

# Dominance in Inflectional Paradigms

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## 1. Introduction

- (1) morphologically related words can show surprising phonological similarities and dissimilarities (“surprising” = not predicted by a ranking of only markedness and IO-faithfulness constraints)

*How do we formalize these relationships?*

assuming a fully parallel OT:

a.

	similarity	dissimilarity
derivation	OO-faithfulness	-OO-antifaithfulness
inflection	OP-faithfulness	???

- b. OO-faithfulness constraints (Benua 1997): compare derived word to base
- c. -OO-antifaithfulness constraints (Alderete 1999): triggered by dominant affixes (those affixes that cause a base-mutation), demand violation of faithfulness
- d. Optimal Paradigms (OP)-faithfulness constraints (McCarthy 2005): compare (the stems of ) members of an inflectional paradigm (with no base-priority)
- e. *Is there evidence of dissimilarity in inflectional paradigms?*

- (2) Proto-Indo-European (PIE) athematic nouns show evidence of dissimilarity among (the stems of) members of an inflectional paradigm

- a. cannot be analyzed with -OO constraints because dominant affixes do not attach to stems that are actual outputs (words)
- b. cannot be analyzed with REALIZEMORPHEME (Kurisu 2001) because the members of the paradigm display multiple differences, any of which would satisfy RM
- c. a new type of antifaithfulness constraint can replace the ?s above: -OP antifaithfulness constraints

- d. -OP constraints relate only the outputs of members of an inflectional paradigm: stems of members formed with a dominant inflectional affix are required to be different (in the specified way) from stems of members formed with a recessive affix

- (3) summary of talk

- a. PIE data
- b. analysis of weak cases
- c. -OP model
- d. analysis of strong cases
- e. discussion and conclusions

## 2. PIE Athematic Nouns and Accent

- (4) morphological composition of a PIE athematic noun:  
root + derivational suffix + inflectional suffix (ending)  
R + S + E

- (5) athematic nouns: four accent classes<sup>1</sup> (actual data in Appendix A)

	strong cases	weak cases
acrostatic	<u>R</u> SE	<u>R</u> SE
proterokinetic	<u>R</u> SE	R <u>S</u> E
hysterokinetic	R <u>S</u> E	RS <u>E</u>
amphikinetic	<u>R</u> SE	RS <u>E</u>

- a. strong cases (nom, acc, voc) are distinguished from weak cases (dat, gen, instr, abl, loc) by placement of stress,
- b. or by ablaut (for acrostatic nouns, roots have different vowel quality or length between strong and weak forms)

- (6) summary of data

- a. endings (E)
- i. endings are the same for each accent class

<sup>1</sup> The holokinetic accent class and root nouns will not be discussed here. See Frazier (2006a) for their analysis with this system.

- ii. UR proposals:
  - weak endings: accented and *recessive*
  - strong endings: unaccented and *dominant* (cause surprising dissimilarities in the stem/root to which they attach)
- b. proposals about stems (RS)
  - i. roots and suffixes can be underlying accented or unaccented – roots can also be post-accenting (Halle 1997)
  - ii. any type of root can combine with any type of suffix (=6 possible stem types)
- c. accent class is predictable given the UR of the stem (4 surface patterns created from 6 stem types)

### 3. Analysis of Weak Cases

(7) underlying/surface representations for weak cases

	UR	SR
acrostatic	$\acute{R}\acute{S}\acute{E}$ $\acute{R}\acute{S}\acute{E}$	$\acute{R}SE$
proterokinetic	$R\acute{S}\acute{E}$ $R_{pa}\acute{S}\acute{E}$	$RSE$
hysterokinetic	$R_{pa}S\acute{E}$	$RSE$
amphikinetic	$RS\acute{E}$	$RS\acute{E}$

(8) faithfulness to underlying accent:  $MAX(ACCENT), DEP(ACCENT)$  (Alderete 1999)

- a. positional faithfulness (Beckman 1997) to a root:  $F_{root}$
- b. head faithfulness (Revithiadou 1999) to a derivational affix:  $F_{deriv}$
- c. ranking for PIE:  $F_{root} \gg F_{deriv} \gg F$

(9) alignment constraints

- a. given no underlying accent, stress falls on leftmost morpheme – ALIGNL: for every stressed morpheme, align its left edge with the left edge of some PrWd
- b. post-accenting roots ( $R_{pa}$ ) trigger POSTACCENT: for every post-accenting morpheme, align its right edge with the left

edge of some stressed morpheme

(10) ranking that accounts for weak forms (tableaux in Appendix B):

