

# “Grammatical tone and current linguistic theory”

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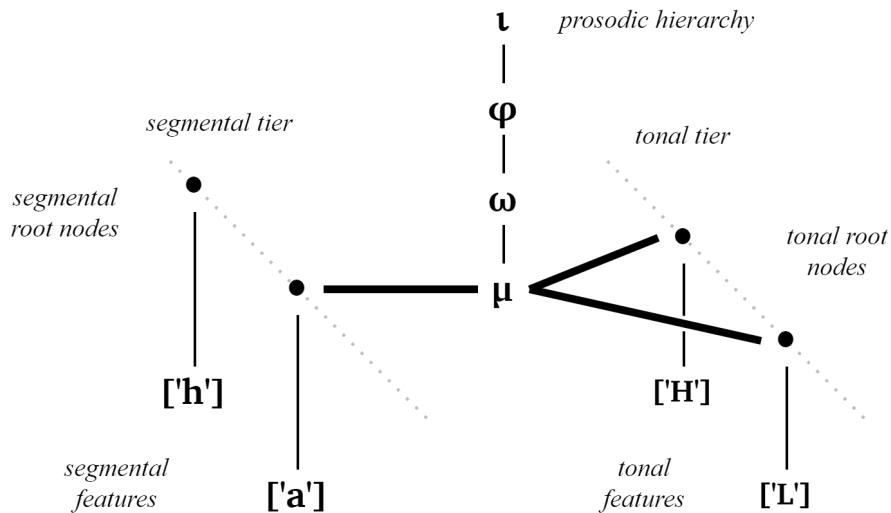
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## 1 Introduction

- (1) Ebira [igb] tonal contrasts<sup>1</sup>

- a. High tone H **há** ‘peel, split wood’
- b. Mid tone M **hā** ‘wake up’
- c. Low tone L **hà** ‘bark’ (v.)
- d. Falling tone HL **hâ** ‘take away’

- (2) Autosegmental revolution and elaborated representations<sup>2</sup>



- (3) Tonal operations (essentially input-output changes)

- a. Ebira High-Low (HL) → SuperHigh-Low (SL)  
*/sí-màá-gé/* → [sí-màá-gé] ‘What am I to sew?’

- (4) GRAMMATICAL TONE (working definition):

- a. (i) a non-general tone alternation occurring in a restricted grammatical context (or class of contexts)
- b. (ii) which targets a non-restricted class of morphemes, words, or constructions
- c. (iii) and as such functions to express linguistic meaning

- (5) AUXILIARY GRAMMATICAL TONE vs. AUTONOMOUS GRAMMATICAL TONE

- (6) Chichewa [nya] – Auxiliary grammatical tone<sup>3</sup>

- a. **mu-a-menya-a** → **mu-a-menya-a** [mw-à-mèèny-à]  
2P-PERF-hit-FV ‘you have hit’ (PERFECTIVE)
- b. **mu-ná-menya-a** → **mu-ná-menya-a** [mù-ná-mèèny-à]  
2P-PST-hit-FV ‘you hit’ (SIMPLE PAST)
- c. **mu-ku-menya-a** → **mu-ku-menya-a** [mù-kù-méèny-à]  
2P-PROG-hit-FV ‘you are hitting’ (PROGRESSIVE)
- d. **mu-dza-menya-a** → **mú-dza-menya-a** [mú-dzá-mèèny-à]  
2P-DIST.FUT-hit-FV ‘you will hit’ (DISTANT FUTURE)

- (7) Kalabari [[jin](#)] imperative – Autonomous grammatical tone<sup>4</sup>  
 [Note:  $\downarrow$ H is a downstepped high, slightly higher than normal high]

	Lexical tone contrast		Grammatical tone	
a.	H	<b>só</b>	‘go’	$\Rightarrow$ <b>sóò</b> ‘go!’
	L	<b>sò</b>	‘cook’	$\Rightarrow$ <b>sóóò</b> ‘cook!’
b.	HH	<b>ólo</b>	‘cough’	$\Rightarrow$ <b>óloò</b> ‘cough!’
	H $\downarrow$ H	<b>ó'ló</b>	‘hold’	$\Rightarrow$ <b>ó'lóò</b> ‘hold (it)!’
	HL	<b>bámà</b>	‘punish’	$\Rightarrow$ <b>bá'máà</b> ‘punish!’
	LH	<b>sákí</b>	‘get up’	$\Rightarrow$ <b>sákñ</b> ‘get up!’
	LL	<b>lègì</b>	‘sit down’	$\Rightarrow$ <b>lègñ</b> ‘sit down!’

