

## Morphological modelling

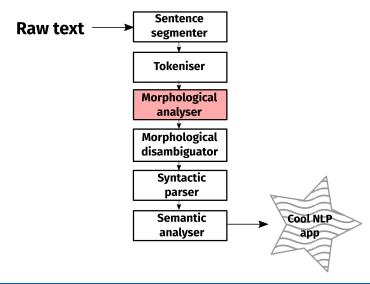
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## Overview



- Morphology: What is it? Why should we care?
- Modelling morphology: With finite-state machines

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Morphology

# What is morphology?



### Morphology is:

« the branch of linguistics that studies patterns of word formation within and across languages, and attempts to formulate rules that model the knowledge of the speakers of those languages. »

This is a big field, here we are interested in practical models.

# Why produce models?



#### **English or Chinese:**

- A full form list is a possibility
- Few or no inflectional forms
  - e.g. 5 forms per English verb {see, sees, saw, seen, seeing}

#### Other languages:

- Difficult or impossible to enumerate all forms
- Very productive inflection and derivation
  - Russian verbs: over 150 forms (maximally)
  - Turkish verbs: thousands of forms



```
PÝCNO, a, g. pl. annel; pýcno, a, g. pl. annel; river. Triver) bed, channel; course of a river. Change the course of a river. Change the course of the cours
```

A morphological lexicon consists of entries:

- Lemma: The citation form of a word (cf. headword)
- Stem: The part of a word affixes attach to
- Paradigm: A description of how the word inflects:



Add additional meaning or change the meaning of a lexical stem:

- **Suffixes:** hus 'house' huset 'the house'
- Prefixes: kjent 'known' ukjent 'unknown'
- Infixes: ktieb 'book' kotba 'books'
- Circumfixes: nagy 'big' legnagyobb 'biggest'

## Morphological processes



- Inflection: Inflectional morphemes carry grammatical information, such as number, case, tense, etc., but do not change the word category
- Derivation: Derivational morphemes change the basic semantic meaning of a word, and can also change word category.
- Compounding: A process where two or more words are joined together to form one, typically of the same category or supertype.
- Clitics: Syntactically independent word that functions phonologically as an affix of another word.
- Incorporation: Where a nominal (e.g. direct object) or adverbial is included into a verb form.

## Inflection



#### Examples of inflection categories:

- Case:
   ∂om·y 'house-LOC', ev·de 'house-LOC', talo·ssa 'house-INE'
- Possession: ev·im 'house-1sG', talo·ni 'house-1sG'
- Number:
   ∂om·a 'house-PL, ev·ler 'house-PL', talo·t 'house-PL'
- Tense, aspect, mood:
   говори·ла 'say-PAST.F, söyle·di 'say-PAST', puhu·i 'say-PAST'
- Comparison:
   больш·e 'big-сомр', пысак·рах 'big-сомр', iso·mpi 'big-сомр'

In general: Change in meaning is regular.

### **Derivation**



### Examples of derivational affixes:

- Actor: diş·çi /tooth-er/ 'dentist'
- State: boş·luk 'emptiness', nycm·oma 'emptiness'
- Diminutive: dog·gie, kedi·cik /cat-DIM/ 'kitten'

#### Can often be stacked:

- temizlikçi /temiz-lik-çi/ clean-ness-er = cleaner
- поверхностный /по-верх-ность-ный/ on-surface-ness-ly = superficial

### Change in meaning may be irregular, compare:

- cooker /cook-er/ 'machine that cooks'
- cleaner /clean-er/ 'person who cleans'
- looker /look-er/ 'person that looks good'

May be limited to particular stems.

# Compounding



New words are formed from morphologically/syntactically independent words:

- This may be indicated in the writing system or not.
  - infrastruktuurontwikkelingsplan, or
  - infrastructure development plan
- tri-noun compounds, but different orthographical treatment

Note: a given compound word may be split different ways, or a given word may appear as a compound, but not be one:

- Freitag = Friday (not "Frei" + "tag" = free day)
- kulturforskeren = the ethnographer, and not
  - kultur+forskeren = "culture researcher"
  - kultur+forske+ren = "culture research clean"



Clitics are syntactically separate words that are phonologically conditioned by another unit (word, phrase).

#### Pronominal:

- Spanish: me lo das me it you.give 'You give it to me'
- Spanish: dámelo! give-me-it 'Give it to me!'

#### • Verb forms:

- Serbo-Croatian: govorit ću vs. govoriću 'I will speak'
- English: I'm 'I am', gonna 'going to'

#### Other:

- Question words (e.g. Finnish onko? is-QST? 'Is there?')
- Tense markers (e.g. Kurdish -ê)

Should these be tokenised prior to analysis?

