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ABSTRACT

he Sanskrit language has a precise and completely specified grammar given in the text Astadhyayi by Panini. One of the most basic morphophonological process in Sanskrit is that of Sandhi, which pertains to modification of phonemes along closely knit morpheme or word boundaries. The underlying essence of Sandhi, i.e., modification of phonemes, shares its presence in numerous modern languages like Hindi, English, French and even Mandarin. We analyze the computational complexity of morphophonological processes which involve basic letter-level modifications of elision, augmentation and substitution in settings with arbitrary rule sets. We formulate the above using notions of a formal Sandhi Grammar and deduce its undecidability in a unrestricted setting. We further demonstrate that under specific restrictions, the proposed Sandhi Grammar becomes decidable. We also examine the problem of Sanskrit Sandhi and show its decidability in certain restricted settings.

Also, Sanskrit texts are increasingly being written in bilingual and trilingual formats, with Sanskrit paragraphs or shlokas followed by their corresponding English commentary. It can be written in many ways, including multiple romanized encodings such as SLP-1, Velthuis etc. The need to handle code-switching in such texts is exacerbated due to the requirement of rendering web pages with multilingual Sanskrit content. These need to automatically detect whether a given text fragment is in Sanskrit, followed by the identification of the form/encoding, further selectively performing transliteration to a user specified script. The Brahmi-derived writing systems of Indian languages are mostly rather similar in structure, but have different letter shapes. These scripts are based on similar phonetic values which allows for easy transliteration. This correspondence forms the basis of the motivation behind deriving a uniform encoding schema that is based on the underlying phonetic value rather than the symbolic representation. The open-source tool developed by us performs this end-to-end detection and transliteration, and achieves an accuracy of 99.1% between SLP-1 and English on a Wikipedia corpus using simple machine learning techniques.

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CHAPTER

ON DECIDABILITY OF SANSKRIT MORPHOPHONOLOGICAL PROCESSES

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Background

Sanskrit is one of the oldest members of the proto-Indo-European family of languages, being the earliest of the Indic languages [12]. The body of literature in Sanskrit language is broadly classified into two categories namely, vedic and classical Sanskrit [28]. Vedic Sanskrit constitutes a large set of mystic hymns known to be the oldest surviving text of the Sanskrit language [48]. Classical Sanskrit encompasses the entire gamut of non-vedic literature including Smritis, Itihasas, Kavyas and theological and philosophical texts [11].

One of the striking features of the Sanskrit language is an accurate codification of its grammar rules. *Pini*, an ancient grammarian constructed a set of 3959 aphoristic statemets in his famous book the *Adhyy* [27, 44] to explain the phonological and morphological formations of words in both Vedic and classical texts [47], using a genertive grammatical structure. The rules laid down in *adhyy* are precise and cover a large body of available text in the Sanskrit language. Since most of the authors post *Pini* have adherered to the rules of *adhyy*, the language has not gone through much modification through time. Such a specification of the language has encouraged numerous grammarians in the field of Sanskrit Computational Linguistics to develop tools for assisting students in the language and for translation and interpretation of the text by general readers. For instance, the group from INRIA [14], has developed a number of tools such as lemmatizer and morphological analyzer. Another significant effort towards this direction is by the group at JNU [25] that has a range of tools from PoS tagger to morphological decomposers. The final aim of all these tools is to develop a fully-functional Sanskrit parser albeit they com-

prise of sub-tools such as dictionaries, transliterators, morphological splitters, and generators and so on. Once realized fully, these tools aid a non-expert to access the content (such as Yogic texts) in their original form.

1.1.2 Scope and Objectives

Even though there have been multiple attempts to create automated ad-hoc tools for morphological processess in *Astadhyayi*, there is very less work on formalization any of these notions. Further, a recent study created a benchmark corpus [45] for one such set of morphological process called the Sandhi and demonstrated that several of exisiting tools such as [15, 25, 29] do not perform well on such task. Thus, owing to the need for a robust tool, in this paper, we formalize one class of grammatical process called the Sandhi that broadly refers to the morphophonological deformations that pairs of consecutive words go through in continuous speech (Precise definition and examples given in Section 2). Specifically, we formulate of the problem of Sandhi using the notions of formal grammar and propose three methods of application of such grammar to the Sandhi problem. We prove that for the unconstrained variants of the above grammar, the Sandhi problem is undecidable for all three methods. Subsequently, we deduce the decidability of proposed methods under specific constraints. Next, we show that the problem of Sanskrit Sandhi adheres to such constraints and thus is decidable. Finally, we validate and compare our proposed formulation with existing Sandhi tools.

1.2 Morphonological Processes in Sanskrit

1.2.1 The Process of Sandhi

Word formation in Sanskrit is centered around a root verb, modified by a suffix (and additionally a prefix in certain cases). Each of these three (roots, prefixes, and suffixes) represents a morpheme category, as these are the meaningful morphological units of the language and none of them can be further divided. Sanskrit texts often contain words which are formed by the combination of two or more words. The process of combining two (or in certain cases more) consecutive words (or morphemes) during continuous speech is known as Sandhi. The reverse process of getting back the component morphemes/words from such words is known as Sandhi Viccheda or Sandhi splitting. Astadhyayi codifies the Sandhi rules in 272 aphorisms, referred to as samhita, which is the phonological modification of obtained due to close proximity. For example, when the words surya and udaya are combined, we get the dipthong 'o' which represents a combination of 'a' and 'u' in terms of sound. Thus, the words end up merging into suryodaya, a result which can intuitively be reproduced by repeating the words surya and udaya quickly one after the other. The process of Sandhi between two words is not always determined only by the two combining sounds (represented by the last letter of the first word and the first letter of the second word) but may also depend on the letters present elsewhere in either of the words, grammatical aspects of

the two words (the parts of speech they belong to, declensions, conjugations, etc), their meaning, whether they occur within verses or not or even a combination of one or more of these.

However, for the purpose of this paper, we have focused only on the most prominent aspect of Sandhi where two consecutive sounds (typically the last letter of the first word and the first letter of the next word in sequence) get modified according to a well-defined set of morphophonological rules, irrespective of the broader context in which they appear. For example, the rule that leads to suryodaya (meaning sunrise) from surya (sun) and udaya (rise), (Rule 6.1.87 of Astadhyayi) takes into consideration only the combining two letters. According to this rule, if the first word ends with an a/ and the second word starts with i/ or u/, the two letters combine to give e/o respectively. No other information regarding the structure of the two words, the grammatical categories, semantics, etc. is required.

The rules pertaining to Sandhi formation described in *Astadhyayi* can be categorized into following broad categories -Augmentation, Substitution, Elision, Combination and Concatenation. Further, Augmentation, Substitution and Elision can occur on both the first as well as the second word whereas Combination and Concatenation occur only in the second word. Thus, Sandhi considered in this study can be classified into eight following categories:

- Pre-Augmentation: Adds a letter after the last letter of the first word
- Post-Augmentation: Adds a letter before the first letter of the second word
- **Pre-Substitution:** Substitutes the last letter of the first word with another
- Post-Substitution: Substitutes the first letter of the second word with another
- Pre-Elision: Removes the last letter of the first word
- Post-Elision: Removes the first letter of the second word
- Concatenation: Conjoining the two words into one without any change
- **Combination:** Combining the last letter of the first word and the first letter of the last word into a single letter

In the above described types, all except Combination and Concatenation leave scope of further Sandhi based on other rules, thus making the Sandhi process recursive in nature. The existence of such a recursion opens up discussion about the possibility and/or conditions for termination of the Sandhi of any pair of given words. This tractability analysis forms the motivation for the subsequent sections.

1.2.2 Sandhi Merging and Splitting

Sandhi is a very common occurrence in Sanskrit that is a much more involved process as compared to similar processes in other languages. For example, in a language like English, the

meaning of the words and parts of speech involved determine whether the words can be combined or not. Thus, for example, in the sentence The regrettable decision of the chairman is now causing great harm to him, each of the words regrettable, chairman and causing represents a combination, but combinations like Theregrettable or regrettabledecision or isnow or worse Theregrettabledecisionofthechairmanisnowcausinggreatharmtohim are simply not allowed.

On the other hand, in Sanskrit, these are not only allowed but encountered very frequently. So while no combination is possible between the words of the sentence Ravi arrived in forest, all the words in the Sanskrit equivalent *ravih vane agata* can combine to form *ravirvanayagatah* (please note the changes at the boundaries of merging). Thus, Sandhi splitting, which decomposes the complex compound like *ravirvanayagatah* into its constituent elements *ravih vane agatah*, is an indispensable first-step in the analysis of classical Sanskrit texts.

Unlike Sandhi merging where the word boundary between two given words is well defined, in the case of Sandhi splitting not only is the split location in the single word input unknown, but the single word may be composed of more than two syntactically valid components. Moreover, there are cases where splitting at different locations may lead to different split combinations, each of which is not only syntactically valid, but also semantically valid. For example, the word hasannagachati can either be split into hasan + agachati (comes laughing) or hasan + na + agachati (comes not laughing) both of which are not only syntactically but also semantically valid (to the extent of having opposite meanings!)

Thus, based on these observations, the Sandhi process can be categorized into two types - (i) modification that focuses across a well-defined word boundary created by a given pair of distinct words. We call this type of the merging process as **Definite Location Sandhi Merging**. (ii) Modifications that functions on arbitrary locations within a word. The word boundary in this case can correspond to any pair of consecutive letters within the word. We term this type of merging process **Arbitrary Location Sandhi Merging/Splitting**. In the subsequent sections, we follow the notations and definitions given in this section to formulate the Sandhi creation and splitting problems as a formal grammar and discuss its decidability under different conditions.

1.3 Sandhi Grammar (Morphophonological Grammar)

This section begins with a formal definition of *Sandhi Grammar* followed by an example toy grammar motivated by morphophonological processes in the English language.

Definition 1 (Sandhi Grammar). A Sandhi Grammar is defined as $\mathcal{G} = (\Sigma, \mathcal{R})$ where Σ is a finite set of alphabets of the language, \mathcal{R} is a (possibly) multi-valued partial function $\mathcal{R} : \Sigma \times \Sigma \longmapsto \mathcal{T} \times \Sigma$ representing the morphophonological processes in the language (also called rules of the Sandhi Grammar), and \mathcal{T} represents the set of 6 possible morphophonological modifications (Sandhi Types), $\mathcal{T} = \{Pre\text{-Augmentation, Post-Augmentation, Pre-Substitution, Post-Substitution, Pre-Elision, Post-Elision\}.$

A *Sandhi Grammar* may be used to formalize morphophonological processes that modify consecutive sounds in a language in a manner that is independent of wider context in which these sounds occur. Such processes may be deterministic or non-deterministic in natural languages. The definition above takes care of both these possibilities.

Definition 2 (Deterministic Sandhi Grammar). A Sandhi Grammar is deterministic if \mathcal{R} is a single-valued function, and non-deterministic otherwise.

A single modification of adjacent sounds based on the rules of the grammar is formalized as a *Sandhi Operation*.

Definition 3 (Sandhi Operation). Given a Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G} , the Sandhi Operation $\Phi_{\mathcal{G}}$ is a multi-valued function that takes two letters as input and produces strings of length 1, 2 or 3 as output by using the rules of the Sandhi Grammar. $\Phi: \Sigma \times \Sigma \longmapsto \Sigma^1 \cup \Sigma^2 \cup \Sigma^3$.

$$\begin{array}{ll} Let \ (\tau,c) \in \mathscr{R}(c_1,c_2), \\ & \Phi_{\mathscr{G}}(c_1,c_2) \ni c_1cc_2 & \textit{if} \ \tau = \textit{Pre-Augmentation} \\ & \ni c_1cc_2 & \textit{if} \ \tau = \textit{Post-Augmentation} \\ & \ni cc_2 & \textit{if} \ \tau = \textit{Pre-Substitution} \\ & \ni c_1c & \textit{if} \ \tau = \textit{Post-Substitution} \\ & \ni c_2 & \textit{if} \ \tau = \textit{Post-Substitution} \\ & \ni c_2 & \textit{if} \ \tau = \textit{Pre-Elision} \\ & \ni c_1 & \textit{if} \ \tau = \textit{Post-Elision} \\ & \ni c_1 & \textit{if} \ \tau = \textit{Post-Elision} \\ \end{array}$$

Remark. The Sandhi Operation Φ is a partially defined multi-valued function. $\Phi_{\mathscr{G}}(c_1, c_2) = \phi$ if $\mathscr{R}(c_1, c_2) = \phi$, where ϕ denotes the null set.

Remark. For a deterministic Sandhi Grammar, the Sandhi Operation $\Phi_{\mathscr{G}}$ is single-valued (or null), whereas for a non-deterministic Grammar it is multi-valued.

Remark. For $(\tau, c) \in \mathcal{R}(c_1, c_2)$ if $\tau \in \{\text{Pre-Elision}, \text{Post-Elision}\}\$ the letter c is ignored and hence, for clarity, the special symbol c will be used in case of elisions.

Given a string, the grammar may allow modification of sounds at multiple locations in the string. The locations where such modifications are possible according to the rules of the Sandhi grammar are formalized as applicable sandhi locations.

Definition 4 (Applicable Sandhi Location). A location κ in the word $w = c_1 c_2 \dots c_l \in \Sigma^*$ $(l > \kappa)$ is an Applicable Sandhi Location if $\Phi(c_{\kappa}, c_{\kappa+1}) \neq \phi$.

Remark. If $\Phi(c_{\kappa}, c_{\kappa+1}) = \phi$ at the location κ ($\kappa < l$) in the word $w = c_1 c_2 \dots c_l \in \Sigma^*$ or $\kappa \le 0$ or $\kappa \ge l$, the Sandhi Location is not an Applicable Sandhi Location.

Example 1. We now create an example Sandhi Grammar which we shall refer to throughout this paper. Through this Grammar, we aim to motivate certain morphophonological processes that take place in the English language. We describe this grammar as $\mathscr{G}_E = (\Sigma_E, \mathscr{R}_E)$ where $\Sigma_E =$ The English Lowercase Alphabet, and \mathscr{R}_E is defined in Table 1.

No.	Input (c_1, c_2)	Output $(\mathcal{R}(c_1, c_2))$	Action
Rule 1	(y, e)	(Pre-Substitution, i)	ye → ie
Rule 2	(y, i)	(Pre-Substitution, i)	yi → ii
Rule 3	(f, i)	(Pre-Substitution, v)	fi → vi
Rule 4	(d, i)	(Pre-Substitution, s)	di → si
Rule 5	(e, e)	(Pre-Elision, ϵ)	ee → e
Rule 6	(i, i)	(Pre-Elision, ϵ)	ii → i
Rule 7*	(e, i)	(Pre-Elision, ϵ)	$ei \rightarrow i$
Rule 8*	(e, i)	(Post-Augmentation, t)	ei → eti
Rule 9	(t, a)	(Pre-Augmentation, t)	ta → tta

Table 1.1: Rules of an example Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G}_E , motivated by morphophonological processes in the English Language

Remark. The rules marked with asterisk (*) make \mathscr{G}_E non-deterministic.

Remark. Although the Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G}_E of Example 1 is motivated by a small subset of morphophonological processes in the English Language, its rules are not universally applicable. A more realistic Sandhi Grammar is that of the Sanskrit language where the corresponding rules have much more universal applicability. This Sandhi Grammar is listed in Appendix D.