- (8) Unlike above, many grammatical tone patterns show a non-uniform output pattern
- E.g. Guebie [[gie](#)] aspect – Scalar grammatical tone<sup>5</sup>
  - Baseline:      **ɔ<sup>3</sup>**      **li<sup>2</sup>be<sup>3</sup>** ‘(s)he dined’      (PERFECTIVE)
  - Grammatical tone:      **ɔ<sup>3</sup>**      **li<sup>1</sup>be<sup>3</sup>** ‘(s)he is dining’      (IMPERFECTIVE)

	Lexical tone (PERFECTIVE)		Grammatical tone (IMPERFECTIVE)	
a.	4 <b>gba<sup>4</sup></b>	$\Rightarrow$	3 <b>gba<sup>3</sup></b>	‘bark’
	3 <b>gbe<sup>3</sup>te<sup>3</sup></b>	$\Rightarrow$	2 <b>gbe<sup>2</sup>te<sup>2</sup></b>	‘boil’
	2 <b>pa<sup>2</sup></b>	$\Rightarrow$	1 <b>pa<sup>1</sup></b>	‘tell’
	1 <b>pa<sup>1</sup></b>	$\Rightarrow$	1 <b>pa<sup>1</sup></b>	‘run’
b.	42 <b>na<sup>42</sup></b>	$\Rightarrow$	32 <b>na<sup>32</sup></b>	‘say’
	31 <b>pr<sup>3</sup>a<sup>1</sup></b>	$\Rightarrow$	21 <b>pr<sup>2</sup>a<sup>1</sup></b>	‘buy’
	23 <b>ga<sup>2</sup>le<sup>3</sup></b>	$\Rightarrow$	13 <b>ga<sup>1</sup>le<sup>3</sup></b>	‘give birth’
	<i>etc.</i>			

- (9) Relevance of grammatical tone 1: Discussed in an abridged way today
- MARKEDNESS: Can the surface patterns involving grammatical tone be explained by appealing to pre-existing general markedness principles in a language?
  - EXPONENCE: Should grammatical tones be treated on par with the general morphological rules involving segments? Are there categorical differences compared to segmental exponence?
  - DIRECTIONALITY: How much sensitivity is with respect to linear relations (before and after) versus hierarchical relations (inward/downward vs. outward/upward)?
- (10) Relevance of grammatical tone 2: An extended discussion tomorrow
- LOCALITY: Do grammatical tones always dock local to their ‘sponsoring context’? How much sensitivity to local vs. non-local information?
  - REPRESENTATION VS. GRAMMAR: What are permissible representations (and abstractness)? Permissible constraints? Permissible constraint reranking? What are the limits of phonological operations (e.g. the scalar shift above)?
- (11) Relevance of grammatical tone 3: Not (directly) discussed in this minicourse
- MODULARITY: How separate are the syntactic and phonological modules? And the phonological vs. phonetic modules? Is morphology itself a separate module?

- b. CONSTITUENCY: What kind of phonological constituents are formed, and on what evidence? Do tonal constituents match the prosodic hierarchy? How much isomorphy is there with syntactic constituents?
- c. CYCLICITY: Within a given derivation, is there more than one input-output mapping? Are these embedded (i.e. cyclic)? Do the same set of constraints apply?
- d. TYPOLOGY: How does grammatical tone differ from other types of prosodic marking? E.g. clause-level intonation, information structure marking, boundary tones, morphological stress and accent, etc.

