

# Degrees of dominance: Lexical accent typology as argument for gradient representations

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## Main Goals

👉 present results of a **representative empirical survey** of 32 lexical accent languages from 13 language families and 3 isolates that transcends existing empirical evidence:

👉 across languages

👉 within one language (=a full picture including 'exceptions').

(extending the studies in, for example, Revithiadou 1999; Alderete 2001; Vaxman 2016; Yates 2017, or Bogomolets 2020)

👉 show that lexical accent competition is best analysed with **gradient phonological representations** that naturally capture **degrees of accentual dominance** and avoid undergeneration problems alternative accounts face

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## Lexical Accent Competition

(1) Colville (Salishan; Mattina, 1973)

(ul. accent surfaces= V , ul. accent not realized= V , surface accent= V )

a. [ʔá'cəntiʔ] 'Look at it!' (pl.) (M:72)  
ʔa'c-n-t-iʔ

→ No ul. accent: Initial default

b. [xstw í lx] 'He gets better' (M:28)  
xas-t-w í lx

→ One ul. accent: surfaces

c. [x<sup>w</sup> ú kəntx<sup>w</sup>] 'You pull it out' (M:27)  
x<sup>w</sup> ú k-n-t- í x<sup>w</sup>

→ Multiple ul. accents: LMost/root 'wins'

d. [x<sup>w</sup>kn ú nt<sup>w</sup>] 'You managed to pull it out' (M:27)  
x<sup>w</sup> ú k-n ú -n-t- í x<sup>w</sup>

→ Same root 'loses' against different affix

☛ morphemes can be **dominant** and override the expected winner of an **accentual** competition

# A Typology of Lexical Accent

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## A database of lexical accent competition (in progress)

### Our database

- ☛ **theory-neutral** collection of accent competition patterns from descriptive sources
- ☛ includes languages with **competition of underlying prominence** = abstracting away from whether this is stress/tone/'pitch accent'

### Our methodology

- ☛ baseline assumption: binary distinction into **non-accentual** and **accentual** morpheme classes
- ☛ a single parameter **LMost/RMost** decides the accentual morphemes competition (Dec.W.Mc); this **may conflict** with **default** accent
- ☛ a hierarchy of **accentual morpheme classes** is assumed only if the two simple assumptions are insufficient

# The methodology: Finding morpheme classes in a toy example: Hypothesis A

(=Underlying accentedness already determined from combination with accent-less roots/suffixes)

- (2) a. kul-s **ú** – [kuls **ú**]  
 b. kul-p **á** -s **ú** – [kulp **á** su]  
 c. kul-t **ó** -p **á** – [kult **ó** pa]

→ Hypothesis: **RMost**

→ **DomAfx**: pá > sú

→ **ExtraDomAfx**: tó > pá

- (3) Resulting hierarchy of MClasses

1	2	3	4 (unacc)
tó >	pá >	sú >	kul
A1 >	A2 >	A3 >	R1

- (4) Database parameters

N°.Acc.M.Classes:	4
N°.M.Classes	1 root, 3 affix
Dec.within.M.class	RMost

# The methodology: Finding morpheme classes in a toy example: Hypothesis B

- (5) a. kul-s **ú** – [kuls **ú**]  
 b. kul-p **á** -s **ú** – [kulp **á** su]  
 c. kul-t **ó** -p **á** – [kult **ó** pa]
- Hypothesis: **LMost**  
 → LMost  
 → LMost

- (6) Resulting hierarchy of MClasses

1	2 (unacc)
tó, pá, sú	> kul
A1	> R1

- (7) Database parameters

N°.Acc.M.Classes:	2
N°.M.Classes	1 root, 1 affix
Dec.within.M.class	LMost



## The methodology: Finding morpheme classes

- 🍃 we always went for the hypothesis with the **fewest morpheme classes** (i.e. Hypothesis B in our toy example)
- 🍃 the result of applying this algorithm of MClasses is often in **contrast to the surface** generalization  
(e.g. Spokane (Bates and Carlsen, 1989; Carlsen, 1989) is usually described as having a hierarchy of 5 (=3 suffix and 2 root) morpheme classes but ended up having only 2 in our database)

## Some expectations: Predictions of classical theories

		Lexical Phonology (e.g. Halle and Mohanan, 1985)	Head Dominance (Revithiadou, 1999)	Anti-faithfulness (Alderete, 2001)
A. <b>Af<math>\leq</math>3</b>	Affixes can be $\pm$ accentual or 'dominant' accentual.	Restr.A	Restr.A	Restr.A
B. <b>Rt<math>\leq</math>2</b>	Roots can be $\pm$ accentual.	Restr.B		Restr.B
C. <b>HdWin</b>	The accentual property of the morphological head always wins over accentual patterns of non-heads.		Restr.C	

## Evaluating the theoretical predictions

	Af<3	Rt<2	HdWin
Bulgarian	✓	✓	✓
Colville	✓	✓	✓
Greek (Modern)	✓	✓	✓
Hittite	✓	✓	✓
Shuswap	✓	✓	✓
Thompson River Salish	✓	✓	✓
Hidatsa	✓	✓	✓
A'ingae	✓	✓	☹
Choguita Rarámuri (Tarahumara)	✓	☹	☹
Nez Perce	✓	✓	☹
Parabel Selkup	✓	✓	☹
Vedic Sanskrit	✓	☹	☹
Lithuanian (N, infl)	☹	✓	☹
Arapaho	☹	✓	☹
Russian (N,infl)	☹	☹	☹
Sahaptin (Northwest) Yakima	✓	☹	☹
Coastal Bizkaian Basque	✓	☹	✓
Cupeno A	☹	✓	✓
Moses Columbian Salish	☹	☹	✓
Japanese	☹	☹	☹
Chamorro	☹	☹	☹
Ukrainian (N, infl)	☹	☹	☹
<b>Problematic</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>

## The most important empirical findings


- A. there are **degrees of dominance** (independent of status as root, affix, or head), that in many languages lead to co-dependencies between morphemes
  
- B. there are **no patterns where the ‘Outermost morpheme’ necessarily decides the competition**; either LMost or RMost parameter determines the surface accent if more than one accented morpheme is present

## A. Degrees of dominance

- 👉 22 languages require more than 2 classes and 12 require more than 3  
 ➔ some mechanism of (degrees of) dominance is necessary

				Nr	Dec	Def	
1.	Bulgarian	bul	Indo-European	3	LMost	Penult	Dominance
2.	Hittite	hit	Indo-European	3	LMost	LMost	
3.	M. Greek	ell	Indo-European	3	LMost	Antepenult	
4.	Nez Perce	nez	Sahaptian	3	LMost	Penult	
5.	Colville	oka	Salishan	3	LMost	LMost	
6.	Shuswap	shs	Salishan	3	LMost	n.d.	
7.	Parabel Selkup	sel	Uralic	3	LMost	n.d.	
8.	A'ingae	con	-	3	LMost	Penult	
9.	Thompson River Salish	thp	Salishan	3	LMost	RMost	
10.	Hidatsa	hid	Siouan	3	LMost	n.d.	
11.	Chamorro	chw	Austronesian	3	RMost	RMost	
12.	Choguita Rarámuri	tar	Uto-Aztecan	4	LMost	Postin	Degrees of D.
13.	Sahaptin	yak	Sahaptian	4	RMost	n.d.	
14.	Russian (N, infl)	rus	Indo-European	4	LMost	LMost	
15.	Vedic Sanskrit	san	Indo-European	4	LMost	LMost	
16.	Arapaho	arp	Algic	4	RMost	Penult	
17.	Japanese	jpn	Japonic	4	RMost	Antepenult	
18.	Cupeño A	cup	Uto-Aztecan	4	RMost	LMost	
19.	Coastal Bizkaian Basque	eus	-	4	LMost	RMost	
20.	Moses Columbian Salish	thp	Salishan	5	RMost	RMost	
21.	Lithuanian (N, infl)	lit	Indo-European	6	LMost	LMost	
22.	Ukrainian (N, infl)	ukr	Indo-European	7	LMost	LMost	

## A. Degrees of dominance: Co-dependencies between morphemes

 Accent competition in Ukrainian

 LMost wins

	a. sg.acc	b. sg.nom	c. pl.dat
$\sqrt{\text{foot}}$ ( $R_1$ )	n <u>ó</u> h- <u>u</u>	no <u>h</u> - <u>á</u>	no <u>h</u> - <u>ám</u>
$\sqrt{\text{head}}$ ( $R_2$ )	h <u>ó</u> lov- <u>u</u>	h <u>o</u> lov- <u>á</u>	h <u>ó</u> lov- <u>ám</u>

(Pugh and Press, 1999)

(V=underlying accent;  $\dot{V}$ =affix accent surfaces,  $\dot{\dot{V}}$ =stem accent surfaces)

# A. Degrees of dominance: Co-dependencies between morphemes

## Accent competition in Ukrainian

- competition: strongest underlying accent wins
- a >> R<sub>1</sub>/R<sub>2</sub> >> -u


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$\sqrt{foot}$ (R <sub>1</sub> )	n <u>ó</u> h- <u>u</u>	no <u>h</u> - <u>á</u>	no <u>h</u> - <u>ám</u>
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## A. Degrees of dominance: Co-dependencies between morphemes

 Accent competition in Ukrainian

 degrees of dominance

 -a >> R<sub>2</sub> >> -am >> R<sub>1</sub> >> -u

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## B. No Outermostness: Morpheme dominance instead of cyclicity

### 🍷 Nez Perce (Sahaptian; Crook, 1999)

(ul. accent surfaces as main accent= V , ul. accent not realized= V , surface accent= V )

- a. [[hìp] síix ] 'We eat' (Cr:101)  
hip - síix → One ul. accent: surfaces
- b. [[ cikáa ] cìix ] 'We fear' (Cr:101)  
cháaw - cíix → multiple ul. accents: LMost surfaces
- c. [ 'ìmemé [[hìnewi]sìx]] 'You/they are trying' (Cr:133)  
'ìmemée - hínewii - síix → multiple ul. accents: LMost surfaces
- d. [pè[[wỳik] úu ]]se 'he is crossing towards her' (Cr:174)  
pée - wéeyik - úu - see → multiple ul. accents: DOM surfaces

# Theoretical Proposal: Gradient Representations

## Dominance: Alternatives vs. GSR

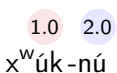


- 👉 various proposals allow (in principle) gradient degrees of accented-ness (e.g. Halle and Vergnaud (1987); Idsardi (1991); Inkelas (2015) or Vaxman (2016))
- our proposal: **OT-implementation**
  - 👉 that is fully parallel
  - 👉 allows all phonological elements to have a gradient presence
  - 👉 predicts all accentual behaviors from a single phonological grammar

## GSR: Background assumption

- ☞ phonological elements can have different underlying **activities** that result in **gradient constraint violations** (Smolensky and Goldrick, 2016; Rosen, 2016)
- differences between ‘accentual morpheme classes’ correspond to **activity differences** in underlying representations (of tones, feet, moras,...)
- one simple mechanism: the **most active one wins**
- ☞ harmony evaluation based on Harmonic Grammar where weighted constraints predict threshold effects (Legendre et al., 1990; Potts et al., 2010)

## Accent competition in GSR

🍂 deletion of the more active element is more costly: **Max** >> **LMost**

		MAX	LMOST	
	 $x^w \acute{u}k - n\acute{u}$	2	1	
👉	a.  $x^w \acute{u}k - n\acute{u}$	-1	-1	-3
	b.  $x^w \acute{u}k - n\acute{u}$	-2		-4

