

A New Systematic Grammar of TLI Loglan

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Chapter 1

Introduction

This is a new grammar of TLI Loglan. The intention is to present a coherent picture of my provisional adjustments of the language. The organizational principle is that I follow the structure of the Parsing Expression Grammar (PEG) which is used to generate the computer grammar.

There will be observations on points of difference with earlier versions of the language as necessary.

This document speaks authoritatively, but not all these proposals have been approved by the TLI Loglan community. I am writing this in hope of providing support for a consensus that this is the way to proceed. The membership is welcome to offer criticisms, whether general or of particular points.

The reader can safely ignore comments in footnotes unless already proficient in Loglan or interested in the history of the language.

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Chapter 2

Phonetics and Orthography

In this chapter, we discuss the rules for writing and pronouncing Loglan, and the way in which a stream of speech sounds or letters is formally resolved into Loglan words (with the proviso that grammar rather than phonetics dictates word boundaries between structure words).

2.1 Phonetic and orthographic components

2.1.1 Loglan letters and punctuation

The letters of the Loglan alphabet are the 23 letters of the Roman alphabet excluding **q**, **w**, **x**.

The foreign letters **q**, **w**, **x** can only occur in “alien text” embedded in Loglan.¹

The vowels are **a**, **e**, **i**, **o**, **u**, **y**. The first five are the regular vowels.

The consonants are **b**, **c**, **d**, **f**, **g**, **h**, **j**, **k**, **l**, **m**, **n**, **p**, **r**, **s**, **t**, **v**, **z**

The Loglan name of a vowel **V** has two forms (legacy and modern²): legacy uppercase is **Vma** and lowercase is **Vfi**, and modern uppercase is **ziVma** and lowercase **ziV**. The legacy forms are fully supported, but they

¹These letters were originally not included in Loglan, then they were added with strange pronunciations in the 1980's and 90's, then they were largely eliminated from the dictionary in the late 90's; after 2013, we proceeded to eliminate them completely again. Names for these letters (usable as pronouns) will be presented later.

²The modern forms were suggested by us after 2013, but we have fully accommodated the phonetics to the original forms.

are phonetically irregular as Loglan words, and there are contexts where the modern forms must be used.

The Loglan name of a consonant C is **Cai** (uppercase) or **Cei** (lowercase).

There are some other series of letter names to be introduced below. The primary function of these words is not phonetic, but as variables (pronouns), as will be explained later.

The junctures, indicating syllable breaks or stress are -, ', *. The hyphen - is a simple syllable break.³ ' is a syllable stress marker, which may appear in place of (not in addition to) a hyphen after a stressed syllable, or in final position in a word after a stressed syllable. * is a symbol for emphatic syllable stress, with the same grammar as '. A juncture is never followed by another juncture; a hyphen can be followed only by a letter (the hyphen, unlike the stress marks, never appears in final position).

We define a phonetic block as a sequence of letters and junctures (referred to collectively as “characters”), with the junctures giving information about syllable breaks and stress. A phonetic block is always intended to be pronounced without pause.

The terminal punctuation marks of Loglan are .:?!;#.

The comma , is an especially important punctuation mark, with the phonetic meaning of a pause in the flow of speech. A comma is always followed by whitespace followed by a phonetic block or alien text (ignoring any initial parentheses or double quotes appearing before the block or alien text). A phonetic pause is always denoted either by whitespace or a comma followed by whitespace; in some contexts the comma-marked pause is mandatory. Whitespace may or may not denote a pause; there are some contexts where whitespace must denote a pause.⁴

The double hyphen – is an independent punctuation mark, not a syllable break: it represents a pause, probably longer than the pause represented by a comma, and in some cases may be used in place of a comma where a pause is required. The ellipsis ... is an independent punctuation mark, not terminal punctuation, similarly representing a pause and occasionally usable in place of a comma.

Parentheses and double quotes may enclose Loglan or alien text under some circumstances described in the grammar. These are generally ignored

³The use of the hyphen to abbreviate the phonetic hyphen **y** found in earlier sources is not accepted here; in general, we do not pronounce punctuation.

⁴Uses of a close comma without a following space in earlier versions of Loglan are entirely replaced with uses of the hyphen as a syllable break.

for phonetic purposes. They are not pronounced: punctuation marks are never intended to be pronounced in the version of Loglan described here, though they may dictate pauses.

The letters have lowercase forms and uppercase forms and there is a capitalization rule applying to phonetic blocks. The formal capitalization rule is quite complex: the basic idea is that an uppercase letter will not appear immediately following a lowercase letter unless it is the first letter of a phonetic copy of a letter name (class **TAIO** to be discussed below; the letter names given above are words of this class), and a vowel may appear capitalized after **z** (for malicious reasons to be explained later). There is no restriction on capitalization resuming after a juncture. This allows the usual sort of capitalization, and also allows all-caps, and where junctures are present individual blocks of letters may be capitalized in different styles independently. The special treatment of letter names will be motivated in examples when these words appear.⁵

2.1.2 Pronunciation of Loglan letters

The regular vowels have typical continental European (not English!) pronunciation. The irregular vowel **y** may be pronounced with the indistinct schwa sound. Unstressed regular vowels do **not** become schwa (English and Russian speakers note!) A more distinct pronunciation for **y** (the vowel in English “look”⁶ or the vowel written **bl** in Cyrillic) might be preferred.

The pronunciations of **b, d, f, g, k, l, m, p, r, s, t, v, z** require no special comment (except to note that **g** is always hard).

The letters **c, j** have unusual pronunciations, **c** being English “sh” in “ship”, and **j** being the voiced version of the same sound, the “z” in “azure”. English “ch” and “j” are the diphthongs **tc** and **dj** respectively.

The letter **h** has the typical English pronunciation, except in syllable final position, where it has the sound of “ch” in Scottish “loch”. The latter pronunciation is actually permitted in other positions as well.⁷

⁵The approach to punctuation which we have taken has been driven partially by our own design decisions and partly by the punctuation and capitalization practices in the Visit to Loglandia.

⁶A suggestion of John Cowan.

⁷Syllable-final **h** did not exist in previous versions of Loglan. The pronunciation of **h** which is mandatory in final position might be preferred by speakers of some languages in other positions.

The letter **n** is pronounced as usual in English, and (as usual in English as well!) is pronounced as the “ng” in “sing” when it occurs before **g**, **k**, or the alternative pronunciation of **h**.

The vowels **i** and **u** are sometimes pronounced as English “y” and “w”. as will be explained below.

The consonants **l**, **m**, **n**, **r** are sometimes syllabic (“vocalic”). When they are used syllabically, they are always doubled.⁸

We neither reject nor support complex alternative schemes of pronunciation of the language outlined in older sources; the alternatives we propose here seem sufficient.

2.1.3 Alien text

We describe the rules for embedding alien text in Loglan.⁹ For such text, rules of pronunciation are not supplied by Loglan. It is required that alien text (however it is pronounced) be preceded by a pause (regarded as part of the alien text) and followed by a pause or end of text or speech (not regarded as part of the alien text): a pause may be expressed either by whitespace or by a comma or terminal punctuation (terminal punctuation only after the alien text, of course) followed by whitespace, and end of text or speech simply by end of text or by terminal punctuation. The body of the alien text between the initial pause and the final pause or end may be text not containing double quotes enclosed in double quotes, or it may consist of one or more blocks of text excluding commas, spaces and terminal punctuation marks, separated by the word **y**, which must be preceded and followed by pauses in speech, which are independently expressible by whitespace or by a comma-marked pause. Examples are “**War and Peace**” and **War y and y Peace**. When alien text is enclosed in quotes, occurrences of **y** between pause-separated components of the alien text may be omitted in writing but

⁸The rule that syllabic continuants must be doubled forces changes of spelling in names in legacy Loglan text in many cases. Syllabic consonants in borrowed predicates were already doubled, and Brown suggested in Loglan 1 that this might be a good rule to adopt in general.

⁹The model for these rules is actually the final state of the rule for Linnaean names with **lao** (now foreign names in general) given in the late 90’s. We require that the occurrences of **y** there suggested merely for speech also be expressed in writing. The use of double quotes is a novelty but seems natural. The strong quotation scheme of 1989 Loglan is abandoned, essentially by giving **lie** the same phonetic grammar as **lao**.

must appear in speech: the two examples are pronounced in the same way. Some contexts require double quoted alien text in writing.

Alien text is always preceded by one of the alien text markers **hoi**, **hue**, **lie**, **lao**, **lio**, **sao**, **sue**, whose grammar and semantics will be discussed below. Alien text marked with **hoi** or **hue** must be double-quoted. The parser identifies blocks of alien text by looking for these markers (some of the markers have multiple functions and will not always be followed by alien text).

Examples of alien text in Loglan utterances will appear when we discuss the grammatical constructions that use them.

2.1.4 Vocalic diphthongs

In this section, we describe two-letter forms which may appear as the “vowel” component of a syllable.

The consonants **l**, **m**, **n**, **r** we call *continuants*. A doubled continuant **ll**, **mm**, **nn**, **rr** represents a syllabic continuant, which may serve as the vocalic component of a syllable. A syllabic continuant may not be followed or preceded by another instance of the same continuant without an intervening pause in speech.

We now consider how to pronounce sequences of regular vowels not separated by junctures. The issue is how to resolve such a sequence into syllables. The irregular vowel **y** is usually a single syllable, except for occurrences of syllables **iy** and **uy** in rare structure words, which will be discussed later.

We first consider sequences of two regular vowels. Some of these sequences are mandatory monosyllables, some are optional monosyllables, and some cannot be read as monosyllables.

There are four mandatory diphthongs **ai**, **ei**, **oi**, **ao**. The diphthong **ao** has the irregular pronunciation of “ow” in English “cow”. The pairs of letters **ai**, **ei**, **oi** are not mandatory diphthongs when followed by **i** without an intervening juncture: **aïi** is grouped **a-ïi**.

The forms **a-i**, **e-i**, **o-i**, **a-o** (the hyphens may be replaced with other junctures), called broken monosyllables, can only occur in names (we do not regard **a-ïi** and its kin as containing broken monosyllables, but here we are talking about more than two letters). One may write any other pair of regular vowels separated by a juncture, with the effect of enforcing the two syllable pronunciation (where it is optional).

There are six optional diphthongs, made up of **i** or **u** followed by a regular vowel. (forms **iy** and **uy** also occur in special contexts, to be discussed later). If these are pronounced as a single syllable, initial **i** is pronounced as English “y” and initial **u** is pronounced as English “w”. The disyllable pronunciation can be compelled by writing a syllable break. Monosyllabic **iu** cannot be followed without a juncture by **u** and monosyllabic **ui** cannot be followed without a juncture by **i** (so, for example, if **iuu** is encountered it will be read **i-uu**). As a rule, the speaker has a choice when presented with an optional monosyllable of pronouncing it as one or two syllables; sometimes the context forces one of the pronunciations.

Other pairs of adjacent vowels are pronounced as two separate syllables; the use of a glottal stop to separate the components of a disyllabic vowel pair is permitted, but not expressed in the orthography. The glottal stop is **not** allowed as an allophone of the pause phoneme; all required pauses must be distinct, if sometimes brief.¹⁰

A pair of identical adjacent vowels not pronounced as a monosyllable has the characteristic that one of the vowels must be stressed and the other unstressed. This always holds for **aa**, **ee**, **oo** and sometimes holds for **ii**, **uu** (special rules stated above are designed to encourage pronunciation of the latter two pairs as monosyllables whenever possible!)

For a three-vowel sequence appearing in a predicate or name word, the general rule is that formation of monosyllabic **ii** or **uu** is the highest priority (so in **aii**, forming **ii** wins over forming **ai**, which in this context is not a mandatory monosyllable anyway, producing **a-ii**), followed by formation of a mandatory monosyllable (recalling that **i**-final mandatory monosyllables are not followed by **i**; **aoi** is grouped **ao-i** and is not considered to contain a broken monosyllable): e.g., **aiu** is grouped **ai-u**), followed by formation of an optional monosyllable (which is often an optional preference for the speaker; the parser does exercise this preference). An extreme example of speaker freedom is **iue**, which the parser will resolve into two syllables **iu-e** (choosing to group the first two when both pairs have the same precedence) but which the speaker can resolve into two or three syllables in any of the three possible ways.

¹⁰Previous versions of Loglan do not allow the glottal stop to appear medially in disyllables (we allow it but also allow the traditional Loglan pronunciation, a smooth glide from one vowel to the other); previous versions of Loglan allowed the glottal stop as an allophone of pause, and we do not. Lojban uses the **h** sound medially in disyllables, which would be allowed for a Loglan speaker who chose always to use the alternative pronunciation of **h**.

We present a formal rule¹¹ for reading the next syllable from a sequence of regular vowels of any length written without junctures, which is used in resolving predicates and names into syllables. A mandatory diphthong is read as the first syllable if it is present (recalling that if the pair of vowels ends in **i** and is followed by another **i** it is not a mandatory diphthong); a single vowel is read if it is not initial in a mandatory diphthong and the next two vowels form a mandatory diphthong; if neither of the previous two cases holds an optional diphthong is read by preference by the parser (though a disyllabic reading is permitted); as the final option a single vowel is chosen, subject to the rule that **i** or **u** (when not part of a diphthong) cannot be followed by an intervening juncture and a consonantal occurrence of the same vowel (this situation will cause parse failure). The process of resolution of the first syllable from a stream of vowels is repeated until the stream of vowels is completely resolved into syllables. This rule may look forbidding, but it should be noted that sequences of four or more vowels are quite rare in Loglan predicates or names, so the two and three vowel accounts will usually be quite enough.

There is a separate rule, used in resolving certain structure words, in which a sequence of vowels of even length is parsed into vowel pairs, each of which is read as monosyllable or disyllable as the rules require or permit. There is a further special rule for certain structure words with three-vowel sequences, which does not conform with the rule stated above for resolving vowel sequences in predicates and names, which will be stated when these structure words are described.

When the vowel component of a syllable is read, this will be either a syllabic continuant, or **y**, or a vowel or vowel diphthong chosen using the appropriate one of the rules above.

One should note that the rules presented here are not of interest to readers and writers, speakers and listeners, very directly; but they are certainly of interest to word makers, and might briefly be of interest to a dictionary reader encountering a word for the first time. Such phonetic rules exist in natural languages, whose speakers are not necessarily even aware of them; one could imagine that the native Loglander, though her speech will conform perfectly to the rules stated above, will not know much about them unless

¹¹The formal rule for reading long sequences of vowels in names appearing in Loglan 1 is incredible, as it requires indefinite lookahead; of course it was also really intended only for use with three or perhaps four vowels.

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2.1.5 Consonant grouping

There are different rules for syllable-initial and syllable-final consonant grouping. It is worth noting that consonant grouping only occurs in regular Loglan text in predicates and names. Syllables with final consonants also occur only in predicates and names.

These are governed by two sets of phonetic rules. There is a list of permitted initial pairs of consonants¹². The initial group of consonants in a syllable consists of a single consonant, or a permissible initial pair of consonants, or a triple of consonants in which each adjacent pair of consonants is an initial pair.¹³ We refer to a pair of consonants which would be a permissible initial pair if an intervening juncture were removed as a “broken initial pair”.

There is a list of forbidden medial pairs¹⁴ and a list of forbidden medial triples¹⁵. These cannot occur even if broken by a juncture.

There can be one or two final consonants in a syllable, which cannot be part of a forbidden medial pair or triple whether together (if there are two of them) or combined with consonants taken from the beginning of the following syllable. A pair of final consonants cannot be a non-continuant followed by a continuant (this appears to be pronounceable only as a separate syllable). A final consonant cannot be followed by a regular vowel or a syllabic continuant, even with an intervening juncture (in other words, such a consonant should be read as part of the following syllable).¹⁶

A consonant in either of these sorts of groups which is a continuant cannot

¹²The initial pairs are **bl br ck cl cm cn cp cr ct dj dr dz fl fr gl gr jm kl kr mr pl pr sk sl sm sn sp sr st sv tc tr ts vl vr zb zl zv**

¹³The rule for initial consonant groups appears in Notebook 3.

¹⁴The impermissible medial pairs consist of all doubled consonants, any pair beginning with **h**, any pair both of which are taken from **cjsz**, **fv**, **kg**, **pb**, **td**, any of (**fkpt**) followed by either of (**jz**), **bj**, and **sb**.

¹⁵**cdz**, **cvl**, **ndj**, **ndz**, **dcm**, **dct**, **dts**, **pdz**, **gts**, **gzb**, **svl**, **jdj**, **jtc**, **jts**, **jvr**, **tv**, **kdz**, **vts**, and **mzb**

¹⁶The rules forbidding final consonants from participating in illegal medial pairs or triples are found in our sources. The rule forbidding a pair of final consonants from being a non-continuant followed by a continuant seems quite natural but is ours; no word was proposed that violated it, in any case. Other rules that we state depend on a precise definition of the syllable, which appears nowhere in Loglan sources, although the notion of syllable is important in the definition of borrowed predicates in Notebook 3.

be adjacent to another copy of the same continuant, within or without the cluster, even if separated by a juncture. An initial consonant triple cannot be followed by a syllabic continuant at all.

2.1.6 The Loglan syllable

A Loglan syllable consists of three parts.

There is an optional initial group of one, two or three consonants governed by rules stated in the previous subsection.

This is followed by the mandatory vocalic component of the syllable, which is either a pair of identical continuants, a single regular vowel, a vowel diphthong, or **y** (**iy** or **uy** occur only in syllables (C)**iy** and (C)**uy** which are directly allowed as units in structure words but not supported in the formal syllable definition).

This is followed optionally by one or two final consonants, for which rules are stated above, with the additional remark that unless the syllable is of the shape CVC with the vowel regular, no final consonant in the syllable (neither of them, if there are two) may be readable as standing at the beginning of a following syllable (in other words, except in the case of CVC syllables, the automatic placement of syllable breaks where an explicit juncture is not present is as early as possible; but a CVC syllable is preferred to a CV syllable where possible). Explicit junctures will override the preferred syllable breaks, but there are subtle rules about where explicit junctures can be placed: sometimes they will simply cause parse errors.¹⁷

It is worth noting that previous versions of Loglan had no official formal definition of the syllable, though the syllable did play a role in the definition of some word classes.¹⁸

¹⁷The subtleties have to do with the fact that a borrowed predicate cannot resolve into djifoa (see below for these terms); an apparently legal borrowing predicate written with explicit junctures will be rejected if moving some of the junctures would create a legal complex predicate. These are issues which mostly affect the word designer. If you are trying to write a complex predicate from the dictionary with explicit syllable breaks, make sure that the breaks you supply conform with djifoa boundaries and these issues will not arise.

¹⁸The lack of felt need for a formal definition of the syllable may have come from the fact that structure words and complex predicates resolve into units which are not themselves necessarily syllables, but which are expected to conform with syllable boundaries; it is with the introduction of borrowed predicates that a precise notion of the syllable became essential to someone who wanted to parse words, and once this notion was in hand, it

2.1.7 Pauses and whitespace: general principles

A pause is always expressed as either a comma followed by whitespace (which must be followed by a phonetic block) or simply whitespace, which must be followed by a phonetic block. The former is always a pause; the latter may sometimes not be a pause.

Whitespace at the beginning or the end of alien text must represent an actual pause.

Whitespace after a consonant and/or before a vowel must represent an actual pause.

Names are the only consonant-final words in regular Loglan text, and they must be followed by comma-marked pauses, terminal punctuation, or end of text, or by whitespace followed by another name word or the structure word **ci**.

Logical connective words of class A, some but not all of which are vowel-initial, and sentence connectives of classes I and ICA must be preceded by comma-marked pauses. The APA and IPA logical and sentence connectives, to be discussed below, and the ICA and ICAPA sentence connectives must be followed either by the suffix **fi** or a comma-marked pause. The issues in this paragraph are handled entirely in the grammar section.

Words quoted with **liu** must be followed by a comma-marked pause (or terminal punctuation or end of text).

If the final syllable of a structure word is stressed and it is followed by a predicate, it must be followed by a comma-marked pause. This rule is of course only enforced in our orthography if we actually write explicit stress.¹⁹

In general, certain lexicographic issues tend to force explicit comma-marked pauses. If a pause in a sequence of structure word syllables breaks a word, it must be explicitly comma-marked as a rule, since if it were written as mere whitespace, not pausing would cause a different interpretation of the utterance. There will be a discussion of multi-syllable structure words in the

became natural to require that names (which were just consonant final strings of phonemes in earlier versions of Loglan) be resolvable into syllables as well. The accuracy of our implementation can be gauged by the fact that almost all words in the dictionary parsed correctly when we ran a test, and the ones which did not parse had recognizable errors which needed to be fixed. It should be noted that we cannot have three final consonants in a syllable, and this is not uncommon in names. This can usually be fixed by doubling a continuant, as in **Hollmz**, **Marrks**, but some names may be found to be definitely foreign.

¹⁹This rule goes back to the beginnings of Loglan, but as no earlier parser had explicit indications of stress, there was never any occasion for an earlier parser to enforce it.

lexicography section which lays out the situations under which this issue can occur.²⁰

The “false name marker” problem creates further need of explicit pauses, which will be discussed below.

This version of Loglan supports a form of orthography known as “phonetic transcript” in which no whitespace appears but comma-marked pauses. This means that we require that in every place where we can or must pause, it must be possible to replace whitespace with a comma-marked pause. It is mostly but not entirely true that every place whitespace is written is a place where one *can* pause: it is possible to create situations with the APA and IPA connectives in their legacy form where a whitespace that one can write cannot represent a pause, and there is a rule that one should not pause after the structure word **ci** before a consonant unless the pause is comma-marked. This whitespace can, however, be omitted. Whitespace which does not represent pauses can always be omitted, though in the case of whitespace after predicates, this may require the writer to insert explicit indications of stress so that the reader can tell where the predicate ends. Whitespace which cannot be omitted can always be replaced with an explicit comma-marked pause.

Because we have phonetic transcript, we do not need a special notation for expressing pronunciation.²¹

2.2 Phonetic word forms

2.2.1 The four forms, and general principles

There are four basic word forms in Loglan:

1. Items of alien text (with their preceding alien text markers), already described above.
2. Phonetic names (name words accompanied with their required preceding pauses or name marker words with intervening optional pause).

²⁰In Lojban, apparently all structure word syllables are separate words, but this is not the case in Loglan.

²¹Brown’s phonetic notation in the sources is *ad hoc* and reveals such things as very inconsistent notions about syllable breaks.

3. Structure words
4. Predicates, further subdivided into complexes and borrowings.

These classes of words have general characteristics which allow us to distinguish them. We leave aside the case of alien text which we have already analyzed.

1. Name words are the only consonant-final words in Loglan (other than alien text). They are thus followed by pauses in speech (and usually by explicit pauses in writing). This makes the right boundary of a name word easy to recognize. One must also pause at the beginning of a name word, unless it is preceded by one of a limited class of name markers. There are few contexts in which a name word can appear without an immediately preceding name marker word, and if a name word happens to include a phonetic copy of a name marker word (a “false name marker”) it *must* be immediately preceded by a name marker word (an intervening pause being permitted). Where a name marker word occurs which is not immediately followed by a name word but followed by a name word starting later, a comma-marked explicit pause (or terminal punctuation) must appear somewhere between the name marker word not serving as such and the following name word: this prevents pronunciation of the text in a way which causes everything between the name marker word and the end of the later name word to be construed as a single longer name word.
2. Predicates end with a regular vowel (so they are not names), are penultimately stressed (with qualifications to be stated later); this allows the right boundary of a predicate word to be recognized in speech, or in phonetic transcript), and contain adjacent consonants (in some cases the pair of consonants may be separated by **y**). The left boundary of a predicate is determined by the fact that it must begin CC or (C)VⁿC(**y**)C. in the latter case with some conditions ensuring that the (C)Vⁿ cannot be construed as a structure word. Predicates can more rarely begin (CVV**y**)ⁿ((C)V^m)CC.
3. Structure words (Loglan **cmapua**) are not names or predicates (actually some are semantically names or predicates, but this is a matter for the grammar). In addition, we specify that they resolve into phonetic

units of the shapes V, VV, CV, CVV (where the VV may be a monosyllable or a disyllable, and **iy**, **uy** are permitted), and the rare Cvv-V, where the vv is a monosyllable (mandatory or optional, but in any case pronounced as such). Further, a V unit may only occur initially, and any structure word which contains a VV unit consists entirely of VV units (except that we allow words of the shapes **no**-VV and VV-**noi**). A sequence of VV units is resolved into syllables by pronouncing each unit as one or two syllables as the grammar requires or permits. Note that the unit cmapua are not necessarily syllables, but their boundaries are syllable boundaries in a structure word. Where a structure word is followed by a predicate beginning with CC, stressing its last cmapua unit might create the possibility of reading the last cmapua unit and the first syllable of the intended predicate word as a predicate: to avert this, we require that a finally stressed structure word must be separated from a following predicate word (not just a CC-initial one) by a comma-marked pause.

It should be noted that the classes of words here should be qualified as phonetic names, phonetic predicates, and phonetic structure words, as there are cases where “words” which are phonetically of one of these shapes are used in a way associated with one of the others.

2.2.2 Phonetic Names

We distinguish between a name word, such as **Djan**, and a phonetic name, such as **la Djan Braon**, which comes equipped with the name marker word or initial pause that a name word requires in its context, and may contain more than one name word after the name marker.

A name word is a phonetic block which resolves into syllables, the last of which ends in a consonant (possibly with a final stress).

A possible name word is a name word, or a name word modified by insertion of whitespace at junctures preceded by a vowel and succeeded by a consonant (so that the whitespace does not necessarily represent a pause).

A marked name is a name marker word followed by a consonant initial name word, possibly with intervening whitespace between the two.

A falsely marked name is a name word with a proper final segment which is a marked name: that is, it is a name word with a false name marker in

it. Notice that a phonetic occurrence of a name marker word is not a false name marker unless what follows it is a consonant-initial name word.²²

The name marker words are **la**, **hoi**, **hue**, **ci**, **liu**, **gao**, **mue**. A subtle point is that **ci** is only a name marker when followed by a pause (an explicit comma-marked pause or whitespace followed by a vowel): this allows us to avoid difficult-to-predict needs for pauses after the many uses of **ci**. It does mean that when whitespace is written after **ci** before a consonant, we presume that the speaker does not pause.

