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1 | Phonology and orthography

1.1 | Phoneme inventory

Middle Rymakonian underwent several sound changes from Lek-Tsaro, in the following order:

Thus Middle Rymakonian has the following phoneme inventory:

Table 1.1: The consonants of Middle Rymakonian.

| | Bilabial | Dental | Alveolar | Palatal | Velar | Glottal |
|---------------------|----------|--------|----------|---------|-------|---------|
| Nasal | m | | n | n | ŋ | |
| Plosive | рb | | t d | СĴ | k g | ? |
| Fricative | fv | θð | S Z | ∫3 | хγ | |
| (coärticulated) | fx vy | θx ðγ | | f∫ vʒ | | |
| (whistled) | | | ŞŢ | | | |
| Affricate | | | ts | t∫ | | |
| Lateral fricative | | | łЬ | | | |
| Approximant | | | J | j | W | |
| Lateral approximant | | | 1 | | | |
| Тар | | | ſ | | | |

Table 1.2: The vowels of Middle Rymakonian.

| | Front | Central | Back |
|-------------|-------|---------|------|
| High Mid | i | ų | ш |
| Mid | ε | | Λ |
| Low | | a | |

In addition to consonants and vowels, Middle Rymakonian has rod signals, represented by numbers. Rod A is blue and held by one's dominant hand and B is red and held by one's non-dominant hand. Rod signals can occur only at the end of words.

- 1. Rod A is raised to one's chest, while B is pointed down.
- 2. Rods A and B are crossed in the front.
- 3. Rod B is raised upwards in front of the nondominant arm, while rod A is lowered.
- 4. Rod A is pointed sideways near one's nondominant arm, while rod B is lowered.
- 5. Rods A and B are extended to the sides.
- 6. Rods A and B are extended, facing forward.
- 7. Rod A is raised forward, while B is pointed to the side.
- 8. Rod B is raised forward, while A is pointed to the side.
- 9. Rod A is raised besides one's head, while Rod B is extended toward the side of the dominant hand. This rod signal does not exist alone, but rather as a transition to the seventh or eighth rod signal.

In addition, the fourth rod signal has a "halfway" form where Rod A is retracted away from the nondominant arm.

Lowering both rods is interpreted as an absence of a rod signal.

If the use of rods are unavailable, the numerals of the positions may be pronounced.

1.2 | Hacmisation

As using IPA is quite wieldly, we shall use the following hacmisation, with superscript letters to indicate phonemes not found in Arka.

Note that the hacmisation is slightly different from Lek-Tsaro's use of hacm. Lek-Tsaro's $\langle h \rangle$ are now written using $\langle l^l \rangle$, for instance.

1.3 | Phonotactics

As opposed to Lek-Tsaro, which uses syllables, Middle Rymakonian uses *phonoruns*. The following *defined categories* are used:

These are converted into actual categories as follows:

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| | Bilabial | Dental | Alveolar | Palatal | Velar | Glottal |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Nasal | D | | n | n ^ų | n ^φ | |
| Plosive | d b | | Ω | ſ Ч ΩЧ | Ìφ | |
| Fricative | a u | J^{α} z^{u} | JΖ | ls | J ^l φ ^s | |
| (coärticulated) | a ^h u ^h | j ^h z ^h | | a ^l us | | |
| (whistled) | | | J° Z° | | | |
| Affricate | | | ρ | l _r | | |
| Lateral fricative | | | l _l s _l | | | |
| Approximant | | | h | Ч | 0 | |
| Lateral approximant | | | | | | |
| Тар | | | Н | | | |

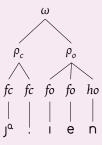
Table 1.3: The consonants of Middle Rymakonian.

Table 1.4: The vowels of Middle Rymakonian.

| | Front | Central | Back |
|-------------|-------|---------|------|
| High Mid | С | 3 | ə |
| Mid | е | | Э |
| Low | | 1 | |

- Full-open and full-closed phonemes are always realised as open and closed, respectively.
- Half-open phonemes are open unless the previous phoneme is full-closed.
- Half-closed phonemes are closed unless the previous phoneme is full-open.
- Neutral phonemes that do not occur word-initially inherit the actual category
 of the phoneme before it.
- Neutral phonemes that occur word-initially are closed.

A *phonorun*, then, is a maximal sequence of phonemes that are either all open or all closed within a word. For instance, take $\langle j^{\alpha}.len \langle x_{j}^{h}l.en \rangle$:



Note that two phonemes in the word were metathesised when it was derived from Lek-Tsaro. In general, a word with n spoken phonemes cannot have more than $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ phonoruns. Therefore, the following changes are executed in order until an application of one rule reduces the number of phonoruns to an acceptable number, after which the other rules are not executed:

| Category | Phonemes |
|-------------|--|
| | ι e c ɔ ə u z ^u z z ^o s φ ^s s ^l y ο β γ |
| Half-open | 3 p l o n n ^q n ^p 9 L ^q |
| Neutral | JJ ^o (luhzhus 1 J |
| Half-closed | άllh ΔLΔ |
| Full-closed | ^{Jα} α ^h J ^h α ^l d b l α l ^h α ^μ) φ l l l |

Table 1.5: Categories of phonemes.

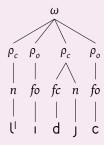
$$\begin{array}{c} X_{1}[do]X_{2}[dc]R[do] \rightarrow X_{2}X_{1}R \\ X_{1}[dc]X_{2}[do]R[dc] \rightarrow X_{2}X_{1}R \\ X_{1}[dc]X_{2}[do]X_{3}[do] \rightarrow X_{1}X_{2}X_{3} \\ X_{1}[do]X_{2}[do]X_{3}[dc] \rightarrow X_{1}X_{2}X_{3} \\ X_{1}[op \geq 0]X_{2}[dc]X_{3}[do] \rightarrow X_{1}X_{2}X_{3} \\ X_{1}[op \geq 0]X_{2}[dc]X_{3}[do]X_{4}[op \leq 0] \rightarrow X_{1}X_{3}X_{2}X_{4} \quad [X_{1}.op + X_{3}.op - X_{2}.op - X_{4}.op \geq 6] \\ X_{1}[op \leq 0]X_{2}[do]X_{3}[dc]X_{4}[op \geq 0] \rightarrow X_{1}X_{3}X_{2}X_{4} \quad [X_{2}.op + X_{4}.op - X_{1}.op - X_{3}.op \geq 6] \\ X_{1}[do]X_{2}[dc]X_{3}[do] \rightarrow X_{1}X_{3}X_{2} \qquad \qquad \text{for ever} \\ X_{1}[dc]X_{2}[do]X_{3}[dc] \rightarrow X_{2}X_{1}X_{3} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{for ever} \end{array}$$

where R means a rod signal, X represents a spoken phoneme and op stands for openness (full-open = 2, neutral = 0, full-closed = -2). do is short for op > 0, and dc is short for op < 0. (The same rule can occur multiple times within a word, although such invocations may not intersect each other.)

All of the rules above move from right to left and do not occur across compound boundaries. The last two rules are executed in parallel in a loop until the number of phonoruns is reduced to an acceptable number or both rules converge to a fixed point. This process will hereafter be called *phonorun reduction*.

In the example above, $\langle xj^{\alpha}i.en \rangle$ had $4 > \lceil 5/2 \rceil$ phonoruns, so the third rule was applied. This changed the word into $\langle j^{\alpha}.ien \rangle$, which has $2 \leq \lceil 5/2 \rceil$ phonoruns.

An example where phonorun reduction does not result in a word with few enough phonoruns is <\lidglig \soup, which has the starting phonoruns



Obviously, the first four rules do not match anywhere in the word. The sixth rule seems promising because it matches the pattern at $\langle l^l I d J - \rangle$, but the required sum is 0+2+2+0<6, so this rule does not match. In addition, the last two rules do not match, and we encounter a fixed point. In such cases, the anomaly is allowed to pass.

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The dictionary lists forms of roots *before* the phonorun reduction happens, because affixes can radically affect which phonemes are switched.

1.3.1 Prosody

The time taken to utter a phonorun is given by the model:

$$t_o = K \cdot (1 + v \cdot \alpha + c \cdot \beta)$$
 (phonorun is open) (1.1)

$$t_c = K \cdot \eta \cdot (y + v \cdot \alpha + c \cdot \beta)$$
 (phonorun is closed) (1.2)

where *K* is a constant varying from person to person, *v* is the number of vowels and *c* is the number of consonants in the run. α , β , γ and η are also constants such that $\beta < \alpha$, and both γ and η are less than 1. In other words:

- There is a fixed cost for starting a new phonorun. This cost is less for closed phonoruns than open.
- Closed phonoruns are faster to say than open runs with the same number of consonants and vowels.
- Closed phonoruns are also more length-dependent than open runs.
- It takes less time to utter consonants than vowels.

An estimate of the constants for the standard dialect would be $\alpha=0.37, \beta=0.46, \gamma=0.82$ and $\eta=0.61$.

1.4 | Vowel harmony

Middle Rymakonian inherits vowel harmony from Lek-Tsaro. Thus $\langle C \rangle$ are front vowels, $\langle \partial \rangle$ are back vowels and $\langle I \rangle$ are neutral. Most roots with neither front nor back vowels act as if they had front vowels, though some might behave as if they had back vowels. Many affixes will change depending on which vowels are present.

If by some odd chance a word has both front and back vowels, then the rightmost vowel (before phonorun reduction) takes precedence.

1.5 Rod signal sandhi

The following rules influence rod signals depending on the previous rod signal (of the current or previous word):

- $\langle \mathbb{N} \rangle$ is realised as $\langle \mathbb{J} \rangle$ after $\langle \mathbb{N} \rangle$ or $\langle \mathbb{N} \rangle$.
- $\langle 9 \rangle$ is realised as $\langle L^9 \rangle$ after $\langle 9 \rangle$ or $\langle L^9 \rangle$.
- $\langle \Delta \rangle$ is realised as $\langle L^{\Delta} \rangle$ after $\langle \Delta \rangle$ or $\langle L^{\Delta} \rangle$.

Rod sandhi does not affect the orthography or phonorun reduction.

2 Syntax

2.1 | Basic word order

The basic word order is VSO. Descriptors follow what they modify.

However, unlike Lek-Tsaro, Middle Rymakonian has oblique arguments. As these were historically formed from a preclause, all obliques precede V. Likewise, any arguments with conjunctions also precede V. Such arguments that were formed from a clause will be called *historically clausal arguments* (HCAs).

Usually, oblique arguments are prepared by prepositions and fall after what they modify (unless the antecedent is V), but if an oblique argument is a conjunctional phrase or governs an HCA, it uses a postposition instead and precedes its antecedent.

2.2 Questions

In all questions, the intonation of the second word of the last clause is lowered considerably.

Binary questions have the interrogative polarity marker and no change to syntax. In wh-questions, the wh-word is pulled to the front (i. e. before the verb). This requires case marking for the wh-word:

```
(lezcn peas)(l) do8
who-acc speak-far.past-Q pr.far
Whom did you speak to?
```

This applies only to questions, not interrogative-mood clauses that act as relative clauses:

```
peasjll do fel, yif yo. speak-far.past pr.anaph_obj I saw the person whom you talked to.
```

2.3 | Multiple clauses

A sentence might have multiple clauses. Each clause in a sentence follows the basic VSO order, and clauses are separated with commas.

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3 Nouns

Nouns are declined for number, case and definiteness.

3.1 Number

Countable nouns come in two numbers: dual and non-dual.

There are two different conceptualisations of the dual number. Some dialects use the dual number to refer to all cases with two objects (we say that they have the *unpaired dual*); others use it only to refer to objects in pairs (these lack the unpaired dual). In general, dialects without the unpaired dual are more prevalent in cities, as well as northern regions.

Each countable noun has *an inherent number*. A noun whose number agrees with its inherent number receives no marking; a mismatch causes the noun to receive a special affix.

3.2 | Case

In a clause with both the subject and object directly expressed in that order, both the subject and object are declined in the nominative case (and their roles are inferred through word order). In a clause where only one is present, or where both are expressed in the opposite order, the subject will receive the nominative case and the object will receive the accusative case.

3.3 Noun classes

There are three overarching groups of noun classes.

- 1. Countable
 - (a) Sentient such as humans, AIs, deities.
 - (b) Non-sentient anything else.
- 2. Measurable
 - (a) Measure all measurable nouns, especially units of measurement.
- 3. Uncountable
 - (a) Edible edible (to humans).

