

Detailed Analysis of Complex Sentences in Punjabi Language

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ABSTRACT

Complex sentences constitute major parts of the Punjabi language. All the large sentences are either of compound or of complex type. Detail analysis of complex sentences is helpful in processing the Punjabi language through computer. This study will be helpful in identifying and separating the complex sentences from Punjabi corpus. Also this study will be helpful in developing other NLP applications like simplification of sentences, grammar checking of complex sentences, summarization and machine translation etc.

Keywords

Complex sentence processing, NLP, Punjabi language

1. INTRODUCTION

A sentence is a group of words expressing a complete thought. All sentences mainly lie in three categories i.e. simple sentence, compound sentence and complex sentence. Simple sentences are composed of single clause whereas compound and complex sentences are composed of more than one clause. A complex sentence contains at least one independent clause and one or more than one dependent clauses. These dependent and independent clauses are joined by subordinate conjunctions such as ਜੇ, ਜਿਵੇਂ, ਜਦੋਂ, ਜੇ, ਕਿ etc.

Example:

Punjabi: ਜਦੋਂ ਮੁੰਡਾ ਰੇਲਵੇ ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਪਹੁੰਚਿਆ ਤਾਂ ਗੱਡੀ ਜਾ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਸੀ

English Translation: When boy reached at station then the train had left.

In above sentence ਜਦੋਂ-ਤਾਂ is sub-ordinate conjunction. It occurs in pair i.e. one part lies at the beginning of dependent clause and the other part lies at the end of the dependent clause. In above sentence ਜਦੋਂ ਮੁੰਡਾ ਰੇਲਵੇ ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਪਹੁੰਚਿਆ ਤਾਂ is the dependent clause starting with subordinate conjunction ਜਦੋਂ and ending with other part of subordinate conjunction ਤਾਂ and the second part i.e. ਗੱਡੀ ਜਾ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਸੀ is the independent clause.

2. OVERVIEW OF PUNJABI LANGUAGE

Punjabi language is a member of the Indo-Aryan family of languages, also known as Indic languages. Other members of this family are Hindi, Bengali, Gujarati, and Marathi etc. Indo-Aryan languages form a subgroup of the Indo-Iranian group of languages, which in turn belongs to Indo-European family of languages. Punjabi is spoken in India, Pakistan, USA, Canada, England, and other countries with Punjabi immigrants. It is the official language of the state of Punjab in India. Punjabi is written in "Gurmukhi" script in eastern Punjab (India), and in "Shahmukhi" script in western Punjab (Pakistan).

3. INTRODUCTION TO CLAUSES

If sentence is the largest unit then clause is second largest unit in a sentence. A clause is composed of different phrases. The clauses basically fall in two main categories i.e. Dependent clause and Independent clause. The basic difference between these two types of clauses is that an independent clause can constitute an independent sentence whereas a dependent clause cannot create a sentence, they need an independent clause for it.

3.1 Independent Clause

An independent clause can constitute a simple sentence on its own. Every sentence contains independent clause as a basic element. The independent clause contains a finite verb phrase as an essential element.

3.2 Dependent Clause

Dependent clause cannot constitute a sentence on its own. It always occurs with an independent clause in a complex sentence. It typically consists of subordinate verb phrases or start with a subordinate conjunction or words of relative pronoun word class. Dependent clause typically conveys an incomplete thought and for its completion an independent clause is required. In some cases it can have the structure similar to an independent clause. Dependent clauses in complex sentences can be realized by the following means:

- The complex sentence containing three or more than three clause can have more than one independent clause.
- The dependent clauses of complex sentences contain noun phrase, adverb phrase and adjective phrase.

