

There are a small number of 'true' conditional constructions in Lysias 1, i.e. sentences consisting of a protasis introduced by εἰ and a separate apodosis.

3 of them are introduced by εἰάν **with the subjunctive in the protasis** and a **future indicative in the apodosis**. These indicate that the speaker thinks it a real possibility that the event in the protasis will happen:

εἰάν οὖν λάβῃς τὴν θεραπείαν τὴν εἰς ἀγορὰν βαδίζουσαν καὶ διακονοῦσαν ὑμῖν καὶ βασανίσης, ἅπαντα πεύσει.

(Lysias Speeches 1.16)

εἰάν ταύτην τὴν αἰτίαν περὶ ἑαυτῶν λέγωσι καὶ ἐπὶ τούτῳ φάσκωσιν εἰς τὰς ἀλλοτρίας οἰκίας εἰσιέναι, οὐδεὶς αὐτῶν ἄψεται

(Lysias Speeches 1.35)

οἱ γὰρ τοιαῦτα πράττοντες, ὀρῶντες οἷα τὰ ἄθλα πρόκειται τῶν τοιούτων ἀμαρτημάτων, ἦττον εἰς τοὺς ἄλλους ἐξαμαρτήσονται, εἰάν καὶ ὑμᾶς ὀρῶσι τὴν αὐτὴν γνώμην ἔχοντας.

(Lysias Speeches 1.47)

There is only one example of a 'future unreal' conditional, with the **optative in the protasis** and **optative with ἄν in the apodosis**. In these sentences the speaker is rather more speculative about the protasis being true, although in this instance he does hope that it will be true:

εἰ τὴν αὐτὴν γνώμην περὶ τῶν ἄλλων ἔχοιτε, ἦνπερ περὶ ὑμῶν αὐτῶν, οὐκ ἂν εἶη ὅστις οὐκ ἐπὶ τοῖς γεγενημένοις ἀγανακτοίη, ἀλλὰ πάντες ἂν περὶ τῶν τὰ τοιαῦτα ἐπιτηδευόντων τὰς ζημίας μικρὰς ἠγοῖσθε.

(Lysias Speeches 1.1)

There are a number of conditionals in Lysias 1 speculating on how things might have turned out. In neither do we find exactly what we expect according to the grammar-book simplification: namely an **aorist indicative in the protasis** and an **aorist indicative plus ἄν in the apodosis**. Instead we find the imperfect in several instances: we must remember

that the prime difference between imperfect and aorist is an aspectual one and that the imperfect can also be used referring to the past in conditional sentences, when the action is more 'imperfective':

εἴ τινα εἶχε ταύτης μείζω τιμωρίαν ἐπὶ ταῖς γαμεταῖς, ἐποίησεν ἄν.

(Lysias Speeches 1.33)

τί ἄν οὖν βουλόμενος ἐγὼ τοιοῦτον κίνδυνον ἐκινδύνεουον, εἰ μὴ τὸ μέγιστον τῶν ἀδικημάτων ἢ ὑπ' αὐτοῦ ἡδίκημένος;

(Lysias Speeches 1.45)

There is an interesting sequence of sentences at section 36. The protasis with the imperfect is followed by a question, which is a 'real' question: 'which was the better course of action'. The 'apodosis' comes in the next sentence, after an implied protasis 'if I had invited him to my house':

εἰ ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ νυκτὶ ἐγὼ ἐπεβούλευον Ἐρατοσθένει, πότερον ἦν μοι κρεῖττον αὐτῷ ἐτέρωθι δειπνεῖν ἢ τὸν συνδειπνήσοντά μοι εἰσαγαγεῖν; οὕτω γὰρ ἄν ἦττον ἐτόλμησεν ἐκεῖνος εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν.

(Lysias Speeches 1.40)

Another interesting case is found in section 37. We know from the grammar-book explanations that the only thing differentiating real and unreal conditionals is the presence or absence of ἄν in the apodosis. There is one standard 'real' conditional (without ἄν) at section 21. As is frequently the case, this is used to make a conditional about something that somebody has claimed to be true:

ἐγὼ γὰρ οὐδὲν δέομαι λόγων, ἀλλὰ τὸ ἔργον φανερόν γενέσθαι, εἴπερ οὕτως ἔχει.