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- (b) Inedible inedible (to humans).
- (c) Abstract abstract ideas.

3.4 | Definiteness

The definite form of a noun is formed regularly by reduplicating the first syllable (without the coda): \(DIZI \) "a person" becomes \(DIDIZI \) "the person".

3.5 | Declension table

Here, the inflected forms of words are shown both before and after phonorun reduction to illustrate the pattern. The declension patterns for each class is shown, both for roots ending with consonants and those ending with vowels.

Note that noun declensions for countable classes respect vowel harmony. For nouns with back vowels, replace the front vowels with the back vowels of the same height and rounding, and vice versa. (Noun declensions for measurable and uncountable classes do not respect vowel harmony.)

3.5.1 | Countable classes

Table 3.1: Declensions for countable nouns.

| | Direct # | Inverse # | | |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| Sentient: 💢 | יבוס") "person" | | | |
| Nominative DIZI (DIZI) DIZI (DIZI) | | | | |
| | DIZIN (DIZIN) | DIZINI (DIZINI) | | |
| Sentient: <×j | ۵،en> "magician" | | | |
| | Nominative J^{α} .en $(J^{\alpha}$.en) J^{α} .el $(J^{\alpha}$.iel) | | | |
| Accusative | j ^a ı.ezcn (j ^a ı.ezcn) | j ^a ı.eµcl (j ^a ı.eµcl) | | |
| | e final consonant is preserved only | in the direct nominative form.) | | |
| Non-sentient | : <xp3n<sup>q5> "rabbit"</xp3n<sup> | | | |
| Nominative | (e.c $^{\phi}$ ned) e.c $^{\phi}$ ned distribution (c $^{\phi}$ ned) c $^{\phi}$ ned | | | |
| | (DSN ^{ϕ} OD (D3N ϕ OD) | (Guc ^o nea) euc ^o nea | | |
| Non-sentient: (x.cden) "house" | | | | |
| Nominative .cden (.cden) .cde.c (.cdec.) | | | | |
| Accusative | .cdezcd (.cdezcd) | .cpehcac (.cpehcac) | | |

3.5.2 | Measurable and uncountable classes

Table 3.2: Declensions for measurable and uncountable nouns.

| | Direct | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Measure: <× | Measure: <xµ3d3> "day (continuous)"</xµ3d3> | | | | |
| Nominative | h3D3 (h3D3) | | | | |
| Accusative | haban (haban) | | | | |
| Measure: <xdel> "volume" (in expressions such as <xdel-43j) "cupful")<="" td=""></xdel-43j)></xdel> | | | | | |
| Nominative | del (del) | | | | |

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| | Direct | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Accusative | pezcn (pezcn) | | | |
| Edible: <xfep< td=""><td>J.C〉"beef"</td></xfep<> | J.C〉"beef" | | | |
| | lehrc (lehcr) | | | |
| Accusative | lep.cn (lepc.n) | | | |
| Edible: <xdi< td=""><td>'rice'</td></xdi<> | 'rice' | | | |
| Nominative | , | | | |
| | DINCN (DINCN) | | | |
| Inedible: <x< td=""><td></td></x<> | | | | |
| Nominative | helo (heol) | | | |
| | ecdleų) | | | |
| Inedible: <x< td=""><td><i>y</i>-</td></x<> | <i>y</i> - | | | |
| Nominative | Jirlil (Jirlil) | | | |
| Accusative Indijde (Indijde) | | | | |
| Abstract: <x< td=""><td colspan="4">Abstract: (xQ^həDO) "empathy"</td></x<> | Abstract: (xQ ^h əDO) "empathy" | | | |
| Nominative | a^h ədə (a^h ədə) | | | |
| Accusative | α ^h əpon ^φ (α ^h apon ^φ) | | | |
| Abstract: <×φcj> "[the number] five" | | | | |
| Nominative | | | | |
| Accusative | φczcn ^φ (φczcn ^φ) | | | |
| Here, the final consonant is voiced if it is a fricative. | | | | |

(NB: be sure to change any $\langle 1 \rangle$ and $\langle 1 \rangle$ into $\langle 1^4 \rangle$ and $\langle 1^5 \rangle$ respectively before $\langle 2 \rangle$.)

3.6 | Pronouns

Personal pronouns are not divided into first, second and third persons as in most languages. Instead, they fall into six categories that exhibit different behaviour depending on whether they occur as the first non-oblique noun in the clause or elsewhere (second noun, verb inflection, oblique):

Table 3.3: Pronoun persons and their functions.

| Person | Role in first position | Role elsewhere | |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
| Near | The speaker. | The first non-oblique argu- | |
| | | ment of the clause. | |
| Far | The listener. | The person with which the | |
| | | first argument is conversing. | |
| Other | A third entity. | An entity that is neither the | |
| | | speaker, the listener nor the | |
| | | first argument. | |
| Generic | A generic entity (akin to "one"). | | |
| Anaphoric Subject | The subject of the previous clause. Also used on the verb | | |
| | when an oblique or conjunction is present. | | |
| Anaphoric Object | The object of the previous clause. | | |

In wh-questions, the wh-word assumes the second position and the other argument becomes the first.

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If a clause has no explicit arguments, the first argument is understood to be the subject.

| | Nominative | | Accusative | |
|-------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|
| | Non-dual | Dual | Non-dual | Dual |
| Near | ſı | aczc | lin | aczen |
| Far | do | bþі | don | bµın |
| Other | nc | lizc | ncn | lizen |
| Anaph. Sub. | μı | n ⁴ cµc | μın | n ^y cµen |
| Anaph. Obj. | μo | n ⁴ əµɔ | hon | nqehon |
| Generic | .ə | | .ə. | n |

Table 3.4: Personal pronouns (before phonorun reduction).

3.6.1 | Last-clause pronouns

The anaphoric pronoun <ebj> (accusative: <bezen>) is grammatically an other pronoun, and it refers to the previous clause said. Likewise, <bezen>) refers to the clause before the previous one. All of these pronouns should undergo phonorun reduction inside a compound.

3.7 | Compounding

Nouns can be compounded together in a head-initial manner. When that happens, only the leftmost noun is the one to be declined.

```
Del-μ3j3-α<sup>l</sup>3μθ-φcj
volume-cup-water-five
five cupfuls of water
```

Note that pronouns can modify other nouns, in which personal possession is indicated:

```
Del-μ3j3-α<sup>l</sup>3μθ-φcj-li
volume-cup-water-five-PR.NEAR.ND
(arg1)'s five cupfuls of water
```

Descriptors can also compound on nouns. Unlike in Lek-Tsaro, this is the only way to have descriptors modify nouns.

DIZI–ÌfƏI DIZI–ÌƏİI person-old old people

3.8 | Possession

"X's Y" is translated as $\langle Y=DI | X \rangle$ (plus phonorun reduction). The possessive construction is also used to create appositives. (Note the head-marking!)

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Observe that possession marks the head, and $\langle -DI \rangle$ is a clitic, not an affix, as in the following example:

```
D3D3N^{\phi}3-\alpha^{l}3\mu9-DI J^{h}.ien D3D3N^{\phi}3-\alpha^{l}3\mu9-DI J^{h}i.en DEF~rabbit-water=GEN magician the magician's water rabbit
```

This construction is also used when compounding would otherwise be used, but the dependent is larger than a single noun or descriptor:

```
nyızıdı i.lle an fij
cat=GEN 4096 and two
4098 cats
```

4 Verbs

Verbs are conjugated for person of the subject, tense, polarity and tellicity, in two paradigms. Conjugation respects vowel harmony. In addition, a final $\langle -J \rangle$ or $\langle -Z \rangle$ in the stem of a first- or second-conjugation verb becomes whistled in the generic form. The dictionary lists the stem of the verb and the conjugation scheme used.

Table 4.1: Person-tense conjugations for first-conjugation verbs, using $\langle Dil-\rangle$ "(S) eats (O)", before and after phonorun reduction.

| | Nonpast | Past |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Near | DIJIU (DIJIU) | עווע) אונוס (סוואן) |
| Far | DIJIU (DIJIU) | DIJ3] (DIJ3J) |
| Other | DIJI (DIIJ) | DIJ3 (DIJ3) |
| Anaph. Sub. | DIJe (DIEJ) | Dilel (Dilel) |
| Anaph. Obj. | DIIC.e (DII.ce) | DIC.el (DI).cel) |
| Generic | DIJC (DICJ) | DIJC (DICJ) |

Table 4.2: Person-tense conjugations for second-conjugation verbs, using $\langle n \ni n - \rangle$ "(S) kills (O), (O) dies", before and after phonorun reduction.

| | Nonpast | Past |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Near | nənın (nənın) | nənıf (nənıf) |
| Far | nənın (nənın) | nən3j (nən3j) |
| Other | nənı (nənı) | nən3 (nən3) |
| Anaph. Sub. | nənə (nənə) | nənəl (nənəl) |
| Anaph. Obj. | nənə.ɔ (nənə.ɔ) | nənə.əl (nənə.əl) |
| Generic | nənə (nənə) | nənə (nənə) |

Notes:

- The polarity-tellicity suffix is added after the person-tense ending.
- "Negative atelic" means something akin to "unsuccessfully tried to avoid doing X".
- The interrogative polarity, in addition to marking questions, is used to mark clauses that may or may not be true but are referred to later in the sentence.
- As an exception, the generic form of $\langle y-\rangle$ is $\langle y-\rangle$.

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Table 4.3: Person-tense conjugations for third-conjugation verbs, using \u2214\u221eu-\u2214"(S) spreads (O)", before and after phonorun reduction.

| | Nonpast | Past |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Near | peucn (peucn) | hencl (hencl) |
| Far | peuin (peuin) | peusj (peusj) |
| Other | peui (peui) | hena (hena) |
| Anaph. Sub. | peue (peue) | peuel (peuel) |
| Anaph. Obj. | peuc.e (peuc.e) | peuc.el (peuc.el) |
| Generic | hens (hens) | hen3 (hen3) |

Table 4.4: Polarity-tellicity suffixes for verbs (before phonorun reduction). The interrogative affix can also follow a negative affix.

| | Positive | Negative | Interrogative |
|--------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Telic | _· | _l ⁴ e / −Jɔ | _J ^ℓ । |
| Atelic | -DC / -DƏ | - | -l3 |

Some examples:

```
Dilin l'ide l'ozo.
eat-NEAR.NONPAST fish flower
Fish eat flowers.
nlin land (czc hall nila
eat-NEAR.NONPAST fish flower, eat-NEAR.NONPAST cat PR.ANAPH_SUB
Fish eat flowers, and cats eat fish.
nilin Uhe (csc) ahilu pillia.
ollin l'ide (csc) plilue.
eat-NEAR.NONPAST fish flower, eat-ANAPH_SUB.NONPAST grass-ACC
Fish eat flowers, and they eat grass.
(Grass is inedible to humans, but edible to fish.)
eyl) cych Panilia
ell cuch appulle
eat-NEAR.NONPAST-NEG flower fish
Flowers don't eat fish.
dμcn nc llμcllμcΩen, jenin (i ebj.
ducn nc lluclucaen, jenin (i ebj.
carry-near.nonpast pr.other def~book, worry-near.nonpast pr.near
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He has the book; that worries me.
or: That he has the book worries me.
dμcni)<sup>l</sup> nc )<sup>l</sup>μc)<sup>l</sup>μcΩen, jenin (i ebj.
dμcn)<sup>l</sup>ı nc )<sup>l</sup>μc)<sup>l</sup>μcΩen, jenın (ı ebj.
carry-near.nonpast-q pr.other def~book, worry-near.nonpast pr.near.int
```

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He might have the book; that worries me. or: That he might have the book worries me.

4.1 | Aspect

Verbs can also be marked for aspect, either using a rod sign directly on the verb, or a particle with a rod sign, placed anywhere between the verb it modifies and the next verb.

