

A Tripartite Structure for Demonstrative Pronouns

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Demonstrative/indefinite pronouns are often bimorphemic; English *this*, *that*, and Japanese *so-ko* 'there' and *do-ko* 'where'. But the patterns of the combination of the two morphemes are diverse and inconsistent even within a language. Against this background, a tripartite structure for demonstrative pronouns is proposed: Determiner-Deixis-Noun. With the assumption that the two overt morphemes are realizations of the two of the three segments in the template, a consistent analysis of the morpheme combination is obtained. As a consequence, despite their appearances, *this* and *that* do not have parallel structures, nor do *so-ko* and *do-ko*. The paper also speculates on the relation between demonstrative pronouns and adnominal demonstratives.