CHAPTER-5

REDUPLICATION

5.0. Introduction

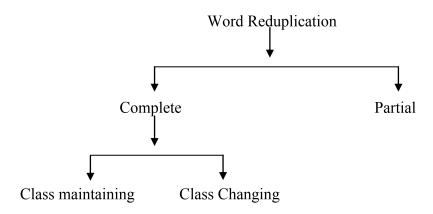
Reduplication is the process of fully or partially repetition of the base form to have a word. Structurally this process can be classified into partial and complete reduplication. Abbi (1992:12) define that "reduplication stands for repetition of all or a part of a lexical item carrying a semantic modification." According to her, reduplication can be classified mainly into two types, i.e. morphological and lexical reduplication. Morphological reduplication refers to the minimally meaningful and segmentally indivisible morphemes which are constituted of iterated syllables. The onomatopoeic constructions, imitative, certain instances of sound symbolism, mimic words are all examples of morphological reduplication. Lexical reduplication refers to the repetition of any sequence of phonological units comprising of a word. It is not minimally meaningful and thus can be further divided as they are formed of two identical words or two non-identical phonological words, e.g. baithe baithe 'while sitting', khana vana 'food etc.' (see Abbi (1992), for further discussion).

The reduplication is another important process of word formation in Bodo. On the basis of the word structure, reduplication can be either complete or partial. In Bodo, the reduplication can be broadly classified into three types, viz. word reduplication, echoformations and expressives.

5.1. Word Reduplication

Word reduplication stands for the complete or partial repetition of the base of the word or the stem. In case of word formation, the complete word reduplication is found in two types namely, Class changing and Class maintaining. The following chart is the classification of word reduplication in Bodo.

Figure 5:



5.1.1. Complete word reduplication

The complete word reduplication is a process of word repetition where the same base words or stems are repeated itself fully. In this process, words are formed by class changing and class maintaining of grammatical categories. These are given below:

Class changing word reduplication: The process can derive new words in Bodo.

	Adjective	>	Adverb
(i)	t ^h ab		t ^h ab-t ^h ab
	quick		'quickly'
(ii)	laswi		laswi-laswi
	slow		'slowly'

Verb > Adverb

(iii) musá musá-musá

dace' 'while dancing'

(iv) mini mini-mini

smile 'while smiling'

Class maintaining word reduplication:

ear

In this process, words do not change its lexemes but it is formed by semantic modification.

	Adjective	>	Adjective Plural
(i)	guıza		gwza-gwza
	red		'red (PL)'
(ii)	gumui		gumui-gumui
	yellow		'yellow (PL)'
	Noun	>	Noun
(iii)	lama		lama-lama
	road		'through the roads'
(iv)	k ^h uma		k ^h uma-k ^h uma

'ear to ear'

5.1.1.1. Adverb formation by complete reduplication

In Bodo, a large number of adverbs are formed by complete reduplication process.

5.1.1.1. Reduplicative adverb from adjective

Many adverbs are derived from adjectives by complete reduplication process in Bodo language.

	Adjective >	Adverb
(i)	guduŋ	guduŋ-guduŋ
	hot	'hotly'
(ii)	guık ^h rui	guik ^h rui-guik ^h rui
	speed	'speedily'
(iii)	mabar	mabar-mabar
	immediate	'immediately'
(iv)	ra g a	raga-raga
	angry	'angrily'
(v)	siri	siri-siri
	silent	'silently'
(vi)	gururi	gurui-gurui
	smooth	'smoothly'

Example as under the following sentence:

210. /bi-yui guduŋ-guduŋ saha luŋ-ui/
he-NOM hot-hot tea drink-HAB
'He drinks tea hotly.'

5.1.1.1.2. Reduplicative adverb from verb

In Bodo, the complete verbal repetition forms the adverbs

	Verb >	Adverb
(i)	bibai	bibai-bibai
	to beg	'by begging'
(ii)	raizlai	raizlai-raizlai
	to talk (each other)	'keep talking'
(iii)	t ^h abai	t ^h abai-t ^h abai
	to walk	'while walking'

5.1.1.3. Reduplicative adverb from numeral

Numeral reduplication forms an adverb in Bodo language.