## 2 Abridged issue: Markedness

- (12) In some languages, grammatical tone patterns obey pre-existing markedness constraints
- (13) Kiowa [[kio](#)]: Three main tonemes – H, L, and F (analyzable as HL)<sup>6</sup>
- a. H root may combine with various inflectional suffixes which contrast in tone

Root	IMPERFECTIVE	FUTURE	HEARSAY
/bó/ ‘look’ ⇒ H	bó-n-m̡	bó-t̡	bó-h̡el
	H-L	H-H	H-F

- (14) Restriction on word-level contours: Only one drop from H to L per word allowed
- a. Word-level constraint we can call \*(HLH)ω
  - b. Constraint affects all morphemes in the word
- (15) Tone lowering due to \*(HLH)ω
- a. Plural -gú /kyây-gú/ → kyây-gù ‘Comanches’  
(Cf. /kóy-gú/ → kóy-gú ‘Kiowas’)
  - b. Imperfective.hearsay IPFV/HSY -ê /tʰé·m-ê/ → tʰé·m-è· ‘break-IPFV/HSY’  
(Cf. /gú·l-ê/ → gú·l-ê· ‘write-IPFV/HSY’)
  - c. /bô·-bó·-nî·-t̡·/ → bô·-bò·-nì·-t̡· ‘always-see-IPFV-FUT’
- (16) Negative suffixes are exceptional: Cause *raising* of a preceding falling tone
- a. /tʰé·m-â/ → [tʰé·m-â·] ‘break-NEG’ (\*[tʰé·m-â·])
  - b. /tê·-mâ/ → [tê·-mâ·] ‘grab-NEG’
  - c. /sô·-yô/ → [sô·-yô·] ‘descend-NEG’
  - d. /hâ·-gû/ → [hâ·-gû·] ‘arise-NEG’
- (17) Markedness obedience:
- a. Despite tone raising being an idiosyncratic operation restricted to this context, it still obeys the \*(HLH)ω
- (18) Markedness disobedience:
- a. However, Kiowa obeying markedness is in fact typologically unusual
  - b. More common to find grammatical tone which flaunt their disobedience

- (19) Yao [yao] – Utterance-final NONFINALITY constraint: Prevents automatic tone doubling<sup>7</sup>
- a. chí-na-si-táve → [chí-ná-si-táve] ‘I will build them’  
(\*[chí-ná-si-távé])
  - b. Cf. chí-na-si-táve=pe → [chí-ná-si-távé=pe] ‘I will merely build them’
- (20) However, Yao grammatical tone *can* be assigned to final position of {STEM}
- a. Remote perfective: H-to-VF naa-{válaasilé} ‘I counted’
  - b. Recent past negative: H-to-V2 nganíín-{dimá} ‘I didn’t just cultivate’
  - c. Negative imperative: H-to-V12 ngasín-{sólá} ‘don’t dig’
- (21) Liko [lik] – Consonant depressor effect on lexical verb tones, a constraint \*DV<sup>8</sup>
- a. tÙngbul- ‘support’ ⇒ [ù-tÙngbùl-à] ‘he will support you’
  - b. tángul- ‘read’ ⇒ [à-tángùl-à] ‘he will read’
  - c. bíš- ‘put’ ⇒ [ò-bíš-ò] ‘he will put’
  - d. zókan- ‘jump up’ ⇒ [à-zókàn-à] ‘he will jump up’
- (22) Lack of consonant depressor effect on grammatical tone
- a. /ká-tòk-a/ ⇒ [ká-tòk-á] ‘to take care of someone’  
/ká-síl-a/ ⇒ [kó-síl-ó] ‘to arrive’
  - b. /ká-bìb-a/ ⇒ [ká-bìb-á] ‘to tell, praise’ (Cf. \*[ká-bìb-ă])  
/ká-bÙg-a/ ⇒ [ká-bÙg-á] ‘to sharpen’ (Cf. \*[ká-bÙg-ă])
- (23) A survey shows this is *unattested*: Faux-Liko where only GT subject to markedness
- |              | Phonologically general |   | Grammatical tone |           |
|--------------|------------------------|---|------------------|-----------|
| a. Liko      | dá                     | → | [dá]             | dá → [dá] |
| b. Faux-Liko | dá                     | → | [dá]             | dá → [dá] |
- (24) We also find tonemes restricted to grammatical tone contexts
- a. Kisi [kss] – Super-high toneme restricted to grammatical tone patterns<sup>9</sup>  
à dàtá yá lé  
you condemn\NEG me NEG ‘you didn’t condemn me’  
Cf. à dàtá yá ‘you condemned me’
- (25) Word-level grammatical tone patterns which are otherwise banned lexically<sup>10</sup>
- a. Ixtayutla Mixtec [vmj] – LM and LH verbs banned, but derived by gram. tone  
kú?ú ‘be sick’ ⇒ kù?ù ‘is sick’ (IMPERFECTIVE)  
ká?á ‘speak’ ⇒ ká?á ‘is speaking’ (IMPERFECTIVE)
  - b. Tommo So [dto] – Adjectives assign all-L on nouns (otherwise banned)  
jàndúlu ‘donkey’ ⇒ [jàndùlù kómmó] ‘skinny donkey’
  - c. Emai [ema] – Some T/A/M contexts assign H to subject (all-H otherwise banned)  
ómòhè ‘man’ ⇒ [ólí ómòhé ‘lá-ì] ‘the man ran’
- (26) Further, if tones are in competition, it is *not* resolved based on least marked output

