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## 0.1 | Introduction



# 1 | Phonology and orthography

## 1.1 | Phoneme inventory

Table 1.1: The consonants of aaaaaaaaaA.

	Bilabial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Nasal	m	n	ɲ	ŋ	
Plosive	p b	t d	c ɟ	k ɡ	ʔ
Fricative	f	s	ʃ	x	
(coarticulated)	θ x	ɸ x		ɸʃ	
Affricate		ts	tʃ		
Lateral fricative		ɬ			
Approximant		ɹ	j	w	
Lateral approximant		l			
Trill		r			

Table 1.2: The vowels of aaaaaaaaaA.

Spread	Half-rounded	Rounded
i	ɤ	y
u	ʊ	u
ɛ		œ
ʌ		ɔ
ä		

In addition to consonants and vowels, aaaaaaaaaA 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.

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.

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

aaaaaaaaA uses the hacm script with superscript letters to indicate phonemes not found in Arka. The transcriptions can be found in Tables 1.3 and 1.4.

Table 1.3: The consonants of aaaaaaaaaA.

	Bilabial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Nasal	ᵀ	n	nʷ	nʷ	
Plosive	d b	f ɳ	ʃʷ ɳʷ	ɰ ɸ	.
Fricative	a	j	l	h	
(coarticulated)	jʰ	aʰ		aˡ	
Affricate		ʃj	ʃl		
Lateral fricative		s			
Approximant		ɹ	ɥ	o	
Lateral approximant		l			
Trill		ᵀ			

Table 1.4: The vowels of aaaaaaaaaA.

Spread	Half-rounded	Rounded
ɕ	ɕᵃ	ɕᵇ
əᶜ	ə	əᵇ
e		eᵇ
ɔᵉ		ɔ
ɪ		

Rod signs are represented by the hacm digits <1 2 3 4 5 6 7> attached to the end of the verbs they encompass. Proper words are preceded by a backslash <\>.

Vowels that are inferrable from context are sometimes omitted. For example, /æ-fan/ (to speak) is written <ʰeʌn>, but /æ-fin/ (to spread), which is less common, is written <ʰeʌcɳ>, with the second vowel. Most of this grammar will leave all vowels written.



## 1.3 | Phonotactics

An onset consists of one of the following:

- any single consonant other than /l/ (the exceptions are <le> [lek] and related words),
- any obstruent followed by an approximant other than /l/,
- or any plosive followed by /r/,
- or any nasal followed by /j/ or /w/.

A nucleus consists of one vowel.

A coda consists of one of the following:

- nothing,
- a nasal,
- a voiceless plosive (excluding /ʔ/),
- /ɹ/, /s/ or /l/

## 1.4 | Stress

Stress falls on the last syllable with a coda, or otherwise the second-to-last syllable.

See table 1.5 for examples.

Table 1.5: Examples of stress locations.

Orthography	Location of stress (# from last)
ɒɪɪ	2
nɪ.cn	1
.əʔfəɔ	2
ɪɪnedc <sup>a</sup>	3

## 1.5 | Vowel harmony

For the purposes of vowel harmony, vowels are divided into front and back vowels. /a/ is neutral. A root with neither front nor back vowels acts as if it has front vowels.

Table 1.6: Single consonants in the script.

∅ d	↑ f	↗ l	⋈ j	⌘ a
⊗ n	⊥ b	ss h	⌘ j <sup>h</sup>	⊙ u
△ d	? l/s	ℓ l	☆ o	⋈ φ
⊥ n <sup>φ</sup>	× n	⊙ b	⌘ a <sup>l</sup>	⊙ a <sup>h</sup>
⊙ n <sup>u</sup>	⋈ f	⊙ p	⌘ n <sup>u</sup>	⊙ .

## 1.6 | The script of aaaaaaaaaA

aaaaaaaaA also uses its own script, inspired by one of Uruwi's old childhood cyphers.

The consonants within a word are divided into pairs (plus one single consonant at the end if applicable). Thus, <ðənpʰɪdɔ<sup>e</sup>-mɪ> would have <dn<sup>φ</sup> dɪ>. These pairs then get a glyph that combines the glyphs for their constituent consonants.

The full table of consonant pairs can be found at tables 1.7 and 1.8. There are some general rules:

- Double consonants get their single-consonant glyphs with a ring below.
- d-coloured glyphs bear the characteristic middle bar of <∅><d>: ∅ d + ℓ l → ⌘ dl.
- l-coloured glyphs rest under the characteristic arrow of <↗><l>: ↗ l + ↑ f → ⌘ lf.
- f-coloured glyphs rest under the characteristic hilt of <↑><f>: ↑ f + △ d → ⌘ fd.
- j-coloured glyphs bear the characteristic bar-and-circle of <⋈><j>: ⋈ j + ⊙ b → ⌘ jb.
- a-coloured glyphs bear the characteristic double-swash of <⌘><a>: ⌘ a + ⊥ n<sup>φ</sup> → ⌘ an<sup>φ</sup>.
- b-coloured glyphs bear the characteristic brook of <⊥><b>: ⊥ b + ∅ d → ⌘ bd.
- j<sup>h</sup>-coloured glyphs bear the characteristic arc of <⌘><j<sup>h</sup>>: ⌘ j<sup>h</sup> + ⊥ b → ⌘ j<sup>h</sup>b.
- u-coloured glyphs rest under the characteristic triangle of <⊙><u>: ⊙ u + ⋈ φ → ⌘ uφ.
- d-coloured glyphs rest under the characteristic overring of <△><d>: △ d + ⌘ a<sup>l</sup> → ⌘ da<sup>l</sup>.
- l-coloured glyphs rest to the left of the characteristic vertical line of <?l><l>: ?l l + ⊙ n<sup>u</sup> → ⌘ ln<sup>u</sup>.

[illegible]

- **o**-coloured glyphs are superimposed with a copy rotated either  $\pi$  or, in the case of a few glyphs,  $\pi/2$ :  $\text{⌘ o} + \text{↻} \rightarrow \text{⌘ ol}$ ;  $\text{⌘ o} + \text{↻} \rightarrow \text{⌘ oh}$ .
- **n**-coloured glyphs are superimposed with  $\langle \times \rangle \langle \text{n} \rangle$ :  $\text{⌘ n} + \text{↻} \rightarrow \text{⌘ nl}$ . In some cases, the cross might be rotated  $\pi/4$ :  $\text{⌘ n} + \text{↻} \rightarrow \text{⌘ nn}$ .
- **b**-coloured glyphs rest inside the characteristic room of  $\langle \text{⓪} \rangle \langle \text{b} \rangle$ :  $\text{⓪ b} + \langle \text{⓪} \rangle \rightarrow \text{⓪ bp}$ .
- **a<sup>l</sup>**-coloured glyphs rest under the characteristic flare of  $\langle \text{⌘} \rangle \langle \text{a<sup>l</sup>} \rangle$ :  $\text{⌘ a<sup>l</sup>} + \text{⓪} \rightarrow \text{⌘ a<sup>l</sup>..}$ .
- **n<sup>4</sup>**-coloured glyphs rest under the characteristic P-shape of  $\langle \text{⓪} \rangle \langle \text{n<sup>4</sup>} \rangle$ :  $\text{⓪ n<sup>4</sup>} + \text{⌘} \rightarrow \text{⓪ n<sup>4</sup>h}$ .

Table 1.8: Consonant pairs in the script.

	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌵	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
↑	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
↗	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
┐	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
✎	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌵	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌶	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌷	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌸	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌹	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌺	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌻	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌵	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌶	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌷	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌸	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌹	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌺	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌻	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌵	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌶	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌷	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌸	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌹	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌺	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌻	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌵	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌶	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌷	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌸	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌹	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌺	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌻	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌵	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌶	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌷	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌸	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌹	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌺	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻
⌻	☆	✎	┐	×	⊕	⌵	⌶	⌷	⌸	⌹	⌺	⌻

- $\mu$ -coloured glyphs rest to the left of the characteristic flare of  $\langle\langle 3 \rangle\rangle \langle\mu\rangle$ :  $\langle 3 \mu + \Delta n^4 \rightarrow \Delta 3 \mu n^4$ .
- $n^4$ -coloured glyphs bear the characteristic inner circle of  $\langle\Delta\rangle \langle n^4 \rangle$ :  $\Delta n^4 + \mathbb{C} a^h \rightarrow \mathbb{C} n^4 a^h$ .
- If all else has failed, the two consonants are superimposed. The default order is the same as the ordering used in table 1.6.
- In coloured-consonant pairs, the colourant is assumed to occur first unless the order is switched by an order reversal mark.
- A negative-sloping mark below a glyph means that the order of consonants is switched.





## 2 | Syntax

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### 2.1 | Basic word order

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

### 2.2 | Questions

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:

flen peac<sup>ə</sup>jhi nc<sup>ʔ</sup>ɛ  
who-ACC speak-FAR.PAST-Q PR.FAR.SG  
Whom did you speak to?

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

peac<sup>ə</sup>jhi nc<sup>ʔ</sup> flel, qif mu.  
speak-FAR.PAST-Q PR.FAR.SG who, see-NEAR.PAST PR.ANAPH\_OBJ.INT  
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.





## 3 | Nouns

Nouns are declined for number, case and definiteness.

### 3.1 | Number

aaaaaaaaA has many grammatical numbers:

Table 3.1: The discrete grammatical numbers of aaaaaaaaaA.

Number	Constraint on $x \in \mathbb{Z}$
Integral	none
Nullary	$x = 0$
Singular	$ x  = 1$
Dual	$ x  = 2$

Table 3.2: The continuous grammatical numbers of aaaaaaaaaA.

Number	Constraint on $x \in \mathbb{R}$
Nullary	$x = 0$
Subsingular	$ x  < 1$
Supersingular	$1 \leq  x  < 2$
Plural	$ x  \geq 2$ or $x$ is unknown

### 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.

#### 3.3.1 | Countable

Nouns in these classes are declined for a discrete number.