	Numeral >	Adverb
(i)	sat ^h am	sat ^h am-sat ^h am
	three (human)	'three at a time'
(ii)	mwnnwi	munnui-munnui
	two (materials)	'two at a time'

A sentence is shown below the numeral reduplication functioning as adverb.

211. /mastar-a p^horaisa-p^hur-k^huu sat^ham-sat^ham leŋhór-duŋ/
teacher-NOM student-PL-ACC three-three call-PROG
'Teacher is calling three students at a time.'

5.1.1.2. Semantic differences in complete reduplication

In Bodo, nominal, adjectival, verbal and adverbs reduplications are found in different meanings, like plural meaning, locative meaning, co-occurrence, persuasive, repetition, each etc. The following sub-sections are analyzed on semantic grounds.

5.1.1.2.1. Plural meaning

In Bodo, the plural meaning is indicated by complete reduplication of interrogative, indefinite and reflexive pronouns.

Interrogative pronoun:

	Singular	Plural
(i)	ma	ma-ma
	what	'what (PL)'
(ii)	sùir	sùır-sùır
	who	'who (PL)'
(iii)	bobe	bobe-bobe
	which	'which (PL)'

The sentences have given below to know the plural meaning of interrogative pronoun's reduplication.

214. /beyao swr phui-gun/

here who come-FUT

'Who will come here?'

215. /beyao sùr-sùr mansi p^hui-gun/

here who-who man come-FUT

'Who are the people will come here?'

216. /nuŋ **bobe** gosla-kʰuu muzŋmun-ɯ/

you what item-ACC like-HAB

'Which shirt do you like?'

217. /nuŋ **bobe bobe** gosla-kʰuu mwzŋmun-ɯ/

you what item-ACC like-HAB

'Which are the shirts do you like?'

Indefinite pronoun:

	Singular	Plural
(i)	surba	surba-surba
	somebody	'some bodies'
(ii)	k ^h aise	k ^h aise-k ^h aise
	someone	'some-ones'
(iii)	bobaoba	bobaoba-bobaoba
	somewhere	'somewhere (PL)'

Reflexive pronoun:

(i) gao gao-gao

self 'selves'

Some adjectives also indicate plural meaning by complete reduplication in Bodo language.

Singular Plural

(i) gwza gwza-gwza

red 'red (PL)'

(ii) gup^húr gup^húr-gup^húr

white 'white (PL)'

(iii) gusum gusum-gusum

black 'black (PL)'

218. /bé bagan-ao guza-guza bibar doŋ/

It garden-LOC red-red flower be

'There are red (red) flowers in the garden.'

219. /bé hat h ai-yao gup h úr-gup h úr musuu p h an-duŋ/

this market-LOC white-white cow sell-PROG

'White (white) cows are selling in this market.'

220. /aŋ lama-yao gwswm gwswm maozi nú-dwŋ/

I road-LOC black-black cat see-PROG

'I am seeing black (black) cats at the road'

Nouns also denote plural meaning by complete reduplication in Bodo language.

(ii) gami gami-gami
village 'villages' / 'village to village'

(ii) no no-no
house 'houses' / 'house to house'

(iii) lama lama-lama

road

The following sentences are represented the meaning of plural by complete reduplication of noun in Bodo language.

'throw the roads' / 'road to road'

thán-khán-bai/ 221. /bisur-w gami-gami guiban they-NOM village-village go-already-PERF many 'They have already gone many villages.' 222. /bisur-w gaosur-ni berai-dun/ no-no They-NOM selves-GEN house-house roam-PROG

'They are roaming to their own houses.'

223. /aŋ gari-kʰuu lama-lama salai-duŋ/
I car-ACC road-road drive-PROG
'I am driving car throw the roads.'