- (27) First compare Yoruba [yor] – Vowel deletion in VERB OBJECT structures<sup>11</sup>

a. **pā òbō** → **[pòbō]** ‘kill a monkey’ (\*[pōbō], \*[pō<sup>4</sup>bō])

b. Tone resolution after vowel deletion due to H>L>M markedness scale<sup>12</sup>

VERB	OBJECT	M.H	M.M	M.L	L.H	L.M	L.L	
		H	H.H	H.M	H.L	H.LH	H. <sup>4</sup> M	H.L
a.	<b>H</b>							
b.	<b>M</b>		M.H	M.M	M.L	L.H	L.M	L.L

- (28) Orthogonality of markedness with grammatical tone in Kalabari<sup>13</sup>

Lexical tone contrast	DEM – LH	QUANT – L	PRON – HLH	ASSOC – HL
a. HH námá ‘animal’	⇒ mí námá	jà námà	ìnà ná <sup>4</sup> má	tùbò námà ‘child’s animal’
b. LL pùlò ‘oil’	⇒ mí pùlò	jà pùlò	ìnà pú <sup>4</sup> lò	tùbò púlò ‘child’s oil’
c. HL bélè ‘light’	⇒ mí bélè	jà bélè	ìnà bé <sup>4</sup> lé	tùbò bélè ‘child’s light’
d. LH gári ‘garri flour’	⇒ mí gári	jà gári	ìnà gá <sup>4</sup> rí	tùbò gári ‘child’s garri’
e. H <sup>4</sup> H bá <sup>4</sup> rá ‘hand’	⇒ mí bá <sup>4</sup> rá	jà bá <sup>4</sup> rá	ìnà bá <sup>4</sup> rá	tùbò bárà ‘child’s hand’

- (29) Schematic version

NOUN	GT	LH	L	H <sup>4</sup> H	HL
a. H	⇒	LH	L	H <sup>4</sup> H	HL
b. L	⇒	LH	L	H <sup>4</sup> H	HL
c. HL	⇒	LH	L	H <sup>4</sup> H	HL
d. LH	⇒	LH	L	H <sup>4</sup> H	HL
e. H <sup>4</sup> H	⇒	LH	L	H <sup>4</sup> H	HL

- (30) We require some other mechanism other than markedness to resolve tone deletion

### 3 Abridged issue: Directionality

- (31) We can make a two-way distinction between grammatical tone patterns:

a. NON-DOMINANT vs. DOMINANT GRAMMATICAL TONE

Property	NON-DOMINANT	Dominant
a. Affects target domain:	Minimally	Maximally
b. Tones of target domain:	Not neutralized	Neutralized
c. Morphological process:	Additive	Replacive/Subtractive

- (32) Dominance here stems from stress/accent literature, occasionally applied to tone<sup>14</sup>

- (33) It is idiosyncratic whether a grammatical tone pattern is dominant or non-dominant – Languages can have both types, such as Kalabari above (repeated below)

Dominant grammatical tone			Non-dominant grammatical tone		
Schema	N	ASSOCIATIVE	Schema	V	IMPERATIVE
a. H.H ⇒ H.L	námá ‘animal’	tùbò námà ‘child’s animal’	H.H ⇒ H.HL	ólo ‘cough’	ólóò ‘cough!’
b. L.L ⇒ H.L	púlò ‘oil’	tùbò púlò ‘child’s oil’	L.L ⇒ L.HL	lègì ‘sit down’	lègíí ‘sit down!’
c. H.L ⇒ H.L	bélè ‘light’	tùbò bélè ‘child’s light’	H.L ⇒ H.'HL	bámà ‘punish’	bá'máà ‘punish!’
d. L.H ⇒ H.L	gárí ‘garri’	tùbò gárí ‘child’s garri’	L.H ⇒ L.HL	sákí ‘get up’	sákíí ‘get up!’
e. H.'H ⇒ H.L	bá'rá ‘hand’	tùbò bárà ‘child’s hand’	H.'H ⇒ H.'HL	ó'ló ‘hold’	ó'lóó ‘hold (it)!’

