

Exceptions

Class 4: Limits on prediction



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So far...

- Lexicons show surprising degree of predictability for neutralized (unpredictable) properties
 - Final obstruent voicing in Dutch, Turkish
 - Mid vowel vs diphthong contrast in Spanish
- Two possible interpretations
 - In general, learners try to extract as much predictability as they can from the lexicon
 - Specifically in cases of neutralization, speakers sometimes need to predict the value



Undoing neutralization

- Why would Dutch/Turkish speakers need to predict voicing?
- One possibility: only happen to know singular/unsuffixed form, need to produce plural/suffixed form
- Another possibility: lexical representation is always the singular/unsuffixed form, grammar tries to predict all plurals/suffixed forms



Spanish verbs



Clahsen et al. (2002b)

- Unpredictable properties: conjugation class (theme vowel: -a-, -e-, -i-), irregular stem alternations, suffix differences

Regular:				Irregular:			
Conj.		Pres. ind.	Indef. past ind.	Conj.		Pres. ind.	Indef. past ind.
1 -a- <i>cantar</i> 'sing'	1sg	canto	canté	1 -a-			
	2sg	cantas	cantaste				
	3sg	canta	cantó				
	1pl	cantamos	cantamos				
	2pl	cantáis	cantasteis				
	3pl	cantan	cantaron				
2 -e- <i>comer</i> 'eat'	1sg	como	comí	2 -e- <i>poner</i> 'put'	1sg	pongo	puse
	2sg	comes	comiste		2sg	pones	pusiste
	3sg	come	comió		3sg	pone	puso
	1pl	comemos	comimos		1pl	ponemos	pusimos
	2pl	coméis	comisteis		2pl	ponéis	pusisteis
	3pl	comen	comieron		3pl	ponen	pusieron
3 -i- <i>vivir</i> 'live'	1sg	vivo	viví	3 -i- <i>venir</i> 'come'	1sg	vengo	vine
	2sg	vives	viviste		2sg	vienes	viniste
	3sg	vive	vivió		3sg	viene	vino
	1pl	vivimos	vivimos		1pl	venimos	vinimos
	2pl	vivís	vivisteis		2pl	venís	vinisteis
	3pl	viven	vivieron		3pl	vienen	vinieron

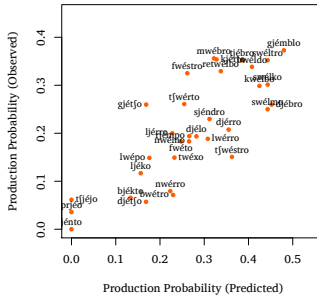
Many types of irregularity

- Unpredictable theme vowel: *cantar* vs. *comer* vs. *vivir*
- Stem alternations
 - Vowel alternations, such as diphthongization: **venimos** ‘we come’ ~ **viene** ‘he comes’ (also raising, not shown here)
 - Others—e.g., *saber* ‘know’: 1sg pres. **sé**, 3sg pres. **sabe**, 1sg past **supe**, 3sg past **supo**
- Affixal differences: *comí* ‘I ate’ vs. *puse* ‘I put’



Generalization among adults

- The default theme vowel is *a* (-ar conjugation class)
 - Loanwords, denominal verbs, etc.
 - Sometimes with additional -e- morpheme: *blogar/bloguear*
- Mid vowels: non-alternation is the default, but with IOR's
 - Reminder from last time: Albright et al. (2001) wug test



Rough sketch of historical trends

- Loss of diphthongization is well-attested in the history of Spanish (Penny, 2002; Morris, 2005)
- Velar stops in 1sg: have usually been added, not deleted
 - An “irregularization” change in the history of Spanish
 - Perhaps changes in the number of verbs that belong to one pattern or the other, for some reason? (Dialect mixture may be at least partly to blame)
- Past tense regularization
 - See Penny (2002) (we won’t discuss much here)



Rough sketch of historical trends (*cont.*)

- Conjugation class shifts: appear to be rare/restricted
 - Early loss of Latin stressless *-ere* class (3rd conjugation) (Davis & Napoli, 1994)
 - Apparently not so commonly observed among the remaining three Spanish classes
 - Note that they do occur commonly when accompanied by extra morphology: *colorir* \Rightarrow *colorear* 'to color', *balbucir* \Rightarrow *balbucear* 'stammer', *cocer* \Rightarrow *cocinar* 'cook'
 - Not common: hypothetical change of *nutrir* 'nourish' \Rightarrow ☆ *nutrar*