4. STRUCTURE OF PUNJABI SENTENCE

Punjabi sentence follow SOV (Subject-Object-Verb) order. In Punjabi sentences, the subject occurs first followed by the object and then the verb. Punjabi sentences can be categorized in to three types. These are simple sentence, compound sentence and complex sentences. A sentence is further composed of clauses which can be further classified as in-dependent clause and dependent clause. An independent clause can constitute a simple sentence on its own. Every sentence contains independent clause as a basic element. The independent clause contains a finite verb phrase as an essential element

5. STRUCTURE OF COMPLEX SENTENCES

On the basis of method of joining independent clauses and dependent clauses using subordinate conjunctions following patterns have been designed:-

Table 1: Various Patterns of Complex sentences

Pattern No.	Pattern	Example
1.	Independent Clause + Sub-ordinate conjunction + Dependent Clause	<p>ਵਾਕਰਚਨਾਤਾਂਹਰਕੇਈਕਰਸਕਦਾਹੈ ਜੁੇ <i>Independent clause Sub-ordinate Conjunction</i></p> <p>ਉਸਨੂੰਅਕਲੀਹੁਨਰਹੇਵੇ <i>dependent clause</i></p>
2.	Sub-ordinate Conjunction + Dependent Clause + Independent Clause	<p>ਜਿਉਂਜਿਉਂ ਨਵੀਂਤਹਜੀਬਵੱਧਰਹੀਹੈ <i>sub-ordinate conjunction dependent clause</i></p> <p>ਖੁਸ਼ੀਦੇਪੁਰਾਣਢੰਗਬਦਲਰਹੇਹਨ <i>independent clause</i></p>
3.	Sub-ordinate Conjunction + Dependent Clause + Sub-ordinate Conjunction + Independent Clause	<p>ਜੁੇ ਕਿਤੇਨਿਉਕਲੀਯੁੱਧਹੋਗਿਆ <i>sub-ordinate conjunction dependent clause</i></p> <p>ਤੁਾਂ <i>Sub-ordinate Conjunction</i></p> <p>ਮਾੜੇਯੁੱਧਨਾਲਹੀ੨੫੦ਸ਼ਹਿਰਜੰਗੀਕਹਿਰਦਾਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾਬਣਨਾਲਾਜ਼ਮੀਹਨ <i>independent clause</i></p>
4.	Dependent Clause with non-finite verb clause + , + Independent Clause	<p>ਦਿੱਲੀਜਾਂਦਿਆਂ ਮੈਂਰਾਹਵਿੱਚਜਾਖਲਉਤਰਗਿਆ <i>Dependent clause comma independent clause</i></p>

5.	Subject + Independent Clause + Predicate + Dependent Clause	<p>ਇਹ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਜੋ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਦੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਆਂਢ ਤੋਂ ਮਾਰ ਦੀ ਸੀ <small>Subject Independent Clause Predicate</small></p> <p>ਸਾਰੀਆਂ ਸੀਟਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਹਾਰ ਗਈ <small>Dependent Clause</small></p>
6.	Independent Clause + Sub- ordinate Conjunction + Dependent Clause + Sub- ordinate Conjunction or (,) + Dependent Clause	<p>ਹੁਣ ਸਾਡੀ ਗੱਲ ਬਾਤ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਵੀ ਦਰਿਆਲੇ ਪਹੋ ਗਏ ਅਤੇ <small>Independent Clause Sub-ordinate Conjunction</small></p> <p>ਪਾਣੀ ਦਾ ਜ਼ਿਕਰ ਆਉਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ <small>dependent clause sub-ordinate conjunction</small></p> <p>ਘਾਟ ਜਾਂ ਬੁੜ੍ਹ ਦੇ ਅਰਥਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੀ ਆਉਂਦਾ ਹੈ <small>Dependent Clause</small></p>
7.	Sub-ordinate Conjunction + Dependent Clause + Sub- ordinate Conjunction + Independent Clause + Sub- ordinate Conjunction + Dependent Clause	<p>ਜੋ ਕਿ ਸੇ ਦੇ ਘਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਜੰਮਿਆ <small>Sub-ordinate Conjunction Dependent Clause</small></p> <p>ਤਾਂ <small>Sub-ordinate Conjunction</small></p> <p>ਉਹ ਜਰੂਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਗੁਰੂ, ਪੀਰ, ਅਵਤਾਰ, ਸੰਤ, ਮਹੰਤ ਦੀ ਬਖਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਹੈ <small>independent clause</small></p> <p>ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਮੜ੍ਹੀ, ਮਸਾਈ, ਕਬਰ, ਮੱਠ ਜਾਂ ਮੂਰਤੀ ਦਾ ਫਲ ਹੈ <small>Sub-ordinate Conjunction Dependent Clause</small></p>
8.	Independent Clause + Sub- ordinate Conjunction + Independent Clause + Sub- ordinate Conjunction + Dependent Clause	<p>ਬਹੁਤ ਲੋਕ ਰੱਬ ਤੋਂ ਡਰ ਕੇ ਅਰਦਾਸ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ <small>Independent clause Sub-ordinate Conjunction</small></p> <p>ਰੱਬ ਤੋਂ ਉਹ ਚੀਜ਼ਾਂ ਮੰਗਦੇ ਹਨ <small>independent Clause</small></p> <p>ਜਿਹੜੀਆਂ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਘਰ ਦੇ ਨੇੜਲੇ ਡਿਪੂ ਤੋਂ ਵੀ ਮਿਲ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ <small>Sub-ordinate Conjunction Dependent Clause</small></p>