- (34) NO POSITIONAL RESTRICTION PRINCIPLE: No type of grammatical tone (e.g. dominant, or non-dominant) is restricted in its morphological position with respect to other types of grammatical tone<sup>15</sup>

- a. Dominant can appear inside dominant (Kalabari, Hausa [hau])
- b. Dominant can appear inside non-dominant (Ngiti [niy], Makonde [kde], Hausa)
- c. Non-dominant can appear inside dominant (Orungu [mye], Makonde, Hausa)

(35) Izon [*iic*] – Unbounded phrase-sized target with dominant ìnè(Ł)(H) ‘my’<sup>16</sup>

- a. ìnè(Ł)(H) ínkì → ìnè inkí  
my ink ‘my ink’
- b. ìnè(Ł)(H) gbèèkì bùrù → ìnè gbèèkì bùrù  
my short yam ‘my short yam’
- c. ìnè(Ł)(H) tárá dìbà bùrù → ìnè tárá dìbá bùrù  
my three big yam ‘my three big yams’

- (36) Orungu – Compare two types of grammatical tone patterns<sup>17</sup>

- a. Non-dominant grammatical tone – Imperative high tone

[ríy áwàn áŋkà yó 'ŋkólò]  
ríy-à(H) àwáná áŋkà yó ñkòlò  
leave-FV-GT children alone tonight  
‘leave the children alone tonight!'

- b. Dominant grammatical tone – Negative imperative high tone

[à-ríy áwán áŋká yó ŋkólò]  
à(H)-ríy-à àwáná áŋkà yó ñkòlò  
NEG-GT-leave-FV children alone tonight  
‘don’t leave the children alone tonight!’

- c. Dominant grammatical tone – Negative present low tone

[è-ré-tíy àwàn áŋkà yó ŋkólò]  
à-é-rè-(Ł)-tíy-à àwáná áŋkà yó ñkòlò  
3S-T-NEG-GT-leave\T-FV children alone tonight  
‘s/he does not leave the children alone tonight’

- (37) Material which cannot be targeted: Preceding material<sup>18</sup>

- a. /sóŋgè í-é-rè-⌚-níà-à àwáná wá ìnjòyónì òyঁèrà/  
hawks CL8-T-NEG-GT-eat-FV children of chicken night  
'hawks do not eat the chicks at night'
- b. [sóŋgè yérén̄yà àwáná w'ìnjòyónì òyঁèrà]
- c. \*[sóŋgè yérén̄yà àwáná w'ínjòyónì òyঁèrà]
- d. \*[sóŋgè yérén̄yà àwáná w'ínjòyónì òyঁèrà]
- e. \*[sóŋgè yérén̄yà àwáná w'ìnjòyónì òyঁèrà]

- (38) DOMINANT TONE ASYMMETRY (building on earlier observations)<sup>19</sup>

	Position of GT	Target of GT	Non-dominant	Dominant
a.	Structurally higher	> Structurally lower	✓	✓
i.	Affix	> Root	✓	✓
	Affix <sub>OUT</sub>	> Affix <sub>IN</sub> -Root	✓	✓
ii.	Modifier	> Head	✓	✓
	Modifier <sub>OUT</sub>	> Modifier <sub>IN</sub> Head	✓	✓
iii.	Object	> Verb	✓	✓
b.	Structurally lower	> Structurally higher	✓	*
i.	Root	> Affix	✓	*
	Affix <sub>IN</sub>	> Affix <sub>OUT</sub>	✓	*
ii.	Head	> Modifier	✓	*
	Modifier <sub>IN</sub>	> Modifier <sub>OUT</sub>	✓	*
iii.	Verb	> Object	✓	*

