

Extension rules and the syntax of *Aṣṭādhyāyī* sūtras with *vati*

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Pāṇini's *Aṣṭādhyāyī* includes sūtras of a type called *atideśasūtra* ('extension rules'), which provide for extending to elements properties which are not theirs to begin with or to deny them properties which they would otherwise have. The rules in question are of two general kinds: (a) those which merely predicate of units that they have properties extended to them; and (b) those which provide that particular operations, rules, and so on apply to given items as they would elsewhere. The latter involve the use of terms with the suffix *vati*, the former do not. In turn, rules of type (b) involve two distinct syntactic patterns. I shall take up extension rules with particular emphasis on their syntax and consider also pragmatics associated with them.