5.1.1.2.2. Locative meaning

Generally, the locative meaning is indicated by the case marker /-ao/ or /-yao/. However, sometimes the reduplication of common noun signifies the locative meaning in Bodo language.

(i) hagra hagra-hagra

jungle 'in the jungle'

(ii) bari bari-bari

garden 'in the garden'

(iii) dubli dubli-dubli

paddy field 'in the paddy field'

The sentence with locative case marker:

224. /mui-ya **hagra-yao** t^ha-yui/
deer-NOM jungle-LOC. live-HAB.

'The deer lives in the jungle.'

The sentence with reduplication:

225. /mwi-ya **hagra-hagra** t^ha-yw/
deer-NOM jungle-jungle live-HAB.

'The deer lives in the jungle.'

226. /daobo-ya **wuwabari-wuwabari** basa banai-yui/
Heron-NOM bamboo garden-bamboo garden nest build-HAB.

'The heron nests in the bamboo-garden'

227. /musuu-wa **dubli-dubli** gaŋsu za-yuı/
cow-NOM paddy field-paddy field grass eat-HAB.

'Cow grazes in the paddy field.'

5.1.1.2.3. Co-occurrence

When adverbs are derived from the verbs, it is repeated and conveys the meaning of co-occurrence.

5.1.1.2.4. Repetition

Some adverbs are reduplicated to express the meaning of repetition.

(i) gole-gole 'again and again'
 (ii) k^honle-k^honle 'again and again'
 (iii) zaolé-zaolé 'again and again'
 (iv) k^hés-k^hés 'repeatedly'

The sentences are shown below to know the meaning of repetition of the adverbs.

230. aŋ bé-
$$k^h$$
uru gole-gole p^h orai-bai/

I it-ACC again-again read-PERF

'I have read it again and again.'

he/she-GEN. about again-again NEG-say

'Don't say again and again about him/her.'

5.1.1.2.5. Persuasive

If the simple verbs or imperative verbs are used in reduplication, they may convey the meaning of 'persuasion'.

	Simple verb	Reduplication of verb
(i)	mao	mao mao
	to work	'work! (persuasive)'
(ii)	zá	zá zá
	to eat	'eat! (persuasive)'
(iii)	duin	duın-duın
	to keep	'keep! (persuasive)

Imperative verb Reduplication of verb

(i) mao-dui 'work!' maodui maodui

work-IMP 'work! (persuasive)'

(ii) za-dui 'eat!' zadui-zadui

eat- IMP 'eat! (persuasive)'

(iii) ha-dui 'cut!' hadui-hadui

cut-IMP 'cut! (persuasive)'

5.1.1.2.6. Each

When cardinal numeral is reduplicated, it denotes the meaning of 'each' in Bodo.

(i) t^hainwi t^hainwi-t^hainwi

two (fruit) 'two each'

(ii) munse munse-munse

one (material) 'one each'

232. /bisur **t^hainui** t^haizuu za-duŋ/

they two mangoeat-PROG

'They have eaten two mangoes.'

233. /bisur t^hainwi-t^hainwi t^haizuu za-duŋ/

they two two mango eat-PROG

'They have eaten two mangoes each.'

5.1.2. Partial word reduplication

In this process, a syllable of the base word is repeated partially. Most of the final syllable of the base is repeated in the partial word reduplication of Bodo language. In the case of adjective, it is partially reduplicated and expands its meaning.

- (i) ránt^heŋ-t^heŋ 'very thin' (ugly) thin-RED
- (ii) dego-go 'very big (eye)'
- (iii) gusuŋ-suŋ 'very short'

short-RED

hair

(v)

big (eye)-RED

- (iv) k^hanay rumbaŋ-baŋ 'mostbeautiful hair'

beautiful-RED

nose short-RED

gont^hon k^handi-di

(vi) k^humsi-si 'excessive dark'

dark-RED

(vii) gup^húr-p^húr 'excessive white'

White-RED

(viii) guza-za 'excessive red'

Red-RED

'very short nose'