## Incorporation



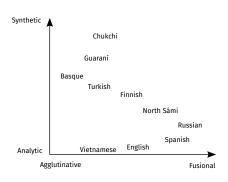
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- Syntactically determined (not lexically!)
- Can be valency changing, e.g.
  - DOBJ + V.TR  $\rightarrow$  V.INTR
- ..

# Morphological typology





- Analytic—Synthetic:
  - Morphemes per word
- Agglutinative—Fusional:
  - Meanings per morpheme

# Modelling

# Analysis and generation



### **Analysis:**

студента 
$$\rightarrow$$
 {cтудент, cтудент}

#### **Generation:**

студент<n><m><aa><sg><gen>  $\rightarrow$  студента

# Morphotactics



How morphemes can be combined:

- студентом, играющийся, played, evlerde
- \*омстудент, \*ющийсяигра, \*edplay, \*deevler

# Morphophonology



The changes that happen when morphemes are combined:

- работа + ы  $\rightarrow$  работы
- $fox + s \rightarrow foxes$
- ullet огонёк + и o огоньки

# Running example



Let's take the Turkish words ev 'house', kız 'girl':

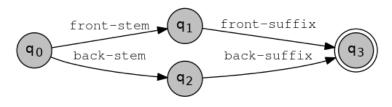
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Nominative	ev, kız	ev-ler, kız-lar
Accusative	ev-i, kız-ı	ev-ler-i, kız-lar-ı
Genitive	ev-in, kız-ın	ev-ler-in, kız-lar-ın
Dative	ev-e, kız-a	ev-ler-e, kız-lar-a
Locative	ev-de, kız-da	ev-ler-de, kız-lar-da
Ablative	ev-den, kız-d <mark>a</mark> n	ev-ler-den, kız-lar-dan

Suffixes are different according to front and back vowels.

# Finite-state morphology



### We can represent these as a finite-state automaton:



#### Where the labels would mean:

- front-stem: the front stems (e.g. ev)
- back-stem: the back stems (e.g. kiz)
- front-suffix: the front suffixes (e.g. -de)
- back-suffix: the back suffixes (e.g. -da)

#### Lexicon format: lexc



```
Multichar Symbols
%<n%> %<nom%> %<loc%>
LEXICON Root.
front-stem :
back-stem :
LEXICON front-suffix
%<n%>%<nom%>: # :
%<n%>%<loc%>:de # ;
LEXICON back-suffix
%<n%>%<nom%>: # ;
%<n%>%<loc%>:da # :
LEXICON front-stem
ev:ev front-suffix ; ! "house"
LEXICON back-stem
kız:kız back-suffix ; ! "girl"
```

- Tags: Symbols that show grammatical information
- Continuation class: Sets of morphemes
- Next continuation: Shows where to go next
- #: End of string
- Comment string: Indicated with!

# Representing the lexicon





- $Q = Set of N states = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$
- $\Sigma = \text{Input alphabet} = \{a, d, e, k, i, v, z, @0@\}$
- $\Delta$  = Output alphabet = {e, k, ı, v, z, < n >, < nom >, < loc >}
- $q_0 \in Q = A$  single start state = 0
- $F \subseteq Q = A$  set of final states =  $\{9\}$
- $\delta(q, w) = A$  transition function from a state  $q \in Q$  and a string  $w \in \Sigma^*$  to a set of states in Q

## **Archiphonemes**



### We can simplify the morphotactics by using **archiphonemes**:

- Archiphonemes stand in for underspecified surface symbols
- e.g. underlying %{A%} can be surface a or e

### **Example:**

```
Multichar_Symbols
%<n%> %<nom%> %<loc%> %{A%}

LEXICON Root

stems;

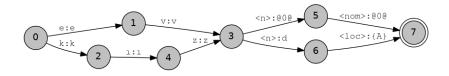
LEXICON suffix
%<n%>%<nom%>: #;
%<n%>%<loc%>:d%{A%} #;

LEXICON stems

ev:ev suffix; ! "house"
k1z;k1z suffix; ! "qirl"
```

## Archiphonemes/2





- 50% reduction in code length (15 lines  $\rightarrow$  10 lines)
- 20% reduction in number of states (9 states  $\rightarrow$  7 states)