- a.  $MAX(A)_{root} \gg MAX(A)_{deriv} \gg MAX(A) \gg$   
 $ALIGNL, POSTACCENT \gg$   
 $DEP(A)$
- b. underlying accent is realized over general alignment preferences
- c. positional/head faithfulness determines which underlying accent is realized

### 4. Why $\neg$ OP Constraints? and the $\neg$ OP Model

(11) strong endings must be dominant

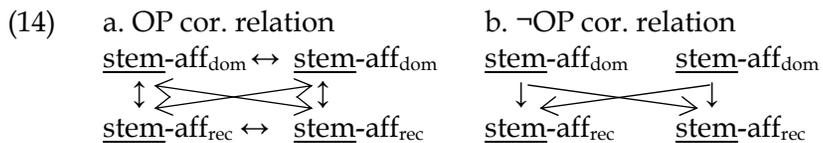
- a. recessive endings make the wrong prediction:
  - acrostatic:  $\acute{R}SE, \acute{R}\acute{S}\acute{E} \rightarrow \acute{R}SE$  ✓
  - amphikinetic:  $RSE \rightarrow \acute{R}SE$  ✓
  - hysterokinetic:  $R_{pa}SE \rightarrow \acute{R}SE$  ✓
  - proterokinetic:  $R\acute{S}\acute{E}, R_{pa}\acute{S}\acute{E} \rightarrow \acute{R}SE$  X cf.  $\acute{R}SE$
- b. ranking from (10a) predicts suffix stress in proterokinetic nouns for both strong and weak forms, but this is not the correct pattern
- c. preference for dissimilar stems between strong and weak forms (accent or ablaut)
- d. *dominant* affixes are those that cause a base-mutation and trigger antifaithfulness constraints (Alderete 1999)
- e. proposal: in the case of inflectional paradigms, dominant affixes cause a stem-mutation

(12) if strong endings are dominant...

- a. they can demand that the stems to which they attach be different from the stems inflected with recessive affixes
- b. they cannot trigger  $\neg$ OO constraints because there is no base (the stem is not a well-formed word)
- c. therefore, they trigger a new type of constraint designed for use in inflectional paradigms: the  $\neg$ OP-antifaithfulness constraint

(13) OP model (McCarthy 2005: 173-4) and proposed  $\neg$ OP model

<b>OP a:</b> "Candidates consist of entire inflectional paradigms, where an inflectional paradigm contains all and only the words based on a single lexeme."
<b><math>\neg</math>OP a':</b> same as (a)
<b>OP b:</b> "Markedness and input-output faithfulness constraints evaluate all members of the candidate paradigm. The violation-marks incurred by each paradigm member are added to those incurred by all the others."
<b><math>\neg</math>OP b':</b> same as (b)
<b>OP c:</b> "The stem (output form of the shared lexeme) in each paradigm member is in a correspondence relation $\mathfrak{R}_{OP}$ with the stem in every other paradigm member."
<b><math>\neg</math>OP c':</b> The stem in each paradigm member that is formed with a dominant affix is in a correspondence relation $\mathfrak{R}_{\neg OP}$ with the stem in each paradigm member that is formed with a recessive affix.
<b>OP d:</b> "There is a set of output-output faithfulness constraints on the $\mathfrak{R}_{OP}$ correspondence relation."
<b><math>\neg</math>OP d':</b> For every faithfulness constraint on the $\mathfrak{R}_{OP}$ correspondence relation, there is a corresponding antifaithfulness constraint on the $\mathfrak{R}_{\neg OP}$ correspondence relation.



## 5. Analysis of Strong Cases with $\neg$ OP constraints

(15) underlying/surface representations for strong cases

	UR	SR
acrostatic	$\acute{R}SE_{dom}$ $\acute{R}SE_{dom}$	$\acute{R}SE$
proterokinetic	$\acute{R}SE_{dom}$ $R_{pa}\acute{S}E_{dom}$	$\acute{R}SE$
hysterokinetic	$R_{pa}SE_{dom}$	$\acute{R}SE$
amphikinetic	$RSE_{dom}$	$\acute{R}SE$

- (16) dominant affixes in PIE trigger  $\neg$ OP constraints that require accent placement to be different in stems of strong forms as compared to stems of weak forms
- specifically, accent is inserted onto the stem of a strong form as compared to a weak form
  - $\neg$ OP-DEP(A): Insert an accent into the stem of a member of an inflectional paradigm that is created with a dominant affix (as compared to a member of the same paradigm formed with a recessive affix).