Child errors: Clahsen et al. (2002b)

- Clahsen et al. counted all inflected verb forms, counting incorrectly inflected and correctly inflected forms
 - Diphthongization and other types of stem changes counted separately, since status of diphthongization as irregularity is controversial
 - As far as I can tell, counted only inflection errors (not agreement errors)—e.g., common use of 3sg default person/number in place of others (Hernández-Pina 1984; Radford and Ploennig-Pacheco 1995; Grinstead 1998)

Child errors: Clahsen et al. (2002b) (*cont.*)

- Results, at a broad pass: strong overregularization bias (Tables 2-3, p. 601-602)

TABLE 2. *Incorrect verb forms produced by each child*

	Present tense and imperatives		Past tense		Participles		Subjunctive	Other errors
	Irregular incorrect	Regular incorrect	Irregular incorrect	Regular incorrect	Irregular incorrect	Regular incorrect	Irregular incorrect	
María	24		1		1			
Koki	18		7	1				
Idaira	5		7		1			2
Pablo	24		50	1				1
Solange			1					
Rosmary	1		2		1			
Child 1	4		1		1		1	
Child 5			6		3			
Child 7			4					1
Child 10	1							
Child 11			1					
Child 12			2					
Child 13			1					
Total	77		83	2	7		1	4

Child errors: Clahsen et al. (2002b) (*cont.*)

TABLE 3. *Distribution of error types*

A. Stem errors		B. Suffixation errors	
I. overregularizations	116	I. overregularizations (n = 132)	
		a. 1st conjugation overapplications	8
		b. conjugation-internal regularizations	124
II. irregularizations	1	II. irregularizations	0
III. other errors	3	III. other errors	1
<i>Totals</i>	120	<i>Totals</i>	133

- Unpacking this a bit
 - “Stem regularization” = using form of stem found infinitive/1pl present instead of another form (e.g., **sabo** instead of **sé** ‘I know’, cf. infin. **saber**)

Child errors: Clahsen et al. (2002b) (*cont.*)

- “Stem irregularization”: just one example, **caer** ‘fall’, 3sg past **cayó**, 1sg past **caí** \Rightarrow \star **cayí**
- “Conjugation class regularization” = using class 1 -a- instead of classes 2/3
- “Conjugation class-internation regularization” = *venir* ‘come’ \sim *vinó* ‘he came’ \Rightarrow \star *vivió* (switching to regular affix for class 3)



Striking asymmetries

- Calling this “overregularization” only tells part of the story
- Stem alternations in past are often lost in favor of form found in present infinitive
- Stem alternations in present stressed forms are often lost in favor of form found in present infinitive (and other stressed forms): Table 5, p. 605



Striking asymmetries (*cont.*)

TABLE 5. *Verb forms that require diphthongized stem vowels*

	Present tense and imperatives		
	Type of alternation	Correct (diphthongized) forms	Incorrect (non-diphthongized) forms
María	o ~ ue	110	14
	u ~ ue	2	13
	e ~ ie	250	40
Koki	o ~ ue	41	12
	u ~ ue	1	
	e ~ ie	148	21
Idaira	o ~ ue	16	
	u ~ ue		
	e ~ ie	35	7
Totals		603	107

- Error rate on diphthongs is quite high ($\approx 15\%$)

Striking asymmetries (*cont.*)

- Diphthongs never used in forms outside of where they should occur (*venimos* ‘we come’ \Rightarrow \star *vienimos* not attested)
 - This may be phonotactic: *Stressless Diphthong (not inviolable in Spanish, but not many contexts in which violations are allowed)
- Non-alternating verbs never incorrectly diphthongized (*cóme* ‘eats’ \Rightarrow \star *cueme* not attested)
 - This error would be perfectly legal phonotactically, since indeed, many verbs have diphthongization in stressed forms like the 3sg

Striking asymmetries (*cont.*)