Having formally defined the Sandhi Grammar, we now define various operations on strings that can be done using the rules of the grammar. These operations are *definite location sandhi merging* (DLSM), *arbitrary location sandhi merging* (ALSM) and *arbitrary location sandhi splitting* (ALSS).

1.4 Definite Location Sandhi Merging (DLSM)

Definition 5 (DLSM Step). A Definite Location Sandhi Merging Step, at a given Applicable Sandhi Location κ in the word $w = c_1 c_2 \dots c_l \in \Sigma^*$ $(l > \kappa)$, produces another word $w' \in \Sigma^*$ by application of one Sandhi Operation. If $w = c_1 c_2 \dots c_l$, then $w' = c_1 \dots c_{\kappa-1} s c_{\kappa+2} \dots c_l$, where $s \in \mathbb{R}$

 $\Phi_{\mathscr{G}}(c_{\kappa}, c_{\kappa+1})$. Furthermore, it updates κ as follows:

$$egin{aligned} \kappa_{new} &= \kappa + 1 & if \ au &= Pre ext{-}Augmentation \\ &= \kappa & if \ au &= Pre ext{-}Substitution \\ &= \kappa & if \ au &= Pre ext{-}Substitution \\ &= \kappa & if \ au &= Pre ext{-}Substitution \\ &= \kappa - 1 & if \ au &= Pre ext{-}Elision \\ &= \kappa & if \ au &= Pre ext{-}Elision \\ &= \kappa & where \ (\tau,c) \in \mathscr{R}(c_\kappa,c_{\kappa+1}) \end{aligned}$$

Remark. If the given Sandhi Location κ is not an Applicable Sandhi Location then the DSLM Step is deemed as invalid.

Remark. The above definition is valid for both deterministic as well as non-deterministic Sandhi Grammars. In the case of a deterministic Sandhi Grammar the DLSM step produces a unique output, whereas in the case of a non-deterministic Grammar, the DLSM step is non-deterministic and produces multiple outputs depending on which rule is applied.

In general, the DLSM step may be applied multiple times on a string to generate the final string. This is formalized using the DLSM sequence.

Definition 6 (DLSM Sequence). A Definite Location Sandhi Merging Sequence of length n starting at Sandhi Location κ_0 in the word w ($|w| > \kappa_0$) produces another string w' with n applications of Sandhi Merging Steps starting at Sandhi Location κ_0 and updating the Sandhi Location as given in the Sandhi Merging Step.

Example 2. The following are the examples of DLSM steps and DLSM sequences for the grammar \mathcal{G}_E of Example 1:

- $happyer (happy + er) \xrightarrow{DLSM (\kappa=5)} happier [Rule 1]$
- driveing (drive + ing) $\xrightarrow{DLSM (\kappa=5)}$ driving [Rule 7]
- knifeing (knife + ing) $\xrightarrow{DLSM (\kappa=5)}$ knifing [Rule 7] $\xrightarrow{DLSM (\kappa=4)}$ kniving [Rule 3]
- erodeion (erode + ion) $\xrightarrow{DLSM (\kappa=5)}$ erodion [Rule 7] $\xrightarrow{DLSM (\kappa=4)}$ erosion [Rule 4]

Remark. If the Sandhi Grammar is non-deterministic, multiple DLSM sequences are possible given an input w and a starting Sandhi Location κ_0 as long as no invalid DLSM Steps are taken.

Given a Sandhi Grammar and an input string and a starting Sandhi location, an important question is to determine if every DLSM sequence will converge i.e., lead to an output string where no more DLSM steps can be applied. This is called the DLSM termination problem.

Definition 7 (DLSM Termination Problem). Given an input Sandhi Grammar \mathscr{G} , word $w \in \Sigma^*$, and a starting Sandhi Location κ_0 , the DLSM Termination Problem is to determine if $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that there exists no DLSM Sequence of length n.

For real languages, it is important to design efficient algorithms that can produce all possible strings that can be obtained, starting with a given string, by repeated applications of DLSM steps. The set of all such strings is characterized by the *DLSM production set* and the corresponding membership problem by the *DLSM derivation problem*.

Definition 8 (DLSM Production Set). Given an input Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G} , word $w \in \Sigma^*$, and a starting Sandhi Location κ_0 , the DLSM Production Set $\Omega_{DLSM}^{\mathcal{G}}(w,\kappa_0)$ is defined as the set of strings w' such that there exists a DLSM Sequence of finite length which produces w' from w starting at Sandhi Location κ_0 .

Remark. If $\Omega_{DLSM}^{\mathscr{G}}(w,\kappa_0)$ is not finite, then the DSLM Sequence starting at κ_0 in the word w for the Sandhi Grammar \mathscr{G} is non-terminating. Although its converse is not true, even if a DLSM Sequence is not terminating, the corresponding DLSM Production Set $\Omega_{DLSM}^{\mathscr{G}}(w,\kappa_0)$ may still be finite.

Definition 9 (DLSM Derivation Problem). Given an input Sandhi Grammar \mathscr{G} , a word $w_{in} \in \Sigma^*$, a starting Sandhi Location κ_0 and a word $w_{out} \in \Sigma^*$, the DLSM Derivation Problem is to determine if $w_{out} \in \Omega_{DLSM}^{\mathscr{G}}(w_{in}, \kappa_0)$.

One of our important result is that for general Sandhi Grammars, the DLSM termination and DLSM derivation problems are undecidable.

Theorem 1. The Definite Location Sandhi Merging Termination Problem is undecidable for a general Sandhi Grammar.

The prof of Theorem 1 uses a general reduction from a Turing machine to the DLSM termination problem and is given in the Appendix. The undecidability of the DLSM derivation problem follows as a corollary of the reduction.

Corollary 1.1. The Definite Location Sandhi Merging Derivation Problem is undecidable for a general Sandhi Grammar.

The above results show that morphophonological processes that only modify consecutive letters (such as at the boundaries of word morphemes) and produce new words based on merely 6 types of rules can in general encode a Turing machine. This leads to the question about whether there are some natural languages where the morphophonological processes can become as complex as Turing Machines?

Most of the real languages do not have strictly rules-driven and well-defined morphophonological processes. However, Sanskrit does have well-defined and precise rules that completely

characterize its grammar. A subset of 294 of those rules deal with the morphophonological process of Sandhi are given under Appendix. Thus arises the question of can Sanskrit Sandhi process encode a Turing Machine? More generally, what sub-types of Sandhi Grammars can or cannot encode a Turing Machine? Next definition motivates a class of Sandhi Grammars where the DLSM termination problem is decidable.

Definition 10 (Sandhi Transition Graph (STG)). Given a Sandhi Grammar $\mathcal{G} = (\Sigma, \mathcal{R})$, we define the Sandhi Transition Graph as a directed multigraph G = (V, E) where $V = \Sigma \times \Sigma$, and E is constructed as follows. w(e) denotes weight of edge e.

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\begin{aligned} & Let \ (\tau,c) \in \mathcal{R}(c_1,c_2), \\ & e = ((c_1,c_2),(c,c_2)) \in E, w(e) = +1 \\ & e = ((c_1,c_2),(c_1,c)) \in E, w(e) = +1 \\ & e = ((c_1,c_2),(c,c_2)) \in E, w(e) = 0 \\ & e = ((c_1,c_2),(c,c_2)) \in E, w(e) = 0 \\ & e = ((c_1,c_2),(c_1,c)) \in E, w(e) = 0 \\ & e = ((c_1,c_2),(c',c_2)) \in E, w(e) = -1 \ \forall c' \in \Sigma \\ & e = ((c_1,c_2),(c_1,c')) \in E, w(e) = -1 \ \forall c' \in \Sigma \end{aligned} \qquad \begin{tabular}{l} if \ \tau = Pre-Augmentation \\ if \ \tau = Pre-Substitution \\ if \ \tau = Pre-Substitution \\ if \ \tau = Pre-Elision \\ if \ \tau = Pre-Elisi
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Theorem 2. If a Sandhi Transition Graph for a given Sandhi Grammar has no non-negative weight cycles, then the DSLM Sequence for every word w given any starting Sandhi Location κ_0 ($\kappa_0 < |w|$) terminates.

The formal proof is given in the Appendix. The proof relies on the fact that since there are only a finite number of pairs of alphabets that can interact through a DLSM Sequence, non-termination will happen only when some of these pairs repeat. Cycles in the STG represent the possibility of such a repetition. Moreover if traversing one of these cycles reduces the overall length of the word w, then termination would happen eventually as the word length is finite and no valid Sandhi Locations will remain after |w| = 1.

Theorem 3. For the morphophonological Sanskrit Grammar described in Appendix D, the DLSM Termination Problem is decidable.

The Sanskrit Sandhi Grammar as formalized in the Appendix from the Sandhi rules of the *adhyy*, does have a few non-negative weight cycles. However, these cycles are usually of small in length and only a few such cycles exist. Therefore, by relying on Theorem 2 and then by carefully examining these small number of cases it can be shown that the DLSM termination problem is decidable for Sanskrit Sandhi Grammar. A more detailed proof summary is given in the Appendix.

1.5 Arbitrary Location Sandhi Merging (ALSM)

Definite Location Sandhi Merging only covers a specific class of morphophonological processes which occur at the boundaries of two different words (external Sandhis in the case of Sanskrit language). However, morphophonological modifications can also occur within a word when the word gets modified using prefixes and suffixes (internal Sandhi). This gives rise to the *arbitrary location* Sandhi problems formalized next.

The *arbitrary location Sandhi merging step* is very similar to the DSLM step, except that the Sandhi location is not specified. Any applicable Sandhi location may be used for the ALSM step.

Definition 11 (ALSM Step). An Arbitrary Location Sandhi Merging Step, if there exists an applicable Sandhi Location κ in the word $w = c_1c_2...c_l \in \Sigma^*$ ($\kappa < l$), produces another word $w' \in \Sigma^*$ by application of one Sandhi Operation. If $w = c_1c_2...c_l$, then $w' = c_1...c_{\kappa-1}sc_{\kappa+2}...c_l$, where $s \in \Phi(c_{\kappa}, c_{\kappa+1})$.

Remark. If no applicable Sandhi Location is present in w, then the ASLM Step is deemed as invalid.

Remark. The above definition supports both deterministic and non-deterministic Sandhi Grammars in a manner analogous to the DSLM step.

The *ALSM sequence* is defined analogously to the DSLM sequence, except that the Sandhi location is not pre-specified and it may be arbitrary.

Definition 12 (ALSM Sequence). An Arbitrary Location Sandhi Merging Sequence of length n for the word w produces another string w' with n applications of Sandhi Merging Steps.

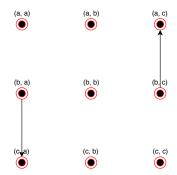
Remark. Unlike DLSM sequence, multiple ALSM sequences can be produced for a word w, even if the underlying Sandhi Grammar is deterministic, by using different applicable Sandhi locations.

Example 3. The following example illustrates the ALSM steps in constructing the word demonetization from its constituents using the rules of the toy grammar \mathcal{G}_E of Example 1:

- demoneyizeation (de + money + ize + ation) \xrightarrow{ALSM} demoneitzeation [Rule 2] \xrightarrow{ALSM} demoneitzeation [Rule 6] \xrightarrow{ALSM} demonetization [Rule 7]
- demoneyizeation (de + money + ize + ation) \xrightarrow{ALSM} demoneizeation [Rule 2] \xrightarrow{ALSM} demoneizeation [Rule 6] \xrightarrow{ALSM} demonization [Rule 7]

The ALSM termination problem is different from the DLSM termination problem. The result of Theorem 2 does not apply to the ALSM sequences. The following example illustrates that, unlike the DSLM sequence, the ALSM sequence for a grammar need not terminate even if the corresponding Sandhi transition graph has no cycles.

Example 4. The Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G}_C has three alphabets and two rules defined as follows: $\mathcal{G}_C = \langle \{a,b,c\},\mathcal{R} \rangle$ where $\mathcal{R}(b,a) = \{(Pre\text{-}Augmentation,c)\}$ and $\mathcal{R}(b,c) = \{(Pre\text{-}Augmentation,a)\}$. The Sandhi transition graph for \mathcal{G}_C has no cycles as depicted in the figure below.



Clearly, the STG for \mathcal{G}_C has no cycles, so by Theorem 2 all DLSM sequences given \mathcal{G}_C will terminate regardless of the input. However, the same does not hold true for ALSM. Given an input string ba:

$$ba \xrightarrow{ba \to bca} bca \xrightarrow{bc \to bac} baca \xrightarrow{ba \to bca} bcaca \xrightarrow{bc \to bac} bacaca \dots$$

As can be seen, even without any cycle in the STG, the ALSM sequence need not terminate on all inputs.

The ALSM termination problem is defined analogously to the DLSM termination problem.

Definition 13 (ALSM Termination Problem). Given an input Sandhi Grammar \mathscr{G} and a word $w \in \Sigma^*$, the ALSM Termination Problem is to determine if $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that there exists no ALSM Sequence of length n.

Remark. If no such n exists, then the ASLM Sequence for the word w given the Sandhi Grammar \mathscr{G} is said to be non-terminating. In such a case, it is possible to find an arbitrarily large valid ALSM sequence leading to non-termination of ALSM steps.

Remark. The above definition is valid for both deterministic as well as non-deterministic Sandhi Grammars in a way analogous to the DLSM termination problem.

The ALSM production set and the ALSM derivation problem are defined analogus to the corresponding DLSM production set and the DLSM derivation problem.

Definition 14 (ALSM Production Set). Given an input Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G} and a word $w \in \Sigma^*$, the ALSM Production Set $\Omega_{ALSM}^{\mathcal{G}}(w)$ is defined as the set of strings w' such that there exists an ALSM Sequence of finite length which produces w' from w.

Definition 15 (ALSM Derivation Problem). Given an input Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G} , a word $w_{in} \in \Sigma^*$ and a word $w_{out} \in \Sigma^*$, the ALSM Derivation Problem is to determine if $w_{out} \in \Omega^{\mathcal{G}}_{ALSM}(w_{in})$.

The following results can be directly obtained from Theorem 1, but are being given here for the sake of completeness.

Theorem 4. The ALSM Termination Problem is undecidable for a general Sandhi Grammar.

Corollary 4.1. The ALSM Derivation Problem is undecidable for a general Sandhi Grammar.

1.5.1 Specific Classes of ALSM Sub-problems

Unlike DLSM, absence of cycles in the Sandhi transition graph does not guarantee termination of ALSM sequences. A natural question arises about if there are some other properties of the Sandhi Grammar that may guarantee the decidability of the ALSM termination problem. In this subsection, we give three seperate resctictions on the Sandhi grammar under which the ALSM problems are decidable.

The following result establishes that the ALSM termination problem is decidable in case the Sandhi grammar has no augmentation rules.

Theorem 5. The ALSM Termination Problem is decidable for a Sandhi Grammar $\mathscr{G} = (\Sigma, \mathscr{R})$ where all rules in \mathscr{R} follow a reduced set of Sandhi Types with no Pre-Augmentation or Post-Augmentation. $\mathscr{R} : \Sigma \times \Sigma \longmapsto \mathscr{T} \times \Sigma$, $\mathscr{T} = \{Pre\text{-Substitution}, Post\text{-Substitution}, Pre\text{-Elision}, Post-Elision\}.$

In the absence of augmentation rules, the ALSM step can never increase the length of the input string. The proof of the above theorem critically relies on this observation and constructs a graph on Σ^n where n is the length of the input string. The edges in the graph represent the ALSM steps. The ALSM sequence is non-terminating if there is a path from the node corresponding to the input to a cycle in the constructed graph. The formal proof is detailed in the Appendix.