A phonetic name (including its name marker or preceding pause if there is one) is of one of the following kinds:

1. a marked name as described above (a name marker followed by possible whitespace followed by a consonant-initial name word).
2. a vowel initial name word which is not a falsely marked name, or a comma-marked pause followed by a name word which is not a falsely marked name.
3. a name marker followed by optional whitespace or explicit pause followed by a name word, with the additional proviso that the optional whitespace or pause must be present if the name word is vowel-initial.

To any of these, a series of name words marked with **ci** and prenames which are not falsely marked, separated by whitespace, may be appended as part of the phonetic name, so **la Djan Braon** is a phonetic name, and so is **la Pierr ci, Laplas**. In the last example one pauses both before and after **ci**; the second comma must be written, and the use of **ci** is necessary because **Laplas** is a falsely marked name.

It is then required that this be followed either by an explicit pause, terminal punctuation, end of text, or whitespace followed by **ci** followed by a predicate of class **predunit**, a peek forward at the grammar. Note that the

²²In early versions of Loglan, falsely marked names were simply forbidden, but **la** is very common. Later, they were admitted and some effort was made to avoid problems with them. The idea that a falsely marked name must be marked appeared in the context of implementation of serial names (falsely marked names in a serial name had to be marked with **ci**; we required after 2013 that predicate components of serial names be marked with **ci** as well to avoid the need for two pause phonemes to avoid confusion of serial names with sentences.) We extended the idea that falsely marked names must be marked to all contexts, and in addition reduced the distribution of unmarked names to very few contexts by forbidding unmarked vocatives.

following explicit pause or punctuation or **ci** phrase is not part of the phonetic name: this is information about the context in which a phonetic name can appear.

Names may contain explicit junctures, including ones which form broken monosyllables, and junctures may be required features of name words: **Lo-is** and **Lois** are different names.²³

2.2.3 Phonetic structure words (cmapua)

Phonetic structure words are sequences of cmapua units as sketched above; we give more details.

Cmapua units are of the shapes V, VV, CV, CVV, Cvv-V, where vv stands for a monosyllable and VV (in VV and CVV units) includes **iy**, **uy**. **y** is also accepted as a V unit.²⁴

A phonetic structure word is a string of cmapua units. A cmapua unit not of VV form cannot be followed by a vowel, even with an intervening juncture: this helps to enforce the condition that vowel-initial words must be preceded by pauses in speech, represented at least by whitespace.

Each cmapua unit is restricted by lookahead tests for other classes. A cmapua unit cannot be an alien text marker actually followed by alien text. A cmapua unit cannot be an occurrence of **li** or **kie** which actually stands at the beginning of a quotation or parenthetical free modifier (for the uses of these words, see the grammar section). A cmapua unit cannot be a name marker followed with optional pause by a possible name word (this excludes both actual phonetic names and strings which could be misread as phonetic names by ignoring instances of whitespace one of which should be made an explicit pause).²⁵ A cmapua unit cannot stand at the beginning of a legal

²³This goes back to previous versions of Loglan, but we use hyphens instead of close commas.

²⁴The practical reason for allowing **y** to occur above is to support names of the letter **y**, legacy **yfi** and modern **ziy** (pronounced “zyuh”!). It seemed more principled to install general phonetic conditions that allowed these forms than to allow them individually by fiat.

²⁵This is our definitive solution to the false name marker problem. Difficulties created by the markers other than **ci** should generally be easy to anticipate, by following style rules such as “always pause after a predicate name”. The word **ci** presented special difficulties as a name marker because it has a wide variety of uses some of which have nothing to do with names. Viewing it as a name marker only when followed by a pause seems to be the final refinement of our solution.

predicate (the parser does a lookahead test which identifies strings which can only be predicates if they are grammatical and not possible phonetic names; we describe this test below at the beginning of the discussion of predicates).

A *cmapua* unit cannot be stressed and then followed by optional whitespace and the start of a consonant-initial predicate (as detected by the test above).

We then provide a phonetic test for the logical and sentence connective classes which must be preceded by a pause. A phonetic connective starts possibly with whitespace followed by possibly by an occurrence of **no** (not starting a predicate) followed definitely by a regular V syllable or **ha**²⁶, **nuu** (not starting a predicate), not followed by a vowel, and not followed by **fi**, **ma**, or **zi**, which would make a V unit into a legacy letteral (none of these starting a predicate).

We can now describe a phonetic structure word. It takes one of five forms.

1. a VV unit (here and in all clauses here including **iy**, **uy**) followed by **noi** (**noi** not starting a predicate).
2. **no** (not starting a predicate) followed by a VV unit
3. a sequence of VV units
4. a regular or irregular V unit
5. an optional regular or irregular V unit followed by a sequence of one or more consonant-initial *cmapua* units

A *cmapua* unit absorbs a following juncture.

Each *cmapua* unit is blocked from being followed by a vowel without intervening whitespace or by optional whitespace then a phonetic connective; this forces explicit pauses before the logical and sentence connectives.

The phonetic structure words defined here have boundaries dictated entirely by phonetic convenience; the actual boundaries of *cmapua* words in the proper sense are dictated by rules stated in the lexicography chapter. Some words which appear in other structures, such as the name markers, alien text markers, and **y**, and some others, are from a lexicographic standpoint structure words and do look like them phonetically.

²⁶Note that we are ruling here that **ha** and its derivatives must be preceded by a pause.

2.2.4 Primitive Predicates and Combining Forms (djifoa)

The basic “native” predicates of Loglan are of the five letter forms CCVCV and CVCCV. The original stock of native predicates was generated by a rather *ad hoc* statistical comparison with words in major natural languages on which we have no intention of commenting, as we expect it never to be used again.

Each of the native predicates has one or more combining forms (originally called “affixes”, a deprecated usage; now usually called *djifoa*, the Loglan word for these forms).

Each five-letter native predicate has a djifoa formed by replacing its final vowel with **y**. This does mean that five letter predicates which have the same final vowel must be semantically very closely related (words for animals and languages can be given fine shades of meaning by adjusting the final letter; we do not intend to create further declensions of this kind, but we see nothing wrong with the ones we have).

In addition, many five-letter djifoa have one or more than one associated three letter djifoa, of one of the forms CVV, CVC, or CCV, which is formed by choosing three letters from the five letter djifoa in order of their occurrence. The process of choosing these djifoa is not likely to be modified or extended at this point, though there is some tension about the ones with doubled vowels which force stress.

There is also a short list of three-letter djifoa built from CV *cmapua*, by appending **r**, which we supply:

fer: from **fe**, five

for: from **fo**, four

fur: from **fu**, 3d place passive

jur: from **ju**, 4th place passive

ner: from **ne**, one

nir: from **ni**, zero

nor: from **no**, logical negation

nun: from **nu**, 2nd place passive, beforer

nur: from **nu**, 2nd place passive, not before **r**

por: from **po**, state particle

rar: from **ra**, all

rer: from **re**, most of

ror: from **ro**, many of

ser: from **se**, seven

sor: from **so**, six

sur: from **su**, at least one of, some

ter: from **te**, three

tor: from **to**, two

ver: from **ve**, nine

vor: from **vo**, eight

Further, every CV cmapua unit has a corresponding CV**h** djifoa. CVV cmapua may be extended with (**h**)**y** (not with **n** or **r**) and used as djifoa: thus **zaiytrena**, A-train. This must be done with care as there may be djifoa derived from cmapua of the same shape.

Loglan complex predicates (native compound predicates) are built from sequences of these djifoa (in which the last item may be a full primitive or borrowed predicate). There are also borrowing djifoa built from borrowed predicates, which we discuss in the next section.

It is necessary to supply additional phonetic glue so that sequences of these djifoa actually can produce predicate words. Each three-letter djifoa has an alternative form with suffixed **y**. CVC**y** djifoa can be broken into syllables either as CVC-**y** or as CV-C**y**. CVV djifoa in initial position will “fall off”: so CVV**r** is available as an alternative form (which will form a consonant pair with the following djifoa or predicate word), and CVV**n** is available as an alternative form when it is followed by **r**. Other problems are that CVC djifoa may not occur in final position, and CVV djifoa which have a doubled vowel can only occur in final or in penultimate position, because a predicate word can only contain one stress in a penultimate position. We

propose for CVV**y** the alternative form CVV**hy**: a predicate starting this way will not be confused with any other kind of word, and this should be easier to pronounce distinctly.

A pronunciation difficulty with CVV**r** extended djifoa (at least for English speakers) is fixed by a permission which will probably seldom be expressed in writing, but can be: CVV**r** can take the alternative form CVV-**rr** when the VV is a mandatory monosyllable. If this is stressed, the stress falls on the VV and the vocalic continuant is an additional unstressed syllable before the final unstressed regular syllable.

Broken djifoa forms are also available to the parser, obtained from legal djifoa by inserting junctures (C-CV or C-VV or CV-C, for example). These are used to enforce the condition that borrowed predicates cannot decompose into djifoa, and it should not be possible to convert a complex (especially one which is illegal for reasons peculiar to complexes) to a legal borrowed predicate by moving junctures around.

The general point about syllable breaks is that while djifoa are not syllables, the boundaries between djifoa will be syllable breaks in a legal complex. Internal breaks are sometimes optional: a CVV djifoa with an optional monosyllable has two possible forms. The CVCCV five letter predicates may admit two forms CVC-CV and CV-CCV if the medial CC is an initial pair. The parser prefers the first form for technical reasons; it can be coerced by writing an explicit syllable break, and the latter version is often easier to pronounce.

2.2.5 Phonetic predicate words: general principles, and recognizing the beginning of a predicate

A phonetic predicate word ends with a regular vowel (so it is not a phonetic name), contains an adjacent pair of consonants (so it is not a structure word), and has penultimate stress (with the exception that an additional unstressed syllable with **y** or a vocalic continuant may intervene between the stressed and the final syllable), so that one can tell where it ends.

The part of the predicate before the consonant pair can be null (the predicate may start with an initial pair or triple of consonants). This will be followed by a regular vowel, and there are no CC(C)V(V) predicates, in which the initial consonant group is followed just by one or two vowels.

The initial segment before the consonant pair can be an optional conso-

nant followed by one to three regular vowels²⁷ This is the only alternative which can occur in a borrowed predicate. This can be ensured if the string starting with the consonant group doesn't satisfy the conditions given above to be the start of a predicate: the predicate must then begin with the initial (C)V(V)(V) (it cannot begin with part of the vowel sequence because one must pause before a vowel-initial word). It can also be ensured if the final syllable of the initial (C)V(V)(V) is stressed: if it were the end of a *cmapua*, it could only be followed by a predicate, and one cannot have a stressed *cmapua* followed by a predicate without pause. There is a further technical issue, which is explained below in the discussion of borrowing *djifoa*: for technical reasons, if the (C)V(V)(V) is not of one of the forms CV or CVV, the consonant group cannot be an initial pair followed by a regular vowel.

In a complex, there are other possibilities. A complex might start with one or more CVV*y* *djifoa*; no other sort of word can start this way. It might start with a CVCC*y* *djifoa*; no other sort of word can start this way. It might start with an extended CVC *djifoa*: CVC*y*. Again, no other Loglan word can start in this way.

We describe a lookahead test: a string which is already known not to be a possible phonetic name cannot be anything but a predicate (or ill-formed) if one of the following things are true (and one of these things will be true of any actual predicate):

1. It begins with a permissible initial group of two or three consonants and is followed by a regular vowel, but not by one or two vowels (with possible junctures) followed by a non-character, nor by a stressed vowel followed by a vowel not in a diphthong (short words of the shapes CC(C)V(V) are not predicates). Junctures may appear after the vowels. This clause of the test ignores any junctures which may appear in the initial group of consonants (to support its use in following clauses).
2. It begins with CV(V) followed by a consonant group, with either the final syllable in the CV(V) [which might extend to a juncture in the consonant group] stressed or the part of the word beginning at the consonant group not meeting the test to start a predicate above. Junctures may appear after the vowels, and there might be a juncture in

²⁷Previous versions of Loglan have allowed arbitrarily long sequences of vowels after the initial consonant in this case, but these have never been used and I like the bound on lookahead in this test obtained by forbidding more than three vowels.

the consonant group, which will be ignored in testing whether it begins a predicate.

3. It begins with (C)V(V)(V) followed by a consonant group which is not an initial pair (even one broken by a juncture) followed by a regular vowel, with either the final syllable in the (C)V(V)(V) [which might extend to a juncture in the consonant group] stressed or the part of the word beginning at the consonant group not meeting the test to start a predicate above. Junctures may be inserted after the vowels or there might be one in the consonant group, which will be ignored in testing whether it begins a predicate.
4. It begins with a consonant and a regular vowel, followed by a regular vowel followed by **y** [or **hy**], or a consonant or pair of consonants followed by **y** (with possible intervening junctures). Both of these initial sequences are possible beginnings for a predicate complex, and what follows the CVⁿ could not start any legal word in that context.

The point of including this list is making it clear that it is fairly easy to see or hear the beginning of a predicate word (though the detailed description of the cases is admittedly annoying!)

2.2.6 Borrowed Predicates and Borrowing Djifoa

After all that about djifoa, we discuss borrowings first!

A borrowing must resolve into syllables. It must end in a regular vowel. Any explicit stress must be on the second-to-last syllable, not counting syllables with vocalic continuants (one such unstressed syllable may intervene between the stressed syllable and the unstressed final syllable). The end of a predicate is determined by either non-characters such as whitespace or punctuation, or by an explicit stress. A borrowing cannot be followed without intervening whitespace or explicit pause by a vowel, nor by optional whitespace followed by a connective. An explicit stress may force monosyllabic pronunciation on a last syllable which could otherwise be pronounced as a disyllable. There can be only one explicit stress in a borrowing. The deduced stresses in doubled vowels do not play a role in parsing borrowings, as disyllabic doubled vowels are forbidden in borrowings. It is permissible to write a borrowing with explicit junctures, but this cannot change the meaning of

the word, and broken monosyllables are not permitted. A borrowing must parse correctly in the absence of explicit junctures.

The beginning of a borrowed predicate must pass the test for beginnings of predicates given above. Since borrowed predicates cannot contain **y**, this enforces the condition that there be a pair of adjacent consonants in a borrowed predicate. We reiterate that a borrowed predicate cannot have the shape CC(C)VV (which is of course not resolvable into djifoa, so could not be the shape of a complex predicate).

There are some restrictions on the phonetics of borrowed predicates. Borrowed predicates may not contain **y** or any doubled vowel other than monosyllabic **ii** and **uu**.²⁸ Borrowed predicates may contain syllables with vocalic continuants. These never follow a vowel and so far never precede a consonant, and such a syllable is always medial (not first or last). There may not be two such syllables in succession, and such a syllable cannot be stressed. The point of such syllables is that they cannot occur in complexes (with one minor exception which cannot be confused with occurrences of syllabic continuants in borrowings: a CVV**r** djifoa may be expressed as CVV**rr**, in which the syllabic continuant follows a vowel). A borrowed predicate may not resolve into djifoa, including resolutions involving broken forms in which junctures are misplaced.

Borrowing djifoa are formed from borrowings by adding final **y** and moving the stress to the final syllable of the borrowing (still penultimate in the borrowing djifoa). It is permitted to stress the penultimate syllable in a borrowing djifoa and pause after the **y**, if what follows the borrowing djifoa contains a penultimate stress. Thus one may pronounce **bakteriyrodhopsini** as **bakteri'y**, **rodhopsi'ni**, but one may not pronounce **iglluymao** with a pause. The stress shift is a strong signal that one is not saying **bakte'ri** but its djifoa.²⁹

The reason for the difference between the treatment of CV(V) and other (C)V(V)(V) prefixes in the predicate start rules is caused by the danger

²⁸Forbidding doubled vowels in borrowings was an action of ours: admitting them made reasoning about the penultimate stress in a borrowing more difficult. Exactly one predicate **alkooli** had to be changed to the better **alkoholi**.

²⁹Nothing in this situation is due to me! The strange provision to pause after a borrowing djifoa is in Loglan 1. The definition of borrowing djifoa we use was given in the 1990's. I do not know if anyone noticed the stress shift caused by the change in the definition of borrowing djifoa, but it is all a logical consequence of the way things stood at Brown's death.

that a borrowing djifoa for a (C)VⁿCCV predicate might turn into a cmapua followed by a stressed CCV \mathbf{y} djifoa when a borrowing djifoa was formed (this requires the CC to be an initial pair, of course). This is not a danger when the consonant is present and $n = 1$ or 2 because a borrowing will not be of the shape CV(V)CCV with the CC initial. Thus a string (C)VⁿCCV with the CC an initial pair is not allowed to start a predicate unless the initial consonant is present and n is 1 or 2 .

2.2.7 Complex Predicates

A complex predicate is formed from a sequence of djifoa in which the final element may be a full primitive or borrowed predicate (and if it is a djifoa may not be CVC, nor may it be extended with \mathbf{r} , \mathbf{n} or \mathbf{y} , nor may it contain \mathbf{y} at all). A complex may not be formed entirely from CVV \mathbf{y} djifoa and a final CVV (this prevents forms without adjacent consonants; adjacent consonants may be separated by \mathbf{y} as in **mekykiu**). A complex must pass the predicate start test. CVV djifoa may need to be extended with \mathbf{r} , \mathbf{n} , or \mathbf{y} when they appear in initial position to keep from being read as cmapua. CVC djifoa in initial position of a complex not of one of the six-letter forms CVCCVV or CVCCCV must be extended with \mathbf{y} if the final consonant of the djifoa and the following consonant would form an initial pair (a juncture does not affect this): this prevents the complex from being read as a CV djifoa followed by a borrowing.³⁰ Thus **ficynirli**, mermaid. A CVC djifoa may need to be extended with \mathbf{y} to prevent formation of an illegal consonant group with the following consonant. Thus **mekykiu**, eye doctor. Regular djifoa must be extended with \mathbf{y} when they appear before borrowing djifoa: since borrowings cannot contain \mathbf{y} , this gives us precise information about their boundaries.

Complexes must have penultimate stress among those syllables not containing \mathbf{y} : an unstressed syllable containing \mathbf{y} (or a syllable **rr** serving as glue to a stressed CVV) may intervene between the stressed syllable and the unstressed final syllable. The parser does know about the doubled vowel stress rule, and will not accept a complex with a CVV with a doubled vowel unless one of the vowels can carry the penultimate stress. If a CVV with doubled

³⁰This rule superseded the historical **slinkui** test, which prevented the CV from falling off the front of a CVCC... complex with the CC an initial pair by forbidding the formation of borrowed predicates obtained by extending a complex initially with a single consonant forming an admissible pair: instead of forbidding **paslinkui** in favor of **pasylinkui**, **paslinkui** was permitted and **slinkui** was forbidden to be a borrowing.

vowel is followed by a CVV with optional monosyllable, the monosyllabic pronunciation is forced; otherwise a CVV with optional monosyllable gives the speaker a choice about where to place the stress. The parser determines where a predicate ends either by the occurrence of explicit stress or by the occurrence of a non-character from which it back-figures the location of the stress. The only stresses in a predicate are its penultimate stress and optionally stresses in its borrowing djifoa (mandatory if the borrowing djifoa is followed by a pause).

A complex may not be followed without intervening space (a juncture doesn't help) by a vowel. A complex may not be followed by whitespace followed by a connective.

An alternative formulation allows the formation of a complex from a sequence of *cmapua* units and predicate words in which the last item is a predicate word, with successive items separated by the “word” **zao**, optionally flanked on either side by whitespace or comma-marked pauses. This form might be used to avoid borrowing djifoa. I can also imagine its use to clarify the meaning of a complex by replacing its constituent djifoa with the corresponding predicates in full.³¹

Our general view is that the replacement of a djifoa in a complex by another djifoa for the same predicate or even by the full predicate linked with **zao** gives another form for the same predicate word: such forms should not appear as separate dictionary items.³²

2.2.8 Phonetic Quotes and Parenthetical Expressions

A phonetically valid quoted utterance begins with **li** and ends with **lu** with optional pauses after **li** and before **lu** and with the intervening text, which must be a phonetic utterance, optionally enclosed in double quotes (the quotes being between **li** and **lu**). Replace **li** and **lu** with **kie** and **kiu** and optional use of quotes with optional use of parentheses (opening with an open parenthesis, closing with a closing parenthesis, and you have the rule for spoken parenthetical expressions.³³

³¹This is a proposal of John Cowan.

³²For example, we think the word **heirslicui**, molasses, presents difficulties for an English speaker and she might want to say **hekryslicui** instead; this is precisely the same word.

³³The use of punctuation here is a proposal of ours: it is quite natural but did necessitate the phonetic parser knowing about these forms.

We give examples: **li**, **la Djan**, **lu**; **li** “**la Djan**”, **lu**; **kie** (**ji cluva mi**) **kiu**.

2.2.9 Phonetically valid utterances

A phonetically valid unit phonetic utterance is a phonetic name, phonetic structure word, marked alien text item, phonetic predicate word, quoted or parenthesized expression, hyphen, or ellipsis, possibly with initial whitespace. A phonetic utterance is a sequence of unit phonetic utterances, explicit comma pauses, and items of terminal punctuation. Any Loglan utterance must be a phonetic utterance: of course it must also be grammatically correct, a matter for subsequent chapters.³⁴

It is useful to be aware that the parser proceeds in effect in two passes: it checks an entire utterance for phonetic validity, then checks whether it is grammatical in another pass.

2.3 Historical and philosophical note

Loglan phonetics is to our mind rather weird and wonderful.

James Jennings has commented that the choice to recognize word classes by patterns of consonants and vowels in the first instance was the “original sin of the language”. Perhaps so, but once this sin was committed, it could not be undone without discarding everything and creating a different language.

1975 Loglan had a very simple procedure for resolution of words, but a method for construction of new predicates which was ultimately found unsatisfactory. The great morphological revolution which consisted in introducing complex predicates as predicates built from djifoa and borrowings as all the phonetically acceptable predicates which were not complexes made the definition of the predicate much more complicated, and more of a challenge for the parser builder.

The problem of false name markers also led to a certain amount of excitement, once it was decided that **la** was too common to ban from names.

We find Loglan phonetics charming as well as weird; the language has a definite phonetic flavor and avoids monotonous regularity. We would not

³⁴We note that CCV djifoa are also unit phonetic utterances, strictly so that they may be quoted with **liu**. CVV djifoa are also *cmapua*, and CVC djifoa are also names, so they can be **liu**-quoted without special ceremony.

say that it is always easy to pronounce, and its resemblance to a Romance language can be overstated: it does allow quite a lot of consonant clustering. A further charm is that the baroque rules, however arbitrary they may seem, actually work out as almost inevitable consequences of a fairly small number of design decisions. We hope that we have given some hint in our discussion of what these design decisions were.

Chapter 3

The Grammar Proper

In this section, we will present the grammar, pausing now and then to introduce word classes that are needed; we will give short lists of commonly used words in the grammar text and full word lists in an appendix.

3.1 Simple sentence shapes

It is an interesting question where to start. We will begin with the basic Loglan sentence, and work upward to more complicated utterances and other kinds of utterance fragments, and downward to sentence components.

The simplest kind of Loglan sentence is exemplified by **La Djan, kamla** (John comes) and **La Djan, donsu le bakso, la Meris** (John gave Mary the box). This is an S(VO) sentence: each of these consists of a subject (**la Djan** in both cases), a species of noun phrase, followed by a verb phrase, which is a verb (**kamla** in the first, **donsu** in the other), followed optionally by a list of “objects” (noun phrases, none in the first example, two, **la Meris** (Mary) and **le bakso** (the box) in the second.

We pause here to discuss grammatical terminology. We have used the words “noun” and “verb” though Loglan actually has no such word classes. It does however have those functional roles, and we will use (hopefully with care) these words to help communicate what is going on in the grammar. The words **kamla**, **donsu**, and **bakso** all belong to the same word class, Loglan predicates, and can appear in any of the roles. **Ti bakso** (this is a box) is a sentence in which the very nounish (to the English mind) word **bakso** appears...as the verb! What we call a “noun phrase” can also be

called an “argument” (terminology taken from logic and also already used in Loglan grammar). Loglan grammarians have up until now used “predicate” indifferently for predicate words and for what we call “verbs” and “verb phrases”; we will continue to use “verb” and “verb phrase” as grammatical terms.

We discuss the difference between this kind of basic sentence and atomic sentences of predicate logic. An atomic sentence of predicate logic is of a form Mx (x is a man), Bxy (x is bluer than y), $Gxyz$ (x gives y to z). There is a predicate (M, B, G) and argument lists (x, xy, xyz). A sentence like Bxy might parse $(B)(x)(y)$ or perhaps $(B)((x)(y))$; the predicate and the individual arguments might be components at the same level or the predicate and the argument list might be components (the list further resolving into individual arguments).

The Loglan parse is different, in a way which brings Loglan closer to natural languages: **da mrenu**: xM , **da blanu de**: $x((B)(y))$, **da donsu de di**: $(x)G((y)(z))$. The weird thing here, from the standpoint of a logician, is the very special role of the subject: the whole sentence breaks at the top into the noun phrase subject and the verb phrase containing the verb and a list of the second and subsequent arguments. The oddities of the way this breaks down become clearly important later when we discuss logically connected predicates.

3.1.1 A brief review of components we use in example sentences

To support examples, we should say something about the components of this sentence and what we are currently putting in for these components.

Any Loglan predicate word can play the role of the “verb”. There are more complicated verbs than single predicate words, and we will see some possible additional complexities quite soon. A name such as **la Meris, la Djan Braon** is eligible to be a noun phrase (either a subject or an object). Pronouns such as **ti, ta** (this, that), or **da, de, di, do du** (pronouns referring to recently mentioned noun phrases by a scheme we will discuss below), or letter names (referring to recently mentioned noun phrases with the given initial), or noun phrases built from predicates such as **le mrenu**, (the man), are other possible arguments we may use before we have fully explained the range of possibilities for noun phrases.

