

Rule-based Surface Realization of Roman

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Abstract

Due to its reliance on contextual information, Functional Grammar (LFG), which categorizes grammatical rules by Barbu and Iovu (2018); Phrase Structure Grammar (PSG) by Popescu (2006) and Monachesi (2001) are weak pronoun systems presented as challenges not only for language learners but also for linguistic models advanced by Popescu (2006) and Cui et al. (2000). Computational processing of Romanian weak pronouns is addressed by Klein (2003) and Chomsky (1965). The present work addresses the challenges of Romanian weak pronouns from a computational perspective. According to their main goals: (1) to present the implementation of a rule-based model for generating contextualized surface forms of Romanian weak pronouns, (2) to describe the base computation of a database of relevant inputs for enhancing surface realization, and (3) to test the effectiveness of the model.

This serves as a proof of concept for demonstrating both the transparency and the effectiveness of a system for representing Romance languages based on an appropriate morphological and syntactic description. Both strong pronouns and weak pronouns

1 Introduction

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Despite extensive research of Romanian literature, Sandhu's
 clitics within various theoretical frameworks that occur
 - including Generative Grammar, and especially, influenced
 red by Dobrovie-Sorin (1999), The *Seo* and *Seo* (and thus

forms are referred to as *secondary forms*.

RWPs occur in a fixed order of up to 12. So for ex. sg. acc
three elements: « You give me the book. »

three clitic positions: *RWP_acc* < *RWP_dat* < *RWP_acc* in clitic clusters (or *give_2_sing_1_impf.oobj.def.sg.acc*), alongside other clitics such as negation,

auxiliary verbs, or adverbial particles (ex. 1). The cluster can occur both in preverbal position (e.g., indicative affirmative sentence, ex. 2) and postverbal position (e.g., imperative sentence, ex. 3), with the exception of negation and adverbial particles which can occur only preverbally.

(1) Nuni le- ai Obligatory sandhi to the pre
 notI_1. call_Ba th a v e c 2.f s g. p r e s
 maid at. the left, occurs if the conte
 morgei ven sandhi to the right is not pres
 «You didn't give them to use any more» form (see Section 3)

(2) Mi le dai item en dsi r f the preceding i
cl_1. scg. ba t p i. w c_2. fsg. p r e s s o an RWP it serves as syllab
acum.
now right most mi RWP (ex. 6). If the ri
« You give them to me now. » most RWP is the only item in the

(3) D - mi - le acum! surface prosthetic form in prev
give_2. slg_1. mpg_3a to how cc t form (nex. 8). In postverbal p
verb functions as the hshyllabi
« Give them to me now! » ex. 9).

(4) Le dai mere. The RWP underlying, in forms
cl_3. gli. da_2. appl. pres. 1. acc. 1. death. inhibit a special behavior
«You give apples to them.» as single RWPs, thus in both t

Romanian exhibits variability and the most significant, they suggest that the complexity that complicates the interpretation of the RWP data, such as case syncretism and ambiguity of the accusative (2) and dative (4). In other clu

4) plural, part-of-speech, nominative, surface forms re the dative-referential, the underlining forms.

tion «and» in ex. 5), phoneme-grapheme specificity in contextual condition ambiguity (syllabic form in ex. 6) and a syllabic form in ex. 7).

labic form wɪltɪhna(ɣl.i.ɖ), and we VPs can undergo optional
 as hyphen ambiguity (markings at syllable boundary index (as)
 mi-iŋ ex. 7 vs. marking of postverbal syllable reduction is n
 mi-iln ex. 3).