The next result establishes decidability of the ALSM termination problem in the case of absence of elisions.

Theorem 6. The Arbitrary Location Sandhi Merging Derivation Problem is decidable for a Sandhi Grammar $\mathcal{G} = (\Sigma, \mathcal{R})$ where all rules in \mathcal{R} follow a reduced set of Sandhi Types with no Pre-Elision or Post-Elision. $\mathcal{R} : \Sigma \times \Sigma \longmapsto \mathcal{T} \times \Sigma$, $\mathcal{T} = \{Pre\text{-Substitution}, Post\text{-Substitution}, Post\text{-Augmentation}\}$. Furthermore, such a Grammar can be represented by a Context-Sensitive Grammar.

The proof follows from a reduction to the context sensitive grammars as detailed in the Appendix.

The augmentation, substitutions and elisions can interact in a complex manner to simulate a general Turing machine. In general, these interactions are driven by phonetic rules and are not arbitrary. If certain similar restrictions can be placed on the Sandhi grammar, then the ALSM process may become more tractable. We define a property of Sandhi Grammars called *encapsulaion* that closely resembles properties of context free grammars. With this property, the ALSM Sandhi termination problem becomes decidable.

Let (a,b) be an augmentation rule in the Sandhi grammar. The property of external encapsulation means that no ALSM sequence on a string ending with the letter a can ever produce another string ending with a letter different from a. Similarly, no ALSM sequence on a string beginning with b can produce another string beginning with another letter.

Definition 16 (Externally Encapsulated Sandhi Grammar). A given Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G} is said to be Externally Encapsulated if for each rule $(\tau,c) \in \mathcal{R}(a,b)$ such that $\tau \in \{Pre\text{-}Augmentation, Post\text{-}Augmentation\}$:

- $\forall w \in \Sigma^*, \nexists w'c \in \Sigma^* \ (c \neq a) \ s.t. \ w'c \in \Omega^{\mathcal{G}}_{ALSM}(wa)$
- $\forall w \in \Sigma^*, \nexists cw' \in \Sigma^* \ (c \neq b) \ s.t. \ cw' \in \Omega^{\mathcal{G}}_{ALSM}(bw)$

Remark. A necessary and sufficient condition for a given Sandhi Grammar to be Externally Encapsulated is, if $(\tau, c) \in \mathcal{R}(a, b)$ such that $\tau \in \{\text{Pre-Augmentation}, \text{Post-Augmentation}\}$, then:

- $\forall x \in \Sigma, \forall y \in \Sigma \ (y \neq a), (Post-Substitution, y) \notin \mathcal{R}(x, a)$
- $\forall x \in \Sigma, \forall y \in \Sigma \ (y \neq b), (\text{Pre-Substitution}, y) \notin \mathcal{R}(b, x)$
- $\forall x \in \Sigma$, (Post-Elision, ϵ) $\notin \mathcal{R}(x, a)$
- $\forall x \in \Sigma$, (Pre-Elision, ϵ) $\notin \mathcal{R}(b, x)$

Let (a,b) be an augmentation rule in the Sandhi grammar. The property of internal encapsulation means that after the application of the augmentation rule corresponding to (a,b), no ALSM sequence on the substring produced between a and b (after augmentation) can replace a or b.

Definition 17 (Internally Encapsulated Sandhi Grammar). A given Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G} is said to be Internally Encapsulated if for each rule $(\tau,c) \in \mathcal{R}(a,b)$ such that $\tau \in \{Pre\text{-}Augmentation, Post\text{-}Augmentation\}$:

- $\forall w \in \Sigma^*, \nexists cw' \in \Sigma^* \ (c \neq a) \ s.t. \ cw' \in \Omega^{\mathcal{G}}_{ALSM}(aw)$
- $\forall w \in \Sigma^*, \nexists w'c \in \Sigma^* \ (c \neq b) \ s.t. \ w'c \in \Omega^{\mathcal{G}}_{ALSM}(wb)$

Remark. A sufficient (but not necessary) condition for a given Sandhi Grammar to be Internally Encapsulated is, if $(\tau, c) \in \mathcal{R}(a, b)$ such that $\tau \in \{\text{Pre-Augmentation}, \text{Post-Augmentation}\}\$, then:

- $\forall x \in \Sigma, \forall y \in \Sigma \ (y \neq a), (Pre-Substitution, y) \notin \mathcal{R}(a, x)$
- $\forall x \in \Sigma, \forall y \in \Sigma \ (y \neq b), (Post-Substitution, y) \notin \mathcal{R}(x, b)$

- $\forall x \in \Sigma$, (Pre-Elision, ϵ) $\notin \mathcal{R}(\alpha, x)$
- $\forall x \in \Sigma$, (Post-Elision, ϵ) $\notin \mathcal{R}(x, b)$

Definition 18 (Encapsulated Sandhi Grammar). A given Sandhi Grammar is said to be Encapsulated if it is both Externally as well as Internally Encapsulated.

Another important decidability result pertains to the encapsulated Sandhi grammars.

Theorem 7. The Arbitrary Location Sandhi Merging Termination Problem is decidable for an Encapsulated Sandhi Grammar.

We now, return to our question about the decidability of Sanskrit Morphophonoligical processes. Unfortunately, the Sanskrit Sandhi Grammar does have some rules due to which the encapsulation property is violated. However, these rules are very small in number and it may be possible to prove the decidability results simular to the case of DLSM termination problem.

Observation. For the morphophonological Sanskrit Grammar described in Appendix D, only 8 rules defy the property of Encapsulation.

1.6 Arbitrary Location Sandhi Splitting (ALSS)

Sandhi Splitting is yet another morphophonological process that is prevalent in the Sanskrit language. It reverses the action of Sandhi on a given input word and splits it into constituent words that can undergo Sandhi Merging to give back the original input word.

Definition 19 (ALSS Termination Problem). Given an input Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G} and a word $w \in \Sigma^*$, the ALSM Termination Problem is to determine if $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $w' \in \Sigma^*$ there exists no ALSM Sequence of length n which produces w from w'.

Definition 20 (ALSS Production Set). Given an input Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G} and a word $w \in \Sigma^*$, the ALSS Production Set $\Omega_{ALSS}^{\mathcal{G}}(w)$ is defined as the set of strings w' such that there exists an ALSM Sequence of finite length which produces w from w'.

Definition 21 (ALSS Derivation Problem). Given an input Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G} , a word $w_{in} \in \Sigma^*$ and a word $w_{out} \in \Sigma^*$, the ALSS Derivation Problem is to determine if $w_{out} \in \Omega^{\mathcal{G}}_{ALSS}(w_{in})$.

Theorem 8. The Arbitrary Location Sandhi Splitting Termination Problem is undecidable for a general Sandhi Grammar.

Corollary 8.1. The Arbitrary Location Sandhi Splitting Derivation Problem is undecidable for a general Sandhi Grammar.

Generally, we are interested in finding out w_2 from w_1 for ALSS as well as ALSM. The following result shows that one may be obtained from the other.

Theorem 9 (Near Duality). If given a Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G} , $w' \in \Omega_{ALSS}^{\mathcal{G}}(w)$ then there exists a Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G}' such that $w' \in \Omega_{ALSM}^{\mathcal{G}'}(w)$, where \mathcal{G}' can be constructed from \mathcal{G} . Moreover, $\Omega_{ALSM}^{\mathcal{G}'}(w) \supseteq \Omega_{ALSS}^{\mathcal{G}}(w)$.

Remark. In general, the above relation is a proper superset. However, when \mathcal{G} does not contain any Pre-Elision or Post-Elision rules, the above two sets turn out to be equal.

1.7 Experimental Results

According to Theorem 3, DLSM is decidable for the Sanskrit Grammar. This implies that an algorithm to perform Sandhi Merging can be devised. We implement an algorithm that takes as input a Sandhi Grammar $\mathcal G$ and two words w_1 and w_2 , and produces w after Definite Location Sandhi Merging. This is a restricted form of Sanskrit Sandhi Merging wherein we omit some context and completely ignore syntax and semantics of the Sanskrit rules. The Sandhi Merging Tool created by us outperforms existing tools when evaluated using the Sandhi Merging benchmark of SandhiKosh. The table below compares the results of our DLSM Tool against existing technologies. Our tool shows maximum improvement on the Rule Based corpora as these test the completeness of the underlying Sandhi Grammar. The improvement on the Literature and Bhagavad-Gita corpora is not as significant owing to the fact that existing tools have been optimized on freely available Sanskrit literature which forms the basis of these two corpora.

Corpus	Words	JNU	UoH	INRIA	DLSM
					Tool
Rule	150	21	36	79	137
based -		(14.0%)	(24.0%)	(52.7%)	(91.3%)
Internal					
Rule	132	38	57	67	122
based -		(28.8%)	(29.5%)	(50.8%)	(92.4%)
External					
Literature	150	53	130	128	142
		(35.3%)	(86.7%)	(85.3%)	(94.7%)
Bhagavad-	1430	338	1045	1184	1193
Gita		(23.64%)	(73.1%)	(82.1%)	(83.4%)
UoH	9368	3506	7480	7655	8627
		(37.4)	(79.8%)	(81.7%)	(92.1%)
		%)			
Astadhyayı	2700	455	1752	1762	2664
		(16.9%)	(64.9%)	(65.2%)	(98.7%)

1.8 Conclusion

Morphophonological processes are present in many languages, but hold an important relevance in the case of Sanskrit. We consider an important subset of the Sanskrit Sandhi rules and formulate a Sandhi Grammar based on the immediate interaction of letters (for example across word or morpheme boundaries). We analyze two classes of problems, Sandhi Merging and Sandhi Splitting. For Sandhi Merging we further analyze two variants, Definite Location (DLSM) and Arbitrary Location (ALSM). While for Sandhi Splitting we analyze just the Arbitrary Location variant (ALSS).

We conclude that for a general Sandhi Grammar all three of DLSM, ALSM and ALSS are undecidable. However, the Sanskrit Sandhi Grammar for DLSM (given in Appendix D) turns out to be decidable and we provide an algorithm for it. More generally, we prove DLSM to be decidable if the corresponding STG has no non-negative weight cycles. For ALSM, we prove that excluding either all Elision rules or all Augmentation rules from the Sandhi Grammar makes it decidable. Also we show that under the special constraint of Encapsulation, ALSM is decidable. The Sanskrit Sandhi Grammar, unfortunately, does not turn out to be Encapsulated with 8 rules defying that property.

Future work in this subject will involve analyzing the decidability of ALSM for the Sanskrit Sandhi Grammar. It shall also include formulating an algorithm to solve ALSS. Finally, more work also needs to be done to discover the precise complexity classes that the constrained variants of ALSM belong to.

CHAPTER

A TOOL FOR TRANSLITERATION OF BILINGUAL TEXTS INVOLVING
SANSKRIT

2.1 Introduction

Sanskrit is one of the most ancient languages in India and forms the basis of numerous Indian languages. It is the only known language which has a built-in scheme for pronunciation, word formation and grammar [33]. It is one of the most used languages of it's time and hence encompasses a rich tradition of poetry and drama as well as scientific, technical, philosophical and religious texts. Unfortunately, Sanskrit is now spoken by only a small number of people. The aforementioned literature, though available, remains inaccessible to most of the world. However, in recent years, Sanskrit has shown a resurgence through various media, with people reviving the language over the internet [34] and through bilingual and trilingual texts.

There exist numerous web-based application tools that provide age-old Sanskrit content to users and assist them with getting an insight into the language. Cologne Sanskrit Dictionary Project [26] aims to digitize the major bilingual Sanskrit dictionaries. Sanskrit Reader Companion [16] by INRIA has tools for declension, conjugation, Sandhi splitting and merging along with word stemming. Samsadhani [30] by University of Hyderabad supports transliteration, morphological analysis and Sandhi. Sanskrit language processing tools developed at the Jawaharlal Nehru University [24] provide a number of tools with the final aim of constructing a Sanskrit-Hindi translator. In this paper, we attempt to construct a transliteration tool to render the web pages of the above tools in multiple scripts and encodings at the backend. Through this, we aim to expand the reach of Sanskrit to a wider community, along with the standardization of an open-source tool for transliteration.

The number of bilingual and trilingual content involving Sanskrit has been on a steady rise. For example, the Gita Supersite [39] maintained by IIT Kanpur serves as a huge bilingual database of the Bhagvad Gita, the Ramacharitmanas and Upanishads. Traditional texts such as Srisa Chandra Vasu's translation of the Ashtadhyayi in English [50] exist in a similar format. These works broadly follow a commentary structure with Sanskrit hyms, verses and words followed by their translation in popular modern day languages like English or Hindi. Codeswitching [2] is the practice of moving back and forth between two languages, or between two dialects/registers of the same language. Due to their commentarial nature, multilingual Sanskrit works constitute massive amounts of code-switching. For example, an excerpt of the Valmiki Ramayana from Gita Supersite: "tapasvI ascetic, vAlmIkiH Valmiki, tapaH svADyAyniratam highly delighted in the practice of religious austerities and study of vedas, vAgvidAM varam eloquent among the knowledgeable, munipuNgavam preeminent among sages, nAradam Narada, paripapracCa enquired." This motivates the need for a word-level transliteration tool that tackles areas of code-switching and performs transliteration through an automatic detection of the relevant sections.

Romanisation is another phenomenon that has led to the resurgence of Sanskrit on the Internet. In linguistics, romanisation is the conversion of writing from a different writing system to the Roman (Latin) script. Multiple methods of this transliteration have emerged, although none has emerged as the clear standard. These methods include SLP1, Velthuis, Harvard-Kyoto, ISO15919, WX, IAST and National Library at Kolkata romanisation. Such romanisation makes it easy for large parts of the world population to pronounce and appreciate Sanskrit verses. Therefore, any standardized transliteration tool for Sanskrit needs to support all the above romanisation encodings.

A property of the Sanskrit language and other major Indian languages like Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, Gujarati etc. that forms the basis of our transliteration, is that these languages are written using different letter shapes (scripts) but are rather similar structurally. The same sounds are duplicated across these languages, allowing for easy transliteration. The phonetic sound [ki] (IPA) will be rendered as ki in Devanagari. Each having different code- points in Unicode and ISCII¹. This enabled us to formulate a mediating encoding schema that encodes the sound of a syllable rather than any syntactical aspect, thus allowing seamless transliteration between any 2 given scripts.

Romanised Sanskrit however exacerbates the problem of code-switching. The requirement for a general-purpose transliteration tool is now to differentiate between two words of the same

¹Indian Script Code for Information Interchange (ISCII) is an 8-bit coding scheme for representing the main Indic scripts. Unicode is based on ISCII, and with Unicode being the standard now, ISCII has taken a back seat.

script, which turns out to be a non-trivial problem. We again use the intuition of phonetics to overcome this problem. Certain sounds (or sequence of sounds) occur more frequently in some languages than in others. This allows us to formulate the classifier using a simple Naive Bayes model that functions on all possible substrings of a given word. We manage to achieve a classification accuracy of 99.1% between English and Sanskrit written using SLP1.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In section 2 we briefly describe presently used encoding and romanisation schemes for writing Sanskrit texts. Section 3 describes the prevalent transliteration tools available. Sections 4 and 5 respectively describe our transliterator and script detector. In section 6, we present our results and discuss possible future work.