Table 4.5: Aspect markers. Those with hyphens are attached to verb. Those without hyphens are placed as separate particles anywhere after the verb.

| Aspect name | Marking | Meaning |
|------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Imperfect | – 1 | An action that is currently going on. Also used to distinguish static actions as opposed to dynamic (e. g. wear as opposed to put on). |
| Interrupted | ľ cl1 | An action that was interrupted. |
| Perfect | - J | An action that has already finished. Changes present tense to immediate past. Also used to distinguish dynamic actions as opposed to static (e. g. put on as opposed to wear). |
| Gnomic | -} | A general truth or aphorism, or an action done habitually. |
| Gnomic dubitative | l'cl} | A general truth or aphorism that the speaker considers to be false. |
| Deontic necessity | – 0 | An action that the speaker insists on happening. |
| Deontic recommendation | - 0 | An action that the speaker recommends that happens. |
| Epistemic necessity | Ndel | An action that the speaker infers is happening. (Situational necessitative and potential moods are grouped with their epistemic versions.) |
| Deontic potential | 4_ | An action that the speaker permits to occur. |
| Epistemic potential | 4deľ | An action that the speaker infers that might happen. |
| Unexpected | - s | An action that is unexpected (akin to using "but"). |
| Comparative | deſ | Indicates an action of greater intensity than what was described in the previous clause. |
| Nonexclusive subject | ſ ⁴ c1 | Indicates that the subject comprises not only of what is explicitly mentioned, but also other things. |

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| Aspect name | Marking | Meaning |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Nonexclusive object | с[Ч? | Indicates that the object comprises not |
| | | only of what is explicitly mentioned, but |
| | | also other things. |
| Nonexclusive argument | cľЧЛ | Combination of both nonexclusive subject |
| | | and nonexclusive object. |
| Temporal universal | L ^q | The statement is always true ("never |
| | | true" when negative). |
| Temporal non-universal | J ^o L ^q | The statement is not always true ("some- |
| - | | times true" when negative). |
| Spatial universal | –L [∆] | The statement is true (false) everywhere. |
| Spatial non-universal | J°L∆ | The statement is false (true) somewhere. |

An attached rod signal reverts $\langle J^{\alpha} \ Z^{u} \rangle$ to $\langle J^{h} \ Z^{h} \rangle$, respectively, and might affect phonorun reduction.

An example:

```
I tried to fight them, but they shot my knee.
```

4.1.1 | Simultaneous temporal and spatial aspects

A verb may be modified by both temporal and spatial aspects, in which case their mutual order is significant:

Table 4.6: Behaviour when both temporal and spatial markers exist, where t is a time variable and \vec{x} is a space variable.

| Marking | Definition | Equivalent |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| _L [∆] 9 | $\forall t \forall \vec{x} : P(t, \vec{x})$ | $\forall t \forall \vec{x} : P(t, \vec{x})$ |
| –L∆ J°L ⁹ | $\neg \forall t \forall \vec{x} : P(t, \vec{x})$ | $\exists t \exists \vec{x} : \neg P(t, \vec{x})$ |
| J°L∆٩ | $\forall t \neg \forall \vec{x} : P(t, \vec{x})$ | $\forall t \exists \vec{x} : \neg P(t, \vec{x})$ |
| J°L [∆] J°L ⁹ | $\neg \forall t \neg \forall \vec{x} : P(t, \vec{x})$ | $\exists t \forall \vec{x} : P(t, \vec{x})$ |
| $-L^q \Delta$ | $\forall \vec{x} \forall t : P(t, \vec{x})$ | $\forall \vec{x} \forall t : P(t, \vec{x})$ |
| –L ^q J°L∆ | $\neg \forall \vec{x} \forall t : P(t, \vec{x})$ | $\exists \vec{x} \exists t : \neg P(t, \vec{x})$ |
| J ^o L ⁹ ۵ | $\forall \vec{x} \neg \forall t : P(t, \vec{x})$ | $\forall \vec{x} \exists t : \neg P(t, \vec{x})$ |
| رُ°L۹ ر | $\neg \forall \vec{x} \neg \forall t : P(t, \vec{x})$ | $\exists \vec{x} \forall t : P(t, \vec{x})$ |

4.2 | Historically clausal arguments

Historically clausal arguments (HCAs) are arguments of a sentence that are derived from clausal constructions. They include obliques and conjunctions. HCAs precede V.

An HCA that modifies a verb causes it to be conjugated in the anaphoric subject person.

4.2.1 | Obliques

An oblique expresses a relation between the verb of a sentence or some argument thereof.

An oblique phrase that modifies a verb falls before it. An oblique phrase that modifies either S or O pulls it before the verb as well.

If the argument of the oblique phrase is not an HCA, then it uses a preposition and follows its antecedent (unless it is the main verb). If the argument is an HCA, then the phrase uses a postposition and precedes its antecedent.

Consider the preposition $\langle ln \rangle$ in, on, at (location) (from Lek-Tsaro $\langle lln \rangle$ (S) is at (O)). The sentence Ryze is hiding from me in the tree would be translated as:

```
In fouoi nepael (in \p3ze in tree hide-anaph_sub.nonpast-imperfect pr.near.acc Ryze
```

Now say that we want to translate Ryze is hiding from me in the tree with fruit. With would be translated as $\langle d\mu \rangle$ (from Lek-Tsaro $\langle d\mu cn \rangle$ hold, carry, which also begets $\langle \mu n \rangle$), but now we have nested obliques, which means we need to use $\langle ln \rangle$ as a postposition:

```
found profine in hose tree with fruit in-post hide-anaph_sub.nonpast-imperfect pr.near.acc Ryze
```

Deriving a postposition from a preposition is done *after* phonorun reduction. Prepositions that end with a closed phonorun receive $\langle - | \rangle$, and those that end with an open phonorun receive $\langle -z \rangle$.

The prefix $\langle \Upsilon - \rangle$ negates an adposition.

4.2.2 | Conjunctions

Conjunctions are derived from verbs as well; for instance, <an> and is derived from Lek-Tsaro <acn> join. However, in Middle Rymakonian, conjunctions are infixed:

```
\u00fcase an \liz3l biel leuc..
\u00e4usze an \liz3l bile leuc.

Ryze and Tazyl eat-ANAPH_SUB.NONPAST beef
```

(Note that as long as S still precedes O, no case marking is needed.)

Unlike Lek-Tsaro's approach, this approach works well with more complex sentences:

```
\u00fcan \land \land \u00e4rean \
```

An entire conjunctional phrase can be modified by treating the conjunction as a nominal antecedent:

```
c<sup>9</sup>nsa ilel-an iziyn
c<sup>9</sup>nsa ilel-an iziyn
```

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cat and-old rabbit old cats and rabbits

4.3 | Connectors

(This section will refer to section 2.11 of \ubblub \ubblub \omega \lambda \l

Middle Rymakonian uses connectors to express relationships between clauses. In Middle Rymakonian, connectors do not occupy an indexed position in the clause; however, they tend to be placed near items that should receive less emphasis than others. Two connectors cannot occur consecutively unless the number of connectors is more than one plus the number of other words.

A connector is composed of three parts:

- The *type* (see table 4.7) specifies the semantic role of the connector.
- The *sequence identifier* (hereafter *seqid*) disambiguates the use of multiple connectors of the same type within a sentence. This is an arbitrary continuation of the last phonorun of the type.
- The *parity* allows the reuse of seqids within a type. This is ⟨¬ſ⟩ or ⟨¬l⟩ if the type ends with a closed phonorun, and ⟨¬ı⟩ or ⟨¬z⟩ if it ends with an open phonorun.

Unlike most parts of speech, a complete connector, composed of the three parts above, does not undergo phonorun reduction.

Connectors x and y are part of the same set S iff all of the following conditions hold:

- x and y are identical (i. e. all three parts are the same between x and y)
- they belong to clauses α and β , respectively (NB: it is possible that $\alpha = \beta$)
- there are no clauses between α and β that has a connector with the same type and seqid but a different parity from x or y

Note that "belonging to the same connector set" is an equivalence relation.

Table 4.7: Connector types.

| Name | Arity | Middle Rymakonian | Explanation |
|--------------|-------|-------------------|--|
| Ordinary | n | IJ- | Covers both the sequential and |
| | | | parallel connectors of Jbl. |
| Analogous | 2 | ıd– | "For the same reason α is true, β is |
| | | | also true." Also used as an "and" |
| | | | without stating any order. |
| Subversive | 2 | ΙΩ- | " α but β ." |
| Augmentative | n | οφ ^s − | Later statements apply to a |
| _ | | · | greater extent than earlier |
| | | | statements. |
| Explanatory | n | CD- | " θ_1 causes θ_2 causes θ_3 etc." |
| Conditional | 2 | cj– | "If α , then β ." |

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Clauses of a connector set are joined by the relation of the connector used therein:

```
DII) (Inde Lozzo Ileir
DIJI (Inde (Dozo ijei.
eat-NEAR.PAST fish flower ORDINARY-(e)-0
The fish ate the flower.
ijei nopol (dezo (bub).
ORDINARY-(e)-0 dance-NEAR.PAST child tree
Then the child danced around the tree.
ilei Dijel filjiyed.
eat-ANAPH SUB.PAST ORDINARY-(e)-0 DEF~fish-ACC
Then the child ate the fish.
pelc) η φμοηφ ι μεz do.
cb sell φμοηφ ijez do.
imitate-near.past-imp frog ordinary-<e>-1 pr.far
At another time, a frog was imitating me. (...)
```

4.4 | Comparatives

```
The comparative is a function cmp: A \times A \times (A \to \mathbb{R}) \times (A \times A \to \{0,1\}) \to \{0,1\},
where cmp(a, b, f, \Box) = f(a) \Box f(b).
    Consider the following sentences:
```

Fish eat flowers more than cats. More fish eat flowers than cats.

Semantically, they can be translated to:

cmp(fish, cats,
$$a \mapsto (\# \text{ of flowers eaten by } a), >)$$
 (4.1)

cmp(fish, cats, $a \mapsto (\# \text{ of } a \text{ that eat flowers}), >)$ (4.2)

The heart of comparatives in Middle Rymakonian is the quadrivalent verb (DOZIO a b $f \supset \lambda$. Thus:

```
niscη l'ocsch l'acn, nscn l'ide nuzi μο nel.
eat-GENERIC-Q flower-ACC-how_many, CMP-NEAR fish cat PR.ANAPH_OBJ >
Fish eat more flowers than cats.
niscα, csc/l no<sup>2</sup>l-e. I/solid nel.
```

eat-GENERIC-Q PR.GENERIC-how_many flower, CMP-NEAR fish cat PR.ANAPH_SUB > More fish eat flowers than cats.

Note that we place a clause whose argument is the generic pronoun before the comparative clause. From the dozan-clause, we refer to the function using the anaphoric pronoun referring to the position of the return value.

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Table 4.8: Comparators in Middle Rymakonian.

| | Comparator |
|-----------|------------------|
| > | neſ |
| < | α၁ါ |
| = | ſen ^φ |
| \geq | Чıl |
| \leq | DCJ |
| \neq | .3j |
| \approx | μej |
| \gg | α ^h e |
| « | ΩΙΝ |

4.5 Ditransitive-like constructions

In English, some verbs such as *give* take two objects: the item being given and the recipient of the item. Because of Middle Rymakonian's heritage, this is translated into a compound statement:

```
fiipf fi <sup>1</sup><sup>1</sup>μc<sup>1</sup>μcΩen, nebel \μ3zen.
fiφif fi <sup>1</sup><sup>1</sup>μc<sup>1</sup>μcΩen, nebel \μ3zen.
lose-NEAR.PAST PR.NEAR DEF~book, give_to-ANAPH_SUB.PAST Ryze-ACC
I gave the book to Ryze.
```

4.6 Transitivisation

l^lcdcl apeapen⁴e. fall-near,past def~coin

Verbs that are used intransitively (i. e. have no object passed at this time) can be turned into a causative form with the prefix $\langle \phi c - \rangle$:

```
The coins fell.

If copt ch3 apeapen4e.

If oct ch3 apeapen4e.

PR.NEAR TRANS-fall-OTHER.PAST DEF~coin I dropped the coins.
```

Due to historical sound changes:

- An initial fricative or lateral fricative followed by a vowel is voiced.
- An initial $\langle p \rangle$ followed by a vowel turns into $\langle z \rangle$.
- A word that started with $\langle n^{\phi} \rangle$ in Lek-Tsaro but $\langle n^{q} \rangle$ in Middle Rymakonian has the initial consonant revert to $\langle n^{\phi} \rangle$.

Note that the word order changes to SVO. (In this case, HCAs fall before S.) In addition, the verb is conjugated for its object, rather than the subject as expected. If

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the following clause uses an anaphoric subject, it refers to the object of the current clause.

Moreover, the verb does not need to be one that can never take an object. In the above example, (cdcn) means "(S) falls on (O)". However, if the verb in question is taking an object, it cannot be transitivised directly and a more roundabout way is required:

fall-NEAR.PAST DEF~coin grass
The coins fell on the grass.

