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## ABSTRACT

This thesis develops the model of Lexical Phonology, in which a subset of phonological rules applies in the lexicon as part of the word formation component. Phonological rules apply after every morphological operation, to the output of which morphological operations may apply once again. The lexicon consists of ordered lexical strata which function as the domains of application of these phonological and morphological rules. This model eliminates the need for the use of distinct boundary symbols by allowing phonological rules to have direct access to morphological information, and imposes severe restrictions on the class of possible grammars.

The model of Lexical Phonology yields three levels of phonological representation, namely, the underlying, the lexical, and the phonetic. The lexical level of representation is the output of the lexical rule applications, which is also the input to lexical insertion. It is shown that several interesting formal and psychological properties converge on this level. Pauses are assigned to lexical representations after lexical insertion, and therefore, lexical rule applications are unaffected by pauses, while post lexical rule applications are blocked by intervening pauses. Speakers' judgments on the 'sameness' and 'distinctness' of speech sounds are based on lexical representations. Secret code languages, such as Pig Latin and the Aib language, take the lexical representation as the input, and so do speech errors which permute phonological segments. It is suggested that the lexical level may also have interesting consequences for theories of speech acquisition, speech recognition, and speech production.

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## PROLOGUE

The nagging feeling that there was some truth in the taxonomic phonemic representation was what set me working on this thesis. My first attempt was to revise the conditions that Taxonomic Phonemics imposed on the phonemic-phonetic mapping, so that the level of representation between the underlying and the phonetic could be brought back into phonological theory. After several frustrating attempts, I gave up.

Later, when I started investigating the relation between morphology and phonology, and developed a model in which phonological rules applied in the word formation component, I discovered that this model yielded just the intermediate level of representation I was looking for. It was then that I realised why reviving the taxonomic phonemic level of representation by repairing the conditions imposed on the phonemic-phonetic mapping was impossible: the conditions should be imposed not from the bottom end of phonetics, but from the top, from the interaction between morphology and phonology.

Several people, and several incidents, helped me move towards the discovery. An initial impetus came from the course on computational linguistics given by Joan Bresnan and Ron Kaplan in 1978, where I was exposed to the idea that syntactic rules which have lexical exceptions are lexical rules. What would happen if the same principle applied in phonology as well, I asked myself: the traditional 'morpho-

phonemic' rules would become lexical rules, and 'allophonic' rules would become post lexical rules. The idea that phonological rules could apply in the lexicon took seed in my mind.

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## Chapter I : INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. The Overview

This thesis seeks to answer two important questions in phonological theory: What is the nature of the relation between phonology and morphology, and what are the levels of phonological representation? The answer to both these questions emerges from the close integration of phonology and morphology in the model of Lexical Phonology I shall develop, in which a subset of phonological rules applies in the lexicon as part of the word formation component,<sup>1</sup> yielding three levels of phonological representation, the underlying, the lexical, and the phonetic.

Phonological rules apply in the lexicon after every morphological operation such as affixation or compounding, to the output of which morphological operations may apply once again, in a cyclic fashion. The lexicon consists of ordered lexical strata which function as the domains of application for these phonological and morphological rules. By allowing phonological rules to have direct access to morphological information, the model of Lexical Phonology eliminates the need for boundary symbols proposed in Chomsky & Halle (1968, henceforth SPE), and imposes severe restrictions on the class of possible grammars.



The output of the phonological and morphological operations in the lexicon, which is also the input to lexical insertion, is the level of lexical representation. It is shown that several interesting formal and psychological properties converge on this level. Pauses are assigned to lexical representations after lexical insertion, and therefore, lexical rule applications are unaffected by pauses, while post lexical rule applications are blocked by intervening pauses. Speakers' judgments on the 'sameness' and 'distinctness' of speech sounds are based on lexical representations. Secret code languages, such as Pig Latin and the Aib language, take the lexical representation as the input, and so do speech errors which permute phonological segments. It is suggested that the lexical level may also have interesting consequences for theories of speech acquisition, speech recognition, and speech production.

In the sections that follow, I shall sketch a brief outline of the model of Lexical Phonology, with illustrations from English, reserving the details and the burden of argumentation for subsequent chapters.

## 1.2. Lexical and Post Lexical Domains

It is well known that rules such as trisyllabic laxing and  $t \rightarrow s/ - i$  require morphological information for their correct application, while rules such as the aspiration of voiceless stops and the flapping of  $t$  do not. Laxing, for example, applies across  $+$  in

divinity (divīn+itī → divinitī), but not across # in maidenhood (mæden # hud → \*mædenhud). t → s/ - i applies only when t is followed by + : rezident + i → rezidensi (residency), but kritik → \*krisik (critic). In contrast, the rules of aspiration and flapping are governed by factors which are strictly phonological, such as the foot and the syllable (Kahn (1976)).

In SPE, the two kinds of phonological processes intermingle freely, and apply as part of the derivation from the underlying to the phonetic representation: no theoretical status is assigned to the distinction between the two types of processes. The model of Lexical Phonology assumes that rules which require word internal morphological information, such as trisyllabic laxing and velar softening, apply in the lexicon, as part of the word formation component; aspiration and flapping apply post lexically. The principle governing the distinction between lexical and post lexical applications of rules is:

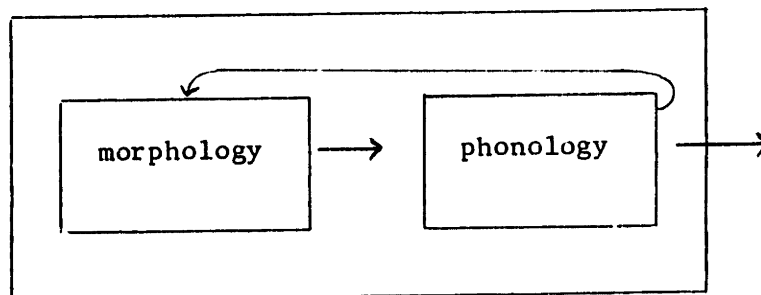
- (1) Post lexical operations are blind to the internal structure of words.

### 1.3. The Organisation of the Lexicon

Having stated that morphologically sensitive phonological rules apply in the lexicon, I shall now illustrate the precise mode of application of these rules in the lexicon. I assume that phonological rules apply in word formation immediately after each

morphological operation, and that the output of the phonological processes then becomes the input to further morphological operations. This can be schematised as follows:

(2)



The derivation of presidentiality illustrates the way (2) works. (For ease of exposition, stress is ignored.)

(3)	lexical rule applications	/ prezīd /	underlying
		[[prezīd] ent]	affixation
		[[prezid] ent]	laxing
		[[[prezid] ent] y]	affixation
		[[[prezid] ens] y]	t → s
		[[[[prezid] ens] y] æl]	affixation
		[[[[prezid] enš] y] æl]	s → š
		[[[[[prezid] enš] y] æl] itɪ]	affixation
		(no phonological rules applicable)	
		output of the lexicon	
	post lexical rule applications	[ prezidenšɪ ælɪtɪ ]	y → ɪ
		[ phrezidenšɪ ælɪtɪ ]	aspiration
		[ phrezidenšɪ ælɪdɪ ]	flapping
		[ phrezidēnšɪ ælɪdɪ ]	nasalisation of V
		.	
		[ . . . . . ]	phonetic representation

Given that phonological rules apply after each morphological operation, it follows that phonological rules apply cyclically in the lexicon, each morphological operation creating a new cycle (Pesetsky (1979)). In other words, we derive (4) from (2):

- (4) All phonological rule applications in the lexicon are cyclic.

The conjunct of (1) and (4) makes a powerful empirical prediction, stated in (5):

- (5) All rules sensitive to word internal morphological information are cyclic rules.

(5) constitutes a significant restriction that Lexical Phonology imposes on the class of possible grammars.

#### 1.4. The Strata

I assume that the lexicon consists of an ordered set of domains that I shall call strata. The notion of the stratum was first suggested by Siegel (1974), and developed further by Allen (1978).<sup>2</sup> Siegel observes that affixes like in-, -ion, -ity, and -al behave differently from affixes like un-, -ness, -less, and -ful. The former affixes, which she calls Class I affixes, can be attached to roots which are not independent words (e.g. ert in inert), but the latter affixes do not allow themselves to be attached to such roots:

- (6)   \*ert           inert           \*unert  
       \*trepid       intrepid       \*un~~t~~repid  
       \*sidpid       insipid       \*unsipid  
       \*maculate     immaculate     \*unmaculate

(Examples from Allen (1978))

Class I affixes cannot be attached to stems containing class II affixes. Class II affixes, on the other hand, have no such restriction:

- (7) a. inorganic                   b. unorganic  
       incoherent                   uncoherent

but

- c. \*inclassifiable               d. unclassifiable  
       \*incomfo~~r~~table             uncomfortable

Both un- and in- can be attached to stems containing class I affixes like -ic and -ent. Only un-, and not in-, can be attached to stems containing class II affixes like -able. Siegel proposes to account for this asymmetry by ordering all class I affixations prior to all class II affixations. Class I affixation takes place at stratum 1 (one may think of a st~~r~~atum as an abstract domain or a submodule of the lexicon), class II affixation takes place at stratum 2, and st~~r~~atum 1 is ordered prior to stratum 2. The following derivations illustrate the effect of stratum ordering:

(8)		<u>inorganic</u>	<u>unorganic</u>	<u>uncomfortable</u>	
Stratum 1		[organ]	[organ]	[comfort]	
		[[organ]ic]	[[organ]ic]	_____	<u>-ic</u> suf- fixation
		[in[[organ]ic]]	_____	_____	<u>in-</u> pre- fixation
Stratum 2		_____	_____	[[comfort]able]	<u>-able</u> suf- fixation
		_____	[un[[organ]ic]]	[un[[comfort]able]]	<u>un-</u> pre- fixation

in- affixation cannot apply to comfortable, because comfort and -able are put together at stratum 2, at which stage in- prefixation can no longer apply. This accounts for the ungrammaticality of (7c).

We may state the Stratum Ordering Hypothesis as follows:

(9) The lexicon consists of an ordered set of strata.

### 1.5. Phonological Rules and Ordered Strata

Siegel and Allen point out that the morphologically motivated stratum differences correlate with interesting phonological differences. Class II affixes are what SPE calls stress neutral affixes in that they do not change the stress of the stem, while class I affixes may change the stress of the stem. Thus, when -al is attached to díalect at stratum 1, we derive díaléctal, but when -hood is attached at stratum 2, the stress does not shift: díalecthood.

Allen observes that in-, and not un-, undergoes nasal deletion: [in[legal]] → illegal, but [un[lawful]] → \*ullawful. In order to account for such contrasts, Allen assumes that each stratum assigns its boundary to the morphological structure created at that stratum (Allen (1978:17)). Thus, stratum 1 assigns the boundary + to illegal, and stratum 2 the boundary # to unlawful. This assignment of boundary symbols within phonological strings is necessary because of Allen's assumption that phonological rules apply to the final output of morphological and syntactic operations, following the SPE position that the input to the phonological component is the surface structure. Given this position, it becomes necessary to record different kinds of morphological operations in terms of different boundary symbols for subsequent reference in phonology (see Pesetsky (1979) for a discussion on this issue).

As stated earlier, the model proposed in this thesis deviates from the SPE position in allowing phonological rules to apply in the lexicon. Given that phonological rules can apply as part of word formation, it is no longer necessary to encode morphological information in terms of boundary symbols. I propose an alternative to the boundary theory by allowing the domains of phonological rules to be defined in terms of morphological strata. In the boundary theory, the fact that nasal deletion applies in illegal, but not in unlawful, is accounted for by representing them as in+legal and un#lawful, and stipulating that all boundaries except + block the application of phonological

rules unless stated in the structural description of the rule (SPE;67). Instead, I define the domain of nasal deletion as stratum 1, and derive the same result:

(10) Nasal Deletion (Domain; Stratum 1)

[ +nasal ]  $\rightarrow \emptyset$  / — [ +sonorant ]

(11) illustrates the application of the rule:

(11)	illegal	unlawful	
Stratum 1	[legal]	[law]	
	[in[legal]]	_____	<u>in</u> - prefixation
	[ i [legal]]	_____	nasal deletion
Stratum 2	_____	[[law]ful]	<u>-ful</u> suffixation
	_____	[un[[law]ful]]	<u>un</u> - prefixation

Nasal deletion applies in illegal because the relevant environment n1 is available at stratum 1, where the rule can apply. Un and lawful are not put together at stratum 1, and therefore, the sequence n1 is not available at stratum 1. At stratum 2, where un- is prefixed to lawful, the rule is no longer applicable as its domain is restricted to stratum 1.

We noted earlier that trisyllabic laxing takes place across +, but not across #. I account for this property of laxing by specifying the domain of the rule as stratum 1:



(12)		<u>divinity</u>	<u>maidenhood</u>	
	Stratum 1	[divīn]	[mæ̃d]	underlying
		[[divīn]iti]	—	- <u>ity</u> suffixation
		[[divin]iti]	—	laxing
		—	[[mæ̃d]en]	- <u>en</u> suffixation
		—	—	laxing
	Stratum 2	—	[[mæ̃den]hud]	- <u>hood</u> suffixation

We may state the assumption that allows us to eliminate boundary symbols as the Stratum Domain Hypothesis:

- (13) The domain of a rule is specified as a set of continuous strata.

#### 1.6. The Opacity Principle

Consider the rule of sonorant syllabification in English, formulated in SPE as follows:

- (14) sonorants become syllabic/ C — # (p.85)

We may formally state (14) as (15):<sup>3</sup>

- (15) [ +son] →  $\begin{array}{c} V \\ | \end{array} / \begin{array}{c} C \\ | \end{array} \text{ --- } \#$

(15) accounts for words like hinder, cylinder, and burgle, in which the final sonorant is syllabic, in contrast to the r and l in hindrance, cylindrical, and burglar. SPE notes that the noun twinkling (in the sense of 'instant') is bisyllabic, while the participle

twinkling is trisyllabic: [twɪŋkəlɪŋ]<sub>N</sub> vs [twɪŋkəlɪŋ]<sub>V</sub>. In order to account for the contrast, SPE assumes the following representations:

- (16) a. twinkl + ing<sub>N</sub>                      b. twinkl # ing<sub>V</sub>

(15) applies in (16b), but not in (16a), as the l in the latter is not followed by #.

Let us assume that English morphology requires four strata: stratum 1 (class I derivation); stratum 2 (class II derivation); stratum 3 (compounding); stratum 4 (productive inflections); and that the participial -ing is attached at stratum 4, while the nominalising -ing is a class II derivational affix attached at stratum 2.<sup>4</sup>

We may now state the sonorant syllabification rule as applying at stratum 4:

- (17) Sonorant Syllabification ( Domain : Stratum 4)

$$[+son] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{c} V \\ | \end{array} / \begin{array}{c} C \\ | \end{array} \text{ — } \right]$$

Instead of referring to #, (17) simply refers to the bracketing, i.e., the constituent structure of the word. The derivations of twinkling<sub>N</sub> and twinkling<sub>V</sub> are given below:

(18)		<u>twinkling</u> <sub>N</sub>	<u>twinkling</u> <sub>V</sub>	
	Stratum 1	[twinkl] (no rule)	[twinkl] (no rule)	underlying
	Stratum 2	[[twinkl]ing]	_____	- <u>ing</u> affixa tion
	Stratum 3	(no rule)	(no rule)	
	Stratum 4	_____	[[twinkl]ing] V	- <u>ing</u> affixa tion
		_____	[[twinkl]ing]	rule (17)

It is important that (17) should not apply to twinkling <sub>N</sub>. We can guarantee this result by assuming that this form has no internal brackets at stratum 4: [[twinkl]<sub>V</sub> ing]<sub>V</sub>, but [twinkling]<sub>N</sub>. (17) demands ] after the sonorant, and in [twinkling]<sub>N</sub>, this structural condition is not met.

The general principle assumed in (18) can be stated as the Opacity Principle:

- (19) The internal structure at one stratum is invisible to the processes at another.

We may look at the Opacity Principle as a device that erases all the internal brackets at the end of all the morphological opera-

tions at each stratum. Principle (1), that post lexical rule applications are blind to the internal structure of words, can now be seen as deriving from the Opacity Principle. All word internal brackets are erased at the end of the last lexical stratum: post lexical operations, as a result, have no access to word internal structure, which is what (1) says.

We may note that the principle of Lexical Integrity, first proposed in Chomsky (1970), follows directly from the Opacity Principle. The Lexical Integrity Principle says that syntactic rules cannot move material into or out of lexical items, or modify their structure. What this means is that syntactic rules are blind to the internal structure of words. If word internal brackets are not present in the output of the lexicon, it follows that syntactic rules cannot refer to word internal structure.

### 1.7. Boundary to Stratum Translation

In SPE, the use of boundary symbols serves two functions:

(i) If a rule contains a boundary symbol such as + or # in its structural description, it applies to a string only if the string contains the required boundary. (17) shows how this function of the boundary symbol is taken care of in Lexical Phonology by defining the domain of the rule as the stratum associated with the boundary, and replacing the boundary with brackets. (ii) If the structural description of a rule does not contain a boundary, but

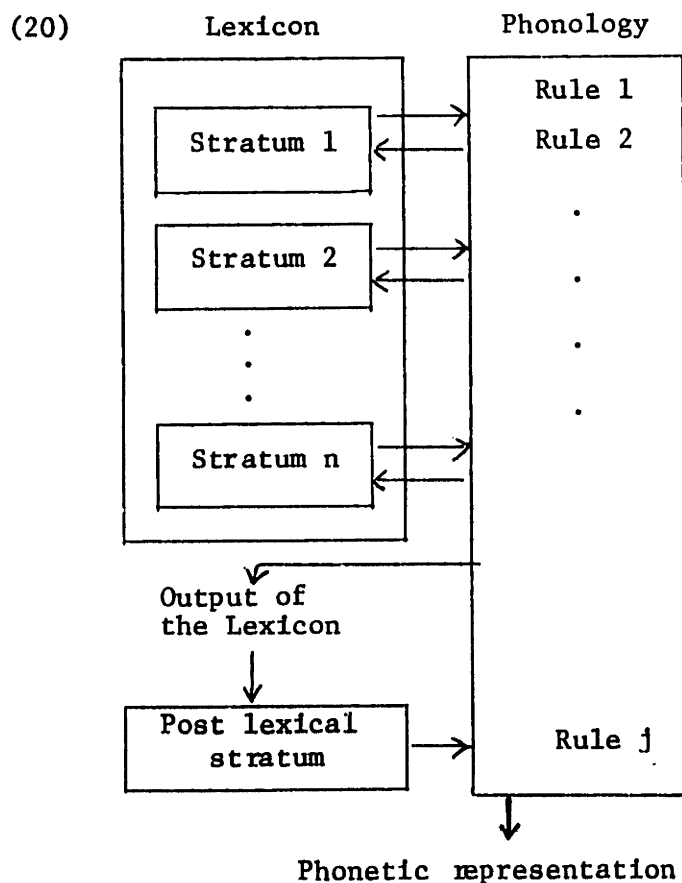
the phonological string does, the presence of the boundary in the string blocks the application of the rule. Nasal deletion (as in (11)), and trisyllabic laxing (as in (12)), show how this effect is taken care of in Lexical Phonology by defining the domain of the rule as a stratum that preceded the one which is associated with the boundary that blocks the rule. Thus, the use of boundary symbols is eliminated in Lexical Phonology by allowing phonological rules to have direct access to morphological information, that is, by defining the domains of phonological rules in terms of morphological strata, and allowing them to apply at the relevant stratum.

#### 1.8. Rules with Lexical and Post Lexical Domains

The Stratum Domain Hypothesis (1.5.) allows phonological rules to have more than one stratum as their domain. Rules with multiple strata<sup>as their domains</sup> do exist in natural languages, as will be demonstrated in 2.1. There are rules, in fact, which apply at both the lexical and the post lexical domains. An example is the rule of palatalisation which changes *s* to *š*, the relevant part of which may be stated as:  $s \rightarrow \check{s} / \text{--- } y\check{V}$  (where  $\check{V}$  is an unstressed vowel). The rule applies lexically, in facial (  $f \bar{a}s] y] \bar{a}l \rightarrow f \bar{e}y\check{s}\bar{a}l$  ), and post lexically (in some dialects), in miss you (  $mis yu \rightarrow mi\check{s}y\bar{a}$  ). Other examples from English are the rhythm rule, and *r* deletion in British English (3.3.1.2.). In Malayalam, the rule that inserts a glide between two

vowels applies at all the lexical strata, and at the post lexical stratum as well (see 4.2.).

As has been pointed out already, Lexical Phonology differs from SPE in setting up the lexicon as a separate module for the application of phonological rules. It is logically possible to distinguish between the lexical and phrasal modules in terms of the partitioning of the set of phonological rules, and say that rules  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_i$  belong to module A, and rules  $R_j, \dots, R_n$  belong to module B. It is important to note that this is not the option adopted by Lexical Phonology. Rules do not belong to different modules; rather, they have one or more modules assigned to them as their domain. This conception of the stratum may be schematised as follows:



As can be seen from this diagram, the phonological component is a module independent of the lexicon, containing rules which may apply lexically, post lexically, or both.

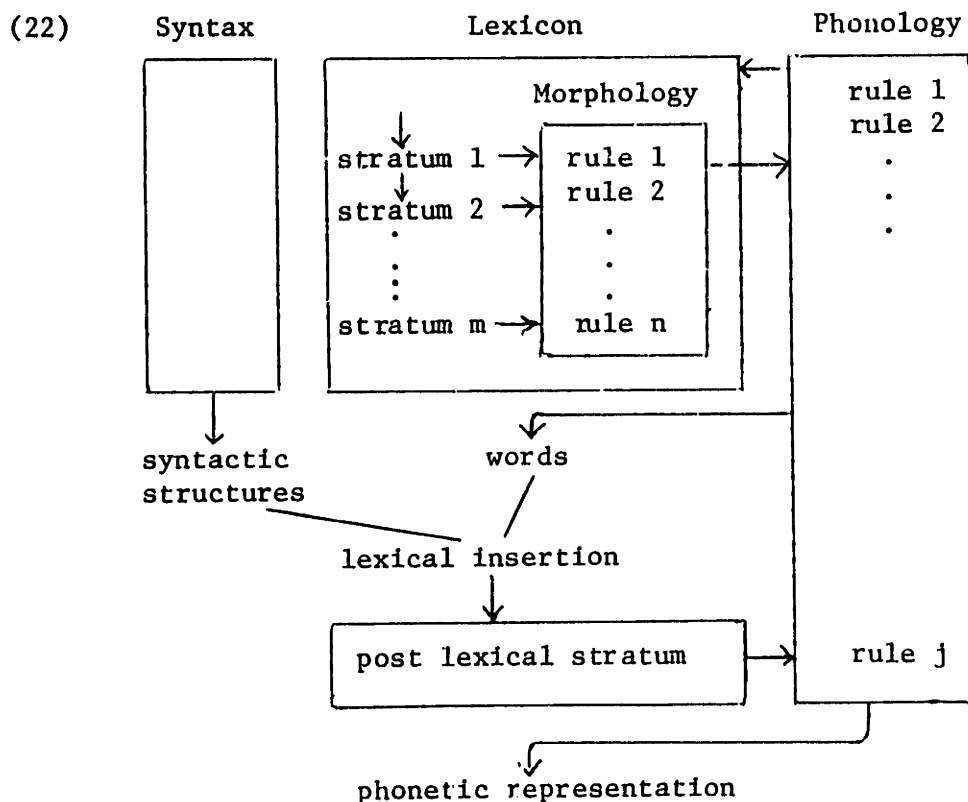
### 1.9. Morphology, Syntax, and Ordered Strata

I assume that the morphological component contains rules such as the following:

- (21)a.  $N \rightarrow \text{Adj } \underline{\text{-ity}}$  (e.g. civility)
- b.  $N \rightarrow \text{Adj } \underline{\text{-ness}}$  (e.g. goodness)
- c.  $N \rightarrow N\ N$  (e.g. powerhouse)
- d.  $N \rightarrow N\ \text{plur.}$  (e.g. boys)

How are morphological rules of this kind associated with the stratum structure? I suggest that, like phonological rules, morphological rules can have their domains defined in terms of lexical strata. Thus, (21a) will have stratum 1 as its domain; (21b), stratum 2; (21c), stratum 3; and (21d), stratum 4.

The syntactic component generates syntactic structures, the lexicon generates words, and the operation of lexical insertion puts the two together. If so, one may expand (20) to incorporate syntax and morphology into the model as follows:

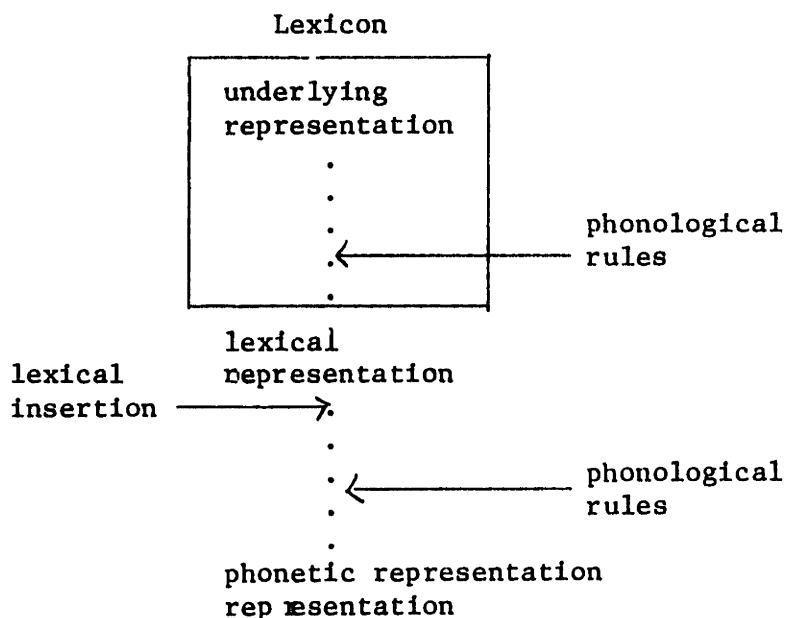


#### 1.10. The Lexical Level of Representation

An essential feature of (22) is that phonological rules can apply in the lexicon, before lexical insertion, as well as to the output of the lexicon, after lexical insertion. I assume that what is entered in the lexicon as a lexical entry is a word, and refer to the phonological representation of words as the Lexical Representation. (22) derives a model of phonology that has three levels of representation, namely, the underlying, the lexical, and the phonetic:



(23)



The derivation of presidentiality in (3) illustrates the three levels of representation: /prezīd/ (underlying), prèzidenšī ælity (lexical), and [phrèziděňši æliDi] (phonetic).

There are several interesting properties that converge on the level of lexical representation. The judgments of the native speakers of a language on the sameness and distinctness of sounds appear to be based on this level, not on the underlying or the phonetic. Thus, speakers of English judge the p in pin and spin to be the same sound, in spite of the phonetic difference in aspiration ( [phɪn] vs [spɪn] )<sup>5</sup>, and the first vowel in metric and met to be the same, in spite of the underlying distinction ( /ē/ vs /e/ ). They also judge the second vowels in divine and divinity to be different, in spite of the underlying identity: /ī/. The lexical representations of these words reflect the judgments: pin, spin, metrik, met, divayn, diviniti.

Another phenomenon that the model in (23) accounts for is the behaviour of phonological rules with respect to pauses. Compare, for example, the rule of trisyllabic laxing with the rule of flapping. When asked to pronounce words slowly, syllable by syllable, English speakers say, <sup>for example,</sup>  $\text{[ di...vi...ni...ti]}$ , not  $*\text{[ di..vay..ni..ti]}$  or  $*\text{[ di..vi..ni..Di]}$ . This shows that the rule of flapping that changes  $t$  to  $D$  is blocked by an intervening pause, but not the rule of laxing that changes  $\bar{i}$  to  $i$ .

We can account for this difference in behaviour between pause sensitive (e.g. flapping) and pause blind (e.g. laxing) rules by assuming that pauses are assigned to phonological strings after lexical insertion. It follows that rules applying before lexical insertion will be insensitive to pauses, since pauses do not exist at that stage, and that rules applying after lexical insertion will be blocked by the presence of pauses.

There are many other phenomena which converge on the level of lexical representation. Secret code languages, such as Pig Latin, the Aib language of English, and the pa language of Malayalam, take the lexical representation as the input, perform the operation of the code on it, and apply the post lexical rules to the output of the code. Speech errors which permute segments take place at the level of lexical representation. Phenomena of this kind illustrate that the output of the lexical component of phonology is not like other stages

in a derivation, but constitutes a level of linguistic representation which has important psychological consequences.

The lexical level of representation is the level at which lexical items ( = words ) are represented in the mental lexicon. Given this assumption, the behaviour of code languages, speech errors, etc. can be viewed as operations on the mental representations which are the input to on line processing. It is also speculated that what learners do when they come across a new word is to enter it in the lexicon in terms of the lexical level, as this level is available to the learner without ~~the~~ knowledge of the morphological structure of the word. The acquisition of the underlying representation of the morphemes involved takes place at a more relaxed pace, as and when morphological information becomes available to the learner from related words.

Given this approach to the acquisition of phonology, underlying representations, and the lexical rules which derive lexical representations from them, can be looked upon as serving to reduce the burden of storing lexical entries. What lexical rules do, in other words, is to encode the regularities of the lexicon.

Lexical Phonology has consequences for speech production and recognition as well. Given that words are stored in the lexicon in terms of lexical representations, it is possible to conceive of a model of speech production which takes lexical representations as

the input, and computes the phonetic representations from them, thereby eliminating the complex computations involving lexical processes. Speech recognition can be seen as involving (among other things) a bottom up computation of lexical representations from phonetic representations, thereby eliminating the need to determine the morphological structure of a word in order to identify its underlying representation.

In sum, by assuming a closer integration of phonology and morphology than has been assumed in currently available models of grammar, we arrive at a model of phonology that is intuitively more satisfying, and explanatorily more powerful, and which, at the same time, has the right consequences for a wider range of language related phenomena.

## Footnotes for Chapter I

1. See Bresnan (1971), and Pesetsky (1979).
2. Siegel and Allen use the term 'level' to refer to what I call stratum. I replace 'level' with 'stratum' in order to avoid confusion with the more common use of the term 'level' to refer to a level of linguistic representation. (Chomsky (1957, 65).
3. See Halle & Vergnaud (1980) for the notation. See also 4.1.
4. Whether nominalising -ing is a class I or class II suffix is irrelevant for my analysis. Note, however, that -ing is a stress neutral suffix, indicating that it belongs to class II rather than class I.
5. This is not to say that human beings do not perceive sublexical phonetic distinctions. To the extent that all human beings have some phonetic skills to a greater or lesser degree, they do perceive gross phonetic distinctions. It is not, however, difficult to separate language based judgments from language independent phonetic judgments, as the latter tend to exhibit as much individual variation, say, as the aptitude for music, while the former are shared by all speakers of the language community.

## Chapter II : THE STRATUM THEORY

This chapter develops an important component of Lexical Phonology, namely, the theory of ordered strata. The basic question in our enquiry will be : how best is the relation between morphology and phonology characterised? All theories agree that phonological rules require information about the different junctures between morphological forms. SPE makes morphological information available to phonology by encoding it in distinct boundary symbols. The stratum theory developed in this chapter investigates the alternative of more direct access to morphological information. I shall show that the stratum theory is both explanatorily and descriptively preferable.

The essential elements of the Stratum Theory are the Stratum Ordering Hypothesis, the Stratum Domain Hypothesis, the Opacity Principle, the cyclic application of rules, and the device of the Loop. The Stratum Ordering Hypothesis says that the lexicon consists of an ordered set of strata. The Stratum Domain Hypothesis states that the domains of rules are specified in terms of continuous strata. The Opacity Principle makes the internal structure at one stratum invisible at another.

The Loop is a device that allows two adjacent strata to be inputs to each other. In English, for example, class II affixes

can be attached to compound stems ( [ex[frogman]] ); compound, in turn, can be formed out of stems that contain class II affixes ( [[township][committee]] ). Given that the stratum of class II affixation precedes that of compounding, we can account for forms like exfrogman with a loop from the compounding stratum to the class II stratum.

The basic structure of the stratum theory is developed and illustrated using facts of Malayalam phonology. Malayalam is of particular interest to the theory because of the presence of two kinds of productive compounds in the language, subcompounds and cocompounds. These compounds raise extremely interesting issues about the relation between phonology and morphology, and therefore, I shall examine the phonology of compounding in Malayalam in detail.

The analysis of Malayalam compounding is followed by the application of the model to English and Dakota. In each case, the stratum theory is found to be explanatorily more adequate than the boundary theory.

## 2.1. Subcompounds and Cocompounds

Malayalam has two kinds of productive compounds, which, adopting the terminology of Sweet (1871), I shall call sub(ordinate) compounds and co(ordinate) compounds.

## (1) Subcompounds

- a. taara kaanta maara 'Tara's husbands'  
 ( taara 'a name'; kaanta 'husband'; maara 'plu mal' )
- b. taama rakka na 'lotus-eyed person'  
 ( taama 'lotus'; ka 'eye'; -an 'masc. singular' )

## (2) Cocompounds

- a. acchan amma maara 'parents'  
 ( acchan 'father'; amma 'mother'; maara 'pl.' )
- b. yaksa kinna ra gandha ra wa aadi ka la 'Yaksa's, Kinnara's,  
 Gandharwa's, etc.'  
 ( yaksa; kinna ra; gandha ra; aadi 'etc.'; ka la 'pl.' )

Subcompounds have the structure 'modifier + head'; cocompounds have the coordinate structure of 'stem + stem + stem...', corresponding to the 'dwanda' compounds in Sanskrit. There are various reasons why the two kinds of compounds should be distinguished from each other, and also from inflectional and derivational affixation, and phrasal concatenation. I shall briefly discuss below some of these reasons.

## 2.1.1. Preliminary Exploration

## 2.1.1.1. Geminatio

One reason why subcompounds should be distinguished from cocompounds is that the former, and not the latter, exhibit the process of stem final and stem initial gemination of obstruents in Dravidian stems.<sup>1</sup>



## (3) Subcompounds:

- a.  $[[kaat]_2[ma\bar{r}am]] \rightarrow kaatt\theta ma\bar{r}am^2$   
           forest tree           forest tree
- b.  $[[kayar]_2[kattil]] \rightarrow kayatt\theta kattil\theta$  (rr  $\rightarrow$  tt)  
           rope cot           cot made with rope

## (4) Cocompounds:

- a.  $[[[aat]_3[maat]]kal] \rightarrow aat\theta maat\theta kal\theta$   
           goat cow pl.           cattle
- b.  $[[[kayar]_3[kampil]_3[caṇṇala]]_2[wargam]] \rightarrow$   
           rope wire chain category  
                                   kayar $\theta$ kampicaṇṇalawargam  
                                   the category of ropes, wires, and chains

The stem final t and r geminate in (3), but not in (4).

Like stem final gemination, stem initial gemination also takes place in subcompounds, but not in cocompounds:

## (5) Subcompounds

- a.  $[[[pett\bar{i}]_2[patt\bar{a}ayam]]kal] \rightarrow pett\bar{i}ppatt\bar{a}ayannal\theta$   
           box grain bin pl.    grainbins used as boxes
- b.  $[[aana]_2[kut\bar{i}ra]] \rightarrow aanakkut\bar{i}ra$   
           elephant horse       horse that is like an elephant

## (6) Cocompounds

- a.  $[[[pett\bar{i}]_3[patt\bar{a}ayam]]kal] \rightarrow pett\bar{i}ppatt\bar{a}ayannal\theta$   
                                   boxes and grainbins
- b.  $[[[aana]_3[kut\bar{i}ra]]kal] \rightarrow aanakut\bar{i}rakal\theta$   
                                   elephants and horses

Observe that the stems in (5) and (6) are the same. Therefore, the difference in gemination between subcompounds and cocompounds cannot be attributed to any morphological peculiarity of the stem.

