

## Finite Verb Morphology in Pahari

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### Abstract

*This paper presents the analysis and description of finite verb morphology in Pahari spoken in the state of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan. Similar to other sister languages, verbs in Pahari too inflects for tense, aspect, and mood and also reflects gender, number, person and honour. Tenses and aspects in most of the languages of the world are realised through morphological means. This study identifies that the suffixes on verbs encode the habitual and progressive aspects while the perfective aspects are encoded by light verbs in complex predicates. Pahari distinguishes between simple and complex tense forms. The simple tense is formed by the main verb alone bearing tense, aspect and agreement morphology whereas the complex tense is formed by the main verb followed by an auxiliary, where the auxiliary carries tense information. The future tense in Pahari is encoded by a suffix on the main verb. Both the main verb and auxiliary inflect for person gender and number. In some cases where the construction has no auxiliary, the main verb itself is marked for person, gender and number. Pahari verbs show distinction of imperative, subjunctive and presumptive moods which show different attitudes of the speaker. The study shows that imperative mood is indicated with the verb stem, without any modification. The verb in the Imperative mood occurs in agreement with the person of the subject, and it is not inflected for tense, aspect. Pahari uses the presumptive for future and the subjunctive for desires and suggestions. The use of subjunctive mood is conditioned to certain words and phrases, particularly those words and phrases expressing contingency or doubt, and also by some kinds of dependent clauses. The presumptive mood in Pahari is used to express hypothesis, uncertainty or presupposition.*

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## 1. Introduction

Pahari is a South Asian language spoken in the Azad State of Jammu & Kashmir, Pakistan. The 1998 census report states that there are 2.973 million Pahari speakers in the state of AJ&K which is estimated to have risen to around 4.059 million by the year 2011 (Sarwar, 2014). Pahari does not have its own script. According to (Shakil, 2004), Pahari was initially written in Landa script which is a form of Sharda which was invented by Buddhists. Miani (2010) claims that Pahari was written in Shah Mukhi script. According to Miani (2010) the period of written form of Pahari in Shah Mukhi script is very short as later it was replaced by Sharda script. Now-a-days Urdu script is being used by the Pahari writers to produce the available literature i.e some poetry books (Nasar, 2002). As far as the number of Pahari dialects is concerned, a detailed dialectal survey has not yet been conducted. There are several sources that report on the number of Pahari dialects but there is no consensus. All these sources have different approximations. None of them specifies the types of differences that define the boundaries between the several dialects. Being a lesser studied language, this language seeks the attention of the linguists to investigate different grammatical aspects of the language. The present work is an attempt to describe the morphology of Pahari finite verb.

An important systemic change in the tense/aspect morphology from Old Indo-Aryan to Middle Indo-Aryan (MIA) has been revealed across time. The feature of tense distinctions morphologically, was lost in the Middle Indo Aryan languages (Deo, 2006). According to Deo (2006) the restructuring of the resulting Middle Indo Aryan tense/aspect morphological system is along aspectual lines; the verb morphology differentiates the perfective and imperfective aspect. There is a reacquisition of tense distinctions in New Indo-Aryan languages through the use of past and present tense auxiliaries that form periphrastic constructions in combination with the aspectual morphology. Pahari, a new Indo Aryan language, is SVO language, in which the verb occurs in a verbal complex that contains inflectional material as well as grammatical function changing suffixes. Pahari is a heavily agglutinating language having independent morphemes for tense, Aspect, mood and agreement. This study presents a detailed description and discussion on Pahari tense, mood and Aspectual System. The data for this study was collected during different field visits to district Sudhnoti, Azad Jammu & Kashmir. A combination of narratives and direct elicitation were used for data collection. The data was transcribed phonetically by following the

International Phonetic Alphabets (IPA). The data collected was analysed with the main goal to examine the relationship between form and function. For this purpose, emphasis was placed on examining the subtle differences between various morphosyntactic patterns, thus providing a more detailed linguistic description of Pahari finite verb.

## 2. Pahari Finite Verb Morphology

The upcoming sections provide a descriptive overview of the tense-aspect-mood system of Pahari, as encoded in its inflectional verbal morphology. Before moving on to a description, the nature of the auxiliaries that play an important role in the tense system in Pahari will be explained here.

### 2.1 Auxiliaries

The auxiliary verb/ *da/* is the base of all the complex verbal constructions of Pahari. /*ɖa:/* is irregular and is used in so many verbal constructions. The table (2.1) and (2.2) present the conjugation of the auxiliary verb *da* 'to be' for Present, Past respectively.

