

GRAMMATICAL AND PROSODIC MEANS OF HUMAN- AND ANIMAL-ORIENTED (PRE-) DIRECTIVES OF TALK-IN-INTERACTION¹

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This paper discusses closings considered as the most sensible parts of conversation. Closings must satisfy their major goal, namely to end up conversation, but at the same time, they should not violate any of the conversation maxims and should not cause social conflicts between the interlocutors. Closings are considered in a way ‘signals of face-saving strategies’. This paper provides evidence that institutional conversations differ from natural conversations, especially with regard to their closings, an aspect of structural property, which they may share with other structural properties of openings, but in a very special form and way - ending up conversation being their crucial and major invariant. The author claims that prosody does not only play a crucial role in order to mark cognitive semantic information (topic-focus articulation) but also to mark expressivity and politeness and to switch grammatical meanings of turning them to meanings of communicative senses. In addition to the communication between humans and humans, a special case is examined.

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ГРАММАТИЧЕСКИЕ И ПРОСОДИЧЕСКИЕ СРЕДСТВА ОФОРМЛЕНИЯ (ПРЕ-)ДИРЕКТИВОВ ВО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИИ С ЛЮДЬМИ И ЖИВОТНЫМИ

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В этой статье обсуждаются завершающие реплики взаимодействия, которые считаются наиболее выраженной частью коммуникации. Завершающие реплики должны удовлетворять их главной цели, а именно завершать весь разговор, но в то же время они не должны нарушать ни одного из коммуникативных постулатов и вызывать социальный конфликт между собеседниками. Завершающие реплики рассматриваются как сигналы стратегий, поддерживающих социальное лицо. В этой статье приводятся доказательства того, что институциональные разговоры отличаются от естественных разговоров, особенно с точки зрения структурной роли завершающих реплик, которая аналогична структурной роли начальных реплик, но отличается специфическими формой и способом: окончание разговора

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является их ключевым и главным инвариантом. Автор утверждает, что просодия играет решающую роль не только для обозначения когнитивной семантической информации (тематической артикуляции), но также для выражения экспрессии и вежливости, а также для переключения грамматических значений, превращая их в значения коммуникативных смыслов. Помимо общения между людьми, рассматривается особый случай.

Ключевые слова: грамматика, синтаксис-просодия-интерфейс, разговорный русский, теория речевого акта, социолингвистика, директивы, прагмат-спектрограммы, средние значения формант, акцент тона, мимикрия

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State of the art and Background of this study

Language as well as the shape of discourse are influenced by and reflect social meanings. Due to the frequent turnover of communicative situations in which urban dwellers happen to find themselves in their everyday lives, they have a multitude of linguistic, paralinguistic and pragmatic resources at their disposal to display and highlight a relevant social identity, to accomplish a given task accordingly to the speech event etc. Attempts to describe linguistic and communicative variation and hence to capture the pragmatic competence of inhabitants of Russian cities have been made from different vantage points. Nevertheless, there is a lack of analyses with a necessarily wide scope of possibly relevant linguistic, paralinguistic and pragmatic phenomena and a trend to neglect specific sociolinguistic variables revealing social differentiation such as migration or ethnic background.

The first desideratum is partially due to certain preferences regarding methodology. The second desideratum is strongly connected with the lack of data from specific groups and situations. The network Urban Voices which has been sponsored by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG/ German Research Society) in the years 2012–2015 under the coordination of my former assistant and now chair of Slavic linguistic at the Economic University Vienna Nadine Thielemann has developed a framework and tried to overcome both mentioned desiderata by analyzing a wide scope of social meanings conveyed linguistically by urban speakers of Russian in Sankt Petersburg (SPb) and in German cities, and by applying different methodological approaches capturing how social meaning is encoded in spoken language and talk-in-interaction. Features stemming from all linguistic subsystems as well as pragmatic and interactional features or preferences for specific discourse genres can be involved in signaling social meaning. Approaching this wide scope of potentially relevant

phenomena, different methodologies will be applied in a triangulating fashion, which allows for capturing all potentially relevant dimension of variation and for cross-checking and validating single analyses. This enterprise crucially depends on data reflecting linguistic and communicative diversity and allowing for the application of methods rooted in pragmatics and research on prosody and, therefore, mainly relies on audio-data from authentic talk-in-interaction.

Research on Russian talk-in-interaction has so far concentrated on specific varieties and contexts of use and favored certain methodological approaches. An important point of departure has been the work on Colloquial Russian (CR, *ruskaja razgovornaja reč'*) [1-6]. CR is thereby defined by Zemskaja [1;2] as the variety of Russian used by well-educated urban inhabitants in casual and unprepared face-to-face-interactions. The data bases mainly consist of interactions within families and gatherings of friends or relatives recorded in Moscow [7] and fewer data from other cities such as e.g. Ekaterinburg [8]. It is the variety of CR that features prominently in the analysis of Russian talk-in-interaction and that has been described as the essential variety of communication in the urban space. Descriptions of this oral variety of Russian pay special attention to syntax, word order, strategies of nomination, word formation as well as to phonetic and prosodic features. Features of CR concerning all these aspects are described and explained in terms of deviation from the norm of Russian codified literary language. Zemskaja et al. conceive of CR as of a specific linguistic subsystem typical of certain extra-linguistically modeled situations which makes it extremely difficult for them to account for variation and deviation from CR frequently occurring in otherwise standard CR-situations. Deviation from as well as variation of this default variety rather provides a socially meaningful resource fulfilling specific functions (e.g. in the context of positioning oneself in opposition to an out-group or in attempts to change the framing of

the event). Interestingly, Zemskaja [2] points to instances when speakers switch to an ‘inferior’ as well as a ‘superior’ variety in default CR- talk in order to frame an utterance as humorous.

Another variety that received significant attention in Russian (and Soviet) sociolinguistics is qualified as substandard and ascribed to poorly educated urban dwellers (*prostorečie*). Similar to CR, this variety has also been described as a relatively stable and closed subsystem characterized by specific linguistic features which are habitually ascribed to a particular social group. This picture of social stratification in the urban space is challenged by the Perm’ school of sociolinguistics [9] who advocates a variationist approach integrating different social (e.g. gender, age, social status/education) and regional parameters. In assessing phonetic features and checking their statistical relevance mainly based on elicited data from Perm’, Erofeeva [10], for example, reveals the complex relationship and interaction of regional dialects, substandard, CR, and the codified literary language and argues for the formation of regiolects. Especially in times of increased mobility the urban space turns into a platform nurturing processes of convergence between standard language and dialects, dialect leveling or the emergence of new regiolects as Krause [11] assumes with regard to several larger Russian cities apart from Moscow and Sankt Petersburg. In effect the linguistic situation in Russian cities is far more complex.

Linguistic and communicative behavior is further affected by the situation in which interlocutors converse; this factor interacts with the social identity of the speakers. Analyses based on authentic face-to-face-interaction revealing variation in natural settings are still scarce [7], especially when compared to analyses conducted in Western cities [12]. As a platform which brings together people from different ethnic backgrounds the market and communication there introduces a new and largely neglected social parameter to Russian sociolinguistics – the speakers’ ethnic migration background. Kirilina [13] observed among other things the language of migrants from Middle Asia and the Caucasus on Moscow markets by linguistic landscaping. Oglezneva [14] describes the Russian-Chinese-Pidgin which originates in the communication on the markets in Blagoveščensk. But we still know little about the communicative as well as linguistic competence of migrants in Russian cities in the various settings in which they happen to communicate during the day. Judging from the literature, especially concerning the early analyses of Zemskaja and her team, it is not always clear whether a social constructivist approach to variation is favored or not, although their analyses are conducted on situationally embedded, authentic data. Sappok

[29] shows how a Praat-analysis with a spectrogram can contribute to detecting individual prosodic and phonetic features of voices in conversation. It is, therefore, important to discuss the relationship between linguistic features, pragmatic and communicative preferences and the social meaning constituted or indexed to by these features [29]. Only detailed analyses accurately following the interaction data reveal the socially relevant meaning potential of certain features and allow for checking whether the interlocutors themselves orient to them, for example, if there occurs variation. If we assume that variation of linguistic as well as pragmatic features is actively exploited by the speakers to convey social meaning, it follows that speakers have several linguistic and communicative styles at their disposal. Then, it is also presupposed that speakers can actively switch and, therefore, also accommodate to different situations or highlight a certain social identity respectively. We still know little about the stylistic repertoire forming the communicative competence of Russian urban dwellers [7]. Social constructivist approaches to linguistic and communicative variation in face-to-face-interaction favor a qualitative approach. Features situated on several levels of the linguistic system as well as pragmatic features are listed, but the role of a certain feature within a variety is neither assessed nor quantified [2].

So, we know little about the relevance or significance of single features and about the interaction with other features within the context of a certain style. In assessing the role of single features, it will be fruitful to combine qualitative methods e.g. from interpretive sociolinguistics and quantitative methods rather inspired by variationism. Since the phenomena that account for a style reach from features from all linguistic subsystems up to pragmatic, interactional features and preferences for certain speech genres, it is necessary to look at phenomena on all levels of discourse and language, in order to see how they interact with each other [15-16]. Such a synthesizing view of variation favors methodological triangulation and as well helps to show which speech activities and genres are connected or associated with certain styles. How is an activity accomplished by a certain social group or within a specific setting? This requires the analysis of interaction embedded in various situations. Only analyses of different private and institutional settings in which inhabitants of a city come together during their days reveal the wide range of communicative genres typical of urban communication during a day, and give insight into how they are accomplished by members of different social groups.

Since a wide spectrum of linguistic, paralinguistic as well as pragmatic and interactional features may

be involved in socially meaningful variation, the scope of potentially relevant phenomena has to be broad. This requires a more thorough look at Russian talk-in-interaction. Its distinctive linguistic shape has been described by Zemskaja and her team as resulting from the general pragmatic and communicative conditions of face-to-face-dialogue. Nevertheless, there is no systematic account of interactional properties such as turn-taking, repair or sequential organization for the specific shape of Russian talk-in-interaction that would explain e.g. syntactic features of spoken language as determined by its occurrence in turns in talk-in-interaction (cf. the program of Interactional Linguistics e.g. proposed in [15-21]. A first attempt is made by Grenoble [22] who shows how Russian interlocutors 'share' syntactic constructions by incrementally continuing the other's turn after turn-taking extending or finishing the interlocutor's syntactic construction. Research by Kibrik and his colleagues based on the analysis of dream telling monologues raises the question how units in spoken language can be defined, regarding prosody and syntax as two subsystems contributing to segmentation in oral discourse [23]. Among other things they offer a description of incremental turn-extensions in Russian monologues. It can further be assumed that the shaping of linguistic units in talk-in-interaction is influenced and affected not only by discourse genre but also by situational and social factors.

Research in this field has probably also been impeded, since there have not been sufficient data bases of recorded institutional and non-institutional talk-in-interaction of interlocutors from different social backgrounds, including the audio-recordings necessary for checking and re-evaluating especially prosodic and interactional features. This kind of data is e.g. partially included in the ORD-corpus (Odin rečevoj den') [24; 25] comprising authentic face-to-face-interaction taped by several informants during one day. In choosing different informants and in taping private as well as institutional communication during one day, the ORD-data offer rich access to a variety of speech styles and discourse genres typically occurring during the speech day of an urban dweller of Sankt Petersburg. To a certain degree elicited data e.g. from sociolinguistic interviews are a viable source, too. This material has to be supplemented by recordings of Russian speakers living in Germany enabling researchers to check the impact of migration on the social and situational variation of Russian spoken abroad. So far there are no data corpora comprising natural interaction of Russian migrants from different settings. First attempts have been made by Beatrix Kress recording lessons in Russian Sunday schools in Germany offering access

to certain linguistic and discourse practices fostering language acquisition with young heritage speakers. Nevertheless, additional data have to be collected replicating the ORD-method in order to compare linguistic and pragmatic variation of migrant speakers of Russian in Germany.

