

Capturing generalizations about exponence

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What is exponence? I

- ▶ **Exponence relations** within a paradigm:
Some phonological property is present in some proper subpart of the paradigm.

- ▶ Spanish adjective BUENO 'good':

- ▶ 'last vowel is /a/' \Rightarrow FEM

- ▶ 'last vowel is /o/' \Rightarrow MAS

- ▶ 'ends in /s/' \Rightarrow PL

	SG	PL
mas	bueno	buenos
fem	buena	buenas

- ▶ The relevant phonological property does not always amount to containing a specific substring

- ▶ 'does not end in /s/' \Rightarrow SG

'zero exponence'

What is exponence? II

- ▶ The relevant phonological property does not always amount to containing a specific substring

- ▶ German noun MUTTER ‘mother’:

nonaffixal alternations

- ▶ ‘nonfront vowel in first syllable’ \Leftrightarrow SG
- ▶ ‘front vowel in first syllable’ \Leftrightarrow PL

	SG	PL
NOM	Mutter	Mütter
ACC	Mutter	Mütter
DAT	Mutter	Müttern
GEN	Mutter	Mütter

- ▶ The relevant content is not always coherent

- ▶ French verb FINIR ‘finish’:

morphomic distributions

	1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
SBJV.PRS	fini s	fini s	fini s	fini s jɔ̃	fini s je	fini s
IND.PRS	fini	fini	fini	fini s ɔ̃	fini s e	fini s
IND.FUT	fini ra	fini ra	fini ra	fini ra ɔ̃	fini ra e	fini ra ɔ̃

- ▶ ‘ends in /is(j)(V)/’ \Leftrightarrow IND.PRS.PL \vee SBJV.PRS \vee ...
- ▶ ‘ends in /i(ɾ)(V)/’ \Leftrightarrow IND.PRS.SG \vee IND.FUT \vee ...

Constructive approach to exponence

- ▶ In this talk I will pursue a **constructive approach** to exponence in the sense of Blevins (2006), where we express generalizations within a formal grammar that licenses wordforms on the basis of explicit abstract primitives.
- ▶ This presupposes that:
 - ▶ We have a pre-established segmentation of words into stems and affixes.
 - ▶ Stem alternants as well as affixes may have exponential value.
 - ▶ We have a pre-established statement of the exponential value of each element.
- ▶ This is definitely not the only fruitful way to reason about exponence; see remarks at the end of the talk.

Information-based morphology (IbM)

- ▶ IbM is a relatively novel formal framework for the analysis of inflection systems developed by Berthold Crysmann and myself
(Crysmann and Bonami, 2016; Bonami and Crysmann, 2016, 2018; Crysmann and Bonami, 2017; Crysmann, 2017)
- ▶ IbM combines insights from
 - ▶ Inferential-realizational theories (Matthews, 1965; Anderson, 1992; Stump, 2001; Brown and Hippisley, 2012)
 - ▶ HPSG (Pollard and Sag, 1994), and in particular the modelling techniques for morphology introduced by Koenig (1999)
- ▶ Important design goals for IbM:
 - ▶ Nonreductionist: direct expression of generalizations.
 - ▶ Incorporate explicit insights from morphological typology
 - ▶ Deviations from the canon correspond to measurable addition of formal complexity.
 - ▶ Maintainable grammars: avoidance of rule cascades (AM, PFM) and stipulated defaults (NM)
 - ▶ Explicit interface to theories of phonology, syntax and semantics

Roadmap

1. Capturing word-level generalizations about exponence
 - ▶ Wordforms as lists of indexed morphs
 - ▶ Rules of exponence as many-to-many generalizations
 - ▶ Hierarchies of rule types (a.k.a schemas)
2. Capturing lexeme-level generalizations about exponence
 - ▶ Paradigm identifiers and rules of stem introduction
 - ▶ Inflection classes
 - ▶ Hybrid classes: overabundance and heteroclisis
3. Outlook: questioning presuppositions

Capturing word-level generalizations about exponence

I. Motivation

Variable morphotactics I

- ▶ Crysmann and Bonami (2016) documents the prevalence and theoretical importance of variable morphotactics.
 - ▶ Conditioned placement: Portuguese pronominal affixes

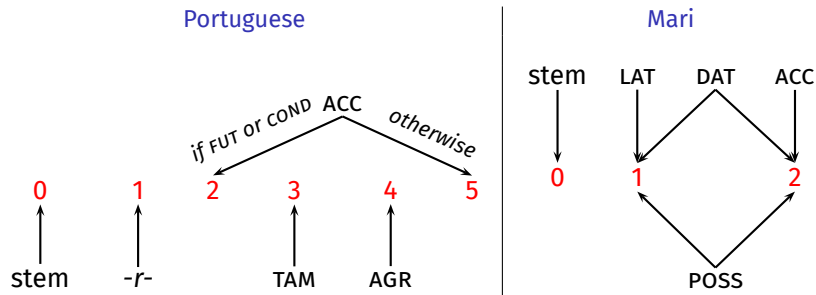
	PAST IMPERFECTIVE		CONDITIONAL	
	no praff affix	2SG.ACC affix	no praff affix	2SG.ACC affix
1SG	lav-a-va	lav-a-va-te	lav-a-r-ia	lav-a-r-te-ia
2SG	lav-a-va-s	lav-a-va-s-te	lav-a-r-ia-s	lav-a-r-te-ia-s
3SG	lav-a-va	lav-a-va-te	lav-a-r-ia	lav-a-r-te-ia
1PL	lav-á-va-mos	lav-á-va-mos-te	lav-a-r-ía-mos	lav-a-r-te-ía-mos
2PL	lav-á-ve-is	lav-á-ve-is-te	lav-a-r-íe-is	lav-a-r-te-íe-is
3PL	lav-a-va-m	lav-a-va-m-te	lav-a-r-ia-m	lav-a-r-te-ia-m