2.2 Sanskrit Alphabets and Encodings

The Sanskrit alphabet comprises 5 short $(hrasva)^2$ vowels, 8 long (dIrGa) vowels and 9 prolated (pluta) vowels. Each of these vowels can be pronounced in three different ways: acute accent (udAtta), grave accent (anudAtta) and circumflex (svarita). Vowels in acute accent are written as before (a), in grave accent, a horizontal line is drawn under them and circumflex vowels are written with a vertical line drawn above them. There are 33 consonants including 4 semi-vowels, 3 sibilants and 1 aspirate (h).

There are several methods of transliteration from Devanagari to the Roman script (a process known as romanization) which share similarities, although no single system of transliteration has emerged as the standard. SLP1 [42] and WX [6] map each Devanagari letter to exactly one ASCII symbol. Velthuis [51] is based on using the ISO 646 repertoire to represent mnemonically the accents used in standard scholarly transliteration. IAST [49] incorporates diacritics to represent letters. Harvard-Kyoto [35] largely resembles SLP1 in terms of using capital letters in its mapping. ITRANS [10] exists as a pre-processing package and hence is widely used for electronic documents. ISO15919 [22] like IAST uses diacritics. A comparison of some of the above schemes was first presented in [19]. A more detailed comparison is also given under Appendix A of this paper. Reader may refer to [43] for a thorough analysis and discussion.

Unicode has designated code blocks for almost all major Indian scripts. The supported scripts are: Assamese, Bengali (Bangla), Devanagari, Gujarati, Gurmukhi, Kannada, Malayalam, Oriya, Tamil, and Telugu among others. Across scripts, Unicode respects alphabet correspondence and letters with similar phonetic values are assigned the same code-points. As a result, transliteration can be done easily with a mere offsetting. In Unicode, the Devanagari symbol (a) is coded as U+0905, whereas its representation in Gurmukhi script is coded as U+0A05. In comparison,

 $^{^2}$ In this paper, we use SLP1 enclosed within round brackets for better understanding through popular Sanskrit terms

Tool	Support for Encodings						Bilingual	Open			
1001	Uni	SLP1	ITR	Vel.	ISO	IAST	Harv.	WX	Sohoni	Support	Source
	Dev	orbi	111	vei.	150	IASI	Kyoto	WA	PE		
ITRANS	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Sanscript	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Aksharamukha	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Samsaadhanii	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Google Input	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Proposed Tool	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

Table 2.1: Comparison of existing Transliteration Tools

the symbol (k) in Unicode Devanagari has its code as U+0915 while in Gurmukhi with the code as U+0A15. Therefore, transliteration of Sanskrit texts written using Unicode in Indian scripts can be easily done by simply changing the offset value.

However, the Unicode encoding doesnt represent the language in its true essence. Hindi, Sanskrit and most other Indian languages are centred around phonetic values. Hence the encoded token should ideally represent the entire sound rather than it being split into different symbols for consonants and vowels. Since Unicode is based on the display of fonts and not the underlying phonetic structure, it requires significant parsing to figure out anything about the letter from its corresponding encoding, which section of consonants it belongs to, whether it is voiced or unvoiced etc. For example, the symbol (*srI*) stands for the consonants (*s*) and (*r*) followed by the vowel (*I*). Phonetically 3 units, but represented in Unicode through 5 Unicode characters. Our tool fixes this issue by creating a new representation that encapsulates the consonants and the vowels (or lack of it) in a single encoding.

A comprehensive phonetic encoding (PE) based on the Ashtadhyayi rules for computational processing of Sanskrit language has been described in [46]. In order to implement this encoding in a general purpose programming language, a 20-bit encoding scheme was proposed. Although this encoding is phonetically rich, it is possible to compact it into fewer bits without compromising on the essential phonetic information present in the language. Our proposed internal encoding described in the following sections aims to achieve this goal.

2.3 Existing Transliteration Tools

A number of tools exist as of today for Sanskrit transliteration to other scripts and encodings. We present a brief survey of the same. Aksharamukha [41], Sanscript [40] and ITRANS [10] are some of the tools currently used for transliteration in Sanskrit. Google Input is another tool that is used to transliterating Devanagari to English. Though Aksharamukha and ITRANS support the romanised forms of Sanskrit, none of the aforementioned tools manage to handle bilingual

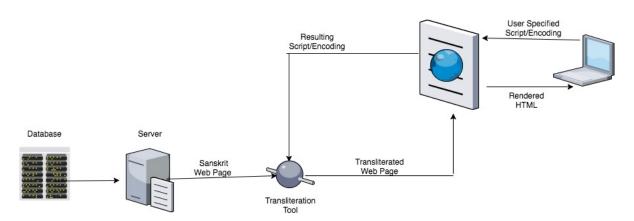


Figure 2.1: Model for Web-Based Applications

scenarios. Most of these (except Sanscript) are also not open source and hence cannot be utilized by Sanskrit Developers. These tools have been summarised in Table 2.1.

International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) is an internationally accepted scheme for encoding phonetic sounds. However, it has a number of representational and backward transliteration issues because of being completely sound based. The imported sounds (nuktA) dont share any correspondence to their roots. The sounds of (f) and (ri) have the same representation in IPA, making it impossible to differentiate them while translating back. Anuswar (anuswAra) has multiple representations based on context, but none is unique to it (m, n, chandra). Visarga (visarga) has the same representation as (ha).

WX and SLP encoding schemes are also phonetic in nature. However, the Sanksrit language alphabet system has a rich structure that categorizes the alphabets according to the place of pronounciation (Gutturals, Palatals, Retroflex, Dentals, Labials), the amount of air exhaled (aspirated or unaspirated) and whether the consonents are voiced and unvoiced. These attritutes of the alphabets are very useful while carrying out phonological or morphological processing in the language. It is desirable to have an encoding that represents these attributes of the language in a natural manner.

Due to these inefficacies of existing tools and phonetic schemes, we created our own unified encoding schema which naturally encodes the sounds in the Sanskrit Varnamala (as described in the next section).

2.4 Design of the Transliterator

2.4.1 Internal Representation

We created an internal encoding that represents simple syllables (single consonant followed by single vowel) using 16-bits. Initial 5 bits in this encoding represent the script (hence can support 32 scripts). Next 6 bits represent the consonants (vyaMjana) while the last 5 bits represent the vowel (swara/mAtrA). Each 16-bit code represents a specific simple syllable sound, which can further be reverse mapped to a specified destination script. In contrast, the Unicode representation for a simple Sanskrit syllable would require 32-bits under the UTF-16 encoding, and 48-bits under the UTF-8 encoding.

With 33 consonants and 14 vowels, we can encode their permutations using just 9-bits versus the 11-bits that we currently are using. But, we preferred to use some extra bits so as to keep our representation clean and allow for the bits within themselves to represent certain nuances of the Sanskrit language. Our encoding respects the phonetic structure of the language as described by Panini in a manner very similar to the phonetic encoding (PE) of [46]. Just by using the bit patterns of this encoding, it is possible to figure out important phonetic characteristics of the letters.

For the 5 bits of the vowels, the second-last bit represents whether the vowel is a simple vowel (a, i, u, f, x) or a dipthong/compound vowel (e, E, o, O). The last bit of the vowels represent the length of the vowel. Long (dIrga) vowels (A, I, U, F, X, e, E, o, O) will have their last bit as 1, while short (hrasva) vowels (a, i, u, f, x) will have their last bit as 0.

In the case of consonants, the first 3 bits represent the place of pronunciation of the letter. Thus, the sequence 000 refers to the throat as the source and the letters are called Gutturals (k, K, g, G, N, h), 001 refers to the palate and letters are called Palatals (c, C, j, J, Y, y, S). 010 refers to the murdha and are called Retroflex letters (w, W, q, Q, R, r, z), 011 contains letters with source of origin as the teeth and are called Dentals (t, T, d, D, n, l, s). Lastly, 100 refers to the lips and the letters are called Labials (p, P, b, B, m, v), while 101, 110 and 111 are reserved for special symbols and accents.

As for the last 3 bits of consonants, the first of these is 0 for stop-consonants (sparSa) which means non-nasal, non-semivowel and non-sibilant consonants. The second of these bits represents voicing (whether or not the vocal chords vibrate in pronunciation). It is 1 for voiced (Goza) consonants like (g, G) while 0 for unvoiced (aGoza) consonants like (k, K). The last of these bits represents aspiration (a puff of air at the end of the pronunciation). It is 1 for aspirated (mahAprARa) consonants (K, G) while 0 for unaspirated (alpaprARa) consonants (k, g). A table describing the proposed encoding is given in Appendix B.

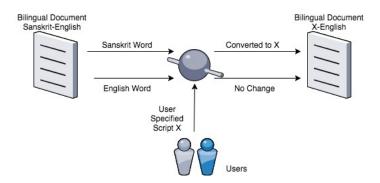


Figure 2.2: Model for Bilingual Texts

2.4.2 Transliterator Pipeline

The transliterator takes a bilingual (or trilingual) document as its input and produces an output document in the same format where the Sanskrit text is transcribed into the specified script. It consists of 5 stages, namely fragmentation, script detection, tokenisation, universalisation and specification, explained below.

Fragmentation refers to splitting the given text into smaller fragments (words, sentences, paragraphs etc). The assumption shall be that the script and encoding remain same through these fragments if not through the entire text. In order to make it most general, currently fragmentation is done at the word level.

Script Detection refers to identification of the language, scripts and encodings for the various fragments through a Naive Bayes model described in section 5.

Tokenisation refers to splitting the fragment further into tokens, each of which represent a single sound. It is similar to the concept of English syllables. So the sound [ki] will be seen as one single token under this model.

Universalisation refers to the conversion of the token to the universal 16-bit encoding designed by us. This is done through pre-populated hash maps for different script tokens.

Specification refers to the conversion of the universal encoding to the specified script using pre-populated hash maps.

	Pred	Pred	Recall	
	English	SLP-1	Recan	
Actual	72294	1605	97.8%	
English	12234	1005	31.070	
Actual	213	25004	99.2%	
SLP-1	210	20004	99.⊿/0	
Precision	99.7%	93.9%	98.2%	

Table 2.2: Confusion matrix of English vs Sanskrit-SLP-1 without proper noun correction

2.4.3 Use Cases

2.4.3.1 Web-based Applications

One of the foremost uses of our transliteration tool is it's utility for web-based applications. A number of websites nowadays serve the historical epics like the Gita and the Ramayana that were originally written in Sanskrit. Along with this, many websites also provide an avenue for people to learn Sanskrit grammar, understand conjugation and splitting of words, along with explaining the various forms of Sanskrit verb roots. Such websites are as of now available only in the Devanagari script. Our tool can be used to transliterate these pages to a user defined script/encoding at the backend. The model for this use case has been depicted in Figure 2.1. We insert our tool as a middle-ware between the backend and the frontend. The user specifies his required script/encoding on the frontend and all outgoing pages from the server pass through our tool while getting converted to that required script. The frontend then renders the converted HTML to the user for a seamless experience.

2.4.3.2 Bilingual Texts

Numerous Sanskrit texts have been modified to bilingual and trilingual texts through their translation to popular modern languages like English and Hindi. These works exist in a commentary form and incorporate massive amounts of code-switching. To represent any such text in a script different to that of its origin turns out to be an ordeal because the tool needs to conditionally perform the transliteration at a micro-level. This problem gets exacerbated when the Sanskrit verses are written using their Romanised form while the translation language is English. Figure 2.2 depicts the model for this use case.

2.4.3.3 User Driven

The third use for our tool is on the lines of Google input tools. Our tool can allow a user to enter a line of Sanskrit (in any script) intertwined with English and will output the resulting sentence to the user after transliteration. This not only provides an unmatched amount of flexibility to

Basline	Pred	Pred	Dagall	
67.2%	English	SLP-1	Recall	
Actual	73178	721	99.0%	
English	19110	121	99.070	
Actual	205	25012	99.2%	
SLP-1	200	20012	33.270	
Precision	99.7%	97.2%	99.1%	

(a)	English	vs	SLP-1

Basline	Pred	Pred	Recall	
58.6%	English	Velthuis	Recan	
Actual	72649	1250	98.3%	
English	12049	1200	90.070	
Actual	860	24357	96.6%	
Velthuis	000	24001	90.0%	
Precision	98.8%	95.1%	97.9%	

(b) English vs Velthuis

Basline	Pred	Pred	D 11	
51.1%	English	ITRANS	Recall	
Actual	72778	1121	98.5%	
English	12110	1121	90.070	
Actual	645	24572	97.4%	
ITRANS	040	24012	31.470	
Precision	99.1%	95.6%	98.2%	
2 1 2 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1		TODANG	00.270	

(c) English vs ITRANS

Basline	Pred	Pred	Recall	
68.5%	English	HK	necan	
Actual	73269	630	99.1%	
English	13209	030	33.170	
Actual	199	25018	99.2%	
HK	133	20010	33.270	
Precision	99.7%	97.5%	99.2%	

(d) English vs Harvard-Kyoto

Basline	Pred	Pred	Dagall	
73.4%	English	ISO	Recall	
Actual	73576	323	99.6%	
English	10010	020	99.070	
Actual	94	25123	99.6%	
ISO	94	20120	99.0%	
Precision	99.9%	98.7%	99.6%	
Trecision	Facilish va I		33.070	

(e) Engli	sh vs	ISO	15919
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Basline	Pred	Pred	Decell	
71.5%	English	IAST	Recall	
Actual	73368	531	99.3%	
English	10000	991	99.370	
Actual	111	25106	99.6%	
IAST	111	20100	99.070	
Precision	99.8%	97.9%	99.4%	

(f) English vs IAST

Table 2.3: Confusion matrix of English vs Sanskrit using different Romanisation schemata

the user, but also has abundant relevance in the growing age of multi-lingual social media.

2.5 Design of the Script Detector

Differentiating English from Indian scripts, or differentiating different Indian scripts is easy as each uses a different alphabet with a different Unicode range. Hence, one can easily achieve a Word-level classifier with 100% accuracy. However, differentiating English text from Romanized Sanskrit/Hindi texts requires learning, specially to be able to do such classification at word-level. For this we designed a modified Naive Bayes classifier described next.

2.5.1 Modified Naive-Bayes Classifier

While learning, two dictionaries are maintained. The first dictionary compiles all seen complete words, while the other forms an occurrence database of all possible substrings of length <= 10. The intuition is that certain sounds (or sequence of sounds) occur more frequently in some languages then the others.

For a word, define the absolute frequency of a word as the actual number of occurrences for that word for a given language in the training dataset. On the other hand, the relative frequency of a given word is defined as its fraction of occurrences in the given language versus all other languages under consideration. While classifying, if the word is seen and the absolute as well as relative frequency is above a pre-set threshold for a particular language in training data, we classify it as that language. We use the relative frequency metric to account for mixed language nature of Wikipedia pages used as our dataset.