Topic of this article

Closings are usually the most sensible parts of conversation because they have to be prepared in a proper way. They must satisfy their major goal, namely to end up conversation, but at the same time, they should not violate any of the conversation maxims (Paul Grice) and also they should not cause social conflicts between the interlocutors. So closings are in a way also 'signals of face-saving strategies'. A talk, which ends up in a conflict is on high risk to introduce new conflicts in future. So, the social and moral obligation of speakers in verbal interaction lies in the *Pragmatic maxime of social permanence*. This paper provides evidence that institutional conversations differ from natural conversations, especially with regard to their closings, an aspect of structural property, which they may share with other structural properties of openings, but in a very special form and way - ending up conversation being their crucial and major invariant.

Utilizing two examples – one from ORD (S35_01) and one from our own corpus (UVUP 1_04), I shall contrast felicitous closings by both native Russians from St Petersburg and highly proficient native speakers with a bilingual (migrant) background. By contrast, I want to show also examples with *infelicitous closings* by bilingual (Russian-German) speakers (with Russians of different level of social and verbal integration into the German society) and contrast them with typical closings of natives and nonnatives. I shall show that the closings of these talks-in-interaction cannot be reopened in the ways described by Schegloff and Sacks [26]. In fact, the data show that native speakers talks are not reopened at all, but are only followed by separate and highly limited post-session-conversations. Pre-directives are constituents or parts of grammar which have the function of *Directive* Speech acts, preparing the partners to change strategies of verbal and non-verbal behavior, breaking up conversation etc., if necessary by introducing a new frame, and thus modeling upon a new topic and/or a new situation – a new scene (cf. Frames-and-Scenes Semantics Fillmore's). Since bilinguals and nonnative speakers often do not know or follow the context-specific constraints, their conversations provide evidence for the rules and also for violating rules of such exchanges.

The UVUP Corpus: Cover page Inventory, Minimal and Basic Transcripts

I start with the Data observation of our corpus. First Criterion: **Observational Adequacy**: While collecting data, we proceed as follows. After the selection and taping, we decide on which data we take for the purposes of our research. This decision is based on so-called **Deckblatt des Gesprächsinventars**.

Second Criterion Level: Syntax and Prosody First: Since our research concentrates on the interconnection of the **syntax-prosody** interfaces, we need good quality recordings in wav-format, and we do not use bad or non-intelligible spoken recordings. The second criterion besides quality of intelligibility is of course the content which is information on Syntax and Prosody. We do not select data where syntax and prosody play just a minor role.

Third Criterion Editor and Transcription: Our editor Folker is fed with a mild form of ISO-transliteration (more exactly: **ISO 9** (*Transliteration of Cyrillic characters into Latin characters – Slavic and non-Slavic languages*), but this system is enriched by our special symbols partly taken from GAT 2. The transcription system GAT 1 and GAT 2 means “conversation analytical transcription system” and was developed by a team of German colleagues from the universities of Potsdam and Freiburg i. Br. It is also used at the Institute for German Language IDS. We have an agreement with IDS Mannheim to add additional Slavic characters to the FOLKER Editor, which has resulted in the Urban Voices University Potsdam corpus under my copyright [28]. But due to the special situation of Russian phonetics, also by symbols of phonetic transcription (IPA) and prosodic symbols which Folker has taken from us for Russian conventions of transcriptions. I recall just some basic facts/conventions:

Conventions in the DFG-Project developed after GAT1 and GAT2: Minimal Transcript – Basic Transcript and Fine-grained Transcript.

Developed in 1998, revised in 2009 3 levels of detail possible.

Minimal Transcript – (working) Transcript, applicable also outside of linguistics Basistranskript – extension to the prosodic information, which is necessary to avoid semantic misunderstandings and to develop pragmatic function Feintranskript – containing detailed information about the prosody

No phonetic symbols, so fast transcribing and better readability.

(I) Minimal Transcript

KS: vot oni nikomu ne ponadobivšiesja možno °h

VA: tuda a začem nam voobščë zastavili nas èto pečatat' esli

(0.41)

KS: nu nado bylo

Starting point: standard written language

Matches:

ч → č ш → š щ → šč ж → ž ь → ‘ ъ → “
ы → y э → è ë → ë я → ja ю → ju

(II) Basic Transcript

Transcription with Latin letters in Basic Transcript:

e.g. KS: VOT an'i n'ikamu n'è panadab'ivšyjes'a možna °h

VA: tuda a zaČ'ÈM nam vabšč'è zastav'il'i nas èta p'ičatat' jès'i

(0.41)

KS: nu NAda byla

Starting point: spoken language (RRR/prostorečie)

Equivalents:

ч → č' ш → š' щ → šč' ж → ž' ь → ' ъ → "
ы → y э → è ë → ë/o я → ja/'a ю → ju/'u
Palatalized consonants: e.g. /n'/ and /t'/,
нить → n'it'.

Russian spoken language differs from written language on the phonetic level.

Strong reduction of non-accentuated vocals /a,o/, /e.../:

- Strong reduction of non-accentuated vocals: молоко/moloko [m'ylako] → malako
- Voiceless consonants in word-final друг/drug [druk] → druk
- voiceless / voiced consonants at morpheme boundaries:

отдыхать/otdychat' [addychat'] → ad:ychat'

- Palatalization of consonants:

они/oni [an'i] → an'i

всë/vsë [vs'o] → vs'o

- Long breaks

Extra line at long intervals (> 0.05)

KS: VOT an'i n'ikamu n'è panadab'ivšyjes'a možna °h

VA: tuda a zaČ'ÈM nam vabšč'è zastav'il'i nas èta p'ičatat' jès'i

(0.41)

KS: nu NAda byla

- Short breaks (<0.05 sec)

VA: slušaj a (.) cv'èty tam u t'eb'a n'è nač'al'i V'AT'

- A phonetic word (no intermission):

v_akno

f_kravat'i

- No pause between intonation phrases:

VA: n'èt èta PLOcha = ja chaču užë v'isNU

This plays a crucial role in my project on prosody-

syntax interface and we shall take up this idea and we believe that the information about pauses and zeros in online-syntax must be revisited because I strongly believe that syntactic constituents of types don't always (or even do only rarely) project tokens on the level of online-syntax. In this situation, the prosody-syntax interface can be detected by means of Information structure, Formant-Analysis (exact analysis of closures, vocals etc.) and Pitch, and of course intonation contours. For this reason, we have tried to implement this information into the Praat-editor. For this reason, we also have to introduce additional symbols of the Praat-system into Folker. Until now, we have included the following symbols:

Intonation:

Accentuation/prosody

KS: a mn'è pr'išla Novaya kartč'ka

Extra strong accent

KS: n'èt ETA #MA#i nask'i

Pitch movement at the end of intonational phrase

KS: što n'ibud 'mn'è k n'èj Nada? (.) Pr'ilagat '?

high rising, mid-ascending

---- Consistently;

medium-falling, low falling

Transcription Editor FOLKER

- It was developed for the transcriptions of the German language by IDS
- Other languages with special characters of the language: French, English, Spanish.
- Compatible with other transcription programs such as ELAN, EXMARaLDA, Praat

- User-friendly interface
- Oscillogram with Zoom function – Automatic syntax checking and time
- Three types of playback of recordings
- Transmission of the transcripts in Word and HTML
- Score view search function
- A spokesman - a line: Inter linearization and translation not possible.

The first sample includes a conversation of Russian Migrants living in Berlin. This sample belongs to a large UVUP-corpus on spoken language data developed at the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, Chair Slavic Linguistics in the course of the DFG-Network Urban voices in the years 2013-2014.

Directive Speech Acts and Russian Intonation Patterns

My major concern will be the topic, e.g. the syntactic embedding of certain lexical items, which either themselves are directives or they serve as introductory elements embedding directive speech acts. DIRECTIVES are one of classes of speech act which Searle tried to classify in the following way:

DIRECTIVES

Illocutionary point S tries to bring H to completion / failure of an action orientation World-to-word – relation

The Mental State S-desire Examples request ask command

«Cover Page: Score of the conversation» Listing (1).

Conversation name and number: At home, UV_UP_01_03
 Recording date and time of February 2013, in the morning
 Duration of the inclusion: 9 minutes 43 seconds
 Location: At home with Pavel and Maria
 Speakers: Pavel family = Mikhail (MI), Maria = Ksenia (KS), Alexandra = Vasilisa (VA), Kristina = Marina (MA)
 For more detailed information see the file subjects. Pavel = Mikhail (MI) - father, older generation, no further information
 Maria = Ksenia (KS) - Mother, older generation, no further information
 Alexandra = Vasilisa (VA) - elder daughter, young generation, no further information
 Kristina = Marina (MA) - younger daughter, preschooler, young generation, no further information
 Recording is available as audio: yes (.wav format)
 Recording is available as a video: no
 Short Description: selection of the school for the little daughter of Pavel and Maria, the family sitting in front of the PC
 General comments: The beginning and the end are abrupt. KS speaks most and switches most frequently into DE.
 As before transcription are:
 TranskribentIn: Aleksandra Kuznetcova
 Control of transcription: Peter Kosta

Listing (2).

{00:29}	0019	KS	M'Iša (.) atkROJ gd'è n'ibud' (.) vot zd'ès' vot pa_momu ah
{00:32}	0020		(0.96)
{00:33}	0021	KS	i najd'i ijo_è v nol' DVA nol' p'at'
{00:36}	0022		(0.22)
{00:36}	0023	VA	možet my mar'i prošto išč'o asTAV'im na god požžè
{00:37}	0024	KS	nol' DVA ka nol' p'at'
{00:39}	0025		°hhh nol' DVA ka nol' p'at' (.) dalžNO byt' zd'ès'

In the following sequence of the UVUP transcript 1_03, the speaker KS = Ksenia asks MI = Mikhail to open a website to find a suitable school for their preschooler Marina (Listing 2).

UVUP01_03

Obviously, it goes of the numbers to the postal code to corresponding district, close to the residence to find, in order to take not a longer school way than needed. In this moment, the elder daughter VA=VASSILISA intervenes with a turn in the background and makes a counter-proposal. This is an indirect speech act, formulated as a counter offer. However, this is obviously ignored by the mother KS = Ksenia. The fact that this counter-offer has been ignored by all interlocutors, may be attributed to the concentrated and strenuous search for the right school, or there are more pragmatic factors such as age and lack of authority which play a crucial role.

In the Russian Academy grammar, the Russian Intonation and the classification according to Bryzgunova in the distinguished tradition of seven intonation-patterns is being treated. This part is not classified and analyzed according to the criterion of speech acts or illocutions, but rather following the neutral vs. marked (expressive) intonation patterns, along these lines also mixed types of prosodic patterns, different sentence types, different modal contexts etc. are classified. Interestingly, we find at least on page 114 of the first volume the following remark: In volitional contexts, IK-3 can serve as a means of (mild) request, while IK-2 usually expresses a command (using also the mode imperative as grammatical means).

The first question under consideration will be: Does our contexts of spoken Russian contain strict commands or rather mild requests? Examples are only partially known up to now, and we have to analyze them again in our project. Partly also, because the mentioned, very general and in my view incorrect generalization does require further consideration! With us, the UVUP corpus particularly does a good service, because we use, both, intonation patterns as well as other tools such as the contour of the pitch-accent in the corresponding formants (using Praat).

The first example will be the Directive in turn 0019 KS:

(3) 0019 KS M'Iša (.) atkROJ gd'è n'ibud' (.) vot zd'ès' vot pa_momu ah

UVUP01_03

The Directive *atkROJ* has the grammatical form of the Imperative 2PsSg. The prosodic information is given in the table 1.

Besides the explicit forms of marking directives (directive speech acts with directive speech act verbs) there are many interesting examples of quasi-directive grammatical contexts, in which a particle, a lexical word or another variable can serve as an element introducing or embedding a direct speech act verb or a situation where a direct speech act could take place. These elements, I have detected in ORD and I have also compared them with our corpus data. What is the function of these elements? I take it for one possible function that the serve as preparatory elements within the appropriate turn constructional unit (TCU) to the already introduced and mentioned Opening-Closings. It is not just important to analyze such elements with respect to their syntactic positions and their grammatical functions but above all because of their pragmatic function in conversations.