[I cpftcd3 apeapen4e, ftcdel piifbe.]

II colocal apeapene, local puble.

fi polocal apeapene, local puble.

PR.NEAR TRANS-fall-other.past def-coin, fall-anaph_sub.past grass-acc I dropped the coins; they fell on grass.

or: I dropped the coins on grass.

4.7 | The copula

(chcl apeapenge bill)

The copula $\langle J-\rangle$ (v3) can take a noun as an object, in which case it can mean identity or membership. (Location is expressed with $\langle I-\rangle$ (v1) "be at".) With no object at all, it is used to denote existence.

It can also accept a descriptor, in which case the descriptor is attached before \(Jcn \) in the dictionary form. (This precedes phonorun reduction but forms a compounding boundary.)

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5 Descriptors

Descriptors act as adjectives or adverbs. They follow what they modify, and are inflected for the verbal person of their antecedents.

Modifying nouns is done through compounding, but there are special forms for modifying verbs. These are separate words.

Table 5.1: Descriptor declensions, using the descriptors $\langle leDf-\rangle$ "large" and $\langle lef-\rangle$ "old".

| Person | Declined form | |
|-------------|---|---------------|
| Nouns | J _f epli (J _f epil) | ງອໂເ (ງໂອເ) |
| Near | J _f eplih (J _f epihl) | Jəlih (Jləih) |
| Far | J _f eplih (J _f epihl) | Jəlih (Jləih) |
| Other | J _f epleh (J _f epehl) | (Acell) Aclel |
| Anaph. Sub. | J _f eplih (J _f epihl) | Jəlih (Jləih) |
| Anaph. Obj. | J _f epleh (J _f epehl) | (Acell) Aclel |
| Generic | J _f eb(ch (J _f ebch() | Jələh (Jləəh) |

Note that a final $\langle -J \rangle$ or $\langle -Z \rangle$ in a stem becomes whistled in the generic form.

6 Tree mode

Anaphoric referents in a linked-list sentence are sometimes insufficient for expressing complex sentence structures. While the easiest method of resolving this issue is using definite nouns, Middle Rymakonian also provides a mode where sentences are not linked lists of clauses, but rather (binary) trees.

6.1 | Activation

Tree mode is enabled automatically when the treeing particle $\langle n^{q_1}q \rangle$ is used, and disabled at the end of a sentence.

6.2 Branch-switching

The aforementioned particle $\langle \Pi^{4} | \Psi \rangle$ marks the beginning of the right branch of the tree. The right branch is ended by the particle $\langle \Pi^{4} | \Delta \rangle$, which causes the next clause to join the left and right branches.

(N. B. $\langle n^{4}I^{9} \rangle$ and $\langle n^{4}I^{4} \rangle$ can occur only between clauses. If the particles are represented by left and right brackets, respectively, then the brackets should match.)

6.3 Anaphoric pronouns in joiner clauses

In clauses that join two branches, anaphoric pronouns require marking whether the antecedent occurs in the left predecessor $\langle n^{q_1}q \rangle$ or the right predecessor $\langle n^{q_1}\Delta \rangle$. This is done by marking the pronoun with $\langle -q \rangle$ or $\langle -\Delta \rangle$.

Likewise, verbs can be modified with $\langle -9 \rangle$ or $\langle -\Delta \rangle$ to indicate which branch the subject came from.

6.4 Errors

The following are ungrammatical:

- Using the particle $\langle n^{q} \text{I}\Delta \rangle$ or the branched anaphoric pronouns when tree mode is disabled
- Using the particle $\langle n^{4}I\Delta \rangle$ other than to close a corresponding $\langle n^{4}I^{9}\rangle$
- · Using the unbranched anaphoric pronouns in clauses with two predecessors

- Using the branched anaphoric pronouns in clauses with one predecessor
- Starting a new branch with $\langle n^4 | 9 \rangle$ when the current branch is empty

6.5 | Example

```
IJh nc, nyin nic. ( nc, ddczel, nyid díoold µinn. Jhi nc, nyin nic. ( nc, ddczel, nyid dolold µinn. go-near.past pr.other, branch wait-near.past pr.other, stand_up-anaph_sub.past, join chase-anaph_sub.past-right pr.anaph_sub.acc-left When they (i) arrived, they (j) stood up and chased them (i) away.
```

The resulting tree is shown below:



7 Numerals

Unlike Lek-Tsaro, which used a downright unusual numbering system, Middle Rymakonian uses base 16 consistently.

7.1 | Irregular numerals

Here are the numerals that do not follow the usual pattern, before phonorun reduction:

Table 7.1: Irregular numerals.

| base 10 | base 16 | word |
|---------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | h3D |
| 1 | 1 | asl hsp |
| 2 |] | l lij |
| 3 | ۲ | nc ^γ Ω |
| 4 | l n | a ^l ıµ |
| 5 | 4 | фСЈ |
| 6 | ۲ 9 | bye (c) |
| 7 | 9 | լ ⁽ C) |
| 8 | Δ | dən |
| 9 | Δ L F 7 | ો ^l ed |
| 10 | F | b₃n ^φ |
| 11 | | nə |
| 12 | £ | le |
| 13 | ш | J ^o cd |
| 14 | A | yın ⁽⁴ el |
| 15 | A | ſ ^y el |
| 16 | 10 | .ıµ |
| 17 | 11 | l ^l el |
| 18 | 1] | l ^l elasl |
| 19 | 17 | l ^l elſij |
| 33 |]1 | adill |
| 34 |]] | DI |
| 119 | 99 | PIÙ |
| 256 | 100 | (46) |
| 323 | 107 | J _l ızılın |

| base 10 | base 16 | word |
|---------|---------|-------|
| 4199 | 1019 | ો.ગીə |

Note that digits above 9 use capital hacm letters.

7.2 | Double-digit numerals

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Numerals of the form $x \cdot 16$ with $1 \le x < 16$ are formed by concatenating $\langle .i\mu \rangle x$. For instance, $128 = 80_{16}$ is written $\langle .i\mu den \rangle \rightarrow \langle .i\mu edn \rangle$.

Numerals for integers of the form $x \cdot 16 + y$ with both x and y between 1 and 15, inclusive, and not listed in table 7.1, are formed by concatenating $x \langle \mu \rangle y \langle \mu \rangle$ (before PR). For instance, $89 = 59_{16}$ is written $\langle \varphi c_J \mu \rangle^{l} ed\mu \rangle \rightarrow \langle \varphi c_J \mu \rangle^{l} de\mu \rangle$.

7.3 | Numerals up to 4096

Numerals for integers of the form $x \cdot 256 + y$ with $0 \le x < 16$ and $0 \le y < 256$, and not listen in table 7.1, are formed by concatenating $y < (|y|^{l}a) > x$. This is done after phonorun reduction. For instance, $2018 = 7E2_{16}$ is written $< |y| |y| |y|^{l} |a| > 2016$.

Note that there is no special case for y = 0; $512 = 200_{16}$ is written $\langle \mu 3D^{1} | \Omega J | J \rangle$.

7.4 | Larger numerals

Multiples of 4096 (up to 65536) are written by concatenating $\langle lel \rangle x$ before phonorun reduction: $8192 = 2000_{16}$ is written $\langle lel y \rangle$. The exception is 4096 itself, which is $\langle lel \rangle$.

Then other numerals up to 65536 are written as a conjunctional phrase: $10000 = 2710_{16}$ is written $\langle .lelij \ an ..ip[ql] \ ac[j] \rangle - 2 \cdot 4096 + 16 + 7 \cdot 256$.

8 Derivational morphology

The following methods are used to derive related terms from existing ones.

8.1 | Abstraction

Abstraction is a derivation that takes a non-abstract noun and returns the abstract noun representing the concept of the argument. Before pronoun reduction, this formation appends $\langle -ne \rangle$ or $\langle -no \rangle$ to the noun. In addition, any final fricatives or lateral fricatives after a vowel are voiced, and a final $\langle p \rangle$ after a vowel is changed to $\langle z \rangle$.

Examples:

- $\langle l \mu c n e n \rangle book \rightarrow \langle l \mu c n e n e \rangle literature$
- $\langle l^l \exists l \rangle cart \rightarrow \langle l^l \exists l \exists \rangle (\rightarrow \langle l^l \exists l \exists \rangle) transportation$
- ⟨DCµ⟩ hand → ⟨DCZNe⟩ technique

8.2 Dematuration

Dematuration is a derivation that takes a noun and returns a noun of the same class that represents an immature form of the argument (not necessarily a diminuitive). $\langle l^1C-\rangle$ or $\langle l^2C-\rangle$ are prepended to nouns that begin in $\langle l\rangle$, $\langle l\rangle$ or $\langle l^2\rangle$, or $\langle l^2\rangle$, or $\langle l^2\rangle$ or $\langle l^2\rangle$, or $\langle l^2$

Examples:

- $\langle DIZI \rangle$ person $\rightarrow \langle |CDIZI \rangle$ child
- $\langle J^{0} \rangle \rangle$ fruit $\rightarrow \langle J^{0} \rangle \rangle \rightarrow \langle J^{0} \rangle \rangle$ unripe fruit
- $\langle \text{jedilcn} \rangle \text{ essay} \rightarrow \langle \text{l}^1 \text{czedilcn} \rangle \text{ draft}$

8.3 | Verb-to-noun conversions

To derive a noun from a verb, an affix is added to the verb stem:

Name Affix -en^φ / -on^φ Agent -ed / ->d Patient -eu / -su Location Instrument -ıſ) $-e\Omega^{V}d$ / $-\omega^{V}d$

Table 8.1: Conversion affixes.

Then the resulting word is declined as an abstract noun, and phonorun reduction happens. After phonorun reductions, the order of phonoruns is reversed, such that the last phonorun becomes the first, for instance. Finally, the final phonorun is continued by appending $\langle -c \rangle$ or $\langle -f \rangle$.

The following words are derived from $\langle n \ni b - \rangle$ (v2) to steal:

Causer

- Agent: $\langle nabon^{\varphi} \rangle \rightarrow \langle n^{\varphi}bnac \rangle$ thief
- Patient: $\langle n \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow d \rangle \rightarrow \langle b d \Rightarrow c \rangle$ stolen goods
- Location: <nebuy> →
 > site of theft
- Instrument: $\langle n \ni b | l^j \rangle \rightarrow \langle n \ni b | l^j \rangle \rightarrow \langle b | l^j n \ni ic \rangle$ tools used for theft
- Causer: $\langle n \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow \phi d \rangle \rightarrow \langle n \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow \phi d \rangle \rightarrow \langle b \Rightarrow \phi d \Rightarrow \phi \phi \phi \Rightarrow

Occasionally, a word derived by this method might become lexicalised. In that case, it moves to the noun class of best semantic fit and its declension is regularised (based on the nominative form).

8.4 Verb-to-verb conversions

The main productive verb-to-verb conversion is the immediate reversal, which is expressed with an infix $\langle -IDZ-\rangle$ or $\langle -d3\Omega-\rangle$ immediately before the ending, depending on whether the last phonorun of the stem (before phonorun reduction) is open or closed, respectively. This conversion is often associated with the lack of volition.

- $\langle \Omega ED \rangle$ sleep $\rightarrow \langle \Omega EDIDZ \rangle$ be woken up forcibly $(\rightarrow \langle \Psi C\Omega EDIDZ \rangle)$ wake someone up forcibly)
- $\langle DEZ-\rangle$ ride, board \rightarrow $\langle DEZIDZ-\rangle$ be forcefully ejected from a ride $(\rightarrow$ $\langle \varphi CDEZIDZ - \rangle$ *eject someone from a ride)*
- $\langle ne\mu a \rangle$ hide $\rightarrow \langle ne\mu ad 3\Omega \rangle$ be uncovered ($\rightarrow \langle \phi cne\mu ad 3\Omega \rangle$ uncover something)

9 Names

Names fall into two grammatical categories:

- Nominal names act as nouns. They are usually single words.
- Clausal names are entire clauses. These names usually refer to places, although a
 few people have clausal names. In extreme cases, such a name can span multiple
 clauses.
- Station names are used for places where a medium of transportation stops to exchange passengers according to a regular schedule (e. g. a train station or a bus stop). These are verbs.

9.1 | Nominal names

These names act as nouns, and they are preceded by a backslash $\langle \backslash \rangle$. If the name spans multiple words (as common in foreign names), spaces are escaped by backslashes. No distinction is made between native and foreign names.