Given that stem final and stem initial gemination takes place in subcompounds but not in cocompounds, how do we encode this in the grammar? One possible way would be to introduce new boundary symbols to distinguish between two kinds of compounds. We may, for example, mark subcompounds with the symbol  $\#$ , and cocompounds with  $\#\#$  (derivation: + ; inflection: # ). The rule of gemination can then be stated as (7):

$$(7) \text{ onset} \rightarrow \bigwedge \% \text{ — } \#\#^3$$

Such multiplication of boundaries, however, is ad hoc and unrevealing.

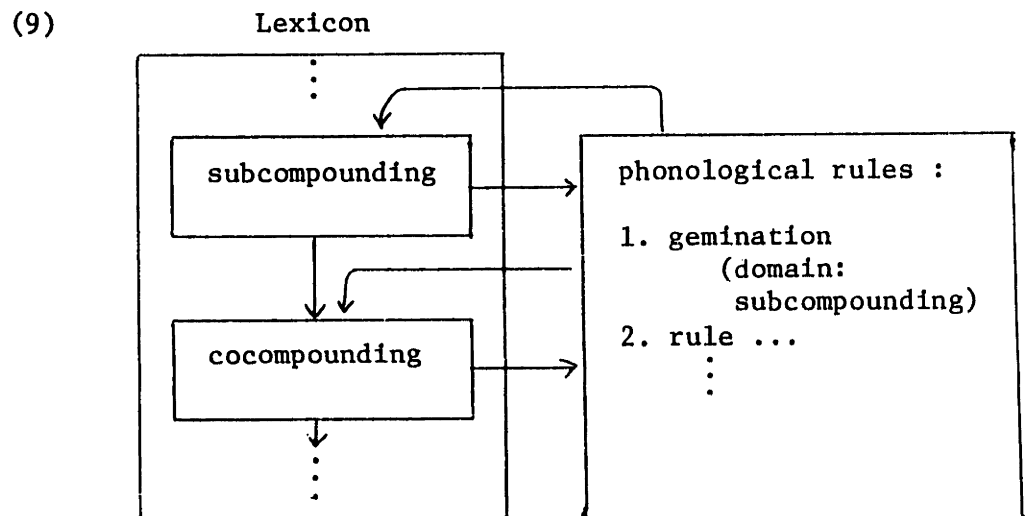
Several linguists, Rotenberg (1978), Harris (to appear), Selkirk (1980) among them, have proposed that the use of morphological tree structures allows for the elimination of boundaries. I shall propose that a more efficient way of eliminating boundary symbols is to develop the idea of "level ordering" in Siegel (1974) and Allen (1978) ('stratum ordering' in my terminology). I depart crucially from Siegel and Allen in assuming that phonological rules can apply in the lexicon at various morphological strata.

In order to account for the facts of Malayalam gemination,

let us assume that the language has the following lexical strata:

- (8) Stratum 1 : Derivation  
 Stratum 2 : Subcompounding  
 Stratum 3 : Cocompounding  
 Stratum 4 : Inflection

Let us also assume that gemination applies at the stratum of subcompounding, but not at any other strata. The basic structure of the theory implied by such an approach can be schematised as follows:



After every morphological operation such as affixation and compounding, the set of phonological rules is scanned for applicability. The domains of application of phonological rules are specified in terms of the strata at which the morphological operations take place, and a phonological rule applies at a stratum just in case the domain of that rule includes that stratum.

Given these assumptions, the rule of gemination can be stated as follows:

(10) Gemination (Domain : Sc ) (Sc = subcompound stratum)

Onset  $\rightarrow$  / ʔ % ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ ] [

The derivation of pa<sup>̄</sup>sukkuttikkirukkanmaā<sup>̄</sup> 'people crazy about calves' (pa<sup>̄</sup>su 'cow'; kutt<sup>̄</sup>i 'child'; kirukkan 'mad man'; -maā<sup>̄</sup> 'pl.') will be as follows:

(11)	subcompound	[[pa <sup>̄</sup> su][kutt <sup>̄</sup> i]]	compounding
		[[pa <sup>̄</sup> su][kkutt <sup>̄</sup> i]]	gemination
		[[[pa <sup>̄</sup> su][kkutt <sup>̄</sup> i]][kirukkan]]	compounding
		[[[pa <sup>̄</sup> su][kkutt <sup>̄</sup> i]][kkirukkan]]	gemination
	cocompound	_____	compounding
		_____	phon. rules
	inflection	[[pa <sup>̄</sup> sukkuttikkirukkan] maā <sup>̄</sup> ]	affixation
		_____	phon. rules

The contrast between kaat<sup>̄</sup>ṭṭama<sup>̄</sup>ram (3a) and aat<sup>̄</sup>ṭṭama<sup>̄</sup>ṭṭa (4a) can thus be explained as follows: in kaat<sup>̄</sup>ṭṭama<sup>̄</sup>ram, the compounding takes place at the subcompound stratum, where the gemination environment t][ is accessible to rule (10). In aat<sup>̄</sup>ṭṭama<sup>̄</sup>ṭṭa, on the other hand, the two stems are put together at the cocompound stratum, and t][ appears only after the domain of application of gemination is crossed.



## (15) Across words

- a. manusyan marīccu → manusyan marīccu  
       man       died       ( \*manusya marīccu)
- b. yakṣan kinnaṛane nulli → yakṣan kinnaṛane nulli  
       Yaksha Kinnara   pinched (\*yakṣa kinnaṛane nulli)  
       nom.       acc.  
       (The Yaksha pinched the Kinnara.)
- c. kaṭam koṇṭ mutin̄nu → kaṭam koṇṭə mutin̄nu  
       debt with destroyed (\*kaṭa koṇṭə mutin̄nu)  
       (We are destroyed by debt.)

There is a process of nasal deletion in derivational morphology that appears to be misleadingly similar to nasal deletion in compounds. This process, which I shall refer to as n-deletion, is illustrated below:

- (16) a. aaṛoogyam 'health' ; anaṛoogyam 'ill health'  
       b. aawaṛanam 'cover' ; anaawaṛanam 'uncover'  
       c. aikyam 'unity' ; anaikyam 'disunity'
- (17) a. sukham 'happiness' ; asukham 'unhappiness'  
       b. kramam 'order' ; akramam 'disorder'  
       c. satyam 'truth' ; asatyam 'falsehood'

The nasal in the negative prefix an- deletes when followed by a consonant. I shall state the rule as follows:

- (18) n-deletion ( Domain : De ) (De = Derivational stratum)

$$n \rightarrow \emptyset / \text{---} [C$$

n-deletion differs from the nasal deletion in compounds in

at least two respects. First, n-deletion applies only when followed by a consonant (cf. (16) and (17)); nasal deletion applies before vowels as well:

- (19) a.  $[[wṛkṣam]_2[agṛam]] \rightarrow wṛṁkṣaagṛam$   
           tree        top            tree top
- b.  $[[mukham]_2[aawāṇam]] \rightarrow mukhaawāṇam$   
           face        cover            cover for the face
- c.  $[[janam]_2[aikyam]] \rightarrow janaikyam$   
           people    unity            unity of the people
- (20) a.  $[[[suṛyan]_3[candṛan]]maār] \rightarrow suṛyacandṛanmaārṁ$   
           sun        moon        pl.        the sun and the moon
- b.  $[[[sukham]_3[asukham]]kal] \rightarrow sukhaasukhaṅgaḷṁ$   
           happiness    sorrow    pl.        happiness and sorrow
- c.  $[[[jananam]_3[maṛaṇam]]kal] \rightarrow jananamāṛaṇaṅgaḷṁ$   
           birth        death            birth and death

Second, n-deletion applies only to n, while nasal deletion applies to m as well. Consider the behaviour of sam- 'together':

- (21) a. yoogam 'joining' ; samyoogam 'joining together'  
       b. taapam 'heat' ; santaapam 'sympathy' (m → n)  
       c. trṇpti 'satisfaction' ; santrṇpti 'contentment'

Since the a~an alternation in (16) and (17) is not the result of nasal deletion in compounds, and nasal deletion does not apply in (21), I shall conclude that nasal deletion does not occur in derivational morphology. The rule of nasal deletion could be stated as (22)

in a theory that makes use of phonological boundaries to encode morphological information:

$$(22) \text{ Nasal} \rightarrow \emptyset / \text{---} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \# \\ \# \end{array} \right\}$$

Within the stratum theory, on the other hand, the rule is:

$$(23) \text{ Nasal Deletion (Domain : Sc, Cc) (Cc = Cocompound)}$$

$$\text{Nasal} \rightarrow \emptyset / \text{---} ] [$$

### 2.1.1.3. Vowel Lengthening

Another process that applies in subcompounds and cocompounds, but not in derivations, inflections, and word sequences is stem final vowel lengthening:

#### (24) Subcompounds

- a.  $[[\text{taara}]_2[\text{kaantan}]] \rightarrow \text{taaraakaantan}^4$   
       a name     husband     Tara's husband
- b.  $[[\text{rati}]_2[\text{deewi}]] \rightarrow \text{ratiideewi}$   
       a name     goddess     the goddess Rati
- c.  $[[\text{wadhu}]_2[\text{gṛham}]] \rightarrow \text{wadhuugṛham}$   
       bride     house     bride's home

#### (25) Cocompounds

- a.  $[[[\text{taara}]_3[\text{kaantan}]]\text{maār}] \rightarrow \text{taaraakaantanmaār}$   
       a name     a name     pl.     Tara and Kantan
- b.  $[[[\text{baalika}]_3[\text{baalan}]]\text{maār}] \rightarrow \text{baalikaabaalanmaār}$   
       girl     boy     pl.     girls and boys
- c.  $[[[\text{bhaārya}]_3[\text{bhartaakkan}]]\text{maār}] \rightarrow \text{bhaāryaabhartaakkanmaār}$   
       wife     husband     pl.     couples



## (26) Derivations

- a. [at̪i [kramam]] → at̪ikramam  
 extreme order      beyond order
- b. [anu [kaṛaṇam]] → anukaṛaṇam  
 together doing      imitation
- c. [prat̪i [dhwani]] → prat̪idhwani  
 against sound      echo

## (27) Inflections

- a. [[taaṛa] e] → taar̥aye  
 a name acc.
- b. [[taaṛa] kk'] → taarak'k'ə  
 dat.
- c. [[bhaaṛya] maar̥] → bhaaṛyamaar̥ə  
 wife pl.
- d. [[parawa] kal̥] → parawakal̥ə  
 dove pl.

## (28) Across words

- a. taar̥a paraṇṇu → taar̥a paraṇṇu  
 a name said      Tara said
- b. bhaaṛya kaar̥anam → bhaaṛya kaar̥anam  
 wife      reason      because of wife

We formulate the rule of vowel lengthening as follows:<sup>5</sup>

## (29) Vowel Lengthening ( Domain : Sc, Cc )

Rime → / ʌ / — ] [

#### 2.1.1.4. Vowel Sandhi

We saw that the domain of gemination is the subcompounding stratum. The rules of nasal deletion and vowel lengthening apply at the subcompounding as well as the cocompounding strata. I shall now show that the process of vowel sandhi which merges two adjacent vowels into a single one applies at the strata of derivation, subcompounding, and cocompounding.

In compounding, the vowels fused together undergo further changes of vowel height, the details of which we shall come to in 4.4.2. Vowel sandhi in compounds is illustrated by the following examples:

##### (30) Subcompounds

- a. [[mahaa]<sub>2</sub>[indrān]] → maheendran  
           great    Indra           great Indra
- b. [[niila]<sub>2</sub>[ambāram]] → niilaambāram  
           blue     sky           blue sky

##### (31) Cocompounds

- a. [[[weedam]<sub>3</sub>[itihaasam]]kaḷ.] → weedeetihaasannaḷa  
           scripture    myth           pl.    scriptures and myths
- b. [[[sukham]<sub>3</sub>[asukham]]kaḷ.] → sukhaasukhannaḷa  
           health    ill health           health and illness

When the infix -a- is inserted in the first syllable of a noun to form an abstract noun, it merges with the following rime:

- (32) a. kumaarān 'boy' ; kaumaar̄yam 'boyhood'  
           b. alasan 'lazy one'; aalasyam 'laziness'  
           c. dhiirān 'brave one'; dhair̄yam 'courage'

Thus, the domain of vowel sandhi includes the stratum of derivation.

Vowel sandhi does not apply at the level of inflections, as shown by (27a).<sup>6</sup> The following examples show that vowel sandhi does not apply across words:

- (33) a. bhaar̄ya alari → bhaar̄ya y alari  
           wife       screamed  
       b. paśu atbhut̄appett̄u → paśu w atbhut̄appett̄u  
           cow       wondered

In sum, I have shown that morphological information can be made accessible to phonological rules by allowing the phonological rules to apply in the lexicon, and specifying their domains in terms of morphological strata. 2.1.1.2., 2.1.1.3., and 2.1.1.4. show that a phonological rule must be allowed to have multiple strata as its domain: a theory that restricts domain assignments to single strata does not account for the facts of Malayalam.

The principle that governs the assignment of domains to rules is repeated below:

(34) The Stratum Domain Hypothesis

The domain of a rule is specified as a set of continuous strata.

Notice the stipulation that rule domains should be continuous. That is to say, if a rule has stratum 2 and stratum 4 as its domain, then, by (34), we are forced to include stratum 3 also as its domain. The continuity of strata is by no means a necessary requirement in the stratum theory. It is possible, for example, to abandon the continuity requirement and hold a weaker version of the Stratum Domain Hypothesis, as in (35):

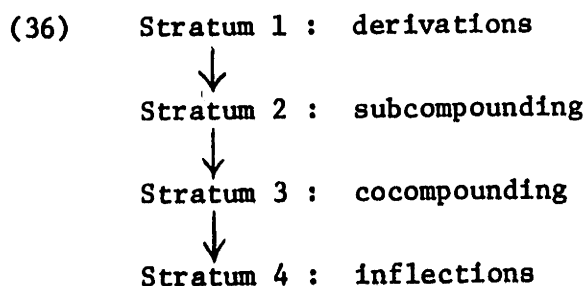
(35) The domain of a rule is specified as a set of strata.

In the absence of empirical evidence against (34), however, I shall adopt this stronger and more restrictive version of the hypothesis.

## 2.1.2. The Mechanics

### 2.1.2.1. The Stratum Structure

The discussion in 2.1.1. shows that we must assume Malayalam to have at least four strata of word formation, derivational, sub-compounding, cocompounding, and inflectional. These strata are ordered as follows:



This ordering makes the correct prediction that derivational affixes cannot be attached to compounds (or inflected stems), and that compounds cannot contain inflected stems:

- (37) a. gamanaagamananṅgaḷa 'goings and comings'  
 b. gamanaagamananīyantranaṃ 'control of goings and comings'  
 c. \*gamanaagamananṅgalnīyantranaṃ  
 (gamanam 'going'; aagamanam 'coming'; -kal 'pl.'  
 nīyantranaṃ 'control')

As (37c) shows, the plural inflection -kal cannot occur inside a compound. This holds for case inflections as well. It is difficult to offer formal evidence for or against the relative ordering of derivations and compounding, as both subcompounds and cocompounds are noun+noun compounds; the semantic relationships, however, show that (36) is not incorrect:

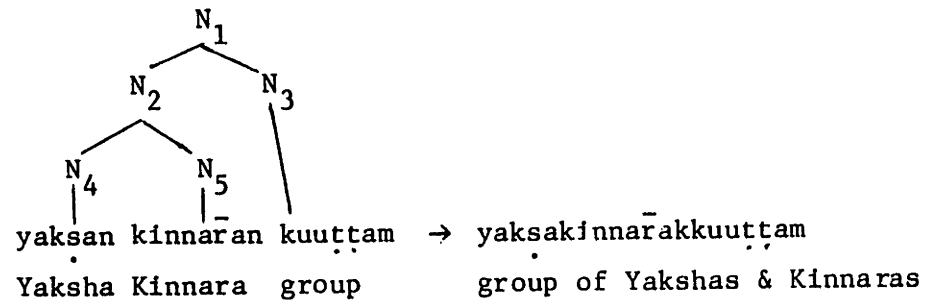
- (38) a. satyam 'truth' ; asatyam 'falsehood'  
 b. satyapreemaṃ 'love of truth'; asatyapreemaṃ 'love  
 of falsehood'

asatyapreemaṃ cannot mean 'hatred of truth', which is what we would expect if the structure were [a [[satyam] [preemaṃ]]]. Arguments based on meaning relationships can sometimes be misleading, but considering the fact that there are no cases in which the meaning of the compound is computed before the meaning of the affix is combined with the stem, I shall assume that (38) is indeed correct, until evidence to the contrary is discovered.

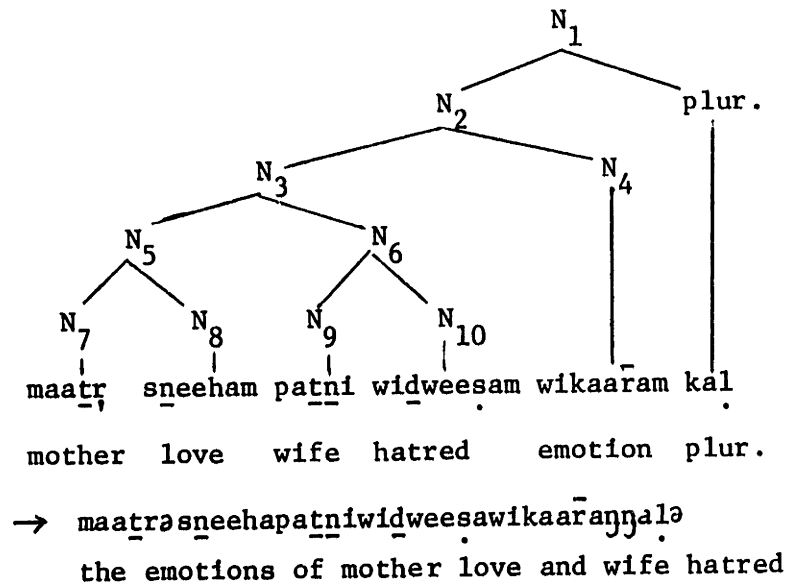
## 2.1.2.2. The Loop

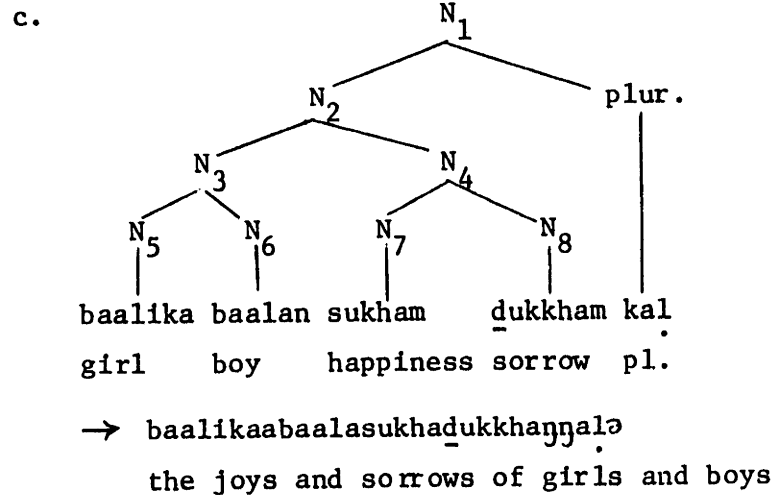
An interesting problem arises from the fact that a subcompound may contain a cocompound, and a cocompound may contain a subcompound, in both the right and the left members of the compound.

(39) a.



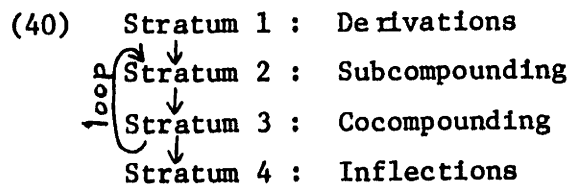
b.





In (39a),  $N_1$  is a subcompound which contains a cocompound ( $N_2$ ) as its left member. In (39b),  $N_5$  and  $N_6$  are subcompounds,  $N_3$  is a cocompound, and  $N_2$  is a subcompound. In (39c),  $N_3$  and  $N_4$  are cocompounds, and  $N_2$  is a subcompound.

If the ordering of strata is strictly as given in (36), the stems of subcompounds should not themselves be cocompounds. It is, therefore, necessary to say that the output of cocompounding can optionally be an input to subcompounding. For this, I propose the device of the 'loop', which works as follows:



It is important to note that the loop in (40) is  $\begin{smallmatrix} \uparrow 2 \\ \downarrow 3 \end{smallmatrix}$ , rather than  $\begin{smallmatrix} \uparrow 3 \\ \downarrow 2 \end{smallmatrix}$ . That is to say, even though subcompounds and cocompounds can be inputs to each other, the stratum of subcompounding precedes

that of cocompounding. The empirical consequences of this ordering are discussed in 2.1.3.

#### 2.1.2.3. The Opacity Principle

Note that the *k* in kuuttam geminates, while that in kinna<sup>̄</sup>ra<sup>̄</sup>n does not, in (39a). This is, in fact, what is expected, because kuuttam is the constituent of a subcompound, while kinna<sup>̄</sup>ra<sup>̄</sup>n is the constituent of a cocompound. The derivation of the compound is as follows:

(41)

deri- vation	_____	
subcom- pound	_____	
cocom- pound	[[yaksan] [kinna <sup>̄</sup> ra <sup>̄</sup> n]]	compounding
	[[yaks <sup>̣</sup> a ] [kinna <sup>̄</sup> ra <sup>̄</sup> n]]	nasal deletion
	_____	vowel sandhi
subcom- pound	[[yaks <sup>̣</sup> akinna <sup>̄</sup> ra <sup>̄</sup> n] [kuutt <sup>̣</sup> am]]	compounding
	[[yaks <sup>̣</sup> akinnara <sup>̄</sup> ] [kuutt <sup>̣</sup> am]]	nasal deletion
	[[yaks <sup>̣</sup> akinnara <sup>̄</sup> ] [kkuutt <sup>̣</sup> am]]	gemination

Note that the internal bracketing of yaks<sup>̣</sup>akinna<sup>̄</sup>ra<sup>̄</sup>n should



not be seen at the subcompound stratum, if gemination is not to apply to it. This follows from the Opacity Principle, repeated below;

(42) The Opacity Principle

The structure at one stratum is invisible at another stratum.

Observe that (42) imposes a powerful restriction on possible grammars, and is desirable on a priori grounds. The principle also guarantees that the bracketing  $[[yaks̥a][kinna\bar{r}an]]$  is invisible at the subcompounding stratum.

Pesetsky (1979) proposes a convention that erases internal brackets at the end of a derivation. This convention has similar, but not identical results as the Opacity Principle; it is, therefore, necessary to examine how (42) differs empirically from this convention.

(43) Bracket Erasing Convention

Given the nested constituents

$$_n[\dots_{n-1}[\dots]_{n-1}\dots]_n$$

the last rule of cycle  $n$  is: erase  $n-1$ .

The following derivation illustrates the application of the Bracket Erasing Convention;

(44)

untheatricality

Stratum 1	[theatre]	
	[[theat <del>m</del> ]ic]	<u>-ic</u> affixation
	[ theatric ]	BEC
	[[theatric] al]	<u>-al</u> affixation
	[ theatrical ]	BEC
	[[theatrical]ity]	<u>-ity</u> affixation
	[ theat ricality ]	BEC
Stratum 2		
	[un [theatricality]]	<u>un-</u> affixation
	[ untheatricality ]	BEC

The effect of BEC is to erase the internal brackets at the end of every morphological operation. The effect of (42), on the other hand, is to erase the brackets at the end of a stratum:

(45)

untheatricality

Stratum 1	[theat <del>m</del> ]	
	[[theat <del>m</del> ]ic]	<u>-ic</u> affixation
	[[[theatre]ic]al]	<u>-al</u> affixation
	[[[[theat <del>m</del> ]ic]al]ity]	<u>-ity</u> affixation
Stratum 2		
	[theatricality]	by (42)
	[un[theatricality]	<u>un-</u> affixation

In 4.5.3., I shall show that the Bracket Erasing Convention is too strong, as there are cases of affixation which are sensitive to the internal structure of the stems.

### 2.1.3. Stress and Tone

#### 2.1.3.1. Preliminary Facts

The basic facts of word stress in Malayalam are:

- (46) a. If the first syllable of a word has a short vowel and the second syllable a long one, the primary stress falls on the second syllable; in all other cases, primary stress is on the first syllable.
- b. Secondary stress (the evidence for which is the appearance of a high tone. Discussed below.) falls on all the remaining long vowels.

Given below are a few examples:

- (47) a. waṛā́am 'will come'  
 b. wáram 'boon'  
 c. waáram 'week'  
 d. waáráam 'will gather'
- (48) a. paṛā́ati 'complaint'  
 b. paáṇḍāyanam 'reading'  
 c. máṛatakam 'emerald'
- (49) a. angáārasā́atmī́kaṛanam 'carbon assimilation'  
 b. mṛógamadáadī́rasāyanam 'a medicine'

Malayalam is not a tone language. However, it is necessary to distinguish between word level intonation and phrase level intonation of in Malayalam. The facts of word level intonation are:

- (50) a. The primary stressed syllable has a low tone.  
 b. The last syllable of the word has a high tone.  
 c. All the secondary stressed syllables have high tones.

The assignment of tones is illustrated in (51):

- (51) a. pa<sup>L</sup>ra<sup>H</sup>at<sub>i</sub>      b. pa<sup>L</sup>ra<sup>H</sup>ti      c. pa<sup>L</sup>ra<sup>H</sup>aayan<sup>H</sup>am

We can account for the rising pitch contour, or the word melody, by assuming that it is of the form  $\underset{*}{LH}$ : the low tone is anchored to the primary stress, while the high tone spreads. In order to specify where it spreads, we propose the following convention for building trees:

(52) Foot construction

- a. Construct feet on all long vowels.
- b. Mark the first syllable as extrametrical (cf. Hayes (1980)) if it has no foot and is followed by a foot.
- c. Construct feet on initial and final vowels.

(53) Word tree

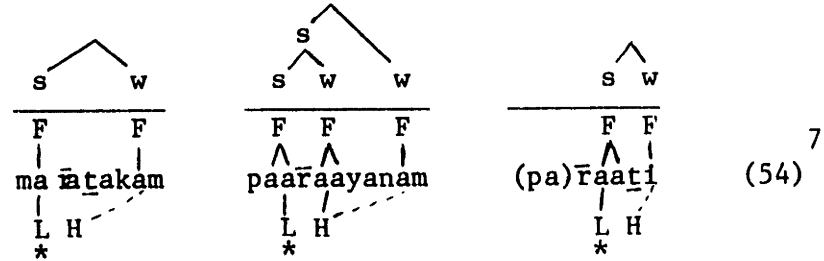
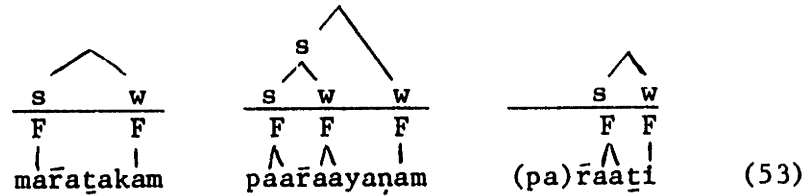
Construct a left branching tree on feet.

(54) Tone

H spreads to all tree

Examples for the application of (52)-(54) are given below:

- (55) a. ma<sup>L</sup>ra<sup>H</sup>ta<sub>kam</sub>      b. pa<sup>L</sup>ra<sup>H</sup>aayan<sup>H</sup>am      c. pa<sup>L</sup>ra<sup>H</sup>at<sub>i</sub>
- $\begin{array}{c} \text{F} \quad \text{F} \\ \wedge \quad \wedge \\ \text{pa} \text{---} \text{ra} \text{---} \text{aayanam} \end{array}$ 
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{F} \\ \wedge \\ \text{pa} \text{---} \text{ra} \text{---} \text{at}_i \end{array}$ 
(52a)
- $\begin{array}{c} \text{F} \\ \wedge \\ (\text{pa}) \text{---} \text{ra} \text{---} \text{at}_i \end{array}$ 
(52b)
- $\begin{array}{c} \text{F} \quad \text{F} \quad \text{F} \\ \wedge \quad \wedge \quad | \\ \text{ma} \text{---} \text{ra} \text{---} \text{ta}_{\text{kam}} \end{array}$ 
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{F} \quad \text{F} \quad \text{F} \\ \wedge \quad \wedge \quad | \\ \text{pa} \text{---} \text{ra} \text{---} \text{aayanam} \end{array}$ 
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{F} \quad \text{F} \\ \wedge \quad | \\ \text{pa} \text{---} \text{ra} \text{---} \text{at}_i \end{array}$ 
(52c)



### 2.1.3.2. Compounds

The facts of stress and tone dealt with in 2.1.3.1. are of particular interest to us because subcompounds and cocompounds exhibit differences in stress and tone assignment. A subcompound with a single primary stress and a single word melody acts as a unit, irrespective of the number of stems in it, while each stem in a cocompound is a separate unit, with stress and tone assignment taking place on every stem:

#### (56) Subcompounds

- a. [[[tā́rāa]₂[kaántan]]maarā]   
           a name      husband pl. (Tara's husbands)
- b. [[[mā́ta]₂[widweēṣam]]   
           religion hatred (hatred of religion)

#### (57) Cocompounds

- a. [[[ā́cchan]₃[ā́mma]]maarā]   
           father mother pl. (parents)
- b. [[[yākṣa]₃[kinnaṛa]₃[gā́ndharwan]] maarā]   
           Yaksha Kinnara Gandharwa pl.

In (56a), the kaa of the second stem is not considered the first syllable for the purposes of stress assignment, and is not assigned primary stress. In (56b), ta in the first stem is not considered the last syllable, and has no high tone on it. Both these facts follow from the assumption that the two compounds are single units for the purposes of stress and tone assignment. In contrast, the first syllable of amma in (57a) is assigned a primary stress, and the second syllable of acchan receives a high tone, indicating that the two stems are distinct units for stress and tone assignment.

Thus, noncompound words in subcompounds are treated identically for the purposes of stress and tone assignment, which takes place only after all the operations of subcompounding. The domain of stress and tone assignment is stipulated to be the cocompounding stratum. Sample derivations are given below:

(58) a. māṭawidweeṣam

	L	H	H	
	[maṭam] [widweeṣam]			
Sc	[[maṭam][widweeṣam]]			compounding
	[[maṭa ][widweeṣam]]			nasal deletion
Cc	[māṭawidweeṣam]			stress and tone
	L	H	H	

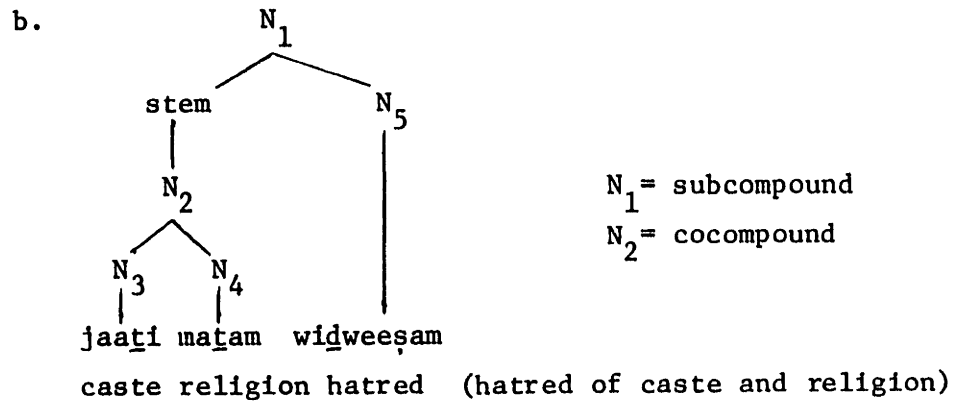
b. acchanammamaaṛə<sup>8</sup>

	L	H	L	H	
Sc	no rules				
Cc	F	F	F	F	stress and tone
	[ acchan ]	[ amma ]			
	L	H	L	H	
	F	F	F	F	compounding
	[[ acchan ]	[[ amma ]]			
	L	H	L	H	
Inf1.	F	F	F	F	affixation
	[[acchanamma] maaṛə]				
	L	H	L	H	

Note that the inflectional ending maaṛ does not receive any secondary stress, and there is no high tone on the syllable. This follows from the stipulations that (i) the domain of stress and tone assignment is the cocompounding stratum, and (ii) inflections are attached after the cocompounding stratum<sup>9</sup> (2.1.2.1.).

The interesting cases of tone assignment are found in those subcompounds which contain cocompounds as one of their constituents. Observe that the sequence mata widweesam in (56b) has a single word melody (LHH), while the same sequence has two melodies in (59a) (LH LH):

(59) a. jaāti māta widweesam  
           L H L H       L H



(60) jaatimatawidweesam

De	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div>[jaat_i]</div> <div>[matam]</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <div>_____</div> <div>_____</div> </div>	affixation
Sc	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div>_____</div> <div>_____</div> </div>	compounding
Cc	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div>           F F            [jaat_i]                           L H         </div> <div>           F F            [matam]                           L H         </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div>           F F            [[jaat_i][matam]]                           L H         </div> <div>           F F            [matam]                           L H         </div> </div>	stress & tone  compounding
Sc	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div>           F F F F            [[jaatimatam]                               L H L H         </div> <div>           F F F F            [widweesam]                               L H L H         </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div>           F F F F            [[jaatimata ]                               L H L H         </div> <div>           F F F F            [widweesam]                               L H L H         </div> </div>	compounding  nasal deletion
Cc	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div>           F F F F            [ jaatimata                               L H L H         </div> <div>           F F            widweesam ]                           L H         </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div>_____</div> <div>_____</div> </div>	stress & tone  compounding



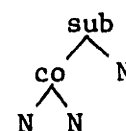
### 2.1.3.3. Stress and Tone Assignment in the Boundary Theory

It would be instructive to enquire at this point how the facts of stress and tone described above can be accounted for in a theory that makes use of distinct boundary symbols rather than ordered strata to characterise the domain of phonological rules. In order to distinguish between subcompounds and cocompounds in stress and tone assignment, the boundary theory must stipulate that word tree construction cannot take place across the cocompound boundary ##, the inflectional boundary #, and the word boundary #. <sup>10</sup> Given the assumptions of metrical theory, such a stipulation would result in an odd projection of feet as well as boundary symbols. This disjunction is unnecessary in the stratum theory.

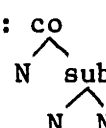
Even if a projection of boundary symbols and feet were allowed, the boundary theory is incapable of accounting for stress and tone assignment in compounds like (59), in which a subcompound contains a cocompound as one of its members.

Consider the contrast between (61) a and b:

(61) a. [[[jaat̪i][mat̪a]][widweeṣam]] :  
           L H    L H           L H



b. [[[kaamuka][bhartr̥ṣ][sahoodaṛan]]]maāṛā :  
       L H       L           H H  
   lover       husband brother   pl.  
   (Lovers and husband's brothers)



In terms of boundaries, (61) a and b receive identical representation: X ## Y ## Z :

(62) a. jaat̪i ## mat̪a ## widweeṣam

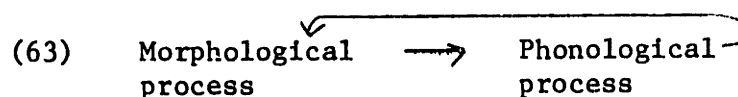
b. kaamuka ## bhart̪r̪a ## sahoodaṛ̪an # maaṛ̪a

The representations in (62) a and b do not make the necessary distinctions for stress and tone assignment. One may think of exploiting the bracketing difference to account for the distinction. Thus, in addition to stipulating that ## blocks stress and tone assignment, one may say that the rules apply cyclically, from smaller to larger brackets. However, this assumption leads to <sup>the</sup> incorrect results of assigning primary stress and a LH melody to every stem in a sub-compound. Thus, the boundary theory has no account for the contrast between (61) a and b.

