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## Abstract

Conducted within the DTS framework, following a comparative model of research, this thesis' main concern was around the two trends of subtitling in Iran- official and non-official - and determining the strategies applied to these ends. To help the identification of the strategies, Gottlieb's (1992) model was used as the fundamental model, which provided a strong starting point to detect the strategies. In this study, a total of 6197 strategies were detected. In order to facilitate the analytical process all the strategies were put under five main categories, of which ***Repetitio*** was the most frequent one in both versions. ***Detractio*** was the second frequently applied category and ***Transmutatio*** registered the third rank. ***Adiectio*** was the 4<sup>th</sup> frequently used category in official subtitles and the least frequently used in non-official ones. ***Substitutio*** as the least frequent category of official subtitles was the 4<sup>th</sup> frequent one in non-official subtitles.

Based on the findings of this research, though different strategies are applied to an audiovisual linguistic segment, it was inferred that the two trends of subtitling in Iran follow almost the same path of normative behavior. However, some minor differences were observed which might be an outcome of a set of linguistic and extra-linguistic features that calls for further investigations.

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## **Abbreviations**

Adj.	Adjective
AVT	Audiovisual Translation
CD	Compact Disk
CSI	Culture Specific Items
DTS	Descriptive Translation Studies
DVD	Digital Versatile Disk
F	Frequency
IRIB	Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (Organization)
MMT	Multimedia Translation
N	Noun
O	Object
PC	Personal Computer
Subj.	Subject
SDH	Subtitling for the Deaf and Hard of Hearings
SL	Source Language
ST	Source Text
TL	Target Language
TS	Translation Studies
TT	Target Text
V	Verb

# **CHAPTER ONE**

## **Introduction**