

Gradient activity results in gradient markedness: A representational account of phonological exceptions

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Main Claim

- 🐼 The assumption of Gradient Symbolic Representations that phonological elements can have different **degrees of activation** allows a unified explanation for patterns of exceptions.
- 🐼 This **representational** explanation for different phonological behaviour dispenses with true ‘exceptionality’: A single phonological grammar and contrasting underlying representations.
- 🐼 Four predictions set this account apart from alternatives:
 - ① Unified account for (non)undergoers and (non)triggers.
 - ② Exceptionality for more than one process.
 - ③ Degrees of exceptionality.
 - ④ Implicational restrictions between exceptionality patterns.

1. Proposal

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Proposal

Gradient Symbolic Representation in Input/Output

Gradient Symbolic Representation in Input/Output (=GSRO)

- all linguistic symbols have **activity** that can **gradiently** differ and 1 is the default activity (Smolensky and Goldrick, 2016; Rosen, 2016)
- any change in activity is a faithfulness violation – different activities result in **gradient violations of faithfulness**
- elements can be gradiently active in the output and thus violate **markedness constraints gradiently**
(Zimmermann, 2017*a,b*; Faust and Smolensky, 2017; Jang, 2019; Walker, 2019)
- grammatical computation modeled inside **Harmonic Grammar** where constraints are weighted (Legendre et al., 1990; Potts et al., 2010)

GSRO: Gradient Constraint Violations

- 🌀 constraints are **violated/satisfied relative to the activity** of the relevant elements
- 🌀 elements preferably have the default activity of 1 (= *WEAK, *STRONG)
- 🌀 e.g. the underlyingly weakly active segment in (1)
 - 🌀 is **easier to delete** than a fully active segment
 - 🌀 is **costly to realize**
 - 🌀 **tolerates more marked structures**

(1) Gradient activity=gradient constraint violations

$b_1a_1t_1-p_{0.5}$	*WEAK 10	MAXS 10	DEPS 10	*CC 10	
a. $b_1a_1t_1p_1$			-0.5	-1	-15
b. $b_1a_1t_1p_{0.5}$	-0.5			-0.75	-12.5
c. $b_1a_1p_{0.5}$	-0.5	-1			-15
👉 d. $b_1a_1t_1$		-0.5			-5

Only fully active S

Faithful realization of weak S

Deletion of fully active S

Deletion of weakly active S

GSRO and Exceptions

- 🔗 if the underlying representation of two morphemes in a language contain identical phonological elements with different degrees of activity, they might show **different phonological behaviour** (=one is described as ‘exception’)
- ➔ ‘exceptions’ in GSRO = **contrastive underlying representations**

Gradient Symbolic Representations: Broader Context

- 🌀 that linguistic elements are not categorical but have strength differences is **not a new** idea
(e.g. Rizzi (1986) and Koster (1986) for functional categories in syntax, Garde (1965): some lexical accent system are based on scalar grades of accent strength,...)
- 🌀 other work on non-categorical elements in **neural networks**
(e.g. Corina (1994) on induction of prosodic categories in neural networks)
- 🌀 can also predict **phonetic gradience**
(e.g. subphonemic gradience in word-final devoicing, nasal place assimilation, flapping (e.g. Braver, 2013), vowel harmony is gradient (McCollum, 2018),...)
- 🌀 **different from a binary** distinction into strong/weak
(Inkelas, 2015; Vaxman, 2016*a,b*; Sande, 2017)
- ➔ here: predictions of **gradient (=numerical) phonological strength in an OT-system** as explanation for ‘exceptional’ behaviour

General Arguments for GSR(O)

1. Embedded in a general **computational architecture for cognition**
(=Gradient Symbolic Computation, Smolensky and Goldrick, 2016)
2. A **unified account** for different exceptional phonological behaviours:
 - 👉 liaison consonants in French (Smolensky and Goldrick, 2016)
 - 👉 semi-regularity of voicing in Japanese Rendaku (Rosen, 2016)
 - 👉 allomorphy in Modern Hebrew (Faust and Smolensky, 2017)
 - 👉 lexical accent in Lithuanian (Kushnir, 2017)
 - 👉 tone sandhi in Oku (Nformi and Worbs, 2017)
 - 👉 tone allomorphy in San Miguel el Grande Mixtec (Zimmermann, 2017*a,b*)
 - 👉 lexical stress in Moses Columbian Salishan (Zimmermann, 2018*d*)
 - 👉 exceptional tone (non)spreading in San Molinos Mixtec (Zimmermann, 2018*b*)
 - 👉 interaction of phonological/lexical gemination/lenition in Italian (Amato, 2018)
 - 👉 compound stress in Sino-Japanese (Rosen, 2018)
 - 👉 (interacting) ghost segments in Welsh (Zimmermann, 2018*c*)
 - 👉 ...

Illustrating Four Predictions of the Model

GSRO: Four Predictions = Four Arguments

- ① A unified account for exceptional (non)undergoers and (non)triggers.
- ② Elements can be exceptional for more than one process.
- ③ There can be different degrees of exceptionality (for the same process within a language).
- ④ Exceptionality patterns within one language underlie implicational restrictions.

① Types of Exceptions: Toy Example

(Classification into undergoers/triggers from Lakoff (1970))

A general phonological rule in Lg1: Parasitic Backness Vowel Harmony

pon-ek → ponok

VH if same height

put-ek → putek

No VH if different height

1. Exceptional non-undergoer

Same height: No VH

pon-et → ponet, *ponot

2. Exceptional non-trigger

Same height: No VH

ton-ek → tonek, *tonok

3. Exceptional undergoer

Different height: VH

put-em → putom, *putem

4. Exceptional trigger

Different height: VH

put-ek → putok, *putek

① Unified Account for Exceptional (Non)Undergoers and (Non)Triggers: Our Toy Example

- (2) a. MAX[BK]
Assign -X violation for every input feature [back]_X without an output correspondent.
- b. SH[BK]
Assign -X violation for every pair of tier-adjacent vowels V_A and V_B with different [±back] specifications where -X is the mean activity $\frac{A+B}{2}$.
- c. SH[BK]_{HI}
Assign -X violation for every pair of tier-adjacent vowels V_A and V_B with the same specification for [±high] but different [±back] specifications where -X is the mean activity $\frac{A+B}{2}$.

