

## Assignment 7

Problem I from Assignment 6.

II.1 Consider the following facts from Ukrainian.

- (1) a. Stadion buv zbudovanyj v 1948 roc'i.  
stadium.MSG be.Pst build.Part.Nom.MSG in 1948  
'The stadium was built in 1948.'
- b. Stadion bulo zbudovano v 1948 roc'i.  
stadium.MSG be.Pst.Neut build.Part.Neut in 1948  
'The stadium was built in 1948.'

Even though the subject in (1) is not overtly specified for case, we can conclude that in (1a), the subject is in the nominative while in (1b) it is in the accusative. This is because with feminine NPs the case distinctions are clearly visible.

- (2) a. Cerkvu/\*Cerkva bulo zbudovano v 1640 roc'i.  
church.F.Acc/\*church.F.Nom be.Pst.Neut build.Part.Neut in 1948  
'The church was built in 1640.'
- b. Cerkva/\*Cerkvu bula zbudovana v 1640 roc'i.  
church.F.Nom/\*church.F.Acc be.Pst.F build.Part.FSg in 1948  
'The church was built in 1640.'

Consider also the following contrasts:

- (3) behavior as complement of *want*:
- a. Vin xot'iv (buty) poslanyj tudy.  
he.Nom wanted to.be sent.Part.MSG there  
'He wanted to be sent there.'
- b. \*Vin xot'iv (buty) poslano tudy.  
he.Nom wanted to.be sent.Part.Neut there  
'He wanted to be sent there.'
- (4) Genitive of Negation typically appears only on objects: objects of negated verbs appear with genitive case.
- a. Cerkvy ne bulo zbudovano.  
church.Gen Neg be.Pst.Neut build.Part.Neut  
'The church was not built.'
- b. Cerkva/\*Cerkvy ne bula zbudovana.  
church.Nom/church.Gen Neg be.Pst.F build.Part.F  
'The church was not built.'

Construct a hypothesis that accounts for the above data using the framework that we have developed in class. Try to identify the locus of variation between Ukrainian and English.

II.2 Next consider the following facts from German.

(5) (*praise* in German assigns accusative to its object.)

- a. Ich wurde gelobt.  
I was/became praised  
'I was praised.'
- b. \*Mich/Mir wurde gelobt.  
I.Acc/I.Dat was/became praised
- c. \*Es wurde mich/mir gelobt.  
it was I/Acc/I.Dat praised.

(6) (*help* in German assigns dative to its object.)

- a. \*Ich wurde geholfen.  
I was/became helped  
'I was helped.'
- b. Mir wurde geholfen.  
I.Dat was/became helped  
'I was helped.'
- c. Es wurde mir geholfen.  
it was me helped  
'I was helped.'

Extend your hypothesis for Ukrainian and English to cover German.