- ▶ Free placement: Mari possessives

	ABSOLUTE	1PL POSSESSED	
		POSS < CASE	CASE < POSS
NOM	pört		pört-na
ACC	pört-əm	pört-na-m	*
DAT	pört-lan	pört-na-lan	pört-lan-na
LAT	pört-eš	*	pört-eš-na

Variable morphotactics II

- Reasoning on such variable morphotactic situations is much more direct and straightforward if we recognize explicitly the notion of a morph occupying a position (Luís and Spencer, 2005).



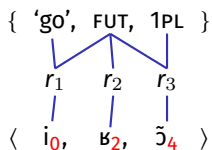
- Importantly, Anderson's 1992 arguments against morphousness do not apply to IbM.

The $m : n$ format of rules of exponence I

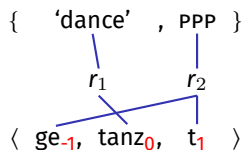
- ▶ Basic insight from Matthews (1972): widespread noncanonical exponence.
 - ▶ simple exponence (1 morph : 1 property) vs.
 - ▶ cumulative exponence (1 morph : n properties) vs.
 - ▶ (fully redundant) multiple exponence (m morphs : 1 property) vs.
 - ▶ overlapping exponence (m morphs : n properties)
- ▶ Most approaches to inflection take a reductionist approach to multiple exponence, by having separate rules (or morphemes) introducing overlapping (or identical) content.
- ▶ IbM adopts a much more direct approach to the typology of exponence:
 - ▶ The general format of rules of exponence is $m : n$, defining a large space of exponence types.

The $m : n$ format of rules of exponence II

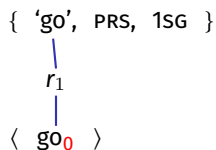
French *iront* 'they will go'



German *getanzt* 'danced'



English (*I*) *go*



► General principles:

- An inflected word associates a list of morphs with a property set
- Each morph has to be licensed by a rule
- Each property that can be expressed by a morph must be expressed

► Important notes:

- 'Rules' here are declarative statements on the cooccurrence of bits of forms and bits of content, not procedural rules.
 - Standard usage in realisational morphology

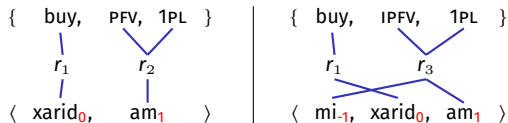
The $m : n$ format of rules of exponence III

- ▶ The framework is compatible with the formulation of grammars that introduce all exponents holistically.
 - ▶ Consider the Persian past:

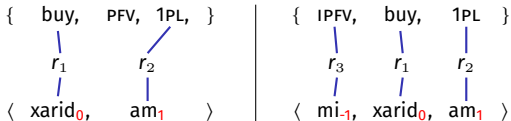
	1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
PFV	xarid _{am}	xarid _i	xarid	xarid _{im}	xarid _{id}	xarid _{and}
IPFV	mi _{xarid} _{am}	mi _{xarid} _i	mi _{xarid}	mi _{xarid} _{im}	mi _{xarid} _{id}	mi _{xarid} _{and}

Past indicative forms of XARIDAN « buy »

- ▶ The formal framework does not stop us from hypothesizing:



- ▶ Better analysis (descriptive economy (6 vs. 11 rules), expression of generalizations):

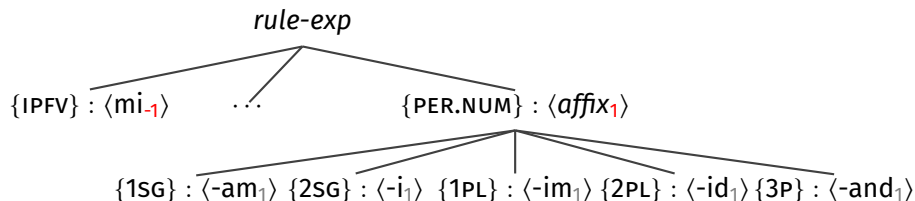


Generalizations over rules I

- ▶ Many systems exhibit important generalizations over rules of exponence.
 - ▶ Exponents of different values of the same feature share the same placement properties
 - ▶ Morphologically-conditioned allomorphs partially share the same shapes
 - ▶ Polyfunctionality: series of exponents of related feature values shared across morphosyntactic domains
 - ▶ etc.
- ▶ Important insight (Anderson, 1992; Stump, 2001): these are not linguistic universals, and hence should not be hard-coded by the theoretical framework.
- ▶ That being said, it is important for an adequate framework to have simple means of expressing such generalizations where they are empirically valid.