6. CLASSIFICATION OF COMPLEX SENTENCES

Complex sentences are classified on the basis of position of dependent clause and types of conjunctions used to join dependent and independent clauses [Cheema, B.S., 2005]. On this basis complex sentences are divided in to following four categories:-

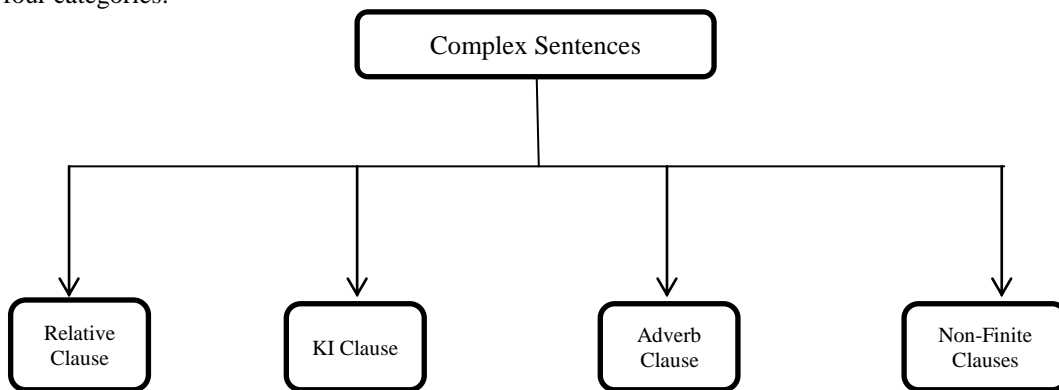


Fig 1: Classification of Complex sentences

6.1 Complex Sentences (Relative Clauses)

These types of complex sentences are identified by presence of ਜੋ and ਜਿਹੜਾ conjunctions. These conjunctions are positioned either at the beginning or left of the clause. These conjunctions have fixed position in the sentence. Relative clause acts as an adjective to the noun phrase. On the basis of position of the relative clause in the complex sentence, the complex sentences are divided in to three types as shown in table 2 [Cheema, B.S.,2005]:

Table 2: Possible Patterns of Complex sentences having Relative Clause

Sr. No.	Type	Example
1.	Noun phrase of dependent clause comes before the Relative Clause.	ਉਹ ਮੁੰਡਾ ਜਿਹੜਾ ਮੇਰੇ ਨਾਲ ਪੜ੍ਹਦਾ ਸੀ ਅੱਜ ਬਹੁਤ ਸੋਹਣਾ ਗਾਉਂਦਾ ਹੈ। (uh munḡ ḡ ā jihḡ ā mērē nālaḡpaḡ ḡ sī ajj bahut sōhḡ ā ḡāundā hai .)
2.	In the construction of relative clause the main noun phrase comes after the Relative clause.	ਜਿਹੜਾ ਕੰਮ ਜਲਦੀ ਹੋ ਜਾਏ ਉਹੀ ਚੰਗਾ ਹੈ। (jihḡ ā kamm jaldī hō jāḡ uhī caḡ ḡā hai .)
3.	Relative clause comes after the independent clause.	ਉਸ ਕੁੜੀ ਨੇ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਜਾਣਾ ਹੈ ਜਿਹੜੀ ਕੱਲ੍ਹ ਪਿੰਡ ਤੋਂ ਆਈ ਸੀ। (us kuḡ ī nē shahir jāḡ ā hai jihḡ ī kallh piḡ ḡ ‘tō āī sī.)

6.2 Complex sentences (KI Clause)

These types of sentences are identified by the presence of KI clause in the sentence. There are five possible patterns of such type of sentences [Cheema, B.S.,2005]:-

Table 3 : Possible Patterns of Complex sentences having KI clause

Sr. No	Pattern	Example
1.	Independent Clause +KI Clause	ਉਹ ਚਿੱਠੀ ਸੁਣਾਰਿਹਾ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਉਸਦਾ ਮਿੱਤਰ ਆਗਿਆ ਹੈ। (uh ciḡ ḡ hī suḡ ā rihā sī ki usḡ mittar ā ḡiā hai .)
2.	Independent Clause +KI Clause +Independent clause	ਉਹ ਚਾਹੁੰਦਾ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਕੋਈ ਆਪਣੀ ਆਖੰਨਾਲ ਉਸਦੀ ਆਨਾੜ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਢਿੱਲਿਆਂ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਸਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਨੂੰ ਪੱਥਰ ਕਰ ਦੇ। (uh cāhundā sī ki kōāpnḡ iāḡ akkhāḡ nāl us dīāḡ nāḡ hāḡ nūḡḡ hilliāḡ karkē us dē andar nūḡ paddhar kar daḡ .)
3.	Independent Clause + PAR Clause + KI Clause	ਤੁਸੀਂ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੇਖ ਰਹੇ ਹੋ ਪਰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਿ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੇਖ ਰਹੇ ਹੋ। (tusīḡ lōkāḡ nūḡ vēkh rahē hō par unhāḡ nūḡ patā nahīḡ ki tusīḡ uhnāḡ nūḡ vēkh rahē hō .)

4.	Dependent Clause +KI +Independent clause	ਸ਼ਾਇਦ ਮਦਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਸਮਝ ਕੇ ਕਿ ਕਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਉਸਦੇ ਰਹਿਮ ਉਤੇ ਹੀ ਹੈ ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਉਹ ਲਾਪਰਵਾਹ ਸੀ। (shāid madan siñ gh nūm ih samajh kē ki kilhā us dē rahim utē hī hai is tōm uh lā parvāh sī.)
5.	Independent Clause +KI +TAN clause	ਬਲਕਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਦਾ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਜੇ ਉਹ ਚਾਹੁਣ ਤਾਂ ਉਸਨੂੰ ਉਸਦੇ ਪਿੰਡ ਲਿਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। (balkār siñ gh ih jāṇ dā sī ki jē uh cāhuṇ tām us nūm us dē piṇ ḍ lijā sakadē han .)

6.3 Complex sentences (Adverb Clause)

In these types of complex sentences, the dependent clause is named as an adverb clause as these clauses starts with adverb. There are two types of adverbs as mention in table 4 [Cheema, B.S., 2005].

Table 4: Types of adverbs

Sr. No	Type	Example
1.	J-Adverb :-These types of adverbs creates adverb clause (dependent clause) in the complex sentences and these adverb clauses acts as adverb for independent clause. In simple sentence such task is done by the single adverb. e.g. ਜੇ, ਜਦੋਂ, ਜਿਥੋਂ, ਜਿਵੇਂ, ਜਿੱਧਰ, ਜਦ, ਜਿਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ etc.	ਜਦੋਂ ਉਸ ਦੀ ਜਾਗ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹੀ ਚੋਰੀ ਹੋ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਸੀ। (jadōm us dī jāg khullhī cōrī hō cukkī sī.)
2.	F-Adverb :-These types of adverbs can't exist in simple sentences they can only create the adverb clauses. e.g. ਕਿਉਂਕਿ, ਭਾਵੇਂ, ਸਗੋਂ, ਜੇ etc.	ਜੇ ਮੁੰਡਾ ਸਕੂਲ ਜਾਏਗਾ ਤਾਂ ਪਾਸ ਹੋ ਜਾਏਗਾ। (jē muṇ ḍ ā sakūl jāēgā tām pās hō jāēgā .) ਭਾਵੇਂ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਕਿੰਨਾ ਸਮਝਾਓ , ਮੁੰਡਾ ਸਿੱਧੇ ਰਾਹ ਨਹੀਂ ਪਏਗਾ। (bhāvēm tusīm kinnā samjhāō , muṇ ḍ ā siddhē rāh nahīm pāēgā .)

6.4 Complex sentences (Non-finite clauses)

These types of complex sentences contain a dependent clause having non-finite verb phrase which bound the dependent clause (predicate) with independent clause. For example:

ਰੱਸੀ ਟੱਪਦਿਆਂ ਮੇਰੇ ਪੈਰ ਨੂੰ ਮੋਚ ਆ ਗਈ। (rassīṭ appdiām mērē pair nūm mōc ā gāī)
I sprained my foot while skipping the rope.

In above example, ਰੱਸੀ ਟੱਪਦਿਆਂ (rassīṭ appdiām) is the dependent clause (predicate) and the word ਟੱਪਦਿਆਂ (ṭ appdiām) is non-finite verbal phrase and this non-finite verbal phrase bound this clause with in-dependent clause i.e. ਮੇਰੇ ਪੈਰ ਨੂੰ ਮੋਚ ਆ ਗਈ (mērē pair nūm mōc ā gāī). On the basis of the form of non-finite verb, these can be further divided in to three forms [Brar, B.S., 1995]:-

Table 5 : Types of complex sentences on the basis of non-finite verb

Sr. No	Non-finite verb type	Example
1.	Participial: - Contains non-finite verb like ਟੱਪਦਿਆਂ, ਵੇਖਿਆ, ਕੀਤਿਆਂ i.e. contains ਇਆਦੀਆਂ and ਈ as postfix with verb.	ਪੁਲਸ ਨੂੰ ਵੇਖਦਿਆਂ ਹੀ ਚੇਰ ਖਿਸਕ ਗਿਆ । (pulas nūṁ vēkhdiāṁhī cōr khisak giā .)
2.	Infinitival: - Contains ਨੇ, ਨ, ਏ etc. as postfix with root verb. E.g. ਕਰਨੇ, ਜਾਣੇ	ਦੇਸ਼ ਭਗਤ ਦੇਸ਼ ਖ਼ਾਤਰ ਮਰਨੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਡਰਦੇ । (dēsh bhagat dēsh k̄ h̄ ātar marnō nahīṁḍardē .)
3.	Conjunctival: - ਕੇ with root verb. E.g. ਖਾਕੇ, ਵੇਖਕੇ	ਛਾਲ ਮਾਰ ਕੇ ਉਹ ਕੰਧ ਟੱਪ ਗਿਆ । (chāl mār kē uh kandh ṭ app giā .)

7. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

In this study, author made a detailed analysis of complex sentences and observed that complex sentences have fixed pattern that is composed of independent and dependent clauses separated by conjunctions. This study could be helpful in computational linguistic for identification of complex sentences in Punjabi language. Further this could be helpful for the grammar checking of complex sentences. Another utilization of such study can be used to differentiate the compound sentences from complex sentences.

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