- Stem alternations in 1sg are often lost in favor of form found in 3sg (or, more general regularization to form found in infinitive)
 - **salir** 'leave' ~ **sale** (3sg) ~ **salgo** (1sg) \Rightarrow ☆**sal***o*
 - **conocer** 'know' ~ **conoce** (3sg) ~ **conozco** \Rightarrow ☆**cono***zo*
 - **oír** 'hear' ~ **oye** (3sg) ~ **oigo** \Rightarrow ☆**oy***o*
 - **tener** 'have' ~ **tiene** (3sg) ~ **tengo** (1sg) \Rightarrow ☆**tien***o*, ☆**ten***o*
- Minority suffixes are often replaced by their regular counterparts
- Minority conjugation classes, on the other hand, are rarely replaced by default class 1 -a-
 - Example cited concerns difference in suffix itself, not in theme vowel: **quería** 'he wanted' \Rightarrow ☆**querí***ba* (cf. class 1 **amába** 'he loved')

Striking asymmetries (*cont.*)

- p. 603 “It is important to note that among the stem errors, there are no conjugation class errors. Children produced, for example, **romp-i-da* instead of *rota* ‘broken’, but not **romp-a-da*, i.e. they combined the regular root *romp-* with the 2nd conjugation theme vowel *-i-*, treating *romper* as a regular 2nd conjugation verb, rather than an irregular one.”
- This is by no means a logical necessity! Conjugation class is ambiguous in several very frequent inflected forms (1sg, 2sg, 3sg, 3pl present and past)



Underscoring the parallels to attested changes

- Vowel alternations often lost by changing stressed forms (stressless forms remain constant)
- 1sg velar often lost or added (depending on dialect?)
- Conjugation class switches are rare

☞ Same asymmetries seen in both domains

- Confirms link between overgeneralization and analogical change
- To be explained: why this directionality?

Partial overregularization

An effect seen in Spanish, but not so clearly in English:

- English verbs can be irregular in two ways
 - Stem alternations, null or overt suffix
 - Often correlated: *ate* has V change with no affix, *walked* has affix with no vowel change
 - Sometimes dissociated: *heard* (V change + affix), *shed* (no V change, no affix)
- In principle, should be possible to regularize just one of these properties
- However, this isn't all that common in English
 - *ate* \Rightarrow \star *ated*, \star *eat*
 - Double marking errors occur, but are relatively rare

Partial overregularization (*cont.*)

- Null marking occurs, but with different time course than other overregularizations (generally earlier)
- Independent regularization of properties may be more common in Spanish
 - *venir* 'come' ~ *vino* 'came-3sg' \Rightarrow ☆ *vinió* (irreg stem preserved, full reg. would be *veníó*)
 - Difficult to explain as failure of blocking (partial recall of *vino*?)
 - Apparently not paralleled by historical changes?
 - Clahsen et al. do not attempt to test whether such mixed errors occur more/less often than one would expect them to as independent co-occurrence of two errors



The very general lesson from Spanish

- Once we turn to a language with more inflected forms and more types of irregularity, it's clear that there are numerous logically possible reanalyses that don't occur
- In fact, English shows similar directionality effect, though not so surprising due to frequency difference

make \sim *made* \Rightarrow \star *maked*

make \nrightarrow \star *may* \sim *made*

- Need a restrictive model of which forms are defined in relation to which other forms
- Also may be the case that child errors and historical changes are not perfectly correlated, though more data is needed on this
- Data from English suggests that one thing to check would be whether adult errors in various settings are different from child errors, and more closely mirror historical change



German verbs



Another case: German irregular verb inflection

- German verbs have many types of irregularity, both within and across tenses
- We focus here on irregular present tense alternations

	Infinitive	1sg	2sg	3sg	1pl	2pl	3pl	V
Regular	leben 'live'	lebe	lebst	lebt	leben	lebt	leben	[e:]
	blicken 'glance'	blicke	blickst	blickt	blicken	blickt	blicken	[ɪ]
	sagen 'say'	sage	sagst	sagt	sagen	sagt	sagen	[a:]
	säen 'sow'	säe	säst	sät	säen	sät	säen	[ä]
Irregular	geben 'give'	gebe	gibst	gibt	geben	gebt	geben	[e:] ~ [ɪ]
	sehen 'see'	sehe	siehst	sieht	sehen	seht	sehen	[e:] ~ [i:]
	tragen 'carry'	trage	trägst	trägt	tragen	tragt	tragen	[a:] ~ [ä]
	schlafen 'sleep'	schlafe	schläfst	schläft	schlafen	schlaft	schlafen	[a:] ~ [ä]
	laufen 'run'	laufe	läufst	läuft	laufen	lauft	laufen	[aʊ] ~ [ɔɪ]