## The paradigm: Feminine, 1st Declination class (Butska, 2002)

		$\sqrt{\text{article}}$	$\sqrt{\text{height}}$	$\sqrt{\text{foot}}$	$\sqrt{\text{head}}$	$\sqrt{\text{base}}$
sg	nom	statt <sup>j</sup> - á	vysot- á	noh- á	hólov- á	osnón -a
	gen	statt <sup>j</sup> - í	vysot- ý	noh- ý	hólov- ý	osnón -y
	dat	statt <sup>j</sup> - í	vysot <sup>j</sup> - í	noz <sup>j</sup> - í	hólov <sup>j</sup> - í	osnón <sup>j</sup> -i
	acc	statt <sup>j</sup> - ú	vysot- ú	nóh -u	hólov -u	osnón -u
	inst	statt <sup>j</sup> - éju	vysot- óju	noh- óju	hólov- óju	osnón -oju
	loc	statt <sup>j</sup> - í	vysot <sup>j</sup> - í	noz <sup>j</sup> - í	hólov <sup>j</sup> - í	osnón <sup>j</sup> -i
	voc	—	vysót -o	nóh -o	hólov -o	osnón -o
pl	nom	statt <sup>j</sup> - í	vysót -y	nóh -y	hólov -y	osnón -y
	gen	statt <sup>j</sup> - éj	vysót-∅	n <sup>j</sup> íh -∅	hólv <sup>j</sup> ív -∅	osnón -∅
	dat	statt <sup>j</sup> - ám	vysót -am	noh- ám	hólov -am	osnón -am
	acc	statt <sup>j</sup> - í	vysót -y	nóh -y	hólov -y	osnón -y
	inst	statt <sup>j</sup> - ámi	vysót -amy	noh- ámy	hólov -amy	osnón -amy
	loc	statt <sup>j</sup> - áx	vysót -ax	noh- áx	hólov -ax	osnón -ax
	voc	—	vysót -y	nóh -y	hólov -y	osnón -y

## The GSR representations

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sg.nom	stattj- á	vysot- á	noh- á	fiolov- á	osnov- a	$H_{1.0}$
sg.gen	stattj- í	vysot- ý	noh- ý	fiolov- ý	osnov- y	
sg.dat	stattj- í	vysotj- í	nozj- í	fiolovj- í	osnovj- i	
sg.inst	stattj- éju	vysot- óju	noh- óju	fiolov- óju	osnov- oju	
sg.loc	stattj- í	vysotj- í	nozj- í	fiolovj- í	osnovj- i	
pl.dat	stattj- ám	vysót -am	noh- ám	fiólov -am	osnov -am	$H_{0.8}$
pl.inst	stattj- ámi	vysót -amy	noh- ámy	fiólov -amy	osnov -amy	
pl.loc	stattj- áx	vysót -ax	noh- áx	fiólov -ax	osnov -ax	
sg.acc	stattj- ú	vysot- ú	nóhí -u	fiólov -u	osnov -u	$H_{0.5}$
sg.voc	–	vysót -o	nóhí -o	fiólov -o	osnov -o	$H_{0.1}$
pl.nom	stattj- í	vysót -y	nóhí -y	fiólov -y	osnov -y	
pl.acc	stattj- í	vysót -y	nóhí -y	fiólov -y	osnov -y	
pl.voc	–	vysót -y	nóhí -y	fiólov -y	osnov -y	
pl.gen	stattj- éj	vysót- $\emptyset$	njífí - $\emptyset$	fioljív - $\emptyset$	osnov - $\emptyset$	

## The GSR analysis: Competition and Coalescence





root →	∅	<b>H<sub>0.2</sub></b>	<b>H<sub>0.6</sub></b>	<b>H<sub>0.8</sub></b>	<b>H<sub>1.0</sub></b>	affix↓
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👉 a single underlying accent: no competition






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-  competition: strongest underlying accent wins 
-  Leftmost accent wins (=if same activity) 
-  coalescence (if sum of activity is 1) and Leftmost default 

# Conclusion

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## Summary and Discussion

- 🍃 our (preliminary) database of lexical accent competition shows
  - A. there are **degrees of dominance** (independent of status as root, affix, of head)
  - B. there are **no patterns where 'Outermost morpheme' necessarily decides** the competition
  
- 🍃 these empirical facts are predicted in an account where all phonological elements can have different **degrees of activity**