If the classifier encounters an unseen word, it is broken into all possible substrings of length >= 2 and length <= 10. Subsequently, the probability of seeing a substring given a language, p(substr | lang), over all substrings of word using the trained substring dictionary is computed. This is a simplified version of the Naive Bayes model for the problem at hand. The word is classified to the language for which this metric turns out to be the maximum.

2.5.2 Training and Test Data

Training Data: One thousand random Wikipedia pages for both English and Sanskrit were used as the training data. The Sanskrit pages were converted to different Romanised Sanskrit encodings (such as SLP-1) using our universal encoder. We then parse out the irrelevant HTML meta-data and tags, stripping it down to just plain text content.

Test Data: One hundred more such random pages for both languages were used as the test data.

2.6 Results and Future Work

We tested our word-level language detection model on 100 random Sanskrit Wikipedia pages (after converting them to the 6 most popular romanisation schemes of SLP1, Velthuis, ITRANS, Harvard-Kyoto, ISO15919 and IAST). During our testing, we discovered that multiple English proper nouns like 'Bopanna' or 'Kannada' were getting classified as SLP-1 leading to a lower recall for English. In our opinion, such a misclassification aligns with the intention of the tool

तपस्वी ascetic, वाल्मीकिः Valmiki, तपः स्वाध्यायनिरतम् highly delighted in the practice of religious austerities and study of vedas, वाग्विदां वरम् eloquent among the knowledgeable, मुनिपुङ्गवम् preeminent among sages, नारदम् Narada, परिपप्रच्छ enquired.

(a) Original Bilingual Paragraph

tapasvI ascetic, vAlmIkiH Valmiki, tapaH svADyAyaniratam highly delighted in the practice of religious austerities and study of vedas, vAgvidAM varam eloquent among the knowledgeable, munipuNgavam preeminent among sages, nAradam Narada, paripapracCa enquired.

(b) Devanagari selectively transcribed to SLP1

तपस्वी ascetic, वाल्मीकिः Valmiki, तपः स्वाध्यायनिरतम् highly delighted in the practice of religious austerities and study of वेदस्, वाग्विदां वरम् eloquent among the knowledgeable, मुनिपुङ्गवम् preeminent among sages, नारदम् ङरद, परिपप्रच्छ enquired.

(c) SLP1-English transcribed back to Devanagari-English

Figure 2.3: Transliteration of Bilingual Texts

as it classifies the origin based on the prevalent sounds in the word. For Indian proper nouns appropriated to English these sounds still remain similar to those of their Sanskrit roots, and hence rather should be classified as that. These earlier results are presented in Table 2.2.

The final confusion matrices, obtained after manually removing proper nouns from the training and test dataset, are shown in Table 2.3. Each scheme shown has a corresponding baseline to compare our results with, shown in the top left cell. For SLP1, this baseline was the existence of a capital letter in the middle of a word. For Velthuis, it was the existence of a full stop in the middle of a word or the existence of doubly repeated vowels. For ITRANS, the baseline was similar to Velthuis, with repeated 'L' and 'R' instead of full stop. For Harvard-Kyoto, we selected the baseline as capital in the middle of the word alongside repeated 'L' and 'R'. Lastly, for ISO15919 and IAST, it was kept as the existence of a letter beyond the simple English letters and punctuation within a word.

As one can notice in Table 2.3, we in general attain a high precision for English and a high recall for the romanised words. A large number of misclassified words in both the English and SLP1 cases are 2-3 letter words. 'ati', 'ca' etc. are examples of SLP1 words misclassified as English, while 'Raj', 'Jan', 'are' etc. are examples of English words misclassified as SLP1. For these words, the modified Naive-Bayes model does not end up having enough information for correct

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classification.

We also tested our tool on a bilingual text test case by converting a extract from an English commentary on Ramayana from Gita-supersite [39] to an mixture of SLP-1 and English. Subsequently, we converted the previous result back to Unicode Devanagari and English to see its differences with the original text. As can be seen in Figure 2.3, the transliteration from Devanagari-English to SLP1-English has a 100% accuracy due to our tool exploiting the difference in Unicode for the two scripts.

Our tool is available at https://github.com/709nikhil/sanskrit-transliteration. This tool can be further improved in several ways. The primary one being heuristically breaking down word into syllables rather than substrings, to provide a stronger basis for the phoneme intuition. One could also use machine learning approaches other than Naive Bayes, such as deep learning methods or conditional random fields (CRFs) [32]. One could also incorporate contextual history into the transliteration to deal with the problem of incorrect classification of proper nouns, thereby aiming at a near perfect accuracy.



COMPARISON OF VARIOUS DEVANAGARI ROMANISATIONS

The characters in our encoding schema are represented in 16 bits as follows: $b_{15}...b_{11}-b_{10}b_{9}b_{8}-b_{7}b_{6}b_{5}-b_{4}b_{3}b_{2}-b_{1}b_{0}$. The bits $b_{15}-b_{11}$ are used to represent the script. The remainder bits are represented as given in the tables A.1 and A.2 below. Null for the consonant part represents a pure vowel, whereas null for the vowel part represents consonants without a vowel sound. For example, is represented as 00000-111-111-000-00. The symbol which is broken up as (+ = + +) will be represented as two 16-bit units, 00000-000-111-11 representing () and 00000-010-101-000-00 representing ().

				$b_{7}b_{6}b$	5				
		000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111
	000	क्	ख्	ग्	घ्		ह्	ङ्	
	001	च्	छ्	ज्	झ्		হা্	ञ्	य्
q^{8}	010	تر	δ	ड्	ढ्		ष्	ण्	र्
$b_{10}b_{9}b_{8}$	011	त्	થ્	द्	ध्		स्	न्	ऌ
ρ_{10}	100	प्	फ	ब्	भ्			म्	व्
	101	क़	ख़्	ग्	ज़्	<i>હ</i> ્	<u>ढ</u> ्	फ़्	
	110	Udatta	Anudatta	ः	ं	ँ	2		
	111	Latin	Punc.	Num.	Vaid.				Null

Figure A.1: Mapping for 6 consonant bits

		b_1b_0				
		00	01	10	11	
	000	अ	आ			
	001	इ	ई		ए	
b_2	010	ऋ	ऋ		ऐ	
$b_4b_3b_2$	011	ऌ	ત્ય		ओ	
p	100	उ	ऊ		औ	
	101					
	110					
	111				Null	

Figure A.2: Mapping for 5 vowel bits



PROPOSED ENCODING SCHEMA

Devanagari	Unicode	Velthius	SLP-1	WX	ITRANS	Harvard-Kyoto	IAST	ISO-15919
अ	U+0905	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
आ	U+0906	aa	A	Α	A/aa	A	ā	ā
इ	U+0907	i	i	i	i	i	i	i
र्भ	U+0908	ii	I	I	I/ii	I	ī	Ī
उ	U+0909	u	u	u	u	u	u	u
<u>ज</u>	U+090A	uu	U	U	U/uu	U	ū	ū
ų	U+090F	e	e	e	e	e	e	ē
ऐ	U+0910	ai	Е	Е	ai	ai	ai	ai
ओ	U+0913	0	0	0	0	0	0	ō
औ	U+0914	au	0	0	au	au	au	au
雅	U+090B	.r	f	q	RRi/Rî	R	r	ŗ
ऋ	U+0960	.rr	F	Q	RRI/RÎ	RR	ř	ŗ
व	U+090C	.1	×	L	LLi/Lî	IR	1	Ì
ন্	U+0961	.11	X	-	LLI/LÎ	IRR	Ī	1
31	U+0902	.m	M	M	M/.n/.m	M	m	m
अ:	U+0903	.h	H	H	Н Н	H	h	h
3ř	U+0904	.11	~	Z	.N	11	ii	m
S	U+093D	.a	-	Z	.a	,	-	m '
<u>क</u>	U+093D	ka	ka	ka	.a ka	ka	ka	ka
स्व	U+0916		Ka	Ka	kha	ka kha		ka kha
ग	U+0916	kha					kha	
•। घ	U+0917	ga	ga	ga	ga	ga	ga	ga
- u - ङ	U+0918	gha	Ga Na	Ga fa	gha Na	gha	gha	gha
		"na				Ga	'nа	'na
च _	U+091A	ca	ca	ca	cha	ca	ca	ca
<u>ਚ</u>	U+091B	cha	Ca	Ca	Cha	cha .	cha	cha
ज	U+091C	ja	ja	ja	ja	ja	ja	ja
झ ञ	U+091D	jha	Ла	Ja	jha	jha	jha	jha
	U+091E	na	Ya	Fa	na	Ja Т	ña	ña
5	U+091F	.ta	wa	ta	Ta	Ta	ta	ta
8	U+0920	.tha	Wa	Ta	Tha	Tha	tha	ţha
ड -	U+0921	.da	qa	da	Da	Da	da	da
ढ	U+0922	.dha	Qa	Da	Dha	Dha	dha	dha
ण	U+0923	.na	Ra	Na	Na	Na	ņa	ņa
त	U+0924	ta	ta	wa	ta	ta	ta	Ta
থ	U+0925	tha	Ta	Wa	tha	tha	tha	Tha
द	U+0926	da	da	xa	da	da	da	Da
घ	U+0927	dha	Da	Xa	dha	dha	dha	Dha
न	U+0928	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
ч	U+092A	pa	pa	pa	pa	pa	pa	pa
42	U+092B	pha	Pa	Pa	pha	pha	pha	pha
व	U+092C	ba	ba	ba	ba	ba	ba	ba
ਮ	U+092D	bha	Ba	Ba	bha	bha	bha	bha
- म	U+092E	ma	ma	ma	ma	ma	ma	ma
य	U+092F	ya	ya	ya	ya	ya	ya	ya
₹	U+0930	ra	ra	ra	ra	ra	ra	ra
ਲ	U+0932	la	la	la	la	la	la	la
व	U+0935	va	va	va	va/wa	va	va	va
হা	U+0936	"sa	Sa	Sa	sha	za	śa	śa
ष	U+0937	.sa	za	Ra	Sha	Sa	șa	șa
स	U+0938	sa	sa	sa	sa	sa	sa	sa
ह	U+0939	ha	ha	ha	ha	ha	ha	Ha



RELEVANT PROOFS

Theorem 10. The Definite Location Sandhi Merging Termination Problem is undecidable for a general Sandhi Grammar.

Proof. A deterministic Turing Machine can be defined as $M = \langle Q, \Gamma, b, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F \rangle$ where:

- Q is a finite, non-empty set of states
- Γ is a finite, non-empty set of tape alphabet symbols
- $b \in \Gamma$ is a blank symbol
- $\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma \setminus \{b\}$ is the set of input symbols
- $q_0 \in Q$ is the initial state
- $F \subseteq Q$ is the set of final states
- $\delta: (Q \setminus F) \times \Gamma \to Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R\}$ is a partial function called the transition function, where L is left right and R is right shift. If δ is not defined on current state and tape symbol, M halts.

Given a semi-finite deterministic Turing Machine $M = \langle Q, \Gamma, b, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F \rangle$ and an input $w \in \Sigma^*$, we shall construct a Sandhi Grammar, $\mathcal{G} = \langle \Sigma, \mathcal{R} \rangle$, corresponding input word $w' \in \Sigma^*$ and starting Sandhi Location κ_0 . The Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G} on w' will simulate the action of the Turing Machine M on input w. If M halts on w, the DLSM Sequence of \mathcal{G} on w' starting at Sandhi Location κ_0 will terminate. If M does not halt on w, the DLSM Sequence of \mathcal{G} on w' starting at Sandhi Location κ_0 will not terminate.

To the Sandhi Grammar input alphabet Σ we add the Turing Machine tape alphabet Γ and the Turing Machine state space Q. Along with these we also add the Turing Machine state space

Q crossed with L, R to aid the process of head movement. Also needed are two sets of special symbols Θ (to perform state-symbol interaction) and M (to perform head movement). Finally the letter ψ is also added to represent the string boundary.

$$\begin{split} \Sigma &= \Gamma \cup Q \cup (Q \times \{L,R\}) \cup \Theta \cup M \cup \psi \\ \Theta &= \{\theta_k : k \in Q \times \Gamma\} \\ M &= \{\mu_k : k \in Q \times \Gamma \times \{L,R\}\} \end{split}$$

Remark. Since Q and Γ are finite, Σ for the Sandhi Grammar will also be finite.

Given the Turing Machine input w and starting state q_0 , the corresponding input word w' for the Sandhi Grammar and starting Sandhi Location shall be given as follows:

$$w' = q_0 w \psi$$
$$\kappa_0 = 1$$

Intuition: To simulate any Turing Machine transition $\delta(q,t)=(q',t',m), m\in\{L,R\}$, the state q in the Sandhi Grammar string will interact with the symbol t to the right of it through a series of Interaction Rules following which it will convert itself to q'_m and the symbol to t'. Subsequently, through a series of Movement Rules, the new state q'_m will move itself to the right if m=R or will move itself to the left if m=L and then bring itself to q', thus being ready for the next transition. The interaction and movement will require their corresponding special symbols at intermediary steps. If at any point q reaches the end of the word, it will simply augment the blank symbol b with the help of the special symbol ψ . This will allow the Sandhi Grammar to account for the infiniteness of the Turing Machine tape. Also, since the Turing Machine is deterministic, the constructed Sandhi Grammar will also be deterministic.

For each Turing Machine transition $\delta(q,t) = (q',t',m), m \in \{L,R\}$, we add the following Interaction Rules to \mathcal{R} . These rules take the substring $qt \to q'_m t'$ but do not perform any change to the Sandhi Location.

No.	Input (c_1, c_2)	Output $\mathcal{R}(c_1, c_2)$	Action
IRa	(q,t)	(Post-Substitution, θ_{qt})	$qt \rightarrow q\theta_{qt}$
IRb	(q, θ_{qt})	(Pre-Substitution, q'_m)	$q\theta_{qt} \rightarrow q_m'\theta_{qt}$
IRc	(q'_m, θ_{qt})	(Post-Substitution, t')	$q_m'\theta_{qt} \rightarrow q_m't'$

To allow for head movement to the right, we add the following Movement Rules to \mathcal{R} for all $q \in Q$ and $t \in \Gamma$. These rules take the substring $q_R t \to tq$ and increase the Sandhi Location by 1 (through the rule MRc).

No.	Input (c_1, c_2)	Output $\mathcal{R}(c_1, c_2)$	Action
MRa	(q_R,t)	(Post-Substitution, μ_{qtR})	$q_R t \rightarrow q_R \mu_{qtR}$
MRb	(q_R, μ_{qtR})	(Pre-Substitution, t)	$q_R \mu_{qtR} \to t \mu_{qtR}$
MRc	(t,μ_{qtR})	(Pre-Augmentation, q)	$t\mu_{qtR} \to tq\mu_{qtR}$
MRd	(q,μ_{qtR})	$(Post-Elision, \epsilon)$	$tq\mu_{qtR} \to tq$

To allow for head movement to the left, we add the following Movement Rules to \mathcal{R} for all $q \in Q$ and $t, t' \in \Gamma$. These rules take the substring $t'q_Lt \to qt't$ and decrease the Sandhi Location by 1 (through the rule MRf).