① Toy Example: Four Patterns of Exceptionality in GSRO

(3) 'Regular': No VH if diff. height

$p_1u_1t_1-e_1k_1$	MAX[BK]	SH[BK] _{HI}	SH[BK]	
	15	10	10	
☞ a. $p_1u_1t_1e_1k_1$			-1	-10
b. $p_1u_1t_1o_1k_1$	-1			-15

(4) 'Regular': VH if same height

$p_1o_1n_1-e_1k_1$	MAX[BK]	SH[BK] _{HI}	SH[BK]	
	15	10	10	
a. $p_1o_1n_1e_1k_1$		-1	-1	-20
☞ b. $p_1o_1n_1o_1k_1$	-1			-15

① Toy Example: Four Patterns of Exceptionality in GSRO

- (5) Exceptional trigger:
Stronger stem-vowel enforces VH even if different height

$k_1u_3n_1 - e_1k_1$	MAX[BK]	SH[BK] _{HI}	SH[BK]	
	15	10	10	
a. $k_1u_3n_1e_1k_1$			-2	-20
☞ b. $k_1u_3n_1o_1k_1$	-1			-15

- (6) Exceptional non-trigger:
Weaker stem-vowel doesn't enforce VH even if same height

$t_1o_{0.4}n_1 - e_1k_1$	MAX[BK]	SH[BK] _{HI}	SH[BK]	
	15	10	10	
☞ a. $k_1o_{0.4}l_1e_1k_1$		-0.7	-0.7	-14
b. $k_1o_{0.4}l_1o_1k_1$	-1			-15

① Toy Example: Four Patterns of Exceptionality in GSRO

- (7) Exceptional undergoer:
Weaker affix-vowel¹ undergoes VH even if different height

$p_1u_1t_1 - e_{0.4}m_1$	MAX[BK]	SH[BK] _{HI}	SH[BK]	
	15	10	10	
a. $p_1u_1t_1e_{0.4}m_1$			0.7	-7
☞ b. $p_1u_1t_1o_{0.4}m_1$	-0.4			-6

¹ Abbreviation: The feature [-back] is weak, not the segment.

- (8) Exceptional non-undergoer:
Stronger affix-vowel resists VH even if same height

$p_1o_1n_1 - e_3t_1$	MAX[BK]	SH[BK] _{HI}	SH[BK]	
	15	10	10	
☞ a. $p_1o_1n_1e_3t_1$		-2	-2	-40
b. $p_1o_1n_1e_3t_1$	-3			-45

① Four Patterns of Exceptionality and GSRO: Summary

E_{1-x} (=weaker than the 'default' element E_1)

can result in being an exceptional

- undergoer: Not as protected by faithfulness as E_1
- non-undergoer: Not inducing as much markedness violation as E_1
- non-trigger: Not inducing as much markedness violation as E_1

E_{1+x} (=stronger than the 'default' element E_1)

can result in being an exceptional

- undergoer: Inducing more markedness violation than E_1
- non-undergoer: Protected more by faithfulness as E_1
- trigger: Inducing more markedness violation than E_1

① Four Patterns of Exceptionality: Empirical Picture

1. Exceptional non-undergoers

- 🌀 some M-tones resist to undergo a dissimilation into H in Kagwe (Hyman, 2010)
- 🌀 some moras are non-hosts for floating tones in San Miguel el Grande Mixtec (Pike, 1944; McKendry, 2013)
- 🌀 ...

3. Exceptional undergoers

- 🌀 only some vowels undergo V-harmony in Y. Mayan (Krämer, 2003)
- 🌀 only some segments are deleted to avoid a marked structure in, e.g., Nuuchahnulth or Yawelmani (Noske, 1985; Zoll, 1996)
- 🌀 ...

2. Exceptional non-triggers

- 🌀 some vowels do not trigger otherwise regular ATR-harmony in Classical Manchu (Smith, 2017)
- 🌀 some H-tones in Molinos Mixtec don't undergo H-spreading (Hunter and Pike, 1969)
- 🌀 ...

4. Exceptional triggers

- 🌀 some suffixes trigger deletion of a preceding V in Yine (Pater, 2010)
- 🌀 some suffixes trigger raising of a preceding low V in Assamese (Mahanta, 2012)
- 🌀 ...

② Exceptionality for More than one Process

- 🐞 ‘exceptional’ behaviour=activity of a phonological elements in a morpheme representation results in a gradient violation of constraint X
- ➔ it also results in a gradient violation of constraint Y and might result in **‘exceptional’ behaviour for another process**

② Exceptionality for More than one Process: Extending our Toy Example

A general phonological rule in Lg2: Parasitic Backness Vowel Harmony

po-**nek** → ponok

VH if same height

pu-**nek** → punek

No VH if different height

Another general phonological rule in Lg2: Vowel hiatus avoidance

pu-**ok** → pok

Deletion of first V

1. Exceptional **trigger** for VH

Different height: VH

ku-nek → kunok, *kunek

2. Exceptional **non-undergoer** of VD

Vowel hiatus: No deletion

ku-ok → kuok, *kok

② Exceptionality for More than one Process: GSRO

(9) 'Regular': No VH if diff. height

$p_1u_1-n_1e_1k_1$	*VV 28	MAXS 20	MAX[BK] 15	SH[BK] _{HI} 10	SH[BK] 10	
☞ a. $p_1u_1n_1e_1k_1$					-1	-10
b. $p_1u_1n_1o_1k_1$			-1			-15

(10) Exceptional trigger:
Stronger stem-vowel enforces VH even if different height

$k_1u_3-n_1e_1k_1$	*VV 28	MAXS 20	MAX[BK] 15	SH[BK] _{HI} 10	SH[BK] 10	
a. $k_1u_3n_1e_1k_1$					-2	-20
☞ b. $k_1u_3n_1o_1k_1$			-1			-15

② Exceptionality for More than one Process: GSRO

(11) 'Regular': VD to avoid hiatus

$p_1u_1-o_1k_1$	*VV 28	MAXS 20	MAX[BK] 15	SH[BK] _{HI} 10	SH[BK] 10	
a. $p_1u_1o_1k_1$	-1					-28
☞ b. $p_1o_1k_1$		-1				-20

(12) Exceptional non-undergoer:
Stronger stem-vowel resists VD

$k_1u_3-o_1k_1$	*VV 28	MAXS 20	MAX[BK] 15	SH[BK] _{HI} 10	SH[BK] 10	
☞ a. $k_1u_3o_1k_1$	-2					-56
b. $k_1o_1k_1$		-3				-60

② Exceptionality for More than one Process: GSRO

- (13) Exceptional trigger:
Stronger stem-vowel enforces VH even if different height

$k_1u_3 - n_1e_1k_1$	*VV	MAXS	MAX[BK]	SH[BK] _{HI}	SH[BK]	
	28	20	15	10	10	
a. $k_1u_3n_1e_1k_1$					-2	-20
☞ b. $k_1u_3n_1o_1k_1$			-1			-15