3.1.2 Changes of argument order and omission of arguments

The sentence “I am better than you” is expressed **Mi gudbi tu**. The sentence “You are better than me” can of course be expressed **Tu gudbi mi**, but it can also be expressed **Mi nu gudbi tu**. **nu gudbi** is a verb, just as **gudbi** is. The effect of the particle **nu** is to reverse the first and second arguments. The particle **fu** interchanges the first and third arguments; the particle **ju** interchanges the first and fourth arguments. Compounds are possible: **nufunu** interchanges the second and third arguments, for example: **La Meris, nufunu donsu la Djan, le bakso** (Mary gave John the box). No one is going to carry out the transformation expressed by **nufunu** in three separate steps in their head during a conversation: it should be learned as a separate dictionary word. But if you work it out step by step, you will find that that is what it does. These contructions implement what would be “passives” in other languages: the Loglan term is “conversion”.

A variation implements “reflexives”. **nuo, fuo, juo** have the effect of eliminating the second, third, fourth argument, respectively, by supplying the subject as that argument. **La Meris, nuo donsu la Djan** (Mary gave herself to John) or **la Meris, fuo donsu le bakso** (Mary gave herself the box) exemplify this transformation. Compounds can be formed using the reflexives: for example **nufuonu** eliminates the third argument by identifying it with the second.

Any Loglan predicate word has a certain number of arguments, which have a certain order in the situation it represents, which can be seen in its dictionary entry. Without special contrivances, you cannot supply the predicate with **more** arguments. But you can supply it with fewer arguments. **Mi gudbi tu** means “I am better than you”. Just **Mi gudbi** means “I am good”, with the underlying assertion being “I am better than someone”. Another example **La Meris, donsu le bakso**: “Mary gave the box away (gave it to someone)”.

This can be combined with changes of argument order: **Mi nu gudbi**, “I am bad” (I am worse than someone); **La Meris, nufunu donsu la Djan**: “Mary gave (something) to John.”. The argument omitted is always the last one, but if one changes the order of the arguments, one can put an argument one wishes to omit in the last position.

If the reader wonders why we introduce this transformation of verbs here, they should note two things: as we will see later, this is one of the most

tightly binding operations on verbs, and further, it acts exactly on the very simplest features of the structure of the simple Loglan sentence.

3.1.3 Tenses and variations

In this section we introduce tenses of the Loglan verb, which do not necessarily have anything to do with time. Tense is achieved using a structure word (either **ga** or a word of the PA class): the simplest examples are **na**, **pa**, **fa**. the present, past, and future tenses. A nontemporal examples is **vi** (here). There is also a null tense **ga**, which is used in situations where it is grammatically useful to have a tense but we do not actually want to say anything about the time, place or conditions of the assertion.

la Meris, pa cluva la Djan Mary loved John

Mi fa nufunu donsu tu I will give you something

La Ailin, vi danse Eileen dances here

Le mrenu ga sadji The man is wise (in general, no commitment to a particular time). Here the **ga** is grammatically a tense but it doesn't add anything to the semantics. It is needed, because as we will see later, **le mrenu sadji** is not a sentence, but a noun phrase, "the wise man".

We aren't introducing tenses at length: we actually need to introduce them in order to describe a further manipulation of basic sentences. Notice that **nufunu donsu** is tensed, rather than **fa donsu** being converted: the tense is much more loosely attached than the conversion operator. In fact, the tense attaches to the verb phrase as a whole rather than to the verb.¹

3.1.4 Variations in sentence order

We can put the subject in a sentence after the verb in two ways.

The first kind of sentence we can produce has a tensed verb phrase with its objects (it might be tensed with **ga** strictly for grammatical purposes) followed optionally by **ga** then the subject:

Ga gudbi tu ga mi I am better than you

Ga gudbi tu There are better than you (here the subject is omitted!)

Ga donsu le bakso la Djan, ga la Meris Mary gave the box to John

¹It is actually possible to convert a sort-of-tensed verb but it is tricky: **Mi nufunu ge donsu je fa gue tu**, in which quite a lot is going on which we will not explain yet!

Nia nu gudbi tu ga mi You are being better than me (combining conversion of the predicate with reordering of sentence components!) The tense word **nia** is the present progressive.

The second kind of sentence with subject delay consists of a tensed verb phrase with no objects followed by **ga** then all the arguments in the sentence.

Ga dons **ga la Meris, le bakso la Djan.**

This allows us to achieve VOS and VSO word orders.²

We can put some objects before the verb, if we separate those objects from the subject with the particle **gio**.

Mi gio le bakso ga dons **tu** I give the box to you (the tense **ga** is actually needed to keep from saying **le bakso dons**.the boxy giver), or

Mi gio le bakso tu ga dons

This supports SOV(O) sentence order.

The particle **gio** may optionally be used to set the subject apart from the objects in a VSO sentence:

Ga dons **ga la Meris, gio le bakso la Djan.**

There is another device for modifying sentence order by bringing objects to the front, but this device cannot be properly introduced until after we discuss logically connected sentences.

3.1.5 Modifiers and tagged arguments

Tense, location and modal operators (the same words which can decorate verb phrases as tenses) can form *sentence modifiers* which are rather like additional arguments which can be supplied with any verb. In English grammar, these would be “prepositional phrases”.

Relative modifiers and arguments (including the tagged arguments introduced below) are called terms. The subject and the list of objects in a verb phrase are both term lists (of slightly different kinds, as we will see). The subject is an arbitrary list of terms containing at least one argument and no

²It is a reform of ours to require that gasents (the Loglan jargon for subject-delayed sentences) must have either exactly one argument delayed or all arguments delayed. We want to avert listeners being forced to retroactively change their understanding of the meanings of arguments appearing earlier as in ***Ga dons le bakso, ga mi tu** in which one would reasonably start out thinking that **le bakso** was the object being given (the second argument) but the presence of two arguments after **ga** (permitted in 1989 Loglan) forces the listener to revise this: the actual meaning of the sentence would be “I gave you to the box”.

more than one untagged argument. It is important to notice that if the list of terms before the verb in a sentence does not contain any arguments, the sentence will be either a gasent (if tensed) or an imperative (if not tensed). The object list can contain no more than four untagged arguments (since there is no predicate taking more than five arguments).

Formally, a relative modifier is either a word of class PA (a tense, location or modal operator) followed by a noun phrase, followed optionally by the particle **guua**³ or the general right closer particle **gu**, or simply a PA word followed optionally by **gu**. In the last kind of sentence modifier, you should suppose that the omitted argument of the PA word is the present situation in which the speaker is delivering their speech (the referent of the pronoun **tio**).

Lists of PA words will appear in the next section.

Examples of such modifiers:

Vi la Djan, mi bleka le nirda Near John I watched the bird
mi bleka le nirda, vi la Djan

Mi godzi na I go now (here the “now” is not a tense but a sentence modifier).

The relationship of a sentence modifier to the sentence is exactly the same no matter where it appears in the sentence. It modifies the verb phrase, or equivalently, the entire situation represented by the sentence, not an argument it happens to be near.

Mi bleka le nirda vi la Djan means that I was near John when I was watching the bird.

Mi bleka le nirda ji vi la Djan means that I was watching the bird which was near John (a different grammatical construction, the subordinate clause, which we have not seen yet).

A modifier or modifiers may appear before the **ga** or tense in a subject-delayed sentence.

Na la Ven, pa kamla ga la Djan John will come at nine

Tagged arguments are arguments which are allowed to float free in a sentence in the same way that relative modifiers do. This can be done with numerical place tags or case tags.

The numerical place tags **zua**, **zue**, **zui**, **zuo**, **zuu** are signs of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth argument of a predicate. This allows argu-

³**guua** and some other right closers are new; we did a survey of grammatical constructions closable with **gu** and provided special forms for most of them.

ments to be freely reordered and moreover allows medial arguments to be omitted.

Zui la Djan, donsu zua la Meris Mary gave (something) to John.

It also allows arguments to be placed with the subject, as long as at most one argument in the subject is untagged:

La Meris, zui la Djan, pa donsu le bakso

It also allows more than one argument to be supplied for the same place.

Zua la Meris, zua la Djan, cluva la Ailin Mary and John love Eileen.

Untagged arguments are taken as usual to represent the places of the argument in order, skipping places corresponding to numerical place tags (or case tags) which have already appeared earlier in the sentence. We do not require a listener or reader to displace a sequence of arguments when a **zua** is encountered at the end of a sentence. Numerical place tags have a special effect in term lists appearing before the particle **gi**, which we will describe below.

The case tags are a bizarre idea which *we* would not have installed in this language. This is not to say that similar ideas do not occur in natural languages. With each place of a Loglan predicate, a *case* is associated in the dictionary, and that case tag may be used to reference that argument of that particular predicate in the same way the appropriate numerical case tag would reference it. Another possible use of a case tag is to suggest an argument whose place the speaker has forgotten, or perhaps an argument of the predicate which does not appear in the dictionary!

There is a further issue that the dictionary includes words in which distinct arguments have the same case. To support this, we have recently provided forms which reference the first, second, third, etc. argument of a given case.

The list of case tags will appear in the next section.

We give examples of use of these tags.

La Djan, dio la Meris, cluva John loves Mary. This is another way to get SOV order, and notice that **gio** is not needed.

Dio la Meris, (kao) la Djan, cluva, with the same meaning. The nominative case tag **kao** is optional: it can be used, which illustrates the fact that the subject needs to contain at least one argument and at most one untagged argument (two tagged arguments are all right).

La Djan, pa donsu dio la Meris, le bakso John gave the box to Mary. The **dio** indicates which argument **la Meris** is (she is not being given as a gift) and **le bakso** falls tidily into the first unused argument place.

Dio la Meris, beu le bakso, donsu la Djan means the same thing as the previous sentence.

3.1.6 Imperatives (and observatives)

An untensed sentence consisting of a verb followed by an object list, with possibly some modifiers before the verb, is an imperative.

Donsu le bakso la Djan! Give the box to John.

Na la Ven, donsu le bakso la Djan! At nine, give the box to John.

If a tensed verb followed by an object list (possibly preceded by modifiers) is given, this is actually a subject-delayed sentence with the subject omitted. We call this an *observative*: we note it as a special form mostly to indicate that such sentences are not imperatives.

Na crina It is raining (literally, someone is being rained on). This is a shortening of **Na crina ga ba**

Na donsu le bakso la Djan Someone is giving the box to John.

As an experiment, Loglan has borrowed a concept from Lojban and installed the imperative pronoun **koo**. This is used just like **tu** (you) with the extra force that the usual referent of **tu** is commanded to make the statement true.

Koo donsu le bakso la Djan! Give the box to John!

but also

La Meris, cluva koo! Make Mary love you!

Mi jupni lepo koo gudbi! Make me think well of you! (lit. Make me think you are good).

The imperatives with **koo** are sentences of perfectly general structure and do not belong to the imperative grammatical class which is the subject of this section, usually, though consider

Cluva koo! Love yourself!

3.2 Logically connected sentences

3.2.1 Forethought connected sentences

Chapter 4

Lexicography Appendix: full word lists

4.1 Case tags and indirect reference particles

The case tags, including the positional ones are listed:

beu: (patients/parts),

cau: (quantities/amounts/values),

dio: (destinations/receivers),

foa: (wholes/sets/collectives),

kao: (actors/agents/doers),

jui: (lessers),

neu: (conditions/circumstances/fields),

pou: (products/purposes),

goa: (greaterers),

sau: (sources/reasons/causes),

veu: (effects/states/effects/deeds/means/routes),

zua: (first argument),

zue: (second argument),

zui: (third argument),

zuo: (fourth argument),

zuu: (fifth argument),

lae: (lae X = what is referred to by X),

lue: (lue X = something which refers to X)

The operators of indirect reference **lae** and **lue** are a different sort of creature, which originally had the same grammar as case tags, but now have somewhat different behavior. The latter two operators can be iterated (and so can case tags, probably indicating that more than one applies to the same argument).

For each semantic case tag there are forms like **beuzi**, **beucine** to reference the first argument with that tag, **beuza**, **beucito** to reference the second argument with that tag, and **beuzu**, **beucite** to reference the third argument with that tag. Forms like **beucifo**, **beucife** are theoretically possible.

Chapter 5

The Formal Grammar in PEG Notation

This chapter contains the actual Parsing Expression Grammar (PEG) notation in which the formal grammar is represented: this is the source from which the computer parser is constructed. It is also intended to be the basis of the presentation of the grammar.

I found a package which makes it so that this file can be included here in a way which does not run off the margins. Lines are numbered, but this should not be taken too seriously. Certainly any line number references in the text above should be checked whenever the grammar file source is modified. We do not have the text embedded in this file: the current contents of the file are read in.

```
1 # In this file I will develop the entire Loglan
   grammar on top of the phonetic proposal
2
3 # Dated updates now to appear here
4
5 # I have further fine-tuning of djifoa gluing in
   mind.
6 # Allow the -r glue to be expressed as
7 # -rr after all mandatory monosyllables, removing
   the annoying pronunciation problem?
8 # I was thinking of allowing -hy gluing in other
   contexts, but it is actually a bad idea.
```

9
10 # 9/15/2019 installed semantic case tags with order
 distinctions for use with predicates with more
 than one argument of the same case.
11 # one solution is beucine, beucito... another is
 beuzi, beuza, beuzu.
12
13
14 # 4/28/2019 Various debugging of the new predicate
 algorithm. Added CVVhy as a glued form for CVV
 djifoa.
15 # added capitalization of djifoa glue! Confirming
 my apparent earlier decision that a CVV(h)y
 djifoa must be followed
16 # by a full predicate complex.
17
18 # 4/26/2019: this incorporates various revisions to
 the phonetics, correcting errors or clarifying
 rules,
19 # motivated by my development of the phonetics
 section of a new grammar document. The one
 notable
20 # change is that <ci> is now only a name marker if
 followed by an explicit pause. This only
 requires
21 # changes in writing in serial names. In speech, it
 is recommended that one not pause after <ci>
22 # except before a name word. The benefit is that
 non-serial-name related uses of <ci> no longer
23 # threaten mysterious needs to add explicit pauses
 before following name words.
24
25 # I want to add the <zao> proposal of John Cowan.
 Done, 4/15/2019. the imperative pronoun <koo>
 has been added though not officially. I should
 also add <dao> for the dummy argument, but not
 today (it is in as of 4/18)
26

27 #4/25 Making note of the idea that <ci> should not
be a name marker unless followed
28 # by a pause. This would require that one pause
before ci-marked names and it would
29 # remove some very confusing corrections for the
false name marker problem. If we
30 # required the pause to be explicit we would be
imposing the expectation that whitespace
31 # after <ci> is not a pause. Otherwise we could
encourage writing a juncture after <ci>
32 # to deny presence of a pause, which is reasonable
considering the meanings of <ci>.
33 # I am implementing the version with explicit pauses
between <ci> and names
34 # and the directive not to pause after <ci> without
explicit indication. This solution
35 # involves rewriting existing text only in the rare
instances where <ci> precedes a name.
36
37 # 4/25/2019 Corrected some instances of (expanded)
badstress. Now forbidding (C)VVVV initial
predicates. Probably I should use class
badstress systematically in defining cmapua.
38
39 # 4/24/2019 Final consonants in syllables cannot be
followed by syllabic continuants.
40 # this rationalizes the definition of SyllableA.
41
42 # 4/22 I am thinking of explicitly flagging
imperative sentences; not changing
43 # the grammar but making this visible in the parse.
This might also have some
44 # effects on logical connections. 4/23 created an
imperative class for atomic
45 # imperative sentences; this has no actual effect
on parses, just
46 # organizes them in a more enlightening way.
47

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48 # 4/17-18 2019: updates commented out which make
    sentpred linkable with forethought
49 # and afterthought connectives (making some uses of
    <guu> to share arguments
50 # unnecessary). There are subtleties. Basically,
    untensed predicates without
51 # argument lists will be linked by A and KA series
    connectives. Such a linked
52 # set can be tensed as a whole. Such a linked set
    will share a following termset.
53 # This will probably change many parses in the Visit
    and other legacy sources.
54 # This required some really subtle adjustments to
    work right, divivable from
55 # the actual rules given. Definitely experimental.
56
57 # 3/9/2019 further, extended LIU1 to handle <ainoi>
    and its kin
58 # (actual mod is to class Cmapua) Further, fixing
    mismatch
59 # between connective and A classes. One does now
    have to pause
60 # before <ha> and its compounds.
61
62 # 3/9/2019 repaired bugs in negative attitudinals.
    A pause
63 # in a negative attitudinal of the <no, ui> form
    will not break
64 # it. <ainoi> didnt work for two reasons: the
    clauses
65 # in the definition of NOUI were in the wrong order,
    and
66 # the connective class mistakenly included <noi> so
    the
67 # phonetics checker was crashing! I had to move N
    and NOI
68 # earlier to make this work. Not yet installed in
    the other
```

69 # version.
70
71 # 1/26/2019 added <vie>, JCB's "objective
subjunctive" as a PA
72 # class word. I should add this to the other file
as well.
73
74 # 12/22/18: just a comment: one does not have to
pause before <ha> and its compounds.
75 # I do not know whether to fix this. One did not
have to in LIP either. For the moment I will
76 # leave it as it is. As a matter of style, one
probably should pause.
77
78 # 10/6/18 minor adjustments, made only in this file
. Allow <sujo> (a wicked thing to say). Do not
79 # allow <futo>: suffixed conversion operators must
be nu + suffix.
80
81 # 6/2 fixed LIO + alien text. I also fixed some
other glitches described in the reference grammar
.
82
83 # 5/11 making version without "alternative parser"
features. This version allows GAA but it doesn't
84 # do anything: the definitions of argumentA and kin
are the only point of difference. Master
version:
85 # becomes "alternative" by reinstating alternative
definitions of argumentA and kin. Further, made
changes
86 # recommended in the reference grammar. ALTERNATIVE
-- this is actually my master version. Edit
87 # this and revise the argumentA and kin entries to
make the original version.
88
89 # 4/24 discovered and repaired a bug re ci-marked
names suffixed to descriptions. Discovered a bug

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        in numerical
90 # descriptions yet to be fixed: <lio> needs to be
    an alien text marker, maybe taking double quotes.
    The description-
91 # with-suffixes-name bug was actually quite gruesome
    . I think it is repaired.
92
93 # 4/23 streamlined definition of descriptn. Shouldn
    't change anything. It was remarkably tricky
    though; preserving the old form
94 # in case of further trouble.
95
96 # 4/22 I think this will be the master grammar file
    , with alternative lines to turn off the
97 # GAA-related features.
98
99 # 4/22 allowing general predicates in gasent1. This
    removes an extreme oddity in parsing of
    imperatives.
100 # I do not see any new dangers from this.
101
102 # 4/22 I changed the final element of a keksent to
    be a sentence (new class uttA0), not a general
    sentence fragment.
103 # several parse errors in the Visit were uncovered
    by this.
104
105 # 4/22: note that I still have the obligation to
    restore the <zao> construction.
106
107 # 4/9/2018 the large subject marker GAA can also be
    used to defend the beginnings of gasents and
    imperatives
108 # from absorbing trailing arguments into an
    unintended statement. In this context <gaa> may
    be followed by <ga> ;- )
109
110 # 4/8/2018 this is an alternative version in which
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an argument which starts an SVO sentence will not be accepted

111 # as a trailing argument of a previous sentence. This allows neat termination of <lepo> clauses preceding

112 # a subject, for example. Unlike the previous alternative approach, this seems to involve a single fairly

113 # tidy change: it is all an issue of avoiding needs for explicit closure. Further refinement: SVO sentences

114 # can be marked with GAA (which is not a tense: it appears optionally just before the predicate, or just

115 # before sutori arguments marked with GIO if there are any), the "large subject marker": an argument which

116 # starts an SVO sentence *not marked with GAA* will not be accepted as a trailing argument of a previous

117 # sentence. This is a sufficiently complex grammar change that it requires thought: it is not conservative

118 # in my usual sense. The fact that GAA carries a mandatory stress is virtuous. Its resemblance to the

119 # particle GA when used as a tense is not a bad thing: it would often be used instead of GA to close

120 # a <lepo> clause appearing as a subject, and it is perhaps better for that purpose. Note that GAA can

121 # and often will be followed by a tense. This grammar change depends strongly on the previous ruling that the 0 in

122 # SOV(0) sentences must be marked with <gio>: S gio 0^n V (0^m).

123

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124 # nuu is an atomic A core and there is no nu-affix
    to A connectives and their kin
125
126 # 1/20/2018 redefined CA cores to include a possible
    NU prefix. This allows more logically connected
    tenses, for example.
127
128 # 1/13/2018 reorganized the internals of class PA in
    a way which should allow more things and not
    forbid anything legal now.
129 # this is pursuant on an analysis of the classes NI
    and PA as phrases, rather than words, as I start
    writing a global lexicography
130 # proposal document. Enforced explicit pauses after
    PA phrases appearing as arguments with a
    following modifier with an argument.
131
132 # 12/30/2017 fixed a problem with name markers in
    the clas NameWord and made a slight change to the
    new option in NI (names
133 # as dimensions).
134
135 # 12/27/2017 installing an alternative treatment of
    acronyms under which they are simply names (
    suffix -n to acronyms in all uses).
136 # supporting this requires no change at all to
    acronymic name usage (just use the -n versions
    with the usual rules for names),
137 # and for dimension usage requires <mue> to be a
    name marker and support for <mue> PreName as an
    alternative suffix to NI.
138
139 # 12/27/2017 Frivolously fooling with the
    capitalization conventions. They ought to work
    better now...but I could have broken something.
140 # the main new idea was to require that a
    capitalized embedded letteral actually be
    followed by lowercase if it was preceded by
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lowercase

141 # (with the obvious exception for a letteral
followed by a letteral). Also changed the rules
for diphthongs in cmapua to make all-caps

142 # legal for cmapua. The general idea is that one
can start with a capital letter and stay
capitalized until one hits a lower case letter,

143 # at which point one can jump back up to caps only
at a juncture (after which you can remain
capitalized) or temporarily for a vowel

144 # after z- (after which lower case resumes) or an
embedded literal (after which lowercase resumes).

The total effect is that this allows

145 # attested capitalization patterns in Loglan (
including capitalization of embedded literals as
in possessive articles and acronyms)

146 # and also allows all-caps for individual words (
attested in Leith but suppressed in my version)
and supports capitalization of components

147 # of names as in <la Beibi-Djein> (by artful use of
syllable breaks: Leith just has BeibiDjein,
which does not work for me).

148

149 # 12/26/2017 Installed <niu> (quotation of
phonetically legal but so far non-Loglan words).
I did not make <niu> a name marker, so if one
were to

150 # use it with names (where it isn't really
appropriate), one would have to pause initially:
<niu, Djan>.

151

152 # I note in this connection that quotation of names
with li...lu remains limited, since names by
themselves are not

153 # utterances: one needs the <la>. I fixed this as
an exception in the previous parser; I may do it
here or I may

154 # not, haven't decided. Single name words can be

