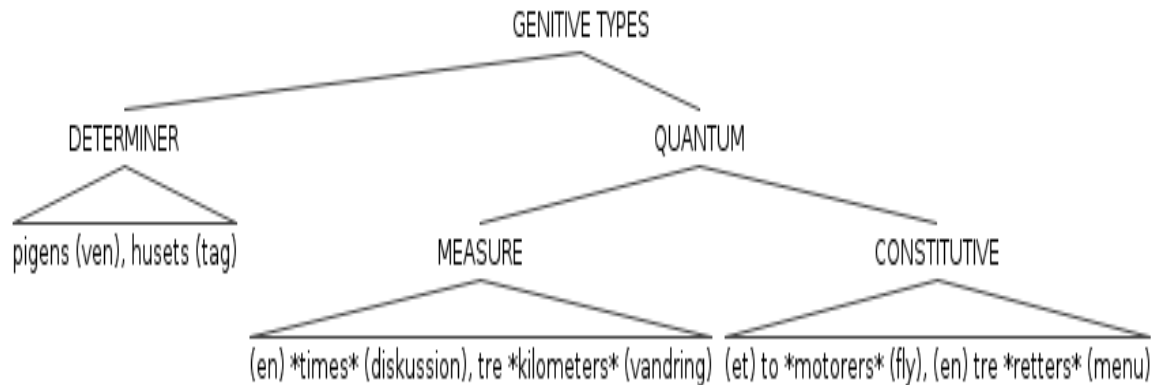


Danish Quantum Genitives in DP-Structure

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This presentation proposes an account of the syntactic properties of Danish genitive constructions like *et ti timers kursus* (lit. "a ten hours' course"), *en atten års fødselsdag* (lit. "an eighteen years' birthday"), *en ti kilometers udflugt* (lit. "a ten kilometers' trip") and *en to retters menu* (lit. "a two courses' dinner").

Syntactically, such genitives are radically different from determiner genitives like *pigens ven* ("the girl's friend"), *husets tag* (lit. "the house's roof"), *drengens snemand* ("the boy's snowman) and *min kones bil* ("my wife's car"). My classification of the main subtypes of genitives is illustrated in the following figure:



The presentation focuses on the syntactic properties of the category of quantum genitives and does not go into the important distinction I propose between measure and constitutive genitives. This owes to the fact that measure and constitutive genitives, according to my theory of these constructions, behave identically syntactically but have different semantic properties.

It is argued that Danish quantum genitives are functionally equivalent to attributive APs, and I present a hypothesis of the syntactic structure of quantum genitives in the NP-domain of a DP-structure. It is proposed that whereas determiner genitive *s* rank shifts a DP to becoming a determiner, quantum genitive *s* rank shifts an NP to becoming an adnominal modifier, i.e. a construction with identical syntactic properties to an attributive AP.

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