Methods of Measuring Prosody and Intonation at the Prosody-Syntax Interface¹

The prosody can more or less be controlled arbitrarily by speakers. We can see that the second turn in which the same person uses a directive differs from the first one significantly because the speech act

¹ The present contribution took into account only literature relevant for our major hypothesis, the important role of the syntax-prosody-interface for directives. We are fully aware of the important work by the team of the phonetic corpus of spoken speech of Natalia Bogdanova-Beglarjan et al. (cf. references), and some of the data are indeed based on the phonetic corpus (cf. references *Звуковой корпус как материал для анализа русской речи* (2013) Коллективная монография. Часть 1. Чтение. Пересказ. Описание / Отв. ред. Н. В. Богданова-Бегларян. СПб.: Филологический ф-т СПбГУ, 2013. 532 с. *Звуковой корпус как материал для анализа русской речи* (2014) Коллективная монография. Часть 2. Теоретические и практические аспекты анализа. Том 1. О некоторых особенностях устной спонтанной речи разного типа. *Звуковой корпус как материал для преподавания русского языка в иностранной аудитории* / Отв. ред. Н. В. Богданова-Бегларян. — СПб.: Филологический ф-т СПбГУ, 2014. — 396 с. *Звуковой корпус как материал для анализа русской речи* (2015) Коллективная монография. Часть 2. Теоретические и практические аспекты анализа. Том 2. *Звуковой корпус как материал для новых лексикографических проектов* / Отв. ред. Н. В. Богданова-Бегларян. — СПб.: Фил. ф-т СПбГУ, 2015. —

verb *najdi* is not even focussed, the pitch arrives only a mean of F0 the highest of the 306.912912287193 Hz (maximum pitch in SELECTION) which is not only due to the fact that the formant [i:] is a front vowel and has different phonetic properties than the [a] in the first example but more important is the fact that in this context the imperative form is not the semantically salient element but rather the number word DVA 'two', cf.:

(4) {00:33} 0021 KS i najd'i ijo_è v nol' DVA nol' p'at'

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I claim that prosody does not only play a crucial role in order to mark cognitive semantic information (e.g. topic-focus articulation) but also to mark expressivity and politeness and to switch grammatical meanings of turning them to meanings of communicative senses. This can be easily shown on directives which besides negation are the most violent elements of speech. Negation can be blessing but also imperatives can be invasive means of conversation. With other words: Turn down something someone can be just as pushy and rude act as if you ask someone for something. In both cases it can be overt or covert forms of intrusiveness or rudeness in Listing (5).

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The older man talks to the cat Dyma in a very lovely tone like to a little child. This can be detected by analysis of the speakers' signal analysis of fundamental frequency (F0), intonational contours and pitch and also pause insertion. F0 can not only provide important information on the status of tonal behaviour of topics or focal elements in the utterance but pause insertion can also serve as means to detect evidence for prosodic phrasing in syntax and expressive (emotional) status of the speaker. I show such a structure in one example here table 3 reflecting the emotional status of the speaker. Starting with the recording at turn 062 in Listing (6), we can now analyze the prosodic structure of the F0 values.

364 c. However, since the cases we studied here mainly involve the prosodic marking of the pitch accent and the formants of pre-directives, and also include information-structural factors such as topic-comment and background information, and since more or less no pragmatic analysis of the pragmatic markers (as is the cases in the above-mentioned work by the team of Sankt Peterburg State University, cf. Богданова-Бегларян) are involved, this work is largely based on other methods of measurement and methods from viewpoint of the syntax-prosody-interface (as introduced and launched by the Potsdam group around Dagmar Barth-Weingarten, Margret Selting and myself). Another comment of an anonymous reviewer is that psycholinguistic methods should be included. This would be, in fact, contrary to the method of conversational analysis of the Potsdam Conversational analysis, which confines itself to ethnomethodological methods and formal behavior of social interactions in talk as introduced by Harvey Sacks and Emanuel Schegloff, and continued e.g., in the work e.g. of John Heritage (UCLA), Peter Auer (Freiburg i.Br.), Dagmar Barth-Weingarten, Margret Selting, Elisabeth Couper-Kuhlen, and Peter Koša University Potsdam, Germany. Thus, psychological or mentalistic methods are by definition excluded in the present article.

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The mean value F0 in the beginning of the turn (62) lies on the semantically more or less empty syntactic pattern particle *von* and a verb of perception *von v'id'i* which serves as phatic particle with a F0-value of 143.80237321916985 Hz (mean pitch in SELECTION) (low pitch) (cf. phatic elements are introducing elements with no referential value serving as social addressors) [30]. The next element in the sentence has a rising pitch because it is a focus particle *da* 'even' (401.6421957630942 Hz (mean pitch in SELECTION)) and then a focused noun in accusative *yVot'ik* with a pitch F0 of 484.00972566677507 Hz (maximum pitch in SELECTION). Both elements are the elements with the highest F0-value ranging between 401 and 484 Hz. The next salient element is the noun phrase introduced by a particle cluster sequence of *vot, vot, vot dyma* with a low F0. The noun phrase *ty maja*] U:Mn'ica; has a rather low F0 (ranging about 200Hz) but this is so because the vowel [u] differs with respect to fundamental frequencies as compared to other vowels. In German e.g., the vowels differ w.r.t. fundamental frequencies not only dependent on the factor quality (position frontal vs. middle vs. back, high, middle low) but also dependent on the gender and age (see listing 7).

Formantentabelle mit Grundfrequenz F0 und F1, F2, F3 der Vokale, gemittelt über 76 Sprecher: Männer (M), Frauen (W) und Kinder (Ch). (entnommen aus: PETERSON, BARNEY, 1952, S.183).

The following table serves as an example for how we can analyze the prosodic means at the prosody-syntax-phonetics interface. We give a simple analysis of the turn 041 at {00:58}, example: {00:58} 041 M èto brat d'èla taKOjè;

Prosodic phrasing signaling the emotional status of the speaker will be demonstrated with help of a PRAAT-Spectrogram analysis consisting in the following parts:

- 1) PRAAT-Spectrogram for the whole utterance (I have also segmented the PRAAT spectrogram so that every sound corresponds to a word -> there is a separate picture).
- 2) Mean formants for the whole utterance
- 3) Maximum and minimum pitches for the whole utterance
- 4) Maximum and minimum pitches for <taKOjè>
- 5) Mean formants for <taKOjè>
- 6) Spectrogram only for <taKOjè>

Listing (5).

{00:52}	037	M	mama n'è uM'Èit; (.) DA?
{00:54}	038		(1.29)
{00:55}	039	M	my ZNA:im č'o nam nada;
{00:57}	040		(1.38)
{00:58}	041	M	èto brat d'èla taKOjè;
{01:00}	042		(1.79)
{01:02}	043	M	DA dymač'ka;
{01:03}	044		(0.52)
{01:03}	045	M	da moj chaROšyj;
{01:05}	046		(0.84)
{01:05}	047	M	DA (.) moj SLATk'ij ((lacht)) °hh ÈJ, (.) kraSAFč'ik; °h (0.15) krasafč'ik moj MAI'en'k'ij;
{01:11}	048		(1.25)
{01:12}	049	M	krasafč'ik moj SLATk'ij t;(0.23) O:J;
{01:15}	050		(1.29)
{01:17}	051	M	O: kak my um'èim;
{01:18}	052		(1.57)
{01:19}	053	M	a MAma n'è uM'Èit ana–
{01:21}	054		(2.16)
{01:23}	055	M	O:[:J;]
{01:24}	056	F	[DA];–
{01:24}	057		(0.22)
{01:24}	058	F	pač'èMU on m'in'a tak–
{01:25}	059		(0.21)
{01:26}	060	M	my vot (.) O:T kak možèm;
{01:27}	061		(0.62)
{01:28}	062	M	von v'id'iš dažè žyVOT'ik patštlavl'ait mn'è;
{01:31}	063		(0.3)
{01:31}	064	F	VO:T vot vot; [(dyma)–]
{01:32}	065	M	[ty maja] U:Mn'ica;
{01:33}	066		(0.11)
{01:33}	067	F	UMn'ica;
{01:34}	068		(0.77)
{01:35}	069	M	(Od'a);
{01:36}	070		(1.15)
{01:37}	071	M	DYma dyma dyma ty n'è s'uDA zal'ès; (.) nu ka daVAJ; (.) daVAJ;
{01:40}	072		(1.48)
{01:41}	073	M	DYma– (.) paŠOL– (.) paŠOL ats'uda; (.) NU?
{01:42}	074	F	((huštet))
{01:43}	075		(0.32)
{01:44}	076	M	ty V'IS' pravada zar'ažaju t'il'ifon;
{01:46}	077		(3.67)
{01:49}	078	M	t'il'èfonč'ik zar'ažaju; (.) V'Id'iš,
{01:52}	079		(4.89)
{01:56}	080	M	TA::K;

Listing (6).

{01:28}	062	M	von v'id'iš dažè žyVOT'ik patštlavl'ait mn'è;
{01:31}	063		(0.3)
{01:31}	064	F	VO:T vot vot; [(dyma)–]
{01:32}	065	M	[ty maja] U:Mn'ica;
{01:33}	066		(0.11)
{01:33}	067	F	UMn'ica;
{01:34}	068		(0.77)

{01:35}	069	M	<i>(Od'a);</i>
{01:36}	070		<i>(1.15)</i>
{01:37}	071	M	<i>DYma dyma dyma ty n'è s'uDA zal'ès; (.) nu ka daVAJ; (.) daVAJ;</i>
{01:40}	072		<i>(1.48)</i>
{01:41}	073	M	<i>DYma- (.) paŠOL- (.) paŠOL ats'uda; (.) NU?</i>
{01:42}	074	F	<i>((hušlet))</i>
{01:43}	075		<i>(0.32)</i>
{01:44}	076	M	<i>ty V'IS' pravada zar'ažaju t'il'ifon;</i>
{01:46}	077		<i>(3.67)</i>
{01:49}	078	M	<i>t'il'efonč'ik zar'ažaju; (.) V'Id'iš,</i>
{01:52}	079		<i>(4.89)</i>
{01:56}	080	M	<i>TA.:K;</i>
{01:57}	081		<i>(8.82) ((laute Nebengeräusche, Radio im Hintergrund))</i>

Listing (7). Fundamental Frequencies (Hz)*

		[i]	[I]	[e]	[æ]	[α]	[ɔ]	[ʊ]	[u]	[Λ]
F0	M	136	135	130	127	124	129	137	141	130
	W	235	232	223	210	212	216	232	231	221
	CH	272	269	260	251	256	263	276	274	261

Formant Frequencies

		[i]	[I]	[e]	[æ]	[α]	[ɔ]	[ʊ]	[u]	[Λ]
F1	M	270	390	530	660	730	570	440	300	640
	W	310	430	610	860	850	590	470	370	760
	CH	370	530	690	1010	1030	680	560	430	850
F2	M	2290	1990	1840	1720	1090	840	1020	870	1190
	W	2790	2480	2330	2050	1220	920	1160	950	1440
	CH	3200	2730	2610	2320	1370	1060	1410	1170	1590
F3	M	3010	2550	2480	2410	2440	2410	2240	2240	2390
	W	3310	3070	2990	2850	2810	2710	2680	2670	2780
	CH	3730	3600	3750	3320	3170	3180	3310	3260	3360

* Table of Formants with a mean frequency of F0,F1,F2,F3 of German Vowels of 76 analyzed speakers men (M), women (W) and children (CH) cited after Peterson and Barney 1952, 183, cf. [27].