No.	Input (c_1, c_2)	Output $\mathscr{R}(c_1,c_2)$	Action
MRe	(q_L,t)	(Post-Augmentation, μ_{qtL})	$q_L t \rightarrow q_L \mu_{qtL} t$
MRf	(q_L, μ_{qtL})	$(\operatorname{Pre-Elision}, \epsilon)$	$t'q_L\mu_{qtL} \rightarrow t'\mu_{qtL}$
MRg	(t',μ_{qtL})	$(\text{Pre-Substitution}, \mu_{qt'L})$	$t'\mu_{qtL} \to \mu_{qt'L}\mu_{qtL}$
MRh	$(\mu_{qt'L},\mu_{qtL})$	(Post-Substitution, t')	$\mu_{qt'L}\mu_{qtL} \rightarrow \mu_{qt'L}t'$
MRi	$(\mu_{qt'L},t')$	(Pre-Substitution, q)	$\mu_{qt'L}t' \to qt'$

Lastly, to allow for the infiniteness of the Turing Machine, the following Boundary Rule is added to \mathcal{R} for all $q \in Q$. This takes the substring $q\psi \to qb\psi$ where b is the blank symbol. This rule does not update the Sandhi Location.

No.	Input	Output	Action
BR	(q,ψ)	(Post-Augmentation, b)	$q\psi \rightarrow qb\psi$

Claim: After k ($k \ge 0$) transitions of the Turing Machine M, the Sandhi Grammar \mathscr{G} will be in an equivalent state after k sets of DLSM Steps involving Interaction Rules and corresponding Movement Rules.

That is, the tape content of $M = m_1 m_2 \dots m_p bbb \dots$ will be same as the string produced by the DLSM Sequence after omitting the state in the string and symbol ψ , and ignoring trailing blank symbols. Also the state q of M will be equal to the state present at the Sandhi Location κ in the string produced by the DLSM Sequence, and the head position h of M will be equal to the Sandhi Location κ .

Base Case: For k=0, the Turing Machine tape contents are wbbb... and the input string to \mathcal{G} is w after ignoring q_0 and ψ . Furthermore, the initial state q_0 is present in the input string at $\kappa=1$ which is also equal to the initial head position h=1.

Induction Step: Assuming the above claim holds true for some $k \ge 0$ transitions, we shall show it holds true for k+1 transitions. Let the tape contents of M after k transitions be $m_1 \dots m_h \dots m_l$, the state be q and the head position be h. Equivalently, the string produced after a DLSM Sequence involving k sets of Interaction and Movement Rules will be $m_1 \dots q m_h \dots m_l \psi$ with $\kappa = h$

Let the Turing Machine perform the transition $\delta(q,m_h)=(q',m'_h,R)$. The Turing Machine tape contents will become $m_1\dots m'_h\dots m_l$, the state will become q' and the head position will become h+1. For the Sandhi Grammar, Interaction rules will produce the new string $m_1\dots q'm'_h\dots m_l\psi$

while not changing κ . Following this, Movement Rules will take the string to $m_1 \dots m'_h q' m_{h+1} \dots m_l \psi$ and increase κ by 1. Thus, the Sandhi Grammar remains in an equivalent state as the Turing Machine. Note that if after this process q' is followed by ψ in the produced string, we will perform another DLSM Step using the Boundary Rule without breaking equivalence.

Similarly, let the Turing Machine perform the transition $\delta(q,m_h)=(q',m'_h,L)$. The Turing Machine tape contents will become $m_1\dots m'_h\dots m_l$, the state will become q' and the head position will become h-1. For the Sandhi Grammar, Interaction rules will produce the new string $m_1\dots q'm'_h\dots m_l\psi$ while not changing κ . Following this, Movement Rules will take the string to $m_1\dots q'm_{h-1}m'_h\dots m_l\psi$ and increase κ by 1. Thus, the Sandhi Grammar remains in an equivalent state as the Turing Machine.

Having shown that the proposed Sandhi Grammar $\mathscr G$ can successfully simulate the action of a given Turing Machine M on an input w, we can conclude that if the Turing Machine terminates, i.e., $\delta(q,m_h)$ is undefined then by construction $\mathscr R(q,m_h)=\phi$. On the other hand, if the Turing Machine executes indefinitely, so will the DLSM Sequence of the proposed Sandhi Grammar.

Thus, given a machine that can decide whether a Sandhi Grammar \mathscr{G} will terminate on a given input, we can decide whether a Turing Machine M will halt on an input w. Since the Halting Problem is undecidable, the DLSM Termination Problem is also undecidable. QED.

Corollary 10.1. The Definite Location Sandhi Merging Derivation Problem is undecidable for a general Sandhi Grammar.

Proof. *Intuition:* We will update the Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G} such that it after the Turing Machine M halts on its input w, \mathcal{G} will perform another set of DLSM Steps that will erase all the existing contents of the string and produce a special string for all starting inputs.

The mapping given in Theorem 10 can be invoked for this proof. Two new symbols ξ_R and ξ_L are added to the Sandhi Grammar input alphabet Σ . Along with that, for all $q \in Q, t \in \Gamma$ such that $\delta(q,t)$ is undefined, the following Clearing Rule is added to \mathcal{R} . This rule will modify any state to the special symbol xi_R after the Turing Machine has halted, i.e., $\delta(q,t)$ is undefined.

No.	Input	Output	Action
CRa	(q,t)	(Pre-Substitution, ξ_R)	$q_R t \rightarrow \xi_R t$

Furthermore, for each $t \in \Gamma$, the following Clearing Rules are added to \mathcal{R} . These rules will allow xi_R to consume all string contents to the right of it, and will allow xi_L to consume all string contents to the left of it.

No.	Input	Output	Action
CRb	(ξ_R,t)	$(\operatorname{Post-Elision}, \epsilon)$	$\xi_R t \to \xi_R$
CRc	(t,ξ_L)	$(\operatorname{Pre-Elision}, \epsilon)$	$t\xi_L \to \xi_L$

Finally, the following Clearing Rules are also added. These rules will allow xi_R to turn into xi_L once it reaches the string boundary.

No.	Input	Output	Action
CRd	(ξ_R, ψ)	(Post-Substitution, ξ_L)	$\xi_R \psi \to \xi_R \xi_L$
CRe	(ξ_R, ξ_L)	$(\text{Pre-Elision}, \epsilon)$	$\xi_R \xi_L \to \xi_L$

Thus, once the Turing Machine M halts on its input w, the Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G} will introduce a new symbol ξ_R to erase all the letters to the right of it, following which the symbol ξ_L will be introduced at the boundary which shall then erase all letters to the left of it, i.e., till it is the only remaining character.

Clearly, if the Turing Machine M halts on its input w, there will be a DLSM Sequence from the starting string $w' = q_{0R}w\psi$ to the single letter string ξ_L . If the Turing Machine does not halt, the string ξ_L will never be reached as no xi_R will ever be introduced.

Given a machine to solve the DLSM Derivation Problem, we can solve the Turing Machine Halting Problem by deciding whether there is a DLSM Sequence from $w' = q_0 w \psi$ to ξ_L given $\kappa_0 = 1$. Since the Turing Machine Halting Problem is undecidable, the DLSM Derivation Problem is also undecidable. QED.

Theorem 11. If a Sandhi Transition Graph for a given Sandhi Grammar has no non-negative weight cycles, then the DSLM Sequence for every word w given any starting Sandhi Location κ_0 ($\kappa_0 < |w|$) terminates.

Proof. Given a Sandhi Grammar \mathscr{G} and a corresponding Sandhi Transition Graph (STG) $G = \langle V, E \rangle$, the STG can mirror any DLSM Sequence of \mathscr{G} on an input w given a starting Sandhi Location κ_0 .

Given an initial input $w_0 = c_{01}c_{02}...c_{0n}$ and a Sandhi Location κ_0 , the STG traversal starts at vertex $v_0 = (c_{0\kappa_0}, c_{0\kappa_0+1})$ and an edge is traversed for each valid DLSM Step taken.

Claim: There exists a valid sequence of edge traversals such that after i valid DLSM Steps, $v_i = (c_{i\kappa_i}, c_{i\kappa_i+1})$.

The claim trivially holds true for i=0. Assuming the claim holds true after n iterations, $v_n=(c_{n\kappa_n},c_{n\kappa_n+1})$. If $(\tau,c)\in \mathscr{R}(c_{n\kappa_n},c_{n\kappa_n+1})$, then:

- $(c_{n+1\kappa_{n+1}}, c_{n+1\kappa_{n+1}+1}) = (c, c_{n\kappa_n+1})$ and $e = (v_n, (c, c_{n\kappa_n+1})) \in E$ if $\tau = \text{Pre-Augmentation}$
- $(c_{n+1\kappa_{n+1}}, c_{n+1\kappa_{n+1}+1}) = (c_{n\kappa_n}, c)$ and $e = (v_n, (c_{n\kappa_n}, c)) \in E$ if $\tau = \text{Post-Augmentation}$
- $(c_{n+1\kappa_{n+1}}, c_{n+1\kappa_{n+1}+1}) = (c, c_{n\kappa_n+1})$ and $e = (v_n, (c, c_{n\kappa_n+1})) \in E$ if $\tau = \text{Pre-Substitution}$
- $(c_{n+1\kappa_{n+1}}, c_{n+1\kappa_{n+1}+1}) = (c_{n\kappa_n}, c)$ and $e = (v_n, (c_{n\kappa_n}, c)) \in E$ if $\tau = \text{Post-Substitution}$
- $(c_{n+1\kappa_{n+1}}, c_{n+1\kappa_{n+1}+1}) = (c_{n\kappa_n-1}, c_{n\kappa_n+1})$ and $e = (v_n, (c_{n\kappa_n-1}, c_{n\kappa_n+1})) \in E$ if $\tau = \text{Pre-Elision}$

• $(c_{n+1\kappa_{n+1}}, c_{n+1\kappa_{n+1}+1}) = (c_{n\kappa_n}, c_{n\kappa_n}, c_{n\kappa_n+2})$ and $e = (v_n, (c_{n\kappa_n}, c_{n\kappa_n+2})) \in E$ if $\tau = \text{Pre-Elision}$

Thus, for n+1 iterations as well there exists a path that takes $v_{n+1} = (c_{n+1\kappa_{n+1}}, c_{n+1\kappa_{n+1}+1})$. Any DLSM Sequence can hence be considered as an equivalent traversal of the STG. If the DLSM Sequence does not terminate, the STG traversal will also not terminate.

Since the STG has a finite number of vertices, an infinite length traversal can occur only with the presence of cycles. If no cycles exist in the STG, there can be no infinite length traversal, and hence there can be no non-terminating DLSM Sequence. Thus, a Sandhi Grammar \mathscr{G} will terminate on any input w given any starting Sandhi Location κ_0 if there are no cycles in the corresponding Sandhi Transition Graph.

Moreover, edge weight of the edge corresponding to a DLSM Step represents the change caused by the DLSM Step to the overall length of the input word. Thus, the net change to the word length by any DLSM Sequence is equal to the sum of the edge weights of the corresponding edges of each DLSM step of that sequence.

Given an STG cycle of total edge weight l, repeated traversal of that cycle will cause the word length in the corresponding DLSM Sequence to change by l with each repetition. Thus, if the total edge weight is negative, any input word of finite length n will be reduced to a single letter in at max $\lceil n/l \rceil$ traversals of the cycle, leading to termination of the DLSM Sequence.

Thus, a Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G} will terminate on any input w given any starting Sandhi Location κ_0 if there are no cycles with non-negative weight in the corresponding Sandhi Transition Graph. QED.

Theorem 12. For the morphophonological Sanskrit Grammar described in Appendix B, the DLSM Termination Problem is decidable.

Proof. We run a cycle detection algorithm on the Sandhi Grammar in Appendix B to analyze the decidability of the Sanskrit Sandhi Grammar. Since as per Theorem 11 negative weight cycles do not lead to indefinite DLSM Sequences, we restrict our analysis to non-negative weight cycles. The cycles depending on their size are listed below. All these cycles have a zero weight. For compactness, we merely state the involved rules that are involved in the cycle and not the involved letters.

- **4-cycles:** (65, 67, 63, 67), (66, 67, 63, 67)
- **2-cycles:** (61, 67), (124, 122), (124, 123), (84, 121)
- 1-cycles: (84), (52), (126), (127)

Claim: Since all the above rules are deterministic, we can decide whether a given input $w = c_1 c_2 \dots c_n$ and a starting Sandhi Location κ will have a terminating DLSM Sequence on the Sanskrit Sandhi Grammar.

We start the DLSM Sequence and correspondingly traverse the STG starting at $(c_{\kappa}, c_{\kappa+1})$. If it never reaches any cycle node, then it shall terminate as the number of nodes in the STG is finite. If it does reach a cycle node (involved in a cycle of length k) when the DLSM Sequence produces w', then since all the rules involved in the cycle are deterministic, it will never leave the cycle. Furthermore since the cycle is zero weight, we can create a $G_E^{m+k}S$ as described in Theorem 14 (m = |w'|). All strings produced subsequently by the DLSM process will be closed under this ES Graph $G_E^{m+k}S$. If we can reach a cycle in $G_E^{m+k}S$ starting from w', then the DLSM Sequence for w starting at κ will not terminate. Otherwise, it shall terminate. Thus, For the morphophonological Sanskrit Grammar described in Appendix B, the DLSM Termination Problem is decidable. QED.

Theorem 13. The Arbitrary Location Sandhi Merging Termination Problem is undecidable for a general Sandhi Grammar.

Proof. We invoke the mapping given under Theorem 10 for this proof. By construction, in any intermediary string produced by the Sandhi Grammar \mathscr{G} there will be only one applicable Sandhi Location. Therefore, when ALSM is applied on the same Sandhi Grammar, it will deterministically follow the same sequence as done by DLSM. Hence even ALSM can be simulated to solve the Halting Problem, leading to the undecidability of the Arbitrary Location Sandhi Merging Termination Problem.

Corollary 13.1. The Arbitrary Location Sandhi Merging Derivation Problem is undecidable for a general Sandhi Grammar.

Proof. We invoke the mapping given under Theorem 10 for this proof and its corresponding extension given by Corollary 10.1. As shown in Theorem 4, ALSM will follow the same sequence as done by DLSM. The same idea can also be applied to the extension given by Corollary 10.1. Hence even ALSM will consume the string after the Turing Machine halts and produce the single letter string ξ_L . Thus, given a machine to solve the ALSM Derivation Problem, we can solve the Turing Machine Halting Problem by deciding whether there is an ALSM Sequence from $w' = q_0 w \psi$ to ξ_L given $\kappa_0 = 1$. Since the Turing Machine Halting Problem is undecidable, the ALSM Derivation Problem is also undecidable.

Theorem 14. The Arbitrary Location Sandhi Merging Termination Problem is decidable for a Sandhi Grammar $\mathcal{G} = (\Sigma, \mathcal{R})$ where all rules in \mathcal{R} follow a reduced set of Sandhi Types with no Pre-Augmentation or Post-Augmentation. $\mathcal{R} : \Sigma \times \Sigma \longmapsto \mathcal{T} \times \Sigma$, $\mathcal{T} = \{Pre\text{-Substitution}, Post-Substitution, Post-Substitution, Post-Elision}.$

Proof. Given a Sandhi Grammar $\mathscr{G} = <\Sigma, \mathscr{R}>$ where all rules in \mathscr{R} follow a reduced set of Sandhi Types with no Pre-Augmentation or Post-Augmentation, and an input $w \in \Sigma^*$ (|w| = n),

we shall construct a directed graph $G_{ES}^n = \langle V, E \rangle$ called the ES Graph of size n (as it involves only Elision and Substitution) as follows.