(17) proterokinetic strong form: UR =  $\acute{R}SE_{dom}$ ; SR =  $\acute{R}SE$

(stems are underlined, strong forms are in bold, superscript numerals denote correspondence relations between accents)

	$\neg$ OP- DEP(A)	OP- DEP(A)	MAX (A) <sub>deriv</sub>	MAX(A)	ALIGNL	DEP(A)
$/\acute{R}S^1/ +$ $/E_{dom} x9,$ $\acute{E}^2_{rec} x15/$						
a $\acute{R}^3SE x9$ $\underline{R}S^1E x15$		*	*	*	*	*
b $\underline{R}S^1E x9$ $\underline{R}S^1E x15$	*!			*	*	
c $\underline{R}S^1E x9$ $\underline{R}SE^2 x15$		*	*!	*	*	

$\neg$ OP-DEP(A)  $\gg$  OP-DEP(A), MAX(A)<sub>deriv</sub> (accent must be inserted onto the stem of a word formed with a dominant affix, even if that means accent is deleted from a derivational affix)

(18) for the other type of proterokinetic noun (UR = R<sub>pa</sub>S̄), high-ranking -OP-DEP(A) still forces accent to be deleted from the suffix and inserted onto the root in strong forms

(19) amphikinetic strong forms: UR = RSE<sub>dom</sub>; SR = R̄SE

	/RSE <sub>dom</sub> /	-OP-DEP(A)	ALIGNL	DEP(A) <sub>root</sub>	DEP(A) <sub>deriv</sub>	DEP(A)
RS	a R̄SE			*		*
	b R̄SE		*!		*	*
	c R̄SE	*!	*			*

ALIGNL » DEP(A)<sub>root</sub> (leftmost accent is preferred, even if that means accent is inserted onto a root)

(20) hysterokinetic strong forms: UR = R<sub>pa</sub>SE<sub>dom</sub>; SR = R̄SE

	/R <sub>pa</sub> SE <sub>dom</sub> /	-OP-DEP(A)	POST ACC	ALIGNL	DEP(A)
RS	a R̄SE			*	*
	b R̄SE		*!		*
	c R̄SE	*!	*	*	*

POSTACCENT » ALIGNL (it is more preferable for accent to occur after a post-accenting morpheme than on the leftmost morpheme)

(21) acrostatic strong forms: UR = R̄SE<sub>dom</sub> or R̄SE<sub>dom</sub>; SR = R̄S

a.

	/R̄SE <sub>dom</sub> /	MAX(A) <sub>root</sub>	-OP-DEP(A)	MAX(A)	ALIGNL	DEP(A)
R̄S	a R̄SE		*			
	b R̄SE	*!		*	*	*

b.

	/R̄S <sup>2</sup> E <sub>dom</sub> /	MAX(A) <sub>root</sub>	-OP-DEP(A)	MAX(A) <sub>deriv</sub>	MAX(A)	ALIGNL
R̄S	a R̄SE		*	*	*	
	b R̄SE	*!			*	*

MAX(A)<sub>root</sub> » -OP-DEP(A) (accent cannot be deleted from a root, even if that means no accent is inserted onto the stem of a word

formed with a dominant affix)

(22) summary:

- MAX(A)<sub>root</sub> » -OP-DEP(A) » MAX(A)<sub>deriv</sub> » MAX(A) » POSTACCENT » ALIGNL » DEP(A)
- underlying accent is never deleted from a root
- if the root is not underlyingly accented, -OP-DEP(A) insures that strong and weak forms will always be different in terms of accent
- given no underlying accent, accent is inserted onto the root (ALIGNL) or onto the suffix if the root is post-accenting (POSTACCENT)

(23) Why -OP-DEP(A)? - theoretical implications of -OP constraints

- other -OP constraints with respect to accent (-OP-MAX(A), -OP-NOFLOP(A)) are not compatible with entire paradigms
- effective -OP constraints must dominate corresponding OP and IO faithfulness constraints, but...
- amphikinetic noun (stem type RS)

/RS/ + /E <sub>dom</sub> x9, É <sup>1</sup> <sub>rec</sub> x15/	NOFL(A)	-OP-NOFL(A)	ALIGNL	DEP(A)
a R̄SE x9, R̄SE x15	*!		*	*
b R̄SE x9, R̄SE <sup>1</sup> x15		135	15	9

NOFLOP(A) » -OP-NOFLOP(A)

d. amphikinetic noun (stem type RS)

/RS/ + /E <sub>dom</sub> x9, É <sup>1</sup> <sub>rec</sub> x14/	MAX(A)	-OP-MAX(A)	ALIGNL	DEP(A)
a R̄SE x9, R̄SE x15	*!		*	*
b R̄SE x9, R̄SE <sup>1</sup> x15		135	15	9

MAX(A) » -OP-MAX(A)

