

Today's topics:

- Discussion: SC HW #1
- The relationship between morphology and phonology

Background preparation:

- Data set: Lamba (provided in class)

0. Today's objectives

After today's class, you should be able to:

- Evaluate your analysis of SC HW #1: Were you able to apply the tools of our feature model insightfully?
- Segment words into morphemes in a data set
- Explain the relationship between morphology and phonology in our model of the mental grammar

1. Discussion: SC HW #1

SC HW #1:

Māori consonants in loanwords from English

- What patterns can we find for the consonants?
- How can we use our features model to...
 - describe the classes of segments that change?
 - characterize what features are changed?
- Did you find any issues or difficulties for our model?

2. Morphological decomposition

Data set – [Lamba](#)

Group discussion #1

- Break the words in this data set into **morphemes**
 - How many **distinct morphemes** are there?
 - What **meaning** can we determine for each morpheme?

2. Morphological decomposition

Data set: [Lamba](#) | [Debriefing #1](#)

- Some key points to understand about working with **morphologically complex words**

Handout - “[Morphology and phonology](#)” (101 review)

- What is a **morpheme**?
- How are morphemes stored in the **lexicon**?
- How do we **identify** morphemes in a data set?
- What part of the grammar **adds** a morpheme to a base to create a new word?
 - *Hint: It's not the phonology*

3. Alternating morphemes

Data set: [Lamba](#)

Group discussion #2

- Which **suffixes** have multiple surface forms?
 - A morpheme with multiple surface forms (determined by environment) is said to **alternate**
- What **determines** which form appears?
 - Can you use the tools of our feature model to propose an analysis?

3. Alternating morphemes

Data set: [Lamba](#)

Debriefing #2

- Which suffixes **alternate**?
- What **determines** which form appears?

3. Alternating morphemes

- How do we **model** the grammar of a language with an alternating morpheme?
 - Do speakers memorize which form of the morpheme appears with which base?
 - What's the alternative?
 - What kinds of evidence might support one of these approaches over the other?

3. Alternating morphemes

- How do we **model** the grammar of a language with an alternating morpheme? Our proposal:
 - *Phonological process*: There is a **single underlying representation (UR)** for the morpheme, and the grammar **changes its features** in some context
- Evidence for this analysis: **productivity**
 - Does the phonological process apply in “new” situations? (wug tests, loanwords, etc.)

3. Alternating morphemes

- Our proposal: There is a **single underlying representation (UR)** for the morpheme, and the grammar **changes its features** in some context
- How do we **determine** this single UR for an alternating morpheme?
 - Our next topic

4. For next time

- Practice a little with **morphological analysis** and **morpheme alternations** in the Lamba data set
- Identify the **alternating morphemes** in a new data set
 - Determine the conditions under which each surface form appears