- Longitudinal data from 7 German-acquiring children
- Extracted all tokens of verbs from [e:] ~ [ɪ] (and [i]?) and [a:] ~ [ä] classes
- Also elicited verb forms from older children (6–10yr) with auditory fill-in-the-blank task (12 *geben*-type verbs, 10 *schlafen*-type, 22 fillers)

Results, part 1: many errors among young children

- Vowel of infinitive/1sg/1pl/2pl/3pl used in place of 2sg/3sg vowel
- 84/204 irregular verb tokens contained such errors (41%)
 - 73 had correct person marking, but wrong form of stem: *er lauft* 'you run' instead of *läuft*
 - 11 also had incorrect person marking (inf/1pl—e.g., *du nehmen* 'you take-INF' instead of *du nimmst* 'you take-2sg'); not really wrong stem vowel in this case
- Vowel of 2sg/3sg used for other forms: just 10 tokens
 - *Alle fäll da runter* 'all fall down' (should be *fallen*)
 - *Ich gib dir das* 'I'll give you that' (should be *geb*'; though note that some dialects do have *gib*)
 - *Ich sieh* 'I see' (should be *sehe*; some dialects do have [i], but I think usually with also a consonant alternation: *i si(e)ch*)

Results, part 1: many errors among young children (*cont.*)

- Two asymmetries
 - Statistical: raised/fronted vowel rarely extended from 2/3sg
 - Of kind: when 2/3sg vowel is generalized, resulting error uses a legitimate word form (e.g., *gib*, *sieh* = imperative), whereas changes in other direction create innovative and otherwise unattested words (e.g., *lauft*)
- Older children: similar result, even cleaner
 - Many errors, all involving use of infinitive/plural vowel in 2/3sg
 - Very clear frequency effect (lower freq more susceptible to regularization)
 - Rate of overregularization decreases gradually with age



Results, part 1: many errors among young children (*cont.*)

Table 3: Elicited stem forms

Required stem form and stem frequency	Number of stem errors	Number of correct stems	Error percentages
-i- / high frequency	19	136	12.2%
-i- / low frequency	89	59	37.3%
-ä- / high frequency	9	118	7.0%
-ä- / low frequency	51	74	40.8%
Totals	168	387	30.2%



Linking this to historical data

- Alternation of [a:] ~ [ä] has been lost in many dialects (Bavarian, Alemmanic)
 - Though dialects that keep it tend to hold on to it robustly, and even extend it
 - By contrast, [e] ~ [i] appears to be quite stable in German dialects
 - Reported to have been lost in Lothringian (Follmann, 1909), but nowhere else?
 - Also correlated with difference in whether alternation is seen in imperative
 - *geben* 'to give' ~ *gib!* (imp) ~ *gibt* (3sg)
 - *tragen* 'to carry' ~ *trag!* (imp) ~ *trägt* (3sg)
- (Not clear to me how to make use of this fact, but I simply point it out in passing)



Summary of child German data

- Like Spanish and English, an overwhelming consistency in direction of child errors
 - Two independent alternations lost in same direction (towards vowel of infinitive/plural)
- Not as many distinct processes compared here as in Spanish, but there are other kinds of German verbs that could be compared
- This consistent directionality demands an explanation (why should not alternating be considered “regular”, and why should alternating verbs become non-alternating by extending one vowel as opposed to the other?)



Summary/refrain

- Elimination of lexical exceptions is an important and uncontroversial mechanism in driving language change
- Languages with larger numbers of kinds of irregularity give us the opportunity to see more kinds of overregularization
- In the cases discussed here, striking degree of consistency in directionality of which relations get regularized
- Next: tackle problem of why certain properties are rarely changed by children or diachronically (conjugation class in Spanish, infinitive/pl root vowels in German) while others are



Korean verbs



Korean verb suffixes

Three basic affix shapes (not exhaustive)