1. Sentient – such as humans, AIs, deities.
2. Animate – nonsentient animals.
3. Inanimate – anything else.

#### 3.3.2 | Measurable

Nouns in this class are declined for a continuous number.

4. Measure – all measurable nouns, especially units of measurement.

#### 3.3.3 | Uncountable

Nouns in these classes are not declined for number, and require compounding with a countable or measurable noun in order to be quantified.

5. Fluid – liquids and gases.
6. Edible – edible (to humans) non-fluids.
7. Inedible – inedible (to humans) non-fluids.
8. Abstract – abstract ideas.

### 3.4 | Definiteness

The definite form of a noun is formed regularly by reduplicating the first syllable (without the coda): <𐤃𐤓𐤕> “a person” becomes <𐤃𐤓𐤃𐤓𐤕> “the person”.

### 3.5 | Declension table

#### 3.5.1 | Countable classes

Note that noun declensions 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.

Table 3.3: Declensions for countable nouns.

	Integral	Nullary	Singular	Dual
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	Integral	Nullary	Singular	Dual
Sentient: <ɖɪɪ> “person”				
Nominative	ɖɪɪ	ɖɪɪle	ɖɪɪɟ	ɖɪɪl
Accusative	ɖɪɪn	ɖɪɪnʰle	ɖɪɪncɟ	ɖɪɪnɪl
Sentient: <ɟʰi.en> “magician”				
Nominative	ɟʰi.en	ɟʰi.eʃe	ɟʰi.eɟ	ɟʰi.el
Accusative	ɟʰi.eɲcn	ɟʰi.enʰle	ɟʰi.eɲcɟ	ɟʰi.eɲcl
(Note that the final consonant is preserved only in the integral nominative form.)				
Animate: <ɖənʰɔ> “rabbit”				
Nominative	ɖənʰɔ	ɖənʰɔɔʰe	ɖənʰɔɟ	ɖənʰɔ.əʰc
Accusative	ɖənʰɔn	ɖənʰɔnʰe	ɖənʰɔn	ɖənʰɔnəʰc
Animate: <ɟcʰɪ> “fox”				
Nominative	ɟcʰɪ	ɟcʰe	ɟcʰɟ	ɟcʰ.c
Accusative	ɟcʰɲcn	ɟcʰnʰle	ɟcʰɲcɟ	ɟcʰɲc
Inanimate: <ɰɪɾəʰ> “statue”				
Nominative	ɰɪɾəʰ	ɰɪɾəʰɔʰe	ɰɪɾəʰɪ	ɰɪɾəʰɟ
Accusative	ɰɪɾəʰɔ	ɰɪɾəʰɔɔʰe	ɰɪɾəʰɔɔʰe	ɰɪɾəʰəʰc
Inanimate: <.cɖen> “house”				
Nominative	.cɖen	.cɖeʃe	.cɖel	.cɖeɟ
Accusative	.cɖeɲcɔ	.cɖeɲcɔɔʰe	.cɖeɲcɔɔʰe	.cɖeɲcac

### 3.5.2 | Measurable classes

Table 3.4: Declensions for measurable nouns.

	Plural	Nullary	Subingular	Supersingular
Measure: <ɲəɖəʰ> “day (continuous)”				
Nominative	ɲəɖəʰ	ɲəɖəʰɲəʰ	ɲəɖəʰɪ	ɲəɖəʰn
Accusative	ɲəɖəʰn	ɲəɖəʰɲəʰn	ɲəɖəʰnʰe	ɲəɖəʰnəʰn
Measure: <ɖel> “volume” (in expressions such as <ɖel-ɲəɟəʰ> “cupful”)				
Nominative	ɖel	ɖeɲcʰ	ɖeɲcɪ	ɖeɲcn
Accusative	ɖeɲcn	ɖeɲcʰn	ɖeɲcnʰe	ɖeɲcncn
(Note that the final consonant is preserved only in the plural nominative form.)				

### 3.5.3 | Uncountable classes

Notably, uncountable-class noun declensions do not respect vowel harmony.

Table 3.5: Declensions for measurable nouns.

	Mass
Fluid: <ɑʰəɲəʰ> “water”	
Nominative	ɑʰəɲəʰ
Accusative	ɑʰəɲəʰn
Fluid: <ɲeɲed> “nitrogen”	

	Mass
Nominative	ṇeḷeḍ
Accusative	ṇeḷeḍcn
(Here, the coda is preserved in the accusative as well.)	
Edible: <ḷeṃ.cʰ> “beef”	
Nominative	ḷeṃ.cʰ
Accusative	ḷeṃ.cʰn
Edible: <ḍin> “rice”	
Nominative	ḍin
Accusative	ḍincn
Inedible: <ṃəʰʃa> “gold”	
Nominative	ṃəʰʃa
Accusative	ṃəʰʃabe
Inedible: <ḷinɿ> “stone”	
Nominative	ḷinɿ
Accusative	ḷinɿde
Abstract: <əʰəʰɔ> “empathy”	
Nominative	əʰəʰɔ
Accusative	əʰəʰɔcn <sup>φ</sup>
Abstract: <ʰɕɿ> “[the number] five”	
Nominative	ʰɕɿ
Accusative	ʰɕɿcn <sup>φ</sup>

### 3.6 | Pronouns

Personal pronouns are not divided into first, second and third persons as in most languages. Instead, they fall into four categories which exhibit different behaviour depending on whether they occur as the first or second noun in the clause:

Table 3.6: Pronoun persons and their functions.

Person	Role in first position	Role in second position
Near	The speaker.	The first argument of the sentence.
Far	The listener.	If the first argument is the speaker, then the listener. Otherwise, the speaker.
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.	
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.

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

Table 3.7: Personal pronouns. <-n>, <-en> or <-ɔ̃n> is suffixed for the accusative case.

(continuous) (discrete)	Pl. / Sub. / Sup. Integral	Nullary Nullary	Singular	Dual
Near	fi	lefi	de	acɥc
Far	ɔ̃	ɔ̃de	nə̃	bɥi
Other	nc	lenɔ̃	scɔ̃	liɥc
Anaph. Sub.	ɥi	leɥi	.cɔ̃	nʔcɥc
Anaph. Obj.	ɥɔ̃	ɔ̃ɥɔ̃	.ə̃cɔ̃	nʔə̃cɥɔ̃
Generic	.ə̃			

(For the observant readers: notice the similarity to Kavinan's system.)

### 3.6.1 | Last-clause pronouns

The anaphoric pronoun <bej> (accusative: <bejen>) is grammatically an other pronoun, and it refers to the previous clause said. Likewise, <bedcɥ> (accusative: <bedcn>) refers to the clause before the previous one.

## 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.

ɔ̃l-ɥɔ̃-ə̃-ɥɔ̃-ɥcɥ  
volume-cup-water-five  
five cupfuls of water

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

ɔ̃l-ɥɔ̃-ə̃-ɥɔ̃-ɥcɥ-fi  
volume-cup-water-five-PR.NEAR.INTEGRAL  
(arg1)'s five cupfuls of water

Descriptors can also compound on nouns. This compounding is productive in aaaaaaaaA.

ɔ̃ɥi-ə̃fi  
person-old

old people

(Compare to ႁႏ ႏႃႏ “person old-SENTIENT”.)

### 3.8 | Possession

“X’s Y” is translated as <Y=ႁႏ ႏႃ X>. The possessive construction is also used to create appositives.

Observe that possession marks the head, and <=ႁႏ> is a clitic, not an affix, as in the following example:

ႁႃႁႃႏႃႏ-ႃႃႃႃ-ႁႏ ႏႃ ႏႃႃႃႃ

DEF~rabbit-SING-water=GEN POS magician-SING

the magician’s water rabbit

In more casual speech, <ႏႃ> may be dropped.

## 4 | Verbs

Verbs are conjugated for person of the subject, tense, polarity and tellicity, in two paradigms. Conjugation respects vowel harmony.

Table 4.1: Person-tense conjugations for verbs, using <ḍilɪn> “(S) eats (O)”.

	Nonpast	Past
Near	ḍilɪn	ḍilɪf
Far	ḍilɪn	ḍilc <sup>a</sup> ɟ
Other	ḍilɪ	ḍilc <sup>a</sup>
Anaph. Sub.	ḍile	ḍilel
Anaph. Obj.	ḍilc.e	ḍilc.el
Generic	ḍilc <sup>ɔ</sup>	ḍilc <sup>ɔ</sup>

Table 4.2: Person-tense conjugations for verbs, using <ɸeacɪn> “(S) spreads (O)”.

	Nonpast	Past
Near	ɸeacɪn	ɸeacɪf
Far	ɸeacɪn	ɸeac <sup>a</sup> ɟ
Other	ɸeacɪ	ɸeac <sup>a</sup>
Anaph. Sub.	ɸeae	ɸeael
Anaph. Obj.	ɸeac.e	ɸeac.el
Generic	ɸeac <sup>a</sup>	ɸeac <sup>a</sup>

to which a suffix is added:

Table 4.3: Polarity-tellicity suffixes for verbs. The interrogative affix can also follow a negative affix.

	Positive	Negative	Interrogative
Telic	-	-le / -ɔ <sup>e</sup>	-hɪ
Atelic	-ɔc / -ɔc <sup>c</sup>	-ɟ	-lc <sup>a</sup> / -lə

Notes:

- “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.

Some examples:

ḏḏḏḏ ḏḏḏḏ ḏḏḏḏ.  
eat-NEAR.NONPAST fish flower  
Fish eat flowers.

ḏḏḏḏ ḏḏḏḏ ḏḏḏḏ, ḏḏḏḏ ḏḏḏḏ ḏḏḏḏ.  
eat-NEAR.NONPAST fish flower, eat-NEAR.NONPAST cat PR.ANAPH\_SUB  
Fish eat flowers, and cats eat fish.