- (39) How to model this asymmetry is definitely not settled by any means (see tomorrow)

- (40) Regardless, let's look at one example of a pattern we *never* encounter

- a. An inner affix assigns a dominant tone pattern to the entire word
- b. Scoping over both root tone, affixal tone, and grammatical tone

- (41) Chichewa has a contrast between toneless roots ( $\emptyset$ ) and high-sponsoring roots (H)<sup>20</sup>

- a.  $\emptyset$  yang'an-a → yang'an-a [yàng'ààn-à] 'look!'
- b. H namiz(H)-a → namiz-á [nàmìíz-á] 'deceive!'

- (42) Neutralized in the context of the intensive suffix -its 'a lot'

- a.  $\emptyset$  yang'an-its(H)-a → yang'an-its-á 'look a lot!'
- b. H namiz(H)-its(H)-a → namiz-its-á 'deceive a lot!'

- (43) Grammatical tone is assigned idiosyncratically to initial, final, or penult of stem

- a.  $\emptyset$  ndi-ku(H)-yang'an-a → ndi-ku-yáng'an-a 'I am looking at'
- b. H a-ku(H)-namiz(H)-a → a-ku-námiz-á 'they are deceiving'
- c. its- a-ku(H)-namiz(H)-its(H)-a → a-ku-námiz-its-á '...deceiving a lot'

## (44) Faux-Chichewa (unattested): NEUTRALIZING OUTWARD DOMINANCE from intensive -its

GT	T/A/M	Ø roots	H root	Faux-Chichewa:
		<b>yang'an-</b> 'look'	<b>namiz-</b> 'deceive'	<i>Fake intensive forms</i>
a. Ø	IMPER.	<b>yang'an-a</b>	<b>namiz-á</b>	<b>namiz-its-á</b>
	PRFCTV.	<b>ndi-a-yang'an-a</b>	<b>ndi-a-namiz-á</b>	<i>ndi-a-namiz-its-á</i>
	PERMIS.	<b>ndi-nga-yang'an-e</b>	<b>ndi-nga-namiz-é</b>	<i>ndi-nga-namiz-its-é</i>
b. Ø	NEAR FUT.	<b>ndí-yang'an-a</b>	<b>ndí-namiz-á</b>	<b>ndi-namiz-its-á</b>
	DIST.FUT.	<b>ndí-dzá-yang'an-a</b>	<b>ndí-dzá-namiz-á</b>	<i>ndi-dza-namiz-its-á</i>
c. init	SIMPLE PST.	<b>ndi-ná-yang'an-a</b>	<b>ndi-ná-namiz-á</b>	<i>ndi-na-namiz-its-á</i>
	INF.	<b>ku-yáng'an-a</b>	<b>ku-námiz-á</b>	<b>ku-namiz-its-á</b>
	PRES.PROG.	<b>ndi-ku-yáng'an-a</b>	<b>ndi-ku-námiz-á</b>	<i>ndi-ku-namiz-its-á</i>
	REC.PST.	<b>ndi-na-yáng'an-a</b>	<b>ndi-na-námiz-á</b>	<i>ndi-na-namiz-its-á</i>
	PST.HAB. (a)	<b>ndi-ma-yáng'an-a</b>	<b>ndi-ma-námiz-á</b>	<i>ndi-ma-namiz-its-á</i>
	SEQ.PERF.	<b>ndí-ta-yáng'an-a</b>	<b>ndí-ta-námiz-á</b>	<i>ndi-ta-namiz-its-á</i>
d. fin	SUBJUNC.	<b>ndi-yang'an-é</b>	<b>ndi-namiz-é</b>	<b>ndi-namiz-its-é</b>
e. pen	PST.HAB. (b)	<b>ndi-nká-yang'án-a</b>	<b>ndi-nká-namíz-a</b>	<i>ndi-nka-namiz-its-á</i>
	CONTIN.	<b>ndi-báa-yang'án-a</b>	<b>ndi-báa-namíz-a</b>	<i>ndi-baa-namiz-its-á</i>
	NECES.	<b>ndi-dzí-yang'án-a</b>	<b>ndi-dzí-namíz-a</b>	<i>ndi-dzi-namiz-its-á</i>
	REM.PST.	<b>ndí-naa-yang'án-a</b>	<b>ndí-naa-namíz-a</b>	<i>ndi-naa-namiz-its-á</i>
	PRES.HAB.	<b>ndí-ma-yang'án-a</b>	<b>ndí-ma-namíz-a</b>	<i>ndi-ma-namiz-its-á</i>