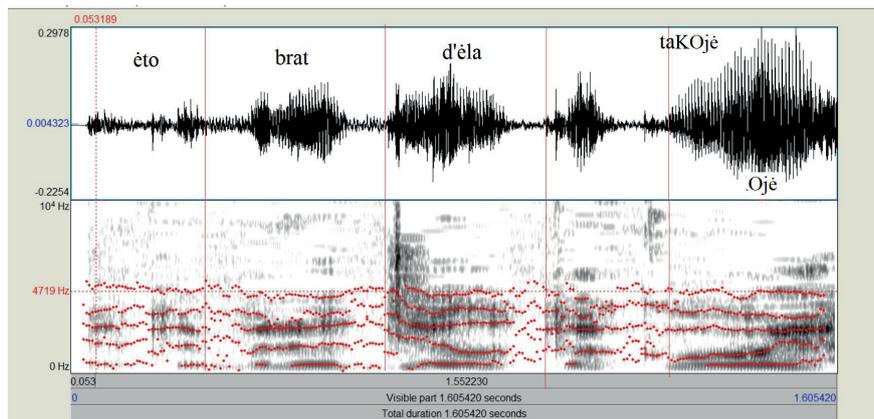


Table 1a. The whole utterance in PRAAT

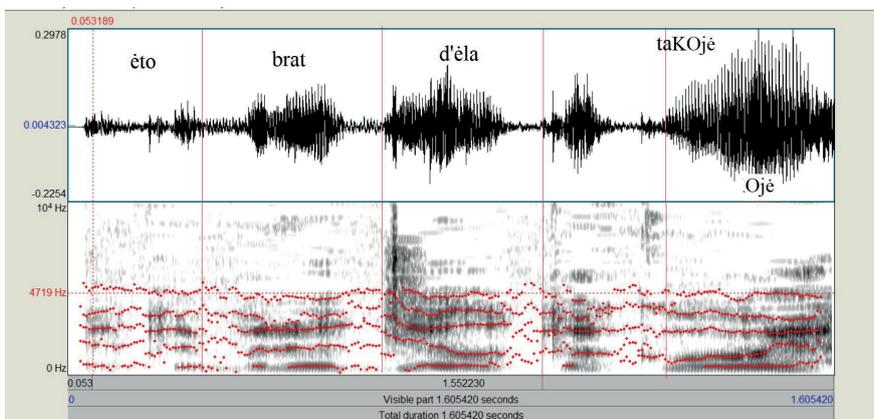


Table 1b. Sentence fragments on the spectrogram

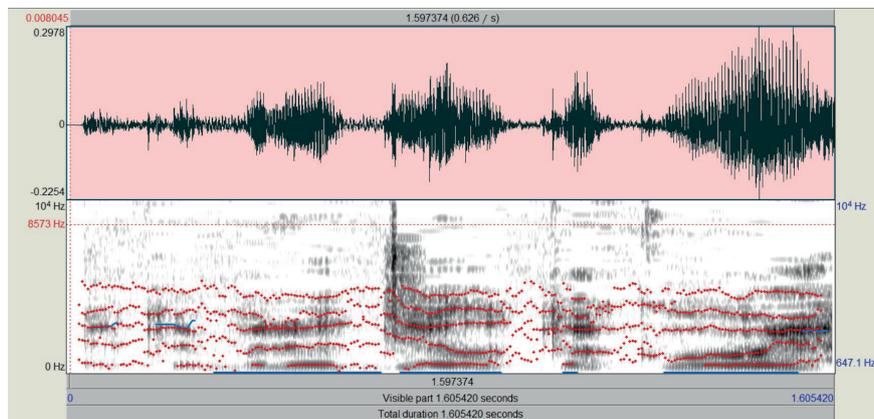


Table 1c. Mean formants for the whole utterance

Mean formants:

763.5186823582743 Hz (mean F1 in SELECTION)

1883.208084528371 Hz (mean F2 in SELECTION)

2912.5912715492186 Hz (mean F3 in SELECTION)

3864.1197661493816 Hz (mean F4 in SELECTION)

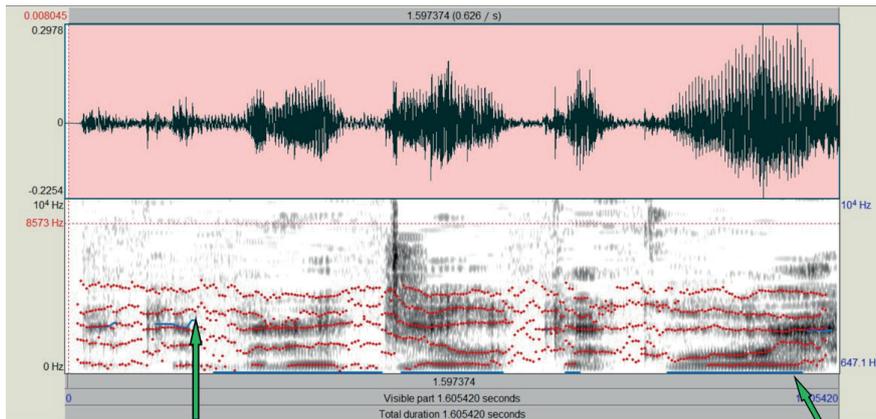


Table 1d. Maximum and minimum pitch of the whole utterance (blue line indicates pitches)

3081.2414340450746 Hz (maximum pitch in SELECTION)
 131.15644398124334 Hz (minimum pitch in SELECTION)

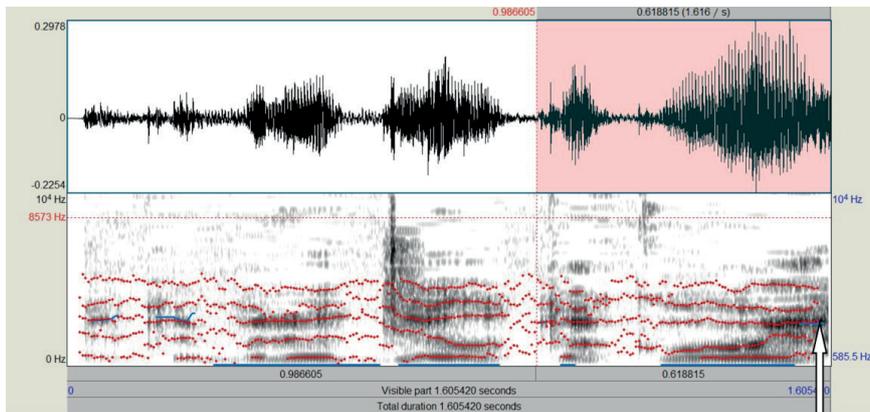


Table 1e. Maximum pitch in <taKOjè> (selected part)

2569.5481939563183 Hz (maximum pitch in SELECTION) -> <je>

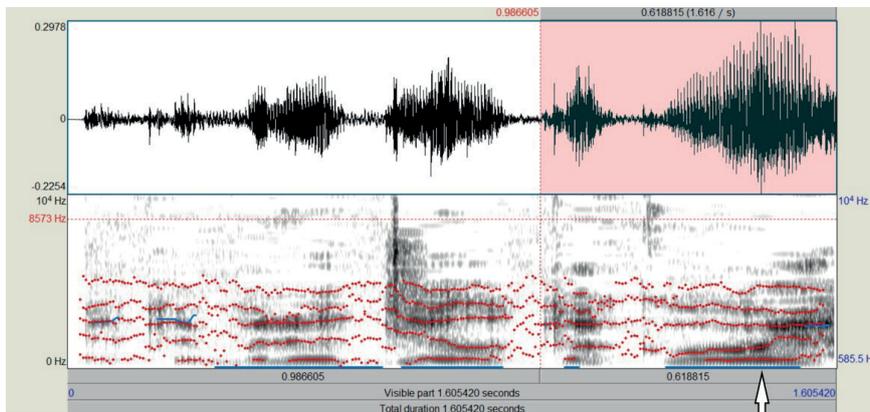


Table 1f. Minimum pitch in <taKOjè> (selected part)

131.15644398124334 Hz (minimum pitch in SELECTION)

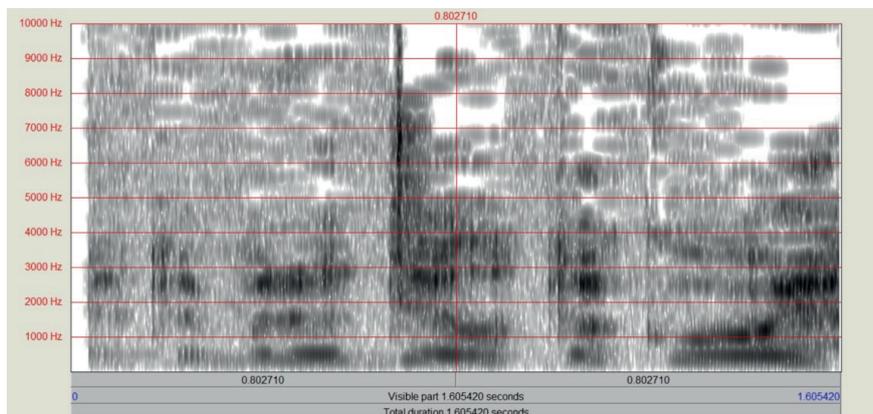


Table 1g. Spectrogram of the whole utterance

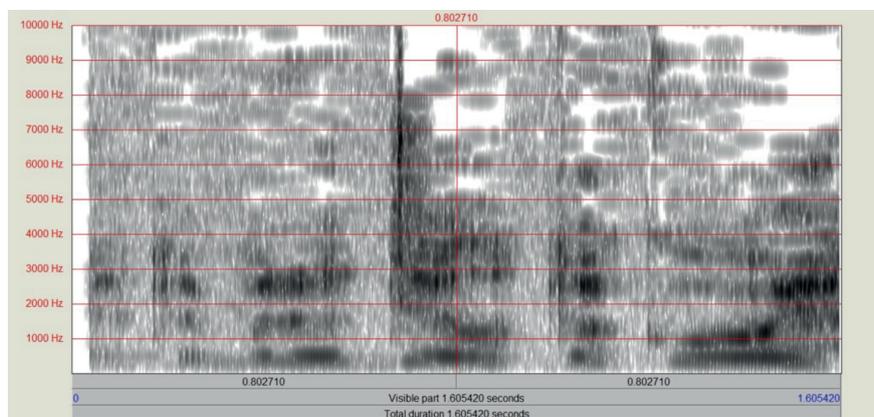


Table 1h. Spectrogram for <taKOjë>

Table 1i. Mean formants for <taKOjë>

783.6173451927275 Hz (mean F1 in SELECTION)
 1846.6718734205406 Hz (mean F2 in SELECTION)
 2888.735204619077 Hz (mean F3 in SELECTION)
 3796.0266385895557 Hz (mean F4 in SELECTION)

In the last example, listing (9), we can see how prosodic features that signal the completion of a call (opening closing), are only partially realized, because it is not a face-to-face communication, but a phone call, in which only one party and his/her linguistic signals are audible. The remote has a one-sided communication channel for the listener, and thus, so far, only the interviewer is present. Therefore, other verbal and non-verbal means are needed to open the conclusion of a call, the closing. The marking is usually done via conventional adoption rituals and expressions of gratitude. Most important is what has been said in the beginnings, there is no real closing, just an opening of closing without end.

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In turn 476, the official signal of closing is introduced: first *nu ladno* ‘well, ok’ and then in turn 478 *vse* ‘this is all’. This can be also seen on the F0, F1, on the intensity, on the falling pitch accent of the syllable and the intonation hat-contour after the first *vse*, and also on the short pause which serves as closing signal of the turn. Maximum pitch of the first *vse* is 206.41386897677467 Hz (maximum pitch in SELECTION), F1 is 984.316776545103 Hz (mean F1 in SELECTION), maximum pitch of the second *vse* is even higher, namely 322.25850434854783 Hz (maximum pitch in SELECTION) and the F1 is also more 1068.8981292102521 Hz (mean F1 in SELECTION).