The vertices V of the graph shall correspond to all strings of length less than or equal to n, i.e., $V = \Sigma^0 \cup \Sigma^1 \cup ... \Sigma^n$. Given $s_1, s_2 \in V$, an edge $e = (s_1, s_2) \in E$ iff there exists a single ALSM Step which can produce s_2 from s_1 given \mathscr{G} .

Since the input alphabet Σ is finite, $\Sigma^0 \cup \Sigma^1 \cup \dots \Sigma^n$ is also finite, and hence V is finite. For every $s \in V$, we traverse the finite Rule-Set $\mathcal R$ and populate edges for all valid DLSM Steps. Since $\mathcal R$ does not contain any Post-Augmentation or Pre-Augmentation rules, the length of the produced string can never be greater than the length of the input string. Hence, all DLSM Steps will be closed within V.

Given this finite directed graph, we can enumerate all simple cycles using any standard algorithm like Johnson's algorithm. Let C be the set of all $s \in V$ that appear in at least one simple cycle. Since $C \subseteq V$, C is finite.

Given $w \in \Sigma^n$, if there exists a path from $w \in V$ to any string $s \in C$, then we can conclude the ALSM Sequence for w to be non-terminating since it is possible to construct a non-terminating DLSM Sequence starting from w which can loop forever in a cycle containing s. If no such path exists from $w \in V$ to any string $s \in C$, we can conclude the DLSM Sequence for w to be terminating. If not, then there would be some string that would repeat in the ALSM Sequence that would repeat (since the number of possible strings is finite), and therefore that would correspond to a cycle in G_{ES}^n leading to a contradiction. Thus, the ALSM Termination Problem is decidable for a Sandhi Grammar $\mathscr G$ where all rules in $\mathscr R$ follow a reduced set of Sandhi Types with no Pre-Augmentation or Post-Augmentation. QED.

Remark. The same graph created above can also be used to solve the ALSM Derivation Problem given w_{in} and w_{out} .

Theorem 15. The Arbitrary Location Sandhi Merging Derivation Problem is decidable for a Sandhi Grammar $\mathcal{G} = (\Sigma, \mathcal{R})$ where all rules in \mathcal{R} follow a reduced set of Sandhi Types with no Pre-Elision or Post-Elision. $\mathcal{R} : \Sigma \times \Sigma \longmapsto \mathcal{T} \times \Sigma$, $\mathcal{T} = \{Pre\text{-Substitution}, Post\text{-Substitution}, Post\text{-Augmentation}\}$. Furthermore, such a Grammar can be represented by a Context-Sensitive Grammar.

Proof. Any Context Sensitive Grammar is defined as a 4-tuple $G = \langle N, T, P, S \rangle$ where:

- *N* is a finite set of non-terminal symbols
- *T* is a finite set of terminal symbols
- $S \in N$ is the start symbol
- *P* is the finite set of production rules of the form $\alpha A\beta \to \alpha\gamma\beta$, where $A \in N$, $\gamma \in (N \cup T)^*$ and $\alpha, \beta \in (N \cup T)^+$

Given a Sandhi Grammar $\mathscr{G} = (\Sigma, \mathscr{R})$ where all rules in \mathscr{R} follow a reduced set of Sandhi Types with no Pre-Elision or Post-Elision, a corresponding Context Sensitive Grammar $G = \langle N, T, P, S \rangle$ can be constructed such that $L(G) = L = \{w_2, w_1^R : \text{Given } \mathscr{G} \text{ there exists a finite ALSM Sequence from } w_1 \text{ that produces } w_2\}.$

Given $\Sigma = \{c_1, c_2, ..., c_n\}$, $\Sigma_N = \{C_1, C_2, ..., C_n\}$ where for each $c_i \in \Sigma$ there is a corresponding $C_i \in \Sigma_N$. The Context Sensitive Grammar $G = \langle N, T, P, S \rangle$ can be constructed as follows:

$$N = \Sigma_N \cup \{S\}$$
$$T = \Sigma \cup \{,\}$$

The following production rules are added to *P*:

$$(C.1)$$
 $S \rightarrow$

$$(C.2) S \to C_i S c_i \forall i \in \{1 \dots n\}$$

$$(C.3) C_i \to c_i \forall i \in \{1 \dots n\}$$

If $(\tau, c_k) \in \mathcal{R}(c_i, c_j)$, we add the following production rules to P:

(C.4)
$$C_i C_j \rightarrow C_k C_j$$
 if $\tau = \text{Pre-Substitution}$

(C.5)
$$C_i C_j \rightarrow C_i C_k$$
 if $\tau = \text{Post-Substitution}$

(C.6)
$$C_i C_j \rightarrow C_i C_k C_j$$
 if $\tau = \text{Pre-Augmentation}$

(C.7)
$$C_i C_j \rightarrow C_i C_k C_j$$
 if $\tau = \text{Post-Augmentation}$

In simple terms, the above production rules produce the string w_1 in reverse to the right of comma, and a string for w_1 made of corresponding non-terminals to the left of the comma. The non-terminals then interact as if performing an ALSM Sequence and give rise to new strings. At any point in the sequence, the generation can be terminated and the non-terminals can be taken to their corresponding terminals. Since a Context Sensitive Grammar is non-contracting, we cannot encode the Elision rules of a Sandhi Grammar in the above paradigm.

To show that $L(G) \supseteq L$, if $s = w_2, w_1^R \in L$ then there exists an ALSM Sequence of finite length from w_1 to w_2 given \mathscr{G} . Let $w_1 = c_{i_1} c_{i_2} \dots c_{i_m}, \forall j \ i_j \in \{1 \dots n\}. \ S \Rightarrow C_{i_1} C_{i_2} \dots C_{i_m}, c_{i_m} \dots c_{i_2} c_{i_1}$ is a valid derivation achieved by m applications of production rule (2) followed by the application of production rule (1). Let $W_1 = C_{i_1} C_{i_2} \dots C_{i_m}$. Hence, $S \Rightarrow W_1, w_1^R$.

For every ALSM Step in $\mathcal G$ that takes some input w to w', there exists a corresponding production rule in G that can take W to W'. Since an ALSM Sequence is a sequence of ALSM Steps, is there exists an ALSM Sequence from w to some w'', then there will exist a sequence of production rules that can take W to the corresponding W''. Hence, given that an ALSM Sequence from w_1 to w_2 exists, a sequence of production rules that take w_1 to w_2 also exists. $S \Rightarrow w_2, w_1^R$. Following this, after w applications of production rule (3) w_2, w_1 and w_2, w_2 are the exists and w_3 are the exist of w_3 and w_4 are the exist of w_4 w_4 and w_4 are the exist of w_4 are the exist of w_4 and w_4 are the exist of w_4 and w_4 are the exist of w_4 are the exist of w_4 and w_4 are the exist of w_4 and w_4 are the exist of w_4 and w_4 are the exist of w_4 and w_4 are the exist of w_4 are the exist of w_4 are the exist

To show that $L(G) \subseteq L$, we first see that any valid sequence of production rules that produces a string $s \in L(G)$ can be reordered to an equivalent sequence of a specific ordering that produces the same string.

Claim: All production sequences can be reordered such that all applications of rule (2) happen at the start, followed by rule (1), followed by all applications of rules (4)-(7), ending with all applications of rule (3).

Since rule (3) does not affect the non-terminal S, and once it is applied for some non-terminal C_i , there can be no further action involving C_i through rules (4)-(7) subsequently in the sequence. Thus, all applications of rule (3) can be pushed to the end of the production sequence. Clearly, no sequence can have an application of rule (1) before any application of rule (2) since it terminates the non-terminal S. Now, since no action on a non-terminal C_i is possible before its addition in any production sequence, we can simply move the application of any rule (2) above the application of rules (4)-(7) above it. The same holds true for rule (1) since it does not affect the action of rules (4)-(7). Following this procedure, the production sequence is as described in the claim and still produces the same string as before.

At the end of the application of rules (2) and (1), the string will be $S\Rightarrow W_1,w_1^R$ for some $w_1\in\Sigma^*$ where W_1 is the corresponding string of non-terminals. Suppose the subsequent application of rules (4)-(7) take the string to $S\Rightarrow W_2,w_1^R$. Since rules (4)-(7) mimic the action of an ALSM Sequence, if there is a sequence of production rules (4)-(7) that take W_1 to W_2 , then there will also exist a corresponding ALSM Sequence that takes w_1 to w_2 . Therefore, after the applications of rule (3), $S\Rightarrow w_2,w_1^R$ where there is an ALSM Sequence from w_1 to w_2 . Thus, $s=w_2,w_1^R\in L$. Hence proved, $L(G)\subseteq L$.

The above shows that the Context Sensitive Grammar G as described above accepts the language $L = \{w_2, w_1^R : \text{Given } \mathcal{G} \text{ there exists a finite ALSM Sequence from } w_1 \text{ that produces } w_2\}$. Given w_{in} and w_{out} solving the ALSM Derivation Problem is equivalent to deciding whether $w_{out}, w_{in}^R \in L(G)$, which is a decidable problem for Context Sensitive Grammars [18]. Hence, the Arbitrary Location Sandhi Merging Derivation Problem is decidable for a Sandhi Grammar $\mathcal{G} = (\Sigma, \mathcal{R})$ where all rules in \mathcal{R} follow a reduced set of Sandhi Types with no Pre-Elision or Post-Elision. QED.

Theorem 16. The Arbitrary Location Sandhi Merging Termination Problem is decidable for an Encapsulated Sandhi Grammar.

Proof. Given a word $w \in \Sigma^*$, we present an algorithm that can decide whether the ALSM Sequence for w will terminate on an Encapsulated Sandhi Grammar \mathscr{G} .

Firstly, we construct an Augmentation Graph $G_{Aug} = \langle V, E \rangle$ for \mathscr{G} . The vertices of G_{Aug} will be $V \subseteq \Sigma \times \Sigma$ such that if ({Pre-Augmentation/Post-Augmentation}, c) $\in \mathscr{R}(a,b)$ for some c then $(a,b) \in V$. The edges E of G_{Aug} will denote 'reachability' of one Augmentation from another,

i.e., if in the expansion of a given Augmentation rule involving (a_1,b_1) we encounter another Augmentation rule involving (a_2,b_2) , then there exists $e = ((a_1,b_1),(a_2,b_2)) \in E$.

To populate E, we start with a pair of letters (a,b) such that we have ({Pre-Augmentation/Post-Augmentation}, $c) \in \mathcal{R}(a,b)$ for some $c \in \Sigma$. Now, we apply the rule on string ab and take it to the string acb. As done in Theorem 14, we construct an ES Graph G_{ES}^3 of size 3 using the Elision and Substitution rules in \mathcal{G} . Since the given Sandhi Grammar is Encapsulated, all strings that are reachable from abc will have the form axb for some $x \in \Sigma$ or ab. If there exists a cycle in G_{ES}^3 reachable from ab, then in G_{Aug} we add an edge from (a,b) to itself, i.e, $((a,b),(a,b)) \in E$. Moreover, if ({Pre-Augmentation/Post-Augmentation},y) $\in \mathcal{R}(a,x)$ for some $y \in \Sigma$, we create an edge $((a,b),(a,x)) \in E$. Similarly, if ({Pre-Augmentation/Post-Augmentation},z) $\in \mathcal{R}(x,b)$ for some $z \in \Sigma$, we create an edge $((a,b),(x,b)) \in E$. We repeat the above process for every Augmentation rule in \mathcal{G} .

Now, given $w \in \Sigma^*$, we identify the Sandhi Locations in w where a Pre-Augmentation or a Post-Augmentation rule can be applied, and split $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_k$, such that for all i, if last letter of w_i is c_{i1} and first letter of w_{i+1} is c_{i2} , then ({Pre-Augmentation/Post-Augmentation}, c') $\in \mathcal{R}(c_{i1}, c_{i2})$ for some $c' \in \Sigma$. Since \mathscr{G} is Internally Encapsulated, $\mathcal{R}(c_{i1}, c_{i2})$ can have no Elision or Substitution rule that destroys c_{i1} or c_{i2} .

Given $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_k$, let $m = max_i\{|w_i|\}$. We now create the ES Graph G_{ES}^m . Since \mathscr{G} is Externally Encapsulated, all strings in G_{ES}^m reachable from w_i will end with c_{i1} (last letter of w_i) and all strings reachable from w_{i+1} will start with c_{i2} (first letter of w_{i+1}). This is because any letters involved in an Augmentation rule cannot be destroyed or consumed in an Encapsulated Sandhi Grammar.

If for any w_i there exists a cycle in G_{ES}^m reachable from w_i , we decide that the ALSM Sequence for w is non-terminating. This is because we can always produce an ALSM Sequence from w_i , and hence from w that can reach that cycle of strings in G_{ES}^m and loop forever.

If no cycle is reachable for any w_i in G_{ES}^m , let T_i denote the set of strings reachable from w_i that have no outgoing edge in G_{ES}^m . T_i will not be empty since no cycle is reachable from w_i and G_{ES}^m is finite. Given a string $w_i' \in T_i$, it may be possible that more Augmentation rules may be valid in w_i' . Thus, w_i' may be split on the Sandhi Locations in where a Pre-Augmentation or a Post-Augmentation rule can be applied leading to $w_i' = w_{i1}'w_{i2}'...w_{ik_i}'$. Note that since there is no outgoing edge from w_i' in G_{ES}^m , there is no applicable Substitution or Elision rule for w_i' or for any w_{ij}' . Also note that for every string w_i'' that exists on the path between w_i and w_i' in G_{ES}^m , if a certain Augmentation rule will be applicable for w_i'' , then that Augmentation rule will also be applicable for w_i' (since the Sandhi Grammar is Encapsulated and no letters involved in an Augmentation rule can be destroyed or consumed once produced).

Thus, selecting one terminal from each $T_i, w' = w'_{11} w'_{12} \dots w'_{1k_1} w'_{21} w'_{22} \dots w'_{k1} w'_{k2} \dots w'_{kk_k}$ such that there exists an ALSM Sequence from w to w'. Consider every boundary pair (a,b) where a is the last letter of w'_{ij} and b is the first letter of $w'_{i(j+1)}$ if $j \neq k_i$ or b is the first letter of

 $w'_{(i+1)1}$ if $j = k_i$. If for any combination of terminals, any boundary pair (a,b) can reach a cycle in the Augmentation Graph G_{Aug} , then the ALSM Sequence for w will not terminate. This is because we will always be able to construct an ALSM Sequence from ab, and hence from w, which will get stuck in a cycle and loop forever.

If for no combination of terminals, no boundary pair (a,b) can reach a cycle in the Augmentation Graph G_{Aug} , then the ALSM Sequence for w will terminate. If not, then w can either loop forever in a cycle of repeating strings or grow indefinitely. If it gets stuck in a cycle of repeating strings, it implies that at least one w_i could reach a cycle in the G_{ES}^m graph since no two w_i can interact with each other across a boundary. Hence, leading to a contradiction. Else, if w grows forever, it means it is stuck in a cycle where the same Augmentation rules get repeated (since the number of Augmentation rules is finite). But, since no boundary pair in any terminal string reachable from w has any cycle reachable from it in the Augmentation Graph G_{Aug} , the above is a contraction. Hence, the ALSM Termination Problem is decidable for an Encapsulated Sandhi Grammar.

