

Mora augmentation and related problems in Shizuoka Japanese

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It has been pointed out that one of the common word-formation processes in Shizuoka Japanese is the addition of a mora to the root (Yamaguchi 1987). Notable is the word-formation which makes emphatic forms. In this presentation, two different types of such morphophonological manipulations are introduced: that of adjectives and that of one class of verbs. First, to make so-called emphatic adjective forms, a mora is added to the first syllable, which results in the syllable becoming heavy. The realized shapes of the syllable depend on the phonological context in which they appear. This process is very productive across the dialect (Davis and Ueda 2002 a, b). Second, we focus on a group of verbs denoting action, which are emphasized by adding a prefix of emphasis [çi]. This prefix also has a floating mora attached to the first syllable of the root, which ends up becoming heavy (Ueda 2008, 2012). An analysis of these two cases of emphasis is offered, which is followed by a discussion of some related problems.