- Invariant C-initial
 - *-ta* 'decl.', *-ko* 'and', *-nin* 'REL'
- *i*-initial: e.g., *-(i)myən* 'conditional'
 - C after vowels and liquids: /ka-(i)myən/ → *ka-myən* 'go-COND.'
 - [i] after other consonants: /mæk-(i)myən/ → *mæg-i-myən* 'eat-COND.'
- A-initial: e.g., *-ə/-a* 'informal imperative'
 - Vowel harmony: [a] after preceding [o] (and sometimes [a]), [-ə] otherwise
 - /mæk-A/ 'eat', /cop-A/ 'be narrow', /kat^h-A/ 'be alike' → [mægə], [copa], [kat^ha] ~ [kat^hə]



Phonologically motivated allomorphy

Adapted from Kenstowicz & Sohn, 2008

Suffix	C-final /mæk/ 'eat'	Nasal-final /sin/ 'put on'	Liquid-final /yəl/ 'open'	V-final /ka/ 'go'	Gloss
-ta	mækt'a	ʃint'a	yəlda	ka da	indicative
-təla	mækt'əra	ʃint'əra	yəldəra	kadəra	retrospective ('they were ...')
-ko	mækk'o	ʃink'o	yəlgo	kago	conjunctive ('... and')
-ca	mækc'a	ʃinc'a	yəlja	kaja	propositive 'let's ...'
-se	mæks'e	ʃins'e	yəse	ka_se	propositive (formal)
-ni	məŋni	ʃinni	yə_ni	kani	interrogative
-niłako	məŋnirago	ʃinnirago	yə_nirago	kanirago	'because ...'
-(i)n	məgin	ʃinin	yən	kan	relative
-(i)myən	məgimyən	ʃinimyən	yəlmyən	kamyən	conditional
-(i)myənsə	məgimyənsə	ʃinimyənsə	yəlmyənsə	kamyənsə	'while ...'
-(i)lə	məgɪlə	ʃinɪlə	yəllə	karə	objective ('in order to ...')
-(i)ni	məgini	ʃinini	yəni	kani	effective ('as a result of ...')
-(i)na	məgina	ʃinina	yəna	kana	adversative ('although ...')
-A	məgə	ʃinə	yərə	ka	imperative
-As'-ta	məgətt'a	ʃinətt'a	yərətt'a	katt'a	past (declar.)
-Ala	məgəra	ʃinəra	yərəra	kara	imperative



Irregular allomorphy

- In addition to the ‘major’ alternations illustrated on the previous slide, Korean verbs exhibit a wide variety of minor phonological processes and morphophonological irregularities
- These processes create neutralizations and ambiguities in various inflected forms (C-initial, ɪ-initial, A-initial)
- Numerous attested reanalyses/innovations based on these ambiguities
- Empirical claim (Kang, 2006): these reanalyses are consistently based on A-initial forms, rather than C-initial or ɪ-initial forms



Elision of stem-final vowels

- Hiatus resolution: $i \rightarrow \emptyset / _ + V$, and $\text{ə} \rightarrow \emptyset / _ + \text{ə}$
 - /ap^hi-A/ 'sick', /si-A/ 'use' → [ap^ha], [sə]
 - /sə-A/ 'stop' → [sə]
- Ambiguity between C-final and i,ə-final verbs

	-ə (IMPER)	-imyən (COND)	-ta (DECL)	Gloss
C-final	kap ^h ə kip ^h ə	kap ^h imyən kip ^h imyən	kapt'a kipt'a	'repay' 'be deep'
i-final	ap ^h ə kip'ə	ap ^h imyən kip'imyən	ap ^h ida kip'ida	'sick' 'happy'
ə-final	sə kənnə	səmyən kənnəmyən	səda kənnəda	'stop' 'cross'

- Attested reanalysis: /ə/ ⇒ /i/ (Kang, 2006)

	-ə (IMPER)	-imyən (COND)	-ta (DECL)	Gloss
cf.	sə ap ^h ə	səmyən ⇒ *simyən ap ^h imyən	səda ⇒ *sida ap ^h ida	'stop' 'sick'

- Regularization: /i/ outnumbers /ə/, verb too short to be C-final



Glide formation of stem-final vowels

- /i+V/ → [jV], /u+V/ → [wV] (optional); /o+V/ → [wV] (usually?)
 - Glide formation: /ki-A/ → [kyə:] 'crawl'; /s'o-A/ → [s'wa:] 'shoot'
 - Glide deletes after affricates: /c^hi-ə/ → [c^hə] 'hit'
- Ambiguity with V-initial affixes: /Ci-ə/ or /Cyə-ə/?

