Syntactic aspects of Differential Object Marking in Hungarian

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Hungarian has Differential Object Marking (DOM) in verb morphology. Transitive verbs agree with a proper subset of direct objects, roughly corresponding to definites. In this talk, I will point out how Hungarian DOM deviates in interesting ways from some commonly found patterns of DOM in other languages and show how these seeming exceptions can be treated syntactically. The empirical basis for the talk will mostly be agreement with personal pronouns in Hungarian, but I'll be touching on possessive constructions and other kinds of noun phrases.