
Complex predicates: the case of Croatian V_{finite} + $V_{\text{non-finite}}$ constructions

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V_{finite} + $V_{\text{non-finite}}$ constructions can form a kind of complex predicate, instead of participating in biclausal constructions. An array of different properties has been claimed to point to their monoclausal character. This study focuses on Croatian subject-oriented predicates selecting infinitives and it is based on the cross-linguistically well-confirmed observation that properties of constructions with infinitives are tied to the choice of the matrix predicate. Whereas Croatian propositional verbs cannot embed infinitives and desideratives and factives allow both finite and non-finite complements, modals, aspectuals and implicatives select only non-finite complements (cf. Batinić Angster 2024, Wurmbrand et al. 2020):

- (1) *Ivan je mogao_{mod} / počeo_{asp} / uspio_{impl} {ići_{non-finite} / *da ide} na izlet.*
'Ivan could / started / managed to go on a trip.'

In a previous study (Batinić Angster 2024), it has been shown that non-finite complements to modals, aspectuals and implicatives systematically pattern with transparency effects, among others unavailability of temporal mismatches:

- (2) **On je jučer uspio ići sutradan u kino.*
'Yesterday he managed to go to the cinema the day after.'

The ability of triggering such effects correlates with the fact that these matrix predicates encode meanings placed below Tense in Cinque's hierarchy (2006), whereas the predicates lacking these properties belong to semantic classes encoding meanings placed above it (s. also Grano 2015). This contribution aims at discussing these findings on Croatian complex predicates in the light of different approaches to complementation, such as scalar tripartition of clausal complements (Wurmbrand et al. 2020) differing with respect to their independence, transparency, and integration. Taking into consideration insights from the mentioned approaches will permit us to provide a more detailed overview of Croatian predicates selecting infinitives.

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