```
        quoted with <liu>, of course, but not serial
        names.
155
156 # 12/24/2017  Refined treatment of vowel pairs for
        Cvv-V cmapua units.  First 12/24 version rather
        disastrously
157 # broken:  this should be fixed!
158
159 # 12/23/2017  This is now completely commented, with
        minor local exceptions to which I will return
        later.
160 # This document is the basis on which I will build
        all subsequent parsers, with due modifications to
        the comments.
161 # The Python PEG engine and preamble files contain
        commands for constructing a Python parser from
        it directly.
162
163 # 12/22/2017  major progress on commenting the
        grammar
164
165 # yet later 12/20:  no change in performance of the
        grammar, extensive commenting in the
166 # grammar section.  Considerable changes in
        arrangement:  for example, vocatives, inverse
        vocatives,
167 # and free modifiers are moved to a much earlier
        point.  I'm hoping to get a genuinely almost
        readable
168 # commented grammar...
169
170 # later 12/20  starting the process of commenting
        and editing the grammar, starting
171 # at basic sentence structures.  Notably rewrote the
        class [keksent] more compactly,
172 # one hopes with no actual effect on parses.
173
174 # 12/20/2017  Do not require expression of pause
```

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    after finally stressed cmapua before
175 # vowel initial predicate as a comma, since the
    initial vowel signals the pause anyway.
176 # Allow final stress in names. Fixed bug in
    CVVHiddenStress. Prevented
177 # broken monosyllables in finally stressed CVV
    djifoa. refinement of caprule
178
179 # 12/19/2017 seem to have had a versioning failure
    and lost the fix which requires
180 # CVVy djifoa to be followed by complete complexes.
    Restored.
181
182 # 12/18/2017 fixed a bug in treatment of stressed
    syllables in recognizing predicate starts. Also
183 # narrowed the generalized VCCV rule to allow more
    of the quite unlikely space of predicates with
    lots
184 # of vowels before the CC pair. Probably they
    should be banned (and none have ever been
    proposed with
185 # more than three) but that rule is not the context
    in which to arbitrarily ban half of them. Some
    cleanup
186 # of the display of parses, for which updated
    version of logicpreamble.py should also be
    uploaded. A refinement
187 # to class "connective" checking that apparent
    logical connectives are not initial segments of
    predicates.
188 # This has the effect of delaying the declaration of
    "connective" until after the declaration of
189 # "predstart".
190
191 # 12/17/2017 further refinement of the 12/16 version
    : a couple of bugs spotted.
192
193 # 12/16/2017 There should be no change in parsing

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behavior, but the predstart ruleset is shorter
194 # and more intelligible, and I realized that Complex
      doesnt need a check for the anti-slinkui test
195 # (the requirement that certain initial CVC cmapua
      be y hyphenated which replaces the slinkui test))
196 # at all: the way predstart works already ensures
      that initial CV cmapua fall off in the excluded
197 # cases, the idea being that we test the front of a
      predicate without lookahead in all cases. Also
198 # addressed the subtle point that one wasn't forced
      to pause after a predicate before following y
199 # (not likely to arise as a problem).
200
201
202 # 12/14/2017 Corrected vowel grouping to avoid
      paradoxical vowel triples which are default
203 # grouped in a way which becomes illegal if made
      explicit. SyllableA really should contain a
      final
204 # consonant: the previous form was messing up vowel
      grouping. Serious bug where end of djifoa
205 # and syllable resolution of a predicate may fail to
      agree. I think I blocked this by ensuring that
206 # final djifoa are not followed by vowels. Other
      fine tuning of the complex algorithm. Also had
207 # to repair the check for CVCCCV and CVCCVV
      predicates.
208
209
210 # 12/13/2017: added kie ( utterance ) kiu to class
      LiQuote. Did fine tuning to ensure
211 # that cmapua streams stop before <li> or <kie>,
      that names can stop at double quotes or close
212 # parentheses, and that the capitalization rule
      ignores opening parentheses as well as double
213 # quotes. One can now adorn li lu with quotes (on
      the inside) in a reasonable way
214 # and adorn kie kiu with parentheses (on the inside)

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in a reasonable way. One cannot
 215 # *replace* these words (or any words) with
 punctuation in my model of Loglan. Also,
 216 # updates to comments, and # (end of utterance)
 added as a marker of terminal punctuation.
 217
 218 # END of dated updates
 219
 220 # This is now done, in a first pass. That is, the
 grammar is adapted and appears to work, more or
 less.
 221 # What is needed is comments on the lexicography and
 the grammar...Phonetics has now pretty clearly
 been sorted
 222 # from the grammar (there are some places where the
 phonetics accept grammar information with regard
 to punctuation).
 223
 224 # Alien text is now handled somewhat differently.
 Some issues to do with quoting names are not
 finalized and have not been tested.
 225
 226 # I added -iy and -uy as VV forms allowed in general
 in cmapua but not in other words; they are
 always monosyllabic. What this
 227 # immediately allows me to do is to give Y a name
 which is not phonetically irregular! <ziy> is
 supported: <yfi> is too, now.
 228
 229 # capitalization is roughly back to where it was in
 the original, but all-caps are allowed.
 230
 231 # acronyms are liable to be horrible.
 232
 233 # Fixed the recursion problem in a way which will
 not be visible in ordinary parses. Streams of
 cmapua will always
 234 # be broken at name or alien text markers (instead

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        of using lookahead to check that we do not stand
        at the beginning
235 # of a name word  or alien text word).  The next
        cycle will then check for a name or alien text,
        and also check for
236 # badnamemarkers;  no lookahead is happening while a
        stream of cmapua is being read except checking
        for
237 # the markers of names and alien text.  This will
        change the way phonetic parses look (streams of
        cmapua will
238 # break (and sometimes resume) at name markers or
        alien text markers, but it will not change any
        grammatical
239 # parses.
240
241 #Part I Phonetics
242
243 # Mod bugs, I have implemented all of Loglan
        phonetics as described in my proposal.  Borrowing
        djifoa are pretty tricky.
244
245 # I have now parsed all the words in the dictionary,
        and all single words of appropriate classes
        parse successfully.
246 # I have added alien text and quotation
        constructions which do not conform to these rules
        ; so actually
247 # all Loglan text should parse,  mod some
        punctuation and capitalization issues.  The
        conventions for
248 # alien text here are not the same as those in the
        current provisional parser.
249
250 # I believe the conventions for forcing comma pauses
        before vowel initial cmapua and after names
251 # except in special contexts have been enforced.  In
        a full grammar, one probably would want
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252 # to disable pauses before vowel initial letterals (
done). This grammar also does not support the
lingering
253 # irregularities in acronyms (and won't).
254
255 # This grammar (in Part I) is entirely about
phonetics: all it does is parse text into names
(with associated initial
256 # pauses or name markers), cmapua (qua unanalyzed
streams of cmapua units),
257 # borrowings and complexes, along with interspersed
comma pauses and marks
258 # of terminal punctuation. It does support
conventions about where commas are required
259 # and a simple capitalization rule. Streams of
cmapua break when markers initial
260 # in other forms are encountered (and may in some
cases resume when the markers
261 # are a deception).
262
263 # a likely locus for odd bugs is the group of
predstartX rules which detect apparent cmapua
which
264 # are actually preambles to predicates. These are
tricky! (and I did indeed find some lingering
265 # problems when I parsed the dictionary). Another
reason to watch this rule predstart
266 # is that it carries a lot of weight: !predstart is
used as a lightweight test
267 # that what follows is a cmapua (a point discussed
in more detail later).
268
269 # In reviewing this, I think that very little is
different from 1990's Loglan (the borrowing
djifoa
270 # are post-1989 L1, but not my creation). Some
things add precision without making anything in
1990's Loglan incorrect.

- 271 # The requirement that syllabic consonants be
doubled is new, and makes some 1990's Loglan
names incorrect.
- 272 # The requirement that names resolve into syllables
is new, and makes some 1990's Loglan names
incorrect,
- 273 # usually because they end in three consonants.
- 274 # The rule restricting final consonant pairs from
being noncontinuant/continuant is new, but
- 275 # does not affect any actual predicate ever
proposed.
- 276 # Enhancing the VccV rule to also forbid CVVV...ccV
caused one predicate to be changed
- 277 # (<haiukre> became <haiukrre>, and haiukre was a
novelty anyway, using a new name for X in X-ray)
- 278 # The exact definition of syllables and use of
syllable breaks and stress marks is new (the
close comma
- 279 # was replaced with the hyphen, so Lo,is becomes Lo
-is); but this does not make anything in 1990's
Loglan
- 280 # incorrect, it merely increases precision and
makes phonetic transcript possible.
- 281 # Forbidding doubled vowels in borrowings was new,
was already approved, and caused us to change
- 282 # <alkooli> to <alkoholi>.
- 283 # Formally allowing the CVccVV and CVcccV predicates
without y-hyphens took a proposal in 2013
because
- 284 # Appendix H was careless in describing their
abandonment of the slinkui test, but the
dictionary
- 285 # makes it evident that this was their intent all
along. The slinkui test had already been
- 286 # abandoned in the 1990s.
- 287 # Formally abandoning qwx was already something that
the dictionary workers in the 1990's were
working

288 # on; we completed it.
289 # Allowing glottal stop in vowel pairs and
forbidding it as an allophone of pause is a new
phonetic
290 # feature in the proposal but not reflected in the
parser, of course. Alternative pronunciations
of
291 # y and h and allowing h in final position are
invisible or do not make any 1990's Loglan
incorrect.
292 # Permitting false name markers in names was already
afoot in the 1990's and the basic outlines of
our
293 # approach were already in place. The rule
requiring explicit pauses between a name marker
not starting
294 # a name word and the beginning of the next name
word is new, but reflects something which was
already
295 # a fact about 1990's Loglan pronunciation: those
pauses had to be made in speech
296 # (and in the 1990's they had no tools to do
relevant computer tests)! The requirement
297 # that names resolve into syllables restricts which
literal occurrences of name markers are actually
298 # false name markers (the tail they induce in the
name must itself resolve into syllables).
299 # Working out the full details of borrowing djifoa
was interesting: I'm not sure that I've done
anything
300 # *new* there; explicitly noting the stress shift
in borrowing djifoa might be viewed as something
301 # new but it is a logical consequence of JCB's
permission to pause after a borrowing djifoa,
which contains
302 # explicit language about how it is to be stressed,
and the
303 # final definition of a borrowing djifoa as simply

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a borrowing followed by -y. The shift strikes
304 # me as a really good idea anyway, because it marks
      djifoa with a pause after it as phonetically
      different
305 # in an additional way other than ending with the
      very indistinct vowel y. My rules as given here
      do not
306 # directly enforce the rule that a borrowing djifoa
      must be preceded by y but I think they
      indirectly
307 # enforce it in all or almost all cases: the
      parser tries to read a borrowing djifoa before
      reading
308 # any other kind of djifoa, so it is hard to see
      how to deploy a short djifoa in such a way that
      it would
309 # fall off the head of a borrowing without using y.
310 # These phonetics do not support certain
      irregularities in acronyms. We note that
311 # it is now allowed to insert <, mue> into an
      acronym, which would be necessary for example
312 # between a Ceo letteral and a following VCV
      letteral.
313
314 #Sounds
315
316 #all vowels
317
318 V1 <- [aeiouyAEIOUY]
319
320 #regular vowels
321
322 V2 <- [aeiouAEIOU]
323
324 #consonants
325
326 C1 <- [bcd fghjklmnp rstvzBCDFGHJKLMNP RSTVZ]
327

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328 # letters
329
330 letter <- (![qwxQWX] [a-zA-Z])
331
332 # a capitalization convention which allows what our
    current one allows and also allows all-caps.
333 # if case goes down from upper case to lower case,
    it can only go back up in certain cases. This
334 # does allow capitalization of initial segments of
    words. There is a forward reference to the
    grammar
335 # in that free capitalization of embedded literals
    is permitted, and capitalization of vowels
336 # guarded with z in literals as in DaiNaizA.
337
338 lowercase <- (![qwx] [a-z])
339
340 uppercase <- (![QWX] [A-Z])
341
342 caprule <- ["()? &([z] V1 (!uppercase/&TAIO)/
    lowercase TAI0 (!uppercase/&TAIO)/!(lowercase
    uppercase).) letter (&([z] V1 (!uppercase/&TAIO)/
    lowercase TAI0 (!uppercase/&TAIO)/!(lowercase
    uppercase).) (letter/juncture))* !(letter/
    juncture)
343
344 # syllable markers: the hyphen is always medial so
    must be followed by a letter.
345 # the stress marks can be syllable final and word
    final. A juncture is never followed
346 # by another juncture.
347
348 juncture <- (([-] &letter)/[\'*]) !juncture
349
350 stress <- [\'*] !juncture
351
352 # terminal punctuation
353

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354 terminal <- ([.:?!;#])
355
356 # characters which can occur in words
357
358 character <- (letter/juncture)
359
360 # to really get all Loglan text, we should add the
    alien text constructions and the markers of alien
    text,
361 # <lie>, <lao>, <sao>, <sue> and certain quotations
    which violate the phonetic rules.
362
363 # we adopt the convention that all alien text may be
    but does not have to be enclosed in quotes.
364 # it needs to be understood that in quoted alien
    text, whitespace is understood as <, y,>; in the
    unquoted
365 # version this is shown explicitly. This handling
    of alien text is taken from the final 1990's
    treatment
366 # of Linnaeans = foreign names, and extended by us
    to replace the impossible treatment of strong
367 # quotation in 1989 Loglan.
368
369 # this is a little different from what is allowed in
    the previous provisional parser, but similar.
370 # A difference is that all the alien text markers
    are allowed to be followed by the same sorts of
    alien text.
371
372 # the forms with <hoi> and <hue> are required to
    have following quotes in written form to avoid
373 # unintended parses, which otherwise become likely
    in case of typos in non-alien text cases.
374
375 AlienText <- ([,]? [ ]+ [\" ] (![\" ].)+ [\" ]/ [,]? [
    ]+ (![, ]!terminal .)+ ([,]? [ ]+ [y] [,]? [ ]+
    (![, ]!terminal .)+)*

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376
377 AlienWord <- &caprule ([Hh] [Oo] [Ii] juncture?
    &([,]? [ ]+ [\\"])/[Hh][Uu] juncture? [Ee]
    juncture? &([,]? [ ]+ [\\"]) / [Ll] [Ii] juncture?
    [Ee] juncture? /[Ll] [Aa] [Oo] juncture? /[Ll] [Ii]
    ] juncture? [Oo] juncture? /[Ss] [Aa] [Oo]
    juncture?/[Ss] [Uu] juncture? [Ee] juncture?)
    AlienText
378
379 # while reading streams of cmapua, the parser will
    watch for the markers of alien text.
380
381 alienmarker <- ([Hh] [Oo] [Ii] juncture? &([,]? [ ]+
    [\\"])/[Hh][Uu] juncture? [Ee] juncture? &([,]? [
    ]+ [\\"]) / [Ll] [Ii] juncture? [Ee] juncture? /[
    Ll] [Aa] [Oo] juncture? /[Ll] [Ii] juncture? [Oo]
    juncture? /[Ss] [Aa] [Oo] juncture?/[Ss] [Uu]
    juncture? [Ee] juncture?) !V1
382
383 # 5/11/18 added <lio> as an alien text marker, to
    support numerals.
384
385 # the continuant consonants and the syllabic pairs
    they can form
386
387 continuant <- [mnlrMNLr]
388
389 syllabic <- (([mM] [mM] !(juncture? [mM]))/([nN] [nN]
    ] !(juncture? [nN]))/([rR] [rR] !(juncture? [rR]))
    )/([lL] [lL] !(juncture? [lL])))
390
391 # the obligatory monosyllables, and these syllables
    when broken by a usually bad syllable juncture.
392 # The i-final forms are not obligatory mono when
    followed by another i.
393
394 MustMono <- (([aeoAEO] [iI] ![iI]) /([aA] [oO]))
395

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396 BrokenMono <- (([aeoAE0] juncture [iI] ![iI])/([aA]
    juncture [o0]))
397
398 # the obligatory and optional monosyllables.
    Sequences of three of the same letter
399 # are averted. Avoid formation of doubled i or u
    after ui or ui.
400
401 Mono <- (MustMono/([iI] !([uU] [uU]) V2)/([uU] !([iI]
    ] [iI]) V2))
402
403 # vowel pairs of the form found in cmapua and djifoa
    .
404 # (other than the special IY, UY covered in the
    cmapua rules)
405
406 # The mysterious prohibition controls a permitted
    phonetic exception in djifoa gluing.
407 # compua are never followed directly by vocalic
    continuants in any case.
408
409 VV <- (!(MustMono V2 juncture? V2 juncture? [Rr] [Rr]
    ]) (!BrokenMono V2 juncture? V2)
410
411 # the next vocalic unit to be chosen from a stream
    of vowels
412 # in a predicate or name. This is different than in
    our Sources
413 # and formally described in the proposal.
414
415 NextVowels <- (MustMono/(V2 &MustMono)/Mono/!([Ii]
    juncture [Ii] V1) !([Uu] juncture [Uu] V1) V2)
416
417 # 5/11/18 forbidding consonantal vowels to follow
    the same vowel.
418
419 # the doubled vowels that trigger the rule that one
    of them must be stressed

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420
421 DoubleVowel <- (([aA] juncture? [aA])/([eE] juncture
    ? [eE])/([oO] juncture? [oO])/([iI] juncture [iI
    ])/([uU] juncture [uU])/[iI] [Ii] &[iI]/[Uu] [uU]
    &[uU])
422
423 # the mandatory "vowel" component of a syllable
424
425 Vocalic <- (NextVowels/syllabic/[Yy])
426
427 # the permissible initial pairs of consonants, and
    the same pairs possibly
428 # broken by syllable junctures.
429
430 Initial <- (([Bb] [Ll])/([Bb] [Rr])/([Cc] [Kk])/([Cc
    ] [Ll])/([Cc] [Mm])/([Cc] [Nn])/([Cc] [Pp])/([Cc]
    [Rr])/([Cc] [Tt])/([Dd] [Jj])/([Dd] [Rr])/([Dd]
    [Zz])/([Ff] [Ll])/([Ff] [Rr])/([Gg] [Ll])/([Gg] [
    Rr])/([Jj] [Mm])/([Kk] [Ll])/([Kk] [Rr])/([Mm] [
    Rr])/([Pp] [Ll])/([Pp] [Rr])/([Ss] [Kk])/([Ss] [
    Ll])/([Ss] [Mm]) / [Ss] [Nn]/([Ss] [Pp])/([Ss] [Rr
    ])/([Ss] [Tt])/([Ss] [Vv])/([Tt] [Cc])/([Tt] [Rr
    ])/([Tt] [Ss])/([Vv] [Ll])/([Vv] [Rr])/([Zz] [Bb
    ])/([Zz] [Ll])/([Zz] [Vv]))
431
432 MaybeInitial <- (([Bb] juncture? [Ll])/([Bb] juncture
    ? [Rr])/([Cc] juncture? [Kk])/([Cc] juncture? [
    Ll])/([Cc] juncture? [Mm])/([Cc] juncture? [Nn])
    /([Cc] juncture? [Pp])/([Cc] juncture? [Rr])/([Cc
    ] juncture? [Tt])/([Dd] juncture? [Jj])/([Dd]
    juncture? [Rr])/([Dd] juncture? [Zz])/([Ff]
    juncture? [Ll])/([Ff] juncture? [Rr])/([Gg]
    juncture? [Ll])/([Gg] juncture? [Rr])/([Jj]
    juncture? [Mm])/([Kk] juncture? [Ll])/([Kk]
    juncture? [Rr])/([Mm] juncture? [Rr])/([Pp]
    juncture? [Ll])/([Pp] juncture? [Rr])/([Ss]
    juncture? [Kk])/([Ss] juncture? [Ll])/([Ss]
    juncture? [Mm]) / [Ss] juncture? [Nn]/([Ss]

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    juncture? [Pp]]/([Ss] juncture? [Rr]]/([Ss]
    juncture? [Tt]]/([Ss] juncture? [Vv]]/([Tt]
    juncture? [Cc]]/([Tt] juncture? [Rr]]/([Tt]
    juncture? [Ss]]/([Vv] juncture? [Ll]]/([Vv]
    juncture? [Rr]]/([Zz] juncture? [Bb]]/([Zz]
    juncture? [Ll]]/([Zz] juncture? [Vv]))
433
434 # the permissible initial consonant groups in a
    syllable. Adjacent consonants should be initial
    pairs.
435 # The group should not overlap a syllabic pair.
    Such a group is of course followed by a vocalic
    unit.
436
437 # this rule for initial consonant groups is stated
    in NB3.
438
439 # I forbid a three-consonant initial group to be
    followed by a syllabic pair. This seems obvious.
440
441 InitialConsonants <- ((!syllabic C1 &Vocalic)/(! (C1
    syllabic) Initial &Vocalic)/(&Initial C1 !(C1
    syllabic) Initial !syllabic &Vocalic))
442
443 # the forbidden medial pairs and triples. These are
    forbidden regardless of placement
444 # of syllable breaks.
445
446 # each of these is actually a single consonant
    followed by an initial, and the idea was to
    identify CVC-CCV junctions which
447 # would be hard to pronounce. But the placement of
    the syllable break is not relevant to the
    exclusion of the sequence.
448 # Notice that the continuant syllabic pairs are
    excluded: this prevents final consonants from
    being included in such pairs.
449

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450 NoMedial2 <- ((([Bb] juncture? [Bb])/([Cc] juncture?
  [Cc])/([Dd] juncture? [Dd])/([Ff] juncture? [Ff])
  /([Gg] juncture? [Gg])/([Hh] juncture? C1)/([Jj]
  juncture? [Jj])/([Kk] juncture? [Kk])/([Ll]
  juncture? [Ll])/([Mm] juncture? [Mm])/([Nn]
  juncture? [Nn])/([Pp] juncture? [Pp])/([Rr]
  juncture? [Rr])/([Ss] juncture? [Ss])/([Tt]
  juncture? [Tt])/([Vv] juncture? [Vv])/([Zz]
  juncture? [Zz])/([CJSZcjsz] juncture? [CJSZcjsz])
  /([Ff] juncture? [Vv])/([Kk] juncture? [Gg])/([Pp]
  ] juncture? [Bb])/([Tt] juncture? [Dd])/([
  FKPTfkpt] juncture? [JZjz])/([Bb] juncture? [Jj])
  /([Ss] juncture? [Bb]))
451
452 NoMedial3 <- ((([Cc] juncture? [Dd] juncture? [Zz])
  /([Cc] juncture? [Vv] juncture? [Ll])/([Nn]
  juncture? [Dd] juncture? [Jj])/([Nn] juncture? [
  Dd] juncture? [Zz])/([Dd] juncture? [Cc] juncture
  ? [Mm])/([Dd] juncture? [Cc] juncture? [Tt])/([Dd]
  ] juncture? [Tt] juncture? [Ss])/([Pp] juncture?
  [Dd] juncture? [Zz])/([Gg] juncture? [Tt]
  juncture? [Ss])/([Gg] juncture? [Zz] juncture? [
  Bb])/([Ss] juncture? [Vv] juncture? [Ll])/([Jj]
  juncture? [Dd] juncture? [Jj])/([Jj] juncture? [
  Tt] juncture? [Cc])/([Jj] juncture? [Tt] juncture
  ? [Ss])/([Jj] juncture? [Vv] juncture? [Rr])/([Tt]
  ] juncture? [Vv] juncture? [Ll])/([Kk] juncture?
  [Dd] juncture? [Zz])/([Vv] juncture? [Tt]
  juncture? [Ss])/([Mm] juncture? [Zz] juncture? [
  Bb]))
453
454 # The syllable.
455
456 # there are no formal rules about syllables as such
  in our Sources, which is odd since
457 # the definition of predicates depends on the
  placement of stresses on syllables.
458

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459 # The first rule enforces the special point needed
      in complexes that
460 # a CVC syllable is preferred to a CV syllable where
      possible; we economically apply
461 # the same rule for default placement of syllable
      breaks everywhere, which is, with
462 # that exception, that the break comes as soon as
      possible.
463
464 # the SyllableB approach is taken if the following
      syllable would otherwise start with a syllabic
      pair.
465
466 # the reason for this approach is that if one
      syllabizes a well formed complex in this way...
467 # the syllable breaks magically fall on the djifoa
      boundaries. This does mean that the
468 # default break in <cabro> is <cab-ro>, which feels
      funny but is harmless. Explicitly breaking
469 # it <ca-bro> will also parse correctly.
470
471 SyllableA <- (C1 V2 FinalConsonant (!Syllable
      FinalConsonant)?)
472
473 SyllableB <- (InitialConsonants? Vocalic (!Syllable
      FinalConsonant)? (!Syllable FinalConsonant)?)
474
475 Syllable <- ((SyllableA/SyllableB) juncture?)
476
477 # The final consonant in a syllable. There may be
      one or two final consonants. A pair of final
478 # consonants may not be a non-continuant followed by
      a continuant. A final consonant may not
479 # start a forbidden medial pair or triple.
480
481 # The rule that a final consonant pair may not be a
      non-continuant followed by a continuant
482 # is natural and obvious but not in our Sources.

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      Such a pair of consonants would seem to
483 # naturally form another syllable.
484
485 FinalConsonant <- !syllabic (!(!continuant C1 !
      Syllable continuant) !NoMedial2 !NoMedial3 C1 !(
      juncture? (V2/syllabic)))
486
487 # Here are various flavors of syllable we may need.
488
489 # this is a portmanteau definition of a bad syllable
      (the sort not allowed in a borrowing).
490
491 SyllableD <- &(InitialConsonants? ([Yy]/DoubleVowel/
      BrokenMono/&Mono V2 DoubleVowel/!MustMono &Mono
      V2 BrokenMono)) Syllable
492
493 # this (below) is the kind of syllable which can
      exist in a borrowed predicate:
494 # it cannot start with a continuant pair, it cannot
      have a y as vocalic unit,
495 # and its vocalic unit (whether it has one or two
