

# Number in NPs of Beja (Afro-Asiatic): morphology and layered structure

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## **Abstract**

*The paper has three parts. (1) The first section deals with the rich morphology of nominal plurals. (2) The second section highlights some consequences of the fact that participles are nominals, and that for this reason undergoers are "possessors" of participles - with a surprising plural morphology. (3) In the last section, the nominalizations from verbs of different "Aktionsarten" will be considered with a view to their plural morphology.*

*For each of the decisive features, the forms of the lexical entry as well as the RRG rules for derivational processes need to be fully specified. Given the large size of each of these noun classes, such rules may need to be accommodated in the lexicon.*