#### 2.1.4. Summary

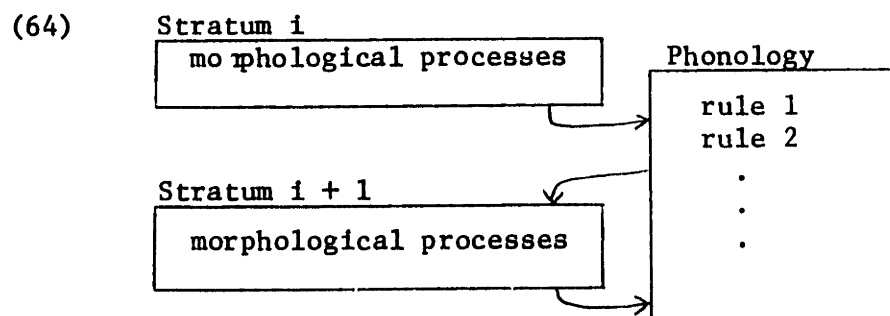
The structure of the model of phonology that emerges out of 2.1. is: a subset of phonological rules has the lexicon as the domain of application. These rules apply prior to lexical insertion, thereby making a distinction between lexical rule applications and post lexical rule applications. The lexicon consists of a set of ordered strata, and the domains of phonological rules are characterised as sets of continuous strata.

Morphological and phonological operations are interspersed in a cyclic fashion. Every time a morphological operation takes place at a stratum, the set of phonological rules which have that stratum as their domain are scanned for applicability.



(63) has the effect of making all rule applications in the lexicon cyclic, without stipulating them to be so (see also Pesetsky (1979)).

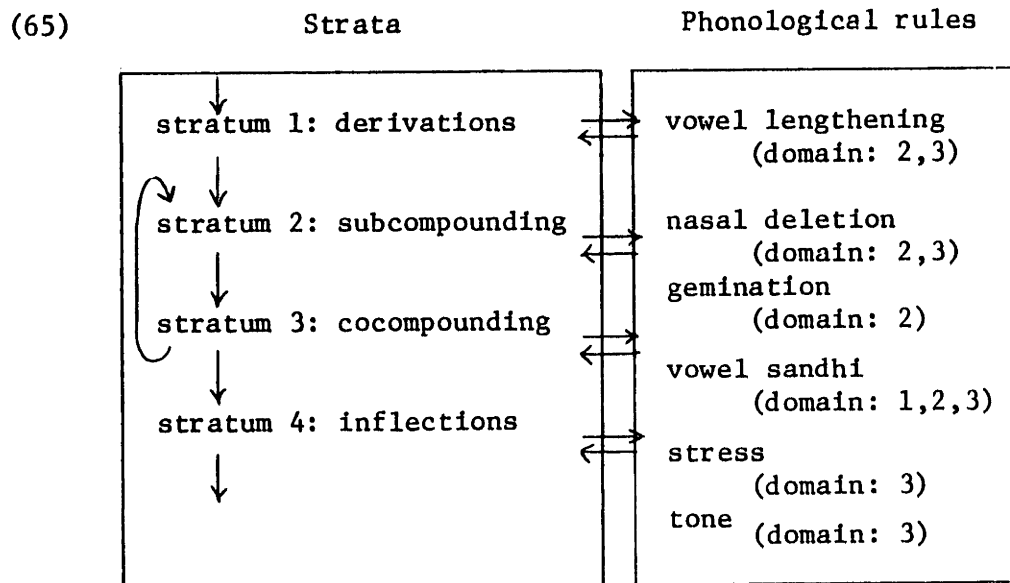
It must be pointed out that the rules we have discussed so far do not provide any evidence that lexical rules **MUST** apply cyclically, after every morphological operation. They could equally well be accounted for by assuming that the phonological rules apply at the end of all the morphological operations at every stratum.



The strongest position would be either that all lexical rule applications are cyclic, or that all of them are noncyclic. There is evidence that at least some lexical rule applications must be cyclic (Kiparsky (1979); Hayes (1980)). Therefore, I shall assume, in

the absence of counterevidence, that all lexical rule applications are cyclic, and adopt (63), which yields this result.

The stratum structure of Malayalam and the phonological rules associated with the strata are summarised in (65):



## 2.2. General Issues

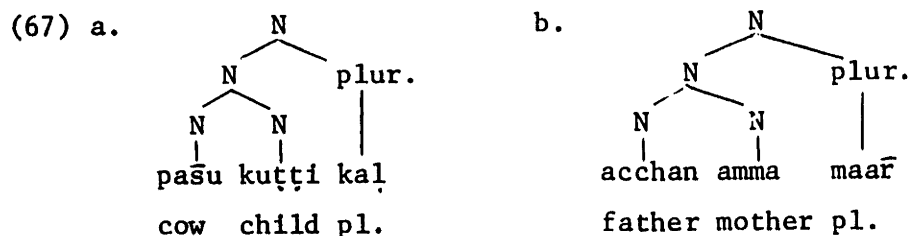
### 2.2.1. What is a Stratum?

The assumption that lay behind our analysis of subcompounds and cocompounds was that they are generated by rules (66)a and b respectively:

(66) a.  $N \rightarrow N N$  (subcompounds)

b.  $N \rightarrow N^*$  (cocompounds)

There are no node labels that distinguish between the two kinds of compounds, such as  $N^{\text{sub}}$  and  $N^{\text{co}}$ . Thus, the subcompound paṣukkuṭṭikaḷə 'calves', and the cocompound acchanammamaar̄ə 'parents' will have identical configurational structures:

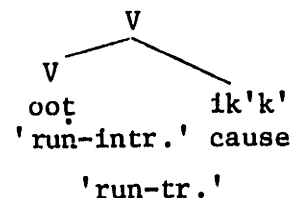


The distinction between subcompounds and cocompounds is made in terms of the stratum at which the stems are put together. (66a) has the subcompounding stratum as its domain, and (66b), the cocompounding stratum.

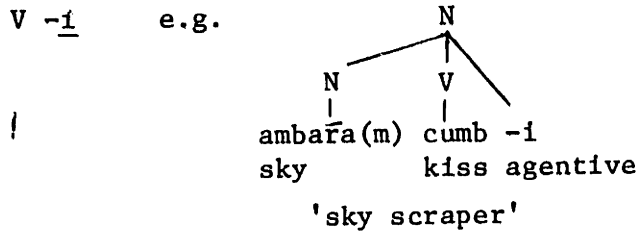
Now, (66a) is not the only morphological rule that applies at the subcompounding stratum. For instance, as we shall see in 4.5., and 4.6., the following rules also apply at this stratum:

(68) The Causative Rule

$V \rightarrow V \text{ -ik'k'}$  e.g.



## (69) The Verbal Compound Rule

$$N \rightarrow N V \text{ -}\underline{i} \quad \text{e.g.}$$


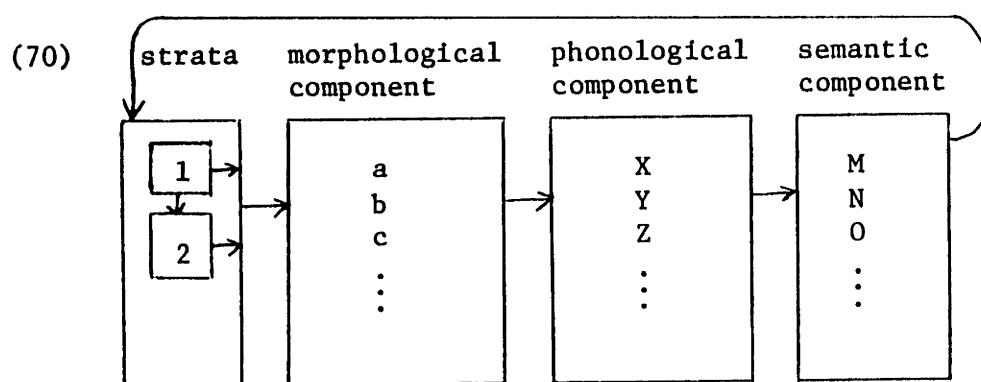
In other words, it is not subcompounds alone which are generated at stratum 2, but causative verbs and verbal compounds as well. For mnemonic purposes, however, I shall continue to refer to stratum 2 as the subcompounding stratum.

Similarly, the derivational stratum is associated with rules such as  $N \rightarrow \underline{a} N$  ((16a));  $N \rightarrow \underline{\text{sam}} N$  ((21));  $A \rightarrow \underline{\text{prati}} A$  ((26c)). The inflectional stratum attaches number and case inflections to nouns:  $N \rightarrow N \text{ num case}$ ; and tense inflections to verbs:  $V \rightarrow V \text{ tense}$ .

Given this approach to morphology, the rules which make a distinction between two morphological processes must apply at the appropriate stratum, as the morphological distinction is not available in the final output of the word formation component. 2.1. demonstrates this with respect to phonological rules. Semantic rules follow the same mode of application. Thus, cocompounds have the meaning of 'X and Y and ...', while subcompounds have various meanings such as 'X made with Y' (e.g. maṛakkutīṛa 'wooden horse'), 'Y's X' (kuṭīṛawaalā 'horse's tail'), 'X that operates with Y' ( kuṭīṛawaṇṭi 'horse cart') etc. These semantic relationships must

be established at the stratum at which each compound is generated, parallelling the application of phonological rules described in 2.1.

What this shows is that each stratum is associated with sets of morphological, semantic, and phonological rules which have that stratum as their domain. This conception of the lexicon can be schematised as follows:



The relative order of the phonological and semantic components is irrelevant, but it is important that the morphological component precedes the other two.

A stratum, thus, is an abstract domain, at which several morphological, semantic, and phonological properties converge. The only intrinsic property of a stratum is the ordering relation it holds with respect to the other strata. The rest of its properties are derived from the application of various rules which have that stratum as their domain of application.

A stratum may be conceived of as a location, with an index

attached to it. Each location carries the following instructions:

(71) Location i

- a. Search the grammar for rules with index i, and apply them.
- b. Go to location j.

The notion of the stratum is similar to the notion of the component in linguistic theory, with one crucial difference. A component is identified by the processes and types of representations it contains. In other words, a component is uniquely associated with a set of rules and representations. No such unique association is possible with a stratum, as the same rule or representation may be associated with more than one stratum.

### 2.2.2. Rule Ordering in Lexical Phonology

Does Lexical Phonology require the extrinsic ordering of phonological rules? Supposing that stratum  $S_i$  is ordered prior to stratum  $S_j$ , and that rules  $P_i$  and  $P_j$  have  $S_i$  and  $S_j$  respectively as their sole domains, it would follow that the application of  $P_i$  would precede the application of  $P_j$ . If so, can we maintain the Unordered Rule Hypothesis such as the one proposed in Koutsoudas, Sanders, & Noll (1974), which says that rules apply whenever they are applicable, subject to universal restrictions on their application? Can the ordering of strata take care of the apparent counterexamples to the Unordered Rule Hypothesis?



A brief look at the facts of Malayalam phonology reveals that extrinsic ordering of phonological rules is, indeed, necessary, independently of stratum ordering. Consider the interaction between nasal deletion (2.1.1.2.) and vowel lengthening (2.1.1.3.). Both nasal deletion and vowel lengthening have the subcompounding and cocompounding strata as their domains; hence the stratum theory says nothing about the relative order of their application. Now, we find that the vowels before deleted nasals do not lengthen, as shown by the contrast between (72) and (73):

- (72) a. [[jaaṛan][gṛham]] → jaaṛagṛham  
           lover   house           lover's house
- b. [[kaalam][saṇḍeeṣam]] → kaalasanaṇḍeeṣam  
           time    message       the message of time
- (73) a. [[bhāṛya][gṛham]] → bhāṛyaagṛham  
           wife    house       wife's house
- b. [[kala][saṇḍeeṣam]] → kalaasanaṇḍeeṣam  
           art    message       the message of art

The vowel in the last syllable of the first stem lengthens in (73), but not in (72). These examples present a classic case of extrinsic ordering:

- (74)    Vowel lengthening    )
- Nasal deletion



(79) a. kampi → [kambi] 'a metal rod'

b. kaṇṭu → [kaṇḍu] 'saw'

c. cem + taamaṛa → [cendaamaṛa]  
           red   lotus               red lotus

For the present purposes, I formulate the rule of  
 intervocalic voicing (for details, see 4.1.5.) as follows:

(80) Intervocalic Voicing

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{-son.} \\ \text{-cont.} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow [ +\text{voice} ] / \text{V} \text{ — } \text{V}^{12}$$

- (81) a. apakaṭam → [abagaḍam] 'danger'  
 b. waacakam → [waajagam] 'sentence'  
 c. koṭuttu → [koḍuttu] 'gave'

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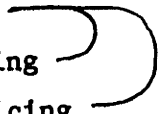
The rules (76), (78), and (80), all apply in the post lexical domain, as shown by the fact that they apply across words:

- (82) a. raṣiid ewiṭe → raṣiid<sup>ḍ</sup>ewiṭe (vowel onglide)  
 Rashid where Where is Rashid?  
 b. r̄aaman pooyi → r̄aamambooyi (post nasal voicing)  
 Rama went Rama went  
 c. kuṭṭi kar̄an̄nu → kuṭṭi gar̄an̄nu (intervoc. voicing)  
 child cried child cried

Given that these rules apply in the same domain, the stratum ordering says nothing about their relative order of application. Nevertheless, we find that the vowel onglide rule must apply prior to the voicing rules. Contrast a and b:

- (83) a. man̄tan → [man̄dan] 'a fool'  
 b. man̄dan → [man̄d<sup>ḍ</sup>an] 'slow person'
- (84) a. waaṭam → [waaḍam] 'rheumatism'  
 b. waaḍam → [waad<sup>ḍ</sup>am] 'argument'

In order to account for the fact that the vowel onglide rule does not apply in (83a) and (84a), we stipulate the following order:

- (85) Vowel onglide  
 Post nasal voicing  
 Intervocalic voicing
- 

## 2.3. Excursions into Other Languages

In this section, I shall present brief illustrations of the application of the stratum theory to English and Dakota, in order to give<sup>a</sup> clearer picture of the model by examining familiar phenomena, as well as to clarify the kinds of predictions the theory makes.

### 2.3.1. English

2.3.1.1. How many strata does the lexicon of English require? How are they ordered? The first approximation is provided by (86):

(86) Stratum ordering in English

Stratum 1: Class I affixation (in-, -ity, -ion, -ic...)

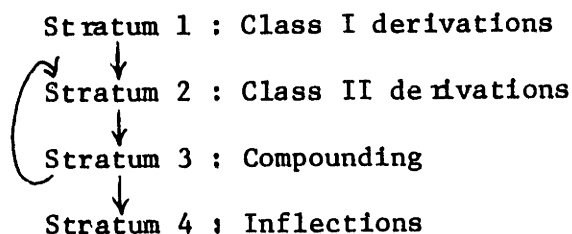
Stratum 2: Class II affixation (un-, re-, -dom, -ship...)

Stratum 3: Compounding

Stratum 4: Inflection

It has been pointed out by Selkirk (to appear) that class II derivations can be attached to compound stems, even though class I derivations cannot (Siegel (1974), Allen (1978)). Thus, though \*in+self-sufficient and \*in+outmoded are impossible, un#self-sufficient and ex#frogman are not. In order to account for these facts,  
13  
we provide a loop from 3 to 2:

## (87) Stratum Ordering in English



Is there a loop from stratum 4 to 3? Evidence suggests that there cannot be such a loop, even though Selkirk cites compounds like arms conscious and pants suit to show that compounds can contain inflected stems. Alongside these compounds, we also have trouser-leg (\*trousers-leg, \*trouser, trousers), and scissor-cut (\*scissors-cut, \*scissor, scissors). Observe that the prohibition on inflected stems extends to the tense inflections as well. Thus, as Selkirk herself notes, \*scrubs woman and \*scrubbed woman are impossible in English. I shall, therefore, conclude that inflected stems cannot be compounded in English. Compounds such as arms conscious and pants suit are marginal, and some alternative explanation will have to be offered for them.

Note that (87) correctly predicts that derivational affixes cannot be attached to inflected stems: \*programser (programmer), \*weaponsry (weaponry), \*kingsdom (kingdom), \*childrenlike (childlike). A loop from 4 to 3 would also amount to a loop from 4 to 2, and we would have no explanation for the impossibility of attaching derivational affixes to inflected stems.

2.3.1.2. Defining the domain of a rule as stratum 1 has the effect of allowing the rule to apply across +, but not across # or ##. SPE notes that there are no rules in English which are blocked by the presence of +, and stipulates the convention that a rule of type (88a) is optionally interpretable as (88)b, c, and d:

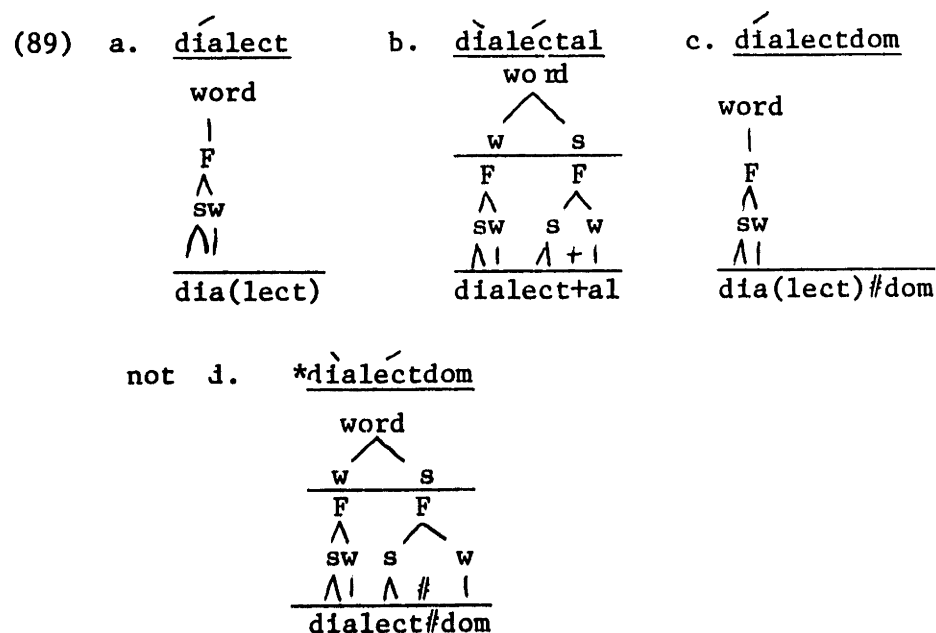
- (88) a.  $A \rightarrow B / X - Y$   
       b.  $A \rightarrow B / X - + Y$   
       c.  $A \rightarrow B / X + - Y$   
       d.  $A \rightarrow B / X + - + Y$

This convention guarantees that + is incapable of blocking phonological rules, unlike the other boundaries.

In Lexical Phonology, it is unnecessary to have anything corresponding to this convention. Observe that + is, in fact, the boundary associated with class I derivations, and is, therefore, the juncture at stratum 1. The only way for a phonological rule not to apply across a stratum 1 juncture is for it to be assigned to a previous stratum, which does not exist. Thus, no phonological rule can be blocked by the juncture at stratum 1. Generalising, we may say that defining the domain of a rule as stratum  $S_i$  and not stratum  $S_j$  (where  $S_i$  is prior to  $S_j$ ) has the effect of allowing the rule to apply across the boundaries associated with  $S_i$  and the preceding strata, and blocking the application of the rule across the boundaries associated with  $S_j$  and the subsequent strata. Thus, the effects of rule

blocking across boundaries follows from the organisation of the lexicon, and requires no special stipulations.

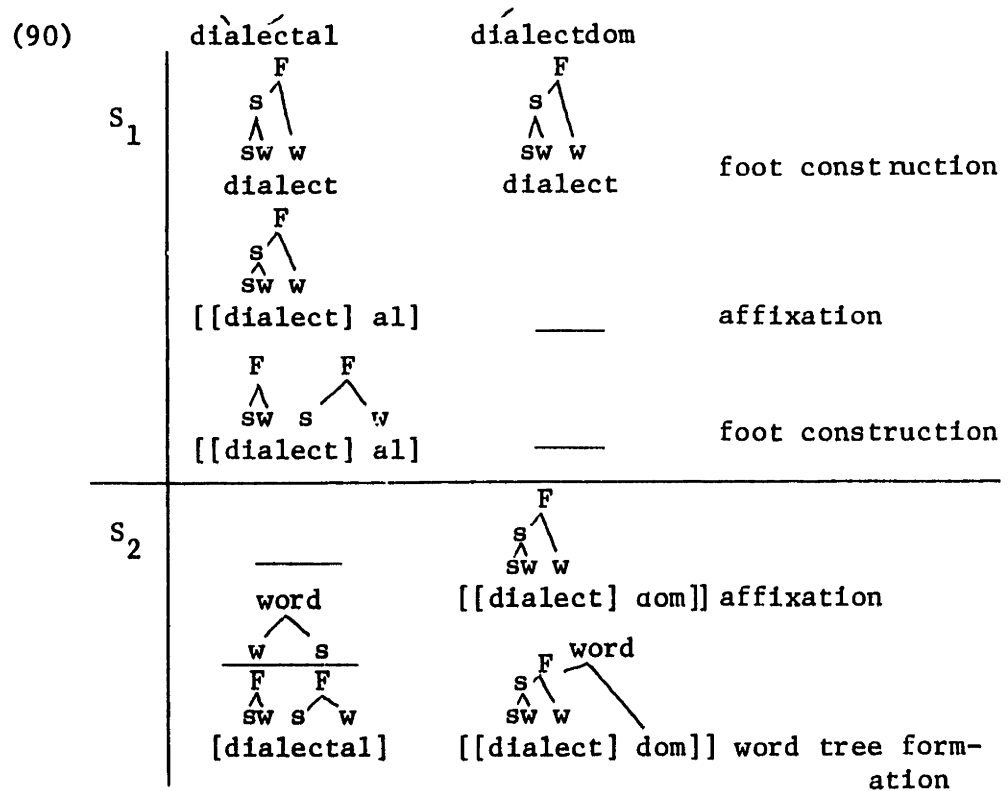
Consider, for example, the phenomenon of word stress in English. It is a matter of general observation that class II affixes are stress neutral, while class I affixes may cause a stress shift. SPE accounts for this contrast by stipulating that the rules of word stress apply across +, but not across #. In a metrical theory of stress that makes use of boundary symbols, what this means is that foot construction cannot apply across #:



If foot construction is an operation on the projection of rimes (Hayes (1980)), this is a strange stipulation: in order to guarantee that the foot in (89d) is not built, one has to assume that foot trees are built on a projection of rimes as well as boundary symbols (see also 2.1.3.3.).



Lexical Phonology accounts for the stress neutrality of class II affixes by assuming that the domain of foot construction is stratum 1.<sup>14</sup> This domain assignment has the effect of not allowing # and ## inside a foot. Given below are the derivations which illustrate the application of this solution.



Note that no new feet are formed at stratum 2, and the existing foot trees are undisturbed. The joining together of feet into word trees takes place at stratum 2. Alternately, one may assume that word tree formation can take place at both 1 and 2. I cannot think of any empirical consequence which hinges on these alternatives.

Class II suffixes like -ness, -less, and -dom do not have any stress on the suffixes themselves. On the other hand, some class II suffixes like -ship, -hood, and -like, and all the class II prefixes I can think of (un-, de-, re- ...) are inherently stressed: childlike, kingship, manhood, unknown, redesign. In order to account for the contrast, I shall assume that -ship, -hood, un-, etc. have inherent feet.

(91)		<u>kingdom</u>	<u>kingship</u>	
	S <sub>1</sub>	[king] F [kíng]	[king] F [kíng]	foot construction
	S <sub>2</sub>	F [[kíng] dom]	F F [[kíng] ship]	affixation
		F [[kíng] dom]	 [[kíng] ship]	word tree

Observe that the rule governing the word tree at stratum 2 is: the stem is assigned S. Thus, we have manhood but unknown. One may venture to suggest that this can be accounted for by the following universal principle:

- (92) Unless otherwise required by the grammar, the stem is dominant.<sup>15</sup>

When a class II affix is attached to a stem, the primary stress is always on the stem. In contrast, most compounds generally

take the primary stress on the first stem. What this means is that the compound stress rule applies only at stratum 3 (because 3 is the stratum of compounding), and not at prior or subsequent strata. We state the compound stress rule as follows:

(93) Compound Stress Rule (Domain : Stratum 3)

The right node is strong iff branching.

(Lieberman & Prince (1976))

Compare the derivations of unknown and blackbird:

(94)	<u>unknown</u>	<u>blackbird</u>	
S <sub>1</sub>	[known] F [known] _____	[black][bird] F F [black][bird] _____	foot construction affixation
S <sub>2</sub>	F F [un[known]] w s F F [un[known]]	_____	affixation principle (92)
S <sub>3</sub>	_____	F F [[black][bird]] s w F F [[black][bird]]	compounding Compound stress rule

To summarise, we find that foot construction takes place in English at stratum 1. There are no labelling conventions at stratum 2, and the universally unmarked condition that the stem is dominant applies. Stratum 3 is the domain of the compound stress rule.

2.3.1.4. There are three types of apparent problems for our analysis of English morphology. The first type is illustrated by words like nuclear physicist. If we adopt the bracketing suggested by the meaning of the word ('one who studies nuclear physics', not \*'a physicist who is nuclear'), we arrive at [[nuclear physic]ist], which violates the generalisation that class I affixes are not attached to compounds. Note, however, that semantic bracketing does not always correspond to morphological bracketing. English grammarian, for example, can mean 'one who studies English grammar', but we do not for this reason propose the bracketing [[English grammar]<sub>NP</sub> ian]. Given that some principle of semantic interpretation is necessary to account for English grammarian, we can adopt the bracketing [[nuclear][physicist]], and allow the same principle to apply to it.

The second type of problem is found in words like developmental and governmental. If the -ment in these words is a class II affix, we arrive at the structure [[[stem]class II affix]class I affix], which our analysis of English morphology disallows. We suggest that the -ment in these cases, unlike the -ment in, say, fulfillment, is a class I affix. Some support for this position is offered by the stress shift in these words (development vs developmental). Class II affixes do not cause stress shift.

The third problem is seen in words like ungrammaticality and extrametricality. Assuming that un- is attached to adjectives and not to nouns (unfortunate, but \*unfortune), the bracketing

has to be [[un[grammatical]]ity], which involves the attachment of a class I affix to a stem containing a class II affix. At this point, I do not have a solution to this problem.

### 2.3.2. Compounding in Dakota

#### 2.3.2.1. Basic Facts

Chambers & Shaw (1980; henceforth C&S) show that there are two kinds of compounds in Dakota, which they refer to as lexical and syntactic compounds, illustrated in (95)a and b respectively:<sup>16</sup>

- (95) a. hã | wakhã → hãwakhã (lexical)  
           night holy       the northern lights
- b. hã # wakhã → hãwakhã (syntactic)  
                           holy night

C&S use the boundary | for lexical compounds, # for syntactic compounds, and + for inflections. The semantics of syntactic compounds, as illustrated by (95b), is compositional, while that of lexical compounds is almost totally unproductive. There are several phonological processes in which the distinction between the two compounds clearly shows up. As illustrated in (95), for example, lexical compounds have a single stress, while syntactic compounds have two. C&S take care of the stress facts with the following rules:

(96) Dakota Accent Rule (DAR) (p. 325)

$$V \rightarrow \acute{V} / \#(C_0V)C_0\text{---}$$

(97) Compound Accent Rule (CAR) (p. 327)

$$\acute{V} \rightarrow \grave{V} / [\#\#\dots\acute{V}\dots\#\dots\text{---}\dots\#\#]_{N,V}$$

The environment # is met only once in (95a) ( $\#\#h\grave{a}|wak\grave{h}\grave{a}\#\#$ ), but twice in (95b) ( $\#\#h\grave{a}\#wak\grave{h}\grave{a}\#\#$ ), and therefore, DAR applies to both stems in (95b). CAR follows, reducing the second  $\acute{V}$  to  $\grave{V}$ .

Dakota has several other processes that demand the distinction between lexical and syntactic compounds. One of them is the rule of stem formation, given by C&S as follows:

(98) Stem Formation (p. 330)

$$\emptyset \rightarrow a / C \text{---} \#$$

(98) derives [čepa] 'to be fat' from the underlying  $\#\#\check{c}ep\#\#$ . The rule applies word internally in syntactic compounds, but not in lexical compounds:

(99) a.  $\check{c}hey\ \#zi \rightarrow \check{c}heyazi$  'yellow kettle'

b.  $\check{c}hey|zi \rightarrow \check{c}hexzi$  'brass kettle'

Similarly, the rule of devoicing applies only in lexical compounds:

$$(100) \quad \begin{array}{c} z \\ \check{z} \\ \gamma \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} s \\ \check{s} \\ x \end{array} / \text{---} |$$

(100) changes  $\gamma$  to x in (99b).<sup>17</sup>

#### 2.3.2.2. The Ordering of Strata in Dakota

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An interesting feature of Dakota morphology is that the processes of compounding and derivation apply to inflected stems. Consider, for example, the behaviour of the inflectional prefixes wa 'I', ya 'you', and ni 'you':

(101) Non derived words

wa<sup>́</sup>upa 'I lay down' (wa + ũpa)

(102) Compound words

- a. čokh<sup>́</sup>ũ 'to plan to kill' (čho | khũ)
- b. čowákhũ 'I plan to kill (someone)' (čho[wa + khũ])
- c. čoyákhũ 'you plan to kill (someone)' (čho[ya+khũ])

(103) Derived words

- a. yeyá 'send' (ye 'go'; ya 'you')
- b. yewáya 'I send (someone)'
- c. niyéwasí 'I ordered you to go' (sí 'order')

Observe that the inflectional morphemes wa and ya occur inside ~~the~~ compounds ((102)b,c), as well as inside ~~the~~ derivations ((103)b,c), showing that inflectional affixation is an input to both derivation and compounding. The Dakota facts present a marked case: in most languages, inflectional affixation is not an input to derivational affixation, shown by the fact that derivational affixes cannot be

attached to inflected stems. I give below the unmarked universal stratum ordering and the marked Dakota ordering:

(104) Unmarked Stratum Ordering

↓  
stratum 1 : derivations  
↓  
stratum j : inflections  
↓

(105) Dakota

↓  
stratum 1 : inflections  
↓  
stratum j : derivations  
↓

Expanding (105) on the basis of the information available in C&S, we arrive at the following stratum ordering in Dakota:

(106) Dakota stratum ordering

Stratum 1 : Inflection  
↓  
Stratum 2 : Derivation  
↓  
Stratum 3 : 'Lexical' compounding in C&S  
↓  
Stratum 4 : 'Syntactic' compounding in C&S

In passing, we note that the Dakota facts confirm our assumption that inflectional affixation takes place in the lexicon, rather than in syntax (see also Lieber (1980), Selkirk (to appear), Bresnan (in press: a, b)). This assumption is to be contrasted with the approach taken in, say, the Government Binding Theory (Chomsky (1981)) in which inflections attach to their stems in syntax by means of rules such as affix hopping. Given Chomsky's assumption that derivational



affixation takes place in the lexicon (Chomsky (1970)), and the fact that inflectional affixation is an input to derivation, it follows that inflectional affixation should also take place in the lexicon.

#### 2.3.2.3. The Domains of Rules

We are now ready to define the domains of Dakota rules in terms of the strata in (106). The stem formation rule ((98) for C&S) clearly belongs to stratum 4.

(107) Stem Formation ( Domain : Stratum 4)

$$\emptyset \rightarrow a / C \text{ —}]$$

The rule of devoicing ((100)) in the stratum theory would belong to strata 2 and 3:

(108) Devoicing ( Domain : Strata 2-3)

$$\begin{array}{c} z \\ \text{ž} \\ \gamma \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} s \\ š \\ x \end{array} / \text{ —}]$$

The DAR ((96)) should apply at stratum 4, as it applies only when the syntactic compound boundary is present:

(109) Dakota Accent Rule ( Domain : Stratum 4)

$$v \rightarrow \acute{v} / [(C_0 v) C_0 \text{ —}]^{18}$$

The CAR ((97)) also belongs to stratum 4:

(110) The Compound Stress Rule ( Domain : Stratum 4 )

$$\acute{V} \rightarrow \grave{V} / [[\dots \acute{V} \dots][\dots - \dots]]$$

The derivations of (95) a and b are given below:

(111) hãwákhã 'northern lights'

S <sub>1</sub>	hã      wakhã	
	_____	_____
S <sub>2</sub>	_____	_____
S <sub>3</sub>	[[hã] [wakhã]]	compounding
S <sub>4</sub>	[hãwákhã]	DAR
	_____	CAR

(112) hãwakhã 'holy night'

S <sub>1</sub>	hã      wakhã	
	_____	_____
S <sub>2</sub>	_____	_____
S <sub>3</sub>	_____	_____
S <sub>4</sub>	hã      wakhã	DAR
	_____	CAR
	[[hã] [wakhã]]	compounding
	_____	DAR
	[[hã] [wakhã]]	CAR

#### 2.3.2.4. Advantages of the Stratum Treatment

2.3.2.4.1. Assuming that the presence of all boundaries except + blocks phonological rules unless stated in the structural description of the rule, the formulation of DAR by C&S as in (96) is incorrect. Observe that the rule applies across |, as shown by (113):

- (113) a.  $\text{cho|k?ũ} \rightarrow \text{chok?ũ}$  'to plan to kill' (p. 325, 6)  
 b.  $\text{skal|otmani} \rightarrow \text{skalotmani}$  'he goes about in order to play' (p. 328)

There can be an optional | both before and after the second  $C_0$  in the rule. For DAR to apply correctly in (113), C&S will have to reformulate the rule as:

$$(114) \quad V \rightarrow \hat{V} / \#(C_0 V)(|)C_0(|) \text{ —}$$

Rule (114) misses the generalisation that DAR simply ignores the presence of | anywhere in the string. Why, for example, couldn't there have been a rule like (115)?

$$(115) \quad V \rightarrow \hat{V} / \#(C_0 V)(\#)C_0(|) \text{ —}$$

Rules like (115) are unstable in the stratum framework, as the Opacity Principle would prevent referring to junctures at different strata. In the boundary theory, however, (114) and (115) have the same status: there is no reason to prefer one to the other. Now, as far as I know, rules such as (115) do not exist in natural

languages. If so, the stratum theory allows possible rule types and correctly disallows impossible rule types, while the boundary theory allows impossible rule types (e.g. (115)), and sometimes disallows possible rule types (e.g. stress and tone in Malayalam).

2.3.2.4.2. As seen in 2.3.2.1., Dakota exhibits the following peculiar properties:

(116) a. Inflections do not block phonological rules.

b. Inflections can occur inside ~~the~~ derivations.

C&S assign the boundary + to inflections. Given the SPE approach to boundaries, we would expect inflections to be characterised in terms of # rather than +. C&S obviously use + instead because phonological rules apply freely across inflectional junctures in Dakota (e.g. DAR in (113b); (103)), and it is only + which does not block phonological rules.

C&S's assignment of + to inflections, although it guarantees the right results, is unprincipled. Their treatment is inadequate also in that it does not relate (116a) and (116b). In Lexical Phonology, given (116b), (116a) follows. Recall that the juncture associated with stratum 1 is incapable of blocking phonological rules. Given that inflections can occur inside ~~the~~ derivations, we are forced to conclude that the stratum of inflection precedes that of derivation, and as there is no evidence that anything precedes inflection, the inflectional stratum becomes stratum 1. It follows, therefore, that

the juncture of inflections cannot block phonological rules.

Given that in English, class I derivations constitute the innermost layer of morphology, our theory would assign it to stratum 1, and thereby make its juncture incapable of blocking rules. Similarly, given that inflections constitute the innermost layer in Dakota, the stratum theory makes the inflectional juncture incapable of blocking rules. In other words, Lexical Phonology explains the association of + with class I derivations in English and with inflections in Dakota.