(5) i le cump r following item, to the right,
cl_3. sg. cl. B. perf. pres following item starts with an
i le (ex 11). Similarly, some RWP
and_coln_j3. sg. cl. B. perf. acc off length one can optionally a
revinde.
resell_3. sg. pres ceding item, to the left, if th
«He/she buys them for him-/herself and resells them» indeed vowel
them for him-/herself» 12). In the same context, the

(6) Mi - l dai . surface as an i - ipmiont h 3 t i c f o r
cl _ 1 . scg _ 3 Ba ts gg . iavce . 2m sg . pr (e s) e aduci mere
« You give it to me . » cl _ 3 mbr iant 2 am m m m d . acc

(7) Mi - o dai .
cl_1. sg. 3ats give cl_2.fsg. pres (1) e- aduci mere
« You give her/it to me. » cl_3. plr.indat 2.appl.per.pss. acc

Number	Accusative						Dative				
	1p	2p	3p.m	3p.f	3p.ref		1p	2p	3p.m	3p.f	3p
Sg	/m /	/te/	/lu/	/o/	/se/		/mi /	/ts/	/su/	/i/	/i/
Pl	/ne/	/v /	/i/	/le/	/se/		/nii/	/vi-/	/i/	/i/	/i/

Tabela 1: Underlying forms as input for the surface form «to be»

```

Syllabic_RWP .#. Syllabic_RWP
define Remove_Vowel
(DeleteLowV_RWP | DeleteHighV_RWP) -> (".")
/ [aeiou] _ )
/ .#. Is_Obligatory_Host;
define Substitute_Form
"ni" -> "ne" / _ Rightmost_RWP .#. ||
"vi" -> "v " / _ Rightmost_RWP
"li" -> "le" / _ Rightmost_RWP
define Add_Right_Hyphen_Rightmost_RWP ->
_ Is_Obligatory_Host;
define Asyllabic_Transformation
|| Substitute_Form || Add_Right_Hyphen
regex Asyllabic_Transformation;

```

First, groups of items with identical behavior are defined within its specific context the same orthographic string is added to the keys- syllabic and asyllabic. The following operations are performed: DeleteLowV_RWP delete a vowel, changing a vowel as asyllabic forms, as example: *ni* -> *ne*, adding *Remove_Vowel* to the *HighV_RWP* adding postverbal hyphens change they form according to the expected input. *Substitute_Form* forming the new semantic linguistic information case syncretism. In a given context. During the

The positional information is the first check RWP is the rightmost in each item and applies the constraint modeled by *Rightmost_RWP* obligatory sandhi to the right, the most RWP is not followed by a vowel by RWP, optional which is expressed using *Is_Obligatory_Host*. In the context of the imperative forms may the right *Add_Right_Hyphen* context. If no sandhi constraint that the correct orthographic forms are produced as surface forms. *ged*.

4 Model implementation Since the main task of this proof of concept - namely, to that the linguistic description While the XFST grammar is implemented (2022) can be implemented in the previous section is a practical source software for linguistic phenomena described by the Python translated into XFST rules, this task is implemented by the implementation has been done in the Python and by the are some non-negligible parts of the linguistic and of specific tokens in context, the structure can also be adapted

- Python allows for more implementations.

<https://spacy.io/>

Feature	Preverbal forms	Postverbal forms	Example
RWP sequence length	L1 280 L2 79 L3 16	L1 71 L2 31 L3 7	Postverbal L2 D - mi - le acum! « Give them to me now! »
i - prothetic contexts (Only preverbal L1)	Obligatory forms 25	Obligatory forms i - prothetic forms no i - prothetic forms	Optional i - prothetic form De ce i mi dai mere? « Why are you giving me apples? »
Noi - prothetic contexts	Obligatory forms 263	Optional sandhi contexts RWP as syllabic host Context item as syllabic host	Obligatory RWP forms De ce mi le dai? « Why are you giving them to me? »
Optional sandhi contexts with RWP as possible syllabic host	Syllabic contexts 15	Optional sandhi contexts 17	RWP as syllabic host N - o v d bine. « I don't see her / it well. »
Optional sandhi contexts with context item as possible syllabic host	Syllabic RWP forms 25	Optional sandhi contexts 25	Context item as syllabic host El ne - arat muzeul. « He shows us the museum. »

Tabela 2: Distribution of RWP features of target sentences

put database is to establish a global framework for automatic functions for fair comparison and evaluation of models. The database is designed to simplify the process of comparing different models and GPT-based approaches.

6 Feature annotation and validation

The model relies on fine-grained information about both the item and its context, which is provided by the input data being linguistically annotated accordingly.