	-ə (IMPER)	-imyən (COND)	-ta (DECL)	Gloss
i-final	kiə ~ kyə: c ^h ə:	kimyən c ^h imyən	kida c ^h ida	'crawl' 'hit'
u-final	cuə ~ cwə:	cumyən	cuda	'give'
o-final	s'wa:	s'omyən	s'oda	'shoot'
yə-final	k ^h yə: p ^h yə:	k ^h yəmyən p ^h yəmyən	k ^h yəda p ^h yəda	'turn on' (Mid K/dial.) 'smooth out' (Mid K/dial.)

- Attested reanalysis: Seoul Korean

	-ə (IMPER)	-imyən (COND)	-ta (DECL)	Gloss
	k ^h yə: p ^h yə:	k ^h yəmyən ⇒ *k ^h imyən p ^h yəmyən ⇒ *p ^h imyən	k ^h yəda ⇒ *k ^h ida p ^h yəda ⇒ *p ^h ida	'turn on' 'smooth out'
cf.	kyə:	kimyən	kida	'crawl'

- Regularization: more /i/ than /yə/-final verbs



Stem-final glides

- Also attested: loss of /i/ after affricates

	-ə (IMPER)	-imyən (COND)	-ta (DECL)	Gloss
Orig.	kaja/kajə	kajimyən	kajida	'take'
⇒i-final cf.	kaja/kajə ap ^h ə	kajimyən ⇒ *kajɨmyən ap ^h imyən	kajida ⇒ *kajɨda ap ^h ida	'sick'
⇒C-final cf.	kaja/kajə kip ^h ə	kajimyən ⇒ *kajɨmyən kip ^h imyən	kajida ⇒ *ka(t)t'a kipt'a	'be deep'

- Jun (2007) finds that all are accepted, at least for some verbs
- As with elision, ambiguity before A-suffix leads to reanalysis ⇒ innovative i-suffix, C-suffix forms



Laryngeal-final roots

	-ə (IMPER)	-imyəŋ (COND)	-ta (DECL)	Gloss
V-final	kiə ~ kjə: kwa: s'wa:	kimyəŋ komyəŋ s'omyəŋ	kida koda s'oda	'crawl' 'stew' 'shoot'
/h/-final	c'ia coa mana	c'iimyəŋ coimyəŋ manimyəŋ	c'it ^h a cot ^h a mant ^h a	'pound' 'be good' 'be many'
/s/-irreg nasal reg.	ciə na: puə ʃinə	ciimyəŋ naiimyəŋ puimyəŋ ʃiniimyəŋ	cit'a nat'a put'a ʃint'a	'compose' 'get better' 'pour' 'put on'

- Verbs like 'pound', 'compose', etc. block glide formation/coalescence
- They also act C-final before i-initial suffixes, and unexpectedly cause either aspiration or tensification of a following obstruent



Laryngeal-final roots (*cont.*)

- Some reanalyses: based on ambiguity in A-form

	-ə (IMPER)	-imyən (COND)	-ta (DECL)	Gloss
cf.	koa ~ kwa: murə s'a: k'inə puə	komyən ⇒ *koimyən mulmyən ⇒ *murimyən s'aimyən k'inimyən puimyən	koda ⇒ *kot'a mulda ⇒ *mult'a s'at'a ⇒ *sat'a k'int'a ⇒ *k'int'a put'a	'stew' 'bite' 'stack' 'cut' 'pour'
cf.	koa ~ kwa: irə anə nə: k'inə	komyən ⇒ *koimyən ilmyən ⇒ *irimyən animyən naimyən k'inimyən	koda ⇒ *kot'a ilda ⇒ *ilt'a ant'a ⇒ ant'a nat'a ⇒ nat'a k'int'a	'stew' 'wash rice' 'hug' 'get better' 'cut'