      regular vowels)
496 # cannot be involved in a double vowel or an
      explicitly broken
497 # mandatory monosyllable.
498
499 BorrowingSyllable <- !syllabic (!SyllableD) Syllable
500
501 # this is the final syllable of a predicate. It
      cannot be followed
502 # without pause by a regular vowel.
503
504 VowelFinal <- InitialConsonants? Vocalic juncture? !
      V2
505
506 # syllables with syllabic consonant vocalic units
507 # this class is only used in borrowings, and we *
      could* reasonably

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508 # require it to be followed by a vowel.  But I won't
      for now.
509 # for gluing this restriction would work, but we
      might literally borrow predicates
510 # with syllabic continuant pronunciations.
511
512 SyllableC <- (&(InitialConsonants? syllabic)
      Syllable)
513
514 # syllables with y
515
516 SyllableY <- (&(InitialConsonants? [Yy]) Syllable)
517
518 # an explicitly stressed syllable.
519
520 StressedSyllable <- ((SyllableA/SyllableB) [\']*))
521
522 # a final syllable in a word, ending in a consonant.
523
524 NameEndSyllable <- (InitialConsonants? (syllabic/
      Vocalic &FinalConsonant) FinalConsonant?
      FinalConsonant? stress? !letter)
525
526 # the pause classes actually hang on the letter
      before the pause.
527
528 # whitespace which might or might not be a pause.
529
530 maybepause <- (V1 [\']*)? [ ]+ C1)
531
532 # explicit pauses:  these are whitespace before a
      vowel or after a consonant, or comma marked
      pauses.
533
534 pause <- ((C1 [\']*)? [ ]+ &letter)/(letter [\']*)? [
      ]+ &V1)/(letter [\']*)? [,] [ ]+ &letter))
535
536 # these are final syllables in words followed by

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    whitespace which might not be a pause.
537 # the definition actually doesnt mention the
    maybepause class.
538
539 MaybePauseSyllable <- InitialConsonants? Vocalic
    ['*]? &([ ]+ &C1)
540
541 # The full analysis of names.
542
543 # a name word (without initial marking) is
    resolvable into syllables and ends with a
    consonant.
544
545 PreName <- ((Syllable &Syllable)* NameEndSyllable)
546
547 # this is a busted name word with whitespace in it
    -- but not whitespace at which one has to pause.
548
549 BadPreName <- (MaybePauseSyllable [ ]+/Syllable &
    Syllable)* NameEndSyllable
550
551 # This is a name marker followed by a consonant
    initial name word without pause.
552
553 # I deployed a minimal set of name marker words; I
    can add the others whenever.
554 # I have decided (see below) to retain the social
    lubrication words as vocative markers
555 # *without* making them name markers, so one must
    pause <Loi, Djan>. By not allowing
556 # freemods right after vocative markers in the
    vocative rule, I make <Loi hoi Djan> work as well
    ,
557 # without pause.
558
559 # MarkedName <- &caprule ((([Ll] !pause [Aa]
    juncture?)/ ([Hh] [Oo] !pause [Ii] juncture?) /
    ([Hh] [Uu] juncture? !pause [Ee] juncture?) / ([

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Cc] !pause [Ii] juncture?)/([Ll] [Ii] juncture? !
pause [Uu] juncture?)/[Gg][Aa] !pause [Oo]
juncture?/[Mm][Uu] juncture? !pause [Ee] juncture
?) [ ]* &C1 &caprule PreName)
560
561 MarkedName <- &caprule ((([Ll] !pause [Aa] juncture
?) / ([Hh] [Oo] !pause [Ii] juncture?) / ([Hh] [
Uu] juncture? !pause [Ee] juncture?) /([Ll] [Ii]
juncture? !pause [Uu] juncture?)/[Gg][Aa] !pause
[Oo] juncture?/[Mm][Uu] juncture? !pause [Ee]
juncture?) [ ]* &C1 &caprule PreName)
562
563
564 # This is an unmarked name word with a false name
    marker in it.
565
566 FalseMarked <- (&PreName (!MarkedName character)*
    MarkedName)
567
568 # This is the full definition of name words. These
    are either marked consonant initial names without
    pause defined above,
569 # names without false name markers beginning with
    explicit pauses (either comma marked or vowel-
    initial)
570 # and name markers followed, with or without pause,
    by name words. In the latter case there must be
    at least
571 # whitespace before a vowel initial name.
572
573 # a series of names without false name markers and
    names marked with ci, separated by spaces, may be
    appended.
574
575 # there is a look ahead at the grammar: a NameWord
    can be followed without explicit pause (there is
    whitespace and
576 # a pause in speech!) by another

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577 # kind of utterance only in a serial name when what
      follows is of the form <ci> predunit, to be
      included
578 # in the name.
579
580 NameWord <- (&caprule MarkedName/([,] [ ]+ !
      FalseMarked &caprule PreName)/(&V1 !FalseMarked &
      caprule PreName)/&caprule ((([Ll] [Aa] juncture?)
      /([Hh] [Oo] [Ii] juncture?)/([Cc] &pause [Ii]
      juncture?)/([Ll] [Ii] juncture? [Uu] juncture?)/[
      Mm] [Uu] juncture? [Ee] juncture?/[Gg] [Aa] [Oo]
      juncture?) !V1 [,]? [ ]* &caprule PreName))([,]?[
      ]+ !FalseMarked &caprule PreName/[,]?[ ]+ &([Cc]
      &pause [Ii]) NameWord)* &([ ]* [Cc] [Ii]
      predunit/&([,] [ ]+/terminal/[""]/!.) ./!.)
581
582 # this is the minimal set of name marker words we
      are using. We may add more.
583
584 # I am contemplating adding the words of social
      lubrication as name markers, but in a more
      restricted
585 # way that in the last provisional parser, in which
      I made them full-fledged vocative markers. [
      Actually,
586 # I preserved their status as vocative markers
      without restoring their status as name markers,
      in the latest version].
587
588 # adding <mue> as a name marker
589
590 namemarker <- ([Ll] [Aa] juncture?/[Hh][Oo][Ii]
      juncture?/([Hh] [Uu] juncture? [Ee] juncture?)/[
      Cc] &pause [Ii] juncture?/[Ll][Ii] juncture? [Uu]
      juncture?/[Gg][Aa][Oo] juncture?/[Mm] [Uu]
      juncture? [Ee] juncture?) !V1
591
592 # this is the bad name marker phenomenon that needs

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        to be excluded.  This captures the idea
593 # that what follows the name could be pronounced
        without pause as a name word according to the
594 # orthography, but the fact that whitespace is
        present shows that this is not the intention.
595
596 # it is worth noting that name markers at heads of
        name words pass this test
597 # (because I omitted the test that what follows is
        not a PreName in the interests
598 # of minimizing lookahead);
599 # but this test is only applied to strings that have
        already been determined not to
600 # be of class NameWord.
601
602 badnamemarker <- namemarker !V1 [, ]? [ ]*
        BadPreName
603
604 # we test for the bad name marker condition at the
        beginning of each stream of cmapua,
605 # and streams of cmapua stop before name markers (
        and may resume at a name marker
606 # if neither a NameWord nor the bad marker condition
        is found).
607
608 # We have at any rate completely solved the phonetic
        problem of names and their markers.
609
610 # predicate start tests:  the idea is the same as
        class "connective" above, to recognize
611 # the start of a predicate without recursive appeals
        to the whole nasty definition of predicate.
612 # The reason to do it is to recognize when CV^n
        followed by CC cannot be a cmapua unit.
613
614 # New implementation 4/28/2019.  This allows only (C
        )V(V)(V) before the pair of vowels, for much less
615 # potential lookahead.

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616
617 Vthree <- (V2 juncture?) (V2 juncture?) (V2 juncture
    ?)
618
619 Vfour <- (V2 juncture?) (V2 juncture?) (V2 juncture
    ?) (V2 juncture?)
620
621 # predicate starting with two or three consonants:
    rules out CC(C)V(V) forms.  Junctures in
622 # the initial consonant group ignored.
623
624 predstartA1 <- (&MaybeInitial C1 juncture?
    MaybeInitial/MaybeInitial) &V2 !(V2 stress !Mono
    V2) !(V2 juncture? V2 !character) !(V2 juncture?
    !character)
625
626 # an apparent cmapua unit followed by a consonant
    group which cannot start a predicate -- CV(V)
    case
627
628 predstartA2 <- C1 V2 juncture? (V2 juncture?)? !
    predstartA1 C1 juncture? C1
629
630 # a stressed CV^n before a consonant group (CV(V)
    case)
631
632 predstartA3 <- C1 !Vthree (!StressedSyllable V2
    juncture?)? &StressedSyllable V2 V2? juncture? C1
    juncture? C1
633
634 # other (C)V^n followed by nonpredicate
635
636 predstartA4 <- C1? V2 juncture? (V2 juncture?)? (V2
    juncture?)? !predstartA1 !(MaybeInitial V2) C1
    juncture? C1
637
638 # other stressed (C)V^n followed by consonant group
639

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640 predstartA5 <- C1? !Vfour (!StressedSyllable V2
    juncture?)? (!StressedSyllable V2 juncture?)? &
    StressedSyllable V2 V2? juncture? !(MaybeInitial
    V2) C1 juncture? C1
641
642 # forms with y; implemented CVVhy alternative for
    CVV cmapua
643
644 predstartA6 <- C1 (V2 juncture?) (V2 juncture? [Hh
    ]?/C1 juncture? (C1 juncture?)?) [Yy]
645
646 predstart <- predstartA1/predstartA2/predstartA3/
    predstartA4/predstartA5/predstartA6
647
648 # it is worth noting that in the sequel we have
    systematically replaced tests &Cmapua
649 # with !predstart. The former involves lots of
    lookahead and was causing recursion crashes
650 # in Python. The phonetics and the grammar are both
    structured so that any string
651 # starting with a name marker is tested for NameWord
    -hood before it is tested for
652 # cmapua-hood; the only thing it is tested for later
    is predicate-hood, and predstart
653 # is a rough and ready test that something might be
    a predicate (and at any rate
654 # cannot be a cmapua).
655
656 # this class requires pauses before it, after all
    the phonetic word classes.
657 # what is being recognized is the beginning of a
    logical connective.
658
659 # To avoid horrible recursion problems, giving this
    a concrete phonetic definition
660 # without much lookahead. This can go right up in
    the phonetics section if it works
661 # (and here it is!).

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662
663 # single vowel cmapua syllables early for
      connectives
664
665 a <- ([Aa] !badstress juncture? !V1)
666
667 e <- ([Ee] !badstress juncture? !V1)
668
669 i <- ([Ii] !badstress juncture? !V1)
670
671 o <- ([Oo] !badstress juncture? !V1)
672
673 u <- ([Uu] !badstress juncture? !V1)
674
675
676 Hearly <- (!predstart [Hh])
677
678 Nearly <- (!predstart [Nn])
679
680
681 # these appear here for historical reasons and could
      be moved later
682
683
684 connective <- [ ]* !predstart ([Nn] [Oo] juncture? )?
      (a/e/o/u/Hearly a/Nearly UU) juncture? !V2 !(
      predstart [Ff] [Ii]) !(predstart [Mm] [Aa]) !(
      predstart [Zz] [Ii])
685
686
687 # cmapua units starting with consonants. This is
      the exact description from NB3. The fancy tail
      in each of the
688 # three cases is enforcing the rule about pausing
      before a following predicate if stressed.
689
690 # consonant initial cmapua units may not be followed
      by vowels without pause.

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691
692 # I am adding <iy> and <uy> (always monosyllable,
        yuh and wuh) as vowel pairs permitted in VV and
        CVV cmapua units.
693 # it is worth noting that the "yuh" and "wuh"
        pronunciations of these diphthongs
694 # are surprising to the English-reading eye.
695 # The use for this envisaged is that the name <ziy>
        of Y becomes easy to introduce. Adding word
        space
696 # is always nice, and these words seem pronounceable
        . I also made <yfi> possible: Y now has
        phonetically
697 # regular names.
698
699 CmapuaUnit <- (C1 Mono juncture? V2 !(['*] [ ]* &C1
        predstart) juncture? !V1/C1 (VV/[Ii][Yy]/[Uu][Yy
        ]) !(['*] [ ]* &C1 predstart) juncture? !V1/C1 V2
        !(['*] [ ]* &C1 predstart) juncture? !V1)
700
701 # A stream of cmapua is read until the start of a
        predicate or a name marker word or an alien text
        marker word or a quote or parenthesis marker word
        is encountered.
702 # the stream might resume with a name marker word if
        it does not in fact start a name word and does
        not potentially start a name
703 # word due to inexplicit whitespace (doesn't satisfy
        the bad name marker condition).
704
705 # we force explicit comma pauses before logical
        connectives, but not before vowel initial cmapua
        in general;
706 # other conditions force at least whitespace, which
        does stand for a pause, before such words.
707
708 # detect starts of quotes or parentheses with <li>
        or <kie>

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709
710 likie <- ([Ll] [Ii] juncture? !V1/[Ki] [Ii] juncture
      ? [Ee] juncture? !V1)
711
712 # a special provision is made for NO UI forms as
      single words. <yfi> is supported.
713
714 Cmapua <- &caprule !badnamemarker (!predstart (VV/[
      Ii][Yy]/[Uu][Yy]) !(['*] [ ]* &C1 predstart)
      juncture? NOI/!predstart [Nn] [Oo] juncture? !
      predstart (VV/[Ii][Yy]/[Uu][Yy]) !(['*] [ ]* &C1
      predstart) juncture?/((!predstart (VV/[Ii][Yy]/[
      Uu][Yy]) !(['*] [ ]* &C1 predstart) juncture?)+ /
      ((!predstart V1 !(['*] [ ]* &C1 predstart)
      juncture?)/ !predstart CmapuaUnit) (!namemarker !
      alienmarker !likie !predstart CmapuaUnit)*)/!
      predstart V2 !(['*] [ ]* &C1 predstart) juncture
      ?) !V1 !(C1+ juncture) !([ ]* connective)
715
716 # I have apparently now completely solved the
      problem of parsing cmapua as well as name words.
717
718 # Now for predicates.
719
720 # the elementary djifoa (not borrowings)
721
722 # various special flavors of these djifoa will be
      needed.
723 # These are the general definitions.
724
725 # The NOY and Bad forms are for use for testing
      candidate borrowings for resolution
726 # with bad syllable break placements. Borrowings do
      not contain Y...
727
728 # CVV djifoa with phonetic hyphens.
729
730 # added checks to all cmapua classes: the vowel

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        final ones, when not phonetically hyphenated,
        cannot
731 # be followed by a regular vowel. This is crucial
        for getting the syllable analysis and the djifoa
732 # analysis to end at the same point.
733
734 # allowing h to be inserted before y in CVVy djifoa
        for a CVVhy form.
735
736 # allowing -r glue to be expressed as -rr
737
738 CVV <- C1 VV (juncture? [Hh]? [Yy] [-]? &(Complex) /
        juncture? [Rr] [Rr]? juncture? &C1/[Nn] juncture?
        &[Rr]/juncture? !V2)
739
740 CVVNoHyphen <- C1 VV juncture? !V2
741
742 CVVHiddenStress <- C1 &DoubleVowel V1 [-]? V1 ([-]?
        [Hh]? [Yy] [-]? &Complex /[Rr] [-]? &C1/[Nn] [-]?
        &[Rr]/[-]? !V2)
743
744 CVVFinalStress <- C1 VV (['*] [Hh]? [Yy] [-]? &
        Complex /[Rr] ['*] &C1/['*] [Rr] [Rr] juncture? &
        C1/[Nn] ['*] &[Rr]/['*] !V2)
745
746 CVVNOY <- C1 VV (juncture? [Rr] [Rr]? juncture? &C1
        /[Nn] juncture? &[Rr]/juncture? !V2)
747
748 CVVNOYFinalStress <- C1 VV ([Rr] ['*] &C1/['*] [Rr]
        [Rr] juncture? &C1/[Nn] ['*] &[Rr]/['*] !V2)
749
750 CVVNOYMedialStress <- C1 !BrokenMono V2 ['*] V2 [-]?
        !V2
751
752 # CCV djifoa with phonetic hyphens.
753
754 CCV <- Initial V2 (juncture? [Yy] [-]? &letter/
        juncture? !V2)

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755
756 CCVStressed <- Initial V2 (['*] [Yy] [-]? &letter
    /['*] !V2)
757
758 CCVNOY <- Initial V2 juncture? !V2
759
760 CCVBad <- MaybeInitial V2 juncture? !V2
761
762 CCVBadStressed <- MaybeInitial V2 ['*] !V2
763
764
765 # CVC djifoa with phonetic hyphens. These cannot be
    final and are always followed by a consonant (
    well, the
766 # -y form may be followed by a vowel...
767 # an eccentric syllable break is supported if the
    CVC is y-hyphenated:
768 # <me-ky-kiu> and <mek-y-kiu> are both legal. The
    default is the latter.
769
770 CVC <- (C1 V2 !NoMedial2 !NoMedial3 C1 (juncture? [
    Yy] [-]? &letter/juncture? &C1)/C1 V2 juncture C1
    [Yy] [-]? &letter)
771
772 CVCStressed <- (C1 V2 !NoMedial2 !NoMedial3 C1 (['*]
    [Yy] [-]? &letter/['*] &letter)/C1 V2 ['*] C1 [
    Yy] [-]? &letter)
773
774 CVCNOY <- C1 V2 !NoMedial2 !NoMedial3 C1 juncture? &
    C1
775
776 CVCBad <- C1 V2 !NoMedial2 !NoMedial3 juncture? C1 &
    C1
777
778 CVCNOYStressed <- C1 V2 !NoMedial2 !NoMedial3 C1
    ['*] &C1
779
780 CVCBadStressed <- C1 V2 !NoMedial2 !NoMedial3 ['*]

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      C1 &C1
781
782 # the five letter forms (always final in complexes)
783
784 CCVCV <- Initial V2 juncture? C1 V2 [-]? !V2
785
786 CCVCVStressed <- Initial V2 ['*] C1 V2 [-]? !V2
787
788 CCVCVBad <- MaybeInitial V2 juncture? C1 V2 [-]? !V2
789
790 CCVCVBadStressed <- MaybeInitial V2 ['*] C1 V2 [-]?
      !V2
791
792 CVCCV <- (C1 V2 juncture? Initial V2 [-]? !V2/C1 V2
      !NoMedial2 C1 juncture? C1 V2 [-]? !V2)
793
794 CVCCVStressed <- (C1 V2 ['*] Initial V2 [-]? !V2/C1
      V2 !NoMedial2 C1 ['*] C1 V2 [-]? !V2)
795
796 # the medial five letter djifoa
797
798 CCVCY <- Initial V2 juncture? C1 [Yy] [-]?
799
800 CVCCY <- (C1 V2 juncture? Initial [Yy] [-]?/C1 V2 !
      NoMedial2 C1 juncture? C1 [Yy] [-]?)
801
802 CCVCYStressed <- Initial V2 ['*] C1 [Yy] [-]?
803
804 CVCCYStressed <- (C1 V2 ['*] Initial [Yy] [-]?/C1 V2
      !NoMedial2 C1 ['*] C1 [Yy] [-]?)
805
806 # to reason about resolution of borrowings into both
      syllables and djifoa (we want to exclude the
      latter
807 # but we need to define it adequately) we need to
      recognize where to stop. A predicate word ends
      either
808 # at a non-character (not a letter or syllable mark:

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      whitespace, comma or terminal punctuation) or it
809 # has an explicit or deducible penultimate stress.
      Borrowings do not contain doubled vowels, so they
810 # have to have explicit stress in the latter case.
811
812 # analysis: the stressed tail consists of a
      stressed syllable followed by an unstressed
      syllable.
813 # identifying an unstressed final syllable is
      complicated by recognizing which CVV combinations
      can
814 # be one syllable. This will either be an
      explicitly stressed syllable followed by a single
      syllable
815 # or a syllable suitable to be stressed followed by
      an explicitly final syllable. CVV djifoa can
816 # contain both syllables in a tail and of course the
      five letter djifoa have to be tails. A never
      stressed
817 # SyllableC (with a continuant) may intervene.
818
819 # tail of a borrowing with an explicit stress
820
821 BorrowingTail1 <- !SyllableC &StressedSyllable
      BorrowingSyllable (!StressedSyllable &SyllableC
      BorrowingSyllable)? !StressedSyllable &
      BorrowingSyllable VowelFinal
822
823 # tail of a borrowing or borrowing djifoa with no
      explicit stress
824
825 BorrowingTail2 <- !SyllableC BorrowingSyllable (!
      StressedSyllable &SyllableC BorrowingSyllable)? !
      StressedSyllable &BorrowingSyllable VowelFinal
      (&[Yy]/!character)
826
827 # tail of a stressed borrowing djifoa, different
      because stress is shifted to the end

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828
829 BorrowingTail3 <- !SyllableC !StressedSyllable
      BorrowingSyllable (!StressedSyllable &SyllableC
      BorrowingSyllable)? &BorrowingSyllable
      InitialConsonants? Vocalic ['*] &[Yy]
830
831 BorrowingTail <- BorrowingTail1 / BorrowingTail2
832
833 # short forms that are ruled out: CCVV and CCCVV
      forms.
834
835 CCVV <- (InitialConsonants V2 juncture? V2 juncture?
      !character / InitialConsonants V2 ['*] !Mono V2
      juncture?)
836
837 # VCCV and some related forms are ruled out (rule
      predstartF above is about this)
838
839 # a continuant syllable cannot be initial in a
      borrowing and there cannot be successive
      continuant
840 # syllables. There really ought to be no more than
      one!
841
842 # borrowing, before checking that it doesnt resolve
      into djifoa
843
844 PreBorrowing <- &predstart!CCVV!Cmapua!SyllableC(!
      BorrowingTail!(StressedSyllable)!(SyllableC
      SyllableC)BorrowingSyllable)* BorrowingTail
845
846 # ditto for an explicitly stressed borrowing
847
848 StressedPreBorrowing <- &predstart!CCVV!Cmapua!
      SyllableC(!BorrowingTail!(StressedSyllable)!(
      SyllableC SyllableC)BorrowingSyllable)*
      BorrowingTail1
849

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850 # borrowing djifoa without explicit stress (before
      resolution check)
851
852 PreBorrowing2 <- &predstart!CCVV!Cmapua!SyllableC(!
      BorrowingTail!(StressedSyllable)!(SyllableC
      SyllableC)BorrowingSyllable)* BorrowingTail2
853
854 # stressed borrowing djifoa (before resolution check
      ).
855
856 PreBorrowing3 <- &predstart!CCVV!Cmapua!SyllableC(!
      BorrowingTail3!(StressedSyllable)!(SyllableC
      SyllableC)BorrowingSyllable)* BorrowingTail3
857
858 # Now comes the problem of trying to say that a
      preborrowing cannot resolve into cmapua. The
      difficulty is with
859 # recognizing the tail, so making sure that the two
      resolutions stop in the same place.
860
861 # we know because it is a borrowing that there is at
      most one explicit stress, and it has to fall
862 # in one of the cmapua! This should make it doable.
863
864 # borrowing djifoa are terminated with y, so the
      final djifoa needs to take this into account
865
866 # the idea behind both djifoa analyses is the same.
      If we end with a final djifoa followed by
867 # a non-character, we improve our chances of ending
      the syllable analysis at the same point. We
      control
868 # this by identifying djifoa with stresses in them:
      a medially stressed djifoa must be the last one
869 # (and the syllable analysis will find its stressed
      syllable and end at its final syllable, the fact
870 # that djifoa cannot be followed by vowels ensuring
      that the syllable analysis cannot overrun its end

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871 # When the djifoa is finally stressed, the complex
      analysis ends with a further djifoa guaranteed to
      have
872 # just one syllable, and the syllable analysis again
      will stop in the same place. The medial five
      letter forms
873 # and borrowing djifoa of course are finally
      stressed mod an additional unstressed syllable
      which is skipped
874 # by the syllable analysis, because it allows one to
      ignore an actually penultimate syllable with y
      or
875 # a syllabic consonant. In the case where we never
      find a stress and end up at a final djifoa, the
      syllable
876 # analysis will carry right through to the same
      final point.
877
878 # in the attempted resolution of borrowings, our
      life is easier because we do not have
879 # borrowing djifoa or medial five letter forms to
      consider, or any forms with y-hyphens.
880
881 RFinalDjifoa <- (CCVCVBad/CVCCV/CVVNoHyphen/CCVBad/
      CVCBad) (&[Yy]/!character)
882
883 RMediallyStressed <- (CCVCVBadStressed/CVCCVStressed
      /CVVNOYMedialStress)
884
885 RFinallyStressed <- (CVVNOYFinalStress/
      CCVBadStressed/CVCBadStressed/CVCNOYStressed)
886
887 BorrowingComplexTail <- (RMediallyStressed/
      RFinallyStressed (&(C1 Mono) CVVNoHyphen/CCVBad)/
      RFinalDjifoa)
888
889 ResolvedBorrowing <- (!BorrowingComplexTail(CVVNOY/

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      CCVBad/CVCBad))* BorrowingComplexTail
890
891 # borrowed predicates
892
893 Borrowing <- !ResolvedBorrowing &caprule
      PreBorrowing !([ ]* (connective))
894
895 # explicitly stressed borrowed predicates
896
897 StressedBorrowing <- !ResolvedBorrowing &caprule
      StressedPreBorrowing !([ ]* &V1 Cmapua)
898
899 #This is the shape of non-final borrowing djifoa.
      Notice that a final stress is allowed.
900 #The curious provision for explicitly stressing a
      borrowing djifoa and pausing is supported.
901
902 # borrowing djifoa without explicit stress (stressed
      ones are not of this class!)
903 # Note that one can pause after these (explicitly,
      with a comma, in which case the stress must be
      explicit too)
904
905 BorrowingDjifoa <- !ResolvedBorrowing &caprule
      PreBorrowing2 (['*'] [y] [,] [ ]+/juncture? [y]
      [-]?)
906
907 # stressed borrowing djifoa finally implemented!
908
909 StressedBorrowingDjifoa <- !ResolvedBorrowing &
      caprule PreBorrowing3 [y] [-]? ([,] [ ]+)?
910
911 # We resolve complexes twice, once into syllables
      and once into djifoa. We again have to ensure
      that
912 # we end up in the same place! The syllable
      resolution is very similar to that of borrowings;
913 # the unstressed middle syllable of the tail can be

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        a SyllableY, and can also be a
914 # SyllableC if the final djifoa is a borrowing.
915
916 # A stressed borrowing djifoa with the property that
        the tail is still a phonetic complex is
917 # a unit for this analysis.
918
919 # note here that I specifically rule out a complex
        being followed without pause by y. I do not rule
920 # this out for the vowel final djifoa because they
        can be followed by y at the end of a borrowing
921 # djifoa.
922
923 PhoneticComplexTail1 <- !SyllableC !SyllableY &
        StressedSyllable Syllable (!StressedSyllable &(
        SyllableC/SyllableY) Syllable)? !StressedSyllable