Generalizations over rules II

- ▶ IBM relies heavily on inheritance hierarchies of rules of exponence to that effect.
- ▶ Simple example from Persian:



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A sketch of IBM

Words in IBM

- ▶ Morphological representation of a word:

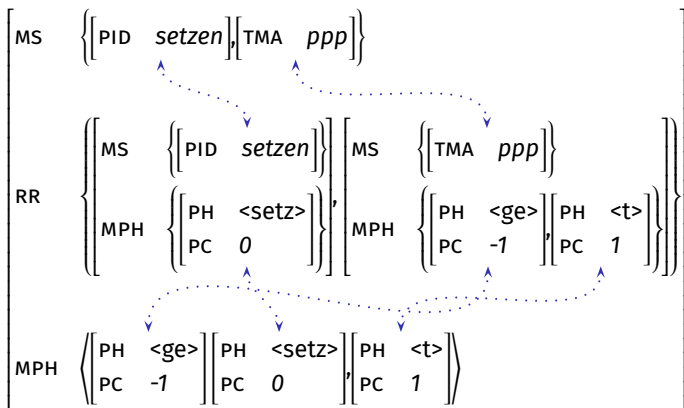
$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{MORPHOSYNTAX} \\ \text{MORPHS} \\ \text{PHONOLOGY} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ [\text{PID } \textit{setzen}], [\text{TMA } \textit{ppp}] \right\} \\ \left\langle \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{PH } \langle \textit{ge} \rangle \\ \text{PC } -1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{PH } \langle \textit{setz} \rangle \\ \text{PC } 0 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{PH } \langle \textit{t} \rangle \\ \text{PC } 1 \end{array} \right] \right\rangle \\ \langle \textit{gesetzt} \rangle \end{array} \right.$$

- ▶ Rules as abstractions over words:

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{MS} \\ \text{MPH} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ [\text{TMA } \textit{ppp}], \dots \right\} \\ \left\langle \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{PH } \langle \textit{ge} \rangle \\ \text{PC } -1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{PH } \langle \textit{t} \rangle \\ \text{PC } 1 \end{array} \right] \right\rangle, \dots \right\rangle \end{array} \right.$$

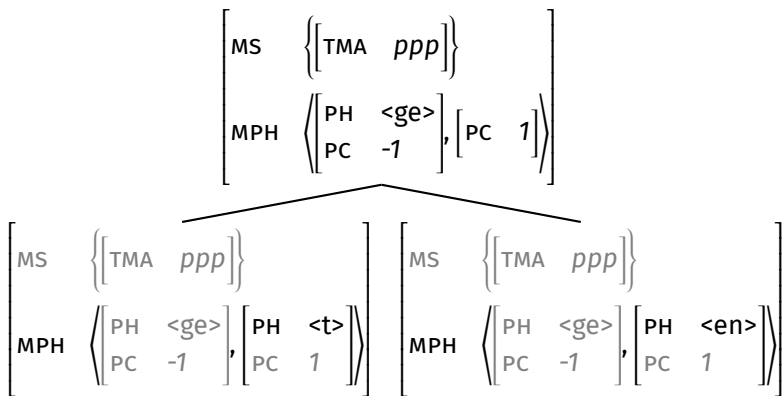
Rules in IBM

- ▶ The feature RR keeps a record of which rules license a particular wordform.



Hierarchies of rules

- ▶ Rules are descriptions of typed feature structures organized in (monotonous) multiple inheritance hierarchies.
- ▶ Monodimensional inheritance captures simple generalizations over rules:



Multiple inheritance

- ▶ Systematic co-variation is captured by multiple inheritance

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{MS} \left\{ \left[\text{TMA } ppp \right] \right\} \\ \text{MPH} \left\langle \dots, \left[\text{PC } 1 \right] \right\rangle \end{array} \right]$$

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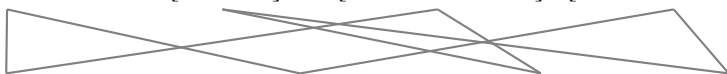
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$$\left[\text{MPH} \left\langle \left[\text{PH } \langle \text{ge} \rangle \right], \left[\right] \right\rangle \right]$$

$$\left[\text{MPH} \left\langle \left[\right] \right\rangle \right]$$

$$\left[\text{MPH} \left\langle \dots, \left[\text{PH } \langle \text{t} \rangle \right] \right\rangle \right]$$

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(e.g. *gesetzt*)

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(e.g. *geschrieben*)

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Applications

Parallel exponence

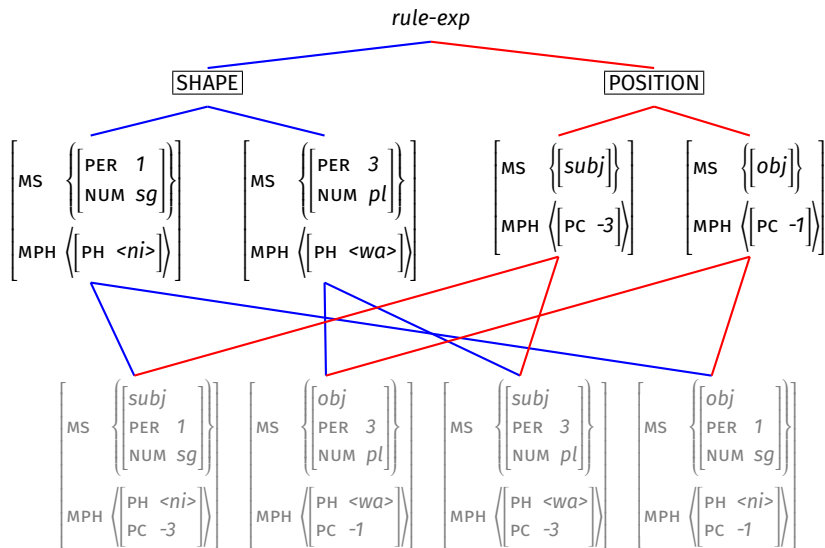
- ▶ In some systems, the **shape** and **position** of affixes have separate exponential value.
- ▶ Swahili person markers (Stump, 1993)
 - ▶ Position encodes grammatical function
 - ▶ Shape encodes person/number/gender

- (1) a. **ni**-ta-**wa**-penda
1SG-FUT-3PL-like
'I will like them.'
- b. **wa**-ta-**ni**-penda
3PL-FUT-1SG-like
'They will like me.'