Ambiguities involving coronals

- Numerous types of verbs ending in liquids or coronal stops

	-ə (IMPER)	-imyən (COND)	-ta (DECL)	Gloss
li irreg.	hillə	hirimyən	hirida	'flow'
lə irreg.	irɪɹə	irimyən	irida	'reach'
t irreg.	fɪrə	firimyən	fi(t)t'a	'load'
	murə	murimyən	mu(t)t'a	'ask'
l reg.	murə	mulmyən	mulda	'bite'
li reg.	t'ara	t'arimyən	t'arida	'follow'
lh reg.	irə	irimyən	iltʰa	'lose'
lli reg.	tillə	tillimyən	tillida	'drop by'

- Attested reanalyses

	-ə (IMPER)	-imyən (COND)	-ta (DECL)	Gloss
⇒ lli reg.	hillə	hiɹimyən ⇒ *hillimyən	hirida ⇒ *hillida	'flow'
⇒ li reg.	irirə	irɪɹimyən ⇒ *irɪɹɪɹimyən	irida ⇒ *irɪɹɪɹida	'reach'
⇒ li reg.	tirə	tirimyən	ti(t)t'a ⇒ *tirɪda	'listen'
⇒ l reg.	murə	murimyən	mu(t)t'a ⇒ mulda, mult'a	'ask'
cf.	t'ara	t'arimyən	t'arida	'follow'
	irə	irimyən	iltʰa	'lose'
	tillə	tillimyən	tillida	'drop by'

'p-irregular' verbs

- Conservative forms

	-ə (IMPER)	-imyən (COND)	-ta (DECL)	Gloss
p-reg.	coba ibə	cobimyən ibimyən	co pt 'a ip t 'a	'be narrow' 'put on; get'
p-irreg.	towa kiwə əryəwə	toumyən kiu my ən əryə u myən	to pt 'a ki pt 'a əryə pt 'a	'help' 'patch' 'difficult'
u-reg.	ciwə sewə	ciu my ən se u myən	ci uda se uda	'erase' 'place something'

- Reanalysis: p-irreg ⇒ u-reg

	-ə (IMPER)	-imyən (COND)	-ta (DECL)	Gloss
⇒ u-reg cf.	towa ciwə	toumyən ciu my ən	to pt 'a ⇒ [★] tou da ci uda	'help' 'erase'



Ambiguities that have not led to reanalysis

- Coda neutralization, cluster simplification, nasalization

	-ə (IMPER)	-imyən (COND)	-ta (DECL)	Gloss
Lax	coba	cobimyən	c opt 'a	'be narrow'
	mugə	mugimyən	muk t 'a	'stay'
Asp	təp ^h ə	təp ^h imyən	təp t 'a	'cover'
Fortis	muk'ə	muk'imyən	muk t 'a	'tie'
Cluster	əps'ə	əps'imyən	əp t 'a	'lack'
	kulgə	kulgimyən	kuk t 'a	'big, thick'

- In principle, could lead to restructuring ($təpt'a \sim təp^hə \Rightarrow$
 $\star təbə; əpt'a \sim əps'ə \Rightarrow \star əbə$)
- Such reanalyses are taking place in nouns (Kenstowicz, 1997; Ko, 2006) but not in verbs
- Various other potential but unattested reanalyses; see Kang (2006); Albright & Kang (2009)



Strikingly consistent directionality

- Vowel-final verbs acquire final laryngeals on basis of ambiguity in A-form
- Coronal-final verbs extend A-form, not C-form or i-form
- p-irregs become u-reg (like A-form/i-form), not p-reg (like C-form)
- Ambiguities caused by C-suffixes do not lead to reanalysis



Why this asymmetry?

- Hayes (1997): “Inside-Out Preference”
 - “phonological systems tend to organize themselves in ways that permit derived forms (such as the suffixed case forms of Yidjṛ) to be predicted from the base forms (usually, as in Yidjṛ, isolation forms).”
 - [ginda:n] ~ [gindanu-CV] ‘moon’, [baba:l] ~ [babala-CV] ‘bone’
- Dutch, Turkish follow this principle
- Spanish, Korean not inside→out
 - No containment relation
 - Need to say something about which form acts as ‘base’



Bases, UR's

- Hayes frames inside-out preference in terms of 'base'
 - Distinct, but related to morphological sense ('base of affixation')
 - Distinct from OT sense (base for Output-Output Faithfulness; Benua, 1997), but perhaps related?
- Hayes's sense is closer to Underlying Representation
- So, the question about what information the base contains is similar or equivalent to the question of what the UR is
- ...which we turn to on Monday



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