- (14) Exceptional non-undergoer: Stronger stem-vowel resists VD

$k_1u_3 - o_1k_1$	*VV	MAXS	MAX[BK]	SH[BK] _{HI}	SH[BK]	
	28	20	15	10	10	
☞ a. $k_1u_3o_1k_1$	-2					-56
b. $k_1o_1k_1$		-3				-60

→ The **same representation** / k_1u_3 / predicts **exceptional behaviour for more than one process** from different gradient constraint violations

② Exceptionality for More than one Process: Empirical Picture

- (15) e.g. exceptional H-realization in *Molinos Mixtec* (*cf. below*)
(Hunter and Pike, 1969; Zimmermann, 2018b)

	is realized	triggers spreading	undergoes spreading
H_1	Y	Y	Y
$H_{0.8}$	O	N	Y

- (16) e.g. exceptional vowel harmony in *Yucatec Mayan*
(Krämer, 2001)

	undergoes full V-hamony	undergoes optional deletion
V_1	N	N
$V_{0.5}$	Y	Y

→ one threshold for two processes

③ Degrees of Exceptionality

- 🔗 true gradience of activity=**multiple thresholds** for ‘exceptional’ behaviour within the same language for the same phonological element

③ Degrees of Exceptionality: A new toy example

Lg3 without backness harmony

pok-el → pokel

No parasitic VH

pok-im → mutel

No non-parasitic VH

Exceptional trigger I

tom-el → tomol, *tomel

Triggers parasitic VH

tom-im → tomim, *tomum

Does not trigger non-parasitic VH

Exceptional trigger II

sop-el → sopol, *sopel

Triggers parasitic VH

sop-im → sopul, *supim

Triggers non-parasitic VH

③ Degrees of Exceptionality: GSRO

(17) 'Regular': No VH if diff. height

$p_1 o_1 k_1 - i_1 m_1$	MAX[BK]	SH[BK] _{HI}	SH[BK]	
	25	10	10	
☞ a. $p_1 o_1 k_1 i_1 m_1$			-1	-10
b. $p_1 o_1 k_1 u_1 m_1$	-1			-25

(18) 'Regular': No VH if same height

$p_1 o_1 k_1 - e_1 l_1$	MAX[BK]	SH[BK] _{HI}	SH[BK]	
	25	10	10	
☞ a. $p_1 o_1 k_1 e_1 l_1$		-1	-1	-20
b. $p_1 o_1 k_1 o_1 l_1$	-1			-25

③ Degrees of Exceptionality: GSRO

(19) Exceptional trigger I: No VH if diff. height


$t_1o_3m_1 - i_1m_1$	MAX[BK]	SH[BK] _{HI}	SH[BK]	
	25	10	10	
☞ a. $t_1o_3m_1i_1m_1$			-2	-20
b. $t_1o_3m_1u_1m_1$	-1			-25

(20) Exceptional trigger I: VH if same height

$t_1o_3m_1 - e_1l_1$	MAX[BK]	SH[BK] _{HI}	SH[BK]	
	25	10	10	
a. $t_1o_3m_1e_1l_1$		-2	-2	-40
☞ b. $t_1o_3m_1o_1l_1$	-1			-25

③ Degrees of Exceptionality: GSRO

(21) Exceptional trigger II: VH if diff. height

$s_1o_5p_1-i_1m_1$	MAX[BK]	SH[BK] _{HI}	SH[BK]	
	25	10	10	
a. $s_1o_5p_1i_1m_1$			-3	-30
 b. $s_1o_5p_1u_1m_1$	-1			-25

(22) Exceptional trigger II: VH if same height

$s_1o_5p_1-e_1l_1$	MAX[BK]	SH[BK] _{HI}	SH[BK]	
	25	10	10	
a. $s_1o_5p_1e_1l_1$		-3	-3	-60
 b. $s_1o_5p_1o_1l_1$	-1			-25

③ Degrees of Exceptionality: Empirical picture

(23) e.g. exceptional /ai/-repair in Finnish (*cf. below*)
 (Anttila, 2002; Pater, 2006)

	is deleted #_i3	assimilates #_i3
a ₁	Y	N
a _{0.8}	O	O
a _{0.6}	N	Y

→ two thresholds for different phonological behaviour for the same phonological element within a language

④ Implicational Relations

- if all exceptionality results from differences in activity of phonological elements, not all imaginable combinations of exceptionality patterns in a language are possible: **Certain exceptionality patterns imply each other**

Thresholds for Exceptionality

(24)

E_{1+x+y} → Exceptional Behaviour X+Y

STRONGER: THRESHOLD 2

E_{1+x} → Exceptional Behaviour X

STRONGER: THRESHOLD 1

E_1 → 'Normal' Behaviour

WEAKER: THRESHOLD 1

E_{1-v} → Exceptional Behaviour V

WEAKER: THRESHOLD 1

E_{1-v-w} → Exceptional Behaviour W

④ Implicational Relations: GSRO and exceptionality patterns

(25) Implicational restriction on exceptionality patterns

If a language L has

- a phonological element of (a) morpheme(s) that shows behavior₁ for process P1 and behavior₂ for process P2
- and (a) morpheme(s) where the same phonological element shows behavior₃ for process P1 and behavior₄ for process P2
- there cannot be (a) morpheme(s) where the same phonological element shows behavior₁ for process P1 and behavior₄ for process P2

(26) Example: Excluded pattern with multiple self-reversing thresholds

	P1	P2
X_{1+X}	Y	N
X_1	N	Y
X_{1-X}	Y	Y

Implicational Relations: Yet Another Toy Example

Language 4 with parasitic VH and hiatus avoidance

po-**nek** → ponok

VH if same height

pu-**nek** → punek

No VH if different height

pu-**ok** → pok

Deletion of first V

1. Exceptional trigger for VH

ku-nek → kunok, *kunek

VH if different height

2. Exceptional non-undergoer of VD and trigger for VH

pu-ok → puok, *pok

No V-deletion to avoid hiatus

pu-nek → punok, *punek

VH if different height

3. Exceptional non-undergoer of VD

tu-ok → tuok, *tok

Deletion of first V

tu-nek → tunek, *tunok

No VH if different height

Language 4 is Impossible in GSRO

(27) Normal: V with activity 1

a. $MAX[BK] > SH[BK]$

No non-parasitic VH

b. $*HIAT > MAXS$

VD

(28) Exceptional 1: V with activity X

a. $X \times SH[BK] > MAX[BK]$

Non-parasitic VH

b. $*HIAT > X \times MAXS$

VD

(29) Exceptional 2: V with activity Y

a. $Y \times SH[BK] > MAX[BK]$

Non-parasitic VH

b. $Y \times MAXS > *HIAT$

No VD

(30) *Exceptional 3: V with activity Z

a. $MAX[BK] > Z \times SH[BK]$

No non-parasitic VH

b. $Z \times MAXS > *HIAT$

No VD

→ **Weighting paradox** ($Z < X$ and $Z > X$; (28) vs. (30))

④ Implicational Relations: The Empirical Picture

	(31) Yine (Lin, 1997 <i>a,b</i> ; Pater, 2010)		(32) Welsh (Zimmermann, 2019 <i>b</i>)		(33) Finnish (Anttila, 2002; Pater, 2006)	
	triggers deletion	undergoes deletion	deletion to avoid coda	realized as default	is deleted # _{i3}	assimilates # _{i3}
V _{1.5}	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
V ₁	N	Y	Y	Y	O	O
V _{0.5}	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y

(34) Lexical accent competition in Moses Columbian Salish

(Czaykowska-Higgins, 1985, 1993*a,b*, 2011; Willett, 2003; Zimmermann, 2018*d*)

	deleted if $\varphi > 0.9$ present	deleted if $\varphi > 0.8$ present	deleted if $\varphi > 0.6$ present	deleted if $\varphi > 0.4$ present
φ_1	N	N	N	N
$\varphi_{0.9}$	N	N	N	Y
$\varphi_{0.8}$	N	N	Y	Y
$\varphi_{0.6}$	N	Y	Y	Y
$\varphi_{0.4}$	Y	Y	Y	Y

→ multiple thresholds that are never **self-reversing**

④ Implicational Relations: The Important Details

🐞 the implicational restriction crucially only holds for the **same phonological elements**

- (35) An apparent counterexample:
Self-reversing thresholds in Yucatec Mayan vowels?
(Krämer, 2001)

	undergoes full VH	optionally deletes	undergoes backness dissimimi- lation	undergoes height dissimimi- lation
V in most suffixes	N	N	N	N
V in some suffixes	Y	Y	N	N
V in some other suffixes	N	N	Y	N
V in one suffix	N	N	N	Y

④ Implicational Relations: The Important Details

but the relevant constraints in Yucatec Mayan do not all refer to vowels, they in fact **refer to three different phonological elements**

(36) GSRO account of Yucatec Mayan

Threshold for *WEAK

	delete	optionally copy V to fill mora
V ₁	N	N
V _{0.5}	Y	Y

Threshold for OCP_{back}

	undergoes back- dissimilation
[±back] ₁	N
[±back] _{0.5}	Y

Threshold for OCP_{high}

	undergoes height- dissimilation
[±high] ₁	N
[±high] _{0.5}	Y

Case studies

Two Case studies illustrating the four predictions

(37)

	① 4 types				② Exc. for more than 1 process	③ Degrees of exceptionality	④ No self-reversing thresholds
	UG	¬UG	T	¬T			
Molinos M.		✓		✓	✓		✓
Finnish	✓		✓			✓	✓

Exceptional H-tones in San Pedro Molinos Mixtec

Exceptional Non-Triggers in San Pedro Molinos Mixtec

- some morphemes are exceptional (optional) non-triggers of H-perturbation and exceptional non-trigger of H-spreading
 - **prediction ② exceptionality for more than one process**

Background: Tones in San Pedro Molinos Mixtec (=MOL)

☞ all the data in the following comes from Hunter and Pike (1969) variety closely related to San Miguel el Grande Mixtec (Cf. Pike (1944); Mak (1950); Hollenbach (2003); McKendry (2013); theoretical accounts in Goldsmith (1990); Tranel (1995); Zimmermann (2018a))

☞ three level tones high (H; á), mid (M; ā), and low (L; à)

(38) Tonal contrasts in MOL (Hunter and Pike, 1969, 27)

tātá-sá

‘my father’

tūtā-sá

‘my firewood’

tūtù-sá

‘my paper’

ʔùù ríkī

‘two woodpeckers’

ʔùù kītī

‘two animals’

ʔùù híí

‘two fists’

Process 1: H-Perturbation

- some morphemes trigger an **additional H** that overwrites underlying M or L of the initial TBU of a following morpheme
(the ‘perturbing’ morphemes found in basically all Otomanguean languages (Dürr, 1987; Pike, 1944; Mak, 1950; Hollenbach, 2003; McKendry, 2013))

(39) H-overwriting

$$XX^H XX \rightarrow XX \mathbf{HX}$$

Process 1: H-Perturbation

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(Hunter and Pike, 1969, 35-36)

M1	M2	Surface	Tones
<i>Non-perturbing morphemes</i>			
a. ʔùʃì 'ten'	rīŋkī 'mouse'	ʔùʃì rīŋkī 'ten mice'	LL MM → LL MM
b. ʔū 'one'	sùʃí ^H 'child'	ʔū sùʃí 'one child'	MM+LM ^H → MM LM
<i>Perturbing morphemes</i>			
c. kùù ^H 'four'	ʃíká 'baskets'	kùù ʃíká 'four baskets'	LL ^H LH → LL HH
d. zāʔā ^H 'chiles'	ʒìʃí 'dry'	zāʔā ʒíʃí 'dry chiles'	MM ^H LH → MM HH
e. síví ^H 'name'	tèē 'man'	síví téē 'name of the man'	HH ^H LM → HH HM
f. kīti ^H 'animal'	kūù 'to die'	kīti kúù 'the animal will die'	MM ^H ML → MM HL

Process 2: H-Spreading after Perturbation

- if a perturbing morpheme precedes a morpheme that ends in an M-toned TBU and is also perturbing, both TBU's of this morpheme become high

(41) H-overwriting and spreading

$$XX^H XM^H \rightarrow XX \text{ HH}$$

Process 2: H-Spreading after Perturbation

(42)

(Hunter and Pike, 1969, 35-36)

	M1	M2	Surface	Tones
<i>H-overwriting and spreading</i>				
a.	síví ^H 'name'	sùtʃí ^H 'child'	síví sútʃí 'name of the child'	HH ^H +LM ^H →HH HH
b.	síví ^H 'name'	kītī ^H 'animal'	síví kítí 'name of the animal'	HH ^H +MM ^H →HH HH
c.	kītī ^H 'animal'	kāā ^H 'to eat'	kītī káá 'the animal will eat'	MM ^H +MM ^H →MM HH
<i>No spreading if M2 is not M-final</i>				
d.	kùù ^H 'four'	zòò ^H 'mont(H)'	kùù zóò 'four months'	LL ^H +LL ^H →LL HL
<i>No spreading if M2 has no floating H</i>				
e.	síví ^H 'name'	tèē 'man'	síví téē 'name of the man'	HH ^H +LM→HH HM

Optionally Perturbing Morphemes as Exceptions

☞ there are three classes of morphemes in MOL:

1. non-perturbing ones: XX
 2. perturbing ones: XX^H
 - trigger H-perturbation
 - trigger H-spreading if they end in an M
 3. **optionally perturbing** ones: $XX^{(H)}$
 - only optionally trigger H-perturbation
 - never trigger H-spreading if they end in an M
- ➔ not optional variation between behaving as morpheme type 1 and 2 but mixture of properties

Optionally Perturbing Morphemes: 1. Optional H-Perturbation

(43)

(Hunter and Pike, 1969, 35-36)

	M1	M2	Surface	Tones
a.	hìkī^(H) 'fist, paw'	tèē 'man'	hìkī téē ~tèē 'the man's fist'	LM ^(H) +LM→LM HM ~LM
b.	hìkī^(H) 'fist, paw'	tʃìʔì 'skunk'	hìkī tʃìʔì~tʃìʔì 'the skunk's paw'	LM ^(H) +LM→LM HM ~LM
c.	ñùtī^(H) 'sand'	ʒìtʃí 'dry'	ñùtī ʒìtʃí~ʒìtʃí 'dry sand'	LM ^(H) +LH→LM HH ~LH

Optionally Perturbing Morphemes: 2. No Trigger for H-Spreading

(44)

(Hunter and Pike, 1969, 36)

	M1	M2	Surface	Tones
	<i>Never a trigger...</i>			
a.	síví ^H 'name'	tʃiʔiʔi ^(H) 'skunk'	síví tʃiʔiʔi 'name of the skunk'	HH ^H +LM ^(H) →HH HM
b.	hìkī ^(H) 'fist, paw'	tʃiʔiʔi ^(H) 'skunk'	hìkī tʃiʔiʔi~tʃiʔiʔi 'the skunk's paw'	LM ^(H) +LM ^(H) →LM HM ~LM
	<i>...but always an undergoer (if realized)</i>			
c.	tʃiʔiʔi ^(H) 'skunk'	kāā ^H 'to eat'	tʃiʔiʔi káá~kāā 'the skunk will eat (it)'	LM ^(H) +MM ^H →LM HH ~MM
d.	hìkī ^(H) 'fist'	sùtʃi ^H 'child'	hìkī sútʃi~sùtʃi 'the child's fist'	LM ^(H) +LM ^H →LM HH ~LM

GSRO Account: Representational Assumption

- Some morphemes in MOL end in an **unassociated (=floating) H-tone**
- The floating H of some morphemes is **fully active**: H_1
- The floating H of other morphemes is **partially active**: $H_{0.4}$
 - the weakly active $H_{0.4}$ is not a bad enough problem for *FLOAT and is not always associated
 - the weakly active $H_{0.4}$ is not a bad enough problem for the markedness constraint *[MH] triggering H-spreading

Additional Assumption: Variation and MaxEnt


- 🌀 optionality is modeled with MaxEnt
(Johnson, 2002; Goldwater and Johnson, 2003; Wilson, 2006)
- ➔ both cases studies happen to involve optional variation – but this optionality is in principle orthogonal to the assumption of gradient activity!
- 🌀 all exemplary weights given are calculated by the UCLA Maxent Grammar Tool (Hayes, 2009)

GSRO Account: Constraints (Yip, 2002)

- (45)
- a. *FLOAT
Assign -X violation for every tone T_1 that is not associated to a TBU where X is the activity of T_1 .
 - b. MAXT
Assign -X violation for any tonal activity X in the input that is not present in the output.
 - c. *CONT
Assign -X violation for every TBU₁ associated to tones T_2 and T_3 where X is the shared activity of TBU₁, T_2 , and T_3 .
 - d. SPEC
Assign -1-X violations for every TBU τ_1 where X is the activity of tone(s) associated to τ_1 .

H-Perturbation: Realization of H₁

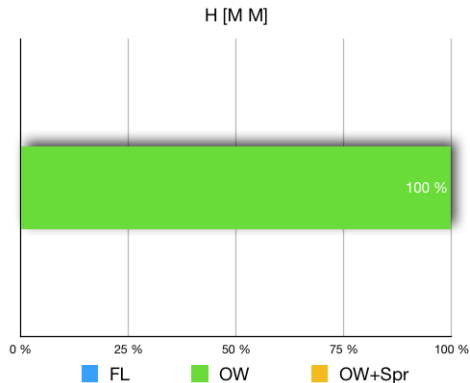
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	$\begin{bmatrix} L_1 & L_1 & H_1 \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & M_1 \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 \end{bmatrix}$	MAXH	*CONT	*FLOAT	MAXT	SPEC	
		100	100	71	24	8	
a.	$\begin{matrix} L_1 & L_1 & H_1 & M_1 & M_1 \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 & & \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 \end{matrix}$			-1			-71
 b.	$\begin{matrix} L_1 & L_1 & H_1 & M_1 \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 \end{matrix}$				-1		-24

MOL: Fully active H_1 is realized: Maxent probabilities

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	H_1	M_1	M_1	H	Probability
	$\left[\begin{array}{c} H_1 \\ \sigma_1 \end{array} \right]$	$\left[\begin{array}{c} M_1 \\ \sigma_1 \end{array} \right]$	$\left[\begin{array}{c} M_1 \\ \sigma_1 \end{array} \right]$		
a.	H_1	M_1	M_1	-71,0	4,20E-21
b.	H_1	M_1	M_1	-24,08	0,9999
c.	H_1	σ_1	σ_1	-48,16	3,49E-11



H-Perturbation: Optional Realization of $H_{0.4}$

(48)

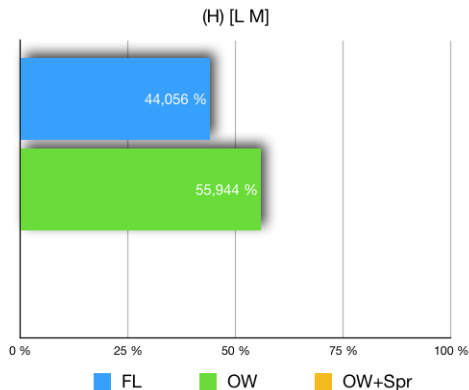
	$\begin{bmatrix} L_1 & MH_{0.4} \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} L_1 & M_1 \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 \end{bmatrix}$	MAXH	*CONT	*FLOAT	MAXT	SPEC	
		100	100	71	24	7	
☞ a.	$\begin{bmatrix} L_1 & M & H_{0.4} & L_1 & M_1 \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 & & \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 \end{bmatrix}$			-0.4			-28.4
☞ b.	$\begin{bmatrix} L_1 & M_1 & H_{0.4} & M_1 \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 & & \sigma_1 \end{bmatrix}$				-1	-0.6	-28.2

$$0.4 \times *FLOAT \sim MAXT + 0.6 \times SPEC$$

MOL: H-Perturbation: Optional Realization of $H_{0.4}$: MaxEnt

(49)

	$H_{0.4}$	$\begin{bmatrix} L_1 & M_1 \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 \end{bmatrix}$	H	Probability
a.	$H_{0.4}$	$\begin{bmatrix} L_1 & M_1 \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 \end{bmatrix}$	-28,4	0,4406
b.	$H_{0.4}$	$\begin{bmatrix} L_1 \\ \sigma_1 \end{bmatrix}$	-28,16	0,5594
c.	$H_{0.4}$	$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 \end{bmatrix}$	-34,5	3,29E-13



H-Spreading is Avoidance of a Marked Tone Sequence

- 🐼 triggered by a markedness constraint against sequences of MH-tones inside a morpheme
(and only spreading of floating H is a possible repair)

- (50) *[MH]
Assign -X violation for every morpheme-internal sequence of M_1 and H_2 where X is the shared activity of M_1 and H_2 .


H-Spreading Triggered by H₁

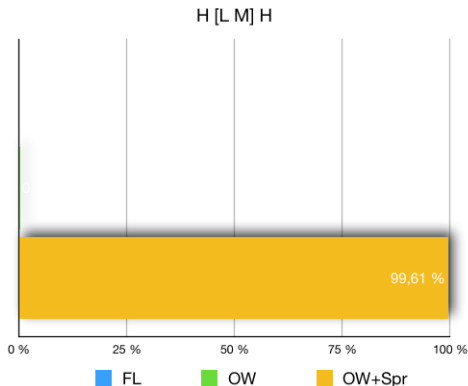
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	$\left[\begin{array}{ccc} H_1 & H_1 & H_1 \\ & & \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{ccc} M_1 & M_1 & H_1 \\ & & \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 \end{array} \right]$	MAXH	*FLOAT	*[MH]	MAXT	
		100	71	28	24	
a.	$\begin{array}{ccccc} H_1 & H_1 & H_1 & M_1 & H_1 \\ & & & & \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 \end{array}$		-1	-1	-1	-123
b.	$\begin{array}{ccccc} H_1 & H_1 & H_1 & & H_1 \\ & & & & \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 \end{array}$		-1		-2	-119

H-Spreading Triggered by H₁: Probabilities

(52)

	$\left[\begin{array}{c} H_1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} L_1 \quad M_1 \quad H_1 \\ \sigma_1 \quad \sigma_1 \end{array} \right]$	H	Probability
a.	$\left[\begin{array}{c} H_1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} L_1 \quad M_1 \quad H_1 \\ \sigma_1 \quad \sigma_1 \end{array} \right]$	-170,06	7,79E-23
b.	$\left[\begin{array}{c} H_1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} M_1 \quad H_1 \\ \sigma_1 \quad \sigma_1 \end{array} \right]$	-124,7	0,0039
 c.	$\left[\begin{array}{c} H_1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} H_1 \\ \sigma_1 \quad \sigma_1 \end{array} \right]$	-119,16	0,9961



No H-Spreading Triggered by Partially Active H_{0.4}

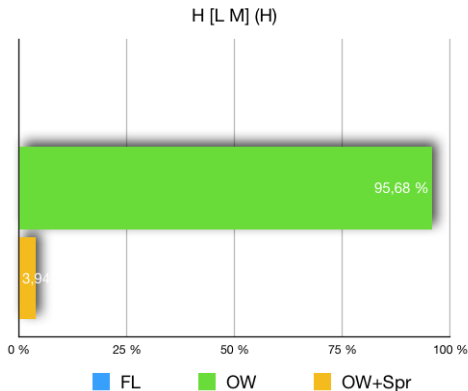
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	$\left[\begin{array}{c} H_1 \\ \sigma_1 \end{array} \right]$	$\left[\begin{array}{cc} L_1 & M_1 \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 \end{array} \right]$	$\left[\begin{array}{c} H_{0.4} \\ \sigma_1 \end{array} \right]$	MAXH	*FLOAT	*[MH]	MAXT	
				100	71	28	24	
a.	$\left[\begin{array}{c} H_1 \\ \sigma_1 \end{array} \right]$	$\left[\begin{array}{c} M_1 \\ \sigma_1 \end{array} \right]$	$\left[\begin{array}{c} H_{0.4} \\ \sigma_1 \end{array} \right]$		-0.4	-0.7	-1	-72
b.	$\left[\begin{array}{c} H_1 \\ \sigma_1 \end{array} \right]$	$\left[\begin{array}{c} \sigma_1 \end{array} \right]$	$\left[\begin{array}{c} H_{0.4} \\ \sigma_1 \end{array} \right]$		-0.4		-2	-76,4

No H-Spreading Triggered by Partially Active $H_{0.4}$: Probabilities

(54)

	H_1 $\left[\begin{array}{cc} L_1 & M_1 \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 \end{array} \right] H_{0.4}$	H	Probability
a.	H_1 L_1 M_1 $H_{0.4}$ σ_1 σ_1	-119,042	1,40E-20
b.	H_1 M_1 $H_{0.4}$ σ_1 σ_1	-73,37	0,9568
c.	H_1 $H_{0.4}$ σ_1 σ_1	-76,56	0,0395



Prediction ②: Exceptionality for Multiple Processes

- the assumption of a partially active $H_{0.4}$ predicts the **two exceptional behaviours** from gradient constraint violations
- MaxEnt correctly predicts that the gradient activity results in both **variable and categorical** exceptionality

Exceptional optional trigger for H-perturbation

(55) Fully active H_1
 $*\text{FLOAT} > \text{MAXT}$

(56) Partially active $H_{0.4}$
 $0.4 \times * \text{FLOAT} \sim \text{MAXT} + 0.6 \times \text{SPEC}$

Exceptional non-trigger for H-spreading

(57) Fully active H_1
 $*[\text{MH}] > \text{MAXT}$

(58) Partially active $H_{0.4}$
 $\text{MAXT} > 0.7 \times *[\text{MH}]$

Prediction ④: Implicational Relations in MOL

- 🌀 two additional exceptional morpheme(s) (classes) 2+4 are possible
- 🌀 exceptional morpheme class 5 is impossible

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		HP	HS	WA: HP	WA:HS
👉 1.	H ₁	✓	✓	*FLOAT > MAXT	*[MH] > MAXT
2.	H _{0.6}	✓	(✓)	0.6×*FLOAT > MAXT + 0.4×SPEC	0.6×*[MH] ~ MAXT
👉 3.	H _{0.4}	(✓)	✗	0.4×*FLOAT ~ MAXT + 0.6×SPEC	MAXT > 0.4×*[MH]
4.	H _{0.2}	✗	✗	MAXT + 0.8×SPEC > 0.2×*FLOAT	MAXT > 0.2×*[MH]
* 5.	H _?	✗	✓	MAXT + (1-?)×SPEC > ?×*FLOAT	?×*[MH] > MAXT

HP=trigger for H-perturbation

✓=yes

HS=trigger for H-spreading (if ending in M)

(✓)=optional

✗=no

Exceptional vowels in Finnish

Exceptional Triggers and Undergoers: Finnish

(Anttila, 2002; Pater, 2006)

- ❧ exceptional repair for heteromorphemic /ai/ sequences
 - ❧ type of repair (assimilation, deletion, or variation between both) is morpheme-specific
- **prediction** ③ **degrees of exceptionality**

Exceptional Triggers: Vowel Assimilation to Avoid /ai/ (Anttila, 2002)

- ☞ certain /i/-initial suffixes (PL/PST) trigger raising of a preceding /a/
- ☞ others (e.g. COND) don't (60-b)

(60)

	underlying	surface		
a.	pala-i	paloi	'burn'-PST	p.4
	tavara-i-ssa	tavaroissa	'thing'-PL-INE	p.5
	kana-i-ssa	kanoissa	'hen'-PL-INE	p.4
	kihara-i-ssa	kiharoissa	'curl'-PL-INE	p.13
	korea-i-ssa	koreoissa	'Korea'-PL-INE	p.13
	kahvi-la-i-ssa	kahviloissa	'cafe'-PL-INE	p.5
	kana-la-i-ssa	kanaloissa	'chicken shed'-PL-INE	p.5
b.	anta-isi	antaisi	'give'-COND	(Pater, 2010, 133)

Exceptional Triggers: Vowel Deletion to Avoid /ai/ (Anttila, 2002)

🌀 for certain morphemes, the exceptional triggers result in deletion of a preceding /a/

(61)

underlying	surface		
otta-i	otti	'take'-PST	p.4
jumala-i-ssa	jumalissa	'God'-PL-INE	p.5
suola-i-ssa	suolissa	'salt'-PL-INE	p.6
kihara-i-ssa	kiharissa	'curly'-PL-INE	p.13
korea-i-ssa	koreissa	'beautiful'-PL-INE	p.13
tutki-va-i-ssa	tutkivissa	'researching'-PL-INE	p.5
anta-va-i-ssa	antavissa	'giving'-PL-INE	p.5

Exceptional Triggers: Alternation between Assimilation and Deletion

- 🌀 for yet other morphemes, the exceptional triggers result in variation between deletion and assimilation

(62)

	underlying	surface	
itara-i-ssa	itaroissa ~ itarissa	'stingy'-PL-INE	p.5
taitta-i	taittoi ~ taitti	'break'-PST	p.6
omena-i-ssa	omenoissa ~ omenissa	'apple'-PL-INE	p.9

Summary: Exceptional Triggers and Undergoers

- 🌀 there are two ‘classes’ of (/i/-initial) suffixes:
 - NT no repair for /ai/-sequences
 - T repair for /ai/-sequences
- 🌀 there are three ‘classes’ of (/a/-final) morphemes:
 - A assimilation before T-suffix
 - D deletion before T-suffix
 - AD assimilation/deletion before T-suffix

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a#-morphemes	outcome	#i-morphemes
A	ai	NT
AD		
D		
A	oi	T
AD	oi ~ i	
D	i	

Caution: Only Half the Story

🌀 phonological regularities/tendencies:

🌀 deletion is more likely after a round vowel

🌀 deletion is more likely after a labial consonant

🌀 phonological generalizations apply exceptionless in underived bisyllabic stems

➔ **Dissimilation** effects: deletion avoids two high/labial sounds

🌀 N's typically assimilate, A's typically delete

GSRO Account in a Nutshell

T vs. NT suffixes

- 🐼 default activity $/i_1/$ doesn't induce enough violation of *ai to trigger repair
- 🐼 higher activity $/i_3/$ results in threshold-crossing violation of *ai that triggers repair

D vs. A vs. AD

- 🐼 default activity $/a_1/$ results in assimilation
- 🐼 lower activity $/a_{0.6}/$ results in deletion: weak segment wants to be avoided
- 🐼 intermediate activity $/a_{0.8}/$ shows variable behaviour

GSRO Account in a Nutshell

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a#	surface	#i
A: /a ₁ /	[a ₁ i ₁]	NT: /i ₁ /
AD: /a _{0.8} /	[a _{0.8} i ₁]	
D: /a _{0.6} /	[a _{0.6} i ₁]	
A: /a ₁ /	[o ₁ i ₃]	T: /i ₃ /
AD: /a _{0.8} /	[o _{0.8} i ₃] ~ [i ₃]	
D: /a _{0.6} /	[i ₃]	

GSRO Account: Constraints

- (65)
- a. *ai
Assign -X violations for every $[i]_X$ with activity X immediately preceded by an [a].
 - b. MAX[LW]
Assign -X violations for every activity X of [+low] that is present in the input but not the output.
 - c. MAX[HI]
Assign -X violations for every activity X of [+high] that is present in the input but not the output.

GSRO Account: Constraints

- (66) a. *WEAK
Assign $-1-X$ violations for every phonological element with activity $X < 1$.
- b. *STRONG
Assign $-X-1$ violations for every phonological element with activity $X > 1$.

Avant: Segments Keep Their Underlying Activity in the Output

(67)

$t_1a_{0.6}$	DEPS 100	*WEAK 41	
☞ a. $t_1a_{0.6}$		-0.4	-16
b. t_1a_1	-0.4		-40

(68)

t_1a_3	MAXV 10	*STRONG 1	
☞ a. t_1a_3		-2	-2
b. t_1a_1	-2		-20

Non-Triggering Suffix and /a₁/

👉 a -1 violation of *ai is not important enough to trigger a repair

(69)

a ₁ i ₁	MAX[HI] 100	*WEAK 41	MAX[LW] 37	*ai 16	MAXV 10	
👉 a. a ₁ i ₁				-1		-16
b. o ₁ i ₁			-1			-37
c. i ₁			-1		-1	-47
d. a ₁ e ₁	-1					-100
e. a ₁	-1				-1	-110

Triggering Suffix and /a₁/

- the violation of *ai caused by a more active /i₃/ crosses the threshold for triggering a repair
- assimilation is optimal since V-deletion implies a superset of violations

(70)

a ₁ i ₃	*WEAK 41	MAX[LW] 37	*ai 16	MAXV 10	
a. a ₁ i ₃			-3		-48
b. o ₁ i ₃		-1			-37
c. i ₁		-1		-1	-47

Triggering Suffix and /a_{0.6}/

🌀 for a weak V, deletion solves the additional problem of avoiding a weak segment

(71)

a _{0.6} i ₃	*WEAK 41	MAX[LW] 37	*ai 16	MAXV 10	
a. a _{0.6} i ₃	-0.4		-3		-64.4
b. o _{0.6} i ₃	-0.4	-1			-53.4
👉 c. i _{0.6}		-1		-0.6	-43

Non-Triggering Suffix and /a_{0.6}/

- no misprediction for weak segments outside of T-suffix-contexts:
marked structure of a weak V is tolerated

(72)

a _{0.6} i ₁	*WEAK 41	MAX[LW] 37	*ai 16	MAXV 10	
☞ a. a _{0.6} i ₁	-0.4		-1		-32.4
b. o _{0.6} i ₁	-0.4	-1			-53.4
c. i ₁		-1		-0.6	-43

Triggering Suffix and /a_{0.8}/

- 🌀 V with a weak activity between those repairs: Optionality between both options*

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a _{0.8} i ₃	*WEAK 41	MAX[LW] 37	*ai 16	MAXV 10		Probability
a. a _{0.8} i ₃	-0.2		-3		-56.2	2.5782981684922935E-6
☞ b. o _{0.8} i ₃	-0.2	-1			-45.2	0.5000118759256124
☞ c. i ₃		-1		-0.8	-45	0.4999830712776138

$$0.2 \times \text{*WEAK} \sim 0.8 \times \text{MAXV}$$

*Tableaux above: Winning candidate had a probability of at least 0.9999.

Recall: Phonological Regularities?

- 🌀 account can easily integrate the account of the phonological conditions from Anttila (2002):
 - 🌀 dissimilation effects follows from OCP constraints like OCP_{ROUND}
 - 🌀 syllable-counting effect follows from domain-specific $OCP_{\text{ROUND}}^{-\varphi}$
 - 🌀 e.g. categorical restriction that deletion after /o/ in even-numbered stems: high-weight of $OCP_{\text{ROUND}}^{-\varphi}$

(Lexical Factors of) Finnish Assimilation/Deletion in GSRO: Summary

Relevant activity thresholds

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i_1 – not enough to trigger a repair to avoid a violation of *ai

i_3 – threshold to avoid *ai

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a_1 – default repair of assimilation

$a_{0.8}$ – variation between assimilation and deletion

$a_{0.6}$ – deletion

(only activity differences for /a/ and /i/ were considered: activity differences for other vowels have no interesting effect (at least not for *ai))

Alternative Accounts of Exceptionality

Lexically Indexed Constraints

(e.g. Ito and Mester, 1990; Golston and Wiese, 1996; Fukazawa, 1999; Pater, 2000; Pater and Coetzee, 2005; Pater, 2006; Flack, 2007; Pater, 2010)

🧩 constraints can exist in versions indexed to (classes of) morphemes that are only violated if the scope of the violation contains material of an indexed morpheme (Pater, 2010)

(76) Exceptional triggers and lexically indexed constraints

The exceptional triggers are indexed to a higher-ranked markedness constraint





SH[BK]_A, SH[BK]_{HI} \gg MAX[BK] \gg SH[BK]

(77) Exceptional non-undergoers and lexically indexed constraints

The exceptional non-undergoers are indexed to a higher-ranked faithfulness constraint

MAX[BK]_B \gg SH[BK]_{HI} \gg MAX[BK] \gg SH[BK]

Lexically Indexed Constraints and Our Four Predictions

- ① Unified account for (non)undergoers and (non)triggers 
 - Exceptional non-triggers/undergoers are complement set of exceptional triggers/non-undergoers (=all 'non-exceptional' morphemes are indexed)
- ② Exceptionality for more than one process 
 - Is a coincidence: Morpheme (class) happens to be indexed to more than one constraint – two different explanations
- ③ Degrees of exceptionality 
 - Fall out from more indexed versions of the same constraint(s)
- ④ Implicational restrictions between exceptionality patterns 
 - Don't exist
 - e.g. $\text{MAXS}_{B, C}, \text{SH}[\text{BK}]_{A, B}, \text{SH}[\text{BK}]_{\text{HI}} \gg \text{MAX}[\text{BK}], *VV \gg \text{SH}[\text{BK}], \text{MAXS}$





Autosegmental Defectivity

(Lieber, 1992; Stonham, 1994; Saba Kirchner, 2010; Trommer, 2011; Bermúdez-Otero, 2012; Bye and Svenonius, 2012; Trommer and Zimmermann, 2014; Zimmermann, 2017c)

🐼 morphemes can be underspecified or overspecified: Floating features/moras/tones, lack of features/moras/tones,...













- (78) Exceptional undergoers and autosegmental defectivity
Morphemes contain underspecified elements and need specification/escape faithfulness: e.g. vowel without [\pm back] feature undergoes non-parasitic harmony
- (79) Exceptional triggers and autosegmental defectivity
Morphemes contain floating/unassociated features, moras, tones: e.g. morphemes with floating [\pm high] feature are triggers for non-parasitic vowel harmony

Autosegmental Defectivity and Our Four Predictions

- ① Unified account for (non)undergoers and (non)triggers 
- ② Exceptionality for more than one process 
 - ➔ Exceptionality is a consequence from contrastive representations
- ③ Degrees of exceptionality 
 - ➔ Severely limited by number of contrasting elements that can be lacking/floating
- ④ Implicational restrictions between exceptionality patterns 
 - ➔ Don't exist; different representational properties (underspecification, floating elements) can freely be combined

Comparison: Three Accounts of Exceptionality

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	LIC	ASD	GSRO
① 4 patterns			
② More than one process			
③ Degrees of exceptionality			
④ Implicational restrictions			

Summary

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- 🌀 the assumption of gradient activity in the output predicts the phonological exceptions from **gradient faithfulness and markedness violations**
- 🌀 four properties of exceptionality patterns easily fall out that are hard to capture under alternatives
- 🌀 outlook: activity differences can not only be a property of underlying representations, they can be derived in the phonology (Trommer, 2018; Zimmermann, 2019a; Walker, 2019)

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