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This book differs from other recent works on the same subject in that it treats inflectional morphology as an autonomous system of principles rather than as a subsystem of syntax or phonology and it draws upon evidence from a diverse range of languages in motivating the proposed conception of word structure.

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Abbreviations

1	first person
2	second person
2M	double-marking subclass of headed expressions
3	third person
abl	ablative case
acc	accusative case
act	active voice
AGR	AGREEMENT feature
AGR(ob)	AGREEMENT(object) feature
AGR(su)	AGREEMENT(subject) feature
anim	animate class
ANIM	ANIMATE feature
aor	aorist tense
cl	noun class
compar	comparative degree
conj	conjunct mood
CONJ	CONJUGATION feature
CUG	Coderivative Uniformity Generalization
dat	dative case
DEG	DEGREE feature
DI	Differentiated Inflection (hypothesis concerning promiscuous inflections)
DIM	diminutive
DIR	DIRECT case feature
du	dual number
EM	external marking subclass of headed expressions
excl	exclusive
FCD	Function Composition Default
fem	feminine gender
fin	finite form

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FLOH	Fixed Linear Ordering Hypothesis
FUT	Lingala FUTURE feature
gen	genitive case
GEN	GENDER feature
HAP	Head-Application Principle
HM	head-marking subclass of headed expressions
HOH	Head Operation Hypothesis
IFD	Identity Function Default
impf	imperfect tense
impv	imperative mood
inanim	inanimate class
incl	inclusive
INCL	INCLUSIVE feature
indic	indicative mood
inf	infinitive form
instr	instrumental case
loc	locative case
masc	masculine gender
mid	middle voice
MR	Potawatomi MAJOR REFERENCE feature
neg	negative polarity
neut	neuter gender
nom	nominative case
NUM	NUMBER feature
ob	object
obv	obviative
pass	passive voice
pcl	particle
PER	PERSON feature
PFM	Paradigm Function Morphology
pl	plural number
POL	POLARITY feature
pos	positive polarity; *also* positive degree
POSS	POSSESSOR feature
pple	participle
Pr	prefixal affix position
pres	present tense
PRES	Lingala PRESENT feature
PRET	PRETERITE feature

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PUG	Paradigm Uniformity Generalization
REFL	REFLEXIVE feature
rel.past	Fula relative past tense
sg	singular number
su	subject
superl	superlative degree
TNS	TENSE feature
UMoR	Undifferentiated Mass of Rules (hypothesis concerning promiscuous inflections)
VCE	VOICE feature
VFORM	VERB FORM feature
voc	vocative case

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