



A FINITE-STATE MORPHOLOGICAL TRANSDUCER FOR KYRGYZ

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Kyrgyz

- Turkic language
 - Similar historically to Southern Altay
 - Similar by convergence to Kazakh, Uzbek
- Spoken in
 - Kyrgyzstan as official language
 - high levels of bilingualism with Russian*
 - China, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan
- Over 3 million native speakers (estimate based on data from Ethnologue)
- Our transducer based on written Kyrgyz of the former Soviet Union (literary and colloquial standards)



Morphological transducers

- **Morphological transducers**
- Take a surface form, and produce all valid lexical forms e.g. ‘алдым’
- Take a lexical form, and produce one or more valid surface forms e.g., ал<v><tv><ifi><p1><sg>, алд<n><px1sg><nom>
- **Transducers for Turkic languages**
- Turkish (Çöltekin, 2010; Öflazer, 1994)
- Crimean Tatar (Altıntaş, 2001)
- Turkmen (Tantuğ et al., 2006)
- ...this is the first transducer for Kyrgyz
- and it's **GPL (=free and open)!**
- **Framework: HFST**
- Reimplementation of Xerox FST formalisms (lexc and twol)
- Also provides a wrapper around popular FST free/open-source toolkits: SFST, OpenFST, and Foma

Morphotactics

- **Morphological & orthographical words**
 - өнүктүрөбүзбү ? ‘will we develop [it]?’
өнүк<v><tv><caus><aor><p1><p1>+бы<qst>
 - келатсаң ‘if you come’
кел<v><iv><prt_impf>+жат<vaux><gna_cnd><p2><sg>
 - ..Irregular [noun + possessive + case] forms..
 - Some combinations of possessive and case morphemes are distinct (i.e., not formed simply by concatenation):
- | case | form | 1SG | 2SG | 3SP |
|------|------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| nom | — | -(I)м | -(I)ң | -(S)I |
| acc | -NI | -(I)мдI | -(I)ңдI | -(S)Iн |
| gen | -NIн | -(I)мдIн | -(I)ңдIн | -(S)IнIн |
| loc | -DA | -(I)мдA | -(I)ңдA | -(S)IндA |
| abl | -DAн | -(I)мдAн, | -(I)ңдAн, | -(S)IнAн |
| | | -(I)мAн | -(I)ңAн | |
| dat | -GA | -(I)мA | -(I)ңA | -(S)IнA |
- Trade-off:
 - morphophon. complicateder, morphotactics simpler
 - underlying form used: {S}{I}{n}
 - phonological rules delete {n}, {S} by context
 - **Noun-noun compounds**
 - one type of N-N compounds: N2 has <px3> and related morphology

LEXICON N-INFL-3PX-COMPOUND
%<n>:%>%{S%}%{I%}%{n%} GEN-POS ;

LEXICON Nouns
аба% ырайы:аба% ырай N-INFL-3PX-COMPOUND ;
! "weather"
чакыруу% кагазы:чакыруу% кагаз N-INFL-3PX-COMPOUND ; ! "invitation"

Example output

..... **Gloss**

(1) Үстөл жана отургучтардын астын карап жатат, бирок Азамат аякта эмес.
table and chairs’ underside looking is, but Azamat there not.
‘[She’s] looking under the tables and chairs, but Azamat isn’t there.’

..... **Output**

^Үстөл/Үстөл<n><nom>\$
^жана/жан<v><iv><prc_impf>/жана<adv>/жана<cnjcoo>\$
^отургучтардын/отургуч<n><pl><gen>\$
^астын/аст<n><px3pl><acc>/аст<n><px3sg><acc>\$
^карап/кара<v><iv><gna_perf>/кара<v><iv><prc_real>/кара<v><tv><gna_perf>/кара<v><tv><prc_real>\$
^жатат/жат<vaux><aor><p3><pl>/жат<vaux><aor><p3><sg>/жат<vaux><prc_irre>\$ (intransitive verb forms removed)
^,/,<cm>\$
^бирок/бирок<cnjadv>\$
^Азамат/Азамат<np><ant><m><nom>\$
^аякта/ал<det><dem>+жак<n><loc>/аяк<n><loc>/аякта<v><tv><imp><p2><sg>\$
^эмес/э<cop><neg><p3><pl>/э<cop><neg><p3><sg>\$
^./.<sent>\$

