

Form-meaning correspondences in number: the case of LSC

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The morphological strategies expressing number in sign languages are fairly well known, but the meaning each operation comes with have not yet been exhaustively studied in the pronominal domain. Despite this, a biunivocal relation between forms and functions in number is commonly assumed. As a result, the same number values are proposed for a variety of sign languages and categories. Drawing on Catalan Sign Language (LSC) elicited data, I will first address the use and interpretation of uninflected pronouns, showing that the same form might correspond to multiple meanings. Then, I will discuss the meaning attributed to pronouns reduplicated with movement. I will argue that, unlike the case of other sign languages, the combination of these two markers in LSC pronouns is neither distributivity nor exhaustivity, but rather paucity. Besides, the case of pronouns reduplicated with movement show that the same operation may contribute different interpretation across domains (paucity in case of pronouns, plurality in the case of nouns).