан баччыгыныы сытар* 'He [...] like a child even by day having fallen asleep, is lying snoring' (Vasiliev 1986, p. 81).

The construction with *кәриэмэ*: *Сахам намыын ункүүтэ Сахам сирин кәриэмэ* 'My Yakut smooth dance/Is like my land Yakutia' (*ibidem*, p. 85).

The construction with *Алаас сыныы бынаңын саға/Тимир халаат холуңуолу/Хам аннынан кээспит* (Kulun 1985, p. 88) 'The jacket on him being as wide as a half of a glade, is skintight' (*ibidem*, p. 359).

The construction with *тэнэ*: *Сэгэрийн сибээкки тэнэ нарын, күн тэнэ күнхдү* 'My beloved is as tender as a flower, as valuable as the sun' (*ibidem*, p. 90).

The construction with *буолан*: *Мин түүлбэр эн танараа буолан киирбийтнүү* 'Into my dream you came as (lit. having become) a goddess' (*ibidem*, p. 92).

The construction with *быныылаах*: *кини быныылаах обо* 'a child looking like a man' (*ibidem*, p. 93).

The construction with *айылаах*: *Дъахтар тырыбынаас дьүүнэ суүктуу-йан хаалбыкка айылаах* 'The woman's shining face as if faded away' (*ibidem*, p. 93).

2) The Altai language. The analytical types of the nominal CC includes constructions with the indicator of comparison as special particles and semi-categorematic words with comparative semantics. These are *чылап* (<чыла=п), *ои-кош*, *немедий* (the most common), *кире*, *кёрө*, *болуп*, *аайлу*, etc. (less common).

CC with *чылап*, *ои-кош* are comparative proper constructions. They are relevant to the CC with the synthetic indicator *-дый/-дий*. The standard of comparison combined with *чылап* functions as the adverbial modifier: *Обöгöнин янып келгенине сүүнин Аня, торт ло кучкаши чылап. Ары-бери сунат* 'Being happy about her husband's comeback, Anya is running hither and thither just as a restless little bird' (Tybikova 1989, p. 8); *кароо-кошак* 'as white as snow' (compare, *кардыйак* 'as white as snow' (RAD 1964, p. 236). In Yakut, these constructions are represented by structures with the postposition *курдук*: *Аня, ийэтэ кэлэн инэрин көрөн, чыычаах оготун курдук утары суурэн тырыкынайда* 'Anya, having noticed mother approaching her, rushed towards her like a nestling moving little legs'; *Хаар курдук манан/хаар манан* (as white as snow).

Altai CC with comparative semantics are formed with the indicators *түнэй* 'similar, alike' and semi-categorematic copulas with a close comparative semantics *бүдүүштөөш*, *жүзүндеши* 'look like by face, figure', *кеберлүү* 'similar to' (compare to the Russian adjective *similar*). The auxiliary word *түнэй* keeps its lexical and categorial meaning to some extent and is considered as adjective approximating postpositions: *Тууразынан көрзө, ол чын ла японский дипломатка түнэй* 'If viewed from aside, he really looks like a Japanese diplomat' (*ibidem*, p. 9). In the Yakut language, the phrases of this type are represented by sentences with the predicate *маарыннаа* 'resemble, look like': *Туораттан көрдөххө, кини, кырдык, дөлпүүон дипломатыгар маарыңыыр*. The indicator *жүзүндеши* is formed from *жүз* 'face', *бүдүүштөөш* – from *бүдүүш* 'appearance', *кеберлүү* – from *кебер* 'look, form'. In CC with these indicators characterized by lexical meaning comparison is made by resemblance only (resemble in face, figure): *Жаражына жараши көжүлдү*, *Алып-Манашика жүзүндеши болды* 'Beauty added to beauty, looked like Albyn-Manash'; *Кулактары кызыл кызыган темиргө бүдүүштөөш* 'The ears looked like hot iron' (*ibidem*).

Comparative relations of the type considered above are given in Yakut by the constructions with the predicate expressed by the verb *маарыннаа-* 'resemble'

as well as the analytic structure with the indicator *курдук*: *Кини Алып-Манашика маарынныыр этэ; Кулгаахтара кытарбыт тимир курдуктара* 'He resembled Alyp-Manash'.

Verbal comparative constructions

1. Synthetic.

1) The Yakut language. Synthetic structures with the indicator of the ablative case are mainly found in nominal constructions. Y. I. Vasiliev (1986) marks as comparative compound sentences of the synthetic type only constructions with the indicator of the comparative case and the form ending with *-лыы*.

Structures with the indicator of the comparative case. These constructions express simile if a generalized view of an object or event is used as a standard of comparison: *Эн үөрэхтэммиккинээбэр ыт үрбүтэ быдан ордук* 'Comparing to the way you received education, dog's barking is better' (*ibidem*, p. 45).

Structures with the indicator *-лыы*: *Айманыйбыт абатын айыммыттыы, Сымналастык сыйыа, сыйыныыы сыйптыта* '[The Lena river] as if compassioning on her [woman's] sorrow, was humbly running, hissing (Sofronov 1965, p. 327).

2) The Altai language. Synthetic structures with the subordinate predicate expressed by a participle with *-ган*, provided by the indicator *дый*: *Онын бак-прына не де токтол калгандый, кажы ла сости чыгара айдарга ого сүрекей уур болды* 'As if something stuck in the throat, it was difficult for him to speak every word' Tybikova 1989, p. 15). In Yakut, such relation can be expressed by a combination of two sentences, with one being closed with the particle *курдук* 'as if': *Күөмэйигэр туюх эрэ турган хаалбыт курдук. Кыайан санарбат.* 'As if something stuck in the throat. [He] Cannot speak'.