Theorem 17. The Arbitrary Location Sandhi Splitting Termination Problem is undecidable for a general Sandhi Grammar.

Proof. This proof goes on the same lines as Theorem 10. Owing to lack of space, we shall omit the details and present the basic idea. Instead of creating the mapping from a general Turing Machine, we shall construct the mapping given an equivalent Reversible Turing Machine (RTM) [4].

Since Sandhi Splitting can function on arbitrary locations, all Augmentation and Elision rules given under Interaction and Movement Rules can be replaced by equivalent Substitution rules (since we do not need to explicitly update κ). This makes it easier to reverse their action. Given any Interaction or Movement Rule (Pre-Substitution, c) $\in \mathcal{R}(a,b)$ we shall replace it with (Pre-Substitution, a) $\in \mathcal{R}(c,b)$. Given any Interaction or Movement Rule (Post-Substitution, c) $\in \mathcal{R}(a,b)$ we shall replace it with (Pre-Substitution, a) $\in \mathcal{R}(a,c)$.

The only non-substitution rule that shall remain will be the Boundary Rule, the action of which can be reversed by replacing it with the rule (Pre-Elision, ϵ) $\in \mathcal{R}(b, \psi)$, where b is the blank symbol.

Clearly, if the earlier Sandhi Grammar had an ALSM path from w to w', the new mapping will have an ALSM path from w' to w, implying an ALSS path from w to w' (by definition). Hence, this new Sandhi Grammar can simulate a given Reversible Turing Machine. Since the Halting Problem is undecidable, the ALSS Termination Problem will also be undecidable. QED.

Corollary 17.1. The Arbitrary Location Sandhi Splitting Derivation Problem is undecidable for a general Sandhi Grammar.

Proof. Given an input Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G} , a word $w_{in} \in \Sigma^*$ and a word $w_{out} \in \Sigma^*$, the ALSS Derivation Problem is to determine if $w_{out} \in \Omega^{\mathcal{G}}_{ALSS}(w_{in})$. From Corollary 13.1, we know that the ALSM Derivation Problem is undecidable for a general Sandhi Grammar.

If the ALSS Derivation Problem is decidable, then given $w_1, w_2 \in \Sigma^*$ we can decide $w_2 \in \Omega^{\mathcal{G}}_{ALSM}(w_1)$ if $w_1 \in \Omega^{\mathcal{G}}_{ALSS}(w_2)$ (by definition $w_1 \in \Omega^{\mathcal{G}}_{ALSS}(w_2)$ if there exists a finite ALSM Sequence from w_1 that produces w_2). Thus, the ALSS Derivation Problem is undecidable for a general Sandhi Grammar. QED.

Theorem 18 (Near Duality). If given a Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G} , $w' \in \Omega_{ALSS}^{\mathcal{G}}(w)$ then there exists a Sandhi Grammar \mathcal{G}' such that $w' \in \Omega_{ALSM}^{\mathcal{G}'}(w)$, where \mathcal{G}' can be constructed from \mathcal{G} . Moreover, $\Omega_{ALSM}^{\mathcal{G}'}(w) \supseteq \Omega_{ALSS}^{\mathcal{G}}(w)$.

Proof. The above claim is equivalent to saying that if given a Sandhi Grammar \mathscr{G} there exists a finite ALSM Sequence from w to w', then it is possible to construct a Sandhi Grammar \mathscr{G}' given which there exists a finite ALSM Sequence from w' to w.

 $\mathscr{G}' = \langle \Sigma', \mathscr{R}' \rangle$ can be constructed as follows. $\Sigma' = \Sigma$. If $(\tau, c) \in \mathscr{R}(c_1, c_2)$, then:

- (Pre-Elision, ϵ) $\in \mathcal{R}'(c, c_2)$ if τ = Pre-Augmentation
- (Post-Elision, ϵ) $\in \mathcal{R}'(c_1, c)$ if τ = Post-Augmentation
- (Pre-Substitution, c_1) $\in \mathcal{R}'(c, c_2)$ if $\tau = \text{Pre-Substitution}$
- (Post-Substitution, c_2) $\in \mathcal{R}'(c_1, c)$ if $\tau = \text{Post-Substitution}$
- $\forall c' \in \Sigma$, (Pre-Augmentation, c_1) $\in \mathcal{R}'(c', c_2)$ if $\tau = \text{Pre-Elision}$
- $\forall c' \in \Sigma$, (Post-Augmentation, c_2) $\in \mathcal{R}'(c_1, c')$ if $\tau = \text{Post-Elision}$

Claim: For every ALSM Step s given \mathcal{G} that produces w_2 from w_1 by action on some arbitrary Applicable Sandhi Location κ , there exists a corresponding ALSM Step s^{-1} given \mathcal{G}' that produces w_1 from w_2 .

Given $w = c_1 c_2 \dots c_n$ $(\tau, c) \in \mathcal{R}(c_{\kappa}, c_{\kappa+1})$, the above can be shown as follows:

$$c1 \dots c_{\mathsf{K}} c_{\mathsf{K}+1} \dots c_{n} \xrightarrow{\frac{(Pre-Aug,c)}{\mathscr{R}(c_{\mathsf{K}},c_{\mathsf{K}+1})}} c1 \dots c_{\mathsf{K}} cc_{\mathsf{K}+1} \dots c_{n} \xrightarrow{\frac{(Pre-Elision,\varepsilon)}{\mathscr{R}'(c,c_{\mathsf{K}+1})}} c1 \dots c_{\mathsf{K}} c_{\mathsf{K}+1} \dots c_{n}$$

$$c1 \dots c_{\mathsf{K}} c_{\mathsf{K}+1} \dots c_{n} \xrightarrow{\frac{(Post-Aug,c)}{\mathscr{R}(c_{\mathsf{K}},c_{\mathsf{K}+1})}} c1 \dots c_{\mathsf{K}} cc_{\mathsf{K}+1} \dots c_{n} \xrightarrow{\frac{(Post-Elision,c)}{\mathscr{R}'(c_{\mathsf{K}},c)}} c1 \dots c_{\mathsf{K}} c_{\mathsf{K}+1} \dots c_{n}$$

$$c1 \dots c_{\mathsf{K}} c_{\mathsf{K}+1} \dots c_{n} \xrightarrow{\frac{(Pre-Subst,c)}{\mathscr{R}(c_{\mathsf{K}},c_{\mathsf{K}+1})}} c1 \dots cc_{\mathsf{K}+1} \dots c_{n} \xrightarrow{\frac{(Post-Subst,c_{\mathsf{K}})}{\mathscr{R}'(c_{\mathsf{K}},c_{\mathsf{K}+1})}} c1 \dots c_{\mathsf{K}} c_{\mathsf{K}+1} \dots c_{n}$$

$$c1 \dots c_{\mathsf{K}} c_{\mathsf{K}+1} \dots c_{n} \xrightarrow{\frac{(Post-Subst,c)}{\mathscr{R}(c_{\mathsf{K}},c_{\mathsf{K}+1})}} c1 \dots c_{\mathsf{K}} c \dots c_{n} \xrightarrow{\frac{(Post-Subst,c_{\mathsf{K}+1})}{\mathscr{R}'(c_{\mathsf{K}},c)}} c1 \dots c_{\mathsf{K}} c_{\mathsf{K}+1} \dots c_{n}$$

$$c1 \dots c_{\mathsf{K}} c_{\mathsf{K}+1} \dots c_{n} \xrightarrow{\frac{(Pre-Elision,\varepsilon)}{\mathscr{R}(c_{\mathsf{K}},c_{\mathsf{K}+1})}} c1 \dots c_{\mathsf{K}-1} c_{\mathsf{K}+1} \dots c_{n} \xrightarrow{\frac{(Pre-Aug,c_{\mathsf{K}})}{\mathscr{R}'(c_{\mathsf{K}-1},c_{\mathsf{K}+1})}} c1 \dots c_{\mathsf{K}-1} c_{\mathsf{K}} c_{\mathsf{K}+1} \dots c_{n}$$

$$c1 \dots c_{\mathsf{K}} c_{\mathsf{K}+1} c_{\mathsf{K}+2} \dots c_{n} \xrightarrow{\frac{(Post-Elision,\varepsilon)}{\mathscr{R}(c_{\mathsf{K},c_{\mathsf{K}+1})}}} c1 \dots c_{\mathsf{K}} c_{\mathsf{K}+1} \dots c_{n} \xrightarrow{\frac{(Post-Aug,c_{\mathsf{K}})}{\mathscr{R}'(c_{\mathsf{K}-1},c_{\mathsf{K}+1})}} c1 \dots c_{\mathsf{K}} c_{\mathsf{K}+1} \dots c_{n}$$

Thus, for every ALSM Step s in \mathcal{G} , there exists s^{-1} in \mathcal{G}' that reverses the effect of s. Let w be obtained from w' given \mathcal{G} through a finite ALSM Sequence of length n. Let w_i be the word produced after i ALSM Steps of that sequence. Thus $w' = w_0$ and $w = w_n$.

Since w_n is produced from w_{n-1} using a single ALSM Step given \mathcal{G} , we can produce w_{n-1} from w_n using a single ALSM Step given \mathcal{G}' . Similarly w_{n-2} can be produced from w_{n-1} , w_{n-3} from w_{n-2} and so on till w_0 from w_1 . Thus, we have been able to show that an ALSM Sequence of finite length can produce $w_0 = w'$ from $w_n = w$ given \mathcal{G}' .

Therefore, if $w' \in \Omega_{ALSS}^{\mathcal{G}}(w)$, then $w' \in \Omega_{ALSM}^{\mathcal{G}'}(w)$. It follows trivially that $\Omega_{ALSM}^{\mathcal{G}'}(w) \supseteq \Omega_{ALSS}^{\mathcal{G}}(w)$. QED.



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SK#	First Letter	Second Letter	Type	Modification
47	i I	a A u U f F x e E o O	Pre-Substitution	уу
47	u U	a A i I f F x e E o O	Pre-Substitution	v v
47	f F	a A i I u U x e E o O	Pre-Substitution	r r
47	X	a A i I u U f F e E o O	Pre-Substitution	1
52	k K g G c C j J w W	g G j J q Q d D b B	Pre-Substitution	ggggjjjjqq
	qQtTdDpPbB			q q d d d d b b
				b b
61	е Е о О	a A i I u U f F x e E o	Pre-Substitution	ay Ay av Av
		О		
63	οΟ	у	Pre-Substitution	av Av
65	i	у	Pre-Substitution	ay
66	i	у	Pre-Substitution	ay
67	y v	a A i I u U f F x e E o	Pre-Elision	
		OgGNjJYqQRd		
		DnbBmyrlvh		
69	a A	i I u U	Combination	e e o o
70	a A	fFx	Combination	ar ar al
72	a A	e E o O	Combination	EEOO
73	a A	e	Combination	E
73	a A	U	Combination	0
73	a	U	Combination	0
73	a	I	Combination	E

73	a	e	Combination	E
73	a	f	Combination	Ar
73	a	f	Combination	Ar
74	a A	f	Combination	Ar
76	r	k K c C w W t T p P	Pre-Substitution	Н
		Szs		
78	a A	e o	Combination	e o
78	a	a	Combination	a
78	a	I	Combination	I
78	i	I	Combination	I
80	a A	0	Combination	0
81	a	i	Combination	i
82	a	i	Combination	e
84	k K g G c C j J w W	a A i I u U f F x e E o	Pre-Substitution	ggggjjjjqq
	qQtTdDpPbB	OkKgGNcCjJY		q q d d d d b b
	s z S h	$w\ W\ q\ Q\ R\ t\ T\ d\ D\ n$		b b d w j g
		p P b B m y r l v s z S		
		h		
85	а А	a A	Combination	A A
85	i I	i I	Combination	ΙΙ
85	u U	u U	Combination	UU
85	F	f F	Combination	FF
85	f	f x	Combination	FF
85	f	f x	Combination	f x
86	e o	a	Combination	e o
88	0	a A i I u U f F x e E o	Pre-Substitution	ava
		0		
89	0	i	Pre-Substitution	ava
91	i	a A u U	Concatenation	
91	u	a A u U	Concatenation	
91	I	a A u U	Pre-Substitution	i
91	U	a A u U	Pre-Substitution	u
92	aiu	f	Concatenation	
92	AIU	f	Pre-Substitution	aiu
101	I U	a A i I u U f F x e E o	Concatenation	
		О		
111	t T d D n s	с С ј Ј Ү S	Pre-Substitution	с С ј Ј Ү S

111	с С ј Ј Ү	t T d D n s	Post-Substitution	с С j J Y S
111	S	S	Post-Substitution	S
113	t T d D n s	w W q Q R	Pre-Substitution	w W q Q R z
113	w W q Q R z	t T d D n s	Post-Substitution	w W q Q R z
113	s	Z	Pre-Substitution	z
114	w W q Q R	t T d D n s	Concatenation	
114	w W q Q R	t T d D n s	Post-Substitution	w W q Q R z
115	k K g G c C j J w W	NYRnm	Pre-Substitution	NNNNYYY
	qQtTdDpPbB			YRRRRnn
				n n m m m m
116	t T d D n	1	Pre-Substitution	11111~
118	d	S	Post-Elision	
119	g G j J q Q d D b B	h	Post-Substitution	G
120	k K c C j J t T p P	S	Post-Substitution	C
121	gGjJqQdDbB	k K c C w W t T p P	Pre-Substitution	kkccwwtt
		Szs		рр
122	m	k K g G N c C j J Y w	Pre-Substitution	M
		W q Q R t T d D n p		
		PbBmyrlvszSh		
123	n m	k K g G c C j J w W q	Pre-Substitution	M M
		Q t T d D p P b B s z		
		S h		
124	M	k K g G N c C j J Y w	Pre-Substitution	NNNNNY
		W q Q R t T d D n p		YYYYRRR
		P b B m		RRnnnn
				m m m m m
125	M	k K g G N c C j J Y w	Pre-Substitution	NNNNNY
		W q Q R t T d D n p		YYYYRRR
		P b B m		RRnnnn
				m m m m m
126	m	r	Pre-Substitution	m
127	m	h	Pre-Substitution	m
127	m	h	Pre-Substitution	У
127	m	h	Pre-Substitution	v
127	m	h	Pre-Substitution	1
129	n	h	Pre-Substitution	m
130	N R	Szs	Pre-Augmentation	k w

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131	q	s	Post-Augmentation	D
132	n	s	Post-Augmentation	D
133	n	S	Pre-Augmentation	t
134	NRn	a A i I u U f F x e E o	Post-Augmentation	NRn
		0		
138	Н	k K c C w W t T p P	Pre-Substitution	s
		Szs		
138	Н	k K c C w W t T p P	Pre-Substitution	s
		Szs		
139	m	k K c C w W t T p P	Pre-Substitution	r
140	n	c C t T w W	Pre-Substitution	r
141	n	р	Pre-Substitution	r
143	n	k	Pre-Substitution	r
144	Н	k p	Pre-Substitution	s
144	Н	k p	Pre-Substitution	z
144	Н	k p	Pre-Substitution	s
146	aiufx	C	Pre-Augmentation	t
147	A	C	Pre-Augmentation	t
148	AIUF	C	Pre-Augmentation	t

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