ḏḏḏḏ ḏḏḏḏ ḏḏḏḏ, ḏḏḏḏ ḏḏḏḏḏḏ.  
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.)

ḏḏḏḏḏḏ ḏḏḏḏ ḏḏḏḏ.  
eat-NEAR.NONPAST-NEG flower fish  
Flowers don’t eat fish.

ḏḏḏḏ ḏḏḏḏ ḏḏḏḏḏḏḏ, ḏḏḏḏ ḏḏḏḏ.  
carry-OTHER.NONPAST PR.OTHER.SG DEF~book-SG, worry-NEAR.NONPAST PR.NEAR.INT  
PR.LAST\_CLAUSE  
He has the book; that worries me.  
or: That he has the book worries me.

ḏḏḏḏḏ ḏḏḏḏ ḏḏḏḏḏḏḏ, ḏḏḏḏ ḏḏḏḏ.  
carry-OTHER.NONPAST-INTERROGATIVE PR.OTHER.SG DEF~book-SG, worry-NEAR.NONPAST  
PR.NEAR.INT PR.LAST\_CLAUSE  
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 4.4: 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. <i>wear</i> as opposed to <i>put on</i> ).
Interrupted	1c11	An action that was interrupted.
Perfect	–1	An action that has already finished. Changes present tense to immediate past. Also used to distinguish dynamic actions as opposed to static (e. g. <i>put on</i> as opposed to <i>wear</i> ).
Gnomic	–ʔ	A general truth or aphorism, or an action done habitually.
Gnomic dubitative	1c1ʔ	A general truth or aphorism that the speaker considers to be false.
Deontic necessity	–ᵐ	An action that the speaker insists on happening.
Epistemic necessity	1əᵐᵐ	An action that the speaker infers that is happening.
Deontic potential	–ʔ	An action that the speaker permits to occur.
Epistemic potential	1əᵐʔ	An action that the speaker infers that might happen.
Unexpected	–ɿ	An action that is unexpected (akin to using “but”).
Comparative	deɿ	Indicates an action of greater intensity than what was described in the previous clause.
Nonexclusive subject	1c1	Indicates that the subject comprises not only of what is explicitly mentioned, but also other things.
Nonexclusive object	1cʔ	Indicates that the object comprises not only of what is explicitly mentioned, but also other things.
Nonexclusive argument	1cᵐ	Combination of both nonexclusive subject and nonexclusive object.

An example:

11111c1 de nc, 1cnc.elf dənʔidoᵐ–ɱ.  
 fight-NEAR.PAST-ATELIC-IMPERFECT PR.NEAR.SG PR.OTHER.INT, shoot-ANAPH\_OBJ.PAST-  
 UNEXPECTED knee-SG.ACC-PR.ANAPH\_SUB.INT  
 I tried to fight them, but they shot my knee.

## 4.2 | Obliques

aaaaaaaaA lacks oblique arguments. Instead, equivalent expressions employ serial verb constructions. For instance, “he ate soup with a spoon” would be reduced to “he held a spoon and ate soup”:

dɥc<sup>a</sup> sc<sup>o</sup> ɔɔ<sup>o</sup>ɔɔ<sup>o</sup>, ɔɔ<sup>o</sup>lɔɔ<sup>o</sup> sɔɔɔɔɔ.  
 INST-OTHER.PAST PR.OTHER.SG spoon-SG, eat-ANAPH\_SUB.PAST soup-ACC  
 He held a spoon and ate soup.  
 or: He ate soup with a spoon.

Likewise:

nɔɔ.ɔ nc jəɔɔl-hɔɔ.ɔ, ncɔɔ hɔɔɔɔɔɔɔɔɔ.  
 TEMPORAL-OTHER PR.OTHER.INT DEF~day-SG-spring, dance-ANAPH\_SUB DEF~statue-SG.ACC  
 They will wait until the spring equinox and dance around the statue.  
 or: They will dance around the statue on the spring equinox.

A similar construction can be used for the negation of obliques:

dɥc<sup>a</sup>le sc<sup>o</sup> ɔɔ<sup>o</sup>ɔɔ<sup>o</sup>, ɔɔ<sup>o</sup>lɔɔ<sup>o</sup> sɔɔɔɔɔ.  
 INST-OTHER.PAST-NEG PR.OTHER.SG spoon-SG, eat-ANAPH\_SUB.PAST-UNEXPECTED soup-ACC  
 He did not hold a spoon, but ate soup.  
 or: He ate soup without a spoon.

## 4.3 | Conjunctions

Conjunctions such as “and” are treated like obliques. For instance, “and” is represented by the verb <ɔɔɔ>, and precedes the clause in which the two are used:

ɔɔ<sup>a</sup> \ɥc<sup>a</sup>je \ɔɔɔɔ, ɔɔ<sup>o</sup>lɔɔ<sup>o</sup> fɔɔ.c<sup>o</sup>n.  
 and-OTHER.PAST Ryse Tarul, eat-ANAPH\_SUB.PAST beef-ACC  
 Ryse and Tarul ate beef.

Sufficiently complex nesting may be unrepresentable using only anaphoric referents. The easiest way to resolve this issue is to use definite nouns in place of anaphoric referents.

ɔɔ<sup>a</sup> \ɥc<sup>a</sup>je \ɔɔɔɔ, ɔɔ<sup>a</sup> fɔɔ.c<sup>o</sup> sɔɔɔɔ, ɔɔɔ<sup>a</sup> ɔɔɔɔɔɔ ɔɔ.  
 and-OTHER.PAST Ryuse Tarul, and-OTHER.PAST beef soup, eat-OTHER.PAST DEF~person-DU PR.ANAPH\_SUB.CONT  
 [They,] Ryse and Tarul ate beef and soup.

Ideas such as “if” or “because” are also expressed with verbs. For example, <n1.cn> “wait, when” is also used for “if”:

Note the clausal argument to  $\langle \text{ni.cn} \rangle$ , since our condition is an entire clause instead of a noun.

Conditional ideas whose English translations contain “if” can also be expressed in a more concise way, but this usage can sometimes sound colloquial:

The comparative is a function  $\text{cmp} : A \times A \times (A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}) \times (A \times A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , where  $\text{cmp}(a, b, f, \sqsupset) = f(a) \sqsupset f(b)$ .

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

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

Եփօն ինքն, ճիւղն արեւ զարթոյնքս քիւն.  
eat-GENERIC-Q PR.GENERIC-how\_many flower, CMP-NEAR fish cat PR.ANAPH\_SUB.INT  
>

More fish eat flowers than cats.

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

Table 4.5: Comparators in aaaaaaaaaA.

□	Comparator
>	nef
<	ac <sup>e</sup> l
=	fe <sup>o</sup> n <sup>o</sup>
≥	f <sup>u</sup> il
≤	dcj
≠	.c <sup>o</sup> j
≈	pej
≫	a <sup>h</sup> e
≪	din

#### 4.6 | Ditransitive-like constructions

In English, some verbs such as *give* take two objects: the item being given and the recipient of the item. Since clauses in aaaaaaaaaA can take only one object, translating such verbs requires multiple clauses:

fɪfɪf de hɪtʃbʊkən, nebel \pɔ<sup>o</sup>jen.  
 lose-NEAR.PAST PR.NEAR.SG DEF~book, give\_to-ANAPH.SUB.PAST Ri<sup>u</sup>se-ACC  
 I gave the book to Ryse.

#### 4.7 | Transitivity

Verbs that are intransitively (i. e. have no object passed at this time) can be turned into a causative form with the prefix <ɸC->:

fɪɪɪɪɪ aɸeɪpən<sup>u</sup>e.  
 fall-NEAR.PAST DEF~coin  
 The coins fell.

de ɸɪɪɪɪɪ aɸeɪpən<sup>u</sup>e  
 PR.NEAR.SG TRANS-fall-OTHER.PAST DEF~coin  
 I dropped the coins.

Note that the word order changes to SVO. In addition, the verb is conjugated for its object, rather than the subject as expected. If 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, <fclrcn> 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:

fclrcf aqeaqen<sup>4e</sup> pıfı.  
 fall-NEAR.PAST DEF~coin grass  
 The coins fell on the grass.

de ƣfclrc<sup>ə</sup> aqeaqen<sup>4e</sup>, fclrel pıfıbe.  
 PR.NEAR.SG 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.

## 4.8 | Clauses with nullary arguments

A clause with one or more arguments that are nullary or modified by nullary-number nouns (either through compounding or possession) will have a negative verb as well:

dəfınle dıjıle.  
 recall-NEAR-NEG person=NULL  
 No one knows.

fjclfınle de jıfıdı jcl j<sup>h</sup>ı.ele.  
 want-NEAR-NEG PR.NEAR.SG ring=GEN POS magician=NULL  
 I don't want the rings of any magician.

## 4.9 | The copula

The copula <jcn> can take a noun as an object, in which case it can mean identity or membership. (Location is expressed with <lcn> “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.



## 5 | Descriptors

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

Table 5.1: Descriptor declensions, using the descriptors <hedfi> “large” and <leʔfi> “old”.

Class or person	Declined form	
Sentient	hedfi	leʔfi
Animate	hedfi	leʔfi
Inanimate	hedfe	leʔfe <sup>e</sup>
Measure	hedfiy	leʔfiy
Fluid	hedfej	leʔfej <sup>e</sup>
Edible	hedfc	leʔfe <sup>c</sup>
Inedible	hedfeʔ	leʔfe
Abstract	hedfc <sup>a</sup>	leʔfe
Near	hedfiy	leʔfiy
Far	hedfiy	leʔfiy
Other	hedfey	leʔfey
Anaph. Sub.	hedfiy	leʔfiy
Anaph. Obj.	hedfey	leʔfey
Generic	hedfc <sup>3</sup> y	leʔfe <sup>3</sup> y

### 5.1 | Conversion

A noun can be converted to a descriptor by appending <-i>.