..... **Tagset**

<n>	Noun	<p2>	Second person	<px3sg>	3rd person poss. (Singular)
<np>	Proper noun	<p3>	Third person	<px3pl>	3rd person poss. (Plural)
<v>	Verb	<ant>	Anthroponym	<neg>	Negative
<det>	Determiner	<dem>	Demonstrative	<aor>	Aorist
<cnjcoo>	Coord. conjunct.	<m>	Masculine	<imp>	Imperative
<cnjadv>	Adv. conjunct.	<sg>	Singular	<gna_perf>	Verbal adverb (Perfect)
<adv>	Adverb	<pl>	Plural	<prc_impf>	Participle (Imperfect)
<vaux>	Auxiliary verb	<nom>	‘Nominative’	<prc_irre>	Participle (Irrealis)
<cop>	Copula	<gen>	Genitive	<prc_real>	Participle (Realis)
<iv>	Intransitive	<acc>	Accusative	<cm>	Comma
<tv>	Transitive	<loc>	Locative		

Morphophonology

- **Desonorisation**
- {N} desonorises to д after a consonant
алма-{N}{I} → алманы ‘apple-ACC’
сыр-{N}{I} → сырды ‘secret-ACC’
- {L} desonorises to д after cons. of equal or lower sonority
сыр-{L}{A}p → сырлар ‘secret-PL’
кыз-{L}{A}p → кыздар ‘girl-PL’

"L Desonorisation"
%{L%}:д <=> :VoicedLowSonCns %>: __ ;

"N Desonorisation"
%{N%}:д <=> :VoicedCns %>: __ ;

- **Lenition**
- Turn {y} into a harmonised high vowel when a vowel doesn’t follow the following consonant
мур{y}н → мурун ‘nose’
мур{y}н+{I}м → мурдум ‘my nose’

%{y%}:Vy <=> [:LastVowel :Cns* :Cns]/[:0] __
[:Cns [:#. | :Cns]]/[:0 | %>:] ;
where Vy in (и ү и и ү ы у у у у)
LastVowel in (и ү е э ө я ё о ю у)
matched ;

- **й+ vowel letters**
- [а о у] become [я ё ю] after й and й deletes
- й incorporated into the context of many rules
- + separate rules to change the characters
- + a rule to delete the original й

"Deletion of й before yotised vowels"
й:0 <=> __ [:YotVow]/[:0 | %>:] ;

Getting the transducer

Evaluation

- **Test corpora**
- Kyrgyz Wikipedia** dump dated 2011-09-23
- All 2010 articles from **Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty** (RFE/RL)’s Kyrgyz service (azattyk.org)
- both split into 10 equal parts; coverage calculated over each separately; standard deviation of mean calculated
- **Coverage measures**
- Naïve coverage** - percentage of surface forms in a given corpus receiving ≥ 1 analysis (surface forms may have missing analyses)
- Mean ambiguity** - average number of analyses for each surface form found in analyed corpus
- **Coverage results (as of r36739)**

corpus	tokens	known	cov.	amb.
Wikipedia	329,524	270,668	82.1%	2.35
RFE/RL	4,112,558	3,614,193	87.9%	2.43

- **Precision & recall**
- Precision** (of a form’s analyses % correct): **97.32%**
- Recall** (percentage of analyses provided by the transducer that are correct for a form, by comparing against a gold standard): **94.56%**

Future Work

- case changes for words with one root
Финландия ‘Finland’, финландиялык ‘Finnish’
- vowel harmony with abbreviations
АКШ [акышы] ‘USA’, АКШнын / *АКШтын
- vowel harmony with numbers
100 [жүз], 100дүн
- compound verbs
- gerunds with mono-syllabic V-final verbs
(*жөө / жеш < же-)
- Disambiguation
- Machine translation between Turkic languages