        !SyllableY VowelFinal !V1
924
925 PhoneticComplexTail2 <- !SyllableC !SyllableY
        Syllable (!StressedSyllable &(SyllableC/SyllableY
        ) Syllable)? !StressedSyllable !SyllableY
        VowelFinal !character
926
927 PhoneticComplexTail <- PhoneticComplexTail1 /
        PhoneticComplexTail2
928
929 # note the explicit predstart test here.
930
931 PhoneticComplex <- &predstart!CCVV!Cmapua!SyllableC(
        StressedBorrowingDjifoa &PhoneticComplex/!
        PhoneticComplexTail!(StressedSyllable)!(SyllableC
        SyllableC) Syllable)* PhoneticComplexTail
932
933 # the analysis of final djifoa and stressed djifoa
        differs only in details from
934 # what is above for resolution of borrowings. The
        issues about CVV djifoa with doubled
935 # vowels are rather exciting.

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936
 937 # a stressed borrowing djifoa with the tail still a
 phonetic complex is a black box unit for
 938 # this construction.
 939
 940 # My approach imposes the restriction on JCB's "
 pause after a borrowing djifoa" idea that what
 follows
 941 # the pause must itself contain a penultimate stress
 : <igllu'ymao> is a predicate but <igllu'y, mao>
 is not.
 942 # while <iglluy', gudmao> is a predicate.
 943
 944 # the analysis of the djifoa resolution process is
 the same as above, with additional remarks
 945 # about doubled vowel syllables: notice that where
 the complex tail involved a doubled vowel
 syllable
 946 # without explicit stress, we insist on that djifoa
 or the single-syllable next djifoa ending in
 947 # a non-character: in the absence of explicit
 stress, we always rely on whitespace or
 punctuation
 948 # to indicate the end of the predicate.
 949
 950 # all sorts of subtleties about borrowings and
 borrowing djifoa are finessed by always looking
 for
 951 # them first. There are no restrictions re fronts
 of borrowings or borrowing djifoa looking like
 regular
 952 # djifoa; the fact that borrowing djifoa end in y
 and borrowings do not contain y makes it always
 953 # possible to tell when one is looking at the head
 of a borrowing djifoa. Regular djifoa just
 before a borrowing
 954 # djifoa need to be y-hyphenated so as not to be
 absorbed into the front of the borrowing (I don't

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        believe
955 # that I actually need to impose a formal rule to
        this effect, though I am not absolutely certain;
        it would
956 # be difficult to formulate [and does appear in the
        previous version, where it is a truly
        unintelligible piece
957 # of PEG code]].
958
959 FinalDjifoa <- (Borrowing/CCVCV/CVCCV/CVVNoHyphen/
        CCVNOY) !character
960
961 MediallyStressed <- (StressedBorrowing/CCVCVStressed
        /CVCCVStressed/CVVNOYMedialStress)
962
963 FinallyStressed <-(StressedBorrowingDjifoa/
        CCVCYStressed/CVCCYStressed/CVVFinalStress/
        CCVStressed/CVCStressed)
964
965 ComplexTail <- (CVVHiddenStress (&(C1 Mono)
        CVVNoHyphen/CCVNOY) !character/FinallyStressed
        (&(C1 Mono) CVVNoHyphen/CCVNOY)/MediallyStressed/
        FinalDjifoa)
966
967 PreComplex <- (!CVVHiddenStress (!ComplexTail)(
        StressedBorrowingDjifoa &PhoneticComplex/
        BorrowingDjifoa/CVCCY/CCVCY/CVV/CCV/CVC))*
        ComplexTail
968
969 # originally I had complicated tests here for the
        conditions under which an initial
970 # CVC cmapua has to be y-hyphenated: I was being
        wrong headed, the predstart rules
971 # already enforce this (in the bad cases, the
        initial CV- falls off). The user will
972 # simply find that they cannot put the word together
        otherwise. The previous version
973 # did need this test because it actually used full

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    lookahead to check for the start of a predicate.
974
975 Complex <- &caprule &PreComplex PhoneticComplex !([
    ]* (connective))
976
977 # format for the LI quote and KIE parenthesis
978
979 LiQuote <- (&caprule [Ll][Ii]juncture? comma2? [\"
    phoneticutterance [\" comma2? &caprule [Ll][Uu]
    juncture? !([ ]* connective)/(&caprule [Kk][Ii]
    juncture?[Ee]juncture? comma2? [(]
    phoneticutterance [)] comma2? &caprule [Kk][Ii]
    juncture?[Uu]juncture? !([ ]* connective)))
980
981 # the condition on Word that a Cmapua is not
    followed by another Cmapua
982 # with mere whitespace between was used by <liu>
    quotation, but is now redundant,
983 # because I have required that <liu> quotations be
    closed with explicit pauses in all cases.
984
985 Word <- (NameWord / Cmapua !([ ]*Cmapua)/ Complex/
    CCVNOY)
986
987 # it is an odd point that all borrowings parse as
    complexes -- so when I parsed all the words the
    first time they all
988 # parsed as complexes. A borrowing is a complex
    consisting of a single final borrowing djifoa!
989 # I did redesign this so that borrowings are parsed
    as borrowings. (This is the class
990 # I used to parse the dictionary).
991
992 # Yes, CVC djifoa do get parsed as names in the
    dictionary, so the CVC case here is redundant. I
    actually
993 # think that only the CCV djifoa actually get parsed
    as such.

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994
995 SingleWord <- (Borrowing !./Complex !./ Word !./
      PreName !. /CCVNOY) !.
996
997 # name word appearing initially without leading
      spaces is important, because one type of NameWord
      includes a leading comma.
998
999 phoneticutterance1 <- (NameWord /[ ]* LiQuote/[ ]*
      NameWord/[ ]* AlienWord/[ ]*Cmapua/[ ]* '--'/[ ]*
      '...'/[ ]* Borrowing![y]/[ ]* Complex/[ ]* (
      CCVNOY))+
1000
1001 phoneticutterance <- (phoneticutterance1/[ ,][ ]+ /
      terminal)+
1002
1003 # consonants and vowel groups in cmapua
1004
1005 # as noted above, !predstart stands in for the
      computationally disastrous &Cmapua
1006
1007 badstress <- ['*] [ ]* &C1 predstart
1008
1009 B <- (!predstart [Bb])
1010
1011 C <- (!predstart [Cc])
1012
1013 D <- (!predstart [Dd])
1014
1015 F <- (!predstart [Ff])
1016
1017 G <- (!predstart [Gg])
1018
1019 H <- (!predstart [Hh])
1020
1021 J <- (!predstart [Jj])
1022
1023 K <- (!predstart [Kk])

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1024
1025 L <- (!predstart [Ll])
1026
1027 M <- (!predstart [Mm])
1028
1029 N <- (!predstart [Nn])
1030
1031 P <- (!predstart [Pp])
1032
1033 R <- (!predstart [Rr])
1034
1035 S <- (!predstart [Ss])
1036
1037 T <- (!predstart [Tt])
1038
1039 V <- (!predstart [Vv])
1040
1041 Z <- (!predstart [Zz])
1042
1043 # the monosyllabic classes may be followed by one
      vowel
1044 # if they start a Cvv-V cmapua unit; the others may
      never
1045 # be followed by vowels. Classes ending in -b are
1046 # used in Cvv-V cmapua units.
1047
1048 # the single vowel classes were moved before the
      class
1049 # connective in the phonetics section.
1050
1051
1052 V3 <- juncture? V2 !badstress
1053
1054 AA <- ([Aa] juncture? [Aa] !badstress juncture? !V1)
1055
1056 AE <- ([Aa] juncture? [Ee] !badstress juncture? !V1
      )
1057

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1058 AI <- ([Aa] [Ii] !badstress juncture? !(V1))
1059
1060 AO <- ([Aa] [Oo] !badstress juncture? !(V1))
1061
1062 AIb <- ([Aa] [Ii] !badstress juncture? &(V2
        juncture? !V1))
1063
1064 AOb <- ([Aa] [Oo] !badstress juncture? &(V2
        juncture? !V1))
1065
1066 AU <- ([Aa] juncture? [Uu] !badstress juncture? !V1
        )
1067
1068 EA <- ([Ee] juncture? [Aa] !badstress juncture? !V1
        )
1069
1070 EE <- ([Ee] juncture? [Ee] !badstress juncture? !V1
        )
1071
1072 EI <- ([Ee] [Ii] !badstress juncture? !(V1))
1073
1074 E Ib <- ([Ee] [Ii] !badstress juncture? &(V2
        juncture? !V1))
1075
1076 EO <- ([Ee] juncture? [Oo] !badstress juncture? !V1
        )
1077
1078 EU <- ([Ee] juncture? [Uu] !badstress juncture? !V1
        )
1079
1080 IA <- ([Ii] juncture? [Aa] !badstress juncture? !(
        V1))
1081
1082 IE <- ([Ii] juncture? [Ee] !badstress juncture? !(
        V1))
1083
1084 II <- ([Ii] juncture? [Ii] !badstress juncture? !(
        V1))

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1085
1086 IO <- ([Ii] juncture? [Oo] !badstress juncture? !(
      V1))
1087
1088 IU <- ([Ii] juncture? [Uu] !badstress juncture? !(
      V1))
1089
1090 IAb <- ([Ii] juncture? [Aa] !badstress juncture?
      &(V2 juncture? !V1))
1091
1092 IEb <- ([Ii] juncture? [Ee] !badstress juncture? &(
      V2 juncture? !V1))
1093
1094 IIb <- ([Ii] juncture? [Ii] !badstress juncture? &(
      V2 juncture? !V1))
1095
1096 IOb <- ([Ii] juncture? [Oo] !badstress juncture? &(
      V2 juncture? !V1))
1097
1098 IUb <- ([Ii] juncture? [Uu] !badstress juncture?
      &(V2 juncture? !V1))
1099
1100 OA <- ([Oo] juncture? [Aa] !badstress juncture? !V1
      )
1101
1102 OE <- ([Oo] juncture? [Ee] !badstress juncture? !V1
      )
1103
1104 OI <- ([Oo] [Ii] !badstress juncture? !(V1))
1105
1106 OIb <- ([Oo] [Ii] !badstress juncture? &(V2
      juncture? !V1))
1107
1108 OO <- ([Oo] juncture? [Oo] !badstress juncture? !V1
      )
1109
1110 OU <- ([Oo] juncture? [Uu] !badstress juncture? !
      V1)

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1111
1112 UA <- ([Uu] juncture? [Aa]    !badstress juncture? !(
      V1))
1113
1114 UE <- ([Uu] juncture? [Ee]    !badstress juncture? !(
      V1))
1115
1116 UI <- ([Uu] juncture? [Ii]    !badstress juncture? !(
      V1))
1117
1118 UO <- ([Uu] juncture? [Oo]    !badstress juncture? !(
      V1))
1119
1120 UU <- ([Uu] juncture? [Uu]    !badstress juncture? !(
      V1))
1121
1122 UAb <- ([Uu] juncture? [Aa]    !badstress juncture?
      &(V2 juncture? !V1))
1123
1124 UEb <- ([Uu] juncture? [Ee]    !badstress juncture? &(
      V2 juncture? !V1))
1125
1126 UIb <- ([Uu] juncture? [Ii]    !badstress juncture?
      &(V2 juncture? !V1))
1127
1128 UOb <- ([Uu] juncture? [Oo]    !badstress juncture? &(
      V2 juncture? !V1))
1129
1130 UUb <- ([Uu] juncture? [Uu]    !badstress juncture? &(
      V2 juncture? !V1))
1131
1132 # adding the new IY and UY, which might see use some
      time.
1133 # they are mandatory monosyllables but do not take a
      possible additional
1134 # following vowel as the regular ones do.  So far
      only used in <ziy>.
1135

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1136 IY <- [Ii] [Yy] !badstress juncture? !V1
1137
1138 UY <- [Uu] [Yy] !badstress juncture? !V1
1139
1140 # this is a pause not required by the phonetics.
      This is the only
1141 # sort of pause which could in principle carry
      semantic freight (the
1142 # pause/GU equivalence beloved of our Founder) but
      we have abandoned
1143 # this. There is one place, after initial <no> in
      an utterance, where
1144 # a pause can have effect on the parse (but not on
      the meaning, I believe,
1145 # unless a word break is involved).
1146
1147 # this class should NEVER be used in a context which
      might follow
1148 # a name word. In previous versions, pauses after
      name words were included
1149 # in the name word; this is not the case here, so a
      PAUSE
1150 # after a name word would not be recognized as a
      mandatory pause.
1151
1152 # in any event, as long as we stay away from pause/
      GU equivalence, this
1153 # is not a serious issue!
1154
1155 # this class does do some work in the handling of
      issues surrounding the legacy
1156 # shape of APA connectives, concerning which the
      less said, the better.
1157
1158 PAUSE <- [,] [ ]+ !(V1/connective) &caprule
1159
1160 # more punctuation
1161

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1162 comma <- [,] [ ]+ &caprule
1163
1164 comma2 <- [,]? [ ]+ &caprule
1165
1166 # Part II Lexicography
1167
1168 # In this section I develop the grammar of words in
      Loglan. I'll work by editing the original
      provisional PEG grammar.
1169
1170 # I place the start of this section exactly here,
      just before two final items of
1171 # punctuation, because these items of punctuation
      look forward not only to lexicography
1172 # but to the full grammar!
1173
1174 # the end of utterance symbol <#> should be added in
      the phonetics
1175 # section as a species of terminal marker. Done. We
      do *not* actually
1176 # endorse use of this marker, but we can notionally
      support it and it is in
1177 # our sources.
1178
1179 end <- (([ ]* '#' [ ]+ utterance)/([ ]+ !.)/!.)
1180
1181 # this rule allows terminal punctuation to be
      followed by an inverse vocative,
1182 # a frequent occurrence in Leith's novel, and
      something which makes sense.
1183
1184 period <- (([!.:;?] (&end/([ ]+ &caprule))) (invvoc
      period?))?)
1185
1186 # Letters with y will be special cases
1187 # idea: allow IY and UY (always monosyllables) as
      vowel combinations in cmapua only.
1188 # done: Y has a name now. <yfi> is also added.

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1189

1190 # the classes in this section after this point are
the cmapua word classes of Loglan (if they begin
with []* or a word class).

1191 # I suppose the alien text classes are not really
word classes, but they are lexicographic items,
as it were.

1192 # Paradoxically, the PA and NI classes admit
internal explicit pauses. So of course do
predicate words!

1193

1194 # Loglan does admit true multisyllable cmapua:
there are words made of cmapua units which have
joints between

1195 # units at which one cannot pause without breaking
the word. Lojban, I am told, does not.

1196

1197 # this version has the general feature that the
quotation and alien text constructions are not
hacked:

1198 # they are supported by the phonetic rules (as dire
exceptions, of course) and the grammatical
constructions

1199 # conform with the phonetic layer. Alien text and
utterances quoted with ...<lu> can be
enclosed in double quotes.

1200 # LI only supports full utterances, for the moment.
All alien text constructors take the same class
as argument:

1201 # the vocative and inverse vocative **require** quotes
to avoid misreading ungrammatical expressions
with typos

1202 # as correct (inverse) vocatives.

1203

1204 # the names <yfi>, <ziy> for Y are supported. The
Ceo names are left as they are. I decided that a
second short series

1205 # of letteral pronouns is actually a reasonable use

of short words, and the Ceio words are there for other uses.

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1206
1207 TAI0 <- (V1 juncture? M a/V1 juncture? F i/V1
      juncture? Z i/!predstart C1 AI/!predstart C1 EI/!
      predstart C1 AIb u/!predstart C1 EIb (u)/!
      predstart C1 EO/ Z [Ii] V1 !badstress juncture? !
      V1 (M a)?)
1208
1209 # a negative suffix used in various contexts.
      Always a suffix: its use as a prefix in tenses
      was a mistake in NB3 and I
1210 # think still supported in LIP. Ambiguities
      demonstrably followed from this usage (an example
      of how the demonstration
1211 # of non-ambiguity of 1989 Loglan was compromised by
      the opaque lexicography).
1212
1213 NOI <- (N OI)
1214
1215 # the logical connectives. [A0] is the class of
      core logical connectives. [A] is the fully
      decorated logical connective with
1216 # possible nu- (always in nuno- or nuu) and no-
      prefixes, possible -noi suffix, and possible (
      problematic) PA suffix, closed
1217 # with -fi (our new proposal) or an explicit pause.
1218
1219 A0 <- &Cmapua (a/e/o/u/H a/N UU)
1220
1221 A <- [ ]* !predstart !TAI0 (N [o])? A0 NOI? !([ ]+
      PANOPAUSES PAUSE) !(PANOPAUSES !PAUSE [ ,]) (
      PANOPAUSES ((F i)/&PAUSE))?)
1222
1223 # 4/18 in connected sentpreds, fi must be used to
      close, not a pause.
1224
1225 # A2 <- [ ]* !predstart !TAI0 (N [o])? A0 NOI? !([

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      ]+ PANOPAUSES PAUSE) !(PANOPAUSES !PAUSE [ ,]) (
      PANOPAUSES (F i))?)
1226
1227
1228
1229 # A not closed with -fi or a pause
1230
1231 ANOFI <- [ ]* (!predstart !TAIO ( (N [o]))? AO NOI?
      PANOPAUSES?))
1232
1233 A1 <- A
1234
1235 # versions of A with different binding strength
1236
1237 ACI <- (ANOFI C i)
1238
1239 AGE <- (ANOFI G e)
1240
1241 # a tightly binding series of logical connectives
      used to link predicates
1242 # this also includes the fusion connective <ze> when
      used between predicates.
1243
1244 CA0 <- (( (N o)? ((C a)/(C e)/(C o)/(C u)/(Z e)/(C i
      H a)/N u C u)) NOI?)
1245
1246 CA1 <- (CA0 !([ ]+ PANOPAUSES PAUSE) !(PANOPAUSES !
      PAUSE [ ,]) (PANOPAUSES ((F i)/&PAUSE))?)
1247
1248 CA1NOFI <- (CA0 PANOPAUSES?)
1249
1250 CA <- ([ ]* CA1)
1251
1252 # the fusion connective when used in arguments
1253
1254 ZE2 <- ([ ]* (Z e))
1255
1256 # sentence connectives. [I] is the class of

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utterance initiators (no logical definition).
1257 # the subsequent classes are inhabited by sentence
      logical connectives with various binding
1258 # strengths.
1259
1260 I <- ([ ]* !predstart !TAIO i !([ ]+ PANOPAUSES
      PAUSE) !(PANOPAUSES !PAUSE [ ,]) (PANOPAUSES ((F
      i)/&PAUSE)))?)
1261
1262 ICA <- ([ ]* i ((H a)/CA1))
1263
1264 ICI <- ([ ]* i CA1NOFI? C i)
1265
1266 IGE <- ([ ]* i CA1NOFI? G e)
1267
1268 # forethought logical connectives
1269
1270 KAO <- ((K a)/(K e)/(K o)/(K u)/(K i H a)/(N u K u))
1271
1272 # causal and comparative modifiers
1273
1274 KOU <- ((K OU)/(M OI)/(R AU)/(S OA)/(M OU)/(C IU))
1275
1276 # negative and converse forms
1277
1278 KOU1 <- (((N u N o)/(N u)/(N o)) KOU)
1279
1280 # the full type of forethought connectives, adding
      the causal and comparative connectives
1281
1282 KA <- ([ ]* ((KAO)/((KOU1/KOU) K i)) NOI?)
1283
1284 # the last component of the KA...KI... structure of
      forethought connections
1285
1286 KI <- ([ ]* (K i) NOI?)
1287
1288 # causal and comparative modifiers which are *not*
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forethought connectives

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1289
1290 KOU2 <- (KOU1 !KI)
1291
1292 # a test used to at least partially enforce the
      penultimate stress rule on quantifier predicates
1293
1294 BadNISTress <- ((C1 V2 V2? stress (M a)? (M OA)? NI
      RA)/(C1 V2 stress V2 (M a)? (M OA)? NI RA))
1295
1296 # root quantity words, including the numerals
1297
1298 NIO <- (!BadNISTress ((K UA)/(G IE)/(G IU)/(H IE)/(H
      IU)/(K UE)/(N EA)/(N IO)/(P EA)/(P IO)/(S UU)/(S
      UA)/(T IA)/(Z OA)/(Z OO)/(H o)/(N i)/(N e)/(T o)
      /(T e)/(F o)/(F e)/(V o)/(V e)/(P i)/(R e)/(R u)
      /(S e)/(S o)/(H i)))
1299
1300 # the class of SA roots, which modify quantifiers
1301
1302 SA <- (!BadNISTress ((S a)/(S i)/(S u)/(IE (comma2?
      !IE SA)?)) NOI?)
1303
1304 # the family of quantifiers which double as suffixes
      for the quantifier predicates
1305 # this class perhaps should also include some other
      quantifier words. <re> for example ought to be
      handled in the same way as <ra,ri,ro>.
1306 # No action here, just a remark.
1307
1308 RA <- (!BadNISTress ((R a)/(R i)/(R o)/R e/R u))
1309
1310 # re and ru added to class RA 5/11/18
1311
1312 # quantifier units consisting of a NI or RA root
      with <ma> 00 or <moa> 000 appended; to <moa> one
      can further
1313 # append a digit to iterate <moa>: <fomoate> is

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four billion, for example. <rimoa>, a few
thousand.

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1314
1315 # a NI1 or RA1 may be followed by a pause before
      another NI word other than a numerical predicate;
1316 # one is allowed to breathe in the middle of long
      numerals. I question whether the pause
1317 # provision makes sense in RA1.
1318
1319 NI1 <- ((NI0 (!BadNISTress M a)? (!BadNISTress M OA
      NI0*))?) (comma2 !(NI RA) &NI)?)
1320
1321 RA1 <- ((RA (!BadNISTress M a)? (!BadNISTress M OA
      NI0*))?) (comma2 !(NI RA) &NI)?)
1322
1323 # a composite NI word, optional SA prefix before a
      sequence of NI words or a RA word,
1324 # or a single SA word [which will modify a default
      quantifier not expressed],
1325 # possibly negated, connected with CA0 roots to
      other such constructs.
1326
1327 NI2 <- (( (SA? (NI1+/RA1))/SA) NOI? (CA0 ((SA? (NI1
      +/RA1))/SA) NOI?)* )
1328
1329 # a full NI word with an acronymic dimension (
      starting with <mue>, ending with a pause) or <cu>
      appended. I need to look up <cu>
1330 # and figure out its semantics. An arbitrary name
      word may now be used as a dimension, as well.
1331
1332 NI <- ([ ]* NI2 (&(M UE) Acronym (comma/&end/&period
      ) !(C u)/comma2? M UE comma2? PreName !(C u))?) (C
      u)?)
1333
1334 # mex is now identical with NI, but it's in use in
      later rules.
1335

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1336 mex <- ([ ]* NI)
1337
1338 # a word used for various tightly binding
      constructions: a sort of verbal hyphen.
1339 # also a name marker, which means phonetic care is
      needed (pause after constructions with <ci>).
1340
1341 CI <- ([ ]* (C i))
1342
1343 # Acronyms, which are names (not predicates as in
      1989 Loglan) or dimensions (in NI above).
1344 # units in acronym are TAI0 letterals, zV short
      forms for vowels, the dummy unit <mue>, and NI1
1345 # quantity units. NI1 quantity units may not be
      initial. <mue> units may be preceded by pauses.
1346 # An acronym has at least two units.
1347
1348 # it is worth noting that acronyms, once viewed as
      names, could be entirely suppressed as a feature
      of the
1349 # grammar by really making them names (terminate
      them with -n). I suppose a similar approach
      would work
1350 # for dimensions, allowing any name word to serve as
      a dimension. <mue> would be a name marker for
      use
1351 # with dimensions in this case. <temuedain>, three
      dollars. Now supported.
1352
1353 Acronym <- ([ ]* &caprule ((M UE)/TAI0/(Z V2 !V2))
      ((comma &Acronym M UE)/NI1/TAI0/(Z V2 (!V2/(Z &V2
      ))))+)
1354
1355 # the full class of letterals, including the <gao>
      construction whose details I should look at.
1356
1357 TAI <- ([ ]* (TAI0/((G A0) !V2 [ ]* (PreName/
      Predicate/CmapuaUnit))))

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1358
1359 # atomic non-letteral pronouns.
1360
1361 #4/15/2019 reserved <koo> for a Lojban style
        imperative pronoun, though not officially
        adopting it. Also adding <dao> for a default,
        don't care argument, another Lojban feature.
1362
1363 DAO <- ((T AO)/(T IO)/(T UA)/(M IO)/(M IU)/(M UO)/(M
        UU)/(T OA)/(T OI)/(T OO)/(T OU)/(T UO)/(T UU)/(S
        UO)/(H u)/(B a)/(B e)/(B o)/(B u)/(D a)/(D e)/(D
        i)/(D o)/(D u)/(M i)/(T u)/(M u)/(T i)/(T a)/(M
        o)/(K OO)/(D AO))
1364
1365 # letterals (not including <gao> constructions and
        atomic pronouns optionally suffixed with a digit.
        One should pause after the
1366 # suffixed forms, because <ci> is a name marker.
1367
1368 DA1 <- ((TAIO/DAO) (C i ![ ] NIO)?)
1369
1370 # general pronoun words.
1371
1372 DA <- ([ ]* DA1)
1373
1374 # roots for PA words: tense and location words,
        prepositions building relative modifiers. All
        can optionally be negated with -noi. They may
        also be quantified. They may also be closed with
        ZI class affixes. PA cores.
1375
1376 PAO <- (NI2? (N u !KOU)? ((G IA)/(G UA)/(P AU)/(P IA
        )/(P UA)/(N IA)/(N UA)/(B IU)/(F EA)/(F IA)/(F UA
        )/(V IA)/(V II)/(V IU)/(C OI)/(D AU)/(D II)/(D UO
        )/(F OI)/(F UI)/(G AU)/(H EA)/(K AU)/(K II)/(K UI
        )/(L IA)/(L UI)/(M IA)/(N UI)/(P EU)/(R OI)/(R UI
        )/(S EA)/(S IO)/(T IE)/(V IE)/(V a)/(V i)/(V u)
        /(P a)/(N a)/(F a)/(V a)/(KOU !(N OI) !KI)) (N OI

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)? ZI?)

1377

1378 # the form used for actual prepositions and suffixes
to A words, with minimal pauses allowed.

1379 # these are built by concatenating KOU2 and PA0
units, then linking these with CA0 roots (which
can take

1380 # no- prefixes and -noi suffixes, and next to which
one *can* pause), optionally suffixed with a
class ZI suffix.

1381

1382 PANOPAUSES <- ((KOU2/PA0)+ ((comma2? CA0 comma2?) (
KOU2/PA0)+)*)

1383

1384 # prepositional words

1385

1386 PA3 <- ([]* PANOPAUSES)

1387

1388 # class PA can appear as tense markers or as
relative modifiers without arguments; here pauses

1389 # are allowed not only next to CA0 units but between
KOU2/PA units. Like NI words, PA

1390 # words are a class of arbitrary length
constructions, and we think breaths within them

1391 # (especially complex ones) are natural.

1392

1393 PA <- ((KOU2/PA0)+ (((comma2? CA0 comma2?)/(comma2 !
mod1a)) (KOU2/PA0)+)*) !modifier

1394

1395 PA2 <- ([]* PA)

1396

1397 GA <- ([]* (G a))

1398

1399 # the class of tense markers which can appear before
predicates.

1400

1401 PA1 <- ((PA2/GA))

1402

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1403 # suffixes which indicate extent or remoteness/
      proximity of the action of prepositions.
1404
1405 ZI <- ((Z i)/(Z a)/(Z u))
1406
1407 # the primitive description building "articles".
      These include <la> which requires special
1408 # care in its use because it is a name marker.
1409
1410 LE <- ([ ]* ((L EA)/(L EU)/(L OE)/(L EE)/(L AA)/(L e
      )/(L o)/(L a)))
1411
1412 # articles which can be used with abstract
      descriptions: these include some quantity words.
1413 # this means that some abstract descriptions are
      semantically indefinites: I wonder if this
1414 # could be improved by having a separate abstract
      indefinite construction.
1415
1416 LEFORPO <- ([ ]* ((L e)/(L o)/NI2))
1417