In sum, we find that the lexical theory allows us to account for the optionality of morphological junctures in a principled manner. This theory disallows those types of optionality of junctures which do not occur in natural languages. The stratum treatment also brings together the two facts of Dakota that inflections occur inside derivations, and that inflectional junctures do not block phonological rules.

## 2.4. Alternatives to the Stratum Theory

### 2.4.1. Junctures and Domains

There are two kinds of information that phonological rules require of morphology, which may be characterised as juncture information and domain information. The juncture information, to use Rotenberg's (1978) terminology, consists of edges and junctions.

Thus, when two forms  $[a_1, a_2 \dots a_n]_A$  and  $[b_1, b_2 \dots b_n]_B$  combine together to form  $[[ ]_A [ ]_B]$ , we can say that  $a_1$  and  $a_n$  occur at the edges of A, and  $b_1$  and  $b_n$  occur at the edges of B, and that  $a_n$  and  $b_1$  occur at the junction between A and B.

All phonological theories require the juncture information. Thus, in SPE, rules of the form (117a) refer to edges, and (117b) to junctions:

- (117) a.  $X \rightarrow Y / \text{---} +$  ;  $X \rightarrow Y / \# \text{---}$   
 b.  $X \rightarrow Y / \text{---} +b$  ;  $X \rightarrow Y / a\# \text{---}$

In the lexical framework, rules of the form (118a) refer to edges, and (118b) to junctions:

- (118) a.  $X \rightarrow Y / \text{---} ]$  ;  $X \rightarrow Y / [ \text{---}$   
 b.  $X \rightarrow Y / \text{---} ] [b$  ;  $X \rightarrow Y / a [ \text{---}$

In addition to juncture information, phonological rules need to know about the morphological domain in which they apply. One of the primary means of making use of domain information in SPE was to encode it in terms of distinct boundary symbols, thereby packing the domain and juncture information simultaneously into symbols or <sup>a</sup>/par with the linear segmental symbols. Thus, the symbol + would roughly mean 'juncture, class I affixation', and # would mean 'juncture, class II affixation or inflection'.

In addition to using boundary symbols, SPE made use of node labels on phrase structure trees to specify the domain information in phonological rules. Thus, to encode the fact that the compound stress rule in English applies in the domain of compounds, and the nuclear stress rule applies in the domain of phrases, SPE labelled the brackets in the structural descriptions of the rules with N, NP, etc.:

- (119) a. ...X]<sub>N,A,V</sub> (compound stress rule)  
 b. ...X]<sub>NP,VP,PP...</sub> (nuclear stress rule)

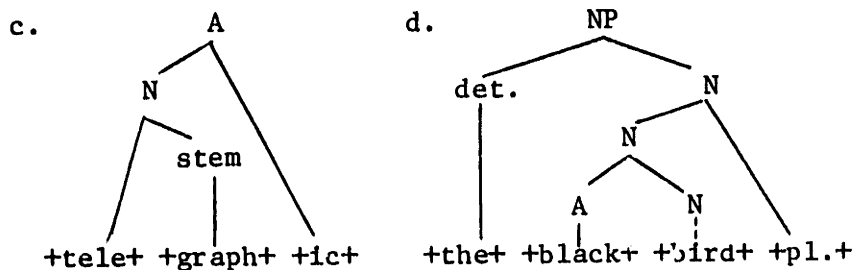
#### 2.4.2. The Boundary Alternative

SPE has the following mechanism for assigning boundaries:

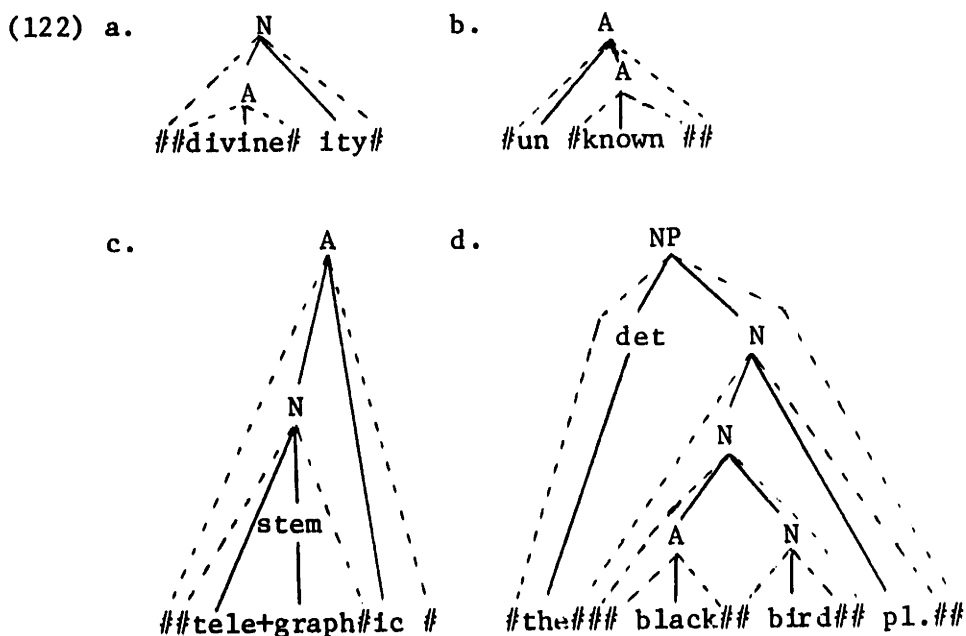
- (120) a. All morphemes are flanked by the boundary +.  
 b. All major categories and their projections (N, V, A, NP, VP...) are flanked by #.

(120a) derives representations like (121):

- (121) a.   
 b.
- Diagram (121) a shows a tree with root N. N has two children: A and an unlabeled node. A dominates the terminal '+divine+'. The unlabeled node dominates the terminal '+ity+'.  
 Diagram (121) b shows a tree with root A. A has two children: an unlabeled node and A. The unlabeled node dominates the terminal '+unt+'. The child A dominates the terminal '+known+'.



Subsequent application of (120b) yields representations like (122):



SPE also requires a readjustment rule that changes # to + in the case of affixes like -ity and -ic (class I affixes), thereby deriving divine+ity and tele+graph+ic from (122) a and c. Another readjustment rule changing ## to # derives black##bird#z from (122d), as (120b), incorrectly assigns ## before an inflectional suffix in compounds. This readjustment rule applies to class II affixes as well: ex##frog##man → ex#frog##man.



This discussion shows that there is no principled assignment of boundaries in SPE. The correct boundary is ensured by ad hoc readjustment rules which rectify the incorrect outputs of (120b).

Boundary assignment becomes far more complicated than in English when we take a language like Malayalam. Readjustment rules would be required to change # to + in derivations, to ## in subcompounds, and to ### in cocompounds. What is the environment for these readjustment rules? It cannot be the case that individual morphemes trigger the rules, because the same morpheme sequences can be either subcompounds or cocompounds. One way to insert the correct boundaries would be to assume that subcompounds and cocompounds are distinguished by node labels such as  $N^{\text{sub}}$  and  $N^{\text{co}}$ . We may now think of the following mechanism for boundary insertion or for the application of readjustment rules:

- (123) Insert ## between the stems dominated by  $N^{\text{sub}}$ , and  
### between the stems dominated by  $N^{\text{co}}$ .

This approach can be extended to other boundaries as well. Now, if it is the node labels that tell us which boundary symbol to insert, why do we need separate boundary symbols at all? Instead of formulating the rule of gemination in subcompounds as (124), for example, we may formulate it as a rule that applies in  $N^{\text{sub}}$ , as in (125):

$$(124) \text{ onset} \rightarrow \wedge \% \text{ --- } \#$$

$$(125) \text{ onset} \rightarrow \wedge \% \text{ --- } ] [ \text{ in } N^{\text{sub}}$$

An alternative to (124) would be to adopt the stratum theory for the purposes of morphology, and stipulate that each stratum assigns its own boundary symbol as part of the derivation (cf: Allen (1978)). Once again, the question arises why boundary symbols are necessary in addition to the notion of morphological strata. The point that emerges out of this discussion is that boundary symbols only duplicate the information provided by node labels like  $N^{\text{sub}}$  or by morphological strata, and are therefore redundant in phonology.

Let us now turn to the consequence of formulating phonological rules in terms of boundaries. The stratum theory crucially assumes that (i) the structure at one stratum is invisible to the rules at another (Opacity Principle), (ii) the domains of rules are continuous strata (Stratum Domain Hypothesis), and (iii) the strata are ordered in relation to each other (Stratum Ordering Hypothesis). These assumptions have empirical consequences which are of relevance to a comparison between the stratum theory and the boundary theory.

Consider, first, a rule of the following type:

$$(126) \quad A \rightarrow B / X+Y \text{ ---}\#Z$$

The boundary + belongs to stratum 1, and # to stratum 2 or a subsequent stratum. Reference to the junctions at two different strata in the same rule is disallowed by the Opacity Principle (see also 2.3.2.). Hence, the Opacity Principle forbids the formulation of a rule equivalent to (126). Rules like (126), as far as

I know, do not exist in natural languages. If so, we find that the stratum theory, not the boundary theory, correctly rules out the impossible rule types in natural languages.

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One may object that the same result can be derived from the boundary theory by incorporating the Opacity Principle. Note that the Opacity Principle is a necessary component of the stratum theory : without it, there would be no way of distinguishing between the brackets assigned at different strata. In the boundary theory, on the other hand, the principle is an extra stipulation designed for the sole purpose of accounting for the impossible rule types.

Another instance of the restrictiveness of the stratum theory comes from the Stratum Domain Hypothesis, which says that the domains of rules must be continuous strata. Recall that rules like nasal deletion, vowel lengthening, and vowel sandhi in Malayalam have more than one stratum as their domain. The domain of vowel sandhi, for example, consists of strata 1, 2, and 3. In 4.2., we shall see a rule that inserts a glide between two adjacent vowels, with all the lexical strata and the post lexical stratum as its domain. It is logically conceivable that a rule applies at stratum 1, 2, and 4, without applying at 3. The Stratum Domain Hypothesis, however, forbids such a domain assignment, and therefore, such a process is unstatable as a single rule in the lexical theory. Thus, the theory would rule out a dialect of Malayalam in which vowel sandhi applied in derivations and cocompounds, but not in subcompounds. Such

dialects do not, in fact, exist. In the boundary theory, however, nothing prevents rules from applying in the environment of + and ##, and not ##.

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One may incorporate the effect of the Stratum Domain Hypothesis in the boundary theory by defining a hierarchy of boundaries such as + ## ## # ##, and stipulating that no rule may mention two nonadjacent boundaries. Such a stipulation, though yielding the desired result, would be entirely ad hoc. Given the independently motivated ordering of domains in the stratum theory, on the other hand, the most natural assumption would be that the domains are not discontinuous.

The third prediction that the stratum theory makes deals with rule blocking, and is derived from the Stratum Ordering Hypothesis. As was illustrated in 2.3.1., the effect of a rule being blocked by a boundary  $B_j$  is achieved in the stratum theory by assigning stratum  $S_1$  as the domain of the rule, where  $B_j$  is associated with a stratum following  $S_1$ . It follows from this treatment of rule blocking that a rule which applies across a strong boundary will also apply across a weaker boundary:

(weak  $\leftarrow$  + ## ## # ##  $\rightarrow$  strong). Conversely, a rule that is blocked by a weak boundary will also be blocked by a stronger boundary. These are powerful empirical predictions, not available to the boundary theory except by stipulation.

The strongest argument against the boundary theory is that it is descriptively inadequate. For the facts for which the stratum theory has a simple account, the boundary theory does not have an adequate description, as seen in 2.1.3.3.

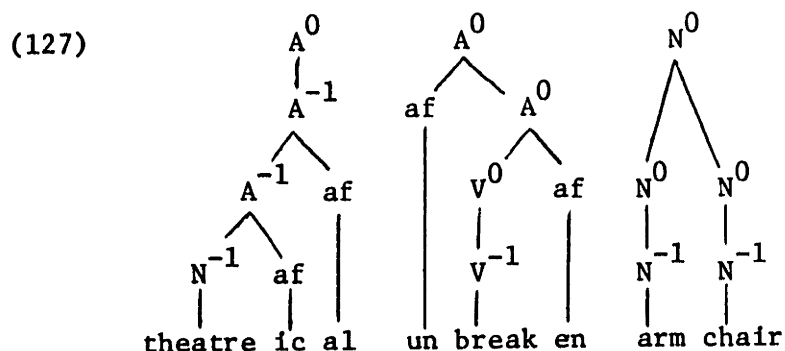
In sum, the lexical model of phonology allows us to eliminate the ad hoc use of boundary symbols by referring to morphological information more directly, in terms of the independently motivated morphological strata and morphological bracketing. This model is explanatorily superior in that it correctly disallows phonological rule types and rule interactions which the boundary theory allows. At the descriptive level, the lexical model can account for all the existing phenomena that the boundary theory can account for, but there exist phenomena in natural languages such as the stress and tone assignment in Malayalam which are easily accounted for within the lexical approach, but not within the boundary approach.

#### 2.4.3. The Node-Domain and Level-Domain Theories

Specifying the domains of phonological rules in terms of morphological strata is not the only alternative to the boundary theory. In the theory of phonology proposed by Selkirk (to appear), for example, domains are characterised in terms of the node labels of phrase structure trees without appealing to the notion of morphological strata (see also Rotenberg (1978)). I shall refer to Selkirk's

theory as the 'node-domain' theory, in contrast to the 'stratum-domain' theory advocated in this thesis. In what follows, I shall give a comparison of the two theories.

In Selkirk's theory, what corresponds to strata are  $X$  bar categories like  $X^0$ ,  $X^{-1}$ ,  $X^{-2}$ , etc., where the negative numerals indicate levels below  $X^0$ . In order to account for the distributional properties of class I and class II affixes in English, for example, Selkirk assumes that class I affixes are subcategorised for "roots" ( $X^{-1}$ ), and class II affixes for "words" ( $X^0$ ). The structure of theatrical, unbroken, and arm chair would thus be:



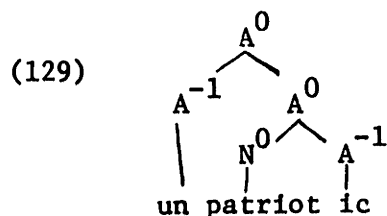
The effects of stratum ordering are built into rewrite rules as follows:

- (128) a.  $X^{-1} \rightarrow \text{affix } X^{-1} \text{ (} X^{-1} \text{ affix)}$   
 b.  $X^0 \rightarrow X^{-1}$   
 c.  $X^0 \rightarrow \text{affix } X^0 \text{ (} X^0 \text{ affix)}$   
 d.  $X^0 \rightarrow X^0 X^0$

(128a) defines class I affixation, (128c) defines class II

affixation and inflection, and (128d) defines compounding. As stated earlier, class I affixes are subcategorised for  $X^{-1}$ , and class II affixes for  $X^0$ . Therefore,  $X^{-1}$  can contain monomorphemic forms, and forms derived through class I affixation, but not forms derived through class II affixation or compounding ( $X^0$ ). The stress neutrality of class II affixes is taken care of by defining the domain of foot construction as  $X^{-1}$ . The rule of nasal deletion (in illegal), trisyllabic laxing, etc., are also restricted to  $X^{-1}$ .

This use of X bar categories like  $X^{-1}$  and  $X^{-2}$  is unmotivated, and does not yield any of the advantages of the X bar theory, such as the characterisation of the rule types, cross categorial generalisations, etc. A more fruitful way of making use of the X bar theory in word formation would be to assume that it is affixes which are  $X^{-1}$  categories. For example, one may think of the following representation for words like unpatriotic:



Reinterpreting Williams' (1979) insight, we may assume that the category of the node dominating the affix + stem (or stem + affix) combination is determined by the affix. This assumption need not be stipulated in this theory, since, given the X bar framework, it follows that the affix ( $X^{-1}$ ) is the head in the rule  $X^0 \rightarrow X^0 X^{-1}$

(or  $X^{-1} X^0$ ), and the dominating node takes up the category of its head.

In this system, as in Selkirk's, we may assume that affixes are subcategorised for their sisters. Thus, un- and -ic have the following subcategorisation:

- (130) a. un- (—  $A^0$ )  
 b. -ic ( $N^0$  — )

This theory allows us to incorporate affixes into the general X bar system. Note that affixes behave like heads in at least two respects. They subcategorise for their sisters, and they determine the categorial features of their mothers. As pointed out earlier, both these properties follow from the X bar theory if affixes are  $X^{-1}$ . On the other hand, if words are  $X^0$ , and roots are  $X^{-1}$ , then roots should be the heads of words, and we would expect roots to subcategorise for affixes rather than vice versa, and for the roots to determine the category of the dominating node. In Selkirk, affixes are special entities that lie outside the X bar. Consequently, the properties of affixes with respect to their sisters and mothers become mere stipulations.

Another advantage of the theory implied in (129) and (130) is that it allows us to specify subcategorisation without violating the assumption that subcategorisations are defined on maximal projections (cf: Emonds (1976)). If we make the perfectly natural assumption



that  $X^0$  is the maximal projection at the level of word formation, we can say that the condition of the maximality of projection on subcategorisation applies in word formation as well. In Selkirk's system, -ity is subcategorised for  $A^{-1}$ , and -ness for  $A^0$ , and hence, no such restriction of maximality of projection can be made on subcategorisation.

Thus, Selkirk's use of the X bar theory in word formation does not crucially derive any explanatory power from the theory, such as those involving the notions of head and feature percolation from the head. The revised system suggested above, on the other hand, derives natural consequences from the theory for head, feature percolation, and subcategorisation. Now, a crucial feature of this alternative is that the X bar rules do not distinguish between class I and class II derivation (or between subcompounds and cocompounds) (e.g. (129)). In order to make the relevant distinction, it would be necessary in this system to supplement it with stratum ordering.

Thus, Selkirk argues that the use of the X bar theory in morphology eliminates the need for ordered strata, while we conclude that the maximal exploitation of the X bar theory in word formation requires the stratum theory to complement it by providing the relevant domain information.

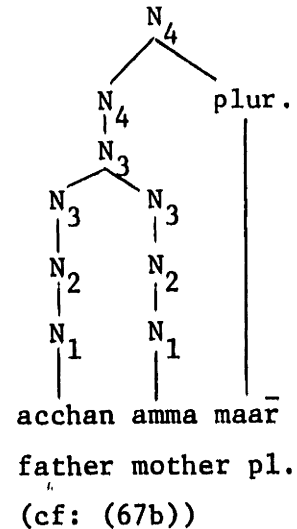
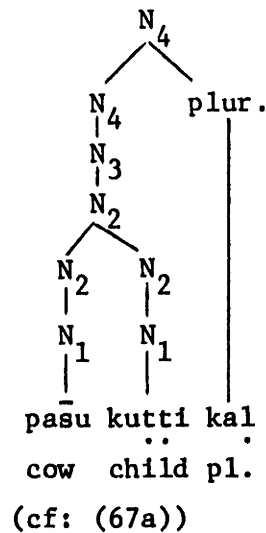
One may still think of replacing the stratum theory with a node-domain theory, without demanding that the node labels be derived

from the X bar system. Such a theory can be constructed by assigning a numerical index corresponding to a stratum to each root node created at the stratum. One may, for example, propose the following grammar of word formation<sup>1</sup> for Malayalam:

- (131) a.  $X_1 \rightarrow X_1$  affix (affix  $X_1$ ) (derivation)  
 b.  $X_2 \rightarrow X_1$   
 c.  $X_2 \rightarrow X_2 X_2$  (subcompounding)  
 d.  $X_3 \rightarrow X_2$   
 e.  $X_2 \rightarrow X_3$  (the loop)  
 f.  $X_3 \rightarrow X_3^*$  (cocompounding)  
 g.  $X_4 \rightarrow X_3$   
 h.  $X_4 \rightarrow X_4$  affix (inflection)

The grammar in (131) yields representations like the following:

- (132) a. paṣukkuṭṭikal 'calves'    b. acchanammamaar̄ 'parents'



paṣukkuṭṭi is a subcompound, acchanamma is a cocompound. We can now specify the domain of gemination as  $X_2$ , nasal deletion and

vowel lengthening as  $X_2$  and  $X_3$ , and so on. Presented in this fashion, the node-domain theory is a notational variant of the stratum theory, except for one crucial difference. Given the stratum theory, it is imperative that the phonological rules associated with a stratum apply at that stratum in the lexicon, as the stratum information of a construction is not available at subsequent strata ( 2.2.1.). On the other hand, (131) preserves the stratum information in terms of an index, and therefore, in this theory, it is possible to postpone the application of phonological rules, as in SPE, to the output of morphological and subsequent syntactic operations.

The application of phonological rules in the lexicon in the stratum theory yields the level of lexical representation, which is the output of all the lexical operations. In Chapter 3, I shall show that this level of phonological representation makes important empirical predictions, which are not available to the node-domain theory, in which phonological rules do not apply in the lexicon.

## Footnotes for Chapter II

1. Malayalam is a Dravidian language, with massive borrowings from Sanskrit. See Appendix 2 for a list of the Dravidian and Sanskrit stems used in this thesis.
2. The notation of subcompounds as [...]<sub>2</sub>[...], and of cocompounds as [...]<sub>3</sub>[...] is mnemonically related to their stratum structure (to be discussed), and have no theoretical significance. I am grateful to Douglas Pulleyblank for suggesting this notation.

3. What rule (7) does is to create a branching onset. I assume that the  $\dot{t}$  in (3a) and the  $k$  in (5b) are onsets. (See 4.1.3.).

I follow Halle & Vergnaud (1980) in assuming that  $\begin{smallmatrix} C & C \\ & \vee \\ & \dot{t} \end{smallmatrix}$  is phonetically realised as [ $\dot{t}\dot{t}$ ], as opposed to  $\begin{smallmatrix} C \\ | \\ \dot{t} \end{smallmatrix}$ , which is phonetically [ $\dot{t}$ ].

Rule (7) uses the mirror image notation (%), collapsing (i) and (ii), which are disjunctively ordered:

(i) onset  $\rightarrow \wedge / \text{---} \#$

(ii) onset  $\rightarrow \wedge / \# \text{---}$

I should mention that the rule does not apply to sonorants:

(i)  $\dot{t}ii$   $po\dot{r}i \rightarrow \dot{t}iippo\dot{r}i$  ( $\dot{t}ii$  'flame';  $po\dot{r}i$  'fragment')

(ii)  $\dot{t}ii$   $naalam \rightarrow \dot{t}iinaalam$  ( $naalam$  'tongue'(?))

4. Gemination does not apply because the stems are not Dravidian, but derived from Sanskrit.

5. One may ask why the V~VV alternation cannot be handled in terms of a rule that shortens underlying long vowels in the word final position instead. The answer is that this move leads to complications, as vowels are long in compounds only when the second stem is of Sanskrit origin. Compare:

(i)  $[[bhaa\bar{r}ya][wiit\bar{a}]] \rightarrow bhaa\bar{r}yawii\bar{t}\bar{a}$  ( $wiit\bar{a}$  'house' [+Drav])

(ii)  $[[bhaa\bar{r}ya][g\bar{r}ham]] \rightarrow bhaa\bar{r}yaag\bar{r}\bar{a}ham$  ( $g\bar{r}ham$  'house' [+Sans])

6. All inflectional endings in Malayalam are of Dravidian origin, and vowel sandhi, like vowel lengthening, applies only when the following element is of Sanskrit origin. Thus, in Dravidian compounds like the following, vowel sandhi does not apply, and as a consequence, a glide is inserted between the two adjacent rimes:

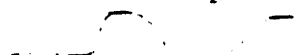

a.  $ka\bar{r}i \# ila$   $ka\bar{r}iyila$  ( $ka\bar{r}i$  'coal';  $ila$  'leaf': 'dry leaf')

b.  $ma\bar{a} \# oo\bar{r}am$   $malayoo\bar{r}am$  ( $ma\bar{a}$  'hill';  $oo\bar{r}am$  'side': 'hill side')

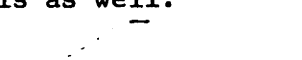
Given these facts, the nonapplicability of the rule in inflectional endings may be attributed to the absence of [+Sans.] on inflections.

7. Nothing crucially hinges on the analysis proposed here. All that is important for us is the fact that the primary stressed vowel has a low tone, while the last vowel of the word, as well as all remaining long vowels, have high tones.

Observe that the remaining short vowels are unspecified for tone. Thus, the pitch track of paṛaati shows a low  $F_0$  contour on the first syllable when utterance initial, but a transition from high to low when preceded by another word:


 paṛaati    paṛaṇṇu    vs      
 complaint said                      child complaint said

The same  $F_0$  contour is observed in other unspecified short vowels as well:


 maṛatakam    vs    paṛaayanam

What this means is that the tone bearing unit in Malayalam is the foot, not the syllable. This is characteristic of intonational phenomena, as opposed to tonal phenomena.

It must be noted that final short vowels, unlike initial primary stressed vowels, undergo vowel reduction leading to the disappearance of the vowel in appropriate segmental environments (e.g. ṛaamaḍaasan → ṛaamḍaasn). Therefore, the  $F_0$

in (55) is not to be interpreted as secondary stress, but only as marking the location for tone spreading.

8. acchan appears to be an exception to stem final nasal deletion.

9. cf:  $\begin{matrix} L & H \\ \text{kuṭṭi} & \text{'child'} \end{matrix}$ ;  $\begin{matrix} L & H \\ \text{kuṭṭiye} & \text{'child-acc.'} \end{matrix}$ ;  $\begin{matrix} L & H \\ \text{kuṭṭiyute} & \text{'child-gen.'} \end{matrix}$   
 $\begin{matrix} L & H \\ \text{kuṭṭiyoota} & \text{'child-dat.}_2 \end{matrix}$ .

10. The disjunction can be avoided by stipulating a hierarchy of boundary strength such as +  $\#\#$   $\#$   $\#\#$ . Rules which cannot apply across  $\#\#$  may also be assumed not to apply across the stronger boundaries  $\#$  and  $\#\#$ .
11. The raised [ə] in əV represents a centralised onglide of the following vowel, as opposed to the ə in, say, kaaṭə, which is a full fledged central vowel.
12. (78) and (80) cannot be collapsed: cf: sampradaayam → sam[b]radaayam 'habit', but aprakaaṛam → \*a[b]rakaaṛam 'likewise'. Also, arkan → \*ar[g]an 'sun'.

13. On the basis of the fact that class II derivation and compounding can be inputs to each other, Selkirk concludes that they belong to the same domain. Selkirk, like Allen, assumes a strict ordering hypothesis which can be stated as: if processes  $P_i$  and  $P_j$  are inputs to each other, then they define the same morphological domain (level in Allen). In contrast, I assume the looped ordering hypothesis which allows  $P_i$  and  $P_j$  to be inputs to each other and yet be associated with different domains.
14. This approach to stress is due to Siegel (1974).
15. It is not unlikely that this principle will be applicable in other areas as well (e.g., vowel harmony which proceeds from the stem to the affix).
16. All the Dakota facts are from C&S.
17. For further examples of such phonological processes, see C&S.
18. The rules DAR and CAR can be formulated in a simpler fashion in terms of the metrical framework, but I continue to use the segmental notation so as not to obscure the basic issues involved in the comparison between standard and lexical treatments.

### Chapter III : THE LEXICAL REPRESENTATION

In Chapter II, I demonstrated the advantages of allowing a direct interaction between morphology and phonology, and assuming that this interaction is supervised by ordered strata. The focus of Chapter III is the levels of phonological representation resulting from these assumptions, in particular the level of representation between the underlying and the phonetic.

The principle of specifying the domains of phonological rules in terms of ordered strata yields a theory in which some rule applications take place at various lexical strata, and others outside the lexicon, at the post lexical stratum. In other words, some rule applications take place before lexical insertion, and others after it. I shall argue in this chapter that the stage in the derivation which is the output of the lexicon and the input to lexical insertion is not simply an accidental stage, but is an important level of linguistic representation at which various interesting phonological properties converge. I shall refer to this level as the level of lexical representation.

In 3.1., I shall make explicit the conceptual framework assumed in Chapter II, by answering questions like: what is the nature of the lexicon in Lexical Phonology? What are the levels of phonological representation assumed in this theory, and how are they related to the organisation of the lexicon?

In 3.2., I shall concentrate on lexical rule applications. The issues addressed will be: what are the criteria that separate lexical and post lexical rule applications? What are the predictions made by the assumption that lexical rule applications take place after every morphological operation?

In 3.3., which is the core of this chapter, and of the thesis as well, I identify the lexical representation as a significant level of representation in phonology, and demonstrate its consequences for a wide variety of phenomena such as speaker judgments, effect of pauses on phonological rules, secret code languages, speech errors, acquisition of phonology, speech recognition, and speech production. This section presents a brief glimpse of the potential application of Lexical Phonology for the better understanding of the phonological knowledge that human beings have, and the way they make use of this knowledge.

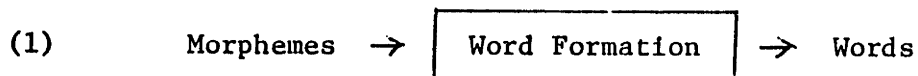
3.4. compares the level of lexical representation in this theory with two theories that postulate what looks like similar levels, namely, Taxonomic Phonemics and Natural Phonology, with the view of bringing out their empirical differences.

### 3.1. Underlying, Phonetic, and Lexical Representations

Following the lexicalist trend set by Chomsky (1970), I shall assume that lexical entries are entries of words, not morphemes. The list of unanalysable morphemes in the language constitute what I shall



refer to as the set of morphemic entries. (For the lexicalist approaches to morphology, see Zimmer (1964), Halle (1973), Aronoff (1976), Allen (1978), Siegel (1974), and Selkirk (to appear).) The word formation component which is conceived of as containing lexical redundancy rules maps the set of morphemic entries onto the set of lexical entries.<sup>1</sup>



Given the set of morphemes of the language, word formation predicts the potential words of the language, a subset of which constitutes the set of actual words of the language. The component of word formation tells us about the internal structure of words, in terms of the morphemes that constitute them, and the processes that have applied to them. Thus, a morphemic entry specifies the syntactic, semantic, and phonological properties of the morpheme; a lexical entry specifies the syntactic, semantic, and phonological properties of the word. What the component of word formation does is ~~to~~ predict the latter on the basis of the former.

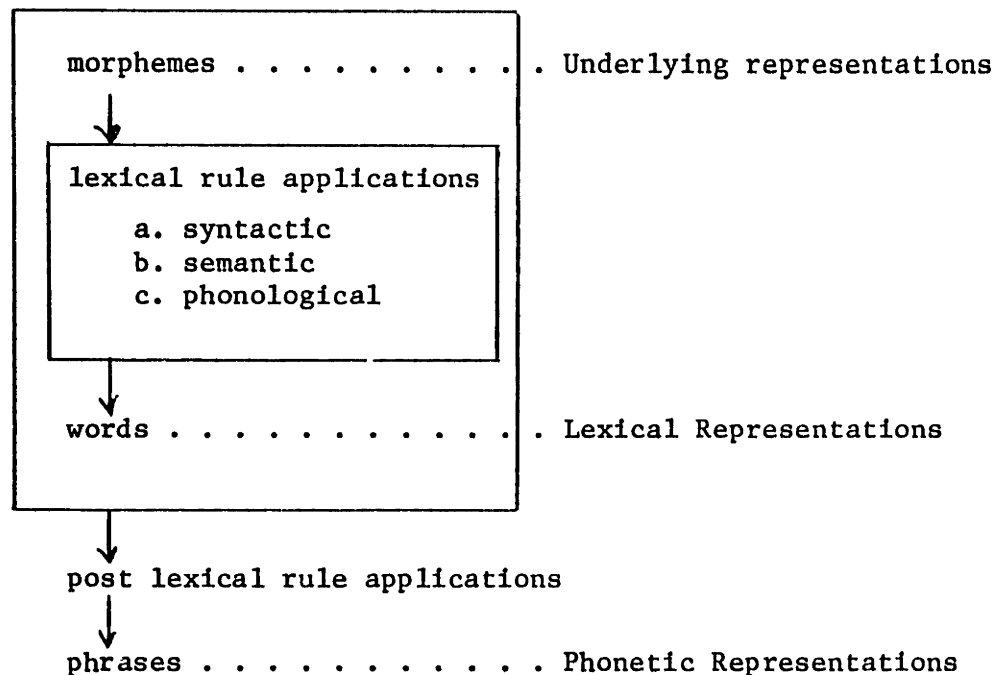
To take an example, the morpheme strong will be listed as an adjective (syntactic property), and the morpheme -ly will be specified as one that makes adjectives adverbs. From these two entries, one may predict that strongly is an adverb. Similarly, the meanings of employer and employee (semantic property) can be predicted from the specifications on the morphemes employ, -er, and -ee: -er picks out

the subject of the verb as its meaning (an employer is an X that employs some Y), and -ee picks out the object (an employee is a Y such that some X employs Y). One can also predict that child employer is ambiguous ('a child who is an employer', or 'one who employs children'), but not child employee ('a child who is an employee', but not \*'one whom children employ').<sup>2</sup>

Just as the word formation component predicts the semantic and syntactic properties of words on the basis of the semantic and syntactic properties of their constituent morphemes, it also predicts the phonological properties of words on the basis of the phonological properties of their constituent morphemes. Thus, given that the phonological entries of the morphemes divine and -ity are /divīn/ and /iti/ respectively, we predict that the phonological entry for the word divinity is /divíniti/. This makes rules like trisyllabic laxing and rules of word stress in English part of the component of word formation.

I use the term Underlying Representation to refer to the phonological representation of morphemes in the set of lexical entries. The phonological representation of words in the set of lexical entries is the Lexical Representation. The term Phonetic Representation is used in the standard sense, to refer to the output of all the phonological rules, given in some universal notation. The diagram given below relates the three levels of representation to the model of grammar:

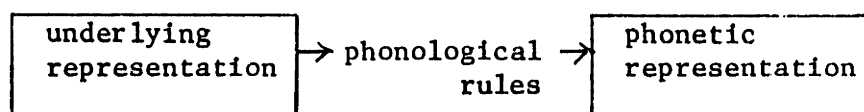
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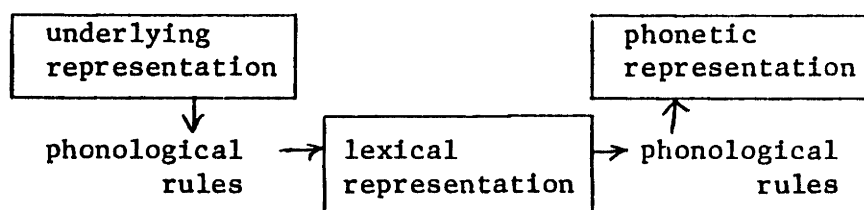
To summarise: it has been recognised in linguistic theory since Chomsky (1970) that the principles responsible for putting morphemes together to form words are to be distinguished from the principles that put words together to form sentences. Most current theories have accepted this assumption with respect to both the structure of words and the meanings of words. What Lexical Phonology does is ~~to~~ complete the set, and say that the principles governing the structure, meanings, as well as the phonology of words are to be distinguished from the principles governing the structure, meanings, and phonology of sentences. My proposal, therefore, is a logical consequence of the developments in linguistics triggered by Chomsky's Remarks on Nominalisation.