- OP constraints can affect paradigm members formed with recessive affixes because of simultaneous evaluation of all members of a paradigm as candidate sets

## 6. Discussion and Conclusions

### (24) implications for future work

- a. accent:
  - the accentless vocative in Vedic Sanskrit:  $\neg$ OP-MAX(A) (Frazier 2006b)
- b. ablaut/umlaut:
  - ablaut in PIE acrostatic nouns (e.g. ‘water’ *nom sg* wódr̥ ~ *gen sg* wédn̥s):  $\neg$ OP-IDENT[back] (Frazier 2006a:§5.1)
  - umlaut in German nouns (e.g. ‘daughter’ *sg* T[o]chter ~ *pl* T[ø]chter; ‘foot’ *sg* F[u]ss ~ *pl* F[y]sse):  $\neg$ OP-IDENT[back] (see Iscrulescu 2006 for alternative approach)

### (25) evidence of dissimilarity in inflectional paradigms motivates antifaithfulness constraints that work within the OP model - $\neg$ OP constraints

- a. like  $\neg$ OO antifaithfulness constraints,  $\neg$ OP constraints demand a violation of the appropriate OP constraint and work on a surface-surface correspondence relation
- b. unlike  $\neg$ OO antifaithfulness constraints,  $\neg$ OP constraints are only triggered by inflectional affixes and apply to *stems* which do not need to be well-formed words

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## Appendix A: Example Data

PIE athematic nouns (Schindler 1972, 1975a, b, Kim 2002, Fortson 2004)

accent class	gloss	strong ( <i>nom sg</i> )	weak ( <i>gen sg</i> )
acrostatic	<i>liver</i>	*yé:k <sup>w</sup> -r-Ø	*yé:k <sup>w</sup> -ŋ-s
	<i>water</i>	*wód-r-Ø	*wéd-ŋ-s
proterokinetic	<i>coming</i> <i>thought</i>	*g <sup>w</sup> ém-tu-s *mén-ti-s	*g <sup>w</sup> m <sub>0</sub> -téw-s *mŋ <sub>0</sub> -téy-s
hysterokinetic	<i>male</i>	*h <sub>2</sub> rs-én (<*-én-s)	*h <sub>2</sub> rs-n-és
	<i>father</i>	*ph <sub>2</sub> t-ér (<*-ér-s)	*ph <sub>2</sub> tr-és
amphikinetic	<i>earth</i>	*d <sup>h</sup> ég <sup>h</sup> -om (<*-om-s)	*d <sup>h</sup> g <sup>h</sup> -m-és
	<i>male</i>	*h <sub>2</sub> né:r (<*-h <sub>2</sub> né:r-s)	*h <sub>2</sub> nr-és

## Appendix B: Tableaux for Weak Cases

(1) acrostatic noun (type RS) with weak ending

/RSE/	MAX(A) <sub>root</sub>	MAX(A)	ALIGNL
a ☞ RSE		*	
b RSE	*(!)	*	*(!)

(2) acrostatic noun (type RS) with weak ending

/RSE/	MAX(A) <sub>root</sub>	MAX(A) <sub>deriv</sub>	MAX(A)	ALIGNL
a ☞ RSE		*	**	
b RSE	*(!)		**	*(!)
c RSE	*(!)	*	**	*(!)

(3) amphikinetic noun (type RS) with weak ending

/RSE <sup>1</sup> /	NOFL(A)	MAX(A)	DEP(A)	ALIGNL
a R <sup>2</sup> SE		*(!)	*(!)	
b R <sup>1</sup> SE	*!			
c ☞ RSE <sup>1</sup>				*

NOFL(A) » ALIGNL; {MAX(A), DEP(A)} » ALIGNL

(4) proterokinetic noun (type RS) with weak ending

/RSE/	MAX(A) <sub>deriv</sub>	MAX(A)	ALIGNL
a ☞ RSE		*	*
b RSE	*!	*	*

(5) hysterokinetic noun (type R<sub>pa</sub>S) with weak ending

/R <sub>pa</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> /	MAX(A)	NOFL(A)	POSTACC	ALIGNL	DEP(A)
a RS <sup>2</sup> E	*(!)			*	*(!)
b RS <sup>1</sup> E		*!		*	
c ☞ RSE <sup>1</sup>			*	*	

NOFLOP(A), {MAX(A), DEP(A)} » POSTACCENT

(6) proterokinetic noun (type R<sub>pa</sub>S) with weak ending

/R <sub>pa</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> /	MAX(A) <sub>deriv</sub>	MAX(A)	POSTACC	ALIGNL
a ☞ RSE		*		*
b RSE	*(!)	*	*(!)	*