Serial verbs In Croatian? Go figure!

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Serial verb constructions (SVCs) are sequences of verbs without any overt marker of coordination, subordination, or syntactic dependency of any sort. They typically consist of two verbs but are interpreted as a single event (Aikhenvald & Dixon 2006).

**Subject Control**

(9) a. Odi kupi / *kupite novine. [SVC] goIMP2.sg. buyIMP2.sg.buy2.pl newspapers
b. Odi i kupi / kupite novine. [CC] goIMP2.sg.and buyIMP2.sg.buy2.pl newspapers

**Clitic Climbing**

(10) a. Odi mi kupi novine. [SVC] go to-me-Cl. buy newspapers
b. Odi (mi) kupi (mi) novine. [CC] go to-me-Cl. and buy to-me-Cl. newspapers

**Impressive-type SVCs**

(14) a. Odi kupi / *kupite novine. [SVC] goIMP2.sg. buyIMP2.sg.buy2.pl newspapers
b. Moraš (*vi) kupiti novine [INF] must2.sg. (you2.pl.) buy-inf. newspapers
c. Moraš da kupiš / *kupite novine. [CS] must2.sg. that buy2.sg. buy2.pl. newspapers

**SVCs IN RELATION TO OTHER ANAPHORIC CLAUSES IN CR AND BALKAN LANGUAGES**

**Shared Patterns**

SVCs pattern with infinitives (INF) and Balkan control subjunctives (CS) with respect to the syntactic tests in (14-16):

**Subject Control**

(15) a. Odi danas kupi novine sutra. [SVC] go today buy newspapers tomorrow
b. Moraš danas kupiti novine sutra. [INF] must today buy-inf. newspapers tomorrow
c. Moraš danas da kupiš novine sutra. [CS] must today that buy newspapers tomorrow

**Cative Impersonal SVCs**

(16) a. Odi mi kupi novine. [SVC] go to-me-Cl. buy newspapers
b. Moraš mi kupiti novine. [INF] must to-me-Cl. buy-inf. Newspapers
c. Moraš mi? da kupiš novine. [CS] must to-me-Cl. that buy newspapers

**Distinctive Patterns**

**Separate Modification**

at kiosk
b. *Moraš danas obavezno kupiti novine na kiosku.

**Narrow Negation Scope**

(18) a. Probaj ne zakasniš / da ne zakasniš tryIMP2.sg. neg. be-late2.sg. SUBJ neg. be-late2.sg.

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