	PER	GEN	SUBJECT		OBJECT	
			SG	PL	SG	PL
1			ni	tu	ni	tu
2			u	m	ku	wa
3		M/WA	a	wa	m	wa
		M/MI	u	i	u	i
		KI/VI	ki	vi	ki	vi
		JI/MA	li	ya	li	ya
		N/N	i	zi	i	zi
		U	u	—	u	—
		U/N	u	zi	u	zi
		KU	ku	—	ku	—

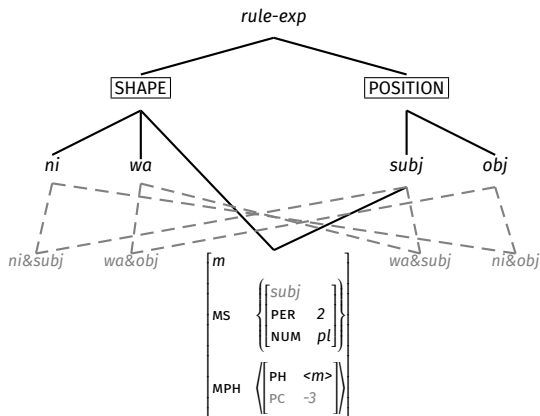
Hierarchies of rules

- ▶ Easily modeled in IBM by having separate POSITION and SHAPE dimensions describing different aspects of the same morph



Hierarchies of rules

- ▶ Shapes that are specific to one position are rigidly attached in both dimensions.



Gestalt exponence

- ▶ Some systems exhibit constructional or Gestalt exponence (Blevins, 2016).
 - ▶ Estonian first declension nouns:

	‘beak’	
	SG	PL
NOM	nokk	nok-a-d
GEN	nok-a	nokk-a-de
PART	nokk-a	nokk-a-sid

- ▶ We want to capture holistic properties of individual words, e.g.
 - ▶ No morph in the PART.SG is specific to the PART.
 - ▶ NOM.PL contains the same morphs found in the GEN.SG, while GEN.PL contains the same morphs found in PART.SG
- ▶ While still capturing generalizations over the paradigm, e.g.
 - ▶ Plural uses case suffixes
 - ▶ Default character of theme vowel
 - ▶ Default character or strong stem

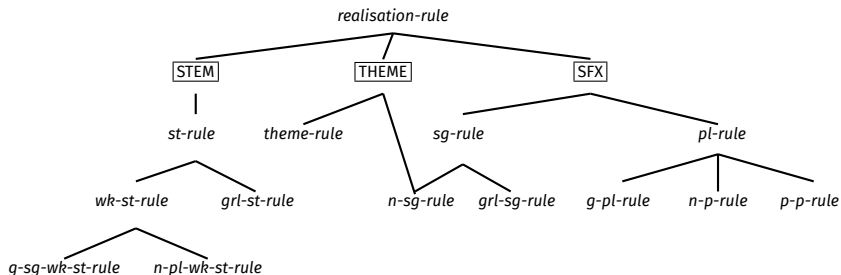
Generalizations over combinations of exponents

► Three dimensions controlling:

STEM the choice of a stem alternant

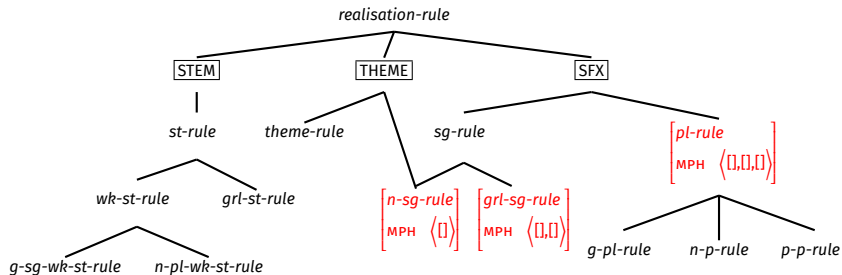
THEME the possible introduction of a theme vowel

SFX the possible introduction of a case-number suffix



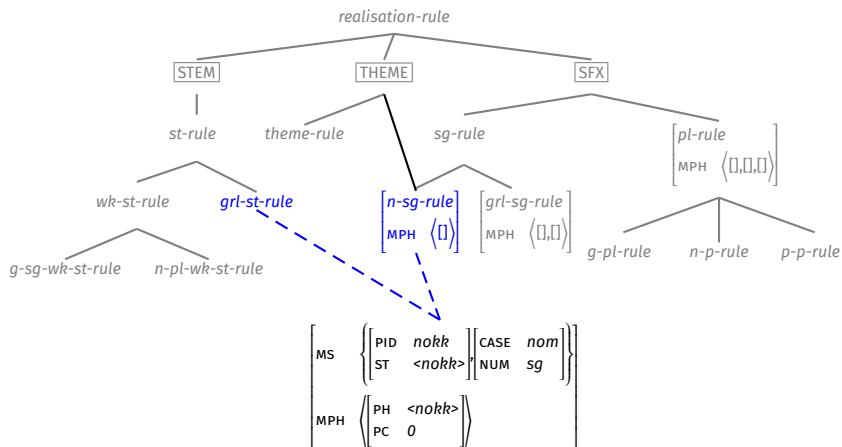
Generalizations over combinations of exponents