## 4 Abridged issue: Exponence

(45) A Distributed Morphology vocabulary item<sup>21</sup>

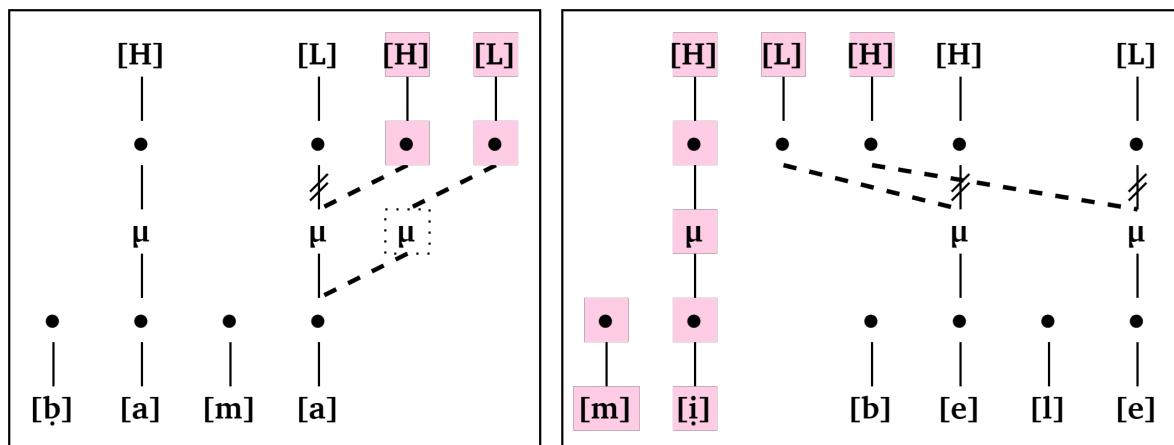
- a. [synsem features]      ↔      [phonological exponent]
- b.  $[\alpha\beta\gamma]$       ↔      /X/
- c.  $[\text{PL}]$       ↔      /-z/

(46) ‘EXONENT’: Roughly equivalent to ‘morph’<sup>22</sup> and ‘recurrent partial’<sup>23</sup>

## (47) Recall Kalabari data

- a. Autonomous GT:      **bámà** ‘punish’      ⇒      **bá'máà**      ‘punish!’
- b. Auxiliary GT :      **bélè** ‘light’      ⇒      **mí bélé**      ‘this light’

## (48) Colored squares = separate exponents



- (49) Superficial grammatical tone exponence

- a. [IMPERATIVE]  $\leftrightarrow$  **HL**
- b. [DEMONSTRATIVE]  $\leftrightarrow$  **mí LH**

- (50) Possible interpretations of auxiliary grammatical tone

a. Processual exponence	[DEM]	$\leftrightarrow$	<b>mí</b>	( $\rightarrow$ [LH] via constraints)
b. Bipartite exponence	[DEM]	$\leftrightarrow$	<b>mí LH</b>	
c. Co-exponence	[DEM]	$\leftrightarrow$	<b>mí</b>	& [DEM] $\leftrightarrow$ <b>LH</b>
Overlapping exponence	[DEM]	$\leftrightarrow$	<b>mí</b>	& [DEM, F] $\leftrightarrow$ <b>LH</b>
	/ [DEM, F]	$\leftrightarrow$	<b>mí</b>	& [DEM] $\leftrightarrow$ <b>LH</b>
	/ [DEM, F]	$\leftrightarrow$	<b>mí</b>	& [DEM, G] $\leftrightarrow$ <b>LH</b>
Separate exponence	[DEM]	$\leftrightarrow$	<b>mí</b>	& [F] $\leftrightarrow$ <b>LH</b>
	/ [F]	$\leftrightarrow$	<b>mí</b>	& [DEM] $\leftrightarrow$ <b>LH</b>
	/ [F]	$\leftrightarrow$	<b>mí</b>	& [G] $\leftrightarrow$ <b>LH</b>

- (51) (Suppl.) Allomorphy w/ tonal exponence generally does not affect segmental exponence

- (52) Tommo So – Possessive pronouns (e.g. **mí** ‘my’ and **wó** ‘his’) assign a grammatical tone pattern which overwrites the lexical tone of the noun<sup>24</sup>

- a. If the noun consists of two moras, then the tone is all H (a. below)
- b. If the noun has more than two moras, then the tone is HL (b.)