A descriptor can be converted to an abstract noun meaning “the nature of being ~” by replacing the final <-i> with <-cnel>.





## 6 | Tree mode

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As mentioned in section 4.3, anaphoric referents in a linked-list sentence are sometimes insufficient for expressing even simple sentence structures. While the easiest method of resolving this issue is using definite nouns, aaaaaaaaaA 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 <ᵐᵃᵐ> is used, and disabled at the end of a sentence.

### 6.2 | Branch-switching

The aforementioned particle <ᵐᵃᵐ> marks the beginning of the right branch of the tree. The right branch is ended by the particle <ᵐᵃᵐᵃ>, which causes the next clause to join the left and right branches.

(N. B. <ᵐᵃᵐ> and <ᵐᵃᵐᵃ> 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 <ᵐᵃᵐ> or the right predecessor <ᵐᵃᵐᵃ>. This is done by marking the pronoun with <-ᵐ> or <-ᵐᵃ>.

Likewise, verbs can be modified with <-ᵐ> or <-ᵐᵃ> to indicate which branch the subject came from.

### 6.4 | Errors

The following are ungrammatical:

- Using the particle <ᵐᵃᵐᵃ> or the branched anaphoric pronouns when tree mode is disabled

- Using the particle  $\langle n^4\Delta \rangle$  other than to close a corresponding  $\langle n^4\eta \rangle$
- 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  $\langle n^4\eta \rangle$  when the current branch is empty

### 6.5 | Example

The second example in section 4.3 can be expressed as follows:

$ac^a \setminus pc^a\eta \setminus \eta\mu\theta$ ,  $n^4\eta \ ac^a \ \eta\mu.c^\circ \ sidjc$ ,  $n^4\Delta \ \eta\eta\eta\eta \ \mu cn\Delta$ .

The resulting tree is shown below:



## 7 | Numerals

aaaaaaaaA uses a mixed-base system for its numerals. Numerals are abstract nouns. A Perl 6 program to convert numerals can be found in Section A.3.

### 7.1 | Single-digit numerals

Here are the numerals for  $n < 17$ :

Table 7.1: The cardinal numbers from 0 – 16.

base 10	base v	word
0	0	μəɔ
1	1	ac <sup>ə</sup> l
2	J	fiɹ
3	ʔ	ɔ <sup>4</sup> e <sup>ɔ</sup> n
4	ɒ	ɑ <sup>1</sup> ɪμ
5	ʦ	φcɹ
6	ʒ	ɔye
7	ɣ	ʃcɹ
8	Δ	də <sup>ɔ</sup> n
9	L	hed
10	F	bən <sup>ɸ</sup>
11	7	nə <sup>c</sup>
12	£	le <sup>ɔ</sup>
13	‡	j <sup>h</sup> cd
14	A	ɣɪn
15	V	lel
16	ψ	.ɪμ

Note that digits above 9 use capital hacm letters.

## 7.2 | Numerals up to $19 \cdot 17$

These are represented by two digits. The multiples of 17 are shown below:

Table 7.2: Multiples of 17, up to  $18 \cdot 17$ .

base 10	base v	word
17	10	selc <sup>a</sup>
34	J0	ɔɪlc <sup>a</sup>
51	ʔ0	ɳ <sup>4</sup> e <sup>3</sup> lc <sup>a</sup>
68	00	ɪɔɪlc <sup>a</sup>
85	ʔ0	ʔcɟlc <sup>a</sup>
102	ʃ0	ɔyeɪlc <sup>a</sup>
119	90	ɟcɟlc <sup>a</sup>
136	Δ0	də <sup>3</sup> nə
153	L0	helc <sup>a</sup>
170	F0	bən <sup>ʔ</sup> ə
187	70	nə <sup>c</sup> lə
204	£.0	le <sup>3</sup> lc <sup>a</sup>
221	ʂ0	j <sup>h</sup> cdlc <sup>a</sup>
238	A0	yɪnc <sup>a</sup>
255	V0	ɪelɥc <sup>a</sup>
272	ʍ0	.ɪɪɥc <sup>a</sup>
289	Ð0	jɪlsc <sup>a</sup>
306	ʍ0	heɔdc <sup>a</sup>

Thus  $y \cdot 17 + x$  is written  $\langle x-y \rangle$ .

## 7.3 | Numerals up to $13 \cdot 19 \cdot 17 = 4199$

These are represented by three digits. The multiples of  $19 \cdot 17$  are listed below:

Table 7.3: Multiples of  $19 \cdot 17$ , up to  $12 \cdot 19 \cdot 17$ .

base 10	base v	word
323	100	hɪjɪɪn
646	J00	ɪɪjɪɪn
969	ʔ00	ɳ <sup>4</sup> e <sup>3</sup> jeɪn
1292	000	ɔ <sup>4</sup> ɪɪɪn
1615	ʔ00	ʔcɟɪɪn
1938	ʃ00	ɔyeɪɪn
2261	900	ɟcɟɪɪn
2584	Δ00	də <sup>3</sup> nɪɪn
2907	L00	heɪɪn
3230	F00	bən <sup>ʔ</sup> ɪɪn

base 10	base v	word
3553	700	nə <sup>c</sup> jɪɪn
3876	£00	le <sup>3</sup> jɪɪn

Thus  $(z \cdot 19 \cdot 17) + (y \cdot 17) + x$  is written  $\langle z-x-y \rangle$ .

#### 7.4 | Numerals up to and including $4199 \cdot (4199 + 1)/2 = 8817900$

The numeral for 4199 is  $\langle \text{ə.ɔlə}^c \rangle$ , written as  $\langle 1:000 \rangle$ .

Likewise, two  $\langle \text{ə.ɔlə}^c \rangle$  is written as  $\langle 1:000 \rangle$  and pronounced  $\langle \text{ə.ɔlə}^c - \text{ɪj} \rangle$ , but the second  $\langle \text{ə.ɔlə}^c \rangle$  is one smaller than the first. In other words,  $\langle 1:000 \rangle = 4199 + (4199 - 1) = 8397$ .

Table 7.4: “Multiples” of  $\langle \text{ə.ɔlə}^c \rangle$ .

“Multiple”	Difference from last	Total
(0)		0
1:000	4199	4199
1:000	4198	8397
ɹ:000	4197	12594
0:000	4196	16790
ɸ:000	4195	20985
...		
£ɸɸ:000	3	8817897
£ɸɸ:000	2	8817899
1::000:000	1	8817900

Thus the  $n$ th “multiple” differs from the  $(n-1)$ th multiple by  $(4199 + 1 - n)$  (given  $1 \leq n \leq 4199$ ), and the sum of the first  $n$  “multiples” is

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (4200 - i) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot (8399 \cdot n - n^2)
 \end{aligned} \tag{7.1}$$

And likewise, for some given  $y$ , the largest “multiple” of  $\langle \text{ə.ɔlə}^c \rangle$  not smaller than  $y$  has the index

$$N(y) = \left\lfloor \frac{1}{2} \cdot (8399 - \sqrt{70543201 - 8 \cdot y}) \right\rfloor \tag{7.2}$$

In other words, for any numeral  $\langle n_1:n_2 \rangle$ ,  $n_1 + n_2$  must be less than 4199.

## 7.5 | Higher numerals

The bases of higher numerals  $b_i$  can be derived from the recurrence relation

$$b_i = \begin{cases} 4199 & \text{if } i = 1 \\ \frac{b_{i-1} \cdot (b_{i-1} + 1)}{2} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7.3)$$

Then  $b_i$  acts as a new triangular base. Equations 7.1 and 7.2 can be generalised to the following:

$$y(n, b_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i + 1 - n) \quad (7.4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot (n \cdot (2 \cdot b_i + 1 - n)) \quad (7.5)$$

$$N(y, b_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( 2 \cdot b_i - \sqrt{4 \cdot b_i^2 + 4 \cdot b_i + 1 - 8 \cdot y} \right) \right\rfloor \quad (7.6)$$

It follows that  $y(n_1, b_i) + n_2$  is represented as  $\langle n_1 :^i n_2 \rangle$  ( $i$  colons), and such a numeral must satisfy  $n_1 + n_2 < b_i$ .

Here are the names of the bases themselves:

Table 7.5: Names of higher bases.

Base	base v	word
$b_1$	1:000	ṽə.ʒlə <sup>c</sup>
$b_2$	1::000:000	ɒəpɔ <sup>c</sup> fi
$b_3$	1:::000:000::000:000	fi pə <sup>c</sup>
$b_4$		əenɔi

## 7.6 | Cardinal and ordinal numerals

Cardinal numerals compound to their antecedents; ordinal numerals use the possessive  $\langle -\text{DI } \text{jcl} \rangle$  construction:

ɒɔi-ŋə<sup>c</sup>n  
 child-three  
 three children

ɒɔiɔɪ jcl ŋə<sup>c</sup>n  
 child-SG=GEN POS three  
 the third child

## 8 | Derivational morphology

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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. This formation appends  $\langle -ne \rangle$  or  $\langle -n\omega^e \rangle$  to the noun.

Examples:

- $\langle h\mu c\alpha en \rangle$  *book*  $\rightarrow$   $\langle h\mu c\alpha ene \rangle$  *literature*
- $\langle h\omega l \rangle$  *cart*  $\rightarrow$   $\langle h\omega l n\omega^e \rangle$  *transportation*

Note that any double letters collapse into a single.

### 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 diminutive).  $\langle f_c - \rangle$  or  $\langle f_{\theta^c} - \rangle$  are prepended to nouns that begin in  $\langle j \rangle$  or  $\langle l \rangle$ , or  $\langle j_c - \rangle$  or  $\langle j_{\theta^c} - \rangle$  otherwise.