- Some rule types in the THEME and SFX dimensions jointly determine the how many morphs are used:



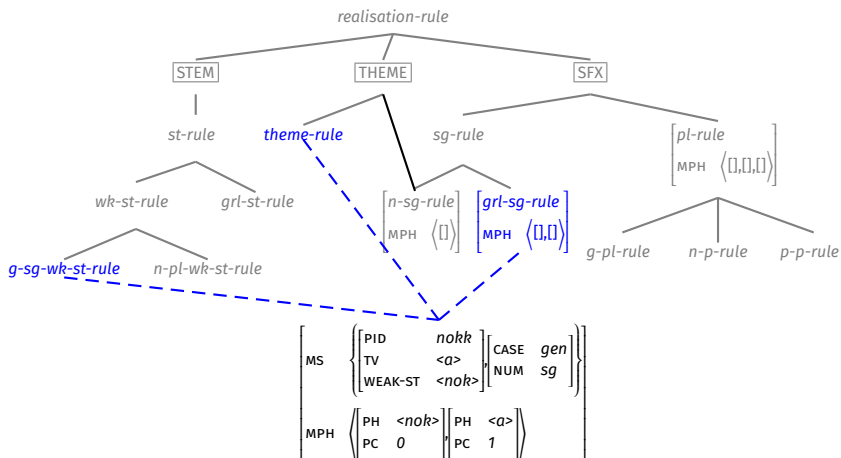
Generalizations over combinations of exponents

- In the NOM.SG, a special rule type belonging to both the THEME and SUFFIX dimension ensures that no theme vowel is used. The stem is the default, strong stem.



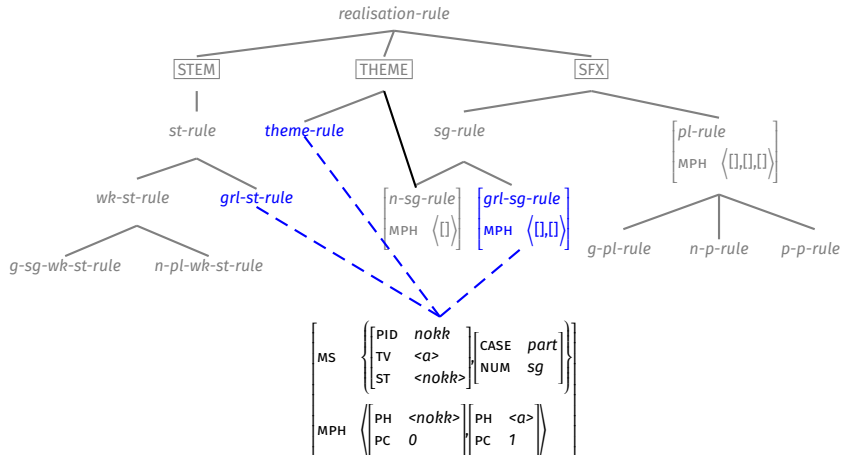
Generalizations over combinations of exponents

- ▶ In the GEN.SG, a special stem introduction rule type kicks in, making sure a weak stem is used. The other three relevant types ensure that exactly two morphs are used and introduce the theme vowel.



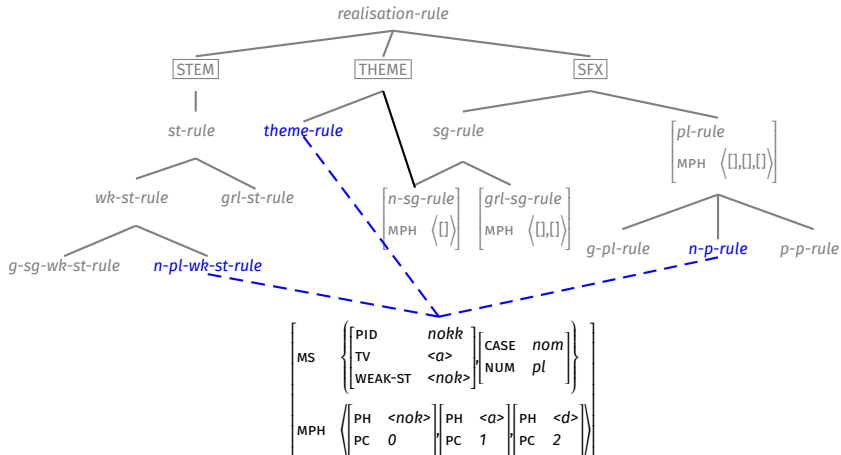
Generalizations over combinations of exponents

- ▶ The PART.SG is licensed just like the GEN.SG except that the default, strong stem is selected.



Generalizations over combinations of exponents

- Plural forms rely on a rule type requiring three morphs, and vary in the choice of stem allomorph and suffix.



IbM as constructional morphology

- ▶ IbM implements basic tenets of construction grammar in the context of inflection (see also Koenig 1994; Gurevich 2006; Booij 2010):
 - ▶ Rules of exponence may be constructional, in the sense that combinations of units of form (constructions) may contribute content unpredictable from the joint contributions of the individual units.
 - ▶ Through hierarchical organization, rules of exponence may capture generalizations about form-content relationships at any level of granularity.

Capturing lexeme-level generalizations about
exponence

Paradigm identifiers I

- ▶ In IbM, every bit of form has to be licensed by some rule of exponence.
- ▶ Hence IbM makes crucial use of **rules of stem introduction**.
- ▶ We argue that these rules realize the **paradigm identifier** or **PID** (Bonami and Crismann, 2018).
- ▶ The PID encapsulates all information that is specific to one paradigm:
 - ▶ Minimally, a stem shape.