As already mentioned, the entire set of 352 input sentences used for several reasons:

- it offers multi-lingual support (75 languages, including Romanian)
- it offers a hybrid approach that supports both machine learning models and linguistic rules;
- it is highly customizable (e.g., via CustomTokenAttribute).

To address both obligatory and optional sandhi in RWP surface space.

As with the development of any other module, the implementation of the RWP surface generation module involved careful linguistic patterns were accurately identified and added. Each iteration required revisiting the annotations, adding new ones, and addressing issues.

²<https://spacy.io/models/ro> The spaCy-annotated, manual

```
"ex021": {
  "ex021_input": "Arată ni muzeul!",
  "ex021_source": "Arată-ne muzeul!",
  "targets": {
    "ex021_t01": "Arată-ne muzeul!"
  }
}
```

Figura 2: Database entry 1 with one target

```
"ex049": {
  "ex049_input": "De ce i dai mere?",
  "ex049_source": "De ce îi dai mere?",
  "targets": {
    "ex049_t01": "De ce îi dai mere?",
    "ex049_t02": "De ce-i dai mere?"
  }
}
```

Figura 3: Database entry 2 with two targets

```
"ex242": {
  "ex242_input": "O împuşcă în inimă.",
  "ex242_source": "O împuşcă în inimă.",
  "targets": {
    "ex242_t01": "O împuşcă în inimă.",
    "ex242_t02": "O-mpuşcă în inimă.",
    "ex242_t03": "O împuşcă-n inimă.",
    "ex242_t04": "O-mpuşcă-n inimă."
  }
}
```

Figura 4: Database entry 3 with four targets

tput strings then comprises a combinations of these token surface of overgeneration are filtered step of processing, as illustrated and 4. below.

```
<060> . . . . .
[ 4 tokens] Du te încolo !
[[' Du' ], [ '-te' , '-te- ' ] ,
[ ' încolo' , '-ncolo' ] , [ '!' ] ]
1. ( ' Du' , '-te- ' , ' încolo' , '!' )
2. ( ' Du' , '-te' , '-ncolo' , '!' )
3. ( ' Du' , '-te- ' , ' încolo' , '!' )
4. ( ' Du' , '-te- ' , '-ncolo' , '!' )
. . . . .
```

The remaining correct output strings are checked against the target corresponding database entry in Figure

```
"ex060": {
  "ex060_input": "Du te încolo!",
  "ex060_source": "Du-te încolo!",
  "targets": {
    "ex060_t01": "Du-te încolo!",
    "ex060_t02": "Du-te-ncolo!"
  }
}
```

Figura 5: Entry with optional targets

mini-corpus based on the input data is loaded and used to re-analyze the input, so that the linguistic features needed for RWP surface generation are available for the application of the rules. Finally, the output is checked against the corresponding set of targets (see Figures 2-4).

Since this implementation is only a proof of concept - for immediate context checking -, I kept the processing as simple as possible. This simplicity means that the module has a stateless design, generating memory. While it does not retain information about the previously generated form of the current token, nor of the previously generated neighboring tokens. In standard Romanian orthography, hyphenation can denote sandhi, postverbal clitics, or optional hyphenation in the morphological framework. hyphen may occasionally be generated by the contribution of

For each token, a set of surface forms is systematically generated based on its components. The value of the model

linguistic annotations Bequiradht amde et tGré j menhout,plemented constraints. Clitics in Phonology, Morphology and implementation serves not only as a proof of concept but also as a robust implementation of Gerstenberger. 2018. Validating the model, demonstrating generalization morphological applicability, and realizing word forms of EUROLA dictions align with empirical data. University of La, Romania. Its transparency and proximity to the surface forms, the model is a data-driven model for constraint-based linguistic framework.

Since the resources used in this study are publicly available, the input test data are available and the surface generation module – were generated then. Crossroads: The Creditation and Context of Use of the 35th Edition of the International Phonetic Alphabet of the Spanish Association of Phoneticians. University of La, Romania. For the research community and expand.

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