Examples:

- $\langle \mathcal{D}l j \rangle$  *person*  $\rightarrow$   $\langle j_c \mathcal{D}l j \rangle$  *child*
- $\langle f_j \omega \mu \theta^3 \rangle$  *fruit*  $\rightarrow$   $\langle j_{\theta^c} f_j \omega \mu \theta^3 \rangle$  *unripe fruit*
- $\langle j_{\theta^c} er l \alpha cn \rangle$  *essay*  $\rightarrow$   $\langle f_c j_{\theta^c} er l \alpha cn \rangle$  *draft*

### 8.3 | Verb-to-noun conversions

Verb-to-noun conversions involve an operation called *inversion*; this operation swaps certain phonemes of a word:

- front vowels  $\leftrightarrow$  back vowels
- voiceless plosives  $\leftrightarrow$  voiced plosives (in any position other than in a coda)
- $f \leftrightarrow \beta$ ,  $d \leftrightarrow f^h$  (in coda position)
- $a \leftrightarrow j^h$
- $j \leftrightarrow a^h$  (in any position other than in a coda)
- $h \leftrightarrow a^l$
- $p \leftrightarrow d$  (in any position other than after a fricative in an onset or in a coda)
- $s \leftrightarrow l$  (in any position other than in a coda)
- $p \leftrightarrow l$  (in coda position)
- $y \leftrightarrow o$

For instance,  $\langle \mu i.cfi \rangle$  would be inverted to  $\langle di.ə^cni \rangle$ .

All other phonemes are unchanged.

Since all of the conversions below are straightforward, only their names will be mentioned.

Table 8.1: Verb-to-noun conversions, from the inversion of the verb stem.

Name	Affix
Agent	$-e^3n^p$ / $-3n^p$
Patient	$-e^3d$ / $-3d$
Location	$-e^3\mu$ / $-3\mu$
Instrument	$-i\beta$

Table 8.2: An example with  $\langle nə^3bi \rangle$  to steal.

Name	Derivation	Meaning
Agent	$nc^3de^3n^p$	thief
Patient	$nc^3de^3d$	stolen goods
Location	$nc^3de^3\mu$	site of theft
Instrument	$nc^3di\beta$	tool used for theft



## 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.

### 9.1 | Nominal names

These names act as nouns, and they are preceded by a backslash <\>. 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	Type
\pɕ <sup>ə</sup> je	Personal (native)
\ɸɪpəl	Personal (native)
\pɛɔcn	Personal (foreign)
dpe <sup>ə</sup> ɔe-\oɪɪ.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.

## 9.2 | Clausal names

These names comprise of one or more clauses. Due to the nature of clausal names, they are all considered native. Most of these names refer to places; personal clausal names are almost always nicknames or such. Orthographically, they are put into square brackets <[]>.

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 9.2: Some examples of clausal names.

Name	Type	Literal meaning
[AEŋΨ€³ dñifjɪ ʃɑɔɔ]	Place	The trees <i>covered</i> the ground
[ðəfi ɸŋE³ðE ɲc³-\\leŋɲc³]	Place	The <i>city</i> remembers the Šedrŷ star
[ɑc³ ɲɲifə-Dɪ jcl jəɲ jʰi.en-Dɪ jcl ɲɔc³, ɸoejc.el ɸŋE³ðEð]	Place	The <i>city</i> was founded by the warrior of the sun and the wizard of the moon
[ðejɪ \\ΨETƒ³ jc³-selc³]	Personal	<i>Gulto</i> takes care of 17 foxes

An example of usage:

ni.i binen-bəj, [ðəfi dɲe³ðE ɲc³-\\leŋɲc³], jʰi ɔɔɔɔɔj .CD.  
 wait-OTHER year-future, (name), go-OTHER DEF~person-SG PR.ANAPH\_SUB.SG  
 He will go to Muta Pröme Ryk-Šedrŷ next year.

## 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:

$$y = y_s + y_m \quad (10.1)$$

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

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

where:

$$\begin{aligned}
\tau &= 2 \cdot \pi \\
A_s &\approx 0.675 \\
A_{sa} &\approx 0.0532 \\
A_m &\approx 1.267 \\
A_{ma} &\approx 0.176 \\
y &= \text{offset of sea level in metres} \\
t &= \text{time since HAT in local synodic days}
\end{aligned}$$

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 aaaaaaaaaA 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*  $\langle \mu\theta\delta\theta^c \rangle$  ( $l_t$ ) – 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:

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

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

$$l_y/l_m \approx 9.80299 \quad (10.6)$$

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

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	ᠠᠭᠦᠨᠪᠠᠭ
1	ᠮᠤᠴᠡᠨᠡᠳ
2	ᠰᠢᠠᠭᠠᠨ
3	ᠳᠠᠮᠤᠭᠢ
4	ᠨᠠᠳᠤᠮᠤᠨ
5	ᠰᠤᠨᠳᠠᠭ
6	ᠨᠠᠭᠤᠮᠤᠴᠡᠨ
7	ᠯᠠᠪᠠᠨ
8	ᠪᠠᠳᠠᠭ
9*	ᠴᠢᠭᠡᠮᠤ

Days within a month are indexed from one.

## 10.3 | 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 A.2.

## 10.4 | Eras

Years are grouped further into *eras*  $\langle \text{ᠯᠢᠭᠢ} \rangle$ , 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 *crossover date* 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 10.3: The months of the year.

Name	Crossover date	Days between	Cumulative
ᠯᠢᠭᠢ-ᠮᠤᠴᠡᠨᠡᠳ	ᠰᠢᠠᠭᠠᠨ ᠯᠠᠭ		
ᠯᠢᠭᠢ-ᠰᠢᠠᠭᠠᠨ	ᠰᠢᠠᠭᠠᠨ ᠰᠢᠠᠭᠠᠨ	889726	889726
ᠯᠢᠭᠢ-ᠳᠠᠮᠤᠭᠢ	ᠳᠠᠮᠤᠭᠢ ᠳᠠᠮᠤᠭᠢ	642508	1532234
ᠯᠢᠭᠢ-nchel	(to present)	207366	1739600

The first day of  $\langle \text{ᠯᠢᠭᠢ-nchel} \rangle$  coincides with the founding of the (not yet named).

Figure 10.1: Table of year lengths in a cycle.

0123456789		0123456789		0123456789		0123456789
0 XXXXX9XXXX		19 XX9XXXX9XX		38 9XXXX9XXXX		57 XXX9XXXX9X
1 9XXXX9XXXX		20 XXX9XXXX9X		39 9XXXX9XXXX		58 XXX9XXXX9X
2 9XXXX9XXXX		21 XXX9XXXX9X		40 9XXXX9XXXX		59 XXX9XXXX9X
3 9XXXX9XXXX		22 XXX9XXXX9X		41 X9XXXX9XXX		60 XXX9XXXX9
4 9XXXX9XXXX		23 XXX9XXXX9X		42 X9XXXX9XXX		61 XXX9XXXX9
5 9XXXX9XXXX		24 XXX9XXXX9X		43 X9XXXX9XXX		62 XXX9XXXX9
6 9XXXX9XXXX		25 XXX9XXXX9X		44 X9XXXX9XXX		63 XXX9XXXX9
7 X9XXXX9XXX		26 XXX9XXXX9		45 X9XXXX9XXX		64 XXX9XXXX9
8 X9XXXX9XXX		27 XXX9XXXX9		46 X9XXXX9XXX		65 XXX9XXXX9
9 X9XXXX9XXX		28 XXX9XXXX9		47 XX9XXXX9XX		66 XXX9XXXXX
10 X9XXXX9XXX		29 XXX9XXXX9		48 XX9XXXX9XX		67 9XXXX9XXXX
11 X9XXXX9XXX		30 XXX9XXXX9		49 XX9XXXX9XX		68 9XXXX9XXXX
12 X9XXXX9XXX		31 XXX9XXXX9		50 XX9XXXX9XX		69 9XXXX9XXXX
13 X9XXXX9XXX		32 XXX9XXXX9		51 XX9XXXX9XX		70 9XXXX9XXXX
14 XX9XXXX9XX		33 XXX9XXXXX		52 XX9XXXX9XX		71 9XXXX9XXXX
15 XX9XXXX9XX		34 9XXXX9XXXX		53 XX9XXXX9X		72 9XXXX9XXXX
16 XX9XXXX9XX		35 9XXXX9XXXX		54 XXX9XXXX9X		73 9XXXX9
17 XX9XXXX9XX		36 9XXXX9XXXX		55 XXX9XXXX9X		
18 XX9XXXX9XX		37 9XXXX9XXXX		56 XXX9XXXX9X		

9: 9 months

X: 10 months

## 10.5 | Subdivisions of the day

Lek-Tsaro has two systems for subdividing the day.

### 10.5.1 | Traditional timekeeping

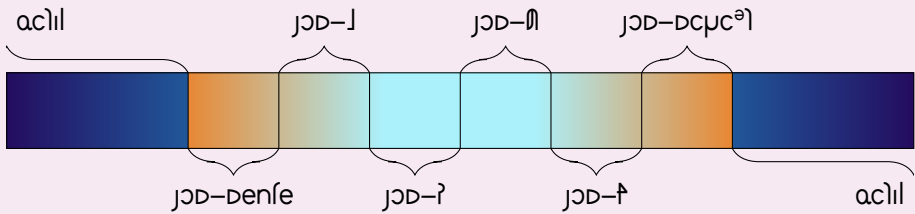
The traditional system of timekeeping relies on subdivisions of the solar day. As shown in Figure 10.2, the period between sunrise and sunset are divided into six equally-sized parts <ᵛᵛᵛ>, and the night is considered a separate category. This implies that the length of the “hours” depends on the seasons.

The traditional timekeeping system is vague – typically, the most precise interval used is a quarter or eighth of an “hour”.