{17:21}	463	(0.41) ((Klingeln eines Handys im Hintergrund))
{17:22}	464	M vot znač'it dvatcat'
{17:23}	465	(4.11) ((Nebengeräusche, Klingeln eines Handys im Hintergrund))
{17:33}	466	M da (.) zarabotal i
{17:35}	467	(0.32) ((Stimme des Telefongesprächspartners ist zu hören))
{17:35}	468	M druguju bata (0.12) ((Stimme des Telefongesprächspartners ist zu hören)) druguju paštav'il nu (.) nu tu žè sa (.) katoruju ja pam'in'al
{17:40}	469	(0.56) ((Stimme des Telefongesprächspartners ist zu hören))
{17:40}	470	M štaruju (0.37) v'id'ima nada batar'èjku (.) n_druguju by novuju kup'it'
{17:44}	471	(2.5) ((Stimme des Telefongesprächspartners ist zu hören))
{17:47}	472	M da è:: (.) jèsl'i by zd'ès' r'adam byl'i magaz'iny
{17:50}	473	(0.8) ((Stimme des Telefongesprächspartners ist zu hören))
{17:51}	474	M èta ja s'ènuju ta užè prašol (.) ja na vazn'is'èenskam
{17:53}	475	(0.87) ((Stimme des Telefongesprächspartners ist zu hören))
{17:54}	476	M nu (.) nu ladna (.) ja ja znaju kak ich zaštav'it' rabotat' (.) ich pam'at' nada nemnoška (.) an'i tam
{17:59}	477	(0.47) ((Stimme des Telefongesprächspartners ist zu hören))
{17:60}	478	M fs'o
{18:00}	479	(2.56) ((Stimme des Telefongesprächspartners ist zu hören))
{18:03}	480	M fs'o
{18:03}	481	(2.7) ((Stimme des Telefongesprächspartners ist zu hören))
{18:06}	482	M è v d'èv'at'
{18:07}	483	(6.78) ((Stimme des Telefongesprächspartners und Nebengespräche sind zu hören))
{18:13}	484	M kak
{18:14}	485	(1.16) ((Stimme des Telefongesprächspartners und Nebengespräche sind zu hören))
{18:15}	486	M charašo
{18:15}	487	(0.45) ((Stimme des Telefongesprächspartners und Nebengespräche sind zu hören))
{18:16}	488	M davaj
{18:16}	489	(0.85) ((Stimme des Telefongesprächspartners und Nebengespräche sind zu hören))
{18:17}	490	M charašo
{18:17}	491	(1.35) ((Gespräche im Hintergrund))
{18:19}	492	M ja vam pazvan'u
{18:19}	493	(7.71) ((Nebengeräusche und Gespräche im Hintergrund))
{18:27}	494	M a našèva (.) n'ètu u vas (.) nu vot
{18:29}	495	(0.12)
{18:29}	496	FA našèva n'èt
{18:30}	497	M a:
{18:30}	498	(0.28)
{18:30}	499	FA naš'èva da (by[vait])
{18:31}	500	M [nu:]èta daragoj kakoj= =ja bral pa saf's'em pa kap'èj pa dvatcat' (0.23) pa p'itnac pa dvac rubl'èj byl
{18:36}	501	(0.42)
{18:37}	502	M prašoj naš
{18:37}	503	(0.05)
{18:37}	504	FA t'ip'èr' takoj (.) nu (.) našèva u nas n'ètu at'èč'èstv'èn[ava]
{18:40}	505	M [a n'èt]ju [da:]
{18:40}	506	FA [ras'ijs]kava n'ètu
{18:41}	507	(0.05)
{18:41}	508	M nu èta dar[agoj]
{18:42}	509	FA [n'ètu i](.) m ((unverständlich))
{18:44}	510	(2.73) ((Nebengeräusche, Gespäche und Klingeln des Telefons im Hintergrund))

Prosody and the Grammar of Interaction

Our analysis of interplay between syntax and prosody would confirm our working hypothesis that prosody is an important means for closings: nevertheless, it is a necessary, but by far not a sufficient condition to end a turn successfully. Closings are like all other grammatical, lexical and suprasegmental means of conversation: they are subject of negotiation talk-in-interaction between all interlocutors. Data of spoken everyday talk clearly show that native speakers talks are not reopened at all, but are only followed by separate and highly limited post-session-conversations. Thus, the post-session consists of side-themes of the major topic which is a battery purchase. Post-sessions of this kind are typical for closings in everyday talk, especially and even more typical in distant calls: they are precluded by further side issues that only spin the main theme of the battery purchase forth. The reason for this ambiguity or even vagueness can be seen partly in the channel, but also in the fact, that phatic function of phone calls is more important (for many reasons) than in face-to-face talks: first of all, in order to ensure that the audible voice on the other end of the line does not remain still. The trial to end up the phone call several times collapses: speaker S35 is not only in trouble because the female voice presents more and more questions and the speaker is obviously exposed to the illocutionary compulsion in the sense of a question-answer adjacency pair. Secondly, he does not want to end abruptly for reasons of politeness. On the other hand, it is also him, who introduces new topics in the post-session conversation.

Results

F0 values were extracted in all examples at three important points: (1) the first lowest, (2) the highest from the F0-peak, and (3) the final one at the end of the topic constituent (cf. tables 1-4). Directives formed with verbs in the grammatical mode of imperative (which in Standard Russian rather express direct or even categorial command - a prompt command)) are often accompanied by prosodic means by which speakers either underline the illocutionary force or they express their emotional attitude to the interlocutors or to the topic of conversation. Speakers often use little words or adhortative particles, such as *davaj, davaj, vse, ladno-poexali, davaj-pošel-pošel* and repetitions of the proper Names or other forms of address (e.g. *Dyma* in the cat example, ORDS35_01, is repeated more than 5 times after another). These introducing little words, I would like to call pre-directives [31]. Although at the level of intensional semantics these elements/words may be regarded as emptied

(similar to what is sometimes claimed for modal or focus particles), still they play a crucial pragmatic and conversational function on the prosodic-semantic level of discourse. In fact, these little words are very meaningful, they build a situational semantics, expressing the relational attitude between the interlocutors, be it in human-human or human-animal oriented speech.

Therefore, at the level of the conversation, not the intensional meaning of the grammatical forms and their compositional sentence semantics is crucial for the interpretation (imperatives / commands), but rather the inferred illocution (in indirect speech acts) or the illocution by conversational implicature. In this way, the prosody switches the grammatical (sentence) meaning of the imperative forms to zero and causes a positive connotation, thus the compositional meaning of the utterance is positive-polite, even inviting and not forbidding. This all can not only be stated but rather it can be proven on the analysis of prosodic contours of the loci I am trying to investigate. We have found that not only the local tonal patterns of topic and focus positions are of the form of high-low-high or low-high-low-sequence patterns in all examined cases, but the data of F0 show by principle no local differences in the tonal behavior between different types of topics and foci. This is quite important also to the extent, that important information in the prosodic structure can be placed on any clause-internal position regardless of the status of the semantics (intensional or extensional, significative meaning or connotation). Exceptions are external topics, which seem, similar to parenthesis and analepsis, their own prosodic structure and their own prosodic domain. Thus, prosodic units which introduce a new information or those which repeat an information by means of external topics, seem to reset the F0-contour to a low F0-value immediately after the pause. Resetting is realized by starting at a low F0-level after the pause which is continued by an increase of F0-values. The same holds true for contexts in which a new introduced information is expressed by informational focus F0-contour (cf. 2 with the example of the numeral DVA focused after the first F0-contour). Table 2.

The maximum pitch of the first formant is 356.9201693729257 Hz (maximum pitch in SELECTION) as opposed to the minimal pitch 98.83444366771978 Hz (minimum pitch in SELECTION) which lies on the word 'ah' in the end of this prosodic unit.

In the continuous speech (sometimes even in single words) some parameters of the speech signal seem to change over longer periods continuously.

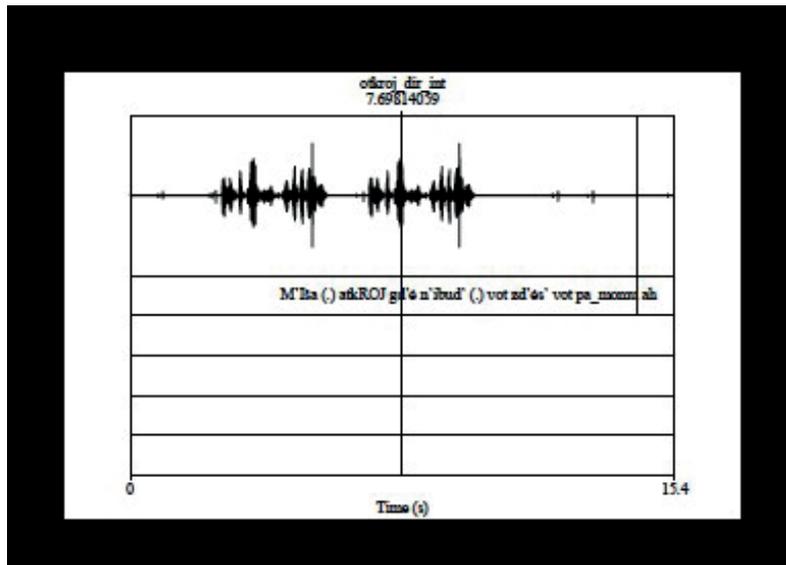


Table 2. The pitch accent of the word atkROJ (verum focus).

The type of utterance and also the semantics of the utterance are virtually modified and sometimes even determined by a global structure of sentential prosody. These parameters include, inter alia.

(i) The intonation, i.e. the course of the fundamental frequency in the voiced sections of the speech signal.

(ii) Pauses/breaks, that is, the absence of the speech signal.

(iii) Relative volume, i.e. local increases in energy.

The general use of these three parameters in the structure of an utterance we call prosody. As we now know, these parameters are determined not so much by the position of the articulation tract, but rather by the type of phonation.

(i) Topic-Focus-Articulation or Topic-Comment Structure (IS).

(ii) Illocutionary force / Mode (declaratives, questions, commands).

(iii) Emphasis: grammatically (defined by rules of the language, e.g. word order and topic-focus articulation in languages with fixed word order) or semantically (in languages with relative free word order) in order to call attention to certain content, so-called verum and contrastive focus.).

(iv) Resolution of syntactic, morphemic or semantic ambiguities.

(v) Feelings of the speaker.

(vi) Physical Fitness, and many more (gender, age, origin).

The following table serves as an example for how

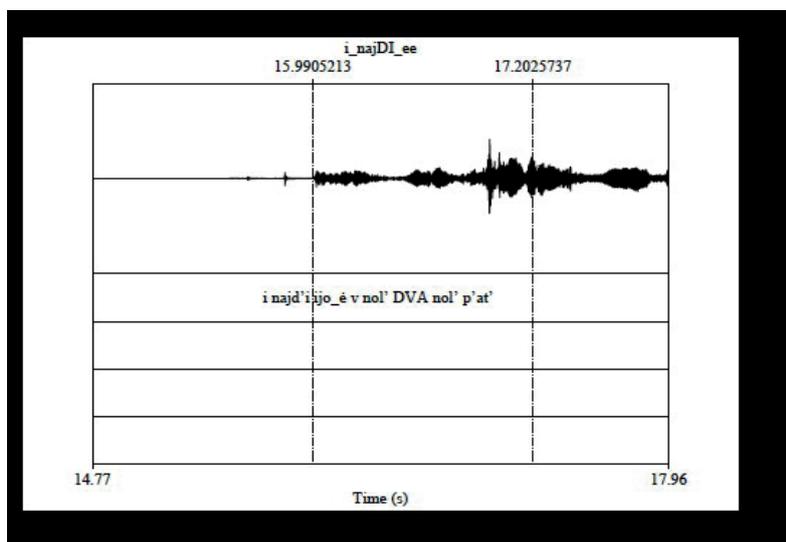


Table 3. Directive is not focused but rather the numeral DVA.

we can analyze the means of focus particles, proper names ('vocatives' of address) and directive verbs. We give a simple analysis of the turn 071 - 073 at {01:37} – {01:41}, example:

{01:37} 071 M DYma dyma dyma ty n'è s'uDA zal'ès; (.) nu ka daVAJ; (.) daVAJ;
 {01:40} 072 (1.48)
 {01:41} 073 M DYma- (.) paŠOL- (.) paŠOL ats'uda; (.) NU?

