

Objectives:

- **Factorial typology of segment distribution — Implications**
- **Child phonology in OT**

Background preparation:

- *Exercise: Fac. typ. of segmental distribution*

0. Today's plan

- General OT check-in
 - How much do we want to go over the last few prep questions?
 - Any clarification questions on WU #2?
- Factorial typology of segmental distribution
- Comparing models: Child phonology

0. General OT check-in

- All prep questions except 04.04 are now graded
 - Any questions / any points to go over?
- Any clarification questions on WU #2?

1. Review: Complementary distribution

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(penalizes
default allophone
in **specific context**)

Context-free M

(penalizes
specific allophone
in **general**)

F

(the faithfulness
constraint(s) on
the features that
distinguish the
two allophones)

- How are they **ranked** for complementary distribution?

1. Review: Complementary distribution

- **Context-specific M » Context-free M » F**
- *F dominated by both M*: Input choice of allophone is irrelevant; the M constraints will decide everything
 - This is exactly what we need for complementary (**predictable**) distribution!
- *Context-specific M » Context-free M*: Specific allophone is always avoided, except in its specific context, where the default allophone is worse
 - These are the constraints that determine **which allophone** appears where

2. Factorial typology and segmental distribution

- Here are the three constraints we proposed for our analysis of complementary distribution in [Greek](#)

NOVELAR+FRONTVOWEL

Assign one * for any sequence of segments [DORS] [-bk] in which the [DORS] segment is not also [COR]

*COR-DORS (aka “No palatals”)

Assign one * for any segment that is [COR, DORS]

IDENT[COR]

Assign one * for any output segment that differs from its input segment with respect to [CORONAL]

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What are they?

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3! = 6 rankings

- 1 NoVEL+FRV » *COR-DORS » IDENT[**COR**] (= *Greek*)
- 2 IDENT[**COR**] » *COR-DORS » NoVEL+FRV
- 3 IDENT[**COR**] » NoVEL+FRV » *COR-DORS
- 4 NoVEL+FRV » IDENT[**COR**] » *COR-DORS
- 5 *COR-DORS » NoVEL+FRV » IDENT[**COR**]
- 6 *COR-DORS » IDENT[**COR**] » NoVEL+FRV

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(this is the ranking for Greek)

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(b) [ca]		*!	*

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(a) [ke]	*!		
→ (b) [ce]		*	*

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(b) [ke]	*!		*

/ca/	NoVELAR+FRV	*COR-DORS	IDENT[COR]
(a) [ca]		*!	
→ (b) [ka]			*

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(this is the ranking for Greek)

- Outcomes:

/ka/ → **[ka]** /ca/ → **[ka]**

/ke/ → **[ce]** /ce/ → **[ce]**

- Distribution:

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(this is the ranking for Greek)
 - Outcomes:
/ka/ → [ka] /ca/ → [ka]
/ke/ → [ce] /ce/ → [ce]
 - Distribution: **complementary** (predictable)
 - Faithfulness is lowest — choice of [k] vs. [c] in input has *no influence*
 - Context-specific M » context-free M — environment determines [k] vs. [c]

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- Pause for an important question:

What about all the other candidates?

- What are some **other useful losers** for this output?

/ke/	NoVELAR+FRV	*COR-DORS	IDENT[COR]
(a) [ke]	*!		
→ (b) [ce]		*	*
...			

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/ke/	NoVELAR+FRV	*COR-DORS	IDENT[COR]
(a) [ke]	*!		
→ (b) [ce]		*	*
(c) [ka]		L	L
(d) [e]		L	L
(e) [kre]		L	L

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- What about all the other candidates? Examples:

/ke/	IDENT [bk/lo]	NoDEL	No EPENTH	NoVEL+ FRV	*COR- DORS	IDENT [COR]
(a) [ke]				*!		
→ (b) [ce]					*	*
(c) [ka]	* W				L	L
(d) [e]		* W			L	L
(e) [kre]			* W		L	L

- Other constraints outrank *COR-DORS, ID[COR] in Greek

2. Factorial typology and segmental distribution

- What about all the other candidates?
 - **Other constraints** » *COR-DORS, ID[COR] in Greek
 - For the rest of the discussion, we will keep our focus on languages where such other constraints dominate the key CS-M and F constraints
 - Why? Only because we are interested in **how constraints can predict distribution patterns between two segments**
 - The above other types of patterns are also predicted to exist! — that's just a separate discussion topic