### 10.5.2 | Modern timekeeping

The need for precise schedules necessitated another standard for subdividing the day. The modern system is based on the tidal day, rather than the solar day. In theory, each

Figure 10.2: Hours in traditional timekeeping.



tidal day is divided into 23 equal parts  $\langle\iota\alpha\rangle$ , each of which is divided into 80 equal parts  $\langle\text{icne}\rangle$ , which are each divided into 40 equal parts  $\langle\text{bir}\theta\rangle$ .  
Of course, having 23  $\langle\iota\alpha\rangle$  per tidal day requires predicting the next two high tides. For that reason, each day's  $\langle\iota\alpha\rangle$  are based on the length of the *previous* tidal day, such that each day might have more or less than 23  $\langle\iota\alpha\rangle$ .

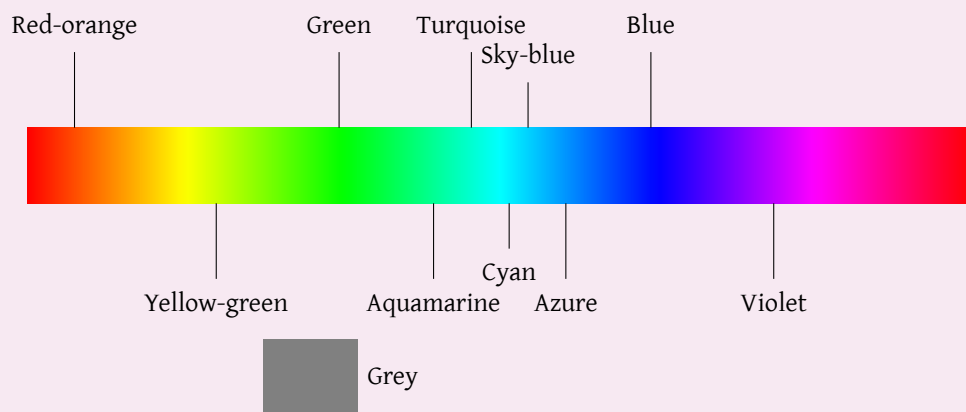




## 11 | Miscellanea

### 11.1 | Colour

aaaaaaaaA 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.

aaaaaaaaA works with colour *transitions*, not static colours, and uses abstract nouns to represent them. See table 11.1.

Table 11.1: Colour transitions in aaaaaaaaaA. Each row represents a different starting colour; each column represents a different ending colour.

	RO	YG	Gn	Aq	Tu	Cy	SB	Az	Bl	Vi	Gy
RO	hij	deI	o <sup>u</sup> en	ail	j <sup>h</sup> cμ	dəl	be <sup>o</sup> f	ɔil	o <sup>l</sup> o <sup>e</sup> d	fen <sup>ʰ</sup>	ɔc
YG	ɔo <sup>e</sup> f	μə <sup>o</sup> ɔ	hɔ <sup>e</sup> d	o <sup>c</sup> əI	n <sup>ʰ</sup> c <sup>o</sup> j	fəl	n <sup>u</sup> μ	o <sup>h</sup> ef	fje <sup>o</sup> n <sup>u</sup>	yed	də <sup>o</sup>
Gn	f <sup>u</sup> ɔ <sup>e</sup> n	o <sup>l</sup> ef <sup>u</sup>	seI	ɾəɔ	ʷɔ <sup>e</sup> f	nə <sup>c</sup> I	bɔn <sup>u</sup>	le <sup>o</sup> f <sup>u</sup>	j <sup>c</sup> əI	j <sup>h</sup> ə <sup>o</sup> j	ɔ
Aq	j <sup>h</sup> μ	fəμ	μc <sup>ə</sup> ɔ	o <sup>c</sup> I	f <sup>u</sup> əl	.ə <sup>c</sup> I	fɔμ	ɔμɔ	noed	fɾɪd	be <sup>o</sup>
Tu	oə <sup>c</sup> I	n <sup>ʰ</sup> ə <sup>o</sup> j	leI	o <sup>u</sup> c <sup>ə</sup> μ	ɔyən	μc <sup>j</sup>	hɔɔ	f <sup>u</sup> el	joc <sup>f</sup>	oə <sup>o</sup> μ	ɾə
Cy	bc <sup>ə</sup> μ	o <sup>o</sup> ə <sup>f</sup>	nc <sup>o</sup> μ	.c <sup>f</sup>	ɾə <sup>c</sup> j	bɾel	fɔ <sup>c</sup> I	n <sup>u</sup> il	oμcn	bə <sup>c</sup> f	nɔ
SB	ɔɔI	n <sup>u</sup> il	de <sup>o</sup> n <sup>u</sup>	fle <sup>o</sup> I	o <sup>l</sup> e <sup>o</sup> ɔ	fə <sup>o</sup> μ	oid	j <sup>h</sup> μɔd	den	ɾcɔ	f <sup>j</sup> c <sup>ə</sup>
Az	ɔμ	j <sup>c</sup> əI	ɔɔ	ʷɾe <sup>o</sup> j	oɔo <sup>e</sup> μ	n <sup>u</sup> if	oμe <sup>o</sup> f <sup>u</sup>	o <sup>c</sup> j	f <sup>c</sup> μ	μəɔ	oi
Bl	hef <sup>u</sup>	fjɔn <sup>u</sup>	o <sup>h</sup> əμ	n <sup>u</sup> o <sup>e</sup> f <sup>u</sup>	o <sup>h</sup> yə <sup>c</sup> I	j <sup>h</sup> μə <sup>c</sup> n	bɔ <sup>e</sup> n	oə <sup>c</sup> I	hɪl	ɔc <sup>ə</sup> n <sup>ʰ</sup>	yə <sup>o</sup>
Vi	o <sup>o</sup> e <sup>n</sup> ʰ	o <sup>o</sup> e <sup>f</sup> u	o <sup>c</sup> j	oμif <sup>u</sup>	f <sup>c</sup> ɔI	ɔc <sup>o</sup> I	μə <sup>c</sup> f <sup>u</sup>	ɾc <sup>ə</sup> f <sup>u</sup>	ʷən <sup>ʰ</sup>	hɔn	ai
Gy	oɔ	bc <sup>ə</sup>	le	də	μe	j <sup>c</sup>	fjɪ	yɪ	o <sup>h</sup> e	j <sup>h</sup> c	.c <sup>j</sup>

## A | Listings of programs

### A.1 | workfiles/7/tides.sage

```
1 # How many values to output
2
3 limit = int(sys.argv[1]) if len(sys.argv) > 1 else 1000
4
5 # :P
6
7 tau = 2 * pi
8
9 t = var("t")
10
11 # Constants
12
13 A_s = 0.675; A_sa = 0.0532; A_m = 1.267; A_ma = 0.176; l_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 -
19             2 * tau * t)
20 y = y_s2 + y_m2
21 yp = diff(y, t)
22
23 # High and low tides occur at values of t where dy/dt = 0.
24
25 i = 0
26 time = 0
27 print(0)
28 while i < limit:
29     try:
30         time2 = find_root(yp == 0, time + 0.000000001, time + 0.35)
31         print(time2)
32         time = time2
33         i += 1
34     except:
35         time += 0.01
```

workfiles/7/tides.sage

## A.2 | workfiles/7/bins.pl6

```

1  # CONSTANTS
2
3  constant \MONTHS_PER_YEAR_CYCLE = 7215;
4  constant \YEARS_PER_YEAR_CYCLE = 736;
5  constant \AVG_MONTHS_PER_YEAR = MONTHS_PER_YEAR_CYCLE /
   YEARS_PER_YEAR_CYCLE;
6
7  # COMPUTATION
8  # For each year, take as many months as are needed
9  # in order to cycle to the next.
10
11 my $c = 0;
12 my @k;
13
14 for 0 ..^ YEARS_PER_YEAR_CYCLE -> $i {
15   my $need = 1 - ($c - floor($c));
16   my $objs = ceiling($need * AVG_MONTHS_PER_YEAR);
17   @k[$i] = $objs;
18   $c += $objs / AVG_MONTHS_PER_YEAR;
19 }
20
21 # DISPLAY
22
23 my \cols = 4;
24 my $len = @k.elems;
25
26 say ("    0123456789" xx cols).join(" | ");
27
28 my \total-rows = ceiling($len / 10);
29 my \rows = ceiling(total-rows / cols);
30
31 for 0 ..^ rows -> $j {
32   for 0 ..^ cols -> $p {
33     print(" | ") if $p != 0;
34     my $q = $j + rows * $p;
35     next if $q >= total-rows;
36     printf("%3d ", $q);
37     for 0 ..^ 10 {
38       my $i = 10 * $q + $_;
39       if $i >= $len { print " "; }
40       else {
41         print "0123456789XE".substr(@k[$i], 1);
42       }
43     }
44   }
45   say "";
46 }

```

workfiles/7/bins.pl6

## A.3 | workfiles/7/conno.pl6

```

1 my $digits-str = "0123456789TKXSNVFM";
2 my @digits = $digits-str.comb;
3
4 sub convert-small-fwd($n, $pad = False) {
5     die "$n must be < 4199" if $n >= 4199;
6     my $a = $n div (19 * 17);
7     my $b = ($n div 17) % 19;
8     my $c = $n % 17;
9     return
10         (!$pad && $a == 0 ?? "" !! @digits[$a]) ~
11         (!$pad && $b == 0 && $a == 0 ?? "" !! @digits[$b]) ~
12         @digits[$c];
13 }
14
15 sub convert-small-back($s) {
16     die "$s must be 3 chars or fewer" if $s.chars > 3;
17     my $c = $digits-str.index($s.substr(* - 1, 1) // "0");
18     my $b = $digits-str.index($s.substr(* - 2, 1) // "0");
19     my $a = $digits-str.index($s.substr(* - 3, 1) // "0");
20     return $c + 17 * ($b + 19 * $a);
21 }
22
23 sub triangle($n, $p) {
24     return ($n * (2 * $p + 1 - $n)) div 2;
25 }
26
27 sub sqrt-floor($y) {
28     die "$y is negative" if $y < 0;
29     return $y if $y < 2;
30     my $small = sqrt-floor($y +> 2) +< 1;
31     my $large = $small + 1;
32     return $small if $large * $large > $y;
33     return $large;
34 }
35
36 sub sqrt-ceil($y) {
37     my $n = sqrt-floor($y);
38     return $n if $n * $n == $y;
39     return $n + 1;
40 }
41
42 sub untriangle($y, $p) {
43     return (2 * $p + 1 - sqrt-ceil(4 * $p * $p + 4 * $p - 8 * $y + 1))
44         div 2;
45 }
46
47 my @powers = (4199);
48
49 for 0 .. 10 {
50     my $p = @powers[* - 1];
51     @powers.push: $p * ($p + 1) div 2;
52 }
53
54 sub convert-large-fwd-h($n, $i, $pad = False) {