Only personal names can stand on their own, and even then, only given or full names. Other names must modify a common noun describing the nature of what is named, in the integral number without definiteness.

Table 9.1: Some examples of nominal names.

| Name | Туре |
|---------------|--------------------|
| /h3ze | Personal (native) |
| \liz3l | Personal (native) |
| \µebcn | Personal (foreign) |
| dµepe-\oili.c | Place (foreign) |

Native names will usually respect vowel harmony. Children of parents who work in professions demanding physical labour (e. g. bricklaying) will usually have names with back vowels. In contrast, those born to parents of professions that do not demand physical strength (e. g. computer programming) will usually bear names with front vowels.

In addition, native names tend to undergo sound changes from Lek-Tsaro to Middle Rymakonian, but foreign names given when Lek-Tsaro was still spoken retain Lek-Tsaro forms, but with the following vowel replacements (and, of course, orthographic changes) – see table 9.2.

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| m 11 a a x 1 m () x (111 r | . 1 . | 1 ((, |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Table 9.2: Lek-Tsaro to Middle F | 'ymakonian corres | nondences for foreign names. |
| | | |

| Middle Rymakonian | From these vowels in Lek-Tsaro |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| I | I J ^e |
| е | e eº cº |
| С | C C ₉ |
| Э | o ə ^o |
| ə | ə ^c ə |

In phonorun reduction, foreign names are not affected by metathesis.

9.2 | Clausal names

These names comprise of one or more clauses. Due to the nature of clausal names, they are all considered native. However, almost all except the newest clausal names are frozen and might not be valid clauses in Middle Rymakonian; usually, they are Lek-Tsaro clauses with the vowel replacements outlined in table 9.2.

Most of these names refer to places; personal clausal names are almost always nicknames or such. Orthographically, they are put into square brackets $\langle [] \rangle$.

Clausal names are used by saying them as their own clauses, then using an anaphoric pronoun to backreference the entity described by the name in question. The type of anaphoric pronoun used varies from name to name. It might be the anaphoric subject pronoun, the object pronoun or the last-clause pronoun.

We call the *referent* the subject, the object or the verb of the last clause, respectively depending on the type of anaphoric pronoun used to refer to the name. If the referent is a noun, it must be declined in the integral number without definiteness.

Here, as common in maps and such, the referent will be capitalised. However, other contexts that make the type of anaphoric pronoun to use clear do not use this type of capitalisation.

Table 9.3: Some examples of clausal names.

| Name | Туре | Literal meaning |
|--|----------|--|
| [(coc) I/Ihb → HXAA] | Place | The trees <i>covered</i> the ground |
| [pəli φ XED E hcj-/[eʊhe] | Place | The city remembers the Šedri |
| | | (Šedrŷ) star |
| [ac ìμιίθ-σι jcl jθμ j ^h i.en-σι jcl ìιαe, φοεjc.el Φ XEDED] | Place | The <i>city</i> was founded by the warrior of the sun and the wizard of the moon |
| [bezi \Ψ∃ΤЭF j3l-l ^l el] | Personal | Gulto takes care of 17 foxes |

An example of usage:

[Dəli dpede pcl-\lenpe], n.l binen-.cljpi jhe didizi pi. (name), in_time year-next go-ANAPH_SUB def~person PR.ANAPH_SUB He will go to Muta Pröme Ryk-Šedrŷ next year.

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9.3 | Station names

These names describe places where a medium of transportation stops to exchange passengers according to a regular schedule (e.g. a train station or a bus stop). Station names are (usually first- or second-conjugation) verbs whose base meaning is (S) goes to \$station via \$transportation. They are marked with a per cent sign <%> before the name.

Unlike with other verbs, the immediate reversal does not necessarily suggest a lack of volition. The reversal of a station name, rather, simply means (S) goes from \$station.

The other derivations have the following meanings:

(base) Immediate reversal (base verb) (S) goes to \$station (S) goes from \$station A passenger going to \$station A passenger going from \$station Agent Patient (undefined) Location The \$path to \$station The \$path from \$station Instrument The \$transporation going to The \$transportation going from \$station \$station The driver of said \$transportation Causer

Table 9.4: Derivations of station names.

In addition, the aspect marker $\langle -J \rangle$ changes the meaning from (S) goes from \$station to (S) boards the \$transportation to \$station. Similarly, combining both the immediate reversal infix and the perfect aspect marker yields (S) boards the \$transportation from \$station.

There are several ways a station name can be derived:

- From a nominal name: if it does not end in a verbal affix, then one is attached:
 e. g. ⟨dµeDe-\oili.c⟩ → ⟨%oili.-⟩ (v3).
- From a clausal name wherein the referent is S or O: Let C be the nonreferent among S and O (or empty if none). Then the station name comes from a compound of C-V: 〈[pəſi 中光EĐE μc]-\lenμe]〉 → 〈%μc]-\lenμe-pəſ-〉 (v2). (In a name with multiple clauses, ignore those that do not contain the referent.)
- From a clausal name with V as the referent: If neither S nor O exists, let C be empty. If S xor O is a "common word", then let C be the one that is not common. Otherwise, let C be S. Then the station name comes from a compound of C-V: <[AEXΨ€ drlʃ] [500]]> → </kdolʃ] -neµ0-> (v3).

9.3.1 | Common words

"Common words", in the context of deriving station names, include:

- Numerals
- Sentient nouns that are neither personal names nor modified by <=DI>
- 〈dhllı〉 ground, 〈louol〉 tree, 〈lɪdɪ」〉 stone or 〈luzcɪ〉 river, as well as their Lek-Tsaro equivalents in frozen names, not modified by any nominal names (but names for a specific kind of tree, etc., e. g. 〈ncɹou〉 birch are not common words)

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10 | Calendar

Domain II, which contains *Rymako*, has a day that is 26.99410 hours long. Other figures are given in terms of local days:

Table 10.1: Astronomical measures for Domain II.

| Period | Length in local days |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Local (synodic) day | 1.00000 |
| | |
| Sidereal day | 0.99699 |
| Tropical year (l_y) | 301.94714 |
| Sidereal year | 302.03719 |
| Synodic month (l_m) | 30.80152 |
| Sidereal month | 27.95032 |

10.1 | Tides

In Domain II, the offset of the sea level due to the tide can be modeled by the following equations:

$$y = y_s + y_m \tag{10.1}$$

$$y_s = A_s \cdot (1 + A_{sa} \cdot \cos(\tau \cdot t)) \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \tau \cdot t)$$
 (10.2)

$$y_m = A_m \cdot \left(1 + A_{ma} \cdot \cos\left(\frac{\tau \cdot t}{l_m}\right)\right) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{2 \cdot \tau \cdot (1 - l_m) \cdot t}{l_m}\right)$$
 (10.3)

where:

$$\tau = 2 \cdot \pi$$

$$A_s \approx 0.675$$

$$A_{sa} \approx 0.0532$$

$$A_m \approx 1.267$$

$$A_{ma} \approx 0.176$$

y = offset of sea level in metres

t =time since HAT in local synodic days

An exact solution to dy/dt=0 is not known to exist. However, the solutions to this equation can be found numerically. Consult Section A.1 for a Sage program to do so.

As the calendar used by Middle Rymakonian uses the high and low tides to count time, it is not synchronised even with days. The basic unit of time in the calendar is the $tidal\ day\ \langle \mbox{\sc up3D3}\rangle\ (l_t)$ – the amount of time between a high tide and the second high tide thereafter, which is, on average, 1.03356 local synodic days, but can vary considerably. Thus:

$$l_m/l_t \approx 29.80148$$
 (10.4)

$$\approx 4053/136$$
 (10.5)

$$l_{\rm v}/l_{\rm m} \approx 9.80299$$
 (10.6)

$$\approx 7215/736$$
 (10.7)

This suggests that:

- 1. most months will have 30 days, but every 136 months, 27 months will have only 29.
- 2. most years will have 10 months, but every 736 years, 145 years will have only 9.

10.2 | Months

Months follow a 136-month cycle wherein the 5n+2-numbered months (zero-indexed, $n \in \mathbb{N}$) have 29 days and the other months have 30.

The names of months, on the other hand, are determined from their positions relative to the first month of the year:

Table 10.2: The months of the year.

| # | Name |
|----|---------------------|
| 0 | aəbə |
| 1 | рз.ер |
| 2 | lcφιθ |
| 3 | DZ3JI |
| 4 | Jydezip |
| 5 | STAC |
| 6 | n ⁴ 3zəſ |
| 7 | lcbclı |
| 8 | feacd |
| 9* | .czezı |

10.3 Days within a month

The first nine tidal days have their own names, as follow:

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Table 10.3: Day names.

| | Year number plus month number | | | |
|-------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Day # | Even | Odd | | |
| 1 | J₀9hıJ | gllµɔ.ə | | |
| 2 | zıllı | a31).cneai | | |
| 3 | чсσјι | l ^l ızıl | | |
| 4 | DIZeφ ^s c | ો ^l ıjdez | | |
| 5 | qıJhə_ | nyez | | |
| 6 | n _μ ιhʊɪJ | ucn()ı | | |
| 7 | Nıplc | dec.3a | | |
| 8 | oclcj ^a | ງσισιງ | | |
| 9 | µız ^h ələ | .CZCD | | |

The days after those are referred to by number (one-indexed): the thirteenth day would be called $\langle \mu 3D3-J^{\alpha}Cd \rangle$.

10.4 | Years

The lengths of the year follow a 736-year cycle as specified in Figure 10.1. The code used to generate this table can be found in Section ??.

Figure 10.1: Table of year lengths in a cycle.

| | 0123456789 | 1 | | 0123456789 | 1 | | 0123456789 | 1 | | 0123456789 |
|----|------------|---|----|------------|---|----|------------|---|----|------------|
| 0 | XXXX9XXXX | 1 | 19 | XX9XXXX9XX | 1 | 38 | 9XXXX9XXXX | 1 | 57 | XXX9XXXX9X |
| 1 | 9XXXX9XXXX | 1 | 20 | XXX9XXXX9X | 1 | 39 | 9XXXX9XXXX | 1 | 58 | XXX9XXXX9X |
| 2 | 9XXXX9XXXX | 1 | 21 | XXX9XXXX9X | 1 | 40 | 9XXXXX9XXX | 1 | 59 | XXX9XXXX9X |
| 3 | 9XXXX9XXXX | 1 | 22 | XXX9XXXX9X | 1 | 41 | X9XXXX9XXX | 1 | 60 | XXXX9XXXX9 |
| 4 | 9XXXX9XXXX | 1 | 23 | XXX9XXXX9X | 1 | 42 | X9XXXX9XXX | 1 | 61 | XXXX9XXXX9 |
| 5 | 9XXXX9XXXX | 1 | 24 | XXX9XXXX9X | 1 | 43 | X9XXXX9XXX | 1 | 62 | XXXX9XXXX9 |
| 6 | 9XXXX9XXXX | 1 | 25 | XXX9XXXX9X | 1 | 44 | X9XXXX9XXX | 1 | 63 | XXXX9XXXX9 |
| 7 | X9XXXX9XXX | 1 | 26 | XXX9XXXXX9 | 1 | 45 | X9XXXX9XXX | 1 | 64 | XXXX9XXXX9 |
| 8 | X9XXXX9XXX | 1 | 27 | XXXX9XXXX9 | 1 | 46 | X9XXXX9XXX | 1 | 65 | XXXX9XXXX9 |
| 9 | X9XXXX9XXX | 1 | 28 | XXXX9XXXX9 | 1 | 47 | XX9XXXX9XX | 1 | 66 | XXXX9XXXX |
| 10 | X9XXXX9XXX | 1 | 29 | XXXX9XXXX9 | 1 | 48 | XX9XXXX9XX | 1 | 67 | 9XXXX9XXXX |
| 11 | X9XXXX9XXX | 1 | 30 | XXXX9XXXX9 | 1 | 49 | XX9XXXX9XX | 1 | 68 | 9XXXX9XXXX |
| 12 | X9XXXX9XXX | 1 | 31 | XXXX9XXXX9 | 1 | 50 | XX9XXXX9XX | 1 | 69 | 9XXXX9XXXX |
| 13 | X9XXXXX9XX | 1 | 32 | XXXX9XXXX9 | 1 | 51 | XX9XXXX9XX | 1 | 70 | 9XXXX9XXXX |
| 14 | XX9XXXX9XX | 1 | 33 | XXXX9XXXX | 1 | 52 | XX9XXXX9XX | 1 | 71 | 9XXXX9XXXX |
| 15 | XX9XXXX9XX | 1 | 34 | 9XXXX9XXXX | 1 | 53 | XX9XXXXX9X | 1 | 72 | 9XXXX9XXXX |
| 16 | XX9XXXX9XX | 1 | 35 | 9XXXX9XXXX | 1 | 54 | XXX9XXXX9X | 1 | 73 | 9XXXX9 |
| 17 | XX9XXXX9XX | 1 | 36 | 9XXXX9XXXX | 1 | 55 | XXX9XXXX9X | 1 | | |
| 18 | XX9XXXX9XX | 1 | 37 | 9XXXX9XXXX | 1 | 56 | XXX9XXXX9X | 1 | | |

9: 9 months X: 10 months

10.5 | Eras

Years are grouped further into <code>eras</code> (IUI), which change on major historical events. The start of a new era resets the month and year cycle. Eras can also start in the middle of a year of the previous era; thus, the start of the year is different for each era. The <code>crossover date</code> of an era is the date of the era that coincides with the first day of the next; in other words, it is the date immediately after the last day of the era.

Table 10.4: The months of the year.

| Name | Crossover date | Days between | Cumulative |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|
| Jıdı-Jılən Jıdı-Jlən Jıdı-hajo | 4AF aisəhí M PJΔ İcφil ff 4£L ilədəl Δ | 889726 642508 | 889726 1532234 |
| lıyı-ncl ^l el | (to present) | 207366 | 1739600 |

The first day of $\langle ||q|-nc|^l e| \rangle$ coincides with the founding of the (not yet named).

11 Quoting direct speech

Direct speech is not quoted as-is, but rather it is converted into a stack code. A *quotative* begins with $(d\Omega)$. Quotatives are not affected by phonorun reduction.

11.1 | Representation of binary data

Nine bits are represented with a syllable. Consider $0 \le n < 512$. Let $r = n \mod 6$ and $q = \lfloor n/6 \rfloor$. Then r corresponds to the vowel $g(r) = (\iota, \mathsf{c}, \mathsf{3}, \mathsf{e}, \mathsf{e}, \mathsf{d}, \mathsf{d})[r]^1$. q corresponds to one of 86 consonant clusters. Let

$$P = (f, J, d, \alpha, l, l^{l}, \alpha, b, z^{o}, u, \phi, \alpha^{h}, J^{h}, \alpha^{l})$$
 (14 entries) (11.1)

$$N = (n, n^{q}, p, n^{\phi})$$
 (4 entries) (11.2)

$$L = (\mu, l, q, o)$$
 (4 entries) (11.3)

$$M = (f^{l}, \beta, s^{l}, l, \beta^{q}, s, \alpha^{q})$$
 (7 entries) (11.4)

Then:

$$f(q) = \begin{cases} . & \text{if } q = 0 \\ P[q-1] & \text{if } 1 \le q < 15 \\ N[q-15] & \text{if } 15 \le q < 19 \\ P[\lfloor (q-19)/4 \rfloor] \sim L[(q-19) \mod 4] & \text{if } 19 \le q < 75 \\ L[q-75] & \text{if } 75 \le q < 79 \\ M[q-79] & \text{if } 79 \le q \end{cases}$$
(11.5)

where \sim denotes string concatenation. Therefore, the resulting syllable is $g(r) \sim f(q)$.

Multi-byte numbers are represented in little-endian.

11.2 The stack

The stack is a LIFO data structure with its entries being either an *atom* or a result from an operation. An atom is one of the following:

 $^{^{1}\}mbox{We}$ use zero-indexing consistently.

- A root, consisting of a string of MR characters and an integer between 0 and 7, inclusive.
- A (computable) real number.
- A pronoun, consisting of a person (near = 0, far = 1, other = 2, anaphoric subject = 4, anaphoric object = 6, generic = 7) and number.

Root atoms are untyped (they can be cast to different parts of speech). The integer part of the root depends on the part of speech it is used as:

- In nouns, this is the noun class (sentient = 0, non-sentient = 2, measure = 3, edible = 5, inedible = 6, abstract = 7).
- In verbs, this is the conjugation pattern (first conjugation = 0, second conjugation = 1, third conjugation = 2).
- In descriptors, this indicates whether the root contains front vowels (0) or back vowels (4).
- The root atom can be cast to an adposition, conjunction or seqid, but in this case the integer part is ignored.

Results from operations (e. g. 001_8 , which pushes a noun) are typed. Attempting to use such a value is a syntax error.

11.3 | Bytecode

Note that the bytecode is not *purely* bytecode; some sections are composed of raw Middle Rymakonian characters.

Table 11.1: Bytecodes of direct quotes.

| Opcode (octal) | Additional parameters | Effect |
|----------------|-----------------------|---|
| 000 | none | No operation. |
| 001 | none | Pop a from the stack and then n from |
| | | the stack. Treating n as a noun and a as an adjective, push the noun $[n, a]$ to the stack. |
| 002 | none | Pop n_a from the stack and then n from the stack. Treating n as a noun and n_a |
| | | as a noun, push the noun $[n, n_a]$ to the stack. |
| 003 | none | Pop n_a from the stack and then n from |
| | | the stack. Treating n as a noun and n_a |
| | | as a noun, push the noun phrase $\langle n-$ DI $n_a \rangle$ to the stack. |
| 004 - 007 | none | If bit 1 of <i>opcode</i> is set, then pop o from |
| | | the stack. If bit 0 of opcode is set, then |
| | | pop s from the stack. Pop v from the stack. Treating s and o as nouns and |
| | | v as a verb, push the clause $[v, s, o]$ to |
| | | the stack. |

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| Opcode (octal) | Additional parameters | Effect |
|----------------|--------------------------|---|
| 010 - 017 | n : Byte, root : Char[n] | Reads a size <i>n</i> of one byte and then <i>n</i> raw Middle Rymakonian characters <i>root</i> . Pushes Root(<i>root</i> , <i>opcode</i> mod 8) onto the main stack. |
| 020 | n : Byte | Push a pronoun onto the stack. The three least significant bits denote the person and bit 3 denotes number (non-dual = 0, dual = 1). |
| 021 | x : Byte | Pop a noun <i>n</i> from the stack and push it back with the following properties depending on the various bits of <i>x</i> : |
| | | Bit 0: Inverse if set, direct if not set. |
| | | • Bit 1: Definite if set, indefinite if reset. |
| 022 | x : Byte | Pop <i>v</i> from the stack as a verb and push it back with the following properties depending on the various bits of <i>x</i> : |
| | | Bit 0: Past if set, nonpast if reset. |
| | | • Bit 1: Atelic if set, telic if reset. |
| | | • Bit 2: Negative if set, positive if reset. |
| | | Bit 3: Interrogative if set, af- firmative if reset. |

| Opcode (octal) | Additional parameters | Effect |
|----------------|------------------------------|---|
| 023 | x : Byte, y : Byte, z : Byte | Pop v from the stack as a verb and set its associated aspects according to the |
| | | various bits of x, y and z: |
| | | • x: |
| | | – Bit 0: Imperfect |
| | | – Bit 1: Perfect |
| | | – Bit 2: Gnomic |
| | | – Bit 3: Deontic necessity |
| | | – Bit 4: Deontic potential |
| | | – Bit 5: Unexpected |
| | | – Bit 6: Left branch |
| | | – Bit 7: Right branch |
| | | – Bit 8: (unused) |
| | | • y: |
| | | – Bit 0: Interrupted |
| | | Bit 1: Deontic recommendation |
| | | - Bit 2: Gnomic dubitative |
| | | - Bit 3: Epistemic necessity |
| | | - Bit 4: Epistemic potential |
| | | – Bit 5: Comparative |
| | | – Bit 6: Temporal universal |
| | | – Bit 7: Temporal non- universal |
| | | - Bit 8: Spatial universal |
| | | • z: |
| | | Bit 0: Nonexclusive subject |
| | | – Bit 1: Spatial non- universal |
| | | – Bit 2: Nonexclusive object |
| | | - Bit 3: Nonexclusive argument |
| | | Bit 4: Set if both temporal and spatial aspects exist and the spatial marker comes first; otherwise, this bit is not set. |

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| Opcode (octal) | Additional parameters | Effect |
|----------------|-----------------------|--|
| 024 | x : Byte | Push a verb v such that $[v, a, b] \equiv cmp(a, b, f, \square)$, where the free variables are set according to the bits of x : |
| | | Bit 0: set if f refers to the anaphoric object, reset if ana- phoric subject. |
| | | • Bit 1 – 4: index into $(>,<,=,\geq$ $,\leq,\neq,\approx,\gg,\ll)$ for \sqsupset . |
| 025 | nothing | Pop o as an adjective and s as a noun and push the clause $[j-, s, o]$. |
| 026 | nothing | Pop o as a noun and s as a noun and push the clause $[J-, s, o]$. |
| 030 | nothing | Push the last-clause pronoun. |
| 031 | nothing | Push the second-to-last-clause pro- |
| | | noun. |
| 040 | none | Pop a noun n_p , an adposition p and another noun n . Then push n modified by $[p, n_p]$. |
| 041 | none | Pop a noun n_p , an adposition p and a verb v . Then push v modified by $[p, n_p]$. |
| 042 | none | Pop an adposition <i>p</i> and push its negated version. |
| 043 | none | Pop a conjunction c and two nouns n_2 and n_1 . Push the compound NP $[n_1, c, n_2]$. |
| 050 | none | Pop a verb v and push its transitivised version on the stack. |
| 051 | none | Pop v from the stack and then n from the stack. Treating v as a verb and a as an descriptor, push the verb $[b,a]$ to the stack. |

| Opcode (octal) | Additional parameters | Effect |
|----------------|--------------------------|--|
| 060 | x : Byte | Push a connector according to the bits of <i>x</i> : |
| | | • Bits 0 – 2: the type of the connector (0 = ordinary, 1 = analogous, 2 = subversive, 3 = augmentative, 4 = explanatory, 5 = conditional). |
| | | • Bit 3: the parity (0 = even, 1 = odd). |
| | | • Bit 4: if set, pop a seqid from the stack. Otherwise, do not pop anything and consult bits 5 – 8 instead. |
| | | Bits 5 – 8: one of 16 intrinsic sequence of the dialect, and the standard dialect these are (I d e f c Ω σ φ θ λ z f u j h μ dμ). Unused if bit 4 is not set. |
| 061 | none | Pop a connector c and a clause α and push α with c attached. |
| 100 | none | Pop a literal and push it with inform- |
| 200 | none | ation that it is a nominal name. Pop roots b and a from the stack and push the concatenation of a and b on the stack with the attribute being the bitwise xor of those of a and b . |
| 700 | x : Byte[4], a : Byte[x] | Push the two's-complement integer represented by <i>a</i> to the stack. |
| 701 | none | Pop b and a from the stack as numbers and pushes $a + b$. |
| 702 | none | Pop b and a from the stack as numbers and pushes $a - b$. |
| 703 | none | Pop b and a from the stack as numbers and pushes a/b . |
| 704 | none | Pop b and a from the stack as numbers and pushes $a \cdot b$. |

11.4 | Limitations

The quoting sublanguage has a few limitations compared to Middle Rymakonian proper:

• A sentence with a copula and an adjective as the "object" cannot have any attributes attached to the copula. The workaround is to refrain from using in-

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struction 025 and instead create a normal sentence (via 007) whose object is a dummy noun (e.g. <DIZI), <UCI)) modified by the adjective.

• It is not possible to specify the order of the subject relative to the object. Some nonstandard dialects have extensions that allow this; for instance, the Myðun dialect reserves instruction 633 to be equivalent to 007 but with inverted S-O order. Other dialects might provide an instruction to explicitly mark accusative arguments if needed, as Middle Rymakonian itself does.

11.5 | Example

We shall translate the following:

Impressed by her confidence, I said, "Having known Vladimir for nearly 12 years, twice as long as you have, I found it surprising at the time, though not anymore, that he had let Maria, despite her having been ridiculed by her brothers for daring to listen to him, either take the opportunity to quit the Assembly without repercussions or announce there the following: 'We shall no sooner compensate all of you than let the man who had allowed the criminal we had let the chairman capture to escape return to his proper role of lifelong slavery."'

Let us first work on the deepest level of nesting:

'We shall no sooner compensate all of you than let the man who had allowed the criminal we had let the chairman capture to escape return to his proper role of lifelong slavery.'