The English lexeme *BOOK*
(partial lexical entry)

<i>lexeme</i>	
SS CAT HD	$\left[\begin{array}{l} \textit{noun} \\ \text{LID } \textit{book-rel} \end{array} \right]$
PID	$\left[\begin{array}{l} \textit{pid} \\ \text{STEM } \langle \textit{buk} \rangle \end{array} \right]$

A basic rule of stem introduction

MS	$\left\{ \left[\begin{array}{l} \textit{pid} \\ \text{STEM } \boxed{1} \end{array} \right] \right\}$
MPH	$\left\langle \left[\text{PH } \boxed{1} \right] \right\rangle$

Paradigm identifiers II

- ▶ Where needed:
 - ▶ Separate stem and thematic elements (Bonami and Lacroix, 2011; Crysmann and Bonami, 2017)
 - ▶ Stem space (Bonami and Boyé, 2002) encoded as an ordered list of stems (Bonami and Boyé, 2006)
 - ▶ Grammatical gender
- ▶ PIDs are organized in an inheritance hierarchy.
 - ▶ PID types implement irreducible inflection class distinctions
 - ▶ Allows for highly structured encoding of inflection class systems.
- ▶ We illustrate this by looking at Czech declension (Bonami and Crysmann, 2018).

Czech declension: basic facts

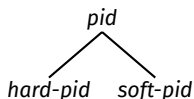
- ▶ Partial paradigms of main declension types for masculine inanimate and neuter nouns:

		MASCULINE		NEUTER	
		hard	soft	hard	soft
SG	NOM	most	pokoj	měst-o	moř-e
	GEN	most-u	pokoj-e	měst-a	moř-e
	DAT	most-u	pokoj-i	měst-u	moř-i
	ACC	most	pokoj	měst-o	moř-e
PL	NOM	most-y	pokoj-e	měst-a	moř-e
	GEN	most-ů	pokoj-ů	měst	moř-í
	DAT	most-ům	pokoj-ům	měst-ům	moř-ím
	ACC	most-y	pokoj-e	měst-a	moř-e
		'bridge'	'room'	'town'	'sea'

- ▶ Existence of generalizations based on **gender** or **hard vs. soft declension type**.
- ▶ Hard vs. soft only partially predictable from the quality of the stem-final consonant.

Cross-classifying lexemes I

- ▶ Hard vs. soft as a distinction of type of PID value.



- ▶ Individual lexemes pick a specific gender and PID type

<i>lexeme</i>	
SS CAT HD	<i>noun</i>
	LID <i>bridge-rel</i>
PID	<i>hard-pid</i>
	GEN <i>mas</i>
	STEM <i><most></i>

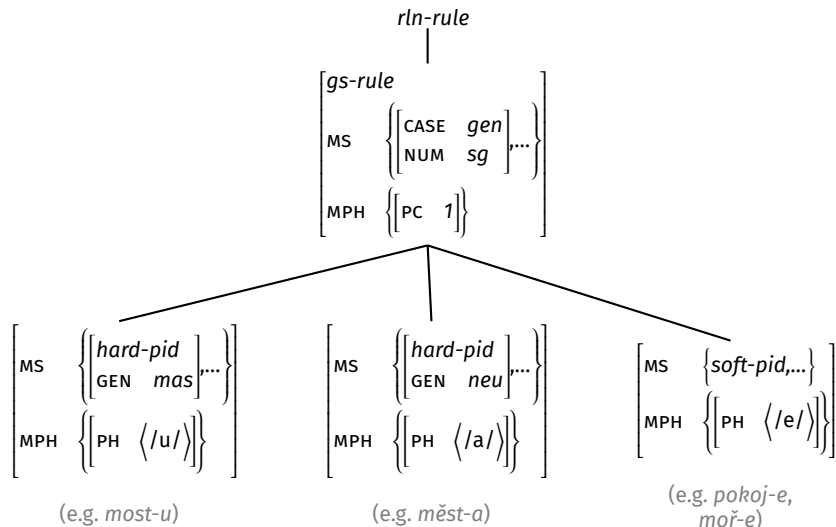
<i>lexeme</i>	
SS CAT HD	<i>noun</i>
	LID <i>room-rel</i>
PID	<i>soft-pid</i>
	GEN <i>mas</i>
	STEM <i><pokoj></i>

<i>lexeme</i>	
SS CAT HD	<i>noun</i>
	LID <i>town-rel</i>
PID	<i>hard-pid</i>
	GEN <i>neu</i>
	STEM <i><měst></i>

<i>lexeme</i>	
SS CAT HD	<i>noun</i>
	LID <i>sea-rel</i>
PID	<i>soft-pid</i>
	GEN <i>neu</i>
	SSTEM <i><moř></i>

Cross-classifying lexemes II

- Particular rules of exponence may select underspecified PID values



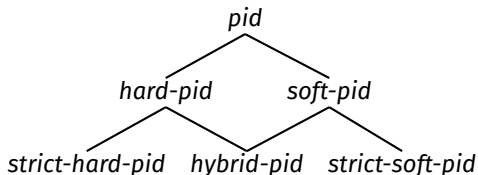
Hybrid classes

- ▶ This corner of the Czech declension system exhibits two types of hybridization between hard and soft declensions.
 - ▶ Lexically-conditioned overabundance in the masculine
 - ▶ Heteroclisis in the neuter

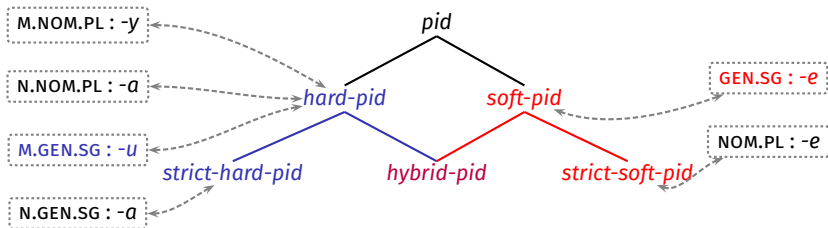
		MASCULINE			NEUTER		
		hard	hybrid	soft	hard	hybrid	soft
SG	NOM	most	pramen	pokoj	měst-o	kuř-e	moř-e
	GEN	most-u	pramen-u~pramen-e	pokoj-e	měst-a	kuř-et-e	moř-e
	DAT	most-u	pramen-u~pramen-i	pokoj-i	měst-u	kuř-et-i	moř-i
	ACC	most	pramen	pokoj	měst-o	kuř-e	moř-e
PL	NOM	most-y	pramen-y	pokoj-e	měst-a	kuř-at-a	moř-e
	GEN	most-ů	pramen-ů	pokoj-ů	měst	kuř-at	moř-í
	DAT	most-ům	pramen-ům	pokoj-ům	měst-ům	kuř-at-ům	moř-ím
	ACC	most-y	pramen-y	pokoj-e	měst-a	kuř-at-a	moř-e
		'bridge'	'spring'	'room'	'town'	'chicken'	'sea'

Hybrid classes in the PID hierarchy

- ▶ Hybrid classes have multiple supertypes in the PID hierarchy:

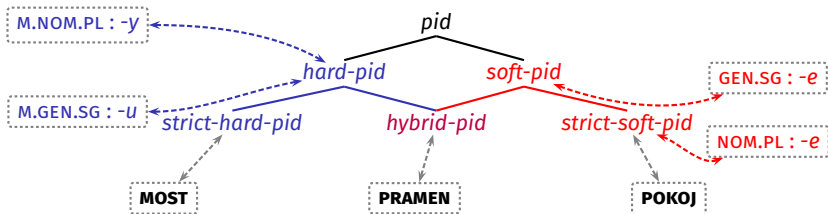


- ▶ Both overabundant and heteroclitite lexemes belong to the *mixed-pid* type.
- ▶ Rules of exponence may pick out a leaf type or a supertype.

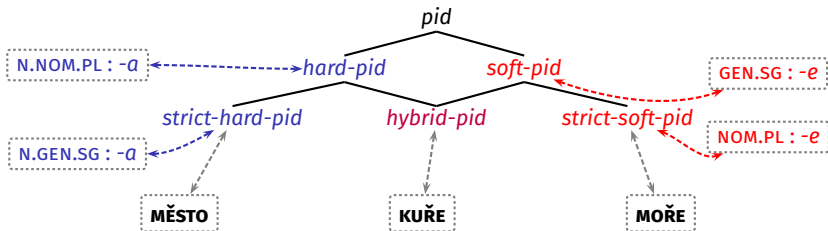


Overabundance and the PID hierarchy

- ▶ Overabundance occurs where two rules expressing the same features pick out distinct supertypes of a lexeme's PID.

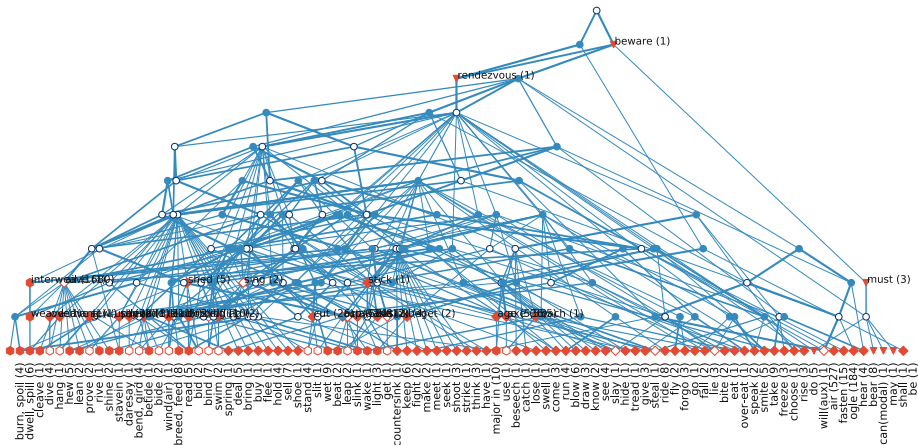


- ▶ **Heterocclisis** occurs where the PID type is mixed, but no pair of rules expressing the same features pick out different supertypes.



Supporting evidence: inductive classification

- ▶ Beniamine (forthcoming) infers hierarchies of classes from raw inflectional data.
- ▶ Densely populated class lattices, with a high prevalence of hybrid classes.



Supporting evidence from analogical similarity

- ▶ Guzman Naranjo (2019):
 - ▶ In general, phonological similarity of stems predicts similarity of inflectional behavior.
 - ▶ Naturally captured in IBM as constraints on PID.
 - ▶ In overabundant hybridization, the stems of hybrid classes have phonological properties intermediate between those of the two non-overabundant classes.
 - ▶ Predicted by the present analysis of hybridization.
 - ▶ Although Guzman Naranjo does not discuss it, we predict that the same will hold for heteroclite hybridization.