A note of explanation on the use of the term 'underlying representation' is in order here. It is possible to think of a major difference between the model of phonology proposed in SPE and the model that I propose as being the addition of an intermediate level of representation in the latter:

(3)a. SPE



b. Lexical Phonology



My use of the term 'underlying representation' is not, however, identical to the SPE use. This can be illustrated with words like presidential, the SPE underlying representation of which is /prezīd+ent+y+al/. Consider now the derivation of the word in the lexical theory (the derivation ignores stress):

(4)	[prezīd]	underlying
	[[prezīd] ent]	suffixation
	[[prezid] ent]	laxing
	[[[prezid] ent] y]	suffixation
	[[[prezid] ens] y]	$t \rightarrow s$
	[[[[prezid] ens] y] al]	suffixation
	[[[[prezid] enš] y] al]	$s \rightarrow š$
	[[[ prezid] enš] al]	$y \rightarrow \emptyset$
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I shall discuss at a later point why rules like trisyllabic laxing,  $t \rightarrow s$ , etc. should be assumed to be lexical rules applying after every morphological operation. For the present, observe that the suffix -y is attached not to [[prezīd]ent], but to [[prezid]ent], which is the output of laxing. Therefore, representations like [[[[prezīd]ent]y]al] do not exist in Lexical Phonology. Underlying representations are simply representations of morphemes, and lexical representations are representations of words, derived through lexical rules from the representations of morphemes.

### 3.2. Lexical and Post Lexical Rule Applications

#### 3.2.1. Rules with lexical and Post Lexical Domains

The stratum theory I have developed so far allows for the application of the same rule in the lexical as well as post lexical strata. Rules of this kind do exist in natural languages. An example

of such a rule is the rhythm rule in English, first proposed in Liberman & Prince (1976). The rhythm rule relabels a tree of the form  $\begin{array}{c} w \\ \swarrow \searrow \\ w \quad s \end{array}$  as a tree of the form  $\begin{array}{c} w \\ \swarrow \searrow \\ s \quad w \end{array}$ . It applies at the phrasal level, changing  $\begin{array}{ccc} & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ \text{thirteen} & \text{men} & & \end{array}$  to  $\begin{array}{ccc} & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ \text{thirteen} & \text{men} & & \end{array}$ . As shown by Kiparsky (1979), it also applies at the word level as a cyclic rule, in words like  $\begin{array}{ccc} & 3 & 1 & & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ \text{artificiality} & & & & \text{artificiality} & & \end{array}$  (cf: artificial vs artificiality), anesthesiology, interchangeability, etc.

The vowel epenthesis in the past tense, plural, etc. is another rule with lexical and post lexical domains:

$$(5) \quad \emptyset \rightarrow \partial / \left[ \begin{array}{c} +\text{coronal} \\ \text{strident} \end{array} \right] \text{---} ] \left[ \begin{array}{c} +\text{coronal} \\ \text{strident} \end{array} \right]$$

Since the rule has to apply to the past tense (  $[[pæt]d] \rightarrow pæt\partial d$  patted ), present tense (  $[[wiʃ]z] \rightarrow wiʃ\partial z$  wishes ), and plural (  $[[hors]z] \rightarrow hors\partial z$  horses ), the inflectional stratum must be part of the domain of (5). Since the rule also applies in possessives (  $[[mij]z] \rightarrow mij\partial z$  Midge's ), and auxiliary contraction (  $[[mij]z]gowiŋ \rightarrow mij\partial z$  gowiŋ Midge's going ), it must apply at the post lexical stratum as well.<sup>3</sup>

### 3.2.2. Criteria for Identification

I shall now try to make explicit the criteria for distinguishing lexical and post lexical rule applications. An obvious property of lexical rule applications is that they have to be word internal,



(8)  $t \rightarrow s$

resident employee  $\rightarrow$  \* residen[s] employee

(cf: residen[s]y)

In order to guarantee that the rule applications in the environments given above are prevented, these rules must apply at stratum 1, and thereby, in the lexicon. Another example of a lexical rule is the compound stress rule, which applies only in compounds (stratum 3), and not across words.

In sum, we arrive at the following principles:

(9) Lexical processes cannot apply across words.

(10) Post lexical operations are blind to the internal structure of words.

It seems to me that there is a correlation between sensitivity to word internal structure and rule exceptionality. Rules which have lexical exceptions are also rules which are sensitive to word internal structure (cf: Pesetsky (1979)). If so, we may make the following stipulation:

(11) Post lexical operations are exceptionless.<sup>4</sup>

### 3.2.3. The Issue of Cyclicity

All the rules discussed so far have been shown to apply



cyclically in the lexical domain. The cyclic application follows from the model in which phonological rules apply after every morphological operation (2.1.4.). The prediction that this model makes can be stated as follows:

- (12) All lexical rule applications are cyclic.

From the conjunct of (10) and (12), we derive the following principle:

- (13) All rules sensitive to word internal morphological information are cyclic rules.

Current approaches to the cyclic application of phonological rules hold that cyclic rules do not apply in the first cycle (Kean (1974) , Mascaro (1976), Halle (1978)). Halle (1978), for example, formulates the principle of the cycle as follows:

- (14) "A cyclic rule R applies properly on cycle j only if either a) or b) is satisfied:

- a) R makes specific use of information, part of which is available on a prior pass through the cyclic rules, and part of which becomes first available on cycle j. There are three separate cases subsumed under a):

R refers specifically to some A and B in:

- i) [<sub>j</sub> XAY ...[<sub>j-1</sub> ...B...] Z];
- ii) [<sub>j</sub> Z [<sub>j-1</sub>...B...]XAY];
- iii) [<sub>j</sub> X [<sub>j-1</sub> ...A...] Y [<sub>j-1</sub>...B...] Z].

- b) R makes specific use of information assigned on cycle j by a rule applying before R."

The effect of (14) is to disallow the application of a cyclic rule to an underlying string exhaustively contained in the innermost brackets. It has been argued that certain kinds of phenomena which were previously assumed to be irregular are in fact explained by this view of the cycle (Mascaro (1976), Rubach (1981), Kiparsky (class lectures)). An illustration can be given from Rubach (1981), who gives a detailed analysis of Polish phonology in favour of the cyclic principle cited above. Polish has a rule that tenses high vowels when followed by the Derived Imperfective aj (Yer tensing), and a rule that lowers a high vowel when followed by r (r lowering). Rubach gives the rules as follows:

(15) Yer tensing

$$\begin{bmatrix} +\text{syl} \\ +\text{high} \\ -\text{tense} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow [+ \text{tense}] / \text{--- } C_0 \text{aj} \quad \text{DI}$$

(16) r lowering

$$\begin{bmatrix} +\text{syl} \\ +\text{high} \\ +\text{tense} \\ -\text{round} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -\text{high} \\ -\text{back} \end{bmatrix} / \text{--- } r$$

Rubach assumes that these are cyclic rules, and gives the following derivation:

(17) umieraj 'die'[u[[m<sup>ŷ</sup>r]aj]]

cycle 2	m <sup>ŷ</sup> r + aj	
	mir + aj	yer tensing
	mer + aj	r lowering
	mjer+ aj	lab/vel. j insertion
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cycle 3	u + mjer + aj	
	no rule applies	
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post cyclic	u + m'jer + aj	surface Pal. rule
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Observe that the environment for r lowering is strictly contained in the first cycle [mir], and yet the rule applies in the second cycle, as the environment for r lowering is made available by the application of yer tensing: mir is not an underlying string. In contrast, r lowering does not take place in words like wirować 'rotate', and wiraż 'turning'. Rubach points out that the underlying sequence ir is properly contained in the first cycle, and therefore, the principle of cyclic application in (14) correctly predicts that r lowering will not apply to these cases. If r lowering were assumed to be a noncyclic rule, on the other hand, these forms will have to be listed as exceptions.

Similar accounts have been offered for English as well.

Rubach (1980), for example, argues that (14) coupled with the assump-

tion that trisyllabic laxing is a cyclic rule, will account for the fact that it does not apply to monomorphemic words like nightingale (cf: Kiparsky (1974)). /nītingā1/ is an underlying string contained by the first cycle, and therefore, no cyclic rule can apply to it.

If the formulation of the cycle is as given in (14), (13) predicts that no lexical rule applications can take place in the first cycle. There are some problems that this prediction creates. Consider, for example, the rule of velar softening in SPE:

(18) Velar Softening

$$k \rightarrow s / \text{---} \begin{bmatrix} \text{V} \\ \text{-low} \\ \text{-back} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{irrelevant details ignored})$$

The rule accounts for alternations like criti[k] ~ criti[s]ise, and electri[k] ~ electri[s]ity. SPE assumes that the rule applies in words like receive ( [re[kēv]] ) as well. The voiceless s in these words is accounted for by ordering the voicing of s before velar softening.<sup>5</sup>

(19)	[re [kēv]]	[re [sume]]	
	_____	[re [zume]]	voicing
	[re [sēv]]	_____	velar softening

Under this account, velar softening applies to an underlying string contained by the innermost brackets. Therefore, by (13) and (14), it cannot be a lexical rule. However, contradictorily, velar softening must be a lexical rule, as it does not apply at the compounding

stratum.

Velar softening is not the only cyclic rule that applies to an underlying string contained by the first cycle. Consider the SPE account of the  $\eta \sim \eta g$  alternations in long [lɔŋ], longer [lɔŋgər], and longing [lɔŋiŋ] in terms of a rule that changes n to ŋ before a velar consonant, followed by a rule that deletes the g in long and longing, but not in longer. I shall adopt the SPE solution and restate the rules as follows:

- (20) a.  $n \rightarrow \eta / \text{ — } g, k$   
       b.  $g \rightarrow \emptyset / [+nasal] \text{ — } ]$  } domain : stratum 2

The derivations are given in (21):

(21)	<u>long</u>	<u>longer</u>	<u>longing</u>	
$s_1$	[long]	[long]	[long]	underlying
	—	[[long]er]	—	affixation
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$s_2$	—	—	[[long]ing]	affixation
	[long]	[longer]	[[long]ing]	(20a)
	[lon]	—	[[lon]iŋ]	(20b)

(20b) does not apply to longer because the bracketing [[long]er], by the Opacity Principle, is invisible at stratum 2. Now, it is crucial for this account of the  $\eta \sim \eta g$  alternation that rule (20b) applies at stratum 2: if the domain of the rule were, say, stratum 3 or 4, the bracketing in [[long]ing] would be invisible

to the rule, and the deletion would fail to apply in longing as well. Since (20b) must have stratum 2 as its domain, (20b) and the rule (20a) are lexical rules, and by (13), both are cyclic rules. Now, observe that (20)a and b apply to an underlying string contained in the innermost cycle, and are therefore, disallowed by (14).

In order to account for the fact that velar softening applies to kēv in receive, Rubach assumes that it is a post cyclic rule. Presumably, a similar solution could be offered to the problem of g-deletion as well. Given the principle that rules which require word internal information must be cyclic rules, Rubach's move is not open to us.

The right solution lies in abandoning (14). Kiparsky (in preparation), for example, derives the desirable effects of (14) from the Elsewhere Condition (cf: Kiparsky (1973)). He proposes that all unde- rived lexical entries are identity rules of the form  $L \rightarrow L$ , e.g.

(22) a. nightingale : nītingæ1  $\rightarrow$  nītingæ1

b. divine : divīn  $\rightarrow$  divīn

Given the identity rule approach, (22a) and trisyllabic laxing are both rules which are applicable to the /ī/ in nightingale, laxing being the more general of the two. By the Elsewhere Condition, (22a) applies, and laxing is inapplicable. In divinity, on the other hand, laxing applies, as there is no identity rule of the form divīniti  $\rightarrow$  divīniti.

The identity rule approach to lexical entries correctly predicts that velar softening can apply in receive. -ceive not being a word, there is no identity rule of the form  $\underline{k\bar{e}v} \rightarrow \underline{k\bar{e}v}$ , and therefore, nothing prevents the rule from changing k to s in [re[k $\bar{e}v$ ]]. The same explanation holds for g deletion as well. Since there is no identity rule of the form  $\underline{long} \rightarrow \underline{long}$ ,  $n \rightarrow \eta$  and g deletion are free to apply to long.<sup>6</sup>

### 3.3. The Lexical Representation

The purpose of this section is to show that the intermediate level of representation that I have been calling Lexical Representation, constitutes a well defined level of linguistic representation. Given the stratum theory, Lexical Representation is the output of the lexicon, and the input to lexical insertion. I shall show that it has a number of other interesting properties as well: it is the input to the assignment of pauses, and to the application of the code in secret code languages, and plays a significant role in speaker judgments, speech errors, language acquisition, etc.

#### 3.3.1. The Effect of Pauses on Phonological Rules

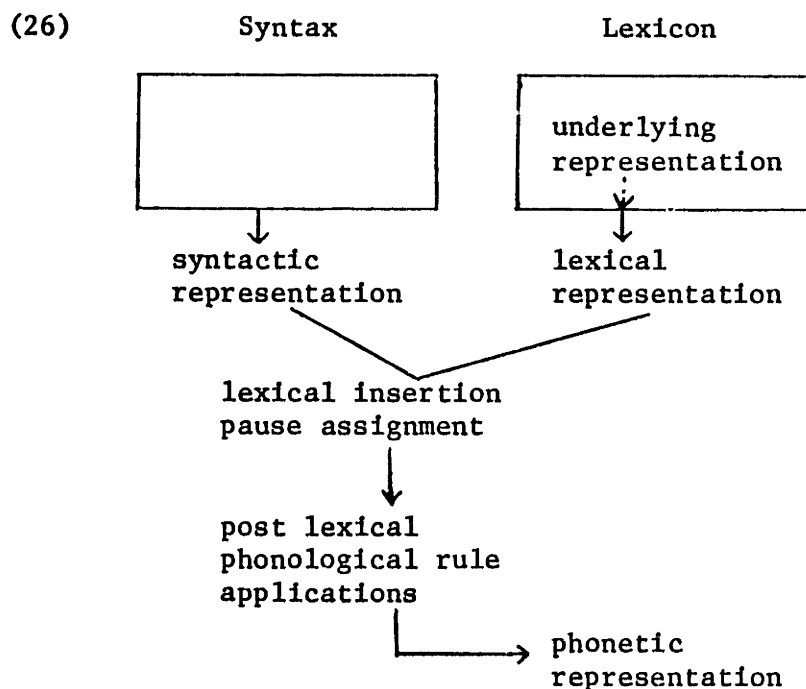
3.3.1.1. It was Rotenberg (1978) who drew the attention of phonologists to the fact that some phonological rules are blocked by intervening pauses, while others are not. As an example of a rule of the





- (25) a. pāsukkutt̄i 'calf' (from pāsu 'cow', and kūtt̄i 'child')  
 b. pa...s̄u...kku...tt̄i  
 c. \*pa...s̄u... ku...tt̄i

In order to explain the contrast, all that we need to do is to make the perfectly natural assumption that pauses are assigned not in the lexicon, but after words are put together, i.e., after lexical insertion:



The assignment of pauses creates units which have traditionally been called 'phonological phrases', which are phonological strings bounded by pauses. Just as the rules in the lexicon take place in words, rules outside the lexicon take place in phonological phrases.

Intervocalic voicing applies at the post lexical domain (i.e. after lexical insertion)(2.2.2.), while gemination applies in the lexicon (i.e., before lexical insertion). Each of the syllables a, pa, ka, ṭam in (24) is a phonological phrase by itself. The environment for voicing (V — V) is not satisfied by any of the consonants in (24a), and therefore, the rule does not apply. In (25), on the other hand, the rule of gemination applies prior to pause assignment, and therefore, the insertion of the pause after the rule has applied does not affect the rule.

This contrast provides a major confirmation for lexical representation as a significant level of representation in phonological theory. The following properties identify this level:

- (27) a. output of lexical rule applications;
- b. input to lexical insertion;
- c. input to pause assignment, which in turn yields
- d. input to post lexical rule applications.

The model in (26) makes the powerful prediction that no rule which is sensitive to word internal structure is blocked by the presence of an intervening pause. This prediction, to the best of my knowledge, is correct. The following examples from Malayalam show that the lexical rules of nasal deletion (2.1.1.2.), vowel lengthening (2.1.1.3.), and vowel sandhi (2.1.1.4.) are not blocked by pauses:

## (28) Nasal Deletion

a. ma...r̄a...kku...t̄i...r̄a 'wooden horse' (māram, kuṭīrā)

b. \*ma...r̄am...(k)ku...t̄i...r̄a (\*ma...r̄a...m(k)ku...t̄i...r̄a)

## (29) Vowel Lengthening

a. t̄aa...r̄aa...kaa...nt̄an 'Tara's husband' (tāārā, kaant̄an)

b. \*t̄aa...r̄a...kaa...nt̄an

## (30) Vowel Sandhi

a. ma...hee...swā...r̄an 'great god' (mahaa, iiswārān)

b. \*ma...haa...iī...swā...r̄an

In English, lexical rules like trisyllabic laxing and CiV tensing (SPE: 180-81 ) are blind to pauses:

## (31) Trisyllabic Laxing

a. di...v[ɪ]...ni...ty

b. \*di...v[āy]...ni...ty

## (32) CiV Tensing

a. ma...na...g[īy]...r̄i...al

b. \*ma...na...g[e]...ri...al

3.3.1.2. Recall that Lexical Phonology allows the same rule to have both the lexical and post lexical strata as its domain. Given (26), we would predict the possibility of rules being insensitive to pauses when they apply in the lexicon, and being blocked by pauses when they

apply post lexically. An interesting example of such a rule is the r deletion in British English, responsible for alternations like the following:<sup>8</sup>

- (33) a. I know the actor.  
[æktə]  
b. The actor acted hastily.  
[æktər]  
c. The actor snored.  
[æktə]

The rule responsible for this alternation can be stated as follows:

- (34) r deletion<sup>9</sup>  
$$r \rightarrow \emptyset / \text{ } \underline{\text{R}}$$

Given below are the derivations for (33)a-c:

- (35) a. actor      b. actor acted ...      c. actor snored
- $$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \quad \text{R} \\ | \quad / \\ \text{ækt} \quad \text{o} \quad \text{r} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \quad \text{R} \quad \text{R} \\ | \quad / \quad / \\ \text{ækt} \quad \text{o} \quad \text{r} \quad \text{ækt} \dots \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \quad \text{R} \quad \text{O} \\ | \quad / \quad / \\ \text{ækt} \quad \text{o} \quad \text{r} \quad \text{sn} \dots \end{array}$$
- $$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \quad \text{R} \\ | \quad / \\ \text{ækt} \quad \text{o} \\ \downarrow \\ \emptyset \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \quad \text{R} \quad \text{O} \quad \text{R} \\ | \quad / \quad | \quad / \\ \text{ækt} \quad \text{o} \quad \text{r} \quad \text{ækt} \dots \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \quad \text{R} \\ | \quad / \\ \text{ækt} \quad \text{o} \quad \text{sn} \dots \end{array}$$
- resyllabifi-  
cation  
r deletion

Resyllabification applies in (35b), linking r to the onset, and saving it from r deletion. No resyllabification is possible in (35) a and c, and hence r is deleted.

Consider now what happens when a pause is inserted:

(36) The actor ... acted hastily.

[æktə]  
\*[æktər]

Since resyllabification takes place across words, it must be post lexical, and applies after pause assignment:

(37) The actor ... acted hastily.

ækt or ..ækted

resyllabification  
æ kt o  
↓  
ə

r deletion

The deletion of r applies word internally as well:

(38) a. bareness [bəʁnəs]

b. barest [bəʁrəst]<sup>10</sup>

Unlike resyllabification across words, however, word internal resyllabification is blind to pauses, as predicted by (26):

(39) a. bəʁ... rəst

b. \*bəʁ... ʁst

What is important for us is the fact that a pause makes the r disappear in the bear is, but there is no way a pause can make the r in the barest disappear. Resyllabification in the former follows lexical insertion (and hence pause assignment), while in the latter,

precedes it, and therefore, there is nothing that we need to say about the contrast.

It may be pointed out that the contrast between bear is and barest supports the assumption that inflections are attached in the lexicon (cf: Lieber (1980), Selkirk (to appear)). If the attachment of inflections takes place after lexical insertion, the two forms become identical, and we no longer have any explanation for the contrast. Therefore, the facts of r deletion in British English offer crucial evidence against syntactic rules such as affix hopping, which involve attaching the inflectional element to the stem in the syntactic component after lexical insertion. (Note that the behaviour of verbal inflections is identical to -est: e.g. storing: [stɔ ... rɪŋ], \*[stɔ ... ɪŋ].)

Yet another rule that is blocked post lexically by pauses, but not lexically, is the rule of palatalisation of s. Following Hayes (1980), I state the essentials of the rule as follows:

(40) Palatalisation

$$s \rightarrow \check{s} / \text{ — } y\check{v} \quad (\check{v} = \text{unstressed vowel})$$

The rule applies word internally, in words like racial ( r̄æs + yæɪ → r̄ey̌ɛɪ ), and in some dialects, across words, in sequences like miss you (miss you → mɪ̌ʃyɔ̌ ). Speakers of English who do palatalise s across words cannot do so across a pause. Thus,

it is always [mis...yǝ], never \*[miš...yǝ]. When the pause occurs word internally, however, it has no effect on palatalisation: it is always [r̄ey... šǝl] (racial), never, \*[r̄eys.. ǝl]. The palatalisation in racial is a lexical operation; in miss you, it is post lexical. Given that pauses are assigned post lexically, this is precisely what we expect. The pause is assigned after palatalisation in racial , but before it in miss you.

3.3.1.3. The behaviour of phonological rules with respect to pauses provides<sup>an</sup> important empirical distinction between the node-domain theory and the stratum theory. The essential character of the node-domain theory is that the components of word formation and syntax provide labelled trees, and phonological rules apply to these trees, identifying the domains of rules from the node labels. Observe that the node-domain theory has no intermediate level of representation between the underlying and the phonetic: all rules apply after lexical insertion, at the output stage of the syntactic component. The only way for accounting for the effects of pauses on phonological rules in the node-domain theory, as far as I can see, is to stipulate that the word and the subword domain rules are blind to pauses. Given a series of node labels  $X^1, X^2, X^3 \dots X^n$ , what this stipulation does is to identify one of the nodes arbitrarily as marking the division between pause blind and pause sensitive rules. This arbitrary point, in principle, could have been, say, the noncompound word node, or an X

node.

The most important distinction between Lexical Phonology and the node-domain theory is that Lexical Phonology provides an intermediate level of representation between the underlying and the phonetic, while the node-domain theory does not. This intermediate level of representation, as we shall see, provides the input to secret code languages, to speech errors, and is the basis of speaker judgments. In the node-domain theory, all these would be unrelated stipulations on the output of the word domain rules.

3.3.1.4. In addition to predicting that lexical rule applications are blind to pauses, the model in (26) also makes the prediction that all post lexical rule applications will be blocked by intervening pauses. This phenomenon has some apparent counterexamples which fall into two classes. The first type of apparent exception is that of the assignment of intonation, which appears to ignore pauses, and even the segmental material of an appositive type. I give below Rotenberg's (1978) examples:

(41) a. This is an example sentence.

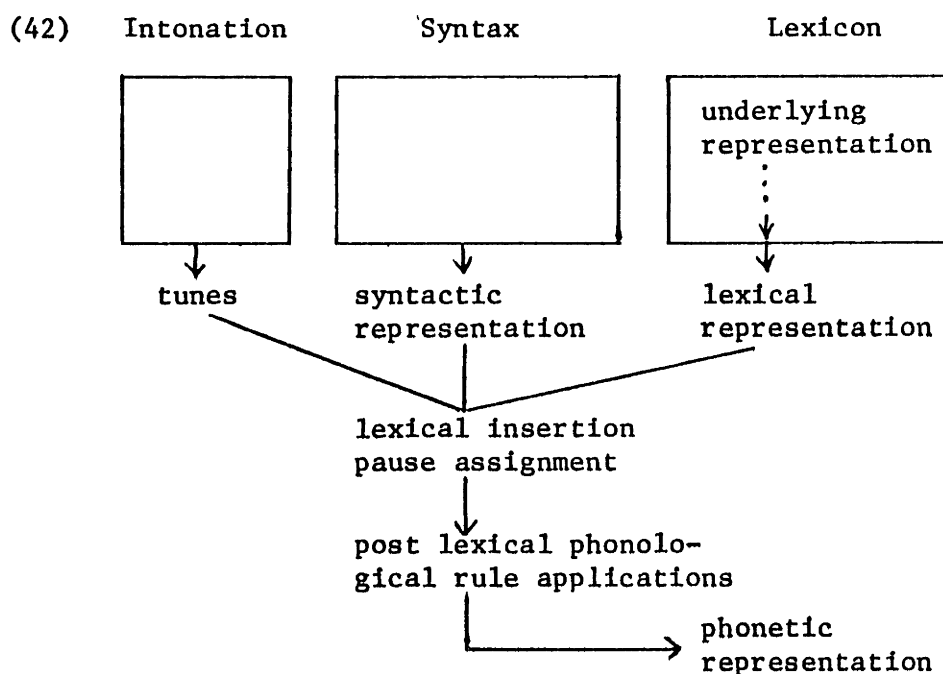
b. This is... good lord!... an example sentence.

c. This is, as you can see, an example sentence.



If intonation assignment is a rule that applies to segmental strings after pause assignment, (41) would constitute a counterexample to our claim that post lexical rule applications will be blocked by pauses. However, there is no reason to believe that intonation is handled by rules that operate on segmental material in this fashion at all. It has been shown by Liberman (1975) and Pierrehumbert (1980) that the correct approach to intonation is to have a module of grammar which generates 'intonation words', or tunes. These tunes have interesting internal structures, and are associated with semantic content, such as uncertainty, surprise, etc. (see Pierrehumbert (1980) for details). The tunes generated in this manner independently of segmental strings are then associated with the segments (via stress trees) in predictable ways.

We may incorporate the Liberman-Pierrehumbert model into (26):



In this approach, lexical insertion is seen as a merging together of the outputs of various components: the lexicon, syntax, and intonation. In this model, cases like (41) cease to be counter-examples.

The second type of apparent exception is seen in words like a and the, which have alternate forms before vowels and consonants: a book vs an old book; th[ə] man vs th[i] old man. Rotenberg (1978) points out that alternations of this kind are blind to pauses:

- (43) a. This is an old book.  
       b. This is an ... (pause)... old book.  
       c. This is a nice book.  
       d. This is a ... (pause)... nice book.

If these alternations are handled by post lexical phonological rules, they falsify the claim that post lexical applications will be blocked by pauses. Note, however, that alternations like a~an are restricted to single lexical items. One way to look at them would be to say that a and an are different lexical items related by partial suppletion (cf: child~childrən) (or perhaps an irregular phonological rule) in the lexicon. Associated with a will be a filter which says that the following word is consonant initial, and the opposite condition will be associated with an. These filters apply during lexical insertion, ruling out \*an book and \*a old book. Subsequent assignment of pauses would then have no effect on a and an.

Seen in this light, examples like (43) do not present a problem for our model. A true counterexample to the claim that post lexical rule applications cannot cross pauses will be an alternation that is not restricted to a small set of lexical items. If we found, for example, that in some language, all word final obstruents get voiced before a vowel initial word, and that this process applies across pauses, our claim would be falsified. To the best of my knowledge, such languages do not exist.

### 3.3.2. Speaker Judgments

Given that linguistics is concerned with the properties of the human mind, the intuitions of speakers become data that linguistic theory must account for. Thus, it is not enough for the theory to generate (44)a and b, and block (44c), but also account for the fact that the speaker finds that John and him in (44a), but not in (44b), can refer to the same person:

- (44) a. John believes that he is a fool.  
       b. John believes him to be a fool.  
       c.\*John believes that him to be a fool.

Generative phonology has paid very little attention to speaker intuitions. Judgments on possible and impossible syllables and possible and impossible words have been acknowledged to constitute the data for phonology, but not speaker judgments about sameness and differentness of sounds.

Speakers of English judge the p in pit and spit to be the same, ignoring the [p]~[ph] distinction; the vowels in bit and bid are judged to be the same, ignoring durational and qualitative differences. Obviously, these judgments do not correspond to phonetic representations. At the other end of the spectrum, speakers judge the initial vowels of metric and met to be the same, oblivious of the underlying distinction: /ē/ ~ /e/. Similarly, the first consonant in sing, the fourth in criticism, and the last in presidency are judged to be the same, in spite of the underlying s~k~t distinction. Underlyingly identical segments are judged to be distinct, such as the initial vowels of meter and metric, or the second consonant in race and racial.

Given a theory of phonology with just the underlying and phonetic levels of representation, these judgments are unexplainable. Given the theory of Lexical Phonology, what corresponds to the speaker judgments is the lexical representation:

(45)	<u>underlying</u>	<u>lexical</u>	<u>phonetic</u>	
a.	spit	spit	spit	<u>spit</u>
b.	pit	pit	p <sup>h</sup> it	<u>pit</u>
c.	bet	bet	bet	<u>bet</u>
d.	bed	bed	be <sup>ʔ</sup> d	<u>bed</u>
e.	mētr	míytar	míytər	<u>metre</u>
f.	mētr ik	metrik	metr <sub>g</sub> ik	<u>metric</u>
g.	kritik ism	kritisism	k <sup>h</sup> rítisizm	<u>criticism</u>
h.	prezīd ent y	prézidensi	p <sup>h</sup> rézidēnsi	<u>presidency</u>
i.	ræs	reys	reys	<u>race</u>
j.	ræs y æl	réyʃəl	reyʃəl	<u>racial</u>

Judgments of this kind also extend to the results of external sandhi rules and fast speech phenomena. The speaker who says thi[š]year thinks that he is saying thi[s]year (see Chapter I, footnote 4). Similarly, speakers think that they are saying divíniti when they actually say dvini in fast speech. In short, we find that lexical representations correspond to the mental representations of the speaker, reflecting his intuitions of what constitutes his speech. Given that lexical representations are the representations of lexical entries, this is hardly surprising: what the speaker has conscious access to is the set of lexical entries.

### 3.3.3. Secret Code Languages

A secret code language is one in which one or more rules (the code) have been added to the grammar of a natural language so that the result becomes unintelligible to a speaker who doesn't know the code. A well known example is Pig Latin, in which the first onset of a word (if any) is moved to the end, and the diphthong ey added to it. Thus, the words clean (kliyn) and ask (aask) in Pig Latin would be lynkley and aaskey. SPE gives the following rule for Pig Latin:

$$(46) \quad \# \# C_0 V X \# \# \rightarrow \# \# V X C_0 e y \# \#$$

We may, in fact, think of Pig Latin in terms of the following equation:

$$(47) \quad \text{Pig Latin} = \text{Grammar of English} + \text{rule (46)}$$

Consider what a secret code does. It creates new lexical items from existing ones so that an outsider does not identify the lexical items. Thus, Pig Latin picks up clean in English and changes it to inynkley:

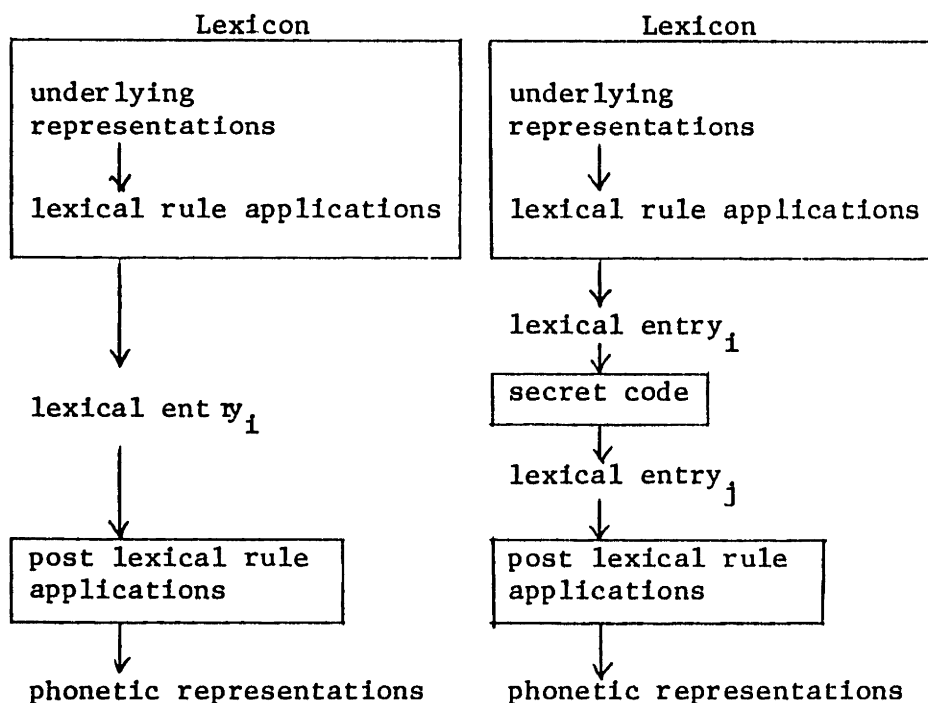
$$(48) \text{ Lexical entry}_{\text{Eng.}} \rightarrow \boxed{\text{secret code}} \rightarrow \text{Lexical entry}_{\text{Pig L.}}$$

Seen in this light, a secret code is an operation on lexical representations. This result gives rise to interesting predictions. To begin with, observe that all secret codes of this kind operate on words, not on morphemes. Thus, rules like (49)a and b are logically conceivable, but nonexistent:

$$(49) \begin{array}{ll} \text{a. } \#C_0VX\# & \rightarrow \#VXC_0ey\# \\ \text{b. } +C_0VX+ & \rightarrow +VXC_0ey+ \end{array}$$

What this means is that secret codes are blind to the internal structure of words. Given the lexical theory, this is precisely the expected result. The input to the code is the lexical representation, and therefore, the code cannot be a lexical rule. It follows that the code cannot see the internal structure of words.

The model of the application of the secret code can be represented as follows:

(50) Natural LanguagesCode Languages

Pig Latin is a language that is perfectly consistent with the model in (50), but since it does not interact with most of the rules in English phonology, it is also consistent with other possible approaches, and does not tell us anything revealing. However, there exist code languages which are more complex than Pig Latin, and show conclusively that the code applies only after the application of lexical rules and before the application of the post lexical rules. One such is the ayb language of English, the code of which is: insert ayb before every rime of the word.<sup>11</sup> Thus, the word America would be aybəmaybɛəraybikaybə. (50) predicts that ayb insertion takes place after lexical rules like trisyllabic laxing, C1V tensing, velar soften-

ing, etc. The data confirms this prediction. Thus, the ayb versions of demon (díymən) and demonic (dimáanik) are daybíymaybən and daybimaybáanaybik. Had trisyllabic laxing applied after ayb insertion, demon would have been \*daybémaybən. Similarly, Canada (kænədə) and Canadian (kənédian) in ayb are kaybáanaybɔdaybɔ and kaybɔnaybéydaybiaybən. Had the CiV tensing applied after ayb insertion, it would have bled tensing, resulting in \*kaybɔnaybædaybiaybən for Canadian. The ayb forms of divider and division are daybivaybáydaybər and daybivaybížaybən. The application of ayb insertion prior to the d → ž rule would have either blocked the rule in both cases, or allowed it in both, leading to bad consequences either way. Critical and criticism are kraybítayb-ikaybəl and kraybítaybisaybizaybɔm, showing that velar softening also applies before ayb insertion.

All the above examples show that stress rules must apply before ayb insertion. If not, the stress would have been on ayb in most cases! Additional examples like the following show that even secondary stress patterns remain unaffected by ayb insertion: re<sup>3</sup>des<sup>1</sup>ign → raybədəybesayb<sup>3</sup>  
ign<sup>1</sup> (examples in English spelling) ; art<sup>3</sup>ifici<sup>4</sup>ality<sup>1</sup> → aybartaybifaybic<sup>3</sup>-  
aybiaybalaybitayby<sup>1</sup>.

There is no lexical rule application that takes place after ayb insertion in English. It now remains to show that all post lexical rule applications must follow ayb insertion. The only post lexical rule that interacts with ayb insertion is the aspiration of voiceless stops. The ayb version of painter is [paybéyntaybər], and not



\*[p<sup>h</sup>aybéyntaybər], which is what the application of aspiration before ayb insertion would result in.<sup>12</sup>

The prediction made by the model in (50) is fulfilled by yet another code language I know of, namely, the pa language of Malayalam, which inserts the syllable pa before every syllable in the word. The code is illustrated by the following examples:

- (51)      Malayalam                      pa-language
- a. moohanan 'a name' → pamoopahapanan
- b. kuṭṭi 'child' → pakupaṭṭi<sup>13</sup>

I shall select two of the rules discussed in 2.1., gemination and vowel sandhi, to demonstrate that pa insertion cannot precede lexical rule applications. The rules are repeated below in an informal fashion for convenient reference:

- (52) a. Gemination: Obstruents geminate stem initially in subcompounds.
- b. Vowel Sandhi: The final vowel at the end of the first stem and the vowel at the beginning of the second stem fuse together.