(Lysias Speeches 1.22)

In section 37 the first sentence has ἄν in the apodosis, and so we can translate it as a straightforward 'unreal' conditional. Editors disagree on what to print in the next

sentence: the ἄν is a reasonable suggestion, though without any manuscript support - and given the sense it's unsurprising that this might have been left out by scribes:

εἰ μὲν γὰρ λόγων εἰρημένων ἔργου δὲ μηδενὸς γεγενημένου μετελθεῖν ἐκέλευον ἐκεῖνον, ἠδίκουν ἄν· εἰ δὲ ἤδη πάντων διαπεπραγμένων καὶ πολλάκις εἰσεληλυθότος εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν τὴν ἐμὴν ὦτινιοῦν τρόπῳ ἐλάμβανον αὐτόν, σωφρονεῖν <ἄν> ἑμαυτὸν ἠγοῦμην·

(Lysias Speeches 1.38)

We also find a couple of mixed conditionals, where the time-reference in protasis and apodosis is not the same. The first example has the protasis of a future real conditional (ἐάν + subjunctive) but then a present tense in the apodosis:

ταύτην γὰρ ἑμαυτῷ μόνην ἠγοῦμαι σωτηρίαν, ἐάν ὑμῖν εἰπεῖν ἅπαντα δυνηθῶ τὰ πεπραγμένα.

(Lysias Speeches 1.5)

The second has an imperfect referring to the past in the protasis, followed by a present indicative + ἄν in the apodosis:

καίτοιγε εἰ προήδη, οὐκ ἄν δοκῶ ὑμῖν καὶ θεράποντας παρασκευάσασθαι καὶ τοῖς φίλοις παραγγεῖλαι, ἴν' ὡς ἀσφαλέστατα μὲν αὐτὸς εἰσήα (τί γὰρ ἤδη εἴ τι κάκεῖνος εἶχε σιδήριον;), ὡς μετὰ πλείστων δὲ μαρτύρων τὴν τιμωρίαν ἐποιούμην;

(Lysias Speeches 1.41)

The final one is rather tricky: it is a complex sentence with several clauses, and the time-reference gets a bit confused:

οὔτε γὰρ συκοφαντῶν γραφάς με ἐγράψατο, οὔτε ἐκβάλλειν ἐκ τῆς πόλεως ἐπεχείρησεν, οὔτε ἰδίας δίκας ἐδικάζετο, οὔτε συνήδει κακὸν οὐδὲν ὃ ἐγὼ δεδιῶς μὴ τις πύθηται ἐπεθύμουν αὐτὸν ἀπολέσαι, οὔτε εἰ ταῦτα διαπραξαίμην, ἤλπιζόν ποθεν χρήματα λήψεσθαι·

(Lysias Speeches 1.44)

There is also one 'general' conditional, with *ἐάν* and the subjunctive in the protasis and a present indicative in the apodosis:

οἱ κελεύουσι μὲν, ἐάν τις μοιχὸν λάβῃ, ὅ τι ἂν οὖν βούληται χρῆσθαι,

(Lysias Speeches 1.49)

As we have seen, the negative marker used in these clauses is standardly *μή*. Often we find just *εἰ δὲ μή* as a 'pseudo-protasis', which we can translate 'otherwise'. We have to work out the tense and how 'real' it is from the context:

οἷς ὑμᾶς ἀξιῶ τὴν αὐτὴν γνώμην ἔχειν· εἰ δὲ μή, τοιαύτην ἄδειαν τοῖς μοιχοῖς ποιήσετε, ὥστε καὶ τοὺς κλέπτας ἐπαρεῖτε φάσκειν μοιχοὺς εἶναι,

(Lysias Speeches 1.35)

ὅπως τοίνυν ταῦτα μηδεὶς ἀνθρώπων πεύσεται· εἰ δὲ μή, οὐδὲν σοι κύριον ἔσται τῶν πρὸς ἔμ' ὠμολογημένων.

(Lysias Speeches 1.21)

In addition to the 'strict' conditionals considered above, there are also some clauses introduced by *εἰ* which are not conditional, and sentences with conditional force despite having no introductory *εἰ*. For example:

σκέψασθε δὲ παρ' ὑμῖν αὐτοῖς οὕτως περὶ τούτου τοῦ πράγματος, ζητοῦντες εἴ τις ἐμοὶ καὶ Ἐρατοσθένει ἔχθρα πώποτε γεγένηται πλὴν ταύτης.

(Lysias Speeches 1.43)

ἐγὼ δέ, ὧ ἄνδρες, δίκαιον μὲν ἂν ποιεῖν ἡγούμην ὠτινιοῦν τρόπῳ τὸν τὴν γυναῖκα τὴν ἐμὴν διαφθείραντα λαμβάνων·

(Lysias Speeches 1.38)