The analysis consists of the following parts:

1) PRAAT-spectrogram for the whole utterance (I have also segmented the PRAAT spectrogram so

that every sound corresponds to a word -> there is a separate picture).

- 2) Mean formants for the whole utterance
- 3) Maximum and minimum pitches for the whole utterance
- 4) Maximum and minimum pitches for <VO:T>, <UMn'ica>, <s'uDA>, <daVAJ> (1), <daVAJ> (2), <DYma->, <paŠOL->, <paŠOL> <NU?>
- 5) Mean formants for <VO:T>, <UMn'ica>, <s'uDA>, <daVAJ> (1), <daVAJ> (2), <DYma->, <paŠOL->, <paŠOL> <NU?>
- 6) Spectrogram only for <VO:T>, <UMn'ica>, <s'uDA>, <daVAJ> (1), <daVAJ> (2), <DYma->, <paŠOL->, <paŠOL> <NU?>

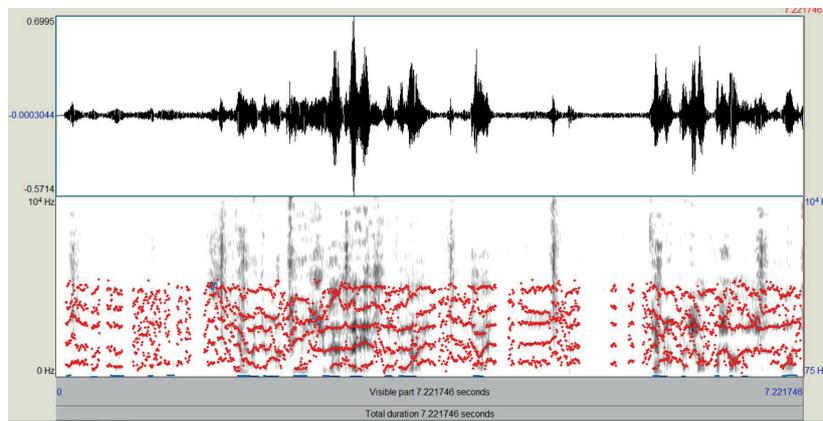


Table 4a. The whole utterance in PRAAT

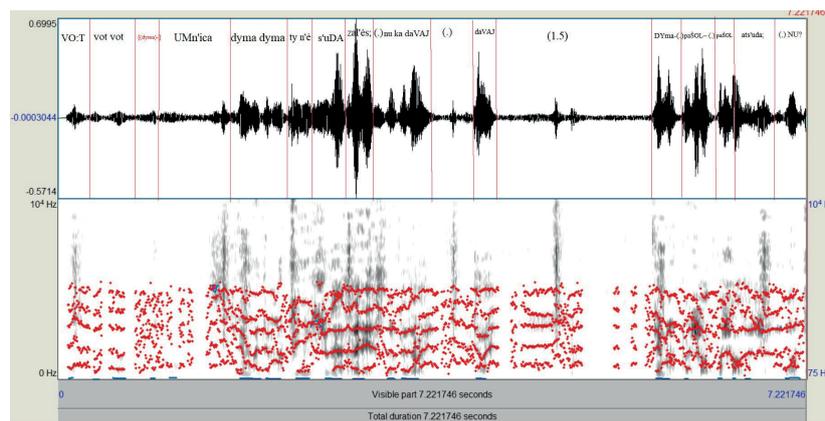


Table 4b. Sentence segments on the spectrogram

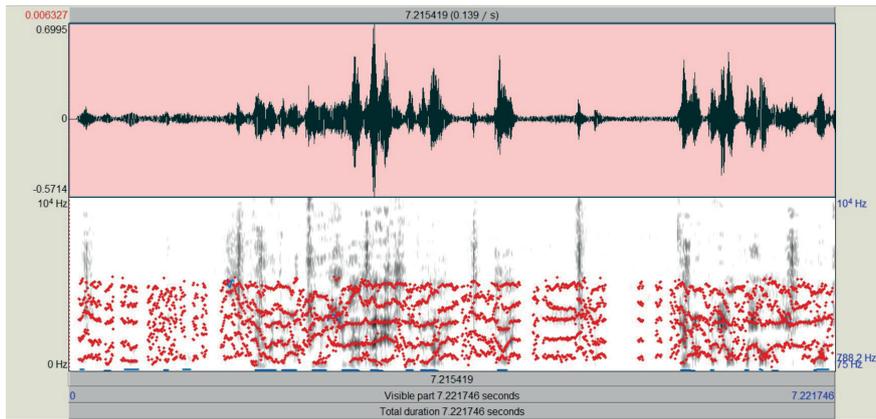


Table 4c. Mean formants for the whole utterance

908.5258106324959 Hz (mean F1 in SELECTION)
 1900.334775720959 Hz (mean F2 in SELECTION)
 2980.4661899306006 Hz (mean F3 in SELECTION)
 4002.1917089960366 Hz (mean F4 in SELECTION)
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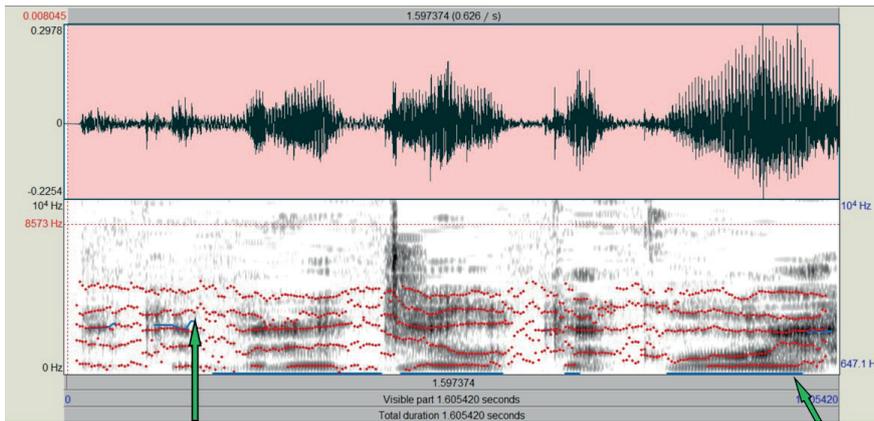


Table 4d. The maximum and minimum pitches of the whole utterance

5267.162162604605 Hz (maximum pitch in SELECTION)
 93.65122266810487 Hz (minimum pitch in SELECTION)

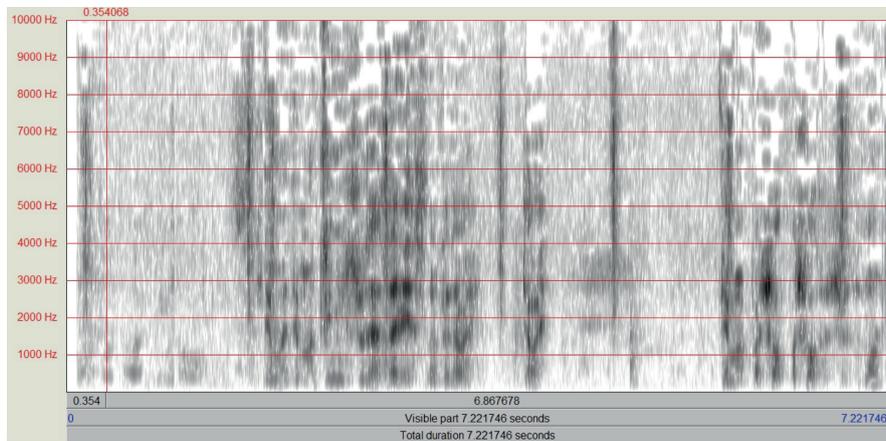


Table 4e. The detailed spectrogram of the whole utterance

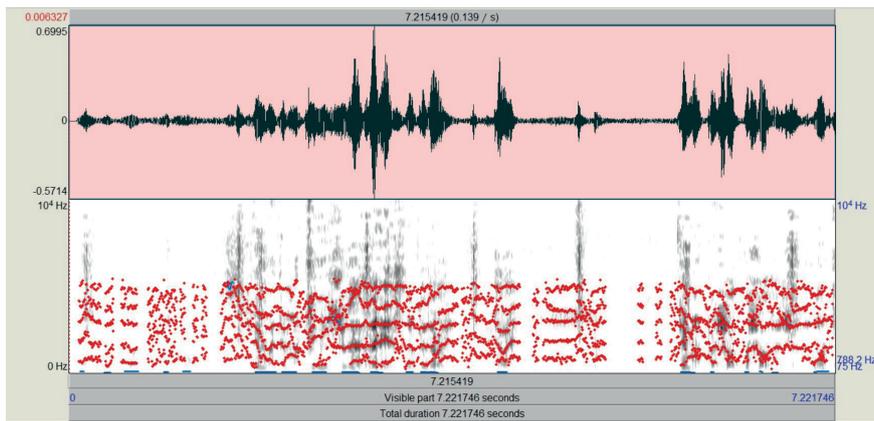


Table 4f. The maximum and the minimum pitch of <VO:T> (selection)

164.88060954103395 Hz (maximum pitch in SELECTION)

157.803949690266 Hz (minimum pitch in SELECTION)

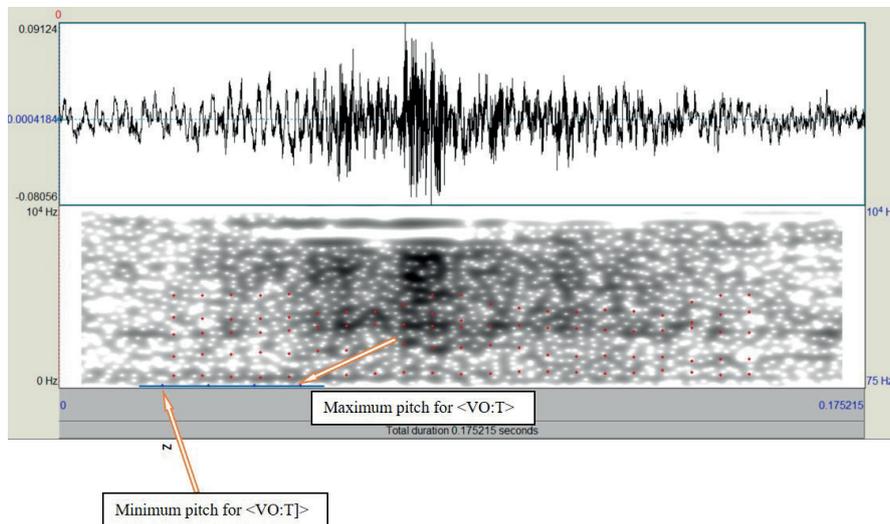


Table 4g. The spectrogram of <VO:T> (with the maximum and minimum pitch)

Table 4h. The mean formants of <VO:T>

729.7199350989506 Hz (mean F1 in SELECTION)

1859.242066343314 Hz (mean F2 in SELECTION)

3114.2079291847735 Hz (mean F3 in SELECTION)

3956.9432015685225 Hz (mean F4 in SELECTION)

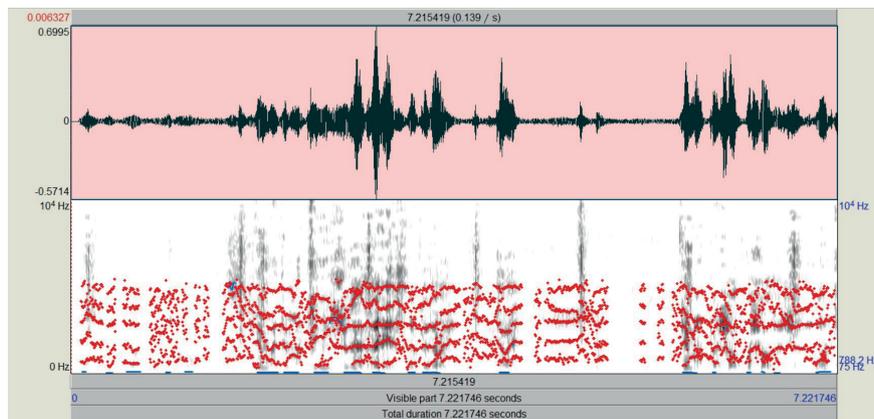


Table 4i. The maximum and the minimum pitch of <UMn'ica> (selection)