1418 # the numerical/quantity article.
1419
1420 LIO <- ([ ]* (L IO))
1421
1422 # structure words for the ordered and unordered list
      constructions.
1423
1424 LAU <- ([ ]* (L AU))
1425
1426 LOU <- ([ ]* (L OU))
1427
1428 LUA <- ([ ]* (L UA))
1429
1430 LUO <- ([ ]* (L UO))
1431
1432 ZEIA <- ([ ]* Z EIb a)
1433

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1434 ZEIO <- ([ ]* Z Eib o)
1435
1436 # initial and final words for quoting Loglan
      utterances.
1437
1438 LI1 <- (L i)
1439
1440 LU1 <- (L u)
1441
1442 # quoting Loglan utterances, with or without
      explicit double quotes (if they appear, they must
1443 # appear on both sides). The previous version
      allowed quotation of names; likely this should
1444 # be restored.
1445
1446 LI <- ([ ]* LI1 comma2? utterance0 comma2? LU1/[ ]*
      LI1 comma2? [\" ] utterance0 [\" ] comma2? LU1)
1447
1448 # the foreign name construction. This is an alien
      text construction
1449
1450 LA0 <- ([ ]* &([Ll] [Aa] [Oo]juncture?) AlienWord)
1451
1452 # the strong quotation construction. This is an
      alien text construction.
1453
1454 LIE <- ([ ]* &([Ll] [Ii] juncture? [Ee]juncture?)
      AlienWord)
1455
1456 LI01 <- ([ ]* &([Ll] [Ii] juncture? [Oo]juncture?)
      AlienWord)
1457
1458
1459
1460 # I am not sure this class is used at all.
1461
1462 LW <- Cmapua
1463

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1464 # articles for quotation of words
1465
1466 LIU0 <- ((L IU)/(N IU))
1467
1468 # this now imposes the condition that an explicit
      comma pause (or terminal punctuation, or end)
      must appear at the end of the
1469 # Word or PreName quoted with <liu>. This seems
      like a good idea, anyway.
1470
1471 # this class appeals to the phonetics. Words and
      PreNames can be quoted. The ability to quote
      names
1472 # here may remove the need to quote them with <li
      >...<lu>. Of course, some Words are in fact
      phrases rather
1473 # than single words: we will see whether the
      privileges afforded are used. The final clause
      allows
1474 # use of letterals as actual names of letters.
1475
1476 # added <niu>: didn't make it a name marker.
1477
1478 LIU1 <- ([ ]* ([Ll]/[Nn])[iI] juncture? [Uu]
      juncture? !V1 comma2? (PreName/Word) &(comma/
      terminal/end) /[ ]*(L II TAI ))
1479
1480 # the construction of foreign and onomatopoeic
      predicates. These are alien text constructions.
1481
1482 SUE <- ([ ]* &([Ss] [Uu] juncture? [Ee] juncture?/[
      Ss] [Aa] [Oo] juncture?) AlienWord)
1483
1484 # left marker in a predicate metaphor construction
1485
1486 CUI <- ([ ]* (C UI) )
1487
1488 # other uses of GA

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1489
1490 GA2 <- ([ ]* (G a) )
1491
1492 # ge/geu act as "parentheses" to make an atomic
      predicate from a complex metaphorically
1493 # and logically connected predicates; <ge> has
      other left marking uses.
1494
1495 GE <- ([ ]* (G e) )
1496
1497 GEU <- ([ ]* ((C UE)/(G EU)) )
1498
1499 # final marker of a list of head terms
1500
1501 GI <- ([ ]* ((G i)/(G OI)) )
1502
1503 # used to move a normally prefixed metaphorical
      modifier after what it modifies.
1504
1505 GO <- ([ ]* (G o) )
1506
1507 # marker for second and subsequent arguments before
      the predicate; NEW
1508
1509 GIO <- ([ ]* (G IO) )
1510
1511 # the generic right marker of many constructions.
1512
1513 GU <- ([ ]* (G u) )
1514
1515 # various flavors of right markers.
1516
1517 # It should be noted that at one point I executed a
      program of simplifying these to
1518 # reduce the likelihood that multiple <gu>'s would
      ever be needed to close an utterance.
1519 # first of all, I made the closures leaner, moving
      them out of the classes closed

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1520 # to their clients so that they generally can be
      used only when needed.
1521 # Notably, the grammar of <guu> is quite different.
      Second,
1522 # I introduced some new flavors of right marker.
      All can be realized with <gu>,
1523 # but if one knows the right flavor one can close
      the right structure with a single
1524 # right closure.
1525
1526 # right markers of subordinate clauses (argument
      modifiers).
1527 # <gui> closes a different class than in the trial
      .85 grammar, with
1528 # similar but on the whole better results.
1529
1530 GUIZA <- ([ ]* (G UI) (Z a) )
1531
1532 GUIZI <- ([ ]* (G UI) (Z i) )
1533
1534 GUIZU <- ([ ]* (G UI) (Z u) )
1535
1536 GUI <- (!GUIZA !GUIZI !GUIZU ([ ]* (G UI) ))
1537
1538 # right markers of abstract predicates and
      descriptions.
1539 # probably the forms with z are to be preferred (and
      the other
1540 # two are not needed) but I preserve all five
      classes for now.
1541
1542 GUO <- ([ ]* (G UO) )
1543
1544 GUOA <- ([ ]* (G UOb a/G UO Z a) )
1545
1546 GUOE <- ([ ]* (G UOb e) )
1547
1548 GUOI <- ([ ]* (G UOb i/G UO Z i) )

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1549
1550 GU00 <- ([ ]* (G U0b o) )
1551
1552 GU0U <- ([ ]* (G U0b u/G U0 Z u) )
1553
1554 # right marker used to close term (argument/
      predicate modifier) lists.
1555 # it is important to note that in our grammar GUU is
      not a component of
1556 # the class termset, nor is it a null termset: it
      appears in other classes
1557 # which include termsets as an option to close them.
      The effects are similar
1558 # to those in the trial.85 grammar, but there is
      less of a danger that
1559 # extra unexpected closures will be needed.
1560
1561 GUU <- ([ ]* (G UU) )
1562
1563 # a new closure for arguments in various contexts
1564
1565 GUUA <- ([ ]* (G UUb a) )
1566
1567 # a new closure for sentences. In particular, it
1568 # may have real use in closing up the scope of a
      list of
1569 # fronted terms before a series of logically
      connected sentences.
1570
1571 GIU0 <- ([ ]* (G IUb o) )
1572
1573 # right marker used to close arguments tightly
      linked with JE/JUE.
1574
1575 GUE <- ([ ]* (G UE) )
1576
1577 # a new closure for descpreds
1578

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1579 GUEA <- ([ ]* (G UEb a) )
1580
1581
1582 # used to build tightly linked term lists.
1583
1584 JE <- ([ ]* (J e) )
1585
1586 JUE <- ([ ]* (J UE) )
1587
1588 # used to build subordinate clauses (argument
      modifiers).
1589
1590 JIZA <- ([ ]* ((J IE)/(J AE)/(P e)/(J i)/(J a)/(N u
      J i)) (Z a) )
1591
1592 JIOZA <- ([ ]* ((J IO)/(J AO)) (Z a) )
1593
1594 JIZI <- ([ ]* ((J IE)/(J AE)/(P e)/(J i)/(J a)/(N u
      J i)) (Z i) )
1595
1596 JIOZI <- ([ ]* ((J IO)/(J AO)) (Z i) )
1597
1598 JIZU <- ([ ]* ((J IE)/(J AE)/(P e)/(J i)/(J a)/(N u
      J i)) (Z u) )
1599
1600 JIOZU <- ([ ]* ((J IO)/(J AO)) (Z u) )
1601
1602 JI <- (!JIZA !JIZI !JIZU ([ ]* ((J IE)/(J AE)/(P e)
      /(J i)/(J a)/(N u J i)) ))
1603
1604 JIO <- (!JIOZA !JIOZI !JIOZU ([ ]* ((J IO)/(J AO)) )
      )
1605
1606 # case tags, both numerical position tags and the
      optional semantic case tags.
1607
1608 DIO <- ([ ]* ((B EU)/(C AU)/(D IO)/(F OA)/(K AO)/(J
      UI)/(N EU)/(P OU)/(G OA)/(S AU)/(V EU)/(Z UA)/(Z

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        UE)/(Z UI)/(Z UO)/(Z UU)) ) (C i ![ ] NIO/ZI)?
1609
1610 # markers of indirect reference. Originally these
        had the same grammar as case tags,
1611 # but they are now different.
1612
1613 LAE <- ([ ]* ((L AE)/(L UE)) )
1614
1615 # <me> turns arguments into predicates, <meu> closes
        this construction.
1616
1617 ME <- ([ ]* ((M EA)/(M e)) )
1618
1619 MEU <- ([ ]* M EU )
1620
1621 # reflexive and conversion operators: first the
        root forms, then those with
1622 # optional numerical suffixes.
1623
1624 NUO <- ((N UO)/(F UO)/(J UO)/(N u)/(F u)/(J u))
1625
1626 NU <- [ ]* (((N u/N UO) !([ ]+ (NIO/RA)) (NIO/RA)?)/
        NUO)+ freemod?
1627
1628 # abstract predicate constructors (from sentences)
1629
1630 # I do *not* think
1631 # that <poia> will really be confused with <po ia>,
        particularly
1632 # since we do require an explicit pause before <ia>
        in the latter case,
1633 # but I record this concern: the forms with z might
        be preferable.
1634
1635 P01 <- ([ ]* ((P o)/(P u)/(Z o)))
1636
1637 P01A <- ([ ]* ((P 0Ib a)/(P UIb a)/(Z 0Ib a)/(P o Z
        a)/(P u Z a)/(Z o Z a)))

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1638
1639 P01E <- ([ ]* ((P 0Ib e)/(P UIb e)/(Z 0Ib e)))
1640
1641 P01I <- ([ ]* ((P 0Ib i)/(P UIb i)/(Z 0Ib i)/(P o Z
      i)/(P u Z i)/(Z o Z i)))
1642
1643 P01O <- ([ ]* ((P 0Ib o)/(P UIb o)/(Z 0Ib o)))
1644
1645 P01U <- ([ ]* ((P 0Ib u)/(P UIb u)/(Z 0Ib u)/(P o Z
      u)/(P u Z u)/(Z o Z u)))
1646
1647 # abstract predicate constructor from simple
      predicates
1648
1649 POSHORT1 <- ([ ]* ((P 0I)/(P UI)/(Z 0I)))
1650
1651 # word forms associated with the above abstract
      predicate root forms
1652
1653 PO <- ([ ]* P01 )
1654
1655 POA <- ([ ]* P01A )
1656
1657 POE <- ([ ]* P01E )
1658
1659 POI <- ([ ]* P01E )
1660
1661 POO <- ([ ]* P01O )
1662
1663 POU <- ([ ]* P01U )
1664
1665 POSHORT <- ([ ]* POSHORT1 )
1666
1667 # register markers
1668
1669 DIE <- ([ ]* ((D IE)/(F IE)/(K AE)/(N UE)/(R IE)) )
1670
1671 # vocative forms: I still have the words of social

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        lubrication as
1672 # vocative markers.
1673
1674 HOI <- ([ ]* ((H OI)/(L OI)/(L OA)/(S IA)/(S IE)/(S
        IU)) )
1675
1676 # the verbal scare quote. The quantifier suffix
        indicates how many preceding words are affected;
1677 # this is an odd mechanism.
1678
1679 JO <- ([ ]* (NIO/RA/SA)? (J o) )
1680
1681 # markers for forming parenthetical utterances as
        free modifiers.
1682
1683 KIE <- ([ ]* (K IE) )
1684
1685 KIU <- ([ ]* (K IU) )
1686
1687 KIE2 <- [ ]* K IE comma2? [(]
1688
1689 KIU2 <- [ ]* [)] comma2? K IU
1690
1691 # marker for forming smilies.
1692
1693 SOI <- ([ ]* (S OI) )
1694
1695 # a grab bag of attitudinal words, including but not
        restricted to the VV forms.
1696
1697 UIO <- (!predstart (!([Ii] juncture? [Ee]) VV
        juncture?/(B EA)/(B UO)/(C EA)/(C IA)/(C OA)/(D
        OU)/(F AE)/(F AO)/(F EU)/(G EA)/(K UO)/(K UU)/(R
        EA)/(N AO)/(N IE)/(P AE)/(P IU)/(S AA)/(S UI)/(T
        AA)/(T OE)/(V OI)/(Z OU)/((L OI))/((L OA))/((S IA
        ))/(S II)/(T OE)/((S IU))/(C AO)/(C EU)/((S IE))
        /(S EU)/(S IEb i)))
1698

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1699 # negative forms of the attitudinals. The ones with
      <no> before the two vowel forms are a phonetic
      exception. The others
1700 # should also be (though they present no
      pronunciation problem) so that they are resolved
      as single words.
1701
1702 NOUI <- (([ ]* UIO NOI)/([ ]* N [o] juncture? comma?
      [ ]* UIO ))
1703
1704 # all attitudinals (adding the discursives nefi,
      tofi... etc)
1705 # there is a technical problem with mixing UIO roots
      of VV and CVV shapes.
1706
1707 UI1 <- ([ ]* (UIO+/(NI F i)) )
1708
1709 # the inverse vocative marker
1710
1711 HUE <- ([ ]* (H UE))
1712
1713 # occurrences of <no> as a word rather than an affix
      .
1714
1715 N01 <- ([ ]* !KOU1 !NOUI (N o) !(comma2? Z A0 comma2
      ? Predicate) !([ ]* KOU) !([ ]* (JIO/JI/JIZA/
      JIOZA/JIZI/JIOZI/JIZU/JIOZU)) )
1716
1717 # a technical closure for the alternative parser
      approach: the "large subject marker"
1718
1719 GAA <- (N01 freemod?)* ([ ]* (G AA))
1720
1721
1722 # Names, acronyms and PreNames from above.
1723
1724 AcronymicName <- Acronym &(comma/period/end)
1725

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1726 DJAN <- (PreName/AcronymicName)
1727
1728 # predicate words which are phonetically cmapua
1729
1730 # "identity predicates".  Converses are provided as
    a new proposal.
1731
1732 BI <- ([ ]* (N u)? ((B IA)/(B IE)/(C IE)/(C IO)/(B
    IA)/(B [i])) )
1733
1734 # interrogative and pronoun predicates
1735
1736 LWPREDA <- ((H e)/(D UA)/(D UI)/(B UA)/(B UI))
1737
1738 # here I should reinstall the <zao> proposal.
1739
1740 # the predicate words defined above in the phonetics
    section
1741
1742 Predicate <- (CmapuaUnit comma2? Z A0 comma2?)*
    Complex (comma2? Z A0 comma2? Predicate)?
1743
1744 # predicate words, other than the "identity
    predicates" of class [BI]
1745 # these include the numerical predicates (NI RA),
    also cmapua phonetically.
1746
1747 # we are installing John Cowan's <zao> proposal here
    , experimentally, 4/15/2019
1748
1749 PREDA <- ([ ]* &caprule (Predicate/LWPREDA/(![ ] NI
    RA)) )
1750
1751 # Part 3:  The Grammar Proper
1752
1753 # right markers turned into classes.
1754
1755 guoa <- (PAUSE? (GUOA/GU) freemod?)

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1756
1757 guoe <- (PAUSE? (GUOE/GU) freemod?)
1758
1759 guoi <- (PAUSE? (GUOI/GU) freemod?)
1760
1761 guoo <- (PAUSE? (GUOO/GU) freemod?)
1762
1763 guou <- (PAUSE? (GUOU/GU) freemod?)
1764
1765 guo <- (!guoa !guoe !guoi !guoo !guou (PAUSE? (GUO/
      GU) freemod?))
1766
1767 guiza <- (PAUSE? (GUIZA/GU) freemod?)
1768
1769 guizi <- (PAUSE? (GUIZI/GU) freemod?)
1770
1771 guizu <- (PAUSE? (GUIZU/GU) freemod?)
1772
1773 gui <- (PAUSE? (GUI/GU) freemod?)
1774
1775 gue <- (PAUSE? (GUE/GU) freemod?)
1776
1777 guea <- (PAUSE? (GUEA/GU) freemod?)
1778
1779 guu <- (PAUSE? (GUU/GU) freemod?)
1780
1781 guua <- (PAUSE? (GUUA/GU) freemod?)
1782
1783 giuo <- (PAUSE? (GIUO/GU) freemod?)
1784
1785 meu <- (PAUSE? (MEU/GU) freemod?)
1786
1787 geu <- GEU
1788
1789 # Here note the absence of pause/GU equivalence.
1790
1791 gap <- (PAUSE? GU freemod?)
1792

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1793 # this is the vocative construction. It can appear
      early because all of its components are marked.
1794
1795 # the intention is to indicate who is being
      addressed. This can be handled via a name, a
      descriptive argument, a predicate or an
1796 # alien text name (the last must be quoted). The
      complexities of these grammatical constructions
      can be deferred until they are
1797 # introduced.
1798
1799 # HOIO <- [ ]* [Hh] [Oo] [Ii] juncture?
1800
1801 # restore words of social lubrication as vocative
      markers but not as name markers: <loi, Djan>
1802
1803 # I do not allow a freemod to intervene between a
      vocative marker and the associated
1804 # utterance, to avoid unintended grabbing of
      subjects by the words of social lubrication when
      they are used
1805 # as vocative markers. This lets <Loi, Djan> and <
      Loi hoi Djan> be equivalent. The comma needed in
      the
1806 # first because the social lubrication words are in
      this version not name markers.
1807
1808 HOIO <- ([ ]* ((([Hh] OI)/([Ll] OI)/([Ll] OA)/([Ss]
      IA)/([Ss] IE)/([Ss] IU)))) juncture? !V1
1809
1810 voc <- (HOIO comma2? name /(HOI comma2? descpred
      guea? namesuffix?)/(HOI comma2? argument1 guua?)
      /[ ]* &([Hh] [Oo] [Ii] juncture?) AlienWord)
1811
1812 # this is the inverse vocative. It can appear early
      because all of its components are marked.
1813
1814 # the intention is to indicate who is speaking. The

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    range of ways this can be handled is similar to
    the range of ways it can be
1815 # handled for the vocative; there is the further
    option of a sentence (the [statement] class) and
    there is a strong closure option
1816 # for the case where an argument is used (to avoid
    it inadvertantly expanding to a sentence).
1817
1818 HUE0 <- [ ]* &caprule [Hh] [Uu] juncture? [Ee]
    juncture? !V1
1819
1820 invvoc <- (HUE0 comma2? name/HUE freemod? descpred
    guea? namesuffix?/(HUE freemod? statement giuo?)
    /(HUE freemod? argument1 guu?)/[ ]* &([Hh] [Uu]
    juncture? [Ee] juncture?) AlienWord)
1821
1822
1823 # this is the class of free modifiers. Most of its
    components are head marked (those that aren't
    appear just above),
1824 # and it is useful for it to appear early because
    these things appear everywhere in subsequent
    constructions. A free modifier,
1825 # of whatever sort, is a freely insertable gadget
    which modifies the immediately preceding
    construction, or the entire utterance
1826 # if it is initial.
1827
1828 # NOUI is a negated attitudinal word. UI1 is an
    attitudinal word: these express an emotional
    attitude toward the
1829 # assertion (noting that EI marks questions (yes or
    no answer expected) and SEU marks utterances as
    answers).
1830
1831 # SOI creates smilies in a general sense: <soi
    crano> indicates that the listener should imagine
    the speaker smiling;

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1832 # similarly for other predicates.
1833
1834 # DIE and NO DIE are register markers, communicating
      the social attitude of the speaker toward the
      one addressed: <die> for
1835 # example is "dear"
1836
1837 # KIE...KIU constructs a full parenthetical
      utterance as a comment, which can be enclosed in
      actual parentheses inside
1838 # the marker words.
1839
1840 # JO is a scare quote device.
1841
1842 # the comma is a freemod with no semantic content:
      this is a device for discarding phonetically
      required pauses
1843 # and the speaker's optional pauses alike. The
      pause before a non-pause marked prename is part
      of the NameWord and so
1844 # is excluded. Ellipses and dashes are fancy pauses
      supported as freemods.
1845
1846 freemod <- ((NOUI/(SOI freemod? descpred guea?)/DIE
      /(NO1 DIE)/(KIE comma? utterance0 comma? KIU)/(
      KIE2 comma? utterance0 comma? KIU2)/invvoc/voc/(
      comma (!(FalseMarked PreName)))/JO/UI1/([ ]* '...'
      ([ ]* &letter)?)/([ ]* '--' ([ ]* &letter)?))
      freemod?)
1847
1848 # the classes juelink to linkargs describe very
      tightly bound arguments which can be firmly
      attached to predicates in
1849 # the context of metaphorical modifications and the
      use of predicates in descriptive arguments.
1850
1851 # note that we allow predicate modifiers (
      prepositional phrases) to be bound with <je/jue>

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        which is not
1852 # allowed in 1989 Loglan, but which we believe is
        supported in Lojban.
1853
1854 juelink <- (JUE freemod? (term/(PA2 freemod? gap?)))
1855
1856 links1 <- (juelink (freemod? juelink)* gue?)
1857
1858 links <- ((links1/(KA freemod? links freemod? KI
        freemod? links1)) (freemod? A1 freemod? links1)*)
1859
1860 jelink <- (JE freemod? (term/(PA2 freemod? gap?)))
1861
1862 linkargs1 <- (jelink freemod? (links/gue?))
1863
1864 linkargs <- ((linkargs1/(KA freemod? linkargs
        freemod? KI freemod? linkargs1)) (freemod? A1
        freemod? linkargs1)*)
1865
1866 # class abstractpred supports the construction of
        event, property, and quantity predicates from
        sentences. These are
1867 # closable with <guo> if introduced with <po,pu,zo>
        and closable with suffixed variants of <guo> if
        introduced with suffixed
1868 # variants of <po,pu,zo> (a NEW idea but it is clear
        that closure of these predicates (and of the
        more commonly
1869 # used associated descriptions) is an important
        issue).
1870
1871 abstractpred <- ((POA freemod? uttAx guoa?)/(POA
        freemod? sentence guoa?)/(POE freemod? uttAx guoe
        ?)/(POE freemod? sentence guoe?)/(POI freemod?
        uttAx guoi?)/(POI freemod? sentence guoi?)/(POO
        freemod? uttAx guoo?)/(POO freemod? sentence guoo
        ?)/(POU freemod? uttAx guou?)/(POU freemod?
        sentence guou?)/(PO freemod? uttAx guo?)/(PO

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    freemod? sentence guo?))
1872
1873 # predunit1 describes the truly atomic forms of
    predicate.
1874
1875 # PREDA is the class of predicate words (the
    phonetic predicate words along with the special
    phonetic cmapua which are predicates, listed
1876 # above under the PREDA rule.  NU PREDA handles
    permutations and identifications of arguments of
    PREDAs.
1877
1878 # SUE contains the alien text constructions with <
    sao> and <sue>, semantically quite different but
    syntactically handled
1879 # in the same way.
1880
1881 # <ge>...<geu/cue> (the closing optional) can
    parenthesize a fairly complex predicate phrase
    and turn it into an atomic form.  These
1882 # forms can have conversion or reflexive operators (
    NU) applied.  I should look into why the class
    handled in the conversion case
1883 # is different.  An important use of this is in
    metaphor constructions, but it has other
    potential uses.
1884
1885 # abstractpred is the class of abstraction
    predicates just introduced above.  These are
    treated as atomic in this grammar:  it should
1886 # be noted that their privileges in the trial.85
    grammar are (absurdly) limited.
1887
1888 # <me>...<meu> (the closing optional, but important
    to have available) forms predicates from
    arguments, the predicate being true of the
1889 # objects to which the argument refers.  <Ti me le
    mrenu> :  this is one of the men we are talking

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        about.
1890
1891 predunit1 <- ((SUE/(NU freemod? GE freemod? despredE
        (freemod? geu comma?))/ (NU freemod? PREDA)/(
        comma? GE freemod? descpred (freemod? geu comma?)
        ?)/abstractpred/(ME freemod? argument1 meu?)/
        PREDA) freemod?)
1892
1893 # <no> binds very tightly to predunit1: a possibly
        multiply negated predunit1 (or an unadorned
        predunit1) is a predunit2.
1894
1895 predunit2 <- ((N01 freemod?)* predunit1)
1896
1897 # an instance of N02 is one not absorbed by a
        predunit. Example: <Da no kukra prano> X is a
        slow (not-fast) runner vs
1898 # <Da no ga kukra prano> (X is not a fast runner,
        and in fact may not run at all).
1899
1900 N02 <- (!predunit2 N01)
1901
1902 # a predunit3 is a predunit2 with tightly attached
        arguments.
1903
1904 predunit3 <- ((predunit2 freemod? linkargs)/
        predunit2)
1905
1906 # a predunit is a predunit3 or a predunit3 converted
        by the short-scope abstraction operators
1907 # <poi/pui/zoi> to an abstraction predicate. This
        is the kind of predicate which can appear as
1908 # a component in a serial name.
1909
1910 predunit <- ((POSHORT freemod?)? predunit3)
1911
1912 # a further "atomic" (because tightly packaged) form
        is a forethought connected pair

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1913 # of predicates (this being the full predicate class
      defined at the end of the process)
1914 # possibly closed with <guu>, possibly multiply
      negated as well.
1915
1916 # the closure with guu eliminated the historic rule
      against kekked heads of metaphors.
1917
1918 kekpredunit <- ((N01 freemod?)* KA freemod?
      predicate freemod? KI freemod? predicate guu?)
1919
1920 # there follows the construction of metaphorically
      modified predicates,
1921 # along with tightly logically linked predicates.
1922
1923 # CI and simple juxtaposition of predicates both
      represent modification of the second
1924 # predicate by the first. We impose no semantic
      conditions on this modification,
1925 # except in the case of modification by predicates
      logically linked with CA,
1926 # which do distribute logically in the expected way
      both as modifiers and as modified.
1927 # We do not regard <preda1 preda2> as necessarily
      implying preda2: we do regard
1928 # it as having the same place structure as preda2.
      It is very often but not always
1929 # a qualification or kind of preda2; in any case it
      is a relation analogous to preda2.
1930
1931 # modification with CI binds most tightly.
1932
1933 # we eliminated the distinction between the series
      of sentence and description
1934 # predicate preliminary classes: there seems to be
      no need for it even in the
1935 # trial.85 grammar.
1936

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1937 despredA <- ((predunit/kekpredunit) (freemod? CI
      freemod? (predunit/kekpredunit))* )
1938
1939 # this is logical connection of predicates with the
      tightly binding CA
1940 # series of logical connectives. CUI can be used to
      expand the scope of
1941 # a CA connective over a metaphor on the left. <ge
      >...<geu> is used to expand
1942 # scope on the right (and could also be used on the
      left, it should be noted).
1943 # despredC is an internal of despredB assisting the
      function of CUI.
1944 # the !PREDA in front of CUI is probably not needed.
1945
1946 despredB <- ((!PREDA CUI freemod? despredC freemod?
      CA freemod? despredB)/despredA)
1947
1948 despredC <- (despredB (freemod? despredB))* )
1949
1950 # tight logical linkage of despredB's
1951
1952 despredD <- (despredB (freemod? CA freemod? despredB
      )*)
1953
1954 # chain of modifications of despredD's (grouping to
      the left)
1955
1956 despredE <- (despredD (freemod? despredD))* )
1957
1958 # the G0 construction allows inverse modification:
      <preda1 G0 preda2> is <preda2 preda1> as it were.
1959 # there are profound effects on grouping.
1960
1961 descpred <- ((despredE freemod? G0 freemod? descpred
      )/despredE)
1962
1963 # this version which appears in sentence predicates

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    as opposed to descriptions differs
1964 # in allowing loosely linked arguments (termsets)
    instead of those linked with <je/jue> for the
    predicate
1965 # moved to the end by G0.
1966
1967 # 4/17/2019 shared argument experiment
1968
1969 # sentpred <- (( (KA freemod? sentpred freemod? KI
    freemod? sentpred !guu)/ (despredE freemod? G0