```

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53 # base case
54 if $i == 0 {
55     return convert-small-fwd($n, $pad);
56 }
57 # recursive
58 my $super = untriangle($n, @powers[$i - 1]);
59 my $infra = $n - triangle($super, @powers[$i - 1]);
60 if $super == 0 && !$pad {
61     return convert-large-fwd-h($infra, $i - 1, False);
62 }
63 return
64     convert-large-fwd-h($super, $i - 1, $pad) ~
65     (":" x $i) ~
66     convert-large-fwd-h($infra, $i - 1, True);
67 }
68
69 sub convert-large-fwd($n, $pad = False) {
70     my $i = 0;
71     ++$i while @powers[$i] <= $n;
72     convert-large-fwd-h($n, $i, $pad);
73 }
74
75 sub convert-large-back($s) {
76     # Find the longest run of colons
77     my @matches = ($s =~ m:g/"+"+); #/"
78     if (!@matches) {
79         return convert-small-back($s);
80     }
81     my $longest-match = @matches.max(*.chars);
82     my $i = (~$longest-match).chars;
83     my $left = $s.substr(0, $longest-match.from);
84     my $right = $s.substr($longest-match.to);
85     my $sup = convert-large-back($left);
86     my $inf = convert-large-back($right);
87     return triangle($sup, @powers[$i - 1]) + $inf;
88 }
89
90 multi MAIN(Int :$fwd) {
91     say convert-large-fwd($fwd);
92 }
93 multi MAIN(Str :$back) {
94     say convert-large-back($back);
95 }

```

workfiles/7/conno.pl6

#### A.4 | workfiles/7/count-days.pl6

```

1 # Count the number of days between 1/0/0 and D/M/Y, inclusive.
2
3 # CONSTANTS
4
5 constant \MONTHS_PER_YEAR_CYCLE = 7215;
6 constant \YEARS_PER_YEAR_CYCLE = 736;