2. Analytic-synthetic verbal comparative constructions.

1) The Yakut language. The structures with the postposition *курдук* are most common, they can function as compound sentences: *Уу тыана атыыр үөрэ ууга сырсыбытын курдук буолла* 'Such a splash of water was heard in the pond, as if a herd of horses had run on it' (Ojunkij 1975, p. 127).

The construction with *дылы* (comparative parallelism): *Мин эппиннэр дылы, миэхэ кыныырап* 'He is angry with me as if I said that' (Sofronov 1965, p. 82).

The construction with *кэриэтэ*: *Сибэкки күйаас күч сылааныгар ессө ордук силигилии уүнэрин кэриэтэ, кыыс обо эйлээх кэргэнни олохxo ессө ордук кэрэтийэр, түнсар* 'Like a flower blooms more on a hot sunny day, as a girl becomes more beautiful in a good peaceful marriage' (*ibidem*, p. 86).

The construction with *сағаны* (comparative- identifying relation): *Эн оно-рорунгсағаны онорор инибин* 'I'll probably make the same as you do' (colloquial).

Constructions with *тэнэ*: *Биниги кини үлэлиирин тэнэ үлэлиэхнит* 'We'll work as much as he does' (*ibidem*, p. 91).

2) The Altai language. A mono-subject poly-predicative construction with *чылап*: *Айу, кандый да чымыл ўркиткен чилеп, тамаштарыла атнаас эделе, бир кезек ёйгө көрүнбей калды* 'The bear waved its paws, as if scaring off some

flies, disappeared for some time' (Tybikova 1989, p. 15–16). In Yakut, such a phrase is expressed by a mono-subject poly-predicate construction with *курдук*: *Энэ, ханынк эрэ сахсырбалары үргүтэр курдук, баппаңайынан ханыйда, биир кэмнэ кини харабар көстүбээт буола сырыйтта* (translated the same).

The hetero-subject poly-predicate construction with *түнэй*: *Буттынг алдында кар қыырап турганы, јиит кунајын үй кепинин турганына түнэй болды* 'That snow was crunching under feet was like a heifer chewing' (*ibidem*, p. 17). In Yakut, such relation is expressed by a compound sentence with the subject subordinate clause where the main clause is a standard for comparison with the analytic indicator *курдук*: *Хаар хаачыргыыра тынаңас кэбинэрин курдук* 'That snow was crunching under feet was like a heifer chewing'.

The mono-subject poly-predicate construction with *буолуп*: *Темитей бу солун јуруктарды ончобыстанг озо тапкан ла көрүп ийген кижи болуп, колын янып туруп, кыйгырыр учурлу* 'Temitey had to wave his arms and shout like a man who has seen and found these wonderful paintings before us' (*ibidem*, p. 16). In Yakut, this phrase is expressed by the construction with *буолан*: *Темитей бу дыкти ойуулары ким да иннинэ көрбүт кини буолан, илиилэринэн далбааталыяхтаах, ханытыыхтаах*.

CONCLUSIONS

The comparative analysis of Yakut and Altai comparative constructions shows that they have typologically common synthetic and analytic indicators of comparison. However, formally such indicators are mainly unique for each compared language, excluding the ablative case form and the analytic structure *буолан* (Altai – *буолуп*) which is determined by non-contact development of the given languages. Verbal comparative constructions are represented by poly-predicate sentences whose clauses are combined with synthetic and analytic-synthetic means. Yakut comparative constructions are characterized by active functioning of the indicator *курдук*, whereas the Altai language demonstrates the dominance of the structure with the synthetic indicator *-дый*.

In the plane of content these indicators are polysemantic, thus they express comparative semantics depending on the nature of the lexical-grammatical contents of the sentence composition and the context. This phenomenon is determined by specifics of Turkic languages that, in contrast to inflected languages (e.g. Russian), shows the principle of grammar economy. Yakut comparative constructions are characterized by active functioning of the indicator *курдук*, whereas the Altai language demonstrates the dominance of the structure with the synthetic indicator *-дый*.

Certainly, typological investigation of comparative constructions in related and non-related languages is of great interest for further research.

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CONSTRUCȚII COMPARATIVE ÎN IACUTĂ ȘI ALTAICĂ
(ANALIZA CONSTRASTIV-COMPARATIVĂ ȘI A COMPONENTELOR)
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Principalele tipuri de construcții comparative din limbile iacută și altaică sunt analizate din perspectivă comparativ-contrastivă. A fost efectuată o analiză comparativă și a componentelor construcțiilor comparative din limbile iacută și altaică aparținând familiei de limbi turcice. Analiza a identificat parametri comuni și diferenți pentru construcțiile analizate, determinați de trăsături tipologice comune și de caracteristici structurale sistematice. Parametrii comuni ai acestor construcții includ construcții comparative nominale funcționale de tip sintetic și analitic, precum și manifestarea structurilor sintetice și analitice-sintetice în domeniul construcțiilor comparative verbale, fapt motivat de natura sistemului aglutinant postpus) al limbilor respective. Indicatorii comparativi din construcțiile discutate nu se suprapun în planul expresiei, cu excepția cazului ablativ și a indicatorului sintactic format cu verbul auxiliar *был/-был-*. În planul expresiei, acești indicatori sunt polisemantici, deoarece exprimă un semantism sau altul, în funcție de natura structurii lexicale și gramaticale a frazei și de context. Construcțiile comparative din iacută sunt caracterizate de funcționarea activă a instrumentului analitic *курдык*, în timp ce în limba altaică predomină structura cu indicatorul comparativ sintetic *-дый*.

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