- (53)      Malayalam                      pa language
- a. kuṭṭīṛa              'horse'              pakupaṭṭipaṛa
- b. kuṭṭi              'child'              pakupaṭṭi
- c. kuṭṭīṛakkuṭṭi 'baby horse' pakupaṭṭipaṛapakkuṭṭi

- (54) a. kala 'art' pakapala  
 b. ulsawam 'festival' payupalsapawam  
 c. kaloolsawam 'art festival' pakapaloopalsapawam

Had pa insertion preceded gemination and vowel sandhi, the result would have been \*pakupatipaṛapakupatti in (53c), and \*pakapalapayupalsapawam in (54c).

I shall now use the following post lexical processes to show that post lexical rule applications must follow pa insertion:

- (55) Voicing : Intervocalically, single stops are voiced.  
 (see 2.2.2.)

- (56) Onset shortening: Branching onsets are shortened after long vowels. (note: all intervocalic consonant sequences form onsets in Malayalam.)

The following examples illustrate the process of onset shortening:

- (57) a. kuṭṭi 'child' but kuuṭṭi 'increased'  
           |                  |  
           L(ong)              S(hort)
- b. kaṣṭam 'pity' but kaastam 'excrement'  
           |                  |  
           L                  S

Consider now the effects of pa insertion on onset shortening and voicing:



presented to learners as sets of related items. A learner who comes across the word presidential may not have come across preside and president, and therefore, may not have arrived at the underlying representation involving /prezīd/ and /ent/. He would store the word in the lexicon as something like /prezidénʃəl/, which is the lexical representation of the word. Similarly, post lexical rules would be acquired by the learner at a relatively early stage, as they do not require morphological evidence involving word internal structure which is hard to come by during the initial stages of learning. The acquisition of lexical processes would follow at a leisurely pace in a random manner, and some speakers may never acquire some of the lexical rules at all.

It must be mentioned that knowledge of related forms is crucial for the acquisition of underlying representations. Thus, it is not enough that the learner guesses the structure of, say, [tinisiti] (nonsense form) in English to have the word structure [tinis+iti], on the basis of his familiarity with the suffix -ity. Even after the suffix has been identified, he will still have to choose between the underlying /tinik/, /tīnik/, /tinit/, /tīnit/, /tinis/, and /tīnis/, and the correct choice is impossible unless he comes across the stem in some other context. It is this aspect of the underlying forms which makes them, and the lexical rules that derive lexical representations from them, slower to acquire.

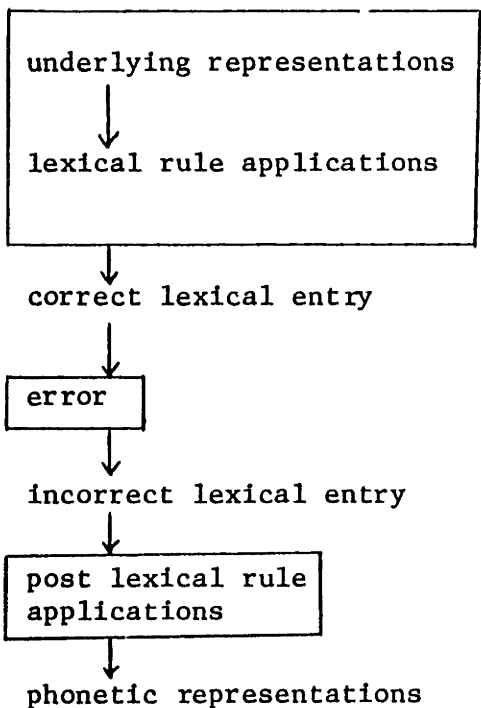
3.3.4.2. It would not be unreasonable to assume that speech recognition involves the identification of the lexical representation of phonetic strings. The mapping between lexical representation and phonetic representation does not involve morphological information, and therefore, it would be possible to devise a bottom-up model of speech recognition which would arrive at lexical representations from phonetic representations without taking recourse to morphology. This would be a significant improvement on the top-to-bottom model proposed by Halle & Stevens (1962), which appears to be the only available model of speech recognition consistent with the assumptions of generative phonology. In the Halle-Stevens model, lexical access is conceived of as applying all the phonological rules to all the underlying forms listed in the lexicon, and comparing the output with the speech signal. Apart from the problem of computational complexity, the Halle-Stevens model suffers from a serious theoretical inadequacy in that it does not account for the fact that speakers are able to 'recognise' nonsense words, the entries for which do not exist in the lexicon. In an experiment conducted by Nakatani and Liberman, for example (personal communication), they found that speakers of English were able to assign unique 'phonemic transcriptions' to nonsense words with perfect agreement. If speech recognition is applying phonological rules to existing lexical entries, and matching the output with the speech signal, there is no explanation for the recognition and acquisition of new words, for which lexical entries do not exist,

The SPE model of phonology does not provide a level of representation which can be recovered from the phonetic representation without the use of morphological information. Consequently, it does not yield a bottom-up performance model. The model of Lexical Phonology offers precisely such a level.

3.3.4.3. One may suggest that speech production also crucially makes use of the lexical level of representation. One may look for evidence for this hypothesis in speech errors which permute segments, as in spin and spac for spic and span. If speech errors of this sort are due to errors in the input to the speech production system, and the input to speech production is the lexical representation, one would predict that all lexical rule applications would precede the speech error, and all post lexical rule applications would follow it. The error, then, would be analogous to the application of the code in secret code languages (cf: (50)):

(59)

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The permutation of the vowels in the first syllable of metrical grid and linear set would produce the error m[i]trical gr[e]d and l[e]near s[i]t, never \*m[i]trical gr[iy]d and l[e]near s[ay]t. The correct output is possible only if the lexical process of laxing applies prior to the permutation:

(60)	<u>linear set</u>			<u>linear set</u>	
	$\bar{i}$	e		$\bar{i}$	e
	i	— laxing		e	$\bar{i}$ error
	e	i error		—	— laxing
	l[e]near s[i]t			*l[e]near s[ay]t	

Similarly, the permutation of the consonants in electricity

board may result in electri[b]ity [s]oard, but never \*electri[b]iti [k]oard. Once again, the desired output demands the application of velar softening before the error.

In contrast, post lexical processes like aspiration apply after the application of the error. Thus, scotch tape becomes s[t]otch [kh]ape, never \*s[th]otch [k]ape (example from Stampe (1972)).

(61)	<u>scotch</u>	<u>tape</u>		<u>scotch</u>	<u>tape</u>
	k	t		k	t
	t	k error		—	th aspiration
	—	kh aspiration		th	k error
	s[t]otch	[kh]ape		*s[th]otch	[k]ape

Bad men [bæd mēn] may become [bed mæn], never \*[bēd mæn] : the nasalisation of the vowel, a post lexical process, also applies after the error.

Similarly, I face your miss for I miss your face ( mi[š] ) may be pronounced as I fa[š] your miss, but never \*I face your mi[š]: the external sandhi process ( s → š ) applies after the error.

### 3.4. Comparison with Similar Models

#### 3.4.1. Taxonomic Phonemics

By now, the reader must have observed the similarity of lexical representations to taxonomic phonemic representations. A



crucial difference between Lexical Phonology and Taxonomic Phonemics on the one hand, and Standard Phonology on the other, is that the latter allows only two levels of phonological representation, the underlying and the phonetic, while the former incorporate an intermediate level of representation.

(62)	<u>Taxonomic Phonemics</u>	<u>Lexical Phonology</u>
	Morphophonemic. . . I .	.Underlying
	Phonemic. . . . . II .	.Lexical
	Phonetic. . . . . III .	.Phonetic

The similarity ends here. Taxonomic Phonemics focussed on the restrictions on the mapping between levels II and III, while Lexical Phonology concentrates on the mapping between levels I and II. While Taxonomic Phonemics postulates several conditions on the phonemic-phonetic mapping, such as biuniqueness and invariance, the only condition in Lexical Phonology is that the lexical-phonetic mapping has no access to word internal morphological information. Therefore, a number of rules disallowed in Taxonomic Phonemics in the mapping from II to III are acceptable in Lexical Phonology. A typical example of such a rule would be one which changes one phoneme to another, like the voicing rule in Malayalam, which changes voiceless stops to voiced stops post nasally and intervocalically (2.2.2.), and the palatalisation rule in English which changes *s* to *š*. The lexical representation for [mandan] in Malayalam is /mantan/, and for [šišyər] (this year)

in English is /ðis yər/: these are not possible taxonomic phonemic representations. Similarly, rules which delete phonemes would be legitimate post lexical operations, but not legitimate 'allophonic' rules (e.g. list some → lis some). What this means is that lexical representations are more abstract than taxonomic phonemic representations.

All the classical arguments against the taxonomic phonemic level of representation (Chomsky (1964), Halle(1959)) have been essentially arguments against a specific level of representation satisfying conditions like biuniqueness, local determinacy, invariance, and linearity. Since the level of lexical representations does not obey any of these conditions, the objections do not apply to the lexical level.

### 3.4.2. Natural Phonology

The distinction made by natural phonologists between rules and processes (Stampe (1973), Donegan (1978)) appears to have some correlation with the distinction I have identified as Lexical and Post lexical; it is, therefore, important to examine how the two theories match. A process is defined in Natural Phonology as "a mental operation that applies in speech, to substitute, for a class of sounds or sound sequences presenting a common difficulty to the speech capacity of the individual, an alternate class identical but

lacking the difficulty property" (Stampe (1973:1)). In other words, a process is motivated by the ease of articulation. One may say that ty → c in didn't you is a process, but the t → s change in presidency is a rule, and has no articulatory motivation.

Processes, according to natural phonologists, are universal: speakers do not have to acquire them. What has to be learnt is the inhibition of the process in a language that does not exemplify it. A speaker of English does not have to learn the ty → c change, as the process is innate, but a speaker of Malayalam has to learn to inhibit or block the process, as Malayalam does not exhibit the alternation. Rules, on the other hand, have to be learnt.

Another property of processes is that they require special effort on the part of the adult speaker to violate them. Thus, velar softening, which is a rule, can be easily violated by a speaker to produce criti[k]ism, but it is only with great effort that one can violate the process of aspiration in pin, and say [p]in instead of [ph]in.

Stampe observes that rules apply before the application of the code in secret code languages, while processes apply after them. Thus, the process that changes k to k' before a front vowel applies after the Pig Latin rule in English, giving the Pig Latin form ool[k']ey instead of \*ool[k]ey for the word cool. On the other hand, the rule of velar softening must apply before the insertion of ob

in the secret language of ob, since electricity in this language is obelobectrobi[s]obitoby; the insertion of ob destroys the environment for velar softening, and therefore, the softening must be assumed to take place prior to ob insertion (Stampe's examples).

Stampe also points out that processes apply to the result of slips of the tongue. "Such productions as [stačkhɛip] for scotch tape show that the slip /stač kɛip/ for /skač tɛip/ arose before the process aspirating initial stops applied, since otherwise [sthačkhɛip] would have been produced" (1973: 44).

The criteria for distinguishing between processes and rules can be summarised as follows:

(63)	<u>processes</u>	<u>rules</u>
	a. motivated by ease of articulation	(?)
	b. universal	(?)
	c. cannot be violated	can be violated
	d. follows the application of the code in secret code languages	precedes the application of the code in secret code languages
	e. follows slips of the tongue	precedes slips of the tongue

With respect to (63)d and e, Lexical Phonology and Natural Phonology make the same distinction, as lexical rule applications precede the application of the secret code and speech error, while

post lexical rule applications follow them. (63c) is not consistent with the lexical model, as palatalisation across words (thi[s] year) is a post lexical operation, yet speakers experience no difficulty in violating it.

The hypothesis that processes are universal ((63b)) and that they are inhibited in languages which do not have them seems to me to lack any empirical content. We may find a process that replaces A by B in exactly one language, but nothing in principle would prevent a natural phonologist from saying that  $A \rightarrow B$  is inhibited in all human languages except one. I therefore dismiss (63b) as a non-falsifiable claim.

The claim that processes have articulatory motivation ((63a)) has the potentials of being an empirical claim, but only if it is accompanied by a theory of phonetics from which we can derive the notion 'articulatory ease'. Such a theory, given two sounds or sound sequences, should tell us in unambiguous terms which of them is more difficult to produce. In the absence of such a phonetic theory, (63a) is a matter of opinion or intuition, and can hardly be argued with.

There is a crucial difference between the levels identified by Natural Phonology and Lexical Phonology that has some empirical consequence: while Natural Phonology makes a distinction between two types of operations in terms of what they do (i.e. in terms of the changes they effect), the distinction made in Lexical Phonology is in

terms of where the operations apply (i.e. in terms of their domains). To give an example, the rule of palatalisation in English applies both in the lexical and the post lexical domains. Since the distinction made in Natural Phonology is in terms of the intrinsic phonetic content of the operations, palatalisation should be either a rule or a process, but hardly both.

In sum, the level of lexical representation in Lexical Phonology is not identical to either the taxonomic phonemic level or the level between rules and processes in Natural Phonology.

## Footnotes for Chapter 111

1. The reason for assuming a morpheme based word formation rather than a word based word formation (cf: Aronoff (1976)) is that languages like Malayalam, Sanskrit, and Latin have several productive and regular forms of affixation on stems which are not independent words. Thus, the tense suffixes in Malayalam (um 'fut.', unnu 'pres', i/tu 'past') are attached to stems which are not independent words: e.g. dukkhikkum 'will grieve', ootum 'will run', but \*dukkhikk, \*oot. The same observation applies to the formation of nouns, verbs, and adjectives. Thus, dukkhikk- (V), dukkham 'grief', and dukkhitan 'grieving person' are derived from the root dukkh which does not exist as a word. (This is a paradigm case in Malayalam word formation.) Except for the plural suffix, I cannot think of any affix in Malayalam which is attached to words'. On the basis of data of this kind common in various languages, I reject the model of word based word formation.
2. This contrast follows from Selkirk's (to appear) principle of semantic interpretation of compounds which forbids the interpretation of the left member as the subject of the predicate of the right member. The meaning "one whom children employ" interprets child as the subject of employ, which the principle disallows. Compounds like Ford employee may appear as counterexamples to this principle, but I would like to suggest that the meaning of Ford employee is "one who is employed at Ford, i.e., at the establishment referred to as Ford", rather than "one whom Ford (the person) employs". cf: \*king employee, \*president employee, \*governor employee.
3. Unlike the past tense, present tense, and plural, the possessive in English is attached to a phrasal category, not a lexical category.
4. It seems intuitively correct to say that only lexical rules can have lexical exceptions (cf: Bresnan (1978), Baker (1979)).
5. Voicing applies only after vowels. cf: re[z]ume, but con[s]ume. (See SPE for the details.)
6. One may ask why there is an identity rule of the form nitingæ1 → nitingæ1, but none of the form long → long. Clearly, this is because lexical rules apply to the underlying form /long/, while no lexical rules apply to /nitingæ1/. If so, setting up nitingæ1 → nitingæ1 is another way of saying that no lexical rules can apply to /nitingæ1/.

7. The discussion in this section is about deliberate pauses, not the kind of accidental pauses created by, say, coughing or surprise.
8. I am grateful to Moira Yip for her help with this rule.
9. The rule is intended to account for the phenomenon of 'linking r', not 'intrusive r' (see Jones (1940), Gimson (1962)). The dialects with linking r have "The car is..." but "The idea is...". The dialects with intrusive r have "The idea is..." with an r at the end of idea as well. In the latter dialects, (34) is replaced by a rule that inserts r prevocally.
 

[kaar]	[aidiə]
[aidiər]	
10. The transcriptions are from Jones (1977), 14th edition.
11. I am grateful to Joan Bresnan for the ayb data.
12. Ken Hale has pointed out to me that the nasal assimilation in fast speech in words like unclean → u[ŋk]lean applies in Pig Latin after the application of the code. e.g. clean is eanclay which becomes ea[ŋk]lay. Given that fast speech phenomena have to be post lexical, this is the predicted result.
13. Malayalam syllables do not allow codas. Words like kut̪ti and kampi are syllabified as ku-t̪ti and ka-mpi (see 4.1.).
14. The rule that inserts a glide between two vowels is discussed in 4.2. (pa u... → payu... (54b)).



## Chapter IV: A CASE STUDY : MALAYALAM PHONOLOGY

Having developed a theory of Lexical Phonology, and shown its consequences for the study of the phonological knowledge of human beings, I shall proceed to illustrate the application of the model through an extensive analysis of Malayalam phonology. This case study has two purposes: first, it provides the proper background for the phonology of compounding discussed in Chapter II, and highlights the details of the theory by examining a set of complex interactions of phonological phenomena; second, it provides additional supporting evidence for various assumptions made in the preceding chapters, such as the integration of phonology and morphology, the Opacity Principle, and the Stratum Ordering Hypothesis.

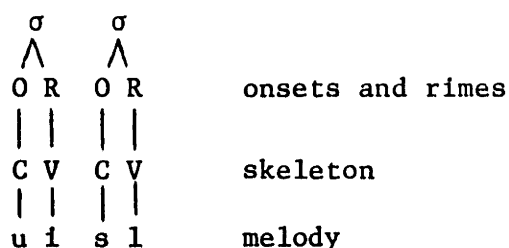
### 4.1. Syllable Structure

#### 4.1.1. The Syllable Template

When asked to syllabify the words kampi 'metal rod', and kaappi 'coffee', native speakers of Malayalam break them up as ka-mpi and kaa-ppi. Odd though it may seem to those who are used to the Indo European syllabification, I shall argue that this untutored syllabification reflects a significant structural property of the language, namely, that it allows no codas.

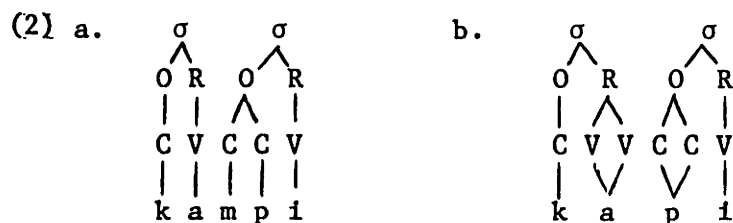
Before going on to the details of the syllable in Malayalam, I should make explicit what I mean by 'coda', and my approach to syllable structure in general. I follow the theory of the syllable outlined in Halle & Vergnaud (1980), which sets up a three tier representation of the syllable, consisting of a tier of distinctive feature specifications called the 'melody', a skeletal tier of C's and V's, and a tier of onsets and rimes. (See McCarthy (1979) for the idea of C/V sequences as the prosodic skeleton.) An example of this kind of representation is given below:

(1) Whistle



Observe that C's and V's are not to be identified with 'consonants' and 'vowels'. Thus, l in whistle is not a vowel, but is linked to V element in the skeleton. To use Pike's (1947) terminology, the melody tier consists of the phonetic categories of vocoids (e.g. u, i) and contoids (e.g. s, l), while the skeletal tier represents their syllabic (V) and nonsyllabic (C) functions.

Following this approach, I represent the syllable structure of kampi and kaappi as follows:



Observe that the distinction between a and aa is represented as V and VV at the skeletal tier, rather than at the melody tier, and the distinction between p and pp as C and CC.

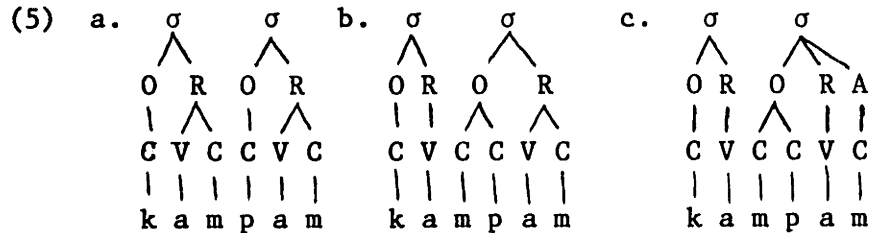
The assumption that Malayalam has no codas (i.e., C elements in the rime) is consistent with the fact that words do not end in consonants in the language, with the exception of m and n in colloquial Malayalam, and m, n, ɳ, l, ɭ, and r, in literary Malayalam. The contrast between the two varieties is illustrated in (3):

(3)	<u>Literary</u>	<u>Colloquial</u>	
	ma <sup>̄</sup> ram	ma <sup>̄</sup> ram	'tree'
	awan	awan	'he'
	aan <sup>̣</sup>	aanə	'male'
	awal <sup>̣</sup>	awalə	'she'
	paal	paalə	'milk'
	wayar	wayarə	'stomach'

These word final consonants may be analysed either as codas or as appendices (i.e. extrametrical syllable final segments directly dominated by the syllable node. See Halle & Vergnaud (1980)). We now have the following alternate analyses for the nasals in, say, kampam 'fascination':

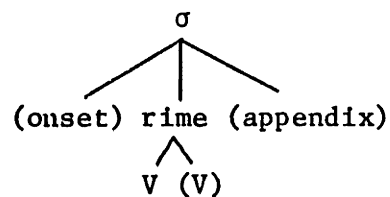
- (4)a. Syllabification: kam-pam; both nasals are codas.
- b. Syllabification: ka-mpam; only the second nasal is a coda.
- c. Syllabification: ka-mpam; neither of the nasals is a coda. The first one is part of the second onset, and the second one is an appendix.

The syllabifications in (4)a-c are:



I shall argue for (5c), which illustrates the 'no coda' hypothesis. I propose the following syllable template for Malayalam:

(6) Syllable Template



Appendices, it has been observed, have a restricted distribution in natural languages (Halle & Vergnaud (1980), Harris (forthcoming)). In Malayalam, they occur only in the morpheme final position.

#### 4.1.2. The pa Language

The pa language, a secret code language of Malayalam (3.3.3.), confirms the  $V-C_0V$  analysis of the Malayalam syllable. I formulate the rule of pa insertion as follows:

(7) Insert pa before every syllable.

Thus, moohanana 'a name', in pa language, is pamoopahapanana. Versions of the pa language exist in most Indian languages, with minor dialectal differences. In some versions, the syllable inserted is ca or sa instead of pa: moohanana → camoocahacanan. In others, the inserted syllable copies the features of the following vowel: moohanana → pomoopahapanana; siima 'limit' → piipsiipama. What is common to all these versions is the insertion of a nonsense syllable before every syllable in the word.

Consider the pa version of the following words:

- (8) a. kañcan 'a name' → pakapañcan  
 b. iñdira 'a name' → payipandipara  
 c. susmita 'a name' → pasupasmipata

- (9) a. ka-ñcan    b. i-ñdi-ra    c. su-smi-ta

If the syllabification of (8) is as given in (9), the pa versions are correctly accounted for by (7). An alternate syllabification, such as the one in (10), fails to account for (8):

(10) a. ka $\bar{n}$ -can      b. i-ndi- $\bar{r}a$       c. sus-mi-ta

Given the syllabification in (10), the rule of pa insertion would be unnecessarily complicated:

(11) Insert pa at the beginning of the word, and after every nucleus except the last one.

The syllabification in (10) does exist in the Indo European languages of India, giving the following pa versions:

(12) Hindi, Gujarati

- a. kancan      → cakancacan (or cakancacacan(a))<sup>1</sup>
- b. indira      → cayincadicara
- c. susmita    → casuscamicata

It is well known that languages in India share a number of common properties in vocabulary, phonology, and syntax, in spite of their genetic differences. This has, in fact, led to the notion of 'India as a linguistic area' (Emeneau (1956), Masica (1976)). Given rule (7), the differences between the pa versions of the Dravidial and the Indo European languages of India follow from the assumption that VCCV is syllabified in the former as V-CCV, and in the latter as VC-CV.

#### 4.1.3. Gemination

Another source of evidence for the no coda hypothesis in

Malayalam comes from the rule of gemination (2.1.1.), repeated below:

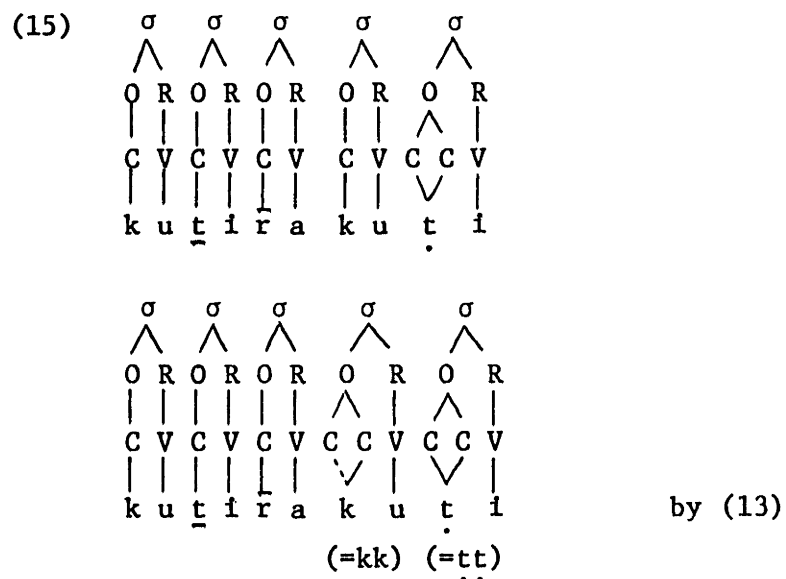
(13) Gemination (Domain : Stratum 2 )

Onset  $\rightarrow \wedge \% \text{ — } ] [$

(14) Examples

- a.  $[[kaaṭ̣][māram]] \rightarrow kaaṭ̣māram$  (stem final gemination)  
 b.  $[[kuṭ̣īra][kutṭ̣i]] \rightarrow kuṭ̣īrakutṭ̣i$  (stem initial gemination)

The application of (13) in (14b) is illustrated below:



What is interesting is that gemination does not take place if the onset is already branching, i.e., if the stem final/initial consonant is a geminate, or in a cluster:





In (17a), (13) applies vacuously to  $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{O} \\ \text{CC} \\ \text{mp} \end{smallmatrix}$ , and therefore, does not apply to the stem initial p. In (17b), on the other hand, stem final gemination does not apply, therefore stem initial gemination applies to p.

#### 4.1.4. The $\bar{r} \sim r$ Alternation

The  $\bar{r} \sim r$  alternation in formal Malayalam appears to provide an argument against the no coda hypothesis.

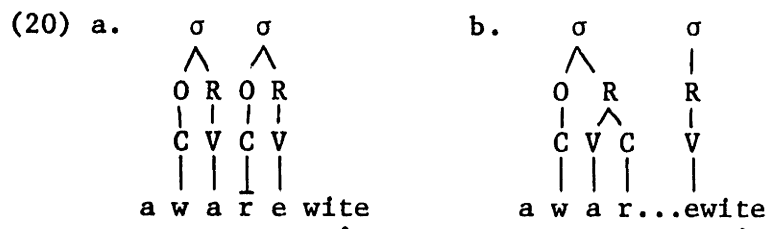
Underlying  $\bar{r}$  becomes r before consonants and before pauses:

(18)	<u>Formal</u>	<u>Colloquial</u>	
a.	awar	awar̄ə	'they'
b.	awar̄e	awar̄e	'they-acc.'
c.	awar̄oot̄ə	awar̄oot̄ə	'they-dat.2'
d.	awarkkə	awar̄əkkə	'they-dat.'
e.	awar̄ ewiṭe	awar̄ ewiṭe	'where are they'
f.	awar... ewiṭe	awar̄ə...ewiṭe	'where are they'
g.	awar wannu	awar̄ə wannu	'they came'

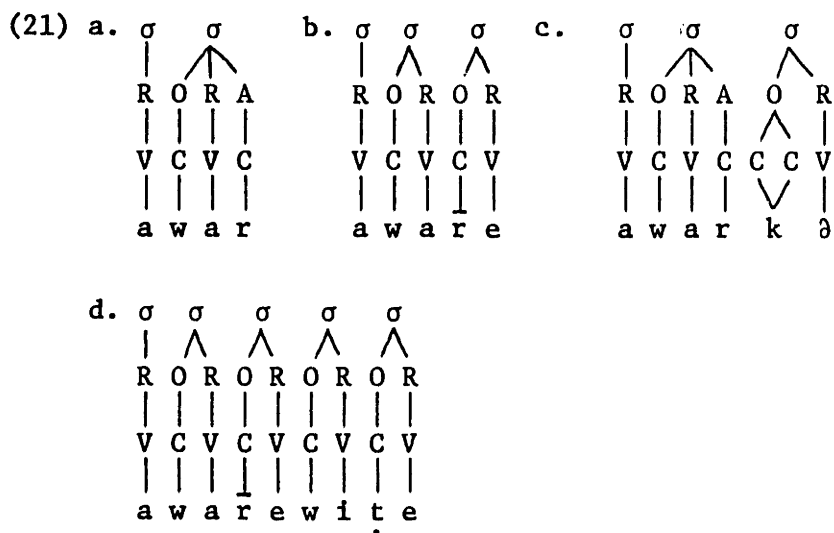
If awarkkə is syllabified as a-war-kkə, and the r in awar and awarkkə is the coda, the rule would be stated as follows:

$$(19) \quad \bar{r} \rightarrow r / \begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array}$$

The contrast between (18e) and (18f) (formal version) is accounted for by the syllabification in (20):



Steriade (1981) argues that the no coda hypothesis fails to unite the preconsonantal ((18d)) and the prepausal ((18f)) r's. <sup>2</sup> I would like to suggest that the no coda hypothesis can handle the problem raised by (18) by allowing appendices (r, l, l) in the morpheme final position:



(21) would require an obligatory resyllabification rule such as (22):

(22)  $A \rightarrow O / \text{ — } R$

Given (21), the  $\bar{r} \sim r$  alternation can now be accounted for as follows:

$$(23) \quad \bar{r} - r / \overset{\text{A}}{\underset{\text{3}}{\perp}}$$

#### 4.1.5. The Voicing of Stops

I shall formulate the rule of voicing in Malayalam, tentatively presented in 2.2.2. as intervocalic voicing, in terms of the syllable structure. What is crucial about the voicing of stops is that it occurs only in noninitial nonbranching onsets:

- (24) a. [kaaṛaṇam] 'reason' ; [agaṛaṇam] 'without reason'  
 b. [pawitram] 'holy' ; [abawitram] 'tainted'  
 c. [paattə] 'song' ; [paadum] 'will sing'
- (25) a. [kramam] 'order' ; [akramam] 'disorder'  
 b. [tyaagam] 'sacrifice'; [parityagam] 'giving up'
- (26) a. akalca → [agalca] 'distance'  
 b. arkar → \*[argan] 'sun'

Thus, the voicing of stops also takes place when nonbranching onsets are preceded by appendices in formal Malayalam:

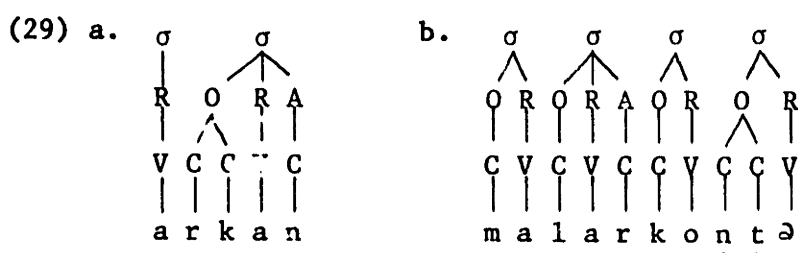
- (27) a. awal kaṛaṇṇu → [awalgaṛaṇṇu] (NP-V)  
 she cried
- b. ṛgam kaḷ tanne → [mrəgaṇṇaḷ danne] (NP-Adv.)  
 animal pl. intens.
- c. malar̄ koṇṭə → [malargaṇṭə] (NP-P)  
 flower with
- d. awar̄ kaḷ → [awargaḷ] (N-pl.)  
 they pl. (honorific pronoun)

The rule of voicing can now be stated as follows:

(28) Stop Voicing

Nonbranching noninitial onsets are voiced.

The sequence rk constitutes a branching onset in (26b), but not in (27c); hence the difference in voicing:



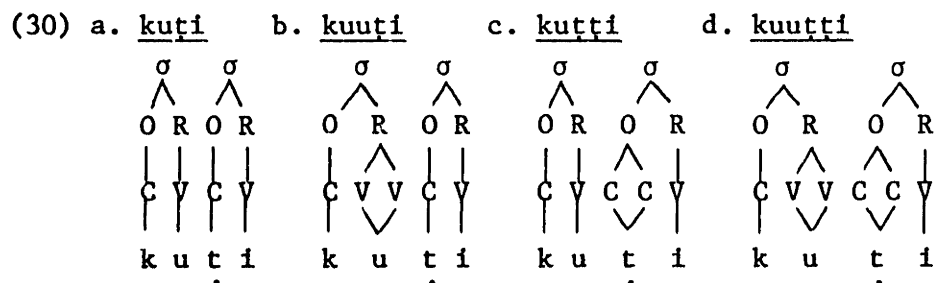
An important fact that must be mentioned at this point is that there are no morpheme internal cases of stop voicing after r, l, and ɭ. Thus, monomorphemic alpam 'a little', kalpana 'order', walkalam 'blouse made of bark', karpuuram 'camphor', wiirpə 'bloating', etc., have voiceless stops: this follows from the assumption that appendices in Malayalam are morpheme final.<sup>5</sup>

#### 4.1.6. Laghu and Guru

Another confirmation for the syllable template in (6) comes from the laghu~guru distinction in Malayalam poetry. 'Laghu' (light syllable) is a syllable with a short vowel not followed by a cluster; 'guru' (heavy syllable) is a syllable with a long vowel or one followed by a cluster. Thus, the initial syllable in kuṭi 'drinking' is a

laghu, while those in kuṭṭi 'child', kuuṭṭi 'increased-intr.', and kuuṭṭi 'increased-tr.' are guru's.

There are two ways in which the laghu~guru distinction can be characterised. Within the no coda hypothesis, the examples given above will be syllabified as in (30), and guru will be defined as in (31):



(31) Guru: syllable which has a branching rime, or is followed by a branching onset.

Alternatively, one may allow codas, and assume the syllabification in (32), and the definition of guru in (33):

(32) a. kuṭṭi : as in (30a)

b. kuuṭṭi : as in (30b)

c. kuṭṭi

d. kuuṭṭi



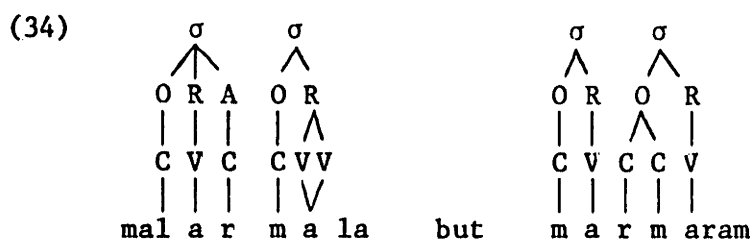
(33) Guru: syllable which has a branching rime.

Inelegant though (31) may seem, I shall demonstrate that (32) and (33) lead to incorrect predictions, and that (31) is, indeed, correct.

The first problem which (33) faces is the laghu/guru assignment in the case of word final vowels. The third syllable of kalpana 'order' is a guru in kalpana prakaarām 'according to the order', but a laghu in kalpana kaziññā 'after the order'. This contrast follows directly from (31), but for (33) to work, we would require an additional rule of resyllabification across words that changes kalpana<sup>R O</sup> prakaarām to kalpana<sup>R O</sup> prakaarām. This resyllabification will have to apply every time a word final vowel is followed by a branching onset.