5797.437042238121 Hz (maximum pitch in SELECTION)
 177.35772359514885 Hz (minimum pitch in SELECTION)

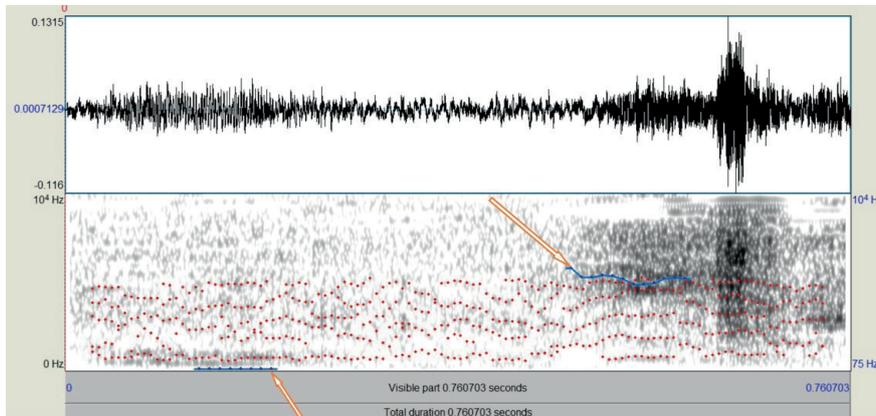


Table 4j. The spectrogram of <UMn'ica> (with the maximum and minimum pitch)

Table 4k. The mean formants of <UMn'ica>
 866.8298558292134 Hz (mean F1 in SELECTION)
 2038.001396226066 Hz (mean F2 in SELECTION)
 3084.03131115905 Hz (mean F3 in SELECTION)
 4183.460143789422 Hz (mean F4 in SELECTION)

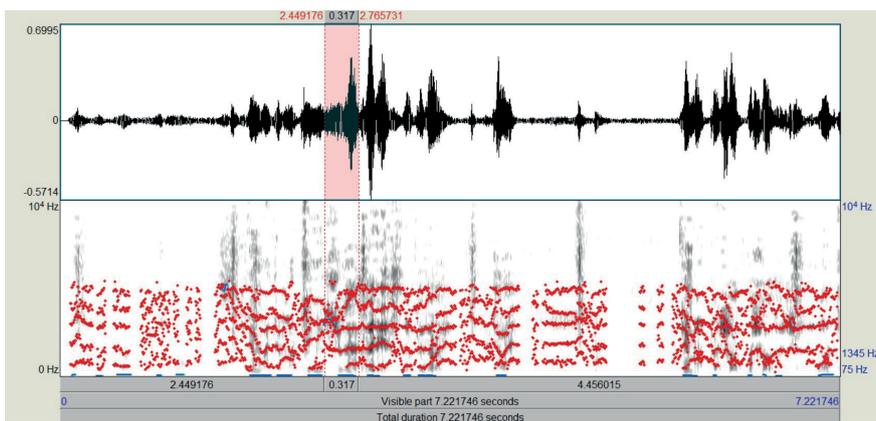


Table 4l. The maximum and the minimum pitch of <s'uDA> (selection)

3319.9894543060127 Hz (maximum pitch in SELECTION)
 116.99023346841285 Hz (minimum pitch in SELECTION)

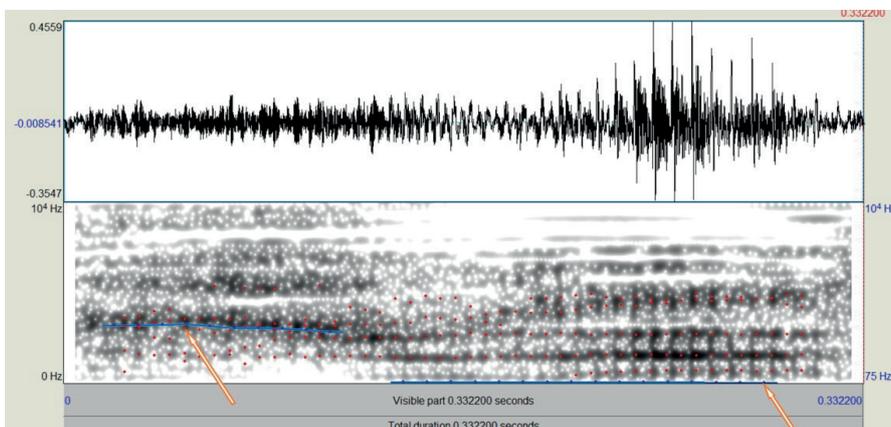


Table 4m. The spectrogram of <s'uDA> (with the maximum and minimum pitch)

Table 4n. The mean formants of <s'uDA>

1129.1810784948368 Hz (mean F1 in SELECTION)
 2102.026608699235 Hz (mean F2 in SELECTION)
 3075.894343973545 Hz (mean F3 in SELECTION)
 4086.2455526013127 Hz (mean F4 in SELECTION)

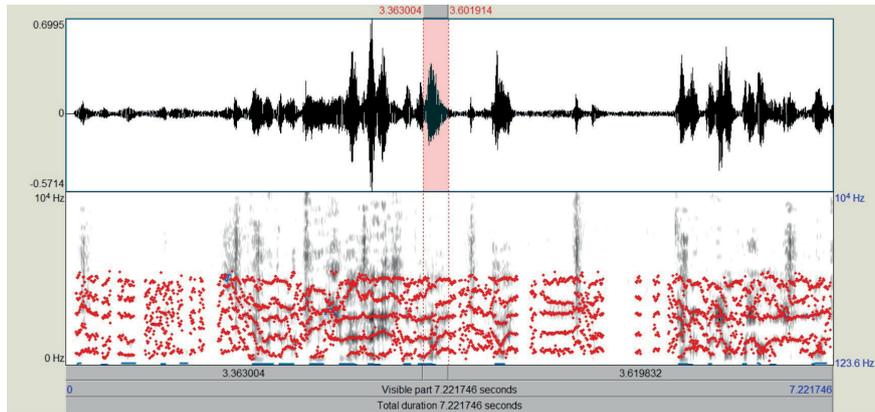


Table 4o. The maximum and the minimum pitch of <daVAJ> (1) (selection)

129.22860531593912 Hz (maximum pitch in SELECTION)
 115.44759183855169 Hz (minimum pitch in SELECTION)

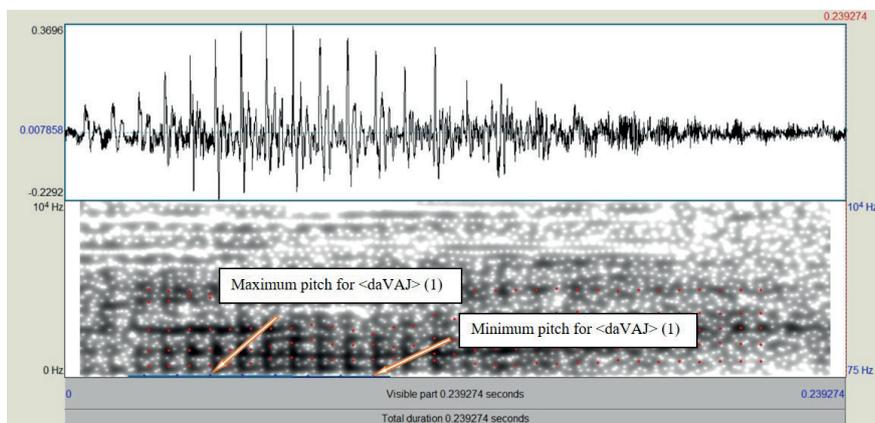


Table 4p. The spectrogram of <daVAJ> (1) (with the maximum and minimum pitch)

Table 4q. The mean formants of <daVAJ> (1)

794.0067199028679 Hz (mean F1 in SELECTION)
 1656.917135613166 Hz (mean F2 in SELECTION)
 2686.5556218709953 Hz (mean F3 in SELECTION)
 3973.3699119077737 Hz (mean F4 in SELECTION)

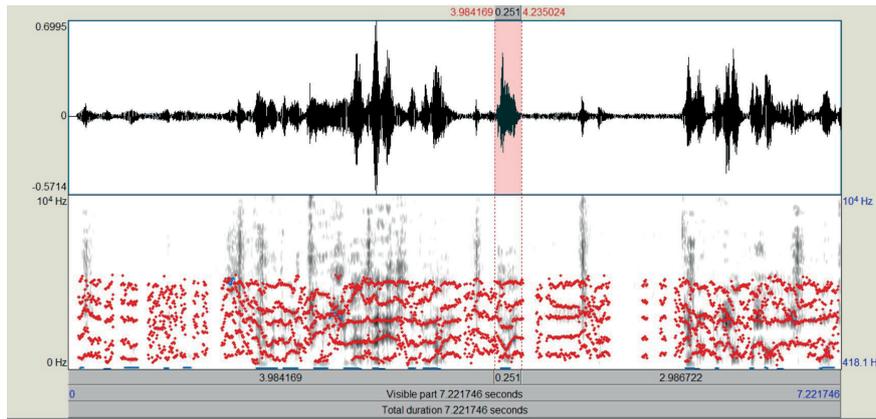


Table 4r. The maximum and the minimum pitch of <daVAJ> (2) (selection)

1718.0355203958395 Hz (maximum pitch in SELECTION)

124.02667997735372 Hz (minimum pitch in SELECTION)

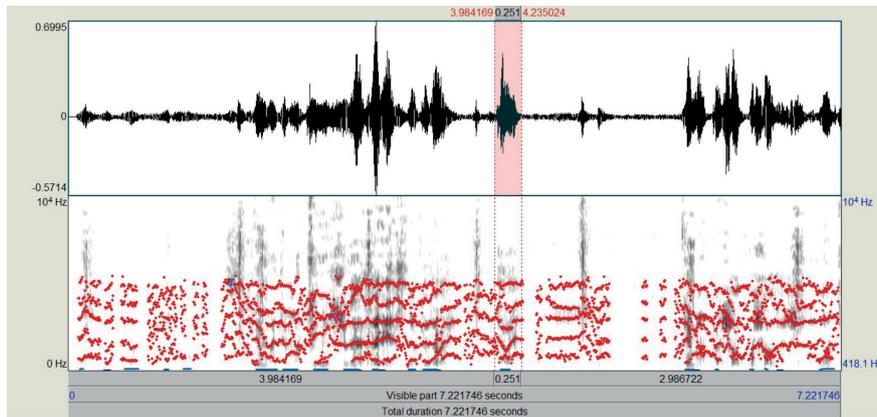


Table 4s. The spectrogram of <daVAJ> (2) (with the maximum and minimum pitch)

Table 4t. The mean formants of <daVAJ> (2)

888.9473351750596 Hz (mean F1 in SELECTION)

1646.9792341229236 Hz (mean F2 in SELECTION)

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3890.711819828878 Hz (mean F4 in SELECTION)

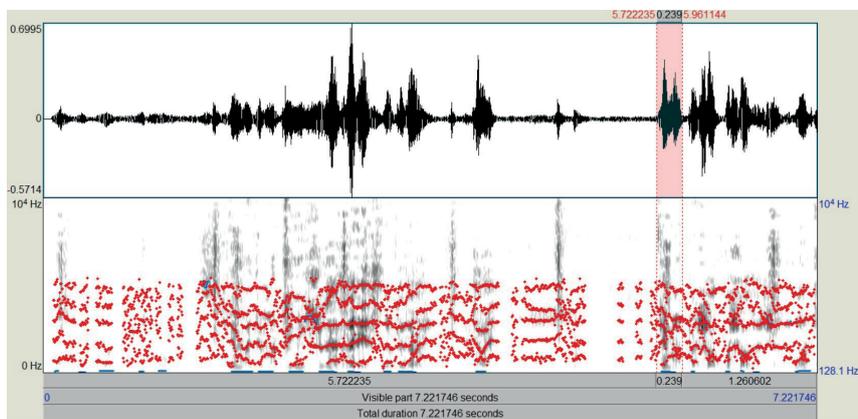


Table 4u. The maximum and the minimum pitch of <DYma-> (selection)

146.69795166795683 Hz (maximum pitch in SELECTION)
 104.88468915064904 Hz (minimum pitch in SELECTION)

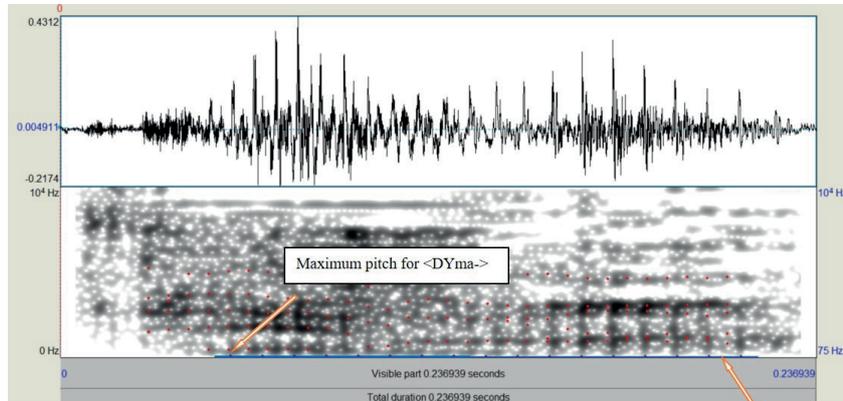


Table 4v. The spectrogram of <DYma-> (with the maximum and minimum pitch)

Table 4w. The mean formants of <DYma->
 921.9994542937324 Hz (mean F1 in SELECTION)
 1809.0296358109708 Hz (mean F2 in SELECTION)
 2793.366177306505 Hz (mean F3 in SELECTION)
 3650.4706597617765 Hz (mean F4 in SELECTION)

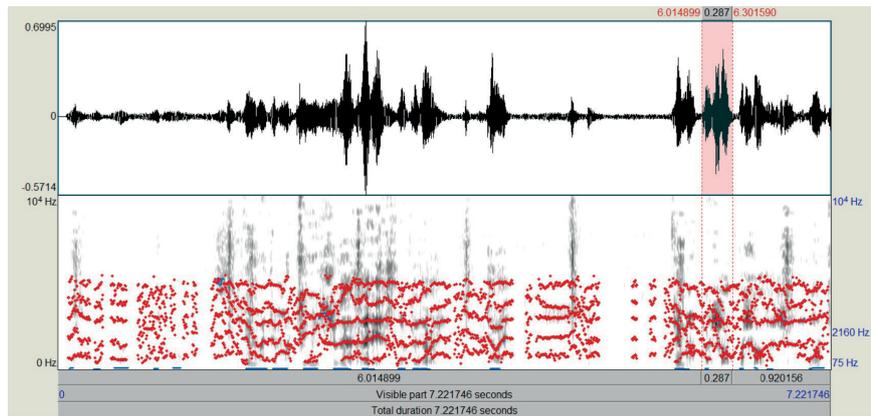


Table 4x. The maximum and minimum pitch of <pašOL-> (selection)

2921.5360485135843 Hz (maximum pitch in SELECTION)
 123.67683123178263 Hz (minimum pitch in SELECTION)

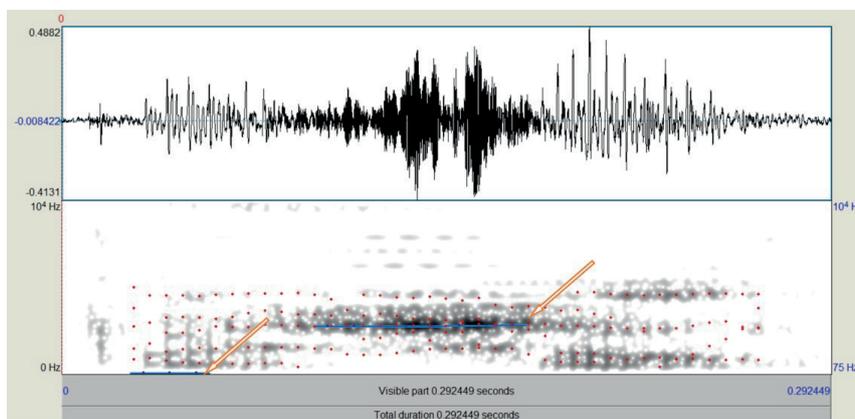


Table 4y. The spectrogram of <pašOL-> (with the maximum and minimum pitch)

Table 4z. The mean formants of <pašOL—>

929.3303574195282 Hz (mean F1 in SELECTION)
 1871.8950568871903 Hz (mean F2 in SELECTION)
 2766.751525930685 Hz (mean F3 in SELECTION)
 3773.1872087984893 Hz (mean F4 in SELECTION)

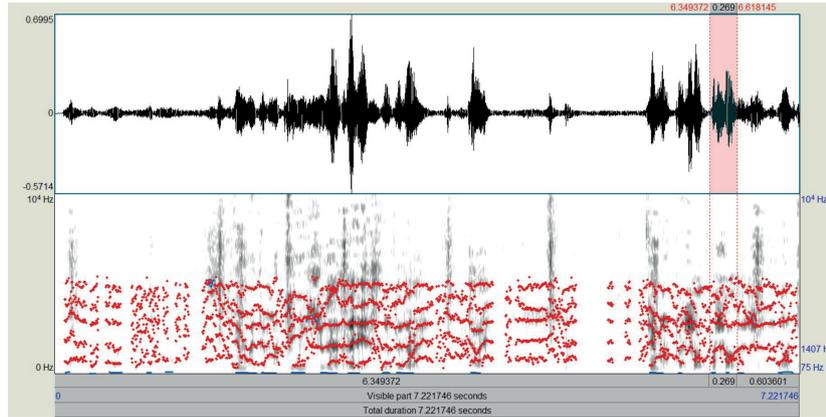


Table 4I. The maximum and minimum pitch of <pašOL> (selection)

2916.4215755766304 Hz (maximum pitch in SELECTION)
 148.29557985956743 Hz (minimum pitch in SELECTION)

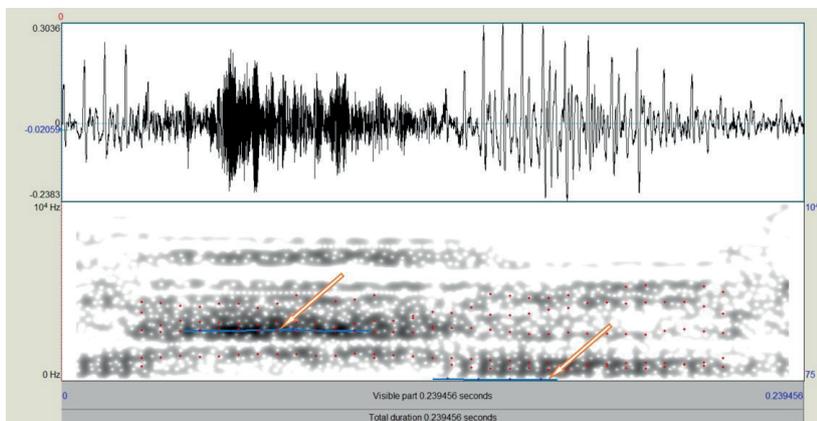


Table 4II. The spectrogram of <pašOL> (with the maximum and minimum pitch)

Table 4III. The mean formants of <pašOL>

960.1994591497156 Hz (mean F1 in SELECTION)
 1701.7114318026045 Hz (mean F2 in SELECTION)
 2929.8458348142185 Hz (mean F3 in SELECTION)
 4068.762680805259 Hz (mean F4 in SELECTION)

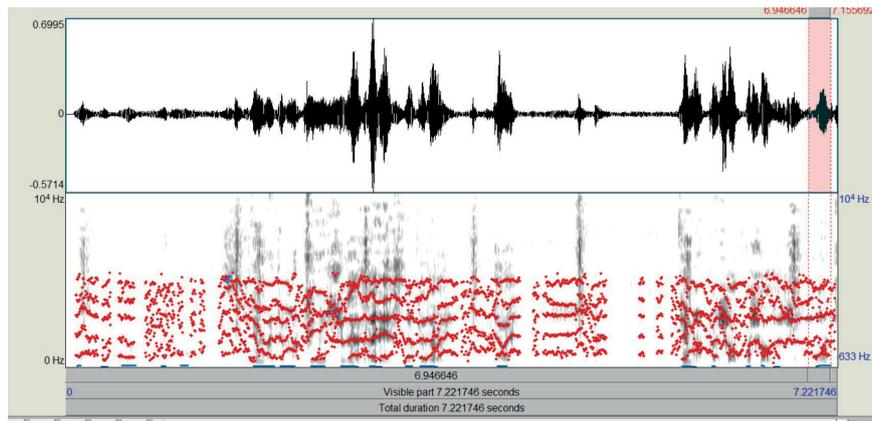


Table 4IV. The maximum and minimum pitch of <NU?> (selection)

2990.9907868451774 Hz (maximum pitch in SELECTION)

141.52417994308513 Hz (minimum pitch in SELECTION)

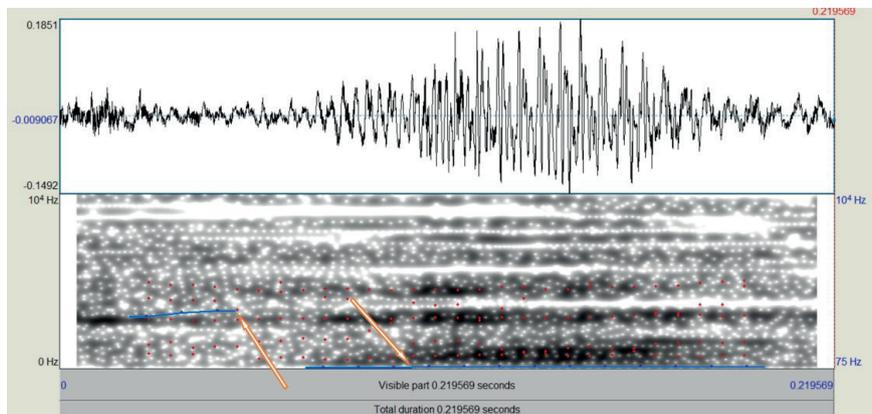


Table 4V. The spectrogram of <NU?> (with the maximum and minimum pitch

Table 4VI. The mean formants of <NU?>

750.4803395154528 Hz (mean F1 in SELECTION)

1523.6036674462148 Hz (mean F2 in SELECTION)

2923.5127651083344 Hz (mean F3 in SELECTION)

4012.3328827400896 Hz (mean F4 in SELECTION)

Conclusion

The present contribution builds on our past occupations with spoken Russian casual everyday speech in spontaneous unprepared dialogues. In addition to the communication between humans and humans, a special case is examined, which is not well described in the literature on interactional linguistics and conversation analysis. Too little attention has been paid to the communication between humans and pets. It is about dialogues that are done with pets, of course, these dialogues are structured so that the role of the animal interlocutor, in this case, the cat Dyma, the human Speaker (Sp1 = Sp2) takes over.

In this particular kind of dialogue, prosodic means and syntax play a dominant role, both in terms of opening and centering the conversation,

and especially at the closings, which are a pragmatically sensitive situation because there is a danger that the face of the partner be threatened, thus violating the afore mentioned maxim of social relevance. Precisely because completing a conversation raises the danger of hurting the partner by breaking off the conversation against his/her his “face”, closings are often longer than one would normally expect. There are conversation types, such as the long-distance phone calls, presented here from the corpus ORD, in which even the phase of the closing is longer than the middle of the conversation. In particular, prosodic and syntactic means of information structuring help the interlocutor not to impair the social maxim of closeness and conflict-free democratic participation.

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