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# Appendix

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## Nez Perce

- if multiple accentual prefixes come together, stress is attracted iteratively leftward and the leftmost prefix realizes its accent as a primary stress

(8) [[cúukwè]ce]  
 cúukwe-cee  
 know-inc  
 'I know'

(9) [siléew[[cùkwè]ce]]  
 sléew-cúukwe-cee  
 by.seing-know-inc  
 'I know by seeing'

(10) [sepée[sléew[[cùkwè]ce]]]  
 sepée-sléew-cúukwe-cee  
 caus-by.seing-know-inc  
 'I make you (sg) know by seeing'

(11) [née[sepè[sléew[[cùkwè]ce]]]]  
 nées-sepée-sléew-cúukwe-cee  
 plob-caus-by.seing-know-inc  
 'I make you (pl) know by seeing'

*Crook (1999)[462(420)]*

- there are no multiple accented suffixes and no accented suffixes that structurally outscope an accented prefix (BjorkmanDunbar2016)

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- if multiple accentual suffixes come together the RMost surfaces with the stress; if multiple accentual prefixes come together the LMost realizes its accent

(12) [[shyak]ʔa]anmí táatpas  
 shyák-ʔá-anmí táatpas  
 scout-agt.nzr-gen shirt  
 'the scout's shirt'

*Jansen (2010)[55(8)]*

(13) [[pá[shapa[wina]]ta]  
 pá-shapá-wína-ta  
 inv- caus- go- fut  
 's/he will let him/her go'

*Jansen (2010)[54(7)]*

- however, the accentual suffixes overwrite accentual prefixes

(14) [[ʃapa[ʃuk<sup>w</sup>aa]]ʔá]  
 ʃapa-ʃuk<sup>w</sup>aa-ʔá  
 caus-know-ag.nom  
 'prophet'

*Hargus and Beavert (2006a)[181](13)*

## Chamorro: An instance of 'Outermost'?

- ☞ stress tends to be on the right edge of the prosodic word and is penultimate by default in words in isolation and if suffixes are added
    - a. [finlágu] 'running' → [finalagú-ña] 'his running'
    - b. [bapót] 'ship' → [bapot-níha] 'their ship'
  - ☞ some prefixes (unaccented) do not influence the penultimate default stress (c); some prefixes (accentual) do overwrite the default pattern (d,e)
    - c. [géftaw] 'generous' → [man-géftaw] 'generous' (pl.)
    - d. [mantíka] 'fat' → [mí-mantika] 'abounding in fat'
    - e. [paníti] 'to strike' → [á-paniti] 'to strike an one another'
  - ☞ however, suffix [-ña] wins over accentual prefixes and overwrites the stress pattern
    - g. [mí-mantika] 'abounding in fat' → [mi-mantiká-ña] 'more abounding in fat'
- (Chung, 1983)

## Chamorro: Our database entry

N°.M.Classes:	3
	1 root, 3 affix
Dec.within.M.class	RMost
Default:	penultimate

1	2	3
A1	A2	R1, A3
SfxStr <sub>-nã</sub>	PrfxS	RtU, RtA, PrfxU, SfxS

📖 all sources/theoretical discussions (e.g. Topping, 1968; Chung, 1983, 2020; Kaplan, 2008) only cite *a single example* of a structure where a suffix overwrites the accent of an accented prefix

→ we analyse this as a **dominant suffix**

## Lexical Accent Competition: More 'accentual' morphemes

(15) Greek stress: Masculine nouns (Revithiadou, 1999, 93+94)

- a. anθrop-os → Antepenult default  
 á nθropos 'man'-nom.sg
- b. anθrop-'u → one pre-accenting morpheme  
 anθr'ó pu 'man'-gen.sg
- c. kl í van-'u → stem accent wins  
 kl í vanu 'kiln'-gen.sg
- d. uran'-'u → post-accenting stem wins  
 uran'ú 'sky'-gen.sg

☞ 'accentual' morphemes in (15): accented (15-c), pre-accenting (15-b-d), and post-accenting (15-d)

☞ the type of accentual behaviour required by a morpheme is orthogonal to the **lexical accent competition**