(ix) gwphár-phár

'extremely pointed'

pointed-RED

(x) gumùn-mùn

'extremely ripe'

ripe-RED

5.2. Echo-Formation

Echo-formation belongs to the category of lexical reduplication. "An echo word has been defined as a partially repeated from the base word, partially in the sense that either the initial phoneme or the syllable of the base is replaced by another phoneme or another syllable (Abbi 1991: 20)." In Bodo, the base word is followed by an echo word in the echo construction. The echo word does not occur by itself, it's a kind of bound morpheme and it has no individual meaning in the concerned language. The echo word gets the status of a meaningful element only it is being attached the base. Abbi (1991:20) mentioned that the echo word gets the meaning of 'and the like', 'etcetera', 'such and such', or 'associated with that'. Echo-formation processes of Bodo are explained below with the help of examples.

Most productive replacer sound of the echo word is /th/ in Bodo language which replaces the initial consonant phoneme of the base word.

(i) mansi-t^hansi

'man and the like'

man-RED.

(ii) hagra-t^hagra

'bush etc.'

bush/jungle-RED

(iii)	dáo-t ^h áo	'birds and things similar to'
	bird-RED	
(iv)	na-t ^h a/	'fish-etc.'
	fish-RED	
(v)	musa-t ^h usa	'tiger and the like'
	tiger-RED	
(vi)	mwisw-t ^h wisw	'buffalo and the like'
	tiger-RED	
(vii)	sik ^h ao-t ^h ik ^h ao	'thief and the like'
	thief-RED	
(viii)	guıza-t ^h uıza	'red and etc.'
	red-RED	
(ix)	guısum-t ^h uısum	'black and etc.'
	black-RED	
(x)	no-t ^h o	'house and etc.'
	house-RED	
(xi)	ak ^h ai-t ^h ak ^h ai	'hand and etc.'

hand-RED

Leg-RED

(xiii) bigab-t^higab 'solid portion etc.'

solid portion (in a liquid)-RED

When a word begins with $/t^ha/sound$, initial syllable of the base is replaced by $/t^hu/sound$ in echo words.

'leg and etc.'

Arum-RED

banana-RED

cucumber-RED

jungle arum-RED

mosquito-RED

5.3. Expressives

Expressive is a category of morphological reduplication. It refers to the minimally meaningful and segmentally indivisible morphemes which are constituted of repeated syllables. The expressives include onomatopoeias, sound symbolism, idiophones and imitative. It may or may not have phonological symbolism.

Expressives in Bodo are used to indicate all the five senses of perception, i.e. of hearing, smell, sight, touch and taste. They are mentioned below:

5.3.1. Acoustic noises:

5.3.1.1. Animal Voices:

p^hwu p^hwu (i) 'barking of a dog' (ii) 'mewing of a cat' meo meo (iii) oye oye 'crying sound of pig' k^há k^há (iv) 'crowing of crow' k^huuwuu k^huuwuu 'singing of cuckoo' (v) brun brun 'humming of bee' (vi) (vii) 'flying sound of bee' oŋ oŋ 'crying sound of chicken' (viii) sip sip

5.3.1.2. Noise of natural phenomena:

(i) zrum zrum 'sound of waterfall'

(ii) hum hum 'sound of storm'

(iii) tho tho 'cutting sound of tree'

(iv) grum grum 'thundering sound'

(v) ra ra 'flowing sound of river'

(vi) siu siu 'blowing of air'

(vii) zub zub 'sound of heavy raining'

(viii) thob thob 'falling of dew'

(ix) k^hram k^hram 'a sound at the time of falling big tree'

5.3.1.3. Noise made by human:

(i) srub srub 'sound of drinking tea'

(ii) k^hrob k^hrob 'sound of clapping'

(iii) grod grod 'sound of drinking water'

(iv) oho oho 'sound of coughing/vomiting'

(v) k^h rin k^h rin 'jingling sound of anklets'

(vi) t^horirit t^horirit 'sound of fluting'