2. Factorial typology and segmental distribution

- Ranking (2): IDENT[**COR**] » ***COR-DORS** » No**VEL+FRV**
- Ranking (3): IDENT[**COR**] » No**VEL+FRV** » ***COR-DORS**

/ka/	IDENT[COR]	* COR-DORS	No VELAR+FRV
→ (a) [ka]			
(b) [ca]	*!	*	

/ke/	IDENT[COR]	* COR-DORS	No VELAR+FRV
→ (a) [ke]			*
(b) [ce]	*!	*	

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(b) [ke]	*!		*

/ca/	IDENT[COR]	* COR-DORS	No VELAR+FRV
→ (a) [ca]		*	
(b) [ka]	*!		

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- Ranking (3): IDENT[COR] » NoVEL+FRV » *COR-DORS
 - Outcomes:
/ka/ → [ka] /ca/ → [ca]
/ke/ → [ke] /ce/ → [ce]
 - Distribution:

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- Ranking (3): IDENT[COR] » NoVEL+FRV » *COR-DORS
 - Outcomes:
/ka/ → [ka] /ca/ → [ca]
/ke/ → [ke] /ce/ → [ce]
 - Distribution: **contrastive** (unpredictable)
Note the presence of “minimal pairs”!
 - Faithfulness is highest — input [k] and [c] will both survive unchanged, no matter what

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- Ranking (4): NoVEL+FRV » IDENT[**COR**] » *COR-DORS

/ka/	NoVELAR+FRV	IDENT[COR]	*COR-DORS
→ (a) [ka]			
(b) [ca]		*!	*

/ke/	NoVELAR+FRV	IDENT[COR]	*COR-DORS
(a) [ke]	*!		
→ (b) [ce]		*	*

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/ce/	NoVELAR+FRV	IDENT[COR]	*COR-DORS
→ (a) [ce]			*
(b) [ke]	*!	*	

/ca/	NoVELAR+FRV	IDENT[COR]	*COR-DORS
→ (a) [ca]			*
(b) [ka]		*!	

2. Factorial typology and segmental distribution

- Ranking (4): NoVEL+FRV » IDENT[COR] » *COR-DORS
 - Outcomes:
/ka/ → [ka] /ca/ → [ca]
/ke/ → [ce] /ce/ → [ce]
 - Distribution:

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- Ranking (4): NoVEL+FRV » IDENT[COR] » *COR-DORS
 - Outcomes:
/ka/ → [ka] /ca/ → [ca]
/ke/ → [ce] /ce/ → [ce]
 - Distribution: **neutralization**
Note “minimal pair” [ka] ≠ [ca], but /ke/ → [ce]
 - NV+FV requires ‘special’ segment in special context
 - Otherwise, faithfulness prevails

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- Ranking (5): *COR-DORS » NoVEL+FRV » IDENT[**COR**]
- Ranking (6): *COR-DORS » IDENT[**COR**] » NoVEL+FRV

/ka/	*COR-DORS	NoVELAR+FRV	IDENT[COR]
→ (a) [ka]			
(b) [ca]	*!		*

/ke/	*COR-DORS	NoVELAR+FRV	IDENT[COR]
→ (a) [ke]		*	
(b) [ce]	*!		*

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→ (b) [ke]		*	*

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(a) [ca]	*!		
→ (b) [ka]			*

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/ka/ → **[ka]** /ca/ → **[ka]**
/ke/ → **[ke]** /ce/ → **[ke]**
 - Distribution:

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- Ranking (6): *COR-DORS » IDENT[COR] » NOVEL+FRV
 - Outcomes:
/ka/ → [ka] /ca/ → [ka]
/ke/ → [ke] /ce/ → [ke]
 - Distribution: **“inventory gap”** (illegal segment)
Note that there is no [c] in any output ever
 - ‘Special’ segment is banned, regardless of context and regardless of input
 - This is how OT handles **absent** segments

2. Factorial typology and segmental distribution

- **Summary** of rankings and distribution patterns:

(1) NoVEL+FRV » *COR-DORS » IDENT[COR]	predictable
(2) IDENT[COR] » *COR-DORS » NoVEL+FRV	contrastive
(3) IDENT[COR] » NoVEL+FRV » *COR-DORS	
(4) NoVEL+FRV » IDENT[COR] » *COR-DORS	neutralization
(5) *COR-DORS » NoVEL+FRV » IDENT[COR]	inventory gap
(6) *COR-DORS » IDENT[COR] » NoVEL+FRV	

2. Factorial typology and segmental distribution

- Implications of the OT approach to segmental distribution:
 - If some language has a context-specific allophone and a default (“elsewhere”) allophone...
 - ...which one is predicted to be an illegal segment in another language?
- Rule-based phonology does not make this connection

3. Summary: Segmental distribution in OT

- General ranking for **predictable distribution**:
Context-specific M » Context-free M » F
- General ranking for **contrastive distribution**:
F » { Context-specific M , Context-free M }
- General ranking for **neutralization**:
Context-specific M » F » Context-free M
- General ranking for **inventory gap**:
Context-free M » { Context-specific M , F }

4. Child phonology in OT

- PP: Consonant patterns in child phonology

/ʌðə/ → [ʌdə] 'other' /swiŋ/ → [wiŋ] 'swing'

/zu:/ → [du:] 'zoo' /bʌmp/ → [bʌp] 'bump'

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 - In general, how do child **surface forms** differ from adult surface forms?
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 - In a **rule-based model** of phonology, how do we have to say a child's **grammar** differs from the target (adult) grammar? | **more rules — more complex (!)**

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- What does the child's grammar look like in OT?
 - Cluster simplification patterns
 - Fricative 'stopping' pattern

5. Cluster simplification

- *Child grammar*: What are the constraint rankings?

/swiŋ/ 'swing'		
→ (a) [wiŋ]		
(b) [swiŋ]		

/bʌmp/ 'bump'		
→ (a) [bʌp]		
(b) [bʌmp]		

5. Cluster simplification

- Child grammar:* What are the constraint rankings?

/swiŋ/ 'swing'	NoONSETCLUSTER	NoDELETION
→ (a) [wiŋ]		*
(b) [swiŋ]	* W	L

/bʌmp/ 'bump'	NoCODACLUSTER	NoDELETION
→ (a) [bʌp]		*
(b) [bʌmp]	* W	L

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/swiŋ/ 'swing'	NoONSETCLUSTER	NoDELETION
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(b) [swiŋ]	* W	L

- **NoCODACLUSTER** » **NoDELETION**

/bʌmp/ 'bump'	NoCODACLUSTER	NoDELETION
→ (a) [bʌp]		*
(b) [bʌmp]	* W	L

5. Cluster simplification

- *Adult grammar*: What are the constraint rankings?

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(a) [wiŋ]		*
→ (b) [swiŋ]	*	

/bʌmp/ 'bump'	NoCODACLUSTER	NoDELETION
(a) [bʌp]		*
→ (b) [bʌmp]	*	

5. Cluster simplification

- *Adult grammar*: What are the constraint rankings?

- NoDELETION » NoONSETCLUSTER

/swiŋ/ 'swing'	NoDELETION	NoONSETCLUSTER
(a) [wiŋ]	* W	L
→ (b) [swiŋ]		*

- NoDELETION » NoCODACLUSTER

/bʌmp/ 'bump'	NoDELETION	NoCODACLUSTER
(a) [bʌp]	* W	L
→ (b) [bʌmp]		*

6. Fricative 'stopping'

- *Child grammar*: What are the constraint rankings?

/ʌðə/ 'other'			
→ (a) [ʌpə]			
(b) [ʌðə]			

/zu:/ 'zoo'			
→ (a) [du:]			
(b) [zu:]			

6. Fricative 'stopping'

- Child grammar:* What are the constraint rankings?

<i>/ʌðə/</i> 'other'	NoFRICATIVE	IDENT[±cont]
→ (a) [ʌdə]		*
(b) [ʌðə]	* W	L

<i>/zu:/</i> 'zoo'	NoFRICATIVE	IDENT[±cont]	IDENT[±strid]
→ (a) [du:]		*	*
(b) [zu:]	* W	L	L

6. Fricative 'stopping'

- *Child grammar*: What are the constraint rankings?
 - **NoFRICATIVE** » **IDENT[±cont]**

/ʌðə/ 'other'	NoFRICATