YANYULA NOUN MODIFIERS

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O. INTRODUCTION

In Yanyula, adjectives, numerals, demonstrative and possessive pronouns, and allotive specifier occur as noun modifiers. All of these agree with the nouns they modify in class, number, and tagmememarking, but they do not all take identical affixation to do so. Noun modifiers occur alone, or they co-occur with nouns and/or other modifiers, to form noun phrases.

1. NOUN MODIFIERS

Noun modifiers are described as including 1) adjectives and numerals, 2) demonstrative and possessive pronouns, and 3) the allotive specifier. These three types of modifiers all agree with the noun they modify in class, number, and tagmeme-marking, but there is variant affixation for each type.

1.1 ADJECTIVES AND NUMERALS

The stems of adjectives and numerals take the same class-marking prefix sets and tagmeme-marking suffix sets as those which occur with Type 1 nouns. Adjectives and numerals are distinguished from nouns,

however, in that 1) they occur without class-marking prefixation in a Manner tagmeme where nouns do not occur, 2) the stems may occur with class-marking prefixes from every Type I class list. While nouns may sometimes occur in more than one list, they remain in either the per-sonal or nonpersonal subtypes, but noun modifiers have no such restriction.

Adjective stems include the following:

yabi nice, good, pretty, kind, wadi bad, naughty, unpleasant, wugudu short, djumajnjgařa tall, long, walguřa big, buyi small, wuřiři big, fullgrown, yumbu small, young, bululu light (in weight), wununu heavy, diyanu new, bunalgařa white, wunguwungu black, wununu ripe, cooked, mawungu raw, green (of fruit), windajgu hungry, wařgi greedy, mudu/yagayaga deaf, stupid, mentally ill, lini intelligent, keen of hearing, mandalmandal soft, wayařwayař hard, tough, strong, madu cold, wunda warm, harmless, nonvenomous, ladalada hot, harmful, venomous, wild, nařa warm, hot

Numeral stems are:

ařgula one, ganjmaḍa two, gulařgulař α few, djagaḍa mαny

The stems yabi good, nice, and argula one, are listed below occurring with each Type I class-marker.

01	1 Female		
	Feminine	řa-yabi	řa-ařgula
Class 2	Male	nja-yabi	nja-ařgula
Class 4	Masculine	yabi	ařgula
Class 5	Food	ma-yabi	ma-ařgula
Class 6	Arboreal	na~yabi	na-ařgula
Class 7	Abstract	naņu-yabi	nanuw-ařgula

Adjectives also take the personal dual and plural prefixes. The numeral ganjmada two occurs with the dual prefix, and the stems gulařgulař few and djagada many occur with the plural prefix.

Dual	ři-yabi (d-good)	ři-ganjmaḍa (d <i>-two</i>)
Plural	li-yabi (pl-good)	li-gulařgulař (pl-few)
		li-djagada (pl-many)

The nonpersonal classes, classes 3-7, do not distinguish between singular and nonsingular by use of dual or plural prefixes, but number may be indicated by use of the relevant class-marker prefixed to a numeral. Singular, dual, and plural of personal and nonpersonal items will be illustrated below using numeral stems and referring to a personal male item in the first column and a nonpersonal food class item in the second.

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s nja-ařgula (m-one) ma-ařgula (fd-one)
d ri-ganjmaḍa (d-two) ma-ganjmaḍa (fd-two)
pl li-gulařgulař (pl-few) ma-gulařgulař (fd-few)
li-djagaḍa (pl-many) ma-djagaḍa (fd-many)
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Both adjectives and numerals take tagmeme-marking suffixes and tagmeme-marking prefix sets in precisely the same way as the nouns they modify.

Polysyllabic stems, with the exception of la-, lu-, and li-final stems, occur with set l tagmeme-marking suffixes.

Nuc	li-wuřiři (pl- <i>big</i>)	na-ganjmaḍa (arb- <i>two</i>)
Ref	liyi-wuřiři-yu	nu-ganjmaḍa-wu
Dir	linjdji-wuřiři-lu	nuŋgu-ganjmaḍa-lu
Acc	linjdji-wuřiři-la	nuŋgu-ganjmaḍa-la

Polysyllabic la- and lu-final stems and disyllabic a- and u-final stems occur with set 2 tagmeme-marking suffixes.

Nuc	ařgula (masc-one)	řa-muḍu (f <i>-deaf</i>)
Ref	djiy-ařgula-wu	řu-muḍu-wu
Dir	djiy-ařgula-ŋgu	řu-muḍu-ŋgu
Acc	djiy-ařgula-ŋga	řu-mudu-ŋga

Polysyllabic li-final stems and disyllabic i-final stems occur with set 3 tagmeme-marking suffixes.

Nuc	ři-wadi (d- <i>bad</i>)	naṇu-yabi (abstr-good)	•
Ref	řiyi-waḍi-yu	nuwaṇu-yabi-yu	
Dir	řinjdji-wadi-njdju	nuŋgaṇu-yabi-njdju	
Acc	řinjdji-wadi-njdja	nu ŋgaṇu - yabi - n jdja	

Consonant-final stems are infrequent among adjectives and numerals. The few \ddot{r} - and 1-final stems take set 5 tagmeme-marking suffixes.

Nuc	řa-gulařgulař (fem-few)	ma-ma \underline{nd} alma \underline{nd} al (f \mathtt{d} - $soft$)
Ref	řu-gulařgulař-u	mu-ma <u>ndalmand</u> al-u
Dir	řu-gulařgulař-u	muŋgu-ma <u>nd</u> alma <u>nd</u> al-u
Acc	řu-gulařgulař-a	muŋgu-ma <u>nd</u> alma <u>nd</u> al-a

Adjective stems also occur with the morphologically-defined allomorphs of sets 8 and 9:

Nuc	ŋařa (masc-warm)	řa-buyi (f/fem- <i>small</i>)
Ref	dji-ŋařa-ngu	řu-buyi-ŋgu
Dir	dji-ŋařa-ndu	řu-buyi-nju
Acc	dji-ŋařa-nda	řu-bu y i - n j a

In the same way that certain nouns may optionally take an irregular variant suffix for directive and accessory marking, certain adjectives may also. These are listed below with the regular directive suffix and the variant directive suffix respectively, in brackets following the stem:

The numeral ganjmada two, and adjective stems also take the animate dual suffix -wudjara in agreement with the noun they modify. Any stem which takes set 9 tagmeme-marking suffixes takes the variant from -ngudjara.

ganjmada-wudjara two (animate beings), walgura-wudjara two big (animate beings), wadi-wudjara two bad (animate beings), buyi-ngudjara two small (animate beings)

1.2 DEMONSTRATIVE AND POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

The stems of demonstrative and possessive pronouns occur with class-marking prefixes in agreement with the nouns which they modify.

Neither of these pronoun types takes tagmeme-marking suffixes, and therefore the class-marking prefix sets may make more distinctions than those of the nouns which they modify.

1.2.1 Demonstrative Pronouns

The demonstrative pronoun stems are -dja this, -maŋadji that (specific),-mbaŋu that (nonspecific). In the masculine class, class 4, -dja has the variant djina in Nuclear occurrence only. The stems are listed below with the various class-markers as they occur in Nuclear tagmemes.

Classes 1 & 3	řa-dja	řa-maŋadji	řa-mbaŋu
	/a-dja	/ a-maŋadji	/ a-mbaŋu
Class 2	nja-dja	nja-maŋadji	nja-mbaŋu
Class 4	djina	nja-maŋadji	nja-mbaŋu
Class 5	ma-dja	ma-maŋadji	ma-m baŋu
Class 6	na-dja	na-maŋadji	na-m ba ŋu
Class 7	naņu-dja	naņu-maŋadji	naņu-mbaŋu
Dual	ři-dja	ři-maŋadji	ři-mbaŋu
Plural	li-dja	li-maŋadji	li-mbaŋu

The above prefixes are identical with those of the respective nouns with which the demonstrative pronouns agree, with the exception of class 4. The masculine demonstrative *this* has the variant stem djina in Nuclear occurrence only. The remaining two demonstrative stems occur with the same prefix as the male class 2 in the Nuclear occurrence, but class distinction is maintained in non-Nuclear tagmemes.

Demonstrative prefixes of all classes distinguish Nuclear, Referent, and Directive/Accessory tagmemes, however, it is rare to find the stem -mbanu with any other than nuclear prefixes. A single occurrence is recorded of linjdji-mbanu (pl:dir/acc-that:nonspecific) to/with those people (that we do not really know about). The demonstrative class-marking prefix sets listed below with the stem -manadji that (specific) normally only occur with -dja this and -manadji in non-Nuclear tagmemes.

	Nuclear	Referent	Dir/Acc
Classes	řa-maŋadji	řuwu-maŋadji	řungu-manadji
1 and 3	/ a-maŋadji	/ wuwu-maŋadji	/ wuŋgu-maŋadji
Class 2	nja-maŋadji	njuwu-maŋadji	njuŋgu-maŋadji
Class 4	nja-maŋadji	yi-maŋadji	djiŋgu-maŋadji
Class 5	ma-maŋadji	muwu-maŋadji	muŋgu-maŋadji
Class 6	na-maŋadji	nuwu-maŋadji	nuŋgu-maŋadji

Class 7	nanu-manadji	nuwaṇu-maŋadji	nuŋgaṇu-maŋadji
Dual	ři-maŋadji	řiyi-maŋadji	řinjdji-maŋadji
Plural	li-maŋadji	liyi-maŋadji	linjdji-maŋadji

The masculine class takes up the regular stem -dja for non-Nuclear occurrence, and takes distinguishing prefixes for Referent and Directive/Accessory.

The stem -maŋadji is the only demonstrative pronoun to take an alternative prefix set. This set is found in Nuclear tagmemes only. It is formed from the respective nuclear prefix minus the final vowel plus ulu for classes 1-7 or ili in place of the final vowel for dual and plural. The meaning of the resultant demonstrative is that same one.

Classes 1 & 3	řulu-maŋadji
Classes 2 & 4	njulu-maŋadji
Class 5	mulu-maŋadji
Class 6	nu lu-maŋadji
Class 7	naṇulu-maŋadj
Dual	řili-maŋadji
Plural	lili-maŋadji

Action has been been

1.2.2 Possessive Pronouns

When possessive pronouns occur as noun modifiers they take the same class-marking prefixes as the three demonstrative pronouns described above or allomorphs of those prefixes.

The singular stems yingu your, angu her, yigu his, all occur with the suffix $-\eta u^{1}$ in Nuclear tagmemes.

The prefix sets listed in 1.2.1 above have certain variants when they occur with possessive pronouns. All prefixes lose the final vowel when preceding a vowel-initial stem, and such stems include the y-initial pronouns which lose the initial semi-vowel when they are prefixed. The masculine class 4 referent prefix has the variant form dji- which occurs with free pronouns.

Examples of the possessive pronoun set are listed as they occur with the masculine prefix nja- in Nuclear occurrence:

l s	nja-ŋa <u>d</u> a	2 pl	nj-iřuŋa
l d excl	nja-ŋa <u>d</u> ařaŋa	3 f s	nj-angu-ŋu
l d incl	nja-ŋaliŋa	3 m s	nj-igu-ŋu
l pl excl	nja-ŋanuŋa	3 d	nja-wulaŋa
l pl incl	nja-ŋambalaŋa	3 pl	nj-aluŋa
2 s	nj-ingu-ŋu	3 fem s,d,pl	n∙j −a ngu −ŋu
2 d	nj-imbalaŋa	3 masc s,d,pl	nj-ayu

Examples of possessive pronouns are given below as they occur with tagmeme-marking prefix sets:

Nuc	l-igu-ŋu (pl-his-rel)	nja-ŋa <u>d</u> a (m-my)
Ref	liy-igu	nju-ŋa <u>d</u> a
Dir/Acc	linjdj-igu	njuŋgu-ŋa <u>d</u> a
Nuc	nj-angu-ŋu (masc- <i>her-rel</i>)	naṇ-aluŋa (abstr- their:pl)
Ref	dj-angu	nuwan-aluŋa
Dir/Acc	djiŋg-angu	nuŋgaṇ-aluŋa

1.3 ALLOTIVE SPECIFIER

The allotive specifier argu other, different, some (or as in comparison: argu ... argu one ... another, some ... some others), is different from other noun modifiers in two respects. This stem takes two sets of prefixes, and it takes a referent suffix which has occurrence unique to this stem.

Third person prefixes of sets I and II occur with ařgu. Set I is closely related in form to the demonstrative pronoun prefix set as it occurs with -manadji that (specific), but with loss of the final vowel from each prefix. This loss of vowel causes loss of distinction between the female/feminine prefix řa- and the dual prefix ři- in Nuclear occurrence. To retain the distinction the dual suffix -wudjara always co-occurs with the dual prefix in Nuclear tagmemes. Set II is closely related in form to body-part possessive prefixes of Type II nouns with the following modifications: 1) the final vowel is lost from the female, male, and arboreal prefixes; 2) the consonants 1 and w are added to masculine and food prefixes respectively; 3) dual and plural prefixes occur. Rules 1)-3) also apply to non-Nuclear prefixation. The two prefix sets are listed below with the stem in Nuclear occurrence.

		Set I	Set II
3	s f/3 fem	ř-ařgu	nand-ařgu
3	s m	nj-ařgu	niw-ařgu
3	masc	nj-ařgu	ni <u>l</u> -ařgu
3	fd	m-ařgu	nuw-ařgu
3	arb	n-ařgu	nan-ařgu
3	abstr	nan-ařgu	0.00
3	đ	ř-ařgu-wudjara	nawul-ařgu
3	pl	l-ařgu	nal-ařgu

The choice of prefix from set I or set II is determined by whether contrast or comparison is intended, and by whether the item under review is unfamiliar or known and familiar, whether it comes from some outside source or belongs. Set I prefixes are used where the contrast is to be highlighted, and with items which are unfamiliar or from an outside source. Set II prefixes are used in comparison, and with items which are familiar or part of a known whole.²

Prefixes of both sets I and II distinguish Nuclear, Referent, and Directive/Accessory. Rules previously stated for nuclear prefix occurrence with ařgu apply to the non-nuclear also, but with two exceptions in set I. In Referent occurrence the masculine and abstract prefixes are dj- and nuwaņuw- respectively. The only 3 suffix which occurs is the referent suffix -lu which has unique occurrence with this stem.

The following are the affixed forms of $a \check{r} g u$ as it occurs with set I prefixes in the various tagmemes:

	Nuclear	Referent	Dir/Acc
3 s f/3 fem	ř-ařgu	řuw-ařgu-lu	řuŋg-ařgu
	/ ařgu	/ wuw-ařgu-lu	/ wuŋg-ařgu
3 s m	nj-ařgu	njuw-ařgu-lu	njuŋg-ařgu
3 masc	nj-ařgu	dj-ařgu-lu	djiŋg-ařgu
3 fd	m-ařgu	muw-ařgu-lu	muŋg-ařgu
3 arb	n-ařgu	nuw-ařgu-lu	nuŋg-ařgu
3 abstr	naņ-ařgu	nuwaṇuw-ařgu-lu	nuŋgaṇ-ařgu
3 d	ř-ařgu-wudjara	řiy-ařgu-lu	řinjdj-ařgu
3 pl	l-ařgu	liy-ařgu-lu	linjdj-ařgu

The	following	are the	affixed	forms	of	ařgu	as	it	occurs	with	set	II
prefixe	es in the	various	tagmemes									

	Nuclear	Referent	Dir/Acc
3 s f/3 fem	nand-ařgu	nuwand-ařgu-lu	nuŋgand-ařgu
3 s m	niw-ařgu	niyiw-ařgu-lu	niŋgiw-ařgu
3 masc	ni <u>l</u> -ařgu	niyi <u>l</u> -ařgu-lu	nig
3 fd	nuw-ařgu	nuwuw-ařgu-lu	nuŋguw-ařgu
3 arb	nan-ařgu	nuwan-ařgu-lu	nuŋgan-ařgu
3 d	nawuł-ařgu	nuwawul-ařgu-lu	nuŋgawul-ařgu
3 pl	nal-ařgu	nuwal-ařgu-lu	nuŋgal~ařgu

1.4 PREFIX ALLOMORPHS USED BY A MALE SPEAKER

There are variants in noun modifier prefixes for men speakers for male and masculine classes 2 and 4 as there are in noun prefixes. In all instances prefixation for the two classes is identical.

1.4.1 Adjectives and Numerals

Adjectives and numeral prefixes occur in precisely the same form as with nouns. Both classes 2 and 4 take Ø (Nuclear), and gi- (non-Nuclear). In the examples listed below, the forms used by a male speaker will be shown in comparison with those used by a female speaker for the same two classes.

Nuc	M yabi (m/masc- good)	F nja-yabi (m-good)	F yabi (masc- good)
Ref	gi-yabi-yu	nju-yabi-yu	dji-yabi-yu
Dir	gi-yabi-njdju	nju-yabi-njdju	dji - yabi-njdju
Acc	gi-yabi-njdja	nju-yabi-njdja	dji-yabi-njdja

1.4.2 Demonstrative and Possessive Pronouns

Demonstrative occurrence for classes 2 and 4 is as for the masculine class in women's speech. The near demonstrative this is: djina (Nuclear), njuwu-dja (Referent), njungu-dja (Directive/Accessory). Both -manadji that (specific) and -mbanu that (nonspecific) take the prefixes nja- (Nuclear), nju- (Referent), njungu- (Directive/Accessory).

The possessive pronoun for classes 2 and 4 is yigu, which occurs as the male class 2 pronoun in women's speech. The class-marking prefixes which indicate both classes 2 and 4 are the same as for the demonstrative pronouns -manadji and -mbanu as described in the preceding paragraph.

1.4.3 Allotive Specifier

Nuc

The allotive specifier argu other takes identical prefixes for classes 2 and 4 in both sets I and II, and in each instance the prefix is the same as that of male class 2 in women's speech: nj-argu (Nuclear), njuw-argu-lu (Referent), njung-argu (Directive/Accessory) in set I, and niw-argu (Nuclear), niyiw-argu-lu (Referent), ningiw-argu (Directive/Accessory) in set II.

2. NOUN MODIFIER OCCURRENCE IN NOUN PHRASES

Adjectives, numerals, demonstrative or possessive pronouns, and allotive specifier may all co-occur with each other and/or with nouns to form noun phrases. There is no rigid order of word occurrence in such phrases, but the following is the preferred order:

tdemonstrative t argu tnumeral/adjective/possessive tnoun

Rule: Demonstrative and possessive pronouns do not occur together.

There is obligatory occurrence of one of these words and frequently two occur. These are a few phrases of this type consisting of three words, but no examples of phrases with more than three words.

In such phrases there is agreement in class and number of the prefix on each word, and with animate dual suffixation where this occurs. There is also agreement in tagmeme-marking in prefixation, and in suffixation for all suffixing stems.

řa-dja řa-adu (f-this f-child) this girl

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Ref
       řuwu-dja řuw-adu-wu
Dir
      řungu-dja řuw-adu-ngu
      řungu-dja řuw-adu-nga
Acc
                            li-wulu (pl-that pl-people)
Nuc
           li-maŋadji
                                              .. those people
                          liyi-wulu-wu
         liyi-maŋadji
Ref
Dir
      linjdji-maŋadji linjdji-wulu-ŋgu
      linjdji-maŋadji linjdji-wulu-ŋga
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F nj-ařgu awara (masc-other masc-country)
Nuc
                                           another country
Ref
        dj-ařgu-lu djiy-awara-wu
Dir
     djing-ařgu
                   djiy-awara-lu
     djing-argu
                 djiy-awara-la
Acc
     M nj-ařgu
Nuc
                     awara (masc-other masc-country)
                                    another country
Ref
      njuw-ařqu-lu giy-awara-wu
Dir
      njung-ařgu
                   giy-awara-lu
      njung-ařgu
                   giy-awara-la
Acc
     F nja-argula nja-mininjiya (m-one m-man) one man
Nuc
Ref
       njuw-ařgula-wu nju-mininjya-wu
Dir
       njuw-argula-ngu nju-mininiya-lu
Acc
       njuw-argula-nga nju-mininiya-la
Nuc
      M ařgula
                        minigiya (m-one m-man) one man
Ref
       qiy-arqula-wu gi-mininiya-wu
Dir
       giy-ařgula-ŋgu gi-miniŋiya-lu
       giy-ařgula-ŋga gi-miniŋiya-la
Acc
                          na-wulani (arb-good arb-river)
Nuc
         na-yabi
                                          a good river
Ref
         nu-yabi-yu
                          nu-wulani-ngu
Dir
       nungu-yabi-njdju nungu-wulani-ndu
       nungu-yabi-njdja nungu-wulani-nda
Acc
      F nja-nada lulun (masc-my masc-bed) my bed
Nuc
Ref
         dji-ŋada dji-lulun-gu
Dir
       djingu-nada dji-lulun-du
Acc
       djingu-nada dji-lulun-da
Nuc
      M nja-nada
                    lulun (masc-my masc-bed) my bed
Ref
         nju-ŋada gi-lulun-gu
Dir
       njungu-nada gi-lulun-du
Acc
       njungu-nada gi-lulun-da
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Nuc
                     ř-ařgu (f-that:nonspecific f-other)
          řa-mbagu
                                         that other one (f)
Ref
        řuwu-mbanu řuw-ařqu-lu
Dir/
       řungu-mbanu řung-ařgu
Acc
Nuc
         nja-maŋadji
                         diyanu (masc-that masc-new)
                                              that new one
Ref
        yi-maŋadji.dji-diyaŋu-wu
Dir
      djingu-manadji dji-diyanu-lu
Acc
      djingu-manadji dji-diyanu-la
Nuc
         nja-marjadji
                        diyanu (masc-that masc-new)
                                             that new one
Ref
         nju-manadji gi-diyanu-wu
Dir
      njungu-manadji gi-diyanu-lu
Acc
      njungu-manadji gi-diyanu-la
Nuc
         nil-ařgu
                         walja (masc-other masc-dugong)
                                             another dugong
Ref
       niyil-argu-lu dji-walja-wu
Dir
      niŋgil-ařgu
                     dji-walja-ŋgu
                     dji-walja-nga
Acc
      ningil-argu
Nuc
        niw-ařgu
                         walja (masc-other masc-dugong)
                                             another dugong
      niyiw-ařgu-lu gi-walja-wu
Ref
Dir
      ningiw-argu
                     gi-walja-ŋgu
      ningiw-ařqu
                     gi-walja-ŋga
Acc
      li-manadji li-djagada li-wulu (pl-that pl-many pl-
Nuc
                                     people) those many people
      liyi-maŋadji liyi-djagaḍa-wu liyi-wulu-wu
Ref
Dir
      linjdji-manadji linjdji-djagada-lu linjdji-wulu-ngu
      linjdji-maŋadji linjdji-djagaḍa-la linjdji-wulu-ŋga
ACC
      F djina nj-argu djajnjga (masc: this masc-other masc-
Nuc
                                 rock) this different rock
      yi-dja dj-ařgu-lu dji-djajnjga-wu
Ref
Dir
      djingu-dja djing-ařgu dji-djajnjga-wu
      djingu-dja djing-argu dji-djajnjga-a
Acc
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Nuc M djina nj-argu djajnjga (masc:this masc-other masc-rock) this different rock

Ref njuwu-dja njuw-ařgu-lu gi-djajnjga-wu

Dir njungu-dja njung-argu gi-djajnjga-wu

Acc njungu-dja njung-argu gi-djajnjga-a

Phrases including the dual suffix -wudjara usually occur in Nuclear tagmemes only:

ri-maŋadji miṇiŋu-wudjaṇa (d-that man-d) those two men
ganjmaḍa-wudjaṇa ri-waŋu-wudjaṇa (two-d d-spouse-d) two husbands/wives
aḍu-wudjaṇa buyi-ŋgudjaṇa ganjmaḍa-wudjaṇa (child-d small-d two-d) the
two small children

In the above description it will be noted that only common nouns of Type I are referred to, and with a single recorded exception, these are the only nouns which occur with modifiers to form a phrase. The exception is the Type II stem -wini name, and this stem may occur with a demonstrative or a numeral modifying it. The stem -wini itself takes a body-part possessive prefix according to the class of the item, and the demonstrative or numeral agrees with the stem according to class but takes a nonpossessive prefix of the kind which occurs with Type I nouns. Available examples are all from Nuclear tagmemes:

F djagada ni-wini M djagada na-wini (masc-many its:masc-name) their (masc) many names; F nja-ganjmada niya-wini M ganjmada na-wini (m-two his-name) his two names; řa-manadji nanda-wini (f-that her-name) that name of her's.

NOTES

- 1. The suffix -nu seems likely to be the same morpheme which occurs as a relator, described with derivational suffixes in Compexities of Yanyula Nouns 7.1. It is noted that this suffix also occurs with the demonstrative pronoun djina this in Nuclear occurrence.
- 2. This usage is shown in three illustrations: 1) A carton of mangoes (fruit and therefore of food class) was under inspection and it was commented that some were ripe and others were green. The word used for both some and for others was nuw-a**gu with a set II food class prefix. When a bag of mangoes was brought to add to the carton, these were m-a**gu others from an outside source, and a set I food class prefix was used. 2) The neighbouring Garawa tribe have been referred to as nal-a**gu the other people (known to us), with a set II prefix. An African tribe seen in a photograph were referred to as l-a**gu the other people (not known to us), with a set I prefix. 3) When a set I dual form was elicited from an informant, she at first misunderstood and gave the more frequently used form with the set II prefix. When a further effort was made the informant gave the required set I form and added, when they are two strangers.
- 3. The stem ařgu has most frequent occurrence in Nuclear tagmemes, and to obtain non-Nuclear forms, particularly of set II prefixes, it was necessary to elicit data. In response to eliciting, the informant gave the suffix -lu to indicate Directive in nungawul-ařgu-lu to the two others and nungal-ařgu-lu to the others (pl); the suffix -la was given to indicate Accessory in the word nungawul-ařgu-la with the two others but there was zero suffixation for Accessory in the word nungal-ařgu with the others (pl). However, there seemed some hesitancy in the giving of these forms, and at this time there is evidence of only referent suffix occurrence in non-elicited data.