Outlook: questioning presuppositions

Outstanding issues

- ▶ At the beginning of the talk I made explicit three presuppositions:
 - ▶ I assume a pre-established segmentation of words into stems and affixes.
 - ▶ I assume that stem alternants as well as affixes may have exponential value.
 - ▶ I assume a pre-established statement of the exponential value of each element.
- ▶ These presuppositions would be unproblematic if we had well-established, undisputed ways of meeting these assumptions.
- ▶ But we don't (Spencer, 2012).

Questioning presuppositions: allomorphy

- ▶ Consider the following patterns of stem alternation in French:

	1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
DÉMENER	demɛn	demɛn	demɛn	demə̃n	demə̃ne	demɛn
DÉCÉDER	desɛd	desɛd	desɛd	desedɔ̃	desede	desɛd
DÉJEUNER	dejoɛn	dejoɛn	dejoɛn	dejə̃n	dejə̃ne	dejoɛn

- ▶ Analytic customs suggest to **not** treat alternating vowels as exponents, because they are not taken to be distinct morphs.
- ▶ Yet these alternating vowels, rather than the global shape of the stems, have exponential value, in the sense that they constitute a phonological property of the word with contrastive value.
- ▶ In general then, we need to consider how each (sub)segmental property of a word contributes to exponence.
- ▶ Beniamine and Bonami (2019): steps towards an automated, inductive segmentation strategy grounded in the contrastive value of individual phonological properties of words.

Questioning presuppositions: exponents of what?

- ▶ Consider the distribution of $-\tilde{\text{ɔ}}$ in French conjugation.

	1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL	2PL	3PL
PRS	lav	lav	lav	lav $\tilde{\text{ɔ}}$	lave	lav
PST.IPFV	lavε	lavε	lavε	lavj $\tilde{\text{ɔ}}$	lavje	lavε
PST.PFV	lavε	lava	lava	lavam	lavat	lavεκ
FUT	lavəβε	lavəβα	lavəβα	lavəκ $\tilde{\text{ɔ}}$	lavəβε	lavəκ $\tilde{\text{ɔ}}$

- ▶ $-\tilde{\text{ɔ}}$ has a quirky distribution: $(1\text{PL} \wedge \neg\text{PST.PFV}) \vee (3\text{PL} \wedge \text{FUT})$
- ▶ Our analytic habit is to try as much as possible to reduce such distributions by appealing to homonymy and Panini's Principle
 - ▶ $-\tilde{\text{ɔ}}_1$: 1PL, $-m$: IND.PST.PFV.1PL, $-\tilde{\text{ɔ}}_2$: FUT.3PL
- ▶ This is definitely worth questioning: Saying that $-\tilde{\text{ɔ}}$ is the exponent of 1PL does not do full justice to the information that is provided to the speaker by the fact that the word ends in $-\tilde{\text{ɔ}}$.
- ▶ Way forward: exponence as probability of content given form.

Questioning presuppositions: exponence types

- ▶ Theories of exponence are still largely based on Matthews's 1972 typology of distributions.
- ▶ Yet this is far from complete (Harris, 2017).
- ▶ In particular, basic definitions do not exhaust the types that present themselves (Carroll, 2019).

SG	PL	SG	PL	SG	PL
1	x	1	x	1	x x
2	x	2	x	2	x
3	y xy	3	xy	3	xy y

Simple exponence Multiple exponence ???

- ▶ Way forward (current collaboration with Matthew Carroll):
 - ▶ Explicit model-theoretic formalization of distribution types
 - ▶ Large-scale empirical exploration of the prevalence of different types

Conclusions

- ▶ I have presented a general formal framework for inflectional morphology that crucially uses:
 - ▶ Many-to-many rules of exponence
 - ▶ Inheritance hierarchies of rules of exponence
 - ▶ Inheritance hierarchies of paradigm types
- ▶ I have highlighted how this provides for direct expression of various types of generalizations over exponence:
 - ▶ Variable morphotactics
 - ▶ Parallel exponence
 - ▶ Gestalt exponence
 - ▶ Hybrid exponence strategies, in the form of both overabundance and heteroclis
- ▶ Much conceptual and empirical work remains to be done on the nature and typology of exponence.
- ▶ IBM provides a rich formal scaffolding to build on.

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Why morphousness is not a problem

- ▶ Classical arguments against morphousness (Anderson, 1992) do not apply to lBM:
 - ▶ No 'zero morphemes': absence of expression is the absence of a morph, not the presence of an empty element.
 - ▶ The constraint-based lexicalist architecture is sufficient to ensure that syntax cannot manipulate morphs.
 - ▶ Because lBM is declarative, rules do not feed other rules, and hence there is no sense in which one rule could be sensitive to the structure build by another.
 - ▶ Non-concatenative morphology is not an obstacle to morphousness within a model-theoretic model, and can be addressed by combining underspecified descriptions of the same string.

Lexical entry of RING:

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} apo-vb-pid \\ \text{STEM} \quad \langle r \rangle + \langle \text{vowel} \rangle + \langle ng \rangle \end{array} \right]$$

Exponence of past:

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{MS} \quad \left\{ \left[\begin{array}{l} apo-vb-pid \\ \text{STEM} \quad \boxed{1} \end{array} \right], \left[\text{TMA} \quad pst \right] \right\} \\ \text{MPH} \quad \left\langle \left[\text{PH} \quad \boxed{1} \text{list(seg)} + \langle a \rangle + \text{list(cons)} \right] \right\rangle \end{array} \right]$$