The second problem is a little more complex. There is an interesting distinction in Malayalam versification referred to in the traditional literature (Rajarajavarma (1904)) as 'laghuprayatnam' (light effort) and 'tīwraprayatnam' (intense effort). Thus, one finds examples like the laghu in the second syllable in malarmaala 'garland of flowers' (malaṁ 'flower'; maala 'garland'), in contrast to the guru in the first syllable of marmarām 'murmur' (monomorphemic). Observe that the sequence -arm- is taken as a laghu in the former case (laghuprayatnam), while the same sequence is a guru in the latter case (tīwraprayatnam). Our assumptions regarding the syllable structure of Malayalam allow us to offer a principled account of the traditional distinction.

What we need to explain is why the second syllable in malarmaala is a laghu, even though the vowel is followed by a cluster. This can be accounted for by assuming that the r in this word is an appendix:



In malarmaala, the second syllable has a nonbranching rime followed by a nonbranching onset, and is therefore a laghu; in marmaram, on the other hand, the second syllable has a rime followed by a branching onset, and is therefore a guru.

Since appendices in Malayalam are restricted to the morpheme final position, this account correctly predicts that the sequence  $VC_1C_2$  results in a laghu only if  $C_1$  is an appendix, i.e., morpheme final r, l, or l.

- (35) a. akalca 'distance' ; muyal cattu 'hare died' (NP V)  
 $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 G L  
 b. markatan 'monkey' ; malar konta 'with flowers' (NP P)  
 $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 G L  
 c. arkan 'sun' ; awarkal 'honor. pronoun'  
 $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 G L

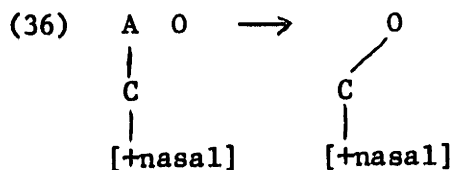
Though the second syllable in malar konta 'with flowers' is a laghu, it is a guru in malar tyajiccu 'sacrificed flowers'. Once again, the contrast is predicted by (31): ty is a branching onset,

k is not. This contrast becomes clearer with compounds in which gemination occurs, such as malarppoti 'pollen' (poti 'powder'). Since RA in this case is followed by pp, the second syllable is a guru, in contrast to the phrase malar poṇṇu 'flowers fell', in which the second syllable is a laghu.

Wherever we find laghuprayatnam, we also find the 'irregular' voicing. Thus, awarka ((35c)) is phonetically [awargal], while arkan is [arkan]. It is the nonbranching stop onsets which voice noninitially, and k in awarka is a nonbranching onset: the voicing is predicted by the no coda hypothesis.

The behaviour of the pa language confirms our account of laghuprayatnam. marmāram in the pa language is pamaparmapaṛam, while malarmaala is pamapalarpamaapala.

It must be pointed out that nasals never give rise to laghuprayatnam. Thus, though the second syllable of malar koṇṭa is a laghu, that of maṛam koṇṭa is a guru. The solution to this problem, I think, lies in stipulating that nasal appendices are obligatorily attached to the following onsets:





(36) would change  $\begin{array}{c} \text{RA} \quad \text{O} \\ || \quad | \\ \text{ma} \text{̄} \text{ra} \text{m} \text{ ko} \text{ṇ} \text{ṭ} \text{ə} \end{array}$  to  $\begin{array}{c} \text{R} \quad \text{O} \\ -| \quad / \\ \text{ma} \text{̄} \text{ra} \text{m} \text{ ko} \text{ṇ} \text{ṭ} \text{ə} \end{array}$ , giving the desired results.

#### 4.1.7. Malayalam Onsets and Universals of Syllable Structure

A consequence of the assumption that Malayalam has no codas is that all intervocalic consonant sequences, as pointed out earlier, are analysed as onsets: a-rkan, ka-mpi, and sa-mskaa-ram 'culture'. Now, clusters like rk, mp, and msk do not occur word initially, and therefore, it is necessary to stipulate that only a subset of allowable onsets can occur as word initial onsets.

Steriade (1981), who argues for codas in Malayalam, points out that none of the word initial onsets in the language violate the universal principle of sonority hierarchy, given below:

- (37) a. Segments belonging to the same onset occur in the order of increasing sonority.
- b. Segments belonging to the same rime occur in the order of decreasing sonority.

Language surveys indicate that even though violations of (37) are observed at the beginning and end of words, they are not common word medially. Under the no coda hypothesis, the facts of

Malayalam syllable structure would be inconsistent with these observations. Even though word initial onsets do not violate (37a) (with the exception of onsets like sk, sp, etc. common in other languages as well), word medial onsets do (e.g. rk, mp). Steriade observes that it would be an accident, given the no coda hypothesis, that only word medial onsets violate (37a), and not word initial onsets. On the other hand, if we allow codas (ar-kan, kam-pi), all onsets would obey (37a).

In order to make Malayalam conform to the language survey results, Steriade is forced to complicate the grammar of Malayalam in un insightful ways. In order to account for the pa language phenomenon, she sets up a late resyllabification rule which groups all consonants into onsets, thereby assuming, in effect, the no coda hypothesis at a late stage in the derivation. She accounts for laghu-prayatnam by setting up another resyllabification rule that changes a nonnasal sonorant into a syllabic consonant morpheme finally just in case it is followed by a single consonant (and not a cluster), and assuming that metrical scansion ignores these syllabic consonants. In short, practically every syllable related phenomenon requires a special rule of resyllabification and ad hoc assumptions.

## 4.2. Glide Insertion

### 4.2.1. The Facts and an Account

Malayalam has a rule that inserts a glide between two adjacent vowels, agreeing in roundness and backness with the preceding vowel :

- (38) a.  $[[ka\bar{r}i]_2[ila]] \rightarrow ka\bar{r}iyila$   
           coal    leaf        dry leaf
- b.  $[[pa\bar{s}u]in\ te]] \rightarrow pa\bar{s}uwinte$   
           cow    poss.        cow's
- c.  $\underline{t}aa\bar{r}a\ alari \rightarrow \underline{t}aa\bar{r}ayalari$   
           a name roared

Glide insertion can be looked upon as the insertion of an onset between two adjacent rimes:

- (39)  $RR \rightarrow ROR$

The principle that is responsible for (39) is:

- (40) Rimes and onsets must alternate (in Malayalam).

In order to derive (40), we stipulate that onsets are obligatory in Malayalam except in the phrase initial position:

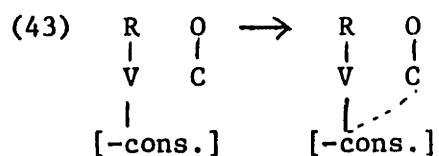
- (41) a.  $\begin{array}{c} \sigma \\ \wedge \\ O \ R \end{array}$
- b.  $\begin{array}{c} \sigma \\ | \\ R \end{array}$  (condition:  $\sigma$  is initial)<sup>7</sup>

We can now account for glide insertion by the following general convention:

- (42) Syllable Completion Convention (Domain: Strata 2 - 5,  
where 5 is the post lexical stratum)

Complete the syllable structure by providing the missing rimes and onsets.<sup>8</sup>

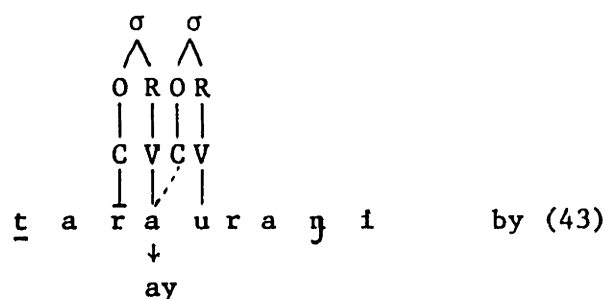
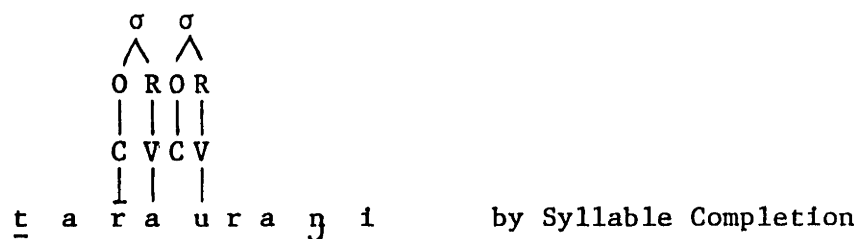
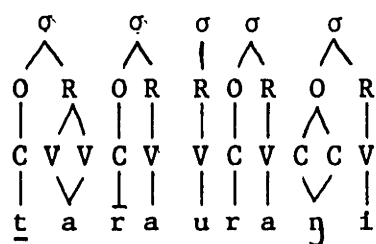
The onset node provided by (42) is linked to the melody to its left:



C C C  
| | |  
i, e, and a are phonetically realised as y by universal conventions, and C C  
| |  
u o are realised as w.

The derivation of taarāyuranni 'Tara slept' is given below by way of exemplification:

(44)



#### 4.2.2. Lexical and Post Lexical Applications

The idea that the same phonological rule can apply both prior to and after lexical insertion makes interesting predictions regarding glide insertion. Recall that pauses are assigned *after* lexical insertion, and consequently, phonological operations prior to lexical insertion are sensitive to pauses, but not operations after lexical insertion. As predicted, the syllable completion principle is blocked by pauses across words, as (45), but not when it applies word internally, as in (46), (47), and (48):

(45) a. ewiṭe maalu? 'where is Malu?'

b. maaluwewiṭe? (scrambled version of a.)

c. maalu... ewiṭe?

d. \*maalu...wewiṭe?

(46) Subcompounds

a. ṭalayina, ṭala...yina, \*ṭala...ina ( ṭala , ina )  
pillow head mate

b. kaṣuwaṇṭi, kaṣu...waṇṭi, \*kaṣu...aṇṭi (kaṣu , aṇṭi)  
cashew nut cashew seed

(47) Cocompounds

kuṭiṭayaanaṇṭakannaḷa , kuṭiṭa...yaana...ṇṭakannaḷa  
horses, elephants & camels

\*kuṭiṭa...aana...ṇṭakannaḷa

(kuṭiṭa , aana , ṇṭakam)  
horse elephant camel

(48) Inflection

a. ṭaāra 'a name'; ṭaāraye 'Tara-acc.'; ṭaāra...ye  
\*ṭaāra... e

b. paṣu 'cow'; paṣuwinte 'cow-gen'; paṣu...winte  
\*paṣu...inte

Subcompounds, cocompounds, and inflected words come out of the lexicon with the glide in them; pause assignment does not alter the glide. On the other hand, words like maalu and ewiṭe come out of the lexicon without the glide, and when they are put together, pause assignment prevents glide insertion.

### 4.3. ə Insertion

#### 4.3.1. Word Final ə Insertion

While glide insertion is the result of the syllable completion of unattached rimes, ə insertion is the syllable completion of unattached onsets. The rule is illustrated by the following examples:

- (49) a. katt̪ ayaccu 'sent the letter'  
       b. ayaccu katt̪ə ((49a) scrambled)  
       c. katt̪ə kitt̪i 'got the letter'

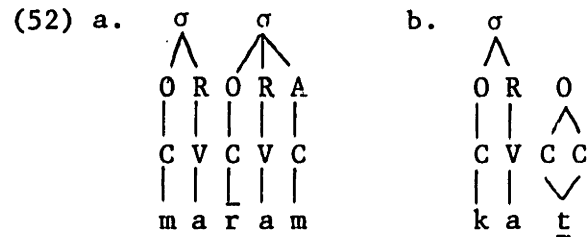
I assume that the ə in (49)b and c is an inserted one, rather than assuming that (49a) is a case of ə deletion. Other vowels do not delete in comparable environments:

- (50) a. mett̪ayayaccu 'sent the bed'  
       b. ayaccu mett̪ə ((50a) scrambled)
- (51) a. katt̪iyayaccu 'sent the knife'  
       b. ayaccu katt̪i ((51a) scrambled)

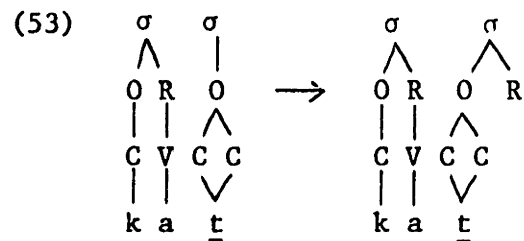
The occurrence of ə is restricted to the stem final position, and after syllabic r (4.3.5.). The solution that inserts the ə predicts such restrictions.

The generalisation regarding word final ə insertion is: ə is inserted word finally after any consonant except m and n (in colloquial Malayalam. In formal Malayalam, m, n, ŋ, r, l, and ɭ )

when not followed by a vowel. The syllabification of ma<sup>̄</sup>ram 'tree' and kattə 'letter' (underlying /katt/) are:



$\underline{t}$  in (52b) is an unattached onset; by the syllable completion principle, it is assigned a rime:

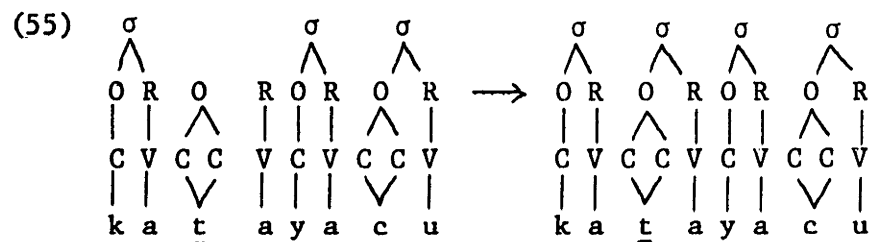


The following rule gives the surface form kattə :

(54) Empty Rime Rule (Domain : Post Lexical)

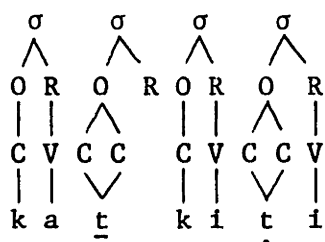
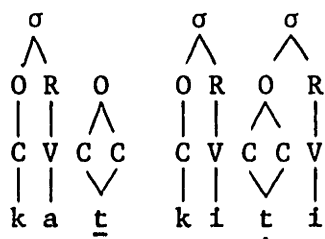
Fill empty rimes with ə .

The derivation of (49)a and c are given below:

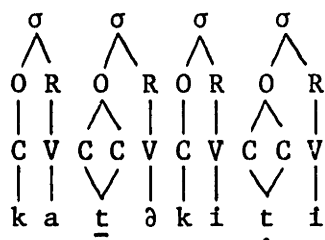




(56)



Syllable Completion



Empty Rime Rule

## 4.3.2. ə Insertion in Compounds

Cocompounds behave exactly like phrases as far as ə insertion is concerned, inserting ə before consonants and not before vowels, when a stem ends in a consonant other than m and n:

(57) a. waal<sub>.</sub> ulak'k'a paṛica kalə 'swords<sub>.</sub> pounding sticks, & shields'

(waalə 'sword'; ulak'k'a  
'pounding stick'; paṛica  
'shield')

b. ulak'k'a waalə paṛica kalə (same as (57a))

ə appears after waal in (57b) because the stem final l is

followed by a consonant; in (57a), it is followed by a vowel.

ə insertion takes place in subcompounds as well, but with one crucial difference. If the stem final onset of the first stem and the stem initial onset of the second stem can be combined into a single onset, ə is not inserted. Compare (58) and (59):

(58) a. waalttala 'sword t' ' (waala 'sword'; tala 'head'  
(cf: waala potti 'sword broke')

b. aanakkutti 'boy' (aana 'male'; kutti 'child'  
(aana kaṛaṇṇu 'the man cried')

c. paalppaatram 'milk vessel' (paala 'milk'; paatram  
vessel. cf: paala piṛiṇṇu 'the  
milk split')

(59) a. kaatṭapuucca 'Tom cat' (kaatə 'forest'; puucca 'cat')

b. paatṭamaaṣa 'music teacher' (paatṭə 'song'; maaṣa  
'teacher')

c. cempəpaatram 'copper vessel' (cempə 'copper';  
paatram 'vessel')

The sequence ttm, tṭp, mpp (in (59)) are impossible morpheme internally for Malayalam. It is precisely such sequences which trigger ə insertion in (59), showing that these sequences are disallowed across morphemes as well. On the other hand, lṭt, ṅk, lpp, etc., which are possible morpheme internal sequences, are the ones which do not require ə insertion (in (58)). What this means is that ttm,

t̥p, mpp are not possible onsets in Malayalam, and therefore, ə insertion must apply in order to avoid nonsyllabifiable strings, while sequences in (58) are possible onsets, and therefore, no re-adjustment is necessary.<sup>9</sup>

A clearer contrast is provided by the following examples:

- (60) a. paal̥sakt̥i 'strength from milk' (paal̥ə 'milk';  
sakt̥i 'strength')  
b. paal̥əʃooppə 'milk shop' (ʃooppə 'shop')

l̥ʃ is a possible onset in Malayalam, while l̥ʂ is not: hence the ə in (60b).

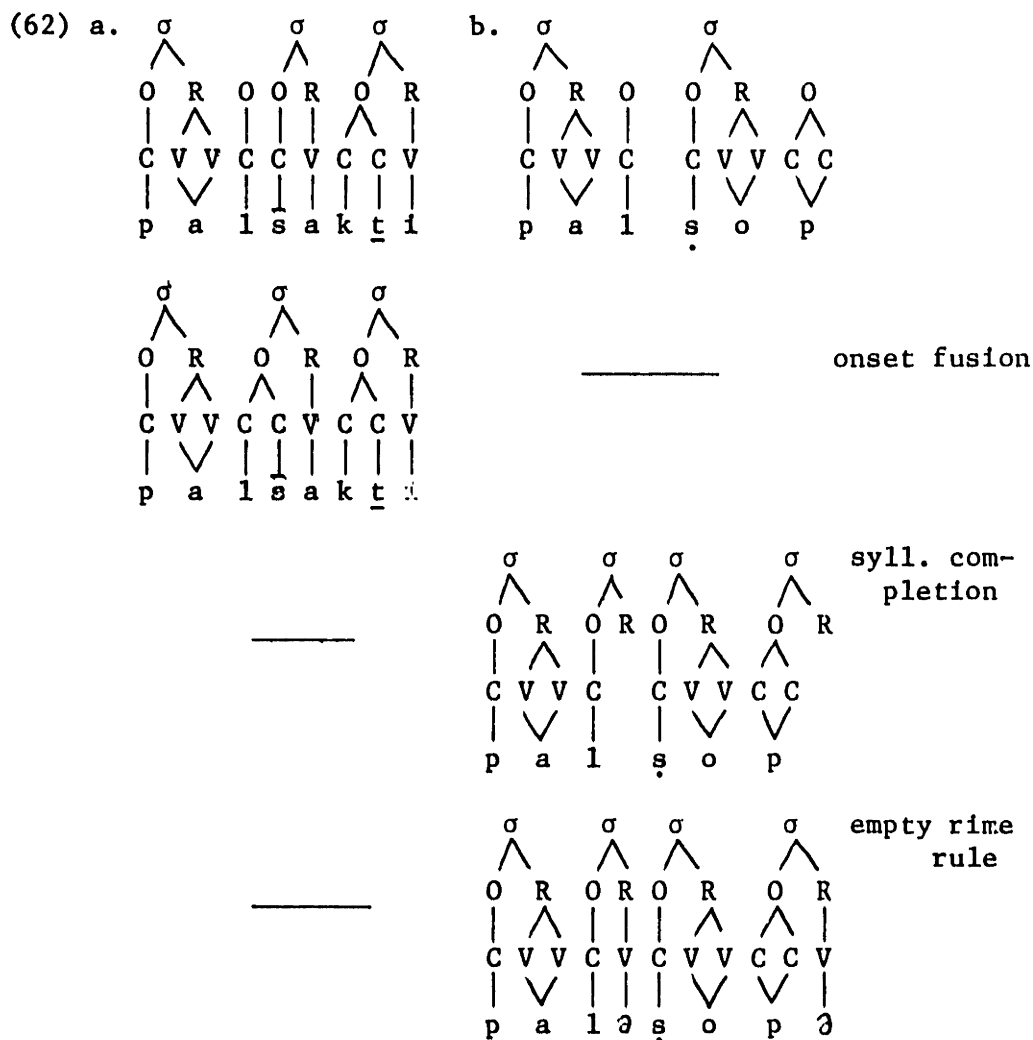
In order to account for the absence of ə in (58) and (60a), I assume that adjacent onsets at the subcompounding stratum are resyllabified into a single onset:

(61) Onset Fusion (Domain : Stratum 2 )

0 0 → 0

(61) obeys the constraints on possible onsets: it applies only if the result is an allowable onset.

The derivation of (60) is given below:



Observe that onset fusion does not take place in cocompounds and phrases because the domain of the rule is restricted to the sub-<sup>10</sup>compound stratum. Hence the contrast between, say, (57b) and (58a).

#### 4.3.3. Lexical and Post Lexical Applications

The contrast between word internal and word external glide insertion is parallel to the contrast between word internal and word external  $\partial$  insertion. Though  $\partial$  is not inserted before a vowel, it

is, before a pause, word finally:

(63) *kaatewite* 'where is the forest?' vs *kaatə...ewite*

ə is not, however, inserted before a pause, word internally:

(64)a. Subcompounds

*kaattaana* 'wild elephant'; but *\*kaattə...aana*  
(cf: *kaa...ttaana*)

b. Cocompounds

*waalulak'k'akal* 'swords & pounding sticks'; but  
*\*waalə...ulak'k'akal*

c. Inflected Words

*rasiidinte* 'Rashid's'; but *\*rasiidə...inte*

Under the assumption that syllabification is cyclic (cf: Kiparsky (1979)), these results follow from Lexical Phonology.

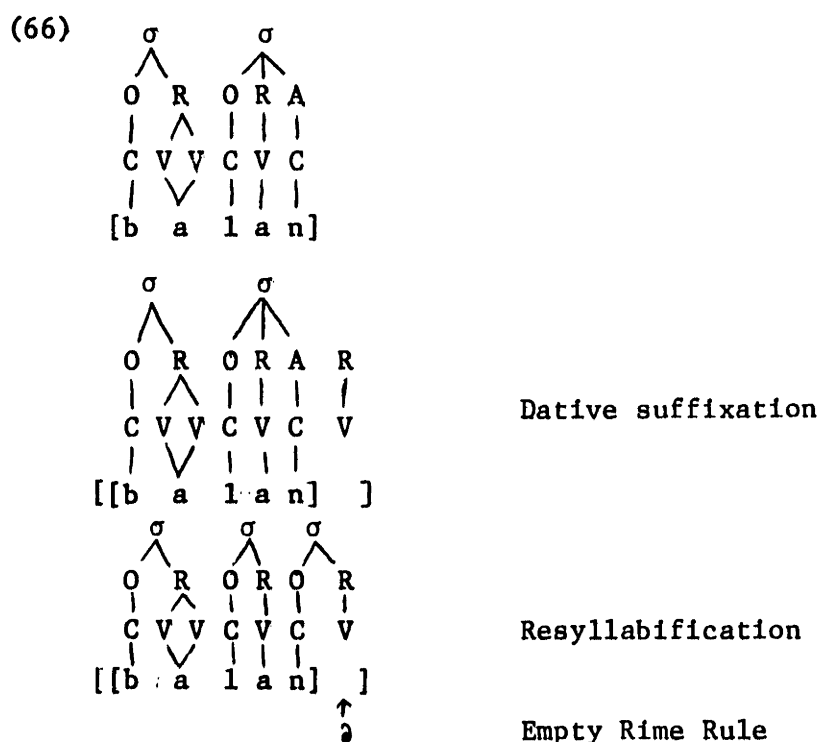
#### 4.3.4. ə in Datives

My account of ə essentially says that it appears after unattached onsets. Since m and n appear as appendices in both formal and colloquial Malayalam, they do not create unattached onsets, and the theory predicts that ə will not appear after m and n. This prediction is violated in a special instance, that of the dative case of nouns ending in n. A sample list of case forms in Malayalam is:

(65)	<u>nom.</u>	<u>acc.</u>	<u>dat.</u>	<u>gloss</u>
a.	kuṭṭi	kuṭṭiye	kuṭṭik'k'ə	child
b.	maḱal(ə)	maḱale	maḱal(ə)kkə	daughter
c.	maṛam	maṛattine	maṛattinə	tree
d.	paṣu	paṣuwine	paṣuwinə	cow
e.	waalə	waaline	waalinə	sword
f.	baalan	baalane	ṭaalanə	boy

It is clear that the stem for the nonnominative form in (65) c-f are maṛa-tt-in, paṣu-in, waal-in, and baalan. In the dative case, ə is attached after n to these stems. If n is an appendix, how is the ə accounted for?

I suggest that the dative is a suffix of the form  $\frac{R}{-V}$ , with no segmental melody:



## 4.3.5. Syllabic r

Another context in which empty rime filling applies is after syllabic r. That it is necessary to postulate a distinction between syllabic and nonsyllabic r in Malayalam, though the distinction is neutralised on the surface, has been amply argued for in Warriar (1976). Her arguments are summarised as follows:

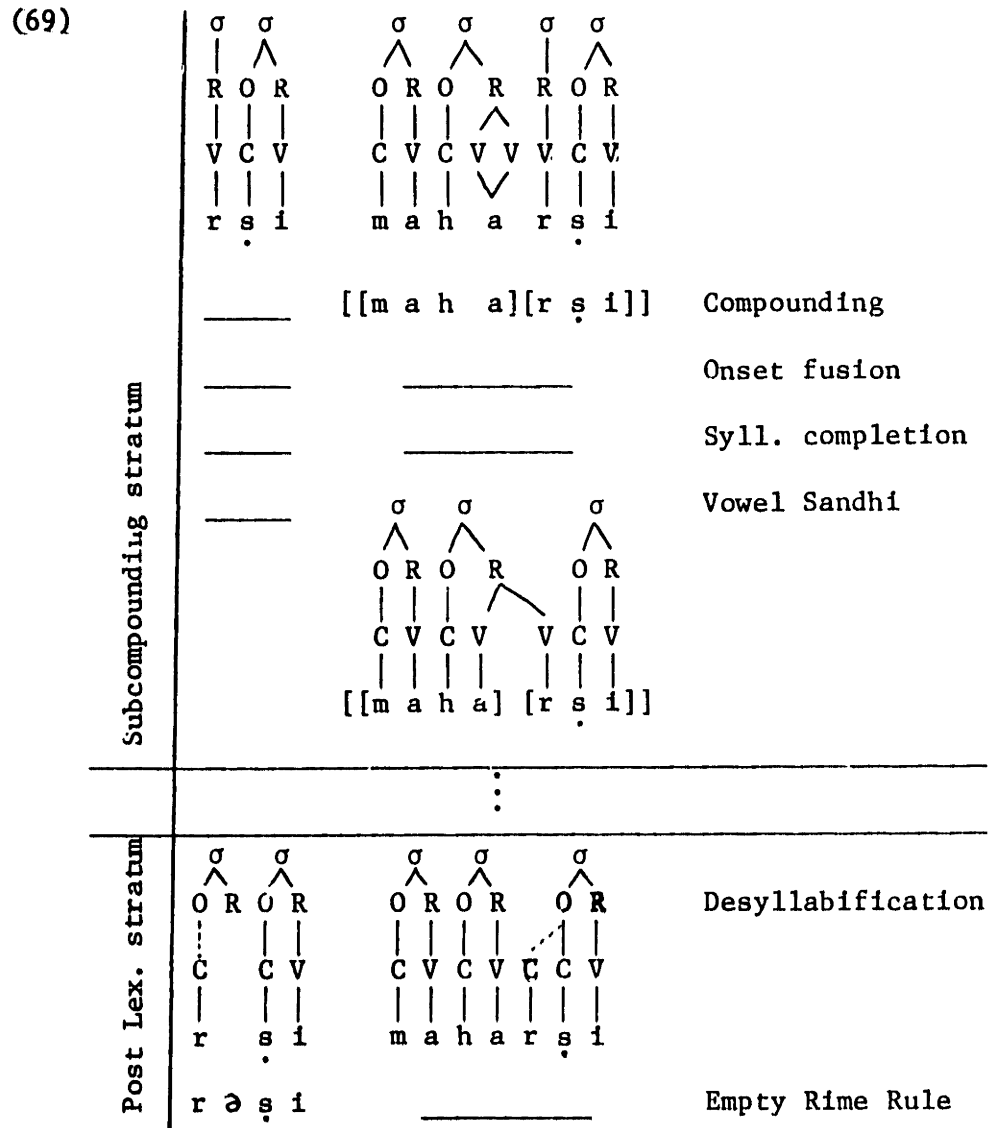
- (67) a. Morpheme internally, ə can occur only after r, in words like rəʃi 'sage'. This fact can be accounted for by assuming an underlying /r̥ʃi/ (to distinguish it from examples like /raaɳi/ 'queen'), and a rule that inserts ə after r.<sup>11</sup>
- b. The rule of intervocalic voicing of stops (4.1.5.) applies in the environment of V — r̥, but not V — r: [suɡr̥ɖi] 'good deed' (from /sukr̥t̪i/), but [sukriya] 'good deed' (from /sukriya/).
- c. The postulation of syllabic r, along with the independently required vowel sandhi rule (2.1.1.4.), explains the contrast between a and aa in mahar̥ʃi 'great sage' (from mahaa 'great', and r̥ʃi 'sage') and mahaaraaɳi 'great queen').

One can account for the insertion in rəʃi by adding the following rule to the grammar:

(68) Desyllabification (Domain : Post Lexical Stratum)

$$V \rightarrow C / \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ r \end{array}$$

(68) detaches *r* from the rime node and attaches it to an existing or newly formed onset node. Consider the derivations of rəʃi and maharəʃi:



$\emptyset$  appears in rəʃi but not in maharəʃi because at the appropriate



stage in the derivation (the post lexical stratum), the former has an empty rime but not the latter.

It is important to note that desyllabification does not apply at stratum 2. If it did, and the application of vowel sandhi followed desyllabification, we would have unacceptable forms like \*mahaarəsi. Evidence from a different area forces us, in fact, to conclude that desyllabification is a post lexical rule. Observe that, in order to account for forms like [sugrəɖi] (/sukṛti/), we must assume that desyllabification takes place after stop voicing (2.2.2.). If not, the contrast between /sukṛti/ and /sukriya/ would be lost, and voicing would not take place. We know that voicing is a post lexical rule, and since desyllabification follows voicing, it also must be post lexical.

An advantage of the metrical treatment of ə insertion is that it provides a unified account of the insertion at the end of words, at the end of stems in subcompounds and cocompounds, and after syllabic r. Within a segmental treatment, the fact that it is the same vowel that is inserted in these environments would be an accident.

Other Dravidian languages like Tamil and Telugu offer strong support for the assumption that the vowel insertion after syllabic r and word finally are, in fact, the same process. In Telugu, the English word belt is pronounced [bel̪tu] as a consequence of syllable completion and empty rime filling: the empty rime filling vowel in Telugu is u. It is the same vowel that appears after syllabic r also; /ṛsi/ in Telugu is

[ru<sub>1</sub>si]. In Tamil, belt and /r<sub>1</sub>si/ are belt<sub>1</sub> and [r<sub>1</sub>si].

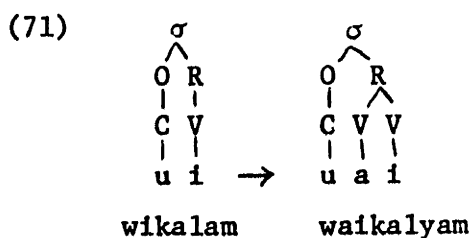
#### 4.4. Vowel Sandhi

##### 4.4.1. Derivations

Recall that vowel sandhi has the derivational, subcompounding, and cocompounding strata as its domain. There is a derivational process (2.1.4.) in Malayalam, restricted to words of Sanskrit origin, which inserts a to the left of the first rime in the word:

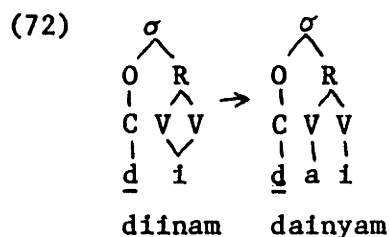
- (70) a. alasam 'lazy' ; aalasyam 'laziness' : a~aa  
 b. kumaaran 'boy' ; kaumaaryam 'boyhood' : u~au  
 c. wikalam 'distorted' ; waikalyam 'distortion': i~ai  
 d. diinam 'illness' ; dainyam 'ill-looking' :ii~ ai  
 e. kruuram 'cruel' ; krauryam 'cruelty' :uu~ au  
 f. krasi 'farming' ; karsakan 'farmer' : r~ar

What is inserted, I suggest, is the melody a at the melodic tier: given the assumptions regarding the linking of the melody to the skeleton, the desired consequences follow. In the case of nonbranching rimes, it creates a new branch ((70)a-c):

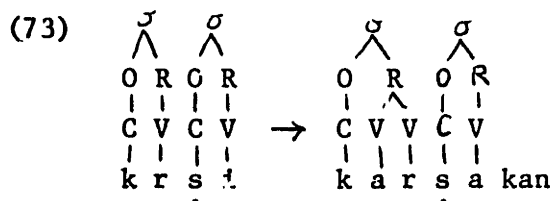


In the case of rimes which are already branching ((70)d, e),

the addition of the new melody does not create a new branch, since a rime can have at the most two branches in Malayalam. Consequently, the linking of the a to the V results in a delinking, once again, following from general principles:



The solution sketched above accounts for (70f) as well:



The insertion of ə in krəʃi is a consequence of the desyllabification of r, which creates an empty rime node, as in rəʃi ((69)). The absence of ə in karṣakan is similar to that in maharṣi: the desyllabification does not result in an empty rime node, and hence there is no ə insertion.

#### 4.4.2. Compounds

The kinds of alternations in derivational morphology sketched in 4.4.1. are found in compounding as well, with a few additional complications. Given below are examples of subcompounds which illustrate

the phenomena (cocompounds exhibit identical alternations):

(74)a. a][a → aa : nīla][m̄baṛam → nīlaam̄baṛam  
blue sky

b. a][aa → aa : nīla][aakaasam → nīlaaakaasam  
sky

c. aa][a → aa : mahaa][at̄bhutam → mahaat̄bhutam  
great wonder

d. aa][aa → aa : mahaa][anandam → mahaanandam  
pleasure

(75)a. i][i → ii : r̄awī][ind̄ran → r̄awīind̄ran  
sun god sun god

b. i][ii → ii : r̄atī][iis̄warān → r̄atīiis̄warān  
a name god Cupid

(76)a. a][au → au : wr̄ksam][ausadham → wr̄ksausadham  
tree medicine

b. aa][au → au : mahaa][ausadham → mahausadham

c. a][ai → ai : janam][aikyam → janaikyam  
people unity people's unity

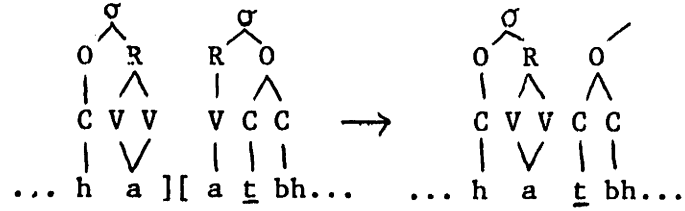
d. aa][ai → ai : mahaa][aiśwāryam → mahaiśwāryam  
godliness

(77)a. a][ṛ → ar : saptam][ṛṣi → saptarṣi  
seven sage the seven sages

b. aa][ṛ → ar mahaa][ṛṣi → maharṣi

Consider what happens to the syllable trees:

(78) mahaatbhutam ((=74c))



If we look at the change in (78) as one involving the erasure of the rime node, leaving the melody tier intact, the facts illustrated in (74) - (77) become identical to (70).