This is approximately equivalent to stating "if we compensate all of you, then we would have let the man ...". This requires the use of the conditional connector between the two main clauses. Let us look at the right clause:

... let the man who had allowed the criminal we had let the chairman capture to escape return to his proper role of lifelong slavery.'

We can break this down into a series of simple clauses:

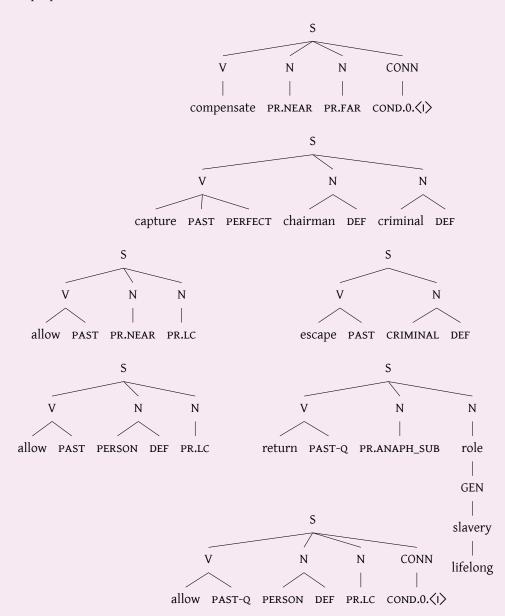
- The chairman captured the criminal.
- We had let the above happen.
- The criminal escaped.
- The man had allowed the above to happen.
- The man would returned to his proper role of lifelong slavery.
- We would let the above happen.

The ASTs for all seven clauses are shown in figure 11.1.

The seven clauses together thus form the word $\langle lassenebdi.cje.ije.cscbi.obcse.eaezdi.cdc.3.i.isscnibejengjo.3ss.odosongjo.3sscbi.chdi.cse.cod$

Now we work on the middle clause, which can be unfolded as:

Figure 11.1: ASTs for the clauses at the deepest nesting level. NB: We translate role as $\langle jloul \rangle$, which has a connotation of normalcy, so we need not explicitly state that it is "proper".



11.5. EXAMPLE 55

- I have known Vladimir for 12 years.
- You have known Vladimir for 12/2 = 6 years.
- Maria could have taken the opportunity to quit the Assembly without repercussions.
- She could have announced (...).
- Vladimir let either one of the above to happen. (1)
- She dared to listen to Vladimir.
- Therefore, she was ridiculed by her brothers. This was done despite (1).
- I found the above surprising.
- I do not find it surprising right now.

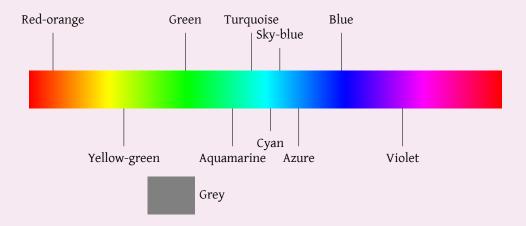
For the sake of brevity, we will not show the ASTs for these clauses, but see 7_1/listings/example-quote.qasm for how this is derived. The part outside the quotation is straightforward. Thus we have:

pesil .cpcy-nc (i, yeuc.el yı (e.epəndi.cdc.c.ı.ı(3.3ne(3.3bineqlo ə.c.ı.ı.ı).3lejə.l(slauncochuəlcle.epəndi.cdc.c.ı.ı(3.3ne(3.3bineqlo ə.c.ı.ı.ı).3lejə.l(slauncochuəlcle.epəndi.cdc.c.ı.ı(3.3ne(3.3bineqlo ə.c.ı.ı.ı).3lejə.e(3.3bineqlo).d(3

12 Miscellanea

12.1 | Colour

Middle Rymakonian has eleven non-derived colour terms:



Note that "grey" refers generically to a loss of chroma. There is no distinction between a decrease in saturation and a decrease in value.

Middle Rymakonian works with colour *transitions*, not static colours, and uses abstract nouns to represent them. See table 12.1.

Table 12.1: Colour transitions in Middle Rymakonian. Each row represents a different starting colour; each column represents a different ending colour.

| | RO | YG | Gn | Aq | Tu | Су | SB | Az | Bl | Vi | Gy |
|----|---------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| RO | l'ıj | реÌ | Ω ^y en | aıl | J _σ ch | dзl | beſ | DI | a^l od | ſen ^φ | DC.CD |
| YG | lca | hap | J ₍ od | ΩЗІ | n ⁴ cj | ſeì | n4ıþ | a ^h eſ | ljen | yed | ceb |
| Gn | ſЧэп | a^l odo | l ^l eì | ЧЗР | λο | nəl | bon | leſ | JЗlЗ | J ^α ӘJ | Joz |
| Aq | Jαιμ | เзh | hзр | ocJ | DCHZ | .əì | լե | Jhal | noed | Чıд | beı |
| Tu | αəl | n ^ų əj | lel | υ _d 3h | byen | µсј | JLDD | ſϥel | ر°c۱ | υəh | c.eh |
| Су | рзһ | ດວໂ | nch | .cl | dej | pye) | (lcl | n ^ų ı) | aµcn | þəĺ | noz |
| SB | qɔJ | n ^y ıl | den | ſ ^t el | α ^l e⊅ | ſ ^l əμ | oıd | J°⊃µd | den | hcd | ဂြ၁ |
| Az | ыh | JOJ | bcJ | φdej | υoɔh | n ^y iſ | ahel | aocj | lch | hзq | OI |
| Вl | heſ | lion | σ_{p} 3h | nyɔſ | α ^h c.əì | J [∞] µən | bon | nəl | J_{f} IJ | J₃Uർ | чәэ |
| Vi | Ωon $φ$ | ဝ၁ | a ^h cj | υhιl | ſcl | qcJ | þəſ | ycl | ϕ ЗП $^\phi$ | J _l on | QI |
| Gy | ດວ | рз | је | дз | μe | JC | ρ_1 | үіүі | a^he | $J_{\sigma}C$ | .CJ |

A | Listings of programs

A.1 workfiles/7/tides.sage

```
1 # How many values to output
  limit = int(sys.argv[1]) if len(sys.argv) > 1 else 1000
  # :P
  tau = 2 * pi
  t = var("t")
10
11
  # Constants
13 A_s = 0.675; A_sa = 0.0532; A_m = 1.267; A_ma = 0.176; 1_m = 30.80152
14
15 # Solar component
16 y_s2 = A_s * (1 + A_sa * cos(tau * t)) * cos(2 * tau * t)
17 # Lunar component
18 y_m2 = A_m * (1 + A_ma * cos(tau * t / l_m)) * cos(2 * tau * t / l_m - l_m)
      2 * tau * t)
19 y = y_s2 + y_m2
20 | yp = diff(y, t)
21
22 # High and low tides occur at values of t where dy/dt = 0.
23
24 i = 0
25 time = 0
26 print(0)
27 while i < limit:
2.8
       time2 = find_root(yp == 0, time + 0.00000001, time + 0.35)
29
30
      print(time2)
31
      time = time2
32
      i += 1
33
    except:
      time += 0.01
```

workfiles/7/tides.sage

Romanisation

In this text, the romanisation is used only to transcribe names into English. Whenever possible, the hacmisation should be used.

Table A.1: The consonants of Middle Rymakonian.

| | Bilabial | Dental | Alveolar | Palatal | Velar | Glottal |
|---------------------|----------|--------|----------|---------|-------|---------|
| Nasal | m | | n | ñ | ŋ | |
| Plosive | рb | | t d | ťď | k g | • |
| Fricative | fv | þð | S Z | šž | hħ | |
| (coärticulated) | fh vħ | þh ðħ | | fš vž | | |
| (whistled) | | | ŝ ĉ | | | |
| Affricate | | | С | č | | |
| Lateral fricative | | | ŚŻ | | | |
| Approximant | | | r | j | W | |
| Lateral approximant | | | 1 | | | |
| Тар | | | ř | | | |

Table A.2: The vowels of Middle Rymakonian.

| | Front | Central | Back |
|-------------|-------|---------|------|
| High Mid | i | у | u |
| Mid | e | | 0 |
| Low | | a | |

The digraphs <fh vh þh ðh fš vž ts tš> correspond to coärticulated consonants and affricates. An apostrophe can be placed between the two letters if this is not desired.

Rod signs are represented by the Arabic digits $\langle 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6\ 7\ 8\rangle$ attached to the end of the verbs they encompass. Halfway rod signals are represented by subscript digits $\langle _4\rangle$. Transitions from the ninth rod signal are written $\langle 9^7\ 9^8\rangle$. Proper words are preceded by a backslash $\langle \backslash \rangle$.

 $\langle \eta \rangle$ should be capitalised as $\langle N \rangle$ only if one can depend on the majuscule glyph appearing like an N with a hook. Otherwise, it should be spelled $\langle Ng \rangle$.

B | List of glossing abbreviations

An asterisk indicates that this value is unmarked.

| Abbr | Definition |
|-------------------|---|
| Case | |
| NOM* | Nominative |
| ACC | Accusative |
| GEN | Genitive (this is a clitic and not a case per se) |
| Number | |
| DIR* | Direct |
| INV | Inverse |
| ND* | Nondual |
| DU | Dual |
| Person | |
| NEAR | Near |
| FAR | Far |
| OTHER | Other |
| ANAPH_SUB | Anaphoric subject |
| ANAPH_OBJ | Anaphoric object |
| GENERIC | Generic |
| Definiteness | |
| INDEF* | Indefinite |
| DEF | Definite |
| Tense | |
| NONPAST* | Nonpast |
| PAST | Past |
| Tellicity | |
| TELIC* | Telic |
| ATELIC | Atelic |
| Polarity | |
| POS* | Positive |
| NEG | Negative |
| Q | Interrogative |
| Aspect and connec | ctor type names are not abbreviated. |
| Connector parity | |
| 0 | Even |
| 1 | Odd |
| | |

Comparisons

| Abbr | Definition |
|------------------|---|
| CMP | Comparative |
| Comparators are | glossed using their respective operator symbols. |
| Transitivisation | |
| TRANS | Transitivised |
| Tree mode | |
| BRANCH | Create a new branch (<n419>)</n419> |
| JOIN | Join two branches (⟨nЧıД⟩) |
| LEFT | Refer to left branch ($\langle -9 \rangle$) |
| RIGHT | Refer to right branch ($\langle -\Delta \rangle$) |

C | Quoting assembler

This chapter describes a mnemonic language to assist in the process of quoting as described in chapter 11.

Table C.1: Syntax corresponding to operations of direct quoting. Square brackets denote optional parameters, and pipe characters denote alternation. Non-literals (e. g. parameters) are shown in <code>italics</code>. Defaults are shown in <code>bold</code>.

| Opcode | Syntax | Notes |
|-----------|---|--|
| 000 | nop | |
| 001 | modadj | |
| 002 | modnoun | |
| 003 | modgen | |
| 004 – 007 | sentence [s ns] [o no] | s denotes subject and ns denotes no subject from the stack. o and no are analogously defined for objects. |
| 010 - 017 | <pre>literal < 0-7 v 1-3 nsent nnonsent nmeas nedib ni ned nabst dfront dback> literal</pre> | The literal is surrounded by double quotes and uses romanisation from hacm. Superscript letters are denoted by caret characters. |
| 020 | <pre>pronoun <near far other a c="" naph_sub anaph_obj generi=""> [nd du]</near far other a></pre> | |
| 021 | setnopt [dir inv] [indef def] | |
| 022 | setvopt [nonpast past] [telic atelic] [pos neg] [nq q] | |

| Opcode | Syntax | Notes |
|------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 023 | setaspect [imp] [perf] | |
| | [gnom] [deon_nec] | |
| | [deon_pot] [unexp] | |
| | [left] [right] [inter] | |
| | [deon_rec] [gnom_dub] | |
| | [epis_nec] [epis_pot] | |
| | [cmp] [tmpu] [tmpnu] [spcu] [nxs] [spcnu] | |
| | [nxo] [nxa] [spcfirst] | |
| | [uxo] [uxa] [spciiist] | |
| 024 | cmp <s o></s o> | |
| | <g l e ge le ne ae gg ll></g l e ge le ne ae gg ll> | |
| 025 | copadj | |
| 026 | copnoun | |
| 030 | pronounlc | |
| 031 | pronounllc | |
| 040 | adpton | |
| 041 | adptov | |
| 042 043 | negadp | |
| 050 | conj trans | |
| 050 | modverb | |
| 060 | conn <ordinary analogous < th=""><th>If seqid is one of the intrinsic se-</th></ordinary analogous <> | If seqid is one of the intrinsic se- |
| 000 | subversive augmentative | qids, then the instruction is con- |
| | explanatory conditional> | verted to not pop a seqid unless |
| | <0 1> seqid [noimm] | the noimm option is set. If a de- |
| | | fault seqid is not used and seqid |
| | | is not -, then a literal instruction |
| | | is generated before this instruc- |
| | | tion. |
| 061 | attachconn | |
| 100 | setnname | |
| 200 | concat | |
| 700 | pushint a | |
| 701 | add | |
| 702 | sub | |
| 703 | div | |
| 704 | mul | |