Modifier	Noun	Surface	Meaning
a. <b>mí</b> ‘my’ + <b>bàbé</b> ‘uncle’		$\rightarrow$ <b>mí</b> <b>bábé</b>	‘my uncle’
<b>wó</b> ‘his’ + <b>náá</b> ‘mother’		$\rightarrow$ <b>wó</b> <b>náá</b>	‘his mother’
b. <b>mí</b> ‘my’ + <b>tirè-àn-ná</b> ‘grandfather’		$\rightarrow$ <b>mí</b> <b>tirè-àn-ná</b>	‘my grandfather’
<b>wó</b> ‘his’ + <b>ánigé</b> ‘friend’		$\rightarrow$ <b>wó</b> <b>ánigé</b>	‘his friend’

- (53) Supports overlapping exponence – Sample vocabulary items:

- a. [POSS.1.SG]  $\leftrightarrow$  **mí**
- b. [POSS.3.SG]  $\leftrightarrow$  **wó**
- c. [POSS]  $\leftrightarrow$  **H** / \_\_\_\_\_ ( $\mu\mu$ )
- d. [POSS]  $\leftrightarrow$  **HL**

- (54) (More on this Friday)

## 5 References

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<sup>1</sup> Scholz 1976:67, Adive 1989

<sup>2</sup> Goldsmith 1975, *inter alia*

<sup>3</sup> Downing & Mtenje 2017:140,148,163

<sup>4</sup> Harry 2004

<sup>5</sup> Sande 2018:260,262

<sup>6</sup> Watkins 1984:30-32,34,51,158,176-177

<sup>7</sup> Odden 1998:268,285,293,294

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<sup>8</sup> de Wit 2015:128,136-138,145,194,341

<sup>9</sup> Childs 1995:49

<sup>10</sup> Penner 2019:134,161; McPherson 2013:175; Schaefer & Egbokhare 2017:27

<sup>11</sup> Pulleyblank 1986:108-117

<sup>12</sup> De Lacy 2002, Yip 2002

<sup>13</sup> Harry & Hyman 2014:651

<sup>14</sup> Kiparsky & Halle 1977, Rivierre 1978, Kiparsky 1982, 1984, Poser 1984, Melvold 1986, Halle & Vergnaud 1987a, 1987b, Steriade 1988, Golston 1990, Blevins 1993, Czaykowska-Higgins 1993, Alderete 2001, Yates 2017, Rolle & Vuillermet 2019, Dąbkowski 2021; Applied to tone: Inkelas 1998, McPherson 2014:61fn3, Rolle 2018:49-53; Hyman & Monaka 2011 contains a similar typology on the interaction of intonational and lexical tones: their ‘avoidance’ type is akin to ‘recessive’ whereby lexical tones win over intonational tones, while their ‘submission’ type is akin to ‘dominant’ where intonational tones win

<sup>15</sup> Hausa – Inkelas 1998:132; Ngiti – Kutsch Lojenga 1994:456-499; Makonde – Kraal 2005:136,255,258,262; Orungu – Maniacky & Ambouroue 2014

<sup>16</sup> Rolle 2021

<sup>17</sup> Maniacky & Ambouroue 2014:252,257

<sup>18</sup> Ambouroue 2007:256

<sup>19</sup> Rolle 2018 for ample references, e.g. Alderete 2001’s ‘Strict Base Mutation’: alternations triggered by morphophonological operations are found exclusively in the stem (simplex or complex) which serves as the base of a morphological process

<sup>20</sup> Downing & Mtenje 2017

<sup>21</sup> Embick 2015:9-10, *inter alia*

<sup>22</sup> Haspelmath 2020

<sup>23</sup> Crysmann & Bonami 2016:314

<sup>24</sup> McPherson & Heath 2016