- (vii) dum dum 'beating of drum'
- (viii) thao thao 'sound of gun firing slapping'
- (ix) don don 'ringing of bell'
- (x) $p^h u r p^h u r$ 'flying sound of birds'
- (xi) ger ger 'sound of fanning'
- (xii) k^hráo k^hráo 'sound of weaving'
- (xiii) dub dub 'a sound of making rice powder by uwal

(uwal: a wooden husking implement of Bodo tradition)'

- (xiv) phe phe 'sound of playing wind pipe'
- (xv) hub hub 'sound of diving into water'

5.3.1.4. Scolding or Dispersing sound of animal and bird:

- (i) suid suid 'dispersing of dog'
- (ii) hur hur 'dispersing of bird (like hen or cock)'
- (iii) hui hui 'hunting sound of deer'
- (iv) thus thus 'dispersing sound of cat'

5.3.1.5. Calling sound of domestic animal and bird:

(i) gor gor godi godi 'calling sound of dog'

(ii) zo zo 'calling sound of pig'

(iii) mi mi 'calling sound of cat'

(iv) gri gri 'calling of domestic birds (hens & cock)'

5.3.1.6. Noise by miscellaneous:

(i) thor thor 'sound of falling water'

(ii) thob thob 'falling of rain'

(iii) zobbo zobbo 'sound of jumping in the river or water'

(iv) dabuŋ dabuŋ 'sound of swimming'

5.3.2. Sense of Smell:

(i) k^h amnai k^h amnai 'burn smelling'

(ii) gesao gesao 'rotten smelling'

(iii) guut^hao guut^hao 'tasty smelling'

(iv) bedor bedor 'smell of meat'

(v) k^harnai k^harnai 'smell of blood'

5.3.3. Sense of sight:

(i) p^hlam p^hlam 'thundering light'

(ii) k^hlab k^hlib 'sparkling'

(iii) blao blao 'light of burning'

(iv) da da 'reflecting/twinkling'

(v) diu diu 'very clean'

(vi) riu riu 'so far distance'

(vii) rumui rumui 'faintly, indistinctly, dimly'

(viii) ziri ziri 'a sight of slowly flowing water'

(ix) sur sur 'sight of round moving'

(ix) zu zu 'sight of heavy drinking water'

(x) hon hon 'a sight wide open'

5.3.4. Sense of touch:

Some of the expressives indicating the 'feel of' or 'touch' overlap with those of indicating sounds (Abbi, 1991: 17). Bodo also uses some reduplicative words for sense of touch and sense of feeling.

(i) gud gud 'feeling of uneasiness'

(ii) sibro sibro 'sense of rough (not smooth)'

- (iii) lep^he lep^he 'smooth'
- (iv) gurui gurui 'softy'
- (v) gusu gusu 'feeling of cold'
- (vi) $k^h e \eta k^h e \eta$ 'sense of pain as caused by poking'
- (vii) k^hrub k^hrub 'sense of painby getting illness'
- (viii) zrem zrem 'suddenly feeling of pain'
- (ix) gus gus 'sense of feeling illness'
- (x) rom rom 'sense of weariness'
- (xi) bran bran 'sense of swelling'
- (xii) atha atha 'sticky'
- (xiii) dunhao dunhao 'sense of feeling hot'
- (xiv) k^hwlw k^hwlw 'sense of blowing air'
- (xv) thin thin thin sense of aching
- (xvi) thur thur 'shivering'
- (xvii) muuthuu muuthuu 'sense of good feeling'

5.3.5. Sense of taste:

(i) k^hreb k^hreb 'a little bit soil'

(ii) gubab gubab 'salty taste'

(iii) gudui gudui 'sweet taste'

(iv) k^hwirum dwirum 'slightly sour and sweet'

(v) duilo duilo 'slightly sweet taste'

(vi) guk^ha guk^ha 'bitter taste'

(vii) k^hale k^hale 'a little bitter taste'

(viii) guuk^hui guuk^hui 'sour taste'

(ix) gusa gusa 'hot chilly taste'