D Listings of programs

D.1 | 7_1/listings/example-nestedquote.qasm

```
1 # Clause #1
    literal v1 "neb" # = compensate
    setvopt past
   pronoun near # Subject
    pronoun far # Object
    sentence # Join sentence
    conn conditional 0 "a" # connector
    attachconn
9 # Clause #2
   literal v2 "fuz" # = capture
11
    setvopt past
12
    setaspect perf
   literal nsent "nabusun^g" # = chairperson
13
14
    setnopt def
   literal nsent "f^xoton^g" # = criminal
15
   setnopt def
17
    sentence
18 # Clause #3
19
   literal v3 "c" # = allow
   setvopt past
21
    pronoun near # Subject
  pronounlc # Object
23
    sentence
24 # Clause #4
   literal v1 "tag" # = escape
25
26
   setvopt past
    # In this sense, the O is the escaper.
   literal nsent "f^xoton^g" # = criminal
28
29
  setnopt def
30
    sentence ns # Omit the subject
31 # Clause #5
32
  literal v3 "c" # = allow
33
    setvopt past
   literal nsent "maza" # = person
34
   setnopt def
   pronounlc # Object
36
37
    sentence
38 # Clause #6
   literal v3 "m" # = return to
39
40
   setvopt past q
41
  pronoun anaph_sub # Subject
   literal nabst "skofl" # = role; Object
```

```
# Push a node representing "lifelong slavery"
    literal nabst "wat^sa" # = slavery
    literal dback "unun" # = lifelong
45
46
    modadj # Modify
    # Attach it by genitive
47
48
    modgen
49
    sentence
50 # Clause #7
    literal v3 "c" # = allow
51
52
    setvopt past q
    literal nsent "maza" # = person
54
    setnopt def
    pronounlc
55
56
    sentence
57
    conn conditional 0 "a" # connector
    attachconn
```

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D.2 7_1/listings/example-quote.qasm

```
1 # Clause #1: I have known Vladimir for 12 years.
    literal v2 "mun" # = know (a person)
    setvopt past
    setaspect imp
    literal 0 "ne" # preposition
    literal nmeas "bane" # = year
    pushint 12
8
    modnoun
9
    adptov
10
    pronoun near # Subject
    literal O "vladimic" # Object
11
12
13
    sentence
14 # Clause #2: You have known Vladimir for 12/2 years.
    literal v2 "mun" # = know (a person)
    setvopt past
16
17
    setaspect imp
    literal 0 "ne" # preposition
18
    literal nmeas "bane" # = year
19
20
    pushint 12
    pushint 2
21
22
    div
23
    modnoun
24
    adptov
25
    pronoun far # Subject
    pronoun anaph_obj # Object
26
27
    sentence
28 # Clause #3: Maria could have taken the opportunity to quit the
    Assembly without repercussions.
literal v3 "virlast" # = leave (an organisation)
29
30
    setvopt past
    {\tt setaspect\ epis\_pot\ perf}
31
    literal dfront "pcen" # = by opportunity
33
34
    literal dfront "filmap" # = without repercussions
35
    modverb
36
    literal 0 "maci.a" # name
     setnname
```

```
38
    literal nabst "malna" # = assembly
39
    setnopt def
40
    sentence
41 # Clause #4: She could have announced (...).
    literal v1 "rev" # = say
42
43
    setvopt past
44
    setaspect epis_pot perf
    pronoun anaph_sub
45
46
    quote example-nestedquote.qasm
47
    sentence
48 # Clause #5: Vladimir let either one of the above happen.
49
    literal v3 "c" # = allow
    literal 0 "vladimic" # Subject
50
    setnname
    # Object:
52
53
    pronounlc
    pronounllc
54
55
    literal 0 "z" # = or
56
    conj
57
    # End
58
    sentence
    conn subversive 0 "p"
59
60
    attachconn
61 # Clause #6: She dared to listen to Vladimir.
62
    literal v1 "vens" # = listen
63
    setvopt past
    literal dback ".adaz" # = dare to
64
65
    modverb
66
    literal O "maci.a" # name, Subject
67
    setnname
   pronoun anaph_sub # Object
68
69
    sentence
    conn explanatory 0 "a"
70
71
    attachconn
72 # Clause #7: Therefore, she was ridiculed by her brothers.
    literal v1 "k^xa." # = ridicule
73
74
    setvopt past
    literal nsent "fqlto" # = sibling (du)
75
76
    setnopt inv
77
    pronoun anaph_sub # Object
78
    sentence
79
    conn explanatory 0 "a"
80
    attachconn
81
    conn subversive 0 "p"
82
    attachconn
83 # Clause #8: I found the above surprising.
   literal v1 "mej" # = surprise
85
    setvopt past
86
    pronounlc
87
    pronoun far
88
    sentence
89 # Clause #9: I do not find it surprising right now.
   literal v1 "mej" # = surprise
90
91
    setvopt neg
92
    literal dfront "mif" # = now
93
    modverb
94
    pronounllc
95
    pronoun far
96
    sentence
```

7_1/listings/example-quote.qasm

E Dictionary

An entry looks like this: Dil-v1 (S) eats (O)

- From left to right:
- The entry the Middle Rymakonian term listed.
 The part of speech of the corresponding entry:
 - *n* a noun
 - -d- inherently dual
 - -sent sentient noun
 - -nonsent nonsentient noun
 - -meas measure noun
 - -edib edible noun
 - -ined inedible noun
 - -abst abstract noun
 - v1, v2, v3 first-, second- and third- conjugation verbs
 - desc a descriptor
 - pp a preposition
 - -(b) this entry has only neutral vowels but acts as if it had back vowels
 - -(η) this entry came from a word that started with $\langle n^{\phi} \rangle$ and thus certain prefixes will revert it back
- 3. The definition the gloss for the corresponding entry.
 - (S) subject
 - (0) direct object
- 4. If applicable, any special grammatical or semantic notes for this term.
- 5. Optionally, examples of usage.

 $.I\Omega IZ - desc(b)$ dare to

| .iµcnj ^h - v1 (S) returns to (O) (literally) .cljµ- desc new, next .cnq- desc hot .cdcµ nabst confidence .cden nnonsent house | lon- desc entire, complete leps innonsent tooth lef- desc old |
|--|---|
| fdezc nsent child (young person) fμιηφ nnonsent cloud fiφ-v1 lose an object fiφ-v1 (S) loses, frees (O); (O) escapes fouo) nnonsent tree fouo) nnonsent bed fodop nnonsent bedroom fole nedib ice folef nedib frost feμ.c nedib beef | l'I v1 ridicule l'I.Iµ nabst joke l'IJde nnonsent leaf l'IJdez3l nnonsent spark l'ali nnonsent cart l'el- v1 transgress, commit a crime |
| fuzcj nnonsent river full – v1 (S) fights (O) fuch – v3 (S) falls on (O) fuch – v3 (O) breaks (S) fuzz) nnonsent flower fuel nsent who? | l'Idjc nedib soup l'Inde nnonsent fish |
| p pap-desc handsome, beautiful pcjh-v1 (S) follows (O) pap nnonsent fruit] lide nnonsent window lid | J-v3 copula J-v3 (S) is (O) (O) can also be the compounding form of the descriptor. Joal nabst role (connotation of normalcy) Jodense nabst dawn, wee hours Jev1 (S) describes (O) Jeste nnonsent land, country Jen-v1 (S) is worried by (O) Jestilon nsent essay Jal nnonsent fox |
| lin nmeas 1/23 of a tidal day liΩC nnonsent moon lidij nined stone | J^{α} I.en <i>nsent</i> magician J^{α} IZ- v^3 (S) creates, makes (O) J^{α} CN <i>nabst</i> how many? |

| J ^h pp toward J ^h - v1 (S) goes toward (O) J ^h z pp written by n n.1 pp in, on, at (time) | QCZ- $v1$ (S) shines on (O) QCZe nabst light QCZeliac nabst moonlight QCIDID- desc without repercussions QEO- $v3$ jump QBZ- $v2$ capture, arrest Q3lso ndsent sibling Q3le ϕ s nnonsent key |
|--|---|
| n.μ pp through nuzi nnonsent cat ni v3 (S) waits for/until (O), temporal verb, if ni.ez- v3 (S) covers, spans (O) nibəjən ^φ nanim chairperson ncj nnonsent face ncjai nnonsent birch ncd- v3 (S) dances around (O) ne pp for (some period of time) neuc nined fire neb- v1 (S) gives something to (O), (S) rewards, compensates (O) neμα- v3 (S) hides from (O) | Q ^l |
| nez ^u ID nnonsent rose nən-v2 (S) kills (O), (O) dies nəb-v2 steal n ^y | D- v2 (S) returns, regresses to (O) (figuratively) D) pp far away from Dln pp inside Dzidµ nsent nobleman, gentleman Dil- v1 (S) eats (O) Diliz nabst void Diliz- desc empty DIN nedib rice DIZ nnonsent corpse DIZI nsent person DIINI nabst organisation, group, assembly DCII desc far DCNI nnonsent border, boundary DCQ- desc current, now DCQ ndnonsent hand DCZNe nabst technique DD(- v2 (S) produces, makes (O) DDN ^P nnonsent head DDd- v2 (S) dreams of (O) DDSDN ^P ndsent parent Delin nmeas hour Delin nmeas hour Delin- v1 (S) buries (O) in the ground Den(- v1 begin, start |

| Deφ-v1 (S) receives (O) Ded-v3 err, miss Debų-v1 (S) resembles (O) Debc nabst shape, structure Debcdelbe nabst grammar Debed nabst dream DeZ-v3 (S) raises, takes care of, tends to (O) DeZ-v1 (S) boards, rides (O) DeS-v3 (S) gives birth to (O), (O) is born (S) is not necessarily the mother; this can be either parent DeS-v1 surprise, impressed Del nmeas volume Dell-v3 (S) imitates (O) Delonφ nsent servant Den-v2 know (a person) D3nφo nnonsent rabbit | dμ pp with (comitative) dμ- v3 hold, carry, instrumental verb dμιμ- v1 (S) passes (O) dμερε nnonsent city dι[μ- v1 (S) sits at (O) dι]μο nnonsent pecan dɔ[- v2 (S) chases away (O), (O) flees from (S) dez ^u - v1 disagree, protest, disapprove of delbe nabst sentence, utterance dɜn ^φ ι ndnonsent(b) knee b bine nmeas year beφ ^S ι nedib sea |
|---|---|
| Ω | l y |
| $ΩΩΩφ$ nnonsent wall $ΩQIU-desc$ weak $ΩCI^{1}-v1$ (S) hits, strikes (O) $ΩΩZ-v2$ comparative verb $ΩED-v1$ (S) sleeps $ΩED-$ | q |
| φ ¹ cd-v3 (S) lowers their own (O) φμι]-v1 (S) raises their own (O) φμθ.ι nnonsent earth, soil φμθη ^φ nnonsent frog | pld pp with (colour) hair μη pp with (instrumental) μυ pp in front of μι nined grass μι ν1 (S) climbs, rises in (0) μι do nnonsent hair μeu - ν3 (S) spreads (0) |
| d(j- desc healthy, well (not sick) dj ^h (- v1 (S) mates with (O) dφcj nabst ability, potential, possibility dhl(jμιη ^φ nnonsent mist, fog dhl(l nabst ground, floor dhcz- v1 stand, get up dhen- desc by opportunity | μeu- v1(S) says a phrase (O)μeα- v3(S) speaks to (O), (S) asks(O)μelli nnonsentplaceμelliuc.clnnonsenthometown,home village, (figurative) Rymakoμələ ninedgoldμəz- v2(S) ties (O) in a knotμ3l nnonsentstarμ3lə nabstnighttime |