    freemod? barepred)/despredE) ) (A2 freemod? ((
    despredE freemod? G0 freemod? barepred)/despredE)
    )*
1970
1971 sentpred <- ((despredE freemod? G0 freemod? barepred
    )/despredE)
1972
1973 # sentpred <- ((despredE freemod? G0 freemod?
    barepred)/despredE) (A1 ((despredE freemod? G0
    freemod? barepred)/despredE))*
1974
1975 # the construction of predicate modifiers (
    prepositional phrases usable as terms along with
    arguments).
1976
1977 mod1a <- (PA3 freemod? argument1 guua?)
1978
1979 # note special treatment of predicate modifiers
    without actual arguments.
1980 # the !barepred serves to distinguish these
    predicate modifiers from actual
1981 # "tenses" (predicate markers).
1982
1983 mod1 <- ((PA3 freemod? argument1 guua?)/(PA2 freemod
    ? !barepred gap?))
1984
1985 # forethought connection of modifiers.  There is
    some subtlety in

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1986 # how this is handled.
1987
1988 kekmod <- ((N01 freemod?)* (KA freemod? modifier
      freemod? KI freemod? mod))
1989
1990 mod <- (mod1/((N01 freemod?)* mod1)/kekmod)
1991
1992 # afterthought connection of modifiers
1993
1994 modifier <- (mod (A1 freemod? mod)*)
1995
1996 # the serial name is a horrid heterogenous
      construction! It can involve
1997 # components of all three of the major phonetic
      classes essentially!
1998
1999 # However, I believe I have the definition right,
      with all the components
2000 # correctly guarded :-)
2001
2002 name <- (PreName/AcronymicName) (comma2? !
      FalseMarked PreName/comma2? &([Cc] [Ii]) NameWord
      /comma2? CI predunit !(comma2? (!FalseMarked
      PreName))/comma2? CI AcronymicName)* freemod?
2003
2004 LA0 <- [ ]* [Ll] [Aa] juncture?
2005
2006 LANAME <- (LA0 comma2? name)
2007
2008 # general constructions of arguments with "articles
      ".
2009
2010 # the rules here have the "possessive" construction
      as in <lemi hasfa; le la Djan, hasfa> embedded.
      These are not the same
2011 # construction in 1989 Loglan, though speakers might
      think they are. Here they are indeed the same.
      The "possessor" cannot

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2012 # be "indefinite" (cannot start with a quantifier
      word); the possessor can be followed by a tense,
      as in
2013 # <le la Djan, na hasfa>, "John's present house", by
      analogy with <lemina hasfa>, which is accepted
      by LIP (because
2014 # LIP accepts <lemina> as a word).
2015
2016 # there are other subtleties to be reviewed.
2017
2018 #descriptn <- (!LANAME ((LAU wordset1)/(LOU wordset2
      )/(LE freemod? ((!mex arg1a freemod?)? (PA2
      freemod?)?)? mex freemod? descpred)/(LE freemod?
      ((!mex arg1a freemod?)? (PA2 freemod?)?)? mex
      freemod? arg1a)/(GE freemod? mex freemod?
      descpred)/(LE freemod? ((!mex arg1a freemod?)? (
      PA2 freemod?)?)? descpred)))
2019
2020 descriptn <- (!LANAME ((LAU wordset1)/(LOU wordset2)
      /(LE freemod? ((!mex arg1a freemod?)? (PA2
      freemod?)?)? (mex freemod? arg1a/mex freemod?
      descpred/descpred))/(GE freemod? mex freemod?
      descpred)))
2021
2022
2023 # abstract descriptions. Note that abstract
      descriptions are closed with <guo> entirely
      independently of abstract predicates:
2024 # <le po preda guo> does not have a grammatical
      component <po preda guo>. This avoids the double
      closure often apparently necessary
2025 # in Lojban.
2026
2027 abstractn <- ((LEFORPO freemod? POA freemod? uttAx
      guoa?)/(LEFORPO freemod? POA freemod? sentence
      guoa?)/(LEFORPO freemod? POE freemod? uttAx guoe
      ?)/(LEFORPO freemod? POE freemod? sentence guoe?)
      /(LEFORPO freemod? POI freemod? uttAx guoi?)/(

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LEFORPO freemod? POI freemod? sentence guoi?)/(
LEFORPO freemod? POO freemod? uttAx guoo?)/(
LEFORPO freemod? POO freemod? sentence guoo?)/(
LEFORPO freemod? POU freemod? uttAx guou?)/(
LEFORPO freemod? POU freemod? sentence guou?)/(
LEFORPO freemod? PO freemod? uttAx guo?)/(LEFORPO
  freemod? PO freemod? sentence guo?))
2028
2029 # a wider class of basic argument constructions.
      Notice that LANAME is always read by preference
      to descriptn.
2030
2031 namesuffix <- (&(comma2 !FalseMarked PreName/[ ]* [
      Cc][Ii] juncture? comma2? (PreName/AcronymicName)
      ) ([ ]* [Cc][Ii] juncture? comma2?/comma2)? name)
2032
2033 arg1 <- (abstractn/(LIO freemod? descpred guea?)/(
      LIO freemod? argument1 guua?)/(LIO freemod? mex
      gap?)/LIO1/LAO/LANAME/(descriptn guua? namesuffix
      ?)/LIU1/LIE/LI)
2034
2035 # this adds pronouns (incl. the fancy <gao>
      letterals) and the option of left marking an
      argument with <ge>
2036
2037 arg1a <- ((DA/TAI/arg1/(GE freemod? arg1a)) freemod
      ?)
2038
2039 # argument modifiers (subordinate clauses)
2040
2041 argmod1 <- ((([ ]* (N o) [ ]*)? ((JI freemod?
      predicate)/(JIO freemod? sentence)/(JIO freemod?
      uttAx)/(JI freemod? modifier)/(JI freemod?
      argument1))))/((([ ]* (N o) [ ]*)? (((JIZA freemod?
      predicate) guiza?)/(JIOZA freemod? sentence)
      guiza?)/(JIOZA freemod? uttAx) guiza?)/(JIZA
      freemod? modifier) guiza?)/(JIZA freemod?
      argument1 guiza?)))/((([ ]* (N o) [ ]*)? ((JIZI

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freemod? predicate guizi?)/(JIOZI freemod?
sentence guizi?)/(JIOZI freemod? uttAx guizi?)/(
JIZI freemod? modifier guizi?)/(JIZI freemod?
argument1 guizi?)))/([ ]* (N o) [ ]*)? ((JIZU
freemod? predicate guizu?)/(JIOZU freemod?
sentence guizu?)/(JIOZU freemod? uttAx guizu?)/(
JIZU freemod? modifier guizu?)/(JIZU freemod?
argument1 guizu?))))
2042
2043 # we improved the trial.85 grammar by closing not
      argmod1 but argmod with <gui>. But the labelled
      argument modifier constructors
2044 # when building an argmod1 have the argmod1
      construction closed with the corresponding
      labelled right marker, of course. Thus
2045 # gui and guiza actually have different grammar.
2046
2047 # trial.85 did not provide forethought connected
      argument modifiers, and we also see no need for
      them,
2048 # though they could readily be added.
2049
2050 argmod <- (argmod1 (A1 freemod? argmod1)* gui?)
2051
2052 # affix argument modifiers to a definite argument
2053
2054 arg2 <- (arg1a freemod? argmod*)
2055
2056 # build a possibly indefinite argument from an
      argument: to le mrenu
2057
2058 arg3 <- (arg2/(mex freemod? arg2))
2059
2060 # build an indefinite argument from a predicate
2061
2062 indef1 <- (mex freemod? descpred)
2063
2064 # affix an argument modifier to an indefinite

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        argument
2065
2066 indef2 <- (indef1 guua? argmod*)
2067
2068 indefinite <- indef2
2069
2070 # link arguments with the fusion connective <ze>
2071
2072 arg4 <- ((arg3/indefinite) (ZE2 freemod? (arg3/
        indefinite))*)
2073
2074 # forethought connection of arguments. Note use of
        argx
2075
2076 arg5 <- (arg4/(KA freemod? argument1 freemod? KI
        freemod? argx))
2077
2078 # arguments with possible negations followed by
        possible indirect reference constructions.
2079
2080 argx <- ((N01 freemod?)* (LAE freemod?)* arg5)
2081
2082 # afterthought connection with the tightly binding
        ACI connectives
2083
2084 arg7 <- (argx freemod? (ACI freemod? argx)?)
2085
2086 # afterthought connection with the usual A
        connectives. Can't start with GE
2087 # to avoid an ambiguity (to which 1989 Loglan is
        vulnerable) involving AGE connectives.
2088
2089 arg8 <- (!GE (arg7 freemod? (A1 freemod? arg7)*))
2090
2091 # afterthought connection (now right grouping,
        instead of the left grouping above)
2092 # using the AGE connectives. GUU can be used to
        affix an argument modifier at this top level.

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2093
2094 argument1 <- (((arg8 freemod? AGE freemod? argument1
      )/arg8) (GUU freemod? argmod)*)
2095
2096 # possibly negated and case tagged arguments. We (
      unlike 1989 Loglan) are careful
2097 # to use argument only where case tags are
      appropriate.
2098
2099 argument <- ((N01 freemod?)* (DIO freemod?)*
      argument1)
2100
2101
2102
2103
2104
2105
2106 # an argument which is actually case tagged.
2107
2108 argxx <- (&((N01 freemod?)* DIO) argument)
2109
2110 # arguments and predicate modifiers actually
      associated with predicates.
2111
2112 term <- (argument/modifier)
2113
2114 # a term list consisting entirely of modifiers.
2115
2116 modifiers <- (modifier (freemod? modifier)*)
2117
2118 # a term list consisting entirely of modifiers and
      tagged arguments.
2119
2120 modifiersx <- ((modifier/argxx) (freemod? (modifier/
      argxx))*)
2121
2122 # the subject class is a list of terms (arguments
      and predicate modifiers) in which all but

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possibly one
2123 # of the arguments are tagged, and there is at least
      one argument, tagged or otherwise.
2124
2125 subject <- ((modifiers freemod?)? ((argxx subject)/(
      argument (modifiersx freemod?)?)))
2126
2127 # this case is identified as an aid to experimental
      termination of argument lists
2128
2129 statement1 <- (subject freemod? (GIO freemod? terms1
      )? predicate)
2130
2131 # these classes are exactly argument, but are used
      to signal
2132 # which argument position after the predicate an
      argument occupies.
2133 # I think the grammar is set up so that these will
      actually
2134 # never be case tagged, though the grammar does not
      expressly forbid it.
2135
2136 # I am trying a simple version of the "alternative
      parser" approach:
2137 # a term list will refuse to digest an argument
      which starts a new
2138 # SV0 sentence (statement1).
2139
2140 argumentA <- !statement1 argument
2141
2142 # argumentA <- argument
2143
2144 argumentB <- !statement1 argument
2145
2146 # argumentB <- argument
2147
2148 argumentC <- !statement1 argument
2149

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2150 # argumentC <- argument
2151
2152 argumentD <- !statement1 argument
2153
2154 # argumentD <- argument
2155
2156 # for argument lists not guarded against absorbing a
      following subject
2157
2158 argumentA1 <- argument
2159
2160 argumentB1 <- argument
2161
2162 argumentC1 <- argument
2163
2164 argumentD1 <- argument
2165
2166 # a general term list. It cannot contain more than
      four untagged arguments (they will be labelled
2167 # with the lettered subclasses given above).
2168
2169 terms <- ((modifiersx? argumentA (freemod?
      modifiersx)? argumentB? (freemod? modifiersx)?
      argumentC? (freemod? modifiersx)? argumentD?)/
      modifiersx)
2170
2171 # terms list not guarded against absorbing a
      following subject
2172
2173 terms1 <- ((modifiersx? argumentA1 (freemod?
      modifiersx)? argumentB1? (freemod? modifiersx)?
      argumentC1? (freemod? modifiersx)? argumentD1?)/
      modifiersx)
2174
2175 # innards of ordered and unordered list
      constructions. These are something I totally
      rebuilt, as they were in a totally
2176 # unsatisfactory state in trial.85. Note the use of

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        comma words to separate items in lists.
2177
2178 word <- (arg1a/indef2)
2179
2180 words1 <- (word (ZEIA word)*)
2181
2182 words2 <- (word (ZEIO word)*)
2183
2184 wordset1 <- (words1? LUA)
2185
2186 wordset2 <- (words2? LU0)
2187
2188 # the full term set type to be affixed to predicates
        .
2189
2190 # forethought connection of term lists
2191
2192 termset1 <- (terms/(KA freemod? termset2 freemod?
        guu? KI freemod? termset1))
2193
2194 # afterthought connection of term lists.  There are
        cunning things going on here getting <guu>
2195 # to work correctly.  Note that <guu> is NOT a null
        term list as it was in trial.85.
2196
2197 termset2 <- (termset1 (guu &A1)? (A1 freemod?
        termset1 (guu &A1)?)*)
2198
2199 # there is an interesting option here of a list of
        terms followed by <go> followed by a predicate
2200 # intended to metaphorically modify the predicate to
        which the terms are affixed.  Is there a reason
2201 # why we cannot have a more complex construction in
        place of terms?
2202
2203 termset <- ((terms freemod? G0 freemod? barepred)/
        termset2)
2204

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2205 # this is the untensed predicate with arguments
      attached. Here is the principal locus
2206 # of closure with <guu>, but it is deceptive to say
      that <guu> merely closes barepred,
2207 # as we have seen above, for example in [termset2].
2208
2209 # modified for 4/17/2019 shared argument experiment
2210
2211 barepred <- (sentpred freemod? ((termset guu?)/(guu
      (&termset))))?)
2212
2213 # barepred <- (sentpred freemod? ((termset guu?)/(
      guu (&termset/&A1))))?)
2214
2215 # tensed predicates
2216
2217 markpred <- (PA1 freemod? barepred)
2218
2219 # there follows an area in which my grammar looks
      different from trial.85. Distinct parallel forms
      for
2220 # marked and unmarked predicates are demonstrably
      not needed even in trial.85. The behavior of the
      ACI
2221 # connectives is plain weird in trial.85; here we
      treat ACI connectives in the same way as A
      connectives, but
2222 # binding more tightly.
2223
2224 # units for the ACI construction following --
      possibly multiply negated bare or marked
      predicates.
2225
2226 # adding shared termsets to logically connected
      predicates are handled differently here than in
      trial.85,
2227 # which uses a very elegant but dreadfully left-
      grouping rule which a PEG cannot handle. Any

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        realistic situation
2228 # should be manageable.
2229
2230 backpred1 <- ((N02 freemod?)* (barepred/markpred))
2231
2232 # ACI connected predicates. Shared termsets are
        added. Notice how we first group backpred1's
        then recursively
2233 # group backpreds.
2234
2235 backpred <- (((backpred1 (ACI freemod? backpred1)+
        freemod? ((termset guu?)/(guu &termset)))?) ((ACI
        freemod? backpred)+ freemod? ((termset guu?)/(guu
        &termset)))?)/backpred1)
2236
2237 # A connected predicates; same comments as just
        above. Cannot start with GE to fix ambiguity
        with AGE connectives.
2238
2239 predicate2 <- (!GE (((backpred (A1 !GE freemod?
        backpred)+ freemod? ((termset guu?)/(guu &termset
        )))?) ((A1 freemod? predicate2)+ freemod? ((
        termset guu?)/(guu &termset)))?)/backpred))
2240
2241 # predicate2's linked with right grouping AGE
        connectives (A and ACI are left grouping).
2242
2243 predicate1 <- ((predicate2 AGE freemod? predicate1)/
        predicate2)
2244
2245 # identity predicates from above, possibly negated
2246
2247 identpred <- ((N01 freemod?)* (BI freemod? argument1
        guu?))
2248
2249 # predicates in general. Note that identity
        predicates cannot be logically connected
2250 # except by using forethought connection (see above)

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2251
2252 predicate <- (predicate1/identpred)
2253
2254
2255 # The gasent is a basic form of the Loglan sentence
      in which the predicate leads.
2256 # The basic structure is <PA word (usually a tense)
      or <ga>) followed optionally by terms followed
      optionally by
2257 # <ga> followed by terms. The list of terms after <
      ga> (if present) will either contain
2258 # at least one argument and no more than one
      untagged argument
2259 # (a subject) [gasent1] or all the arguments of the
      predicate [gasent2]. We deprecate other
      arrangements possible in
2260 # 1989 Loglan because they would cause unexpected
      reorientation of the arguments already given
      before <ga> as second
2261 # and further arguments were read after <ga>. [
      barepred] is an untensed predicate possibly with
      arguments; [sentpred]
2262 # is "simply a verb", i.e., a predicate without
      arguments.
2263
2264 # there is a semantic change from 1989 Loglan
      reflected in a grammar change here:
2265 # in [gasent1] the final (ga subject) is optional.
      When it does not appear, the resulting
2266 # sentence is an observative (a sentence with
      subject omitted), not an imperative.
2267 # Imperatives for us are unmarked.
2268
2269 # In the alternative version, the use of the large
      subject marker GAA can prevent inadvertant
      absorption of a preceding trailing argument into
      a statement

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2270
2271 # 4/22 allowing general predicates in gasent.
        Otherwise the spaces of observatives and
        imperatives become quite confused.
2272
2273 #gasent1 <- ((N01 freemod?)* (GAA? freemod? PA1
        freemod? barepred (GA2 freemod? subject?))
2274
2275 gasent1 <- ((N01 freemod?)* (GAA? freemod? &markpred
        predicate (GA2 freemod? subject?))
2276
2277 gasent2 <- ((N01 freemod?)* (GAA? PA1 freemod?
        sentpred modifiers? (GA2 freemod? subject freemod
        ? GIO? freemod? terms?)))
2278
2279 gasent <- (gasent2/gasent1)
2280
2281 # this is the simple Loglan sentence in various
        basic orders. The form "gasent" is discoussed
        just above.
2282 # Predicate modifiers
2283 # can be prefixed to the gasent. The final form
        given here is the basic SVO sentence. The "
        subject" class is a list of terms
2284 #(arguments and predicate modifiers) containing at
        most one un-case-tagged argument. The most
        general SVO form is subject, followed optionally
2285 #by <gio> followed by a list of terms (1989 Loglan
        allowed more than one untagged argument before
        the predicate, but this leads to practical
        problems
2286 #in which preceding constructions with errors in
        them may supply extra unintended arguments. It
        should be noted in NB3 that JCB envisioned
2287 #a single argument before the predicate, followed by
        the predicate, which may itself contain further
        arguments. A gasent nay optionally be negated
2288 #(even multiple times).

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2289
2290 # re <gio> and some other changes, in his comments
      on the NB3 grammar JCB often notes restrictions
      on appearances of term lists which he
2291 # intends but which he thought were hard to
      implement in the machine grammar. The appearance
      of just one argument before the "verb"
2292 # in an SVO sentence was one of these (though later
      he takes it as a virtue that the actual machine
      grammar supports SOV: we did not
2293 # consider it a virtue to have unmarked SOV after
      observing unintended parses appearing in the
      Visit text). Another example of this
2294 # (which would not have been hard for JCB to
      implement, in fact) is our restriction of the
      form "terms gasent" to "modifiers gasent".
2295 # His comments make it clear that he does not want
      arguments among those terms.
2296
2297 statement <- (gasent/(modifiers freemod? gasent)/(
      subject freemod? GAA? freemod? (GIO freemod?
      terms1)? predicate))
2298
2299 # this is a forethought connected basic sentence.
      It is odd (and actual odd results can be
      exhibited) that the final segment in both
2300 # of these rules is of the very general class uttA1,
      which includes some quite fragmentary utterances
      usually intended as answers.
2301
2302 # 12/20/2017 I rewrote the rule in a more compact
      form. This rule looks ahead to the class [
      sentence] which we now develop;
2303 # for the moment notice that [sentence] will include
      [statement].
2304
2305 # 4/14 tentatively allowing initial modifiers here
      and leaving this out of uttA0 which replaces

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      uttA1 below.
2306 # The intention is to eliminate weird sentence
      fragments.
2307
2308 keksent <- modifiers? freemod? (N01 freemod?)* (KA
      freemod? headterms? freemod? sentence freemod? KI
      freemod? uttA0)
2309
2310 # sentence negation. We allow this to be set off
      from the main sentence with a mere pause, because
      generally
2311 # it does not differ in meaning from the result of
      negating the first argument or predicate modifier
      .
2312
2313 neghead <- ((N01 freemod? gap)/(N02 PAUSE))
2314
2315 # this class includes [statement], predicate
      modifiers preceding a predicate (which may
      contain arguments), a statement,
2316 # a predicate, and a keksent. Of these, the first
      and third are imperatives.
2317
2318 # in the alternative version, the large subject
      marker GAA can prevent inadvertant absorption of
      preceding trailing arguments into a statement
2319
2320 # 4/23/2019 added actual rule for imperative
      sentences. This should not
2321 # affect the parse in any essential way.
2322
2323 imperative <- ((modifiers freemod?)* GAA? !gasent
      predicate)
2324
2325 sen1 <- (neghead freemod?)* (imperative/statement/
      keksent)
2326
2327 # sen1 <- ((neghead freemod?)* ((modifiers freemod?

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      GAA? !gasent predicate)/statement/GAA? predicate/
      keksent))
2328
2329 # the class [sentence] consists of sen1's
      afterthought connected with A connectives
2330
2331 sentence <- (sen1 (ICA freemod? sen1)*)
2332
2333 # [headterms] is a list of terms (arguments and
      predicate modifiers) ending in <gi>. Preceding a
      [sen1] with these
2334 # causes all predicates in the [sen1] to share these
      arguments. We propose either that the headterms
      arguments be directly
2335 # appended to the argument list of each component of
      the [sen1], or that there is an argument with a
      numbered case tag at the beginning
2336 # of the headterms list, and the list is inserted at
      the appropriate position in each component
      sentence. Neither of these is
2337 # the condition described in Loglan I, which
      presupposes that we always know what the last
      argument of each predicate used is.
2338
2339 headterms <- (terms GI)+
2340
2341 # this is the previous class prefixed with a list of
      fronted terms.
2342 # we think the <giuo> closure might prove useful.
2343
2344 uttAx <- (headterms freemod? sentence giuo?)
2345
2346 # weird answer fragments
2347
2348 uttA <- ((A1/mex) freemod?)
2349
2350 # a broad class of utterances, including various
      things one would usually only say as answers.

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                Notice
2351 # that this utterance class can take terminal
                punctuation.
2352
2353 uttA0 <- sen1/uttAx
2354
2355 uttA1 <- ((sen1/uttAx/links/linkargs/argmod/(
                modifiers freemod? keksent)/terms/uttA/N01)
                freemod? period?)
2356
2357 # possibly negated utterances of the previous class.
2358
2359 uttC <- ((neghead freemod? uttC)/uttA1)
2360
2361 # utterances linked with more tightly binding ICI
                sentence connectives. Single sentences are of
                this class
2362 # if not linked with ICI or ICA.
2363
2364 uttD <- ((sentence period? !ICI !ICA)/(uttC (ICI
                freemod? uttD)*))
2365
2366 # utterances of the previous class linked with ICA.
                I went to some trouble to ensure that a
                freestanding
2367 # [sentence] is actually parsed as a sentence, not a
                composite uttD, which was a deficiency, if not
                an ambiguity of
2368 # LIP and of the trial.85 grammar.
2369
2370 uttE <- (uttD (ICA freemod? uttD)*))
2371
2372 # utterances of the previous class linked with I
                sentence connectives.
2373
2374 uttF <- (uttE (I freemod? uttE)*))
2375
2376 # the utterance class for use in the context of

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parenthetical freemods or quotations, in which it
does not go to end of text.

2377

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2378 utterance0 <- (!GE ((!PAUSE freemod period?
      utterance0)/(!PAUSE freemod period?)/(uttF IGE
      utterance0)/uttF/(I freemod? uttF?)/(I freemod?
      period?)/(ICA freemod? uttF)) (&I utterance0)?)
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2379

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2380 # Notice that there are two passes here:  the parser
      first checks that the entire utterance
2381 # is phonetically valid, then returns and checks for
      grammatical validity.
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2382

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2383 # the full utterance class.  This goes to end of
      text, and incorporates the phonetics check.  This
      incorporates the only situations
2384 # in which a freemod is initial.  The IGE
      connectives bind even more loosely than the I
      connectives and right-group instead of
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2385 # left grouping.
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2386

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2387 utterance <- &(phoneticutterance !.) (!GE ((!PAUSE
      freemod period? utterance)/(!PAUSE freemod period
      ? (&I utterance)? end)/(uttF IGE utterance)/(I
      freemod? period? (&I utterance)? end)/(uttF (&I
      utterance)? end)/(I freemod? uttF (&I utterance)?
      end)/(ICA freemod? uttF (&I utterance)? end)))
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