**Table 2.1: Present forms of auxiliary /*ɖa:/***

Person	Masculine	Feminine	Gloss
1 <sup>st</sup> Singular	<i>ɖaɪs</i>	<i>ɖros</i>	am
1 <sup>st</sup> Plural	<i>ɖea:n</i>	<i>ɖia:n</i>	are
2 <sup>nd</sup> Singular	<i>ɖẽ</i>	<i>ɖiã</i>	are
2 <sup>nd</sup> Plural	<i>ɖea:</i>	<i>ɖia:</i>	are
3 <sup>rd</sup> Singular	<i>ɖa:</i>	<i>ɖe</i>	is
3 <sup>rd</sup> Plural	<i>ɖi:</i>	<i>ɖiã</i>	are

**Table 2.2: Past forms of auxiliary /*ɖa:/***

Person	Masculine	Feminine	Gloss
1 <sup>st</sup> Singular	<i>sais</i>	<i>siu:s</i>	was
1 <sup>st</sup> Plural	<i>seã</i>	<i>siã</i>	were
2 <sup>nd</sup> Singular	<i>sẽ</i>	<i>sia:n</i>	was
2 <sup>nd</sup> Plural	<i>sea:</i>	<i>sia</i>	were
3 <sup>rd</sup> Singular	<i>sa:</i>	<i>si:</i>	was
3 <sup>rd</sup> Plural	<i>se</i>	<i>siã</i>	were

The present forms of /*ɖa:/* are used only in copular constructions. The present and past tense forms of auxiliary agree with subject in number,

gender and person. But if the subject is ergative marked, then the past auxiliary will agree with the nominative NP. Consider the following example for illustration:

1. a.  $dʒ\lambda ng\sigma t$                        $tʃ^h\lambda la:$        $da:$   
          boy-NOM.2.M.SG            mad.M.SG be.PRES.2.M.SG  
          ‘The boy is mad.’
- b.  $b\lambda kri:$                                $pa:ni:$                $pini:$                $si:$   
          goat.NOM.3.F.SG            water-NOM.M drink.IMP.    be.PST.3.F.SG  
          ‘The goat was drinking water.’
- c.  $mehmu:d-e$                        $k^h\lambda t$                        $lik^hja:sa:$   
          mehmood-ERG.3.M.SG letter-NOM.3.M.SG    write.PST3.M.SG  
          ‘Mehmood wrote a letter.’

In (1a) the present auxiliary / $d\alpha:$  ‘is’ agrees with the subject  $dʒ\lambda ng\sigma t$  as both carry third person, masculine singular features. The past auxiliary in (1b) agrees with subject  $b\lambda kri:$ . Whereas in example (1c) the past auxiliary does not agree with the subject as the subject  $mehmu:de$  is ergative case marked rather the verb agrees with the nominative object in this construction.

## 2.2 Tenses in Pahari

Tense is a distinctive deictic category that relates points of time to the moment of utterance (Dahl, 1985). The following section discusses different tenses, formation of tenses and their uses in Pahari.

### 2.2.1 The Present Tense

The present tense in Pahari is shown by the imperfective verb form inflected for person number and gender. The following table demonstrates the present tense paradigm of verb,  $k^ha$  ‘eat’ to show its inflection for person, gender and number:

**Table 3.1: The Verbs Inflection Simple Present Tense**

<b>Persons</b>	<b>Masculine</b>	<b>Feminine</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Person Singular	$k^h\lambda n\lambda is$	$k^h\lambda ni\sigma s$
1 <sup>st</sup> Person Plural	$k^h\lambda nneja:n$	$k^h\lambda nija:n$
2 <sup>nd</sup> Person Singular	$k^h\lambda na\ddot{i}$	$k^h\lambda ni\ddot{j}\ddot{e}$
2 <sup>nd</sup> Person Plural	$k^h\lambda neja:$	$k^h\lambda nija:$
3 <sup>rd</sup> Person Singular	$k^h\lambda na:$	$k^h\lambda ni:$
3 <sup>rd</sup> Person Plural	$k^h\lambda ne$	$k^h\lambda ni\ddot{j}\ddot{a}:$

The table 3.1 shows that instead of using auxiliary, the simple present tense in Pahari is formed by adding one of the corresponding person gender and number endings to the imperfective verb stem. These endings are added directly to the stem without modifying the stem.

The imperfective form of the verb in Pahari is ambiguous for tense and aspect, which is determined from the context. It can be used to give a right now reading, present progressive as well as habitual present reading. When linguists discuss the present tense, they usually distinguish between two main types of verbs that are dynamic verbs and stative verbs (Comrie 1976, Riemer 2010 and Kearns, 2011). In Pahari, the interpretation of the imperfective form of verb in present tense is influenced by these two types of verbs. Usually stative verbs in imperfective form give the right now reading. For 37xamplee, the imperfective stative verbs in the following example have the right now reading only:

2. a. sa:joḡ    java:v    ʌʃna:  
       sajid    answer    come.IMPF.  
       ‘Sajid knows the answer’
- b. o:    mʌɽa:    jʌki:n    kaɽna:  
       he    my    believe    do.IMPF  
       ‘He believes me’

In contrast, the imperfective form of the dynamic verb in Pahari usually has two possible interpretations: present progressive and present habitual and it is the adverb or the context that determines one of them.

- 3 a. o:                                    nʌva:z                                    pʌɽna:  
       he-NOM.3.M.SG                    prayer-NOM.F.SG                    read-HAB.M.SG  
       ‘He offers/ is offering the prayer.’
- b. pʌpu:                                    trʌk                                    ʃʌɽa:na:  
       papu-NOM.3.M.SG                    truck-NOM.M.                    drive-HAB  
       ‘Papu drives/ is driving the truck.’

As you can see, the Pahari sentence in (3a) has two possible interpretations. It can either mean that the boy usually offers the prayer or the boy is offering the prayer right now. Therefore, the context must be considered to determine whether the emphasis is on the continuous aspect of the action or merely on the present time. In (3b) when the speaker inquires about the job or profession of pʌpu:, the answer ‘pʌpu: trʌk

ʃʌlɑ:nɑ:’ would be in habitual aspect. If at the time of utterance ‘Papu is driving truck’, someone asks what is ɾʌpu: doing then the sentence ‘ɾʌpu: tɾʌk ʃʌlɑ:nɑ:’ would be in progressive aspect.

Beside context, the use of adverbs can also determine the interpretations of imperfective verb form in present tense. For example, verbs in the imperfective form such as ʌʃnɑ: ‘to come’ can have the two interpretations. With adverb like ɾo:z ‘every day/ daily’ it denotes a habitual interpretation while with adverb like hʌn ‘now’ it expresses a progressive interpretation.

4. a. o:                    ɾo:z            ʌʃnɑ:  
       he.NOM.        daily            come.HAB.M.SG.  
       ‘He comes daily.’
- b. o:                    hʌn            ʌʃnɑ:  
       she.NOM.        now            come.HAB.F.SG  
       ‘she is coming now.’

In example (4a), the event ‘coming’ is repeated every day. In contrast, the same verb indicates present progressive in example (4b) with the adverb hʌn ‘now’:

Besides the context and adverbs, when the present indicative form of the verb ho:nɑ: ‘to be’ is used with the imperfective form of the verb it expresses the present habitual aspect both. The imperfective form and verb ho:nɑ: agree with the highest nominative in gender and number.

5. a. kʌɪɑ:                ʊɖʌɾ            gʊʃnɑ:            ho:nɑ:  
       man-NOM.M.SG    there            go.IMPF.M.SG.    be.HAB.M.SG  
       ‘The man usually goes there.’
- b. kʊɾi:                ʊɖʌɾ            gʊʃni:            ho:ni:  
       girl-NOM.F.SG    there            go.IMPF.F. SG.    be.HAB.F.SG  
       ‘The girl usually goes there.’
- c. kʌɪe:                ʊɖʌɾ            gʊʃne:            ho:ne:  
       man-NOM.M.PL    there            go.IMPF.M.PL.    be.HAB.M.PL.  
       ‘The men usually go there.’
- d. kʊɾiã                ʊɖʌɾ            gʊʃniã            ho:niã  
       girl-NOM.F.PL    there            go.IMPF..FPL.    be.HAB.F.PL  
       ‘The girls usually go there.’

The above example shows the formation of present habitual aspect by adding the verb *ho:nɑ:* that inflects for person, gender and number. In (5a) the subject *kɑ:ɑ:* ‘man’ is masculine singular, and controls agreement on both the main verb and the light verb *ho:nɑ:*, both of which take the masculine suffix /a:/. In (5b) the subject is third person singular feminine and the main verb and the light verb agrees with it. In (5c) the subject is third person masculine plural so controls masculine plural agreement on the verb whereas in (5d) the feminine plural subject controls the agreement.

### 2.2.3 The Past Tense

The past tense in Pahari can be divided into near past and remote past. The near past tense in order of remoteness marks the most recent past grammatically. The past tense in Pahari has two different conjugations in accordance with verbs ending in a consonant or a vowel. If the root ends in a consonant, past tense is formed by adding /ja:/ for masculine singular, /i:/ for feminine singular, /e/ for masculine plural and /iã:/ for feminine plural to the verbal root. Consider the conjugation of verb /nɑs/ in past tense in the following table:

**Table 2.4.: Conjugation of verb /nɑs/ ‘run’ in past tense**

Persons	Masculine singular	Feminine singular
1st Person Singular	nɑsɑis	nɑsiʊs
1st Person Plural	nɑseɑ:n	nɑsiɑ:n
2nd Person Singular	nɑsɑẽ	nɑsiẽ
2nd Person Plural	nɑseɑ:	nɑsiɑ:
3rd Person Singular	nɑsɑ:	nɑsi:
3rd Person Plural	nɑse	nɑsiã:

Pahari verbs ending in vowel have irregular conjugations in the past tenses as it can be seen in the following table:

**Table 2.5: Past conjugation of verbs ending in vowels**

Verbs	Past	Gloss
ɖe <sup>h</sup>	ɖɪttɑ:	gave
k <sup>h</sup> ɑ:	k <sup>h</sup> ɑ:ɖɑ:	ate
te <sup>h</sup>	tɑ:t <sup>h</sup> ɑ:	fell
se <sup>h</sup>	sʊttɑ:	slept
nɑ:	nɑttɑ:	took bath
si:	sɪttɑ:	stitched

In past tense the Intransitive verb inflects according to the number and gender of the subject while the transitive one inflects according to the number and gender of the object. This phenomenon is common among Indo-Aryan languages like Urdu (Schmidt, 1999), Hindi (Bahl, 1067), Punjabi (Puar, 1990).

9. a. mēmānē            tʃaː            pi:ṭi:  
 guest.M.PL.ERG. tea.F.SG.NOM drink.F.SG.  
 ‘The guests took tea.’
- b. mēmā:n            ae:  
 guest.M.PL.NOM. come.M.PL.  
 ‘The guests came.’

The transitive verb /pi:/ in (9a) agrees with the object *tʃaː* ‘tea’ whereas in (9b) the intransitive verb /ae:/ inflects according to the subject *mēmā:n* ‘guests’

### 2.2.3.1 Remote Past

This covers a distant period, usually indicated by an adverbial of time and the past auxiliary. The past auxiliary marks the tense which is past, and the adverbial emphasis the time.

10. o:    petʃ<sup>h</sup>le    sa:l    gɪɑ            sa:  
 he    last    year    go.SG.M.PST.    be. SG.M.PST.  
 ‘He went last year.’

Commonly /sa:/ will mark the remote past. It is a special usage and therefore is more semantic and specified. In this example there is some emphasis on the time ‘last year’.

### 2.2.4 The Future Tense

The suffix roots /-l-/ and /-g-/ are the basic forms of future tense marking predominating in new Indo Aryan languages with the additional surrounding vowels that carry the agreement features (Masica, 1991). Pahari differs from the new Indo Aryan languages and follows Old Indo Aryan languages’ future marking tradition. Pahari future marking suffix root /-s-/ is traced by Masica (1991) in “OIA Sigmatic Future itself (in -isya, sya)” and claimed to survive in Eastern Rajasthani and Gujarati. The future ending in Pahari for all the persons and number are given in the table:



**Table 2.6: Future tense endings**

Person	Future endings	
	Singular	Plural
1.SG	sã:	sã:n
2.SG.	sẽ:	sa:
3.SG	si:	sẽn

The future tense in Pahari is formed by adding the future endings directly with the root verb. For example, see the future conjugation of verb *sat* 'throw':

**Table 2.7: Conjugation of verb /sat/**

Person	Conjugation	Translation
1.SG	mẽ satsã:	I will throw
2.SG.	tu; satsẽ	you will throw
3.SG	o: satsi:	he will throw
1.PL.	as satsãn	we will throw
2.PL.	tu:s sat sa:	you will throw
3.PL.	o: sat sẽn	they will throw

The future endings agree with subject noun or pronoun in number and person but not in gender. This can be seen in the following example:

11. a. asoḍ            bu:ta:            kʌp    si:  
       asad-        tree-NOM.M    cut    be.FUT.3.SG  
       'Asad will cut tree.'
- b. sa:liʌ            pɑ:ni:            ɑ:n    si:  
       saliha-NOM.3.F.SG    water-NOM.M    bring    be.  
       'Saliha will bring water.'
- c. nɪke            ɖʌŋɖ            kʌr    sẽn  
       child-        noise-NOM.M    do    be. FUT.3.PL  
       'The children will make a noise.'
- d. kʌrɪã:            kʌpɾe            ɖʌ:    sẽn  
       girl-NOM.3.F.PL    cloth-NOM.M.PL    wash    be. FUT.3.PL  
       'The girls will wash clothes.'

In (11a) the subject asoḍ is third person singular masculine while in (11b) the subject sa:liʌ is third person singular feminine but in both the

sentences (11a) and (11b) the auxiliary is same i.e. /si:/. Similarly, in (11c) the subject *nike* ‘children’ is plural masculine whereas in (11d) the subject *kuṛiã*: ‘girls’ is plural feminine but both the sentences contain the same auxiliary *sēn*. This shows that the future form of auxiliary does not inflect for gender. In addition, the above examples demonstrate that the future form of auxiliary inflects for person and number.

Interestingly the future endings never occur on verb in the negative sentences. In future negative sentence, the plural form of imperfective participle is used with a light verb /*laya:*/ ‘attach’ that carries all the gender number and person information. For illustration see the table below:

**Table 2.8: Negative future sentences**

Person	Conjugation	Gloss
1.SG.M.	<i>mē neis satne laya:</i>	I will not throw.
1.SG.F.	<i>mē neu:s satne layi:</i>	I will not throw.
2.SG.M.	<i>tu: nei satne laya:</i>	You will not throw.
2.SG.F.	<i>tu: nejã satne layi:</i>	You will not throw.
3.SG.M.	<i>o: nei satne laya:</i>	He will not throw.
3.SG.F.	<i>o: nei satne layi:</i>	He will not throw.
1.PL.M	<i>as neja:n satne laye:</i>	We will not throw.
1.PL.F.	<i>as nejã: satne layjã:</i>	We will not throw.
2.PL.M.	<i>tu:s neja: satne laye:</i>	You will not throw.
2.PL.F.	<i>tu:s neja: satne layã:</i>	You will not throw.
3.PL.M.	<i>o: nei satne laye:</i>	They will not throw.
3.PL.F.	<i>o:nei satne layjã:</i>	They will not throw.

The table shows that there are no future endings on verb in future negative sentence. In these sentences, the plural form of imperfective participle has been used with a light verb *laya:* ‘attach’ that agrees with the verb in gender number and person futures

### 2. 3 Aspects in Pahari

Comrie (1985) defines aspect as "...different ways of viewing the internal temporal constituency of a situation." Like Hindi, Gojri and Punjabi; Pahari also has two commonly used aspects namely perfective and imperfective.

### 2.3.1 Imperfective Aspect

In imperfective aspect the situation is considered as infinite in the sense that it is continuous, habitual, iterative or progressive, (Bybee et al. 1989). The imperfective in Pahari covers just progressive and habitual. The following section discusses the past habitual and past progressive aspects:

#### 2.3.1.1 Past Habitual Aspect

The past habitual aspect is used to describe the events that happen regularly in the past. Like present habitual aspect, habitual past is also formed by adding suffixes /na:/, /ni:/, /ne/, /niã/ for singular masculine, singular feminine, plural masculine and plural feminine respectively. The inflected form of verb is followed by verb *ho:na:* 'to be' and the past form of auxiliary. The main verb, verb *ho:na:* 'to be' and past auxiliary agree with the highest nominative in number and gender.

12. a. *kəɪa:*                      *ʊɖʌr*      *gəʃna:*                      *ho:na: sa:*  
man-                              there      go.IMP.F.SG.M.                      be      be.PST.M.SG  
NOM.M.SG  
'The man used to go there.'
- b. *kəʃi:*                      *ʊɖʌr*      *gəʃni:*                      *ho:ni: si:*  
girl.NOM.F.SG                      there      go.IMP.F.SG.F.                      be      be.PST.F.SG  
'The girl used to go there.'
- c. *kəɪe*                      *ʊɖʌr*      *gəʃne*                      *ho:ne se*  
man.NOM.M.PL                      there      go.IMP.M.PL.                      be      be.PST.M.PL  
'The men used to go there.'
- d. *kəʃiã*                      *ʊɖʌr*      *gəʃniã*                      *ho:niã siã*  
girl.NOM.F.PL                      there      go.IMP.F.PL.                      be      be.PST.F.PL.  
'The girls used to go there.'

#### 2.3.1.2 The Past Progressive Aspect

The past progressive aspect is formed with imperfective participle forms of verb, followed by the past tense markers /sa:/, /si:/, /say/, /siã/.

13. a. *dʒʌngət*                      *nʌsna:*                      *sə:*  
boy-NOM.M.SG                      run-IMP.F.SG.                      be.PST.M.SG.  
'The boy was running.'
- b. *kəʃi:*                      *kʰʌngni:*                      *si:*  
girl-NOM.F.SG.                      cough-IMP.F.                      be.PST.F.SG.



### 2.3.2.2 Past Perfective Aspect

The past perfective aspect is formed by adding the past form of auxiliary at the end of present perfective aspect structure. As the following example exhibits the phenomenon:

15. a. bʌdʒi:      pɑ:ndɛ      t̪ɔɪ      ʃo:ɾe      se  
          sister.ERG.   pot-NOM.M.PL.   wash.M.PL.   leave-PERF.M.PL.   be.M.PL.  
          ‘The sister had washed the pots.’

### 2.3.2.3 Future Perfective Aspect

In future perfective aspect, the structure contains a main verb along with a light verb that follows two auxiliaries. For illustration consider the following example:

16. a. bʌdʒi:      pɑ:nde:      t̪ɔɪ      ʃo:ɾe:      ho:      sɛn  
          siter.      pot. M.PL.      wash      leave.PERF.M.PL.      to be      be.M.PL.  
          ‘The sister will have washed the pots.’

Example (16) has a main verb, a light verb and two auxiliaries for a grammatical structure. The absence of any of the auxiliaries results in ungrammaticality of the sentence. The pattern is shown as following:

17. a. \*bʌdʒi:      pɑ:nde      t̪ɔɪ      ʃo:ɾe:      ho:  
          sister.F.SG.      pot.M.PL.      wash      leave.PERF.M.PL.      to be  
          ‘The sister will have washed the pots.’  
       b. \*bʌdʒi:      pɑ:nde      t̪ɔɪ      ʃo:ɾe:      sɛn  
          sister.F.SG.      pot.M.PL.      wash.      leave.PERF.M.PL.      be.M.PL.  
          ‘The sister will have washed the pots.’

In (17a) the auxiliary *sɛn* has been dropped and the absence of auxiliary results in the ungrammaticality of sentence. In (17b) the auxiliary *ho:* is absent that makes the sentence ungrammatical.

## 2.4 Moods in Pahari

Mood refers to the way a speaker presents the truth of the proposition in the real world context and discourse. In other words, mood is a distinction in verb forms which expresses a speaker’s attitude towards what he/she is saying (Bybee et al.1994). Pahari verbs show distinction of indicative, imperative, subjunctive and presumptive moods which show different attitudes of the speaker and express possibility, certainty, uncertainty and probability.

### 2.4.1 Imperative Mood

The verb root the second person singular form functions as the imperative in Pahari. The following table shows that verb stem in Pahari, without any modification is used in imperative mood:

**Table 2.9: Imperative forms derived from Infinitive**

Infinitive	Meanings	Imperative	Meanings
sokna:	to dry	sok	be dry
bo:lna:	to say	bo:l	say
budʒna:	to listen	budʒ	listen
pekna:	to cook	pek	be cook
hʌsna:	to laugh	hʌs	laugh
nʌsna:	to run	nʌs	run

These forms of imperative verbs are typically used in the expression of request and command. One can also use imperatives simply to extend an invitation or offer permission. Whether a particular imperative verb is used for command or request depends more on the intonation. The high pitch on verb serves the function of command whereas; the low pitch expresses a request.

All the forms given above are the singular form of imperatives. These forms are used to address a singular addressee who is lower in status or equal in status. The singular form of imperative is also used to express anger or insult. From these singular imperatives the plural forms of imperatives are formed by adding suffix /ɑ:/. The plural forms of infinitives are used to address the plural addressees, the elder person and seniors to show respect or deference. The data in table (2.10) indicates the derivation of plural imperative forms.

**Table 2.10: Derivation of the Plural forms of Imperatives**

Singular Imperative	Plural/Polite form	Meanings
sok	sokɑ:	dry
bo:l	bo:lɑ:	say
budʒ	budɑ:	listen
Pek	pekɑ:	cook
hʌs	hʌsɑ:	laugh
nʌs	nʌsɑ:	run

The singular imperatives that end in vowels /i:/ and /e<sup>h</sup>/, take suffix /ja:/ to form their plural counterpart.

**Table 2.11: Plural Imperatives derived through suffix /ja:/**

Basic Imperatives	Plural/polite forms	Meanings
pi:	pija:	drink
se <sup>h</sup>	seja:	sleep
te <sup>h</sup>	teja:	fall
ji:	jija:	live
de <sup>h</sup>	deja:	give
re <sup>h</sup>	reja:	live

The plural imperatives that terminate with vowel /o:/ are formed by adding suffix /va:/ to the singular form of imperative.

**Table 2.12: Plural Imperatives derived through suffix /va:/**

Singular Imperatives	Plural/ polite forms	Gloss
ro:	ro:va:	eat
ʈo:	ʈo:ova:	wash
po:	po:va:	take bath

The singular imperatives ending in vowel /a:/ like *k<sup>h</sup>a:* ‘eat’ *ʈa:* ‘lift’ and *na:* ‘take bath’ have the same form for both singular and plural imperatives. In order to address the plural addressees and to express the politeness the last vowel of the imperative form is doubled or lengthened. Sometimes the second person plural pronoun /ʈʊs/ ‘you’ is used with the singular form of imperative to express politeness. The plural imperatives that terminate with vowel /o:/ are formed by adding suffix /va:/ to the singular form of imperative.

#### 2.4.2 Subjunctive Mood

Subjunctive morphology is often associated with irrealis mood (Bybee, Perkins, and Pagliuca 1994; Chafe 1995; Givón 1994). The subjunctive in Pahari is formed by adding personal endings to the verb root. Consider the data in the following table:

**Table 2.13: Subjunctive mood endings**

Persons	Subjunctive mood endings	
	Singular	Plural
First	ã:	ɑ:n
Second	ẽ	ɑ:
Third	e	en

The subjunctive forms of verb *go:tʃʰ* ‘go’ are given in the table below for illustration.

**Table 2.14: Subjunctive forms of verb /go:tʃʰ / ‘go’**

Person	Singular	Gloss	Plural	Gloss
First	me go:tʃʰã:	may I go	as go:tʃʰɑ:n	may we go
Second	tu go:tʃʰẽ	may you go	tus go:tʃʰɑ:	may you go
Third	o go:tʃʰe	may he go	o go:tʃʰʌn	may they go

In Pahari the use of subjunctive mood is required by certain words and phrases, particularly those that express contingency or doubt, and also by some kinds of dependent clauses. Subjunctive verbs are often translated with should, may or might. Some words or phrases that frequently take the subjunctive mood are listed in the following table:

**Table 2.15: Phrases requiring the subjunctive**

Phrases/words	Gloss
hɔɪ sekna:	maybe
dʒe	if
tʃʰãk	so that
Verb+/ke/	introduces subordinate clause

The subjunctives are used in main clauses to perform the following functions:

i) Subjunctives are commonly used to seek permission:

18. mẽ e kʌm kɾã:  
 I.NOM. this work.M.SG. do.M.SG.SUB.  
 ‘May I do this work?’

ii) Subjunctives are also used to make an informal request or indirect command.



19. a. ma:ɽi: bʊdʒa: t̪e t̪ʊs ro:tti: kʰaɪ gʊtʃʰa:  
 my.SG.F listen.SUBJ and you.PL. bread eat go.SUBJ.2.M.PL.  
 'If you listen me, you may go after having meal.'

iii) When the subjunctive is used with phrase *hoi sakna* 'maybe' it expresses a possibility.

20. hɔɪ sekna: asad̪ kʌl uder ʌtʃʰe  
 may be asad.M.SG. tomorrow there come.M.SG.SUB.  
 'Asad may come there tomorrow.'

iv) When a subjunctive verb comes with *tʃama: k* 'should' expresses an obligation.

21. t̪ʊ tʃama: k sei kʌɽi: pʌɽẽ  
 You should right do read.2.M.SG.  
 'You must study properly.'

In Pahari subjunctive is not used in all subordinate clauses. It is used in the subordinate clause when a subordinate clause expresses a contingent situation introduced by a subordinating conjunction. Some examples of different kinds of subordinate clauses in which subjunctive verbs are typically used are cited below:

22. t̪u: iəi: reʰna: maŋd̪a: ʌgja: t̪e t̪u: m̪ẽ ki: d̪ʌsẽ  
 You Here live bad attach then you I.DAT tell.2.SG.  
 'If you do not like to live here, then you must tell me.'

Another function of subjunctive is to make a wish or express a preference. In order to express preferences or wish, the subjunctive mood is always used with verb *tʃa:na:* 'want' in the main clause.

24. o: tʃa:ne k ʊneni: kʊɽi: pʌɽe  
 they want.M.PL. that their daughter.F.SG. read.3.SG.  
 'They want their daughter to study.'

The examples above show that, to express an unreal action or events the subjunctive verbs in Pahari require support from other words and phrases. In the example, the verb *pʌɽe* 'read' in the subordinate clause is in the subjunctive mood that requires word *tʃa:na:* 'want' in the main clause. The

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### 2.4.3 The Presumptive Mood

The presumptive is a verb mood that refers to the expression of “an uncertain event, suspected only by the speaker (Rosetti 1943). Pahari presumptive mood comes in two varieties; progressive subjunctive and perfective subjunctive.

#### 2.4.3.1 Progressive Presumptive

The forms of verbs in the progressive presumptive mood are simple. Each form employs the imperfect participle followed by the verb *ho* and the future form of the verb *da* ‘to be’. The verb form in the presumptive mood is as follows:

(Imperfective Participle + ho+ Future Tense Form of *da* ‘be’)

The main verb inflects according to the person, number and gender of the subject while the future form of *da* inflects according to number and person of the subject. For clarification see the table below:

**Table 2.16: Verb inflection in Progressive Presumptive mood**

Person/Number	Masculine	Feminine
1 <sup>st</sup> Singular	...na: ho: sã:	...ni: ho: sã
1 <sup>st</sup> Plural	...ne ho: sa:n	...niã ho: sa:n
2 <sup>nd</sup> Singular	...na: ho: sã	...ni ho: sã
2 <sup>nd</sup> Plural	...ne ho: sa:	...niã ho: sa:
3 <sup>rd</sup> Singular	..na: ho: si:	...ni ho: si:
3 <sup>rd</sup> Plural	...ne ho: se:n	..niã:n ho: se:n

Table 2.17 shows the conjugation of the progressive presumptive form of the verb *kaɾna:* ‘to cut’.

**Table 2.17: Progressive Presumptive Paradigm of: *kaṛna*: ‘to cut’**

Person/Number	Masculine	Feminine	Translation
1 <sup>st</sup> Singular	mē kaṛna: ho: sã	mē kaṛni:ho: sã	I will be cutting.
1 <sup>st</sup> Plural	as kaṛne ho: sa:n	as kaṛniã ho: sa:n	we will be cutting.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Singular	tu: kaṛna: ho: sē	tu: kaṛni ho: sē	you will be cutting.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Plural	tu:s kaṛne ho: sa:	tu:s kaṛniã ho:ho: sa:	you will be cutting.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Singular	o:kaṛna: ho: si	o:kaṛni: ho: si	he/she will be cutting.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Plural	o:kaṛne ho: se:n	o:kaṛniã ho: se:n	they will be cutting.

### 2.4.3.2 The perfective Presumptive Mood

The perfective presumptive mood is formed by perfect participle of the verb followed by *ho* and the future form of the verb *da*: ‘be’. Both the perfective participle and the future form of the verb *da*: ‘be’ inflect for gender, number, and person. The verb form in the presumptive mood is as follows:

(Perfective Participle + *ho*+ Future Tense Form of *da* ‘be’)

**Table 2.18: Verb inflection in perfective presumptive mood**

Person/Number	Masculine	Feminine
1 <sup>st</sup> Singular	..ja: ho: sã	..i: ho: sã
1 <sup>st</sup> Plural	..e ho: sa:n	..iã ho: se:n
2 <sup>nd</sup> Singular	..ja: ho: sē:	..i: ho: sē:
2 <sup>nd</sup> Plural	..e ho: sa:	..iã ho: sa:
3 <sup>rd</sup> Singular	..a: ho: si:	..i: ho: si:
3 <sup>rd</sup> Plural	..e ho: se:n	..iã ho: se:n

The perfective subjunctive forms of the verb *nasna*: ‘to run’ are listed in the table below:

**Table 2.19: The perfective presumptive forms of the verb *nasna*:/**

Person/Number	Masculine	Feminine	Translation
1 <sup>st</sup> Singular	mē nasja: ho: sã	mē nasi: ho: sã	I might have run.
1 <sup>st</sup> Plural	as nase: ho: sa:n	as nasjã: ho: sa:n	We might have run.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Singular	tu: nasja: ho: sē	tu: nasji: ho: sē	You might have run.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Plural	tu:s nase: ho: sa:	tu:se nasjã: ho: sa:	You might have run.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Singular	o:nasja: ho: si:	o: nasji: ho: si:	He/she might have run.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Plural	o:nase ho: se:n	o: nasjã: ho: se:n	They might have run.

Like perfective aspects, in perfect presumptive mood, agents of transitive perfective verbs are marked with ergative case. So the verb inflects

according to the object in the construction. Look at the example in table below where the transitive verb *kotna:* inflects according to the object.

**Table 2.20: Perfective Presumptive Paradigm of transitive verb *kotna:* ‘to beat’**

Person/ Number	Masculine	Feminine	Translation
1-SG	one mē kotja: ho: sã	one mē koti: ho: sã	They might have beaten me
1-PL.	one ʌs kote ho: sa:n	one ʌs kotjã: ho: sa:n	They might have beaten us
2-SG.	one tu: kotyja: ho: sē	one tu: koti: ho: sē	They might have beaten you
2-PL.	one tʌs kote ho: sa:	one tʌs kotjã: ho: sa:	They might have beaten you
3-SG.	one o:kotyja: si:	one o: koti: ho: si:	They might have beaten him/her
3-PL.	one o:kote ho: se:n	one o: kotjã: ho: se:n	They might have beaten them

The presumptive mood in Pahari is used to express hypothesis, uncertainty or presupposition, regardless of the fact denoted by the verb.

25. a. o: isle paṅni: ho: si:  
she this moment read.SG.F.IMP. be be.SG.F.  
‘She might be studying right now.’
- b. lo:k uḍar ge ho: se:n  
people.PL.M. there go.PL.M.PERF be be.PL.M.  
‘People might have gone there.’

Sentences (25a-b) are the examples of presumptive mood in Pahari. Both the constructions show the presupposition conveyed is one of epistemic uncertainty. Presumptive mood in both the examples indicates that what has been said so far is just the assumption and does not seem warranted.

### 3. Conclusion

To conclude, in this paper presents a comprehensive description of finite verb morphology in Pahari. Pahari exhibits both simple and complex tense forms. The simple tense is marked on the main verb that carries tense, aspect and agreement morphology while; the complex tense is indicated by the main verb followed by an auxiliary. In complex tense both the auxiliary and main verb carry tense information. The future tense in Pahari is encoded by a suffix on the main verb. Both the main verb and auxiliary inflect for

person gender and number. Pahari marks habitual and progressive aspects through suffixes on verb while the perfective aspects are determined by light verbs in complex predicates. Pahari verbal morphology expresses imperative, subjunctive and presumptive moods. The study shows that verb stem is used to mark imperative mood without any modification. This form of imperative verb is typically used for request and command. The singular form of imperative is used to address the person lower in status, socially inferior singular individuals and also to express anger or insult. One can also use imperatives simply to extend an invitation or offer permission. The verb in the imperative mood occurs in agreement with the person of the subject, and it is not inflected for tense, aspect. The presumptive mood in Pahari is used for future and the subjunctive mood is used to express desires, suggestions, etc. The use of subjunctive mood is conditioned to certain words and phrases, particularly those words and phrases expressing contingency or doubt, and also by some kinds of dependent clauses. Pahari speakers use presumptive mood to express hypothetical situation and uncertainty.

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