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7 constant \AVG_MONTHS_PER_YEAR = MONTHS_PER_YEAR_CYCLE /
  YEARS_PER_YEAR_CYCLE;
8 constant \MONTHS_PER_MONTH_CYCLE = 136;
9 constant \DAYS_PER_MONTH_CYCLE = 4053;
10
11 # COMPUTATION
12 # For each year, take as many months as are needed
13 # in order to cycle to the next.
14
15 my $c = 0;
16 my @k = (0);
17
18 for 0 ..^ YEARS_PER_YEAR_CYCLE -> $i {
19   my $need = 1 - ($c - floor($c));
20   my $objs = ceiling($need * AVG_MONTHS_PER_YEAR);
21   @k[$i + 1] = $objs;
22   $c += $objs / AVG_MONTHS_PER_YEAR;
23 }
24
25 my @cumk = [\+] @k;
26
27 sub months-before-year($year) {
28   my $whole-cycles = $year div YEARS_PER_YEAR_CYCLE;
29   my $remainder = $year % YEARS_PER_YEAR_CYCLE;
30   return $whole-cycles * MONTHS_PER_YEAR_CYCLE + @cumk[$remainder];
31 }
32
33 my @m = (0);
34
35 for 0 ..^ MONTHS_PER_MONTH_CYCLE -> $i {
36   @m.push: ($i % 5 == 2) ?? 29 !! 30;
37 }
38
39 my @cumm = [\+] @m;
40
41 sub days-before-month($month) {
42   my $whole-cycles = $month div MONTHS_PER_MONTH_CYCLE;
43   my $remainder = $month % MONTHS_PER_MONTH_CYCLE;
44   return $whole-cycles * DAYS_PER_MONTH_CYCLE + @cumm[$remainder];
45 }
46
47 sub days-before-date($d2, $m, $y) {
48   my $d = $d2 - 1; # d is 0-indexed
49   my $bm = months-before-year($y) + $m;
50   return days-before-month($bm) + $d;
51 }
52
53 sub MAIN($d2, $m, $y) {
54   say days-before-date($d2, $m, $y);
55 }

```

workfiles/7/count-days.pl6





## B | Arithmetic in base $v$

This chapter describes algorithms for performing arithmetic operations in Lek-Tsaro's number system.

### B.1 | Operations on small numbers

#### B.1.1 | Additions

If both addends are smaller than 4199, then it is sufficient to use mixed-base addition:

$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{0}1 \\ \phantom{0}0 \phantom{0} F \phantom{0} L \\ \phantom{0}9 \phantom{0} ? \phantom{0} A \\ \hline \phantom{0}F \phantom{0} A \phantom{0} ? \\ \phantom{0}1 \phantom{0} 1 \\ \phantom{0} \phantom{0} J \phantom{0} ? \phantom{0} \uparrow \\ \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \text{£} \phantom{0} \Psi \phantom{0} ? \\ \hline \phantom{0}1 \phantom{0} J \phantom{0} 0 \phantom{0} \Delta \end{array}$$

#### B.1.2 | Subtraction

If both of the operands are smaller than 4199, then it is sufficient to use mixed-base subtraction.

$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{0} ? \phantom{0} 1? \\ \phantom{0} \cancel{9} \phantom{0} ? \phantom{0} A \\ \phantom{0} 0 \phantom{0} F \phantom{0} L \\ \hline \phantom{0} J \phantom{0} \text{£} \phantom{0} \uparrow \end{array}$$

#### B.1.3 | Determining parity

A number less than 4199 is even iff the sum of its digits in base  $v$  is even – that is, either none of its digits are odd, or if exactly two are.

### B.1.4 | Dividing by two

If a number's base- $v$  representation contains only even digits, then divide each digit by two.

If the representation has two odd digits, then take advantage of the identities

$$11_v/2 = 9_v$$

$$101_v/2 = 99_v$$

$$110_v/2 = T0_v$$

This operation is written as  $\langle D \rangle$ , short for  $\langle D \psi ne \rangle$  “one half”. Thus, in hacm:

- $D11 = L$
- $D101 = LL$
- $D110 = F0$

### B.1.5 | Multiplication

With the previous two operations, it is now possible to use peasant multiplication to multiply small numbers.

## B.2 | Operations on larger numbers

### B.2.1 | Addition

For some  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , and two numbers number  $a = x_a :^i y_a$  and  $b = x_b :^i y_b$ , we take advantage of the fact that

$$x_a :^i y_a + x_b :^i y_b = (x_a + 1) :^i y_a + (x_b - 1) :^i y_b + (x_a - x_b + 1) \quad (B.1)$$

$$x_a :^i y_a + x_b :^i y_b = (x_a + x_b) :^i y_a + 0 :^i y_b + x_a \cdot x_b \quad (B.2)$$

$$= (x_a + x_b) :^i (y_a + y_b) + x_a \cdot x_b \quad (B.3)$$

## Romanisation

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

Table B.1: The consonants of aaaaaaaaA.

	Bilabial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Nasal	m	n	ɲ	ŋ	
Plosive	p b	t d	tʃ dʃ	k g	ʔ
Fricative	f	s	ʃ	h	
(coarticulated)	ɸh	ɸh		ɸʃ	
Affricate		ts	tʃ		
Lateral fricative		ɬ			
Approximant		r	j	w	
Lateral approximant		l			
Trill		ʀ			

Table B.2: The vowels of aaaaaaaaA.

Spread	Half-rounded	Rounded
i	y	ɥ
ĩ	u	ũ
e		ö
ë		o
a		

Rod signs are represented by the Arabic digits <1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8> attached to the end of the verbs they encompass. Proper words are preceded by a backslash <\>.

<ɲ> should be capitalised as <N> only if one can depend on the majuscule glyph appearing like an N with a hook. Otherwise, it should be spelled <Ng>.



## C | Dictionary

<p> <i>.cɒn ninanim</i> house  <i>.əʔfəɔ nabst</i> sadness, grief         </p>	<p> <i>fəpɪn v</i> rain (S = other)  <i>fəʈɪ nsent</i> coward, knave  <i>fəʈpɔ nined</i> blood vessels         </p>
<p> <i>ḥ</i> </p> <p> <i>ḥɪpɔ ninanim</i> river  <i>ḥɪɪɪn v</i> (S) fights (O)  <i>ḥɪɪɪn v</i> (S) falls on (O)  <i>ḥɪpɔ ninanim</i> flower  <i>ḥɪʔdɪ desc</i> sufficient, wanted, wished-for  <i>ḥɪʔdɪ desc</i> complete, full, mature  <i>ḥɪʔdɪ nsent</i> who?  <i>ḥɪpɔ nabst</i> power, magic, motivation  <i>ḥɪɪɪn v</i> (S) stabs, stings (O)  <i>ḥɪɪɪn v</i> (S) wants (O), benefactive  <i>ḥɪpɔʔ ninanim</i> fruit  <i>ḥɪɪɪn v</i> (S) answers to (O)  <i>ḥɪpɔ nsent</i> child (young person)  <i>ḥɪpɪn v</i> (S) loses, frees (O); (O) escapes  <i>ḥɪpɪ desc</i> heavy  <i>ḥɪpɔ ninanim</i> tree  <i>ḥɪpɔ nined</i> wood  <i>ḥɪɪɪn v</i> (S) buys (O)  <i>ḥɪp.cʔ nedib</i> beef         </p>	<p> <i>ḥɪpɪʔ nsent</i> warrior  <i>ḥɪpɪʔ desc</i> potent, powerful not in a physical sense  <i>ḥɪ.cɪ nabst</i> south  <i>ḥɪɪɪn v</i> (S) makes a loud noise  <i>ḥɪpɪʔcʔ ninanim</i> mirror  <i>ḥɪɪn v</i> (S) is at (O), locational verb  <i>ḥɪn nmeas</i> subdivision of the day cf Grammar / Calendar / Subdivisions of the day / Modern timekeeping  <i>ḥɪpɪʔcʔ ninanim</i> moon  <i>ḥɪpɪ ninanim</i> era  <i>ḥɪpɪ nined</i> stone  <i>ḥɪɪ desc</i> all, every  <i>ḥɪn desc</i> whole, entire  <i>ḥɪʔ.ɪn v</i> (S) needs (O)  <i>ḥɪʔɪ desc</i> old         </p>
<p> <i>ḥ</i> </p> <p> <i>ḥɪpɪʔcʔcʔ v</i> (S) hunts for (O)  <i>ḥɪɪn v</i> (S) shoots an arrow to (O)  <i>ḥɪ nabst</i> nature, disposition         </p>	<p> <i>ḥ</i> </p>

## J

jɿɿɿ *ninanim* ring  
 jcn v (S) is (O)  
 jcncn v (S) attaches to, loves (O)  
 jcne *nmeas* subdivision of the day  
 cf Grammar / Calendar / Subdivisions of  
 the day / Modern timekeeping  
 jc<sup>ə</sup>l *nanim* fox  
 jɔɔ *nmeas* subdivision of the day  
 cf Grammar / Calendar / Subdivisions of  
 the day / Traditional timekeeping  
 jɔ<sup>ə</sup>ɿɿ *ninanim* table  
 je.in v (S) knows (O) answers (last  
 clause)  
 jenin v (S) is worried by (O)  
 jea<sup>l</sup>c *nabst* daytime  
 jerɿɿcn *ninanim* essay  
 je<sup>ə</sup>ɿle *ninanim* land, country  
 jəɿ desc many, again  
 jəɿ *ninanim* day, sun

j<sup>h</sup>

j<sup>h</sup>ɿ.en *nsent* magician  
 j<sup>h</sup>in v (S) goes toward (O)  
 j<sup>h</sup>ɿɿcn v (S) creates (O)  
 j<sup>h</sup>cn *nabst* how many?  
 j<sup>h</sup>e<sup>ə</sup>ncn v (S) befriends (O)  
 j<sup>h</sup>ən *nabst* how much?

## n

nɿɿɿ *nanim* cat  
 ni.cn v (S) waits for/until (O), tem-  
 poral verb, if  
 ni.eɿcn v (S) covers, spans (O)  
 ncɔcn v (S) dances around (O)  
 nchel *ninanim* group, organisation,  
 order  
 nc<sup>ə</sup> *ninanim* point nc<sup>ə</sup>-ɔɿine  
 halfway point  
 nelcn v (S) swims in (O)  
 neɔ desc male

nebin v (S) gives something to (O)  
 nepacn v (S) hides from (O)  
 nepɿɿ desc sudden  
 nel *nabst* nature, temperament,  
 disposition  
 neldɿ *nsent* mind, brain  
 nə<sup>ə</sup>nɿn v (S) kills (O), (O) dies  
 nə<sup>ə</sup>bin v (S) steals from (O)  
 nə<sup>ə</sup>ɿɿɔ<sup>ə</sup>n *nsent* thief

n<sup>ə</sup>

n<sup>ə</sup>ɔɿin v (S) thinks, ponders about (O)

## u

u<sup>ə</sup>ɿɔ *nfluid* poison

## a

aɿen<sup>ɿe</sup> *ninanim* coin  
 acjcn v (S) obeys (O)  
 acn v (S) joins (O), and  
 acnɿ desc early  
 acɿcn v touch  
 acɿe *nabst* what  
 ac<sup>ə</sup>l desc female  
 aɔ<sup>ə</sup>ɿɔ<sup>ə</sup> *ninanim* spoon  
 aehcn v (S) plays with (O)  
 aeocn v stand, get up  
 aə<sup>ə</sup> *ninanim* event, occurrence

a<sup>l</sup>

a<sup>l</sup>ɿe *nabst* quote, words, speech  
 a<sup>l</sup>e *ninanim* what  
 a<sup>l</sup>əɿə<sup>ə</sup> *nfluid* water

a<sup>h</sup>

a<sup>h</sup>ə<sup>ə</sup>ɔɔ *nabst* empathy

## D

- ɒɥine *nabst* one half  
 ɒilɪn v (S) eats (O)  
 ɒijɪ *nsent* person  
 ɒɪn *nedib* rice  
 ɒɔɪ *nsent* child (offspring)  
 ɒɔpɒe° *nanim* tongue  
 ɒɔpɔe° *nabst* evening  
 ɒɔɪɪn v (S) produces (O)  
 ɒɔɪɪn v (S) is destroyed to make, for  
 (O)  
 ɒɔe°pɒɒ *nanim* scorpion  
 ɒelɔn v (S) gives birth to (O), (O) is  
 born (S) is not necessarily the mother;  
 this can be either parent  
 ɒejɔn v (S) raises, takes care of,  
 tends to (O)  
 ɒenfe *nabst* morning  
 ɒeaɥɪn v (S) stands on, is on (O)  
 ɒeɥɪn v (S) drowns in (O), (O) fills  
 (S)  
 ɒedi *desc* in return  
 ɒedɔn v (S) succeeds at (O), (S)  
 does something to (O)  
 ɒeɥɔe° *ninam* opposite side  
 ɒel *nmeas* volume in expressions  
 such as ɒel-ɥəjɔe° “cupful”  
 ɒeli *desc* similar  
 ɒelɔn v (S) imitates (O)  
 ɒəɪɪn v (S) recalls (O)  
 ɒən°ɔ *nanim* rabbit

## ɒ

- ɒɪɪɪn v (S) is inside (O)  
 ɒɪɔɔ *ninanim* back (body part)  
 ɒɪbə *nabst* life, existence  
 ɒeleɒ *nfluid* nitrogen  
 ɒeɒɪn v (S) sleeps  
 ɒə°ɥɔ *ninanim* pathway

## ɸ

- ɸɥə°nɪn v (S) laughs at (O)

- ɸoeɥɪn v (S) founds (O)  
 ɸɔɪɪ *desc* well (not sick)  
 ɸɔɥ *nabst* five

## d

- dɪɪɪɪ *nabst* ground, floor  
 dɪɪen *nanim* owl  
 dɪɔn v hold, carry, instrumental  
 verb  
 dɪe°ɒe *ninanim* city  
 dɪɪɪn v (S) sits at (O)  
 dɪɪɪn v (S) dislikes, objects to, disap-  
 proves of (O)  
 dɪɪe *ninanim* landmass, domain  
 dɔɪɪn v (S) chases away (O), (O) flees  
 from (S)  
 deɥɪn v (S) wears, experiences (O)  
 deɪe° *nedib* noodles  
 də.ɔn *nanim* large animal  
 dən°ɪ *ninanim* knee

## b

- bɪne *ninanim* year  
 bɪɪəɪ *nmeas* subdivision of the day  
 cf Grammar / Calendar / Subdivisions of  
 the day / Modern timekeeping  
 bɔɥɔn v (S) walks to (O)  
 bəɥ *nabst* future, next (time period)  
 bə°n°ɪn v (S) succumbs to their im-  
 pulses  
 bə°ɒɔ *nsent* adult person

## h

- hɥɔɔen *ninanim* book  
 hɪ.ɪɥ *nabst* spring (season)  
 hɪɥɔ *ninanim* nose  
 hɪɥe *ninanim* leaf  
 hɪɪe° *ninanim* statue  
 hɔn v (S) claims that (O)  
 hɔɥɔn v (S) is named (O)  
 hɔ°ɒɪ *nedib* food

hɔɫɪ *ninanim* cart  
 heʷɪn v (S) asks for, requests (O)  
 heɖɪ desc large  
 həɖɪ desc evil, malicious

## | ɥ

ɥɪn v (S) sees (O), because  
 ɥɪn[ɔ=jəɥ] (“see the sun”) = “wish”

## | ɳ

ɳɪɲɪn v discipline, punish, constrain  
 ɳɪɳɪn v (S) allows (O)

## | ɸ

ɸɪ.ɕɪn v (S) is beside (O)  
 ɸɪɪ *nined* grass  
 ɸɪɪɪɪ *ninanim* blade of grass  
 ɸɪɪɪn v (S) climbs, rises in (O)  
 ɸɕɪɕɪn v (S) is (O) old  
 ɸɕ<sup>ə</sup>ɪ *ninanim* star  
 ɸeʷɪn v (S) speaks to (O), (S) asks  
 (O)

ɸeʷɕɪn v (S) spreads (O)  
 ɸeɪɪɪ *ninanim* place  
 ɸe<sup>ə</sup>ɪɪ desc friendly, kind, consider-  
 ate, nice  
 ɸəɪɪ desc late  
 ɸəɪɪ<sup>e</sup> *nabst* nighttime  
 ɸəɪɪ<sup>e</sup> *ninanim* cup  
 ɸəɪɪ<sup>c</sup> *nmeas* tidal day  
 ɸəɪɪ<sup>ɕ</sup> *nined* gold

## | s

sɪɖɕ *nfluid* soup  
 sɪɪ *nanim* fish  
 seŋ<sup>ɪ</sup>ɪn v (S) perceives (O) non-  
 visually

## | o

oelje *nined* forest

## | l

leɪ *nabst* language  
 leleɪɪ *ninanim* a language