## Two-level rules



```
\begin{array}{lll} & \text{evd}\{\texttt{A}\}: \text{evde} \\ & \text{evd}\{\texttt{A}\}: \text{evda} & & \text{[apply rules]} & \text{evd}\{\texttt{A}\}: \text{evde} \\ & \text{kızd}\{\texttt{A}\}: \text{kızda} & \rightarrow & \text{kızd}\{\texttt{A}\}: \text{kızda} \end{array}
```

- kızd{A}:kızda
  - First expand all possible forms
  - Rules are constraints on possible symbol pairs
  - Each rule is an automaton which accepts or rejects a string

## Schema of a rule file



```
Alphabet
a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v
w x y z ü ö ş ç ı %{A%}:a %{A%}:e;

Sets
Back = a ı o u;
Cns = b c d f g h j k l m n p q r s t v w x y z ş ç;

Rules
```

#### Three main sections:

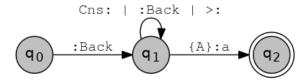
- Alphabet: Valid symbol pairs, n.b. a = a:a, etc.
- Sets: Groups of symbols to be used in rules
- Rules: Constraints

# Rule example: Vowel harmony



```
"Vowel harmony for archiphoneme {A}"
%{A%}:a <=> :Back [ Cns: | :Back | %>: ]* _ ;
```

- Symbol pair: The symbol pair to constraint
- Rule operator: The type of constraint
- Rule context: The context where the rule should apply
- Rule centre: Where the symbol pair is found in the context



## Rule operators



	Positive Reading	Negative Reading	
a:b <=> 1 _ r ;	If the symbol pair a:b appears, it must be in the context l _ r.	If the symbol pair a:b appears outside the context l _ r, FAIL.	
	<ol> <li>If lexical a appears in the context 1 _ r, then it must be be realized on the surface as b.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>If lexical a appears in the context 1 _ r and is realized as anything other than b, FAIL.</li> </ol>	
a:b => 1 _ r;	If the symbol pair a:b appears, it must be in the context $l _{\perp} r$ .	If the symbol pair a:b appears outside the context l_r, FAIL.	
a:b <= 1 _ r;	If lexical a appears in the context 1_r, it must be realized on the surface as b.	If lexical a appears in the context l_r and is realized as anything other than b, FAIL.	
a:b /<= 1 _ r ;	Lexical a is never realized as b in the context $l = r$ .	If lexical a is realized as b in the context $l_r$ , FAIL.	
Table 1.1: <b>twolc</b> Rule Operator Semantics			

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# Running example/2



Sometimes several rules can apply to the same form:

	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ev, kız, baş	evler, kızlar, başlar
Accusative	evi, kızı, başı	evleri, kızları, başları
Genitive	evin, kızın, başın	evlerin, kızların, başların
Dative	eve, kıza, başa	evlere, kızlara, başlara
Locative	evde, kızda, başta	evlerde, kızlarda, başlarda
Ablative	evden, kızdan, baştan	evlerden, kızlardan, başlardan

The suffix -da can be -ta/-te, e.g. başta not \*başda.

• This calls for another archiphoneme!  $% \{D\%\} \rightarrow \{d, t\}$ 

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kız:kız suffix ; ! "girl"
baş:baş suffix ; ! "head"
```

# Rule application process



#### Expand $\rightarrow$

### Apply rules $\rightarrow$

```
ev{D}{A}
kız{D}{A}
baş{D}{A}
```

```
ev{D}{A}:evda
ev{D}{A}:evde
ev{D}{A}:evta
ev{D}{A}:evte
kız{D}{A}:kızda
kız{D}{A}:kızde
kız{D}{A}:kızta
kız{D}{A}:kızte
bas{D}{A}:basda
baş{D}{A}:başde
baş{D}{A}:başta
bas{D}{A}:baste
```

```
ev{D}{A}:evde
kız{D}{A}:kızda
baş{D}{A}:başta
```

## Rule application



```
"Vowel harmony for archiphoneme {A}"
%{A%}:a <=> :Back [ Cns: | :Back | %>: ]* _ ;
```

```
"Devoicing of {D}"
%{D%}:t <=> :Unvoiced %>: _ ;
```

- Rules are applied in parallel
- Every pair must be accepted by all rules

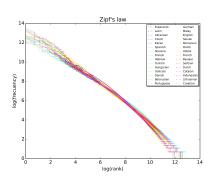
# Example



Development

## Development guidelines





## Take frequency into account, of:

- Stems
- Morphemes
- Phonological rules

# **Applications**



## What we have not covered



- Templatic morphology:
- Machine learning approaches:
- Rewrite rules:



Go through the following practical:

https://ftyers.github.io/2017-КЛ\_МКЛ/hfst.html

This will take you through all of the main steps to build a transducer.