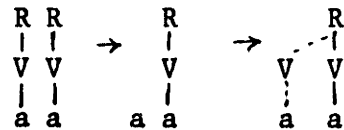
I propose a rule that erases a rime node when followed by another in Sanskrit compounds;

(79) Rime Erasure (Domain : Strata 2, 3)

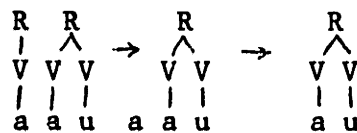
$$R \rightarrow \emptyset / \text{---} R \text{ +skt.}$$

Since a rime node can have at the most two V's, the left over melodies which do not get linked do not surface.<sup>12</sup> The derivations for (74a), (76)a, d, and (77b) are given below:

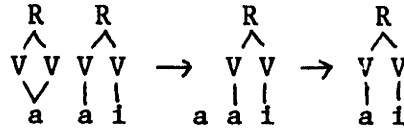
(80)a. niilaambara<sup>-</sup>m



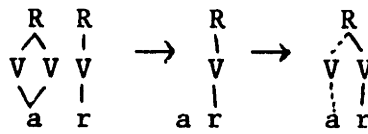
b. wrksausadham



## c. mahaiṣwāryam



## d. maharṣi



Now, both rime erasure and glide insertion apply to adjacent rimes, and one bleeds the other. Rime erasure is a less general rule, applying at strata 2-3 to words of Sanskrit origin, while glide insertion (resulting from the principle of syllable completion) applies at all strata, and it applies to both Sanskrit and Dravidian words. I shall assume that rime erasure is a rule, and that syllable completion is a general convention. In nīlāmbaṛām ((74a)), rime erasure reduces the two rimes to a single rime, eliminating the need for syllable completion. In the Dravidian compound panayoola 'palm leaf' (from pana 'palm'; oola 'leaf'), rime erasure does not apply, and syllable completion, therefore, does apply, resulting in glide insertion.

We are now ready to tackle vowel combinations of a more complicated sort. To begin with, i and u become glides when followed by a vowel.

- (81)a. i][ai → yai : r̥at̥i][aiśwār̥yam → r̥at̥yaiśwār̥yam  
a name godliness godliness of sex
- b. i][au → yau : r̥at̥i][auṣad̥ham → r̥at̥yauṣad̥ham  
medicine erotic medicine
- c. u][ai → wai : śiśu][aiśwār̥yam → śiśwaiśwār̥yam  
child
- d. u][au → wau : śiśu][auṣad̥ham → śiśwauṣad̥ham
- e. i][a → ya : pat̥i][ambaṝam → pat̥yambaṝam  
husband sky a sky of husbands
- f. u][a → wa : śiśu][ambaṝam → śiśwambaṝam  
a sky of children

These examples can be accounted for by assuming that a high vowel becomes nonsyllabic (i.e. linked to a C element in the skeleton) when followed by another vowel.

(82) Glide Formation

$$V \rightarrow C / \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{[+high] [-cons.]} \end{array}$$

(82) creates a new C element and links the vowel to it. The following derivation illustrates the application of (82):

(83)  $\bar{r}atyausadham$ 

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & O & R \\
 & | & | \\
 & C & V \\
 & | & | \\
 \dots & \underline{t} & i
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 & R \\
 & \wedge \\
 & V & V \\
 & | & | \\
 & a & u \dots
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & O & R \\
 & \wedge & | \\
 C & C & V \\
 | & | & | \\
 \underline{t} & i & \times
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 & R \\
 & \wedge \\
 & V & V \\
 & | & | \\
 & a & u
 \end{array}$$

Glide Formation

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & O & R \\
 & \wedge & \wedge \\
 C & C & V \\
 | & | & | \\
 \underline{t} & i & \\
 & \downarrow & \\
 & y &
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 & R \\
 & \wedge \\
 & V & V \\
 & | & | \\
 & a & u
 \end{array}$$

Rime Erasure

It is crucial that  $\underline{t}y$  in (83) is seen as a branching onset  $\begin{smallmatrix} O \\ \wedge \\ (C \ C) \\ | \quad | \\ \underline{t} \quad i \end{smallmatrix}$ , rather than as a nonbranching onset  $\begin{smallmatrix} O \\ | \\ C \\ | \\ \underline{t} \end{smallmatrix} \wedge i$ . Recall that nonbranching onsets voice noninitially in Malayalam, while branching onsets do not (4.1.5.). Since voicing does not apply to  $\underline{t}y$  in (83) ( $*\bar{r}a[\underline{d}]yausadham$ ), we must conclude that  $\underline{t}y$  is a branching onset.

As stated earlier,  $i$  is realised phonetically as  $y$  when linked to a C element. The linking of  $\begin{smallmatrix} C \\ | \\ \underline{t} \end{smallmatrix}$  to an appropriate onset node follows from general principles.

I now turn to the phenomenon of mid formation. If the second element in vowel sandhi is a high vowel, the result is a mid vowel agreeing in other features with this vowel:



- (84)a. a][i → ee : kala][indrān → kaleendrān  
art god
- b. aa][i → ee : mahaa][indrān → maheendrān  
great
- c. a][ii → ee : kala][iiswārān → kaleeswārān  
god
- d. aa][ii → ee : mahaa][iiswārān → maheeswārān
- (85)a. a][u → oo : kala][utsawam → kalootsawam  
festival
- b. aa][u → oo : mahaa][utsawam → mahootsawam
- c. a][uu → oo : looham][uurjam → loohoorjam  
metal energy energy from metal
- d. aa][uu → oo : mahaa][uusmalam → mahoosmalam  
warmth

The process of mid formation can be characterised as a rule that applies at the melody tier, changing a sequence of a vowel melody and another high vowel melody into a single mid melody. The rule is stated as follows:

(86) Mid Formation (Domain: Strata 2,3)

$$[-\text{cons.}] \begin{bmatrix} +\text{high} \\ \propto \text{back} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -\text{high} \\ -\text{low} \\ \propto \text{back} \end{bmatrix}$$

The application of the rule is illustrated in (87):



d. u][iɪ → wee : s̄is̄u][iɪswāran → s̄is̄wees̄wāran  
god

e. u][uu → woo : s̄is̄u][uuṣmaḷam → s̄is̄wooṣmaḷam  
warmth          warmth of children

We saw that vowel sandhi applies only to words of Sanskrit origin. Now, it is a fact of Sanskrit phonology that it has no short mid vowels, even though it has short as well as long high and low vowels. Clearly, it is this property of Sanskrit which carries over to (88). Thus, there are no short e and o in words of Sanskrit origin in Malayalam; we need to stipulate a rule that lengthens mid vowels in these words.

$$(89) \begin{bmatrix} \text{-high} \\ \text{-low} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} V & V \\ & \bigvee \end{matrix} \text{ in Skt. words}$$

The derivation of (88c) is:

(90) s̄is̄weend̄ran

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & O & R & & R \\ & | & | & & | \\ & C & V & & V \\ & | & | & & | \\ \text{s̄is̄} & u & & & \text{ind̄ran} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & O & & & R \\ & | & & & | \\ & C & C & & V \\ & | & | & & | \\ \text{s̄} & u & & & i \end{array}$$

Glide Formation

$$\begin{array}{c} R \\ | \\ V \\ | \\ e \end{array}$$

Mid Formation

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & O & & & R \\ & / \quad \backslash & & & / \quad \backslash \\ C & C & & & V & V \\ | & | & & & | & | \\ \text{s̄is̄} & u & & & e & \text{end̄ran} \end{array}$$

(89)

Mid formation and glide formation do not apply in sequences involving  $i][i$  as in (75), in contrast to the sequences in (88)b and e. In order to prevent the application of mid formation, it is necessary to stipulate that  $i][i$  is an exception to mid formation.  $i][i$  does not undergo glide formation because there are no sequences of the form Cyi or Cwu in Malayalam. In order to account for the absence of these sequences, I set up the following filter:

$$(91) \quad * \begin{array}{ccc} C & C & V \\ & | & | \\ & [\alpha \text{ back}] & \left[ \begin{array}{l} +\text{high} \\ \alpha \text{ back} \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

#### 4.5. Causatives

##### 4.5.1. The Phonology of Causativisation

A causativised verb in Malayalam can be causativised further, thereby creating several 'layers' of causativisation:

- (92)a.  $\underline{t}$ innum ;  $\underline{t}$ iittum ;  $\underline{t}$ iittik'k'um  
           will eat    will feed    will cause to feed
- b.  $\underline{o}$ otum ;  $\underline{o}$ otik'k'um ;  $\underline{o}$ otippik'k'um  
           will run    will run    will cause X to run Y  
               intr.           tr.

The devices used to express causation fall into two categories:

## (93) Type A

## a. Denasalisation

- (i) uraṇṇum 'will sleep' ; urakkum 'will put to sleep'  
 (ii) kuumpum 'will fold intr.' ; kuuppum 'will fold tr.'  
 (iii) unṇum 'will eat' ; uuttum 'will feed'

## b. Gemination

- (i) aatṇum 'will swing intr.' ; aattum 'will swing tr.'  
 (ii) murukum 'will tighten intr.' ; murukkum 'will tighten tr.'  
 (iii) maarum 'will change intr.' ; maattum 'will change tr.'

c. Suffixation of -utt

- (i) warum 'will come' ; waruttum 'will make X come'  
 (ii) coorum 'will leak' ; cooruttum 'will cause to leak'  
 (iii) ketum 'will go off' ; ketuttum 'will put off'

## (94) Type B

a. Suffixation of -ikk

- (i) ootum 'will run intr.' ; ootik'k'um 'will run tr.'  
 (ii) parayum 'will say' ; parayik'k'um 'will make X say'  
 (iii) cerum 'will join intr.' ; cerkkum 'will join tr.'

b. Infixation of -ipp-

- (i) ootik'k'um 'will run tr.' ; ootippik'k'um 'will make X run Y'

- (ii) pathik'k'um 'will study' ; pathippik'k'um 'will  
teach'  
(iii) dukkhik'k'um 'will grieve'; dukhipik'k'um 'will  
cause X to grieve'

How do we formally relate the processes of gemination and nasalisation to causativisation?

I assume that a word formation process can consist of a set of operations which specify semantic, syntactic, and phonological changes. This idea is inherent in the treatments of lexical rules like passivisation in the Lexical Functional Grammar. Thus, Bresnan (in press: a) formulates the passive rule for English as follows:

(95) Passive

- a. (SUBJ)  $\rightarrow$   $\emptyset$  / (BY OBJ)  
(OBJ)  $\rightarrow$  (SUBJ)  
b. V  $\rightarrow$  V part.

(95a) gives the syntactic changes in the lexical entry of the word; (95b) gives the morphological change. This format can be extended to derivational processes as well. Thus, the effect of -er attachment (employ~employer) can be characterised as:

(96) The Agent Rule

- a.  $]_V \rightarrow ]_V \text{ er} ]_N$   
b. Pred 'F  $\langle$  (SUBJ) ..  $\rangle$ '  $\rightarrow$  Pred 'X such that  
F  $\langle$  (SUBJ) ..  $\rangle$  is true'  
X

(96a) specifies the morphological and syntactic change,  
 (96b) specifies the semantic change.

We can now formalise the causativisation in (93)a-c as:

(97) Type A Causativisation

- a. (SUBJ)  $\rightarrow$  (OBJ)  
 $\emptyset \rightarrow$  (SUBJ)  
                     agent
- b. Pred 'F'  $\rightarrow$  Pred 'cause F'
- c. Onset  $\rightarrow \wedge / \text{---} ]_V$  (gemination)  
     or  
     Onset  $\rightarrow [-\text{nasal}] / \text{---} ]_V$  (denasalisation)  
     or  
      $]_V \rightarrow ]_V \text{utt}]_V$  (-utt suffixation)

(97a) specifies the syntactic change: the existing subject becomes an object, and an agent subject is inserted into the lexical form. (97b) specifies the semantic change. (97c) corresponds to the phonological and morphological changes, the choice of which is determined idiosyncratically by the verb.

Alternately, one may assume that processes like gemination and denasalisation are triggered by an abstract 'cause' morpheme suffixed to the verb:

- (98) a. Onset  $\rightarrow \wedge / \text{---} ]_V$  'cause']<sub>V</sub>
- b. Onset  $\rightarrow [-\text{nasal}] / \text{---} ]_V$  'cause']<sub>V</sub>

(98) is strictly within the assumption that all morphological operations are cases of affixation or compounding (McCarthy (1979), Lieber (1980)). That this assumption is too strong, and that the richer mechanism illustrated by (97) is needed in morphology, is shown by the a...y derivation in alternations like anukuulam 'supporting -Adj.' ~ aanukuulyam 'support -N', and cañcalam 'fickle' ~ caañcalyam 'fickleness' (for more examples, see 4.4.1.:(70)). The derivational change from A to N is accompanied by two phonological operations: a is inserted at the beginning of the first rime, and y is inserted at the end of the last onset:

(99) A → N Rule

a. ]<sub>A</sub> → ]<sub>N</sub>

b. ∅ → a / [  $\begin{array}{c} \sigma \\ \diagup \\ R \\ \diagdown \\ V \\ | \\ \hline \end{array}$   $\begin{array}{c} \sigma \\ \diagup \\ O \\ \diagdown \\ C \\ | \\ \hline \end{array}$  ]

If the categorial change from A to N, and the phonological changes of a and y insertion were not directly associated, and the phonological rules applied to the output of the syntactic or morphological component, the facts would become less amenable to description. We would have to postulate an abstract morpheme ~~morpheme~~ which changes A to N, and triggers the rules of a and y insertion. The disadvantage of this solution is that we would have to allow the abstract



morpheme  $\emptyset_k$  in (100), attached at one end of the stem, to effect a phonological change at the other end:

$$(100) \quad R \rightarrow \underset{\substack{V \\ a}}{R} / [[\sigma \quad Q]_A \quad \emptyset_k]_N$$

The only way to formulate such a rule is by resorting to the use of variables (Q), which is unmotivated in phonology.

#### 4.5.2. The Two Strata of Causativisation

Type A causativisation and type B causativisation take place at two different strata. Stratum A (=type A) causativisation is less productive, and applies to intransitive verbs only. Among the intransitive verbs, it applies only to some; the choice between gemination, nasalisation, and -utt suffixation is determined by the verb idiosyncratically. In contrast, stratum B (=type B) causativisation is quite general, applies to both transitive and intransitive verbs, and the choice between the two kinds of suffixation is not arbitrary. This difference in productivity is not unlike the difference in productivity between stratum I affixation and stratum II affixation in English (Allen (1978)).

There is also a semantic distinction between A and B. Causatives derived through A are unambiguously of the 'direct causative' type, while those belonging to B could have either the direct or the indirect reading of causation. A direct causative is one in which the

causer is the agent of the action (e.g. eat~feed, in English), while an indirect causative is one in which the causer is not the agent, and gets the action performed in an indirect fashion (e.g. eat ~ cause to eat, in English) (see Masica (1976) for a discussion of direct and indirect causatives in Indian languages).

Causatives derived through A can undergo further causativisation through B, but the reverse is not true:

- (101) a. tinn ; tiitt ; tiittik'k'  
eat feed cause to feed
- b. war ; warutt ; waruttik'k'  
come make X come cause to make X come
- (102) a. tinn ; tinnik'k' ; \*tinnik'k'utt  
eat cause to eat
- b. oot ; ootik'k' ; \*ootik'k'utt  
run run -tr.

These results would follow from the ordering of stratum A before stratum B.

In sum, differences in morphological productivity, semantic properties, and distributional criteria distinguish type A causatives from type B causatives, and justify the decision to assign the two processes to two different strata.

#### 4.5.3. Opacity vs Bracket Erasure

The facts of causativisation are of particular interest because



the stem forming -ikk, and that in (106a) is the causative -ikk. The stipulation that -ikk cannot be attached to a branching structure rules out the unacceptable examples above, while allowing wilakkik'k' and mayakkik'k', which do not have branching structures.

This solution has interesting consequences for the choice between the Bracket Erasure Convention (2.1.7.) and the Opacity Principle. According to the Bracket Erasure Convention, the last rule in the cycle of  $[[\text{mara}]\text{kk}]$  ((105)) will erase the internal brackets, giving  $[\text{marakk}]$ , thereby making it identical to mayakk in structure. If these are the forms to which -ikk causativisation is applicable, there is no reason why it should apply to one and not to the other.

The Bracket Erasure Convention thus destroys valuable morphological information, and is too strong an empirical hypothesis. Given the principle of Opacity, on the other hand, the right consequences follow. All that the Opacity Principle demands is that the internal brackets at one stratum be invisible to the processes at another stratum, not to the processes at the same stratum. If the attachment of the verb forming -ikk and the causativising -ikk take place at the same stratum, -ikk suffixation can see the internal structure of both dukkhik'k' and ootik'k'.

It is interesting that -ikk causativisation can apply to verb forms which contain the causative suffix -utt:  $[[\text{wa}^{\bar{r}} \text{utt}]\text{ikk}]$  'cause

X to make Y come'; [[walar̥ tt]ikk] 'cause X to grow Y'. Note that these are branching forms, and yet -ikk can be attached to them, because -utt is attached at a stratum prior to the attachment of -ikk. Therefore, the internal structure of, say, warutt, is, by Opacity, invisible to -ikk attachment, which treats it as a nonbranching form.

Similar conclusions can be drawn from the facts of -ipp- infixation, the restriction regarding which can be stated as: -ipp- is inserted only in branching structures, preceding the last branch (as shown by (103)-(106)). The following examples show that (i) -ipp- cannot be attached at the end of a stem, and (ii) it cannot be inserted into a nonbranching structure.

(107) a. \*dukkhipp (cf: (103c))

b. \*paṭhipp (cf: (104c))

c. \*marapp (cf: (105c))

d. \*ootipp (cf: (106c))

(108) a. wilakk 'weld' ; \*wilappik'k'

b. mayakk 'hypnotise' ; \*mayappik'k'

c. murukk 'tighten-tr,' ; \*muruppik'k'

(107) shows that -ipp- is an infix, not a suffix. (108) shows that it cannot be infixed into underived structures ((108a)), structures derived through denasalisation ((108b)), or structures derived through gemination ((108c)): none of these are branching structures,

Since -utt is attached at stratum A, and -ipp- at stratum B, the bracketing assigned by -utt suffixation is, by the Opacity Principle, invisible to -ipp- infixation, and thus, -ipp- cannot be inserted in -utt stems:

- (109) a. \* wa<sup>̄</sup>ipputt<sub>̄̄</sub> (cf: wa<sup>̄</sup> ; wa<sup>̄</sup>utt<sub>̄̄</sub> )  
 b. \* ta<sup>̄</sup>la<sup>̄</sup>ipputt<sub>̄̄</sub> (cf: ta<sup>̄</sup>la<sup>̄</sup> ; ta<sup>̄</sup>la<sup>̄</sup>tt<sub>̄̄</sub> )

Thus, the facts of -ikk and -ipp affixations show that these affixes must be sensitive to the presence or absence of prior suffixations at that stratum, but not affixation at a previous stratum. These results are consistent with the Opacity Principle, but not the Bracket Erasure Convention.

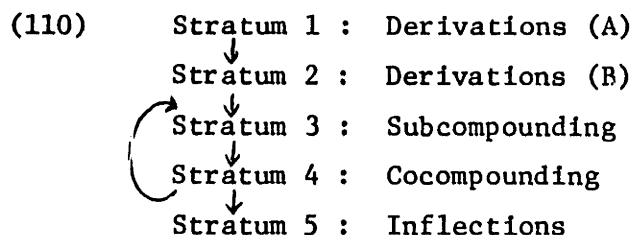
#### 4.5.4. The Place of Causatives in the Grammar

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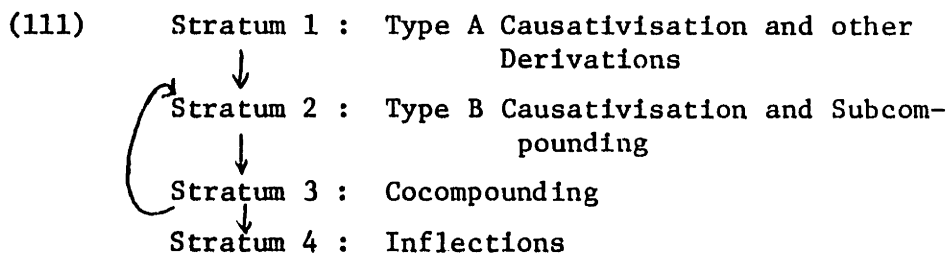
The question that now arises is: where/the two strata of causativisation, which I called strata A and B, fit in with the rest of the grammar?

We can either assume that the two strata of causativisation constitute two strata of derivational morphology, similar to the two strata of derivation in English, or assume that type A causativisation belongs to stratum 1 (Derivational stratum), and type B causativisation belongs to stratum 2 (Subcompounding stratum). The first

solution would entail adding an extra stratum to the set we already have:



The second solution is less elegant in that it puts affixation and compounding in the same stratum:



I shall reserve the choice between the two solutions for the next section.

Type B causativisation cannot be associated with either the cocompounding or the inflectional strata, because of the facts of tone assignment. The word melody LH is assigned to the output of the subcompounding stratum (2.1.3.). If cocompounding and type B causativisation belonged to the same stratum, the high tone would incorrectly occur at the end of the stem to which the suffix is attached, not at the end of the suffix itself.

- (112) a.  $\begin{array}{cc} L & H \\ \text{ootum} & ; \text{ootunnu} \end{array}$  (run + fut.;pres.)  
 $\begin{array}{cc} L \cdot & H \\ & L \cdot \text{---} H \end{array}$   
 b.  $\begin{array}{cc} \text{ootikkum} & ; \text{ootikkunnu} \end{array}$  (run+cause + fut.;pres.)  
 $\begin{array}{cc} L \cdot & H \\ & \cdot L \text{---} H \end{array}$   
 c.  $\begin{array}{cc} \text{ootippikkum} & ; \text{ootippikkunnu} \end{array}$  (run+cause+cause+ fut.;  
 pres.)

Tone assignment ignores inflectional endings, but is sensitive to causative endings. This contrast follows from the assumption that type B causativisation takes place prior to tone assignment, and inflectional suffixation, after it. Thus, type B causativisation must be associated with a stratum prior to cocompounding and inflection.

#### 4.6. Verbal Compounds

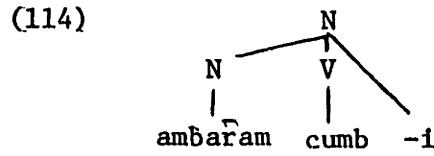
##### 4.6.1. The Morphology of Verbal Compounds

Malayalam has a verbal compound construction similar to constructions like slave driver, movie goer in English:

- (113) a. ambarācumbi 'skyscraper' (ambarā; cumbikk; cumbanam)  
 sky to kiss kiss  
 b. kuṭīrāpreemi 'horse lover' (kuṭīrā; preemikk; preenam)  
 horse to love love  
 c. gaganacaārī 'sky traveller' (gaganam; caṛikk )  
 sky to travel

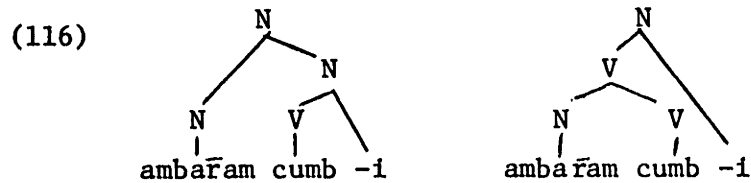
I shall assume that these words have the structure in (114), and are generated by (115):





(115)  $N \rightarrow N V \underline{-i}$

The ternary branching construction is chosen in preference to the possible binary branching structures in (116), because neither [N V] nor [V -i] ((117)) are possible words in Malayalam:



- (117) a. \* ambarācumb (ikk) ; \* cumbi  
 b. \* kutīrapreem (ikk); \* preemi  
 c. \* gaganaca(a)r̄(ikk); \* caarī

#### 4.6.2. Nasal Deletion

Verbal compounds crucially differ from subcompounds and co-compounds. In verbal compounds ([N+V+-i]), the stem final nasal of the first stem deletes only if the second stem is of Sanskrit origin; in subcompounds and cocompounds ([N+N]), the nasal deletes irrespective of the etymology of the second stem. Nasal deletion takes place in ambarācumbi ((113a)), because cumb is of Sanskrit origin, but not in maṛāṇcaati 'tree swinger' (maṛām 'tree'; caat 'jump'), because





'debt bringer', in which the verb is derived through -utt suffixation:  $\text{wa}\bar{\text{r}}$ ,  $\text{wa}\bar{\text{r}}\text{utt}$ .

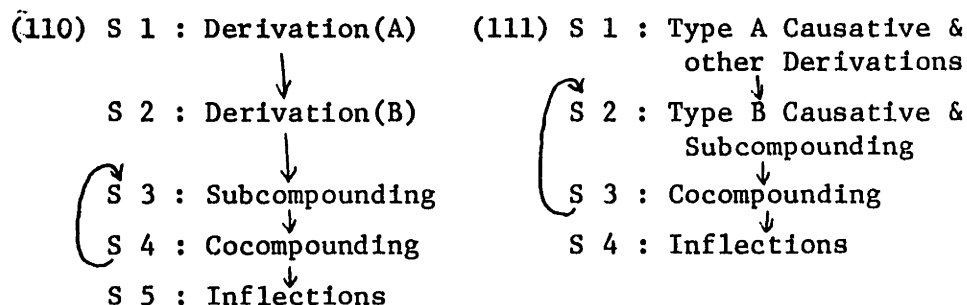
Recall that we found that type B causativisation must precede tone assignment. Since verbal compounding and type B causativisation belong to the same stratum, verbal compounding must necessarily precede tone assignment. The facts confirm this prediction:

- (123) a.  $\begin{array}{cc} \text{L} & \text{H} \\ \text{amba}\bar{\text{r}}\text{acumbi} \end{array}$   
           b.  $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{L} & & \text{H H} \\ \text{ku}\bar{\text{t}}\text{i}\bar{\text{r}}\text{apreemi} \end{array}$   
           c.  $\begin{array}{cc} \text{L} & \text{H} \\ \text{wai}\bar{\text{f}}\text{amwizunni} \end{array}$

If verbal compounding, like cocompounding, followed tone assignment, we would derive the unacceptable results  $\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \text{L} & \text{H} & \text{L} & \text{H} \\ \text{amba}\bar{\text{r}}\text{acumbi}, & & & & & \end{array}$   
 $\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \text{L} & \text{H} & \text{L} & \text{H} & & \text{L} & \text{H} & \text{L} & \text{H} \\ \text{*ku}\bar{\text{t}}\text{i}\bar{\text{r}}\text{apreemi}, & & & & \text{*wai}\bar{\text{f}}\text{amwizunni} \end{array}$ . There is no dialect of Malayalam in which these forms are acceptable. If there were such a dialect, Lexical Phonology would not be able to account for the facts. Thus, the actual facts are the only facts allowed by Lexical Phonology, and therefore, they confirm the validity of the theory, particularly that of the Opacity Principle.

#### 4.6.4. The Stratum of Verbal Compounding

As observed earlier (4.5.4.), the data from type B causativisation is consistent with either (110) or (111):



Given that type B causativisation and verbal compounding must belong to the same stratum, (111) predicts that the N in [N+V+i] can be a subcompound. By transitivity, subcompounding and verbal compounding must belong to the same stratum, which would predict the possibility of one being inside the other. On the other hand, (110) predicts that subcompounds cannot occur inside verbal compounds, as verbal compounds are formed at a previous stratum.

The examples in (124) show that (111) makes the right predictions for Malayalam:

- (124) a. [[[paṣu]<sub>2</sub>[kkuṭṭi]][preem]i] 'lover of calves'  
           cow      child      love -er
- b. [[[mahaa]<sub>2</sub>[nagaṛa]][waas]i] 'dweller of a great city'  
           great     city      dwell-er

If the N in a verbal compound can be a subcompound, it follows that it can also be a cocompound, as subcompounds and cocompounds are inputs to each other:

- (125) a. [[[jaat<sub>i</sub>]<sub>3</sub>[maṭa]][pæm*i*] 'lover of caste and religion'  
           caste           religion love er
- b. [[[strii]<sub>3</sub>[puṛuṣa]][widweeṣ*i*] 'hater of men and women'  
           woman       man           hate   -er

On the basis of these facts, I conclude that Malayalam has the following stratum organisation:

- (126) Stratum 1 : Derivations, including type A Causativisation
- ↓
- Stratum 2 : Subcompounding, Verbal Compounding, and  
type B Causativisation
- ↓
- Stratum 3 : Cocompounding
- ↓
- Stratum 4 : Inflections
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## Footnotes for Chapter IV

1. In some versions of the pa language, a vowel is added to the word final consonant. Thus, bhaaskar 'a name', in this dialect, is cabhaas caka cara.
2. It must be pointed out that the  $\bar{r} \rightarrow r$  rule cannot be reversed as a  $r \rightarrow \bar{r}$  rule which applies prevocally: underlying  $r$  never becomes  $\bar{r}$ .

<u>formal</u>	<u>colloquial</u>	
kayar	kayarə	'rope'
kayarine	kayarine	'rope-acc.'
kayarewite	kayarewite	'where is the rope?'

3. An inadequacy of this solution is that it does not explain why, in single morphemes,  $\bar{r}C$  is possible only when the  $C$  is  $y$ . Thus, arkan 'sun', and bhaarya 'wife' are possible, but not \*arkan and \*bhaarya. One may think that this constitutes an argument against the no coda hypothesis, as (19), and not (23), accounts for both morpheme final and morpheme internal  $r$ . I do not take this as a serious objection, as there exist independent restrictions on the distribution of  $\bar{r}$  and  $r$ :  $\bar{d}r/*dr$ ,  $\bar{t}r/*tr$ ,  $\bar{j}r/*jr$ ,  $\bar{d}r/*\bar{d}r$ , etc. require special morpheme structure or onset structure conditions.
4. Examples with morpheme final  $r$ ,  $l$ , and  $l$  are used because stops voice in Malayalam when they are preceded by nasals whether they are appendices or not (2.2.2.).
5. Observe that the correct stipulation on these appendices is that they are morpheme final, not word final or phrase final. The  $r$  in awarka ((27d)) is morpheme final, but not word or phrase final.
6. Words like nalki 'gave' and pulki 'embraced' pose a problem. The  $l$  in these examples cannot be an appendix, if appendices occur only morpheme finally (  $[[nalk] i]$  ;  $[[pulk] i]$  ). As expected, the initial syllable in these words constitutes a guru; yet,  $k$  gets voiced. One way of explaining this would be to say that the segment is underlyingly voiced. However, the final  $i$  in these examples does not exhibit the  $\emptyset$  onglide which follows underlyingly voiced stops (see 2.2.2.). Examples like these are extremely rare, while examples in which the voicing does not apply are numerous: alpa 'a little', kalpana 'order', taalpaṛyam 'interest'. Since voicing is a post lexical rule, nalki and pulki cannot be exceptions: post lexical rules do not allow exceptions. I reserve this problem for future research.

7. Appendices are ignored here for convenience of presentation.
8. See Vergnaud & Halle (1979), for the original proposal to treat epenthetic segments in Berber and Hanan in terms of the conventions of syllabification.
9. I have not done a thorough dictionary search to check my statements about possible and impossible morpheme internal consonant sequences in Malayalam, but have depended on my intuitions.
10. Since Syllable Completion would destroy the environment for Onset Fusion, it must be ordered after Onset Fusion.
11. Since syllabic r is restricted to the environment  $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} C \\ \# \end{smallmatrix} \right\} \text{---} C$ , it would not be necessary to set up an underlying distinction between  $/r/$  and  $/r/$ . r is assigned to the rime node just in case it occurs in the environment mentioned above.  
  
It may be pointed out that the  $\emptyset$  in rasi is phonetically [ɨ], a high central vowel. This is a consequence of a late rule that raises  $\emptyset$  when followed by a consonant: cf; [kaadɔ] 'forest', but [kaattɨtɨi] 'forest fire'; [kaarɔ] 'car', [kaarɨwannu] 'the car came', [kaarɔ... wannu].
12. Compare the treatment of Luganda in Vergnaud & Halle (1979). See also the erasure convention in Harris (forthcoming).



## EPILOGUE

The early stages of generative linguistics had no provision for morphology. The grammar was conceived of as a device that maps a finite set of morphemes onto an infinite set of sentences (Chomsky (1957)). Morphemes were directly mapped onto sentences: the traditional notion 'word' played no role in linguistic theory, except by way of an accidental stage in the derivation of the sentence. The basic assumption was that the principles that determine the way morphemes are put together to form words were in no way distinct from the principles that determine the way words are put together to form sentences. Consequently, word structure and sentence structure were handled by the same module of the grammar.

During this period, the lexicon was viewed as an unstructured collection of whatever was idiosyncratic and unpredictable. All phenomena which were regular and were worthy of the linguist's attention were the burden of the nonlexical components of syntax and phonology. As a result, little attention was paid to the nature of the lexicon,

With Chomsky's seminal paper, 'Remarks on Nominalization' (1970), the traditional notion 'word' came back to linguistics. Chomsky proposed that certain regular relationships between words could be expressed in terms of 'lexical rules', and that these rules were of a different nature from the syntactic rules which determined

sentence structure. A lexical rule was a redundancy rule which captured the regularities in the lexical entries, such as the relation between destroy and destruction. This was the beginning of the recognition that word structure and phrasal structure were not governed by the same set of principles, and that they belonged to different modules of grammar. The lexical entry was no longer the morpheme; it was the word.

The second significant work in this direction was Halle's 'Prolegomena to a Theory of Word Formation' (1973). Halle undertook to investigate the principles governing word structure in depth, and added a new module to the grammar as part of the lexicon, namely, the word formation component. These works attributed a far richer structure to the lexicon, and focussed on the nature of lexical operations. Ever since, there has been an increasing awareness of the role of the lexicon in linguistic theory. Halle was followed by several linguists who undertook to study the organisation of the lexicon and the rules which characterise word structure: Aronoff (1974), Siegel (1974), Allen (1978), Hust (1978), Amritavalli (1980), Lieber (1980), and Selkirk (to appear), to mention a few. Several linguists recognised that the mechanism of lexical rules could be extended to handle phenomena which were previously handled in terms of syntactic transformations, such as passivisation and raising (Bresnan (1978), Brame (1978), Baker (1979)). As a result, the lexicon, and the lexical

rules, became the appropriate device for the characterisation of a great number of syntactic and semantic regularities, thereby reducing the power of the nonlexical syntactic component to a minimum.

This thesis may be viewed as an extension of the lexical approach to phonology as well, almost as a logical step in the course of the developments sparked off by Chomsky's Remarks.

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## Appendix 2 : INDEX OF DRAVIDIAN AND SANSKRIT STEMS

aadi S	janam S	ooram D
aagamanam S	jananam S	parawa D
aana D	kaalam S	pasu S
aa <sup>ro</sup> ogyam S	kaantan S	pati S
aatə D	kaarāṇam S	patni S
aawāṇam S	kaatə D	pattāyam D
acchan ?	kala S	petti D
agrām S	kampi D	pori D
aikyam S	kannə D	preemam S
alasan S	kari D	ratī S
ambarām S	katam D	sandeesam S
amma ?	kattilə D	satyam S
asukham S	kayarə D	sneeham S
baalan S	kinnaṇan S	sukham S
baalika S	kirukkan D	suurīyan S
bhaarya S	kramam S	taamarā ?
bhartāawə S	kumaaṇan S	taapam S
candṛan S	kutira D	taara S
caṇṇala D	kutti D	tiī S
deewi S	kuuttam D	trpti S
dhiirān S	maatə D	uma S
dhwani S	mahaa S	waalə D
dukkham S	mala D	wadhu S
gandharwan S	manuṣyan S	wanti D
gr̥ham S	marām D	wargam S
gamanam S	marāṇam S	weedam S
ila D	mrgam S	wiitə D
indrān S	mukham S	yakṣan S
itihaasam S	naalam S	yoogam S
jaarān S	niyantranam S	

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