

Abstract. The thesis presents a quantitative analysis of noun phrases (NPs) determined by the Czech indefinite *nějaký*. The analyzed material is fiction published from 1999–2019 from SYN2020 corpus. In total, 500 occurrences of indefinites were analyzed. For annotation we used the proposed theory of “licensors” – expressions on which the indefinite is referentially dependent. Conceptually, we follow the theory of dependent indefinites (Farkas 1997).

The aim of this paper is to categorize the selected occurrences according to the proposed licenses. We have found out that the ratio of explicit to implicit licenses is approximately 2:1 (339:152), thus there are more occurrences where the usage has an explicit licensor. In the annotation we proceeded from determining the basic grammatical categories (number, case, etc.) to the type of specificity – scopal and epistemic, to the person who experiences such epistemic specificity, and to the final determination of the type of license. As for pragmatics, which plays a crucial role in licensing, we distinguish three modes: ignorance, indifference and irrelevance. As a final subtype of pragmatics, we use the label I3 for cases where no clear choice between the previous three can be made, or where such occurrence can be interpreted on the basis of all three.

The proposed licences include EPIST – epistemic modality, ROOT – based on the so-called root modality, FUT – based on a verb with a future meaning, COMP – for comparative contexts, HAB and ITER – for regular and irregular repetition contexts, and DISTR – for distributive contexts. The EPIST, ROOT and FUT licenses have the largest share of occurrences which is 155 for EPIST and 122 for ROOT and FUT. The EPIST license is characterized by the pragmatics of ignorance, which is prevalent here (131), while the ROOT and FUT licenses are characterized by the pragmatics of indifference (76). We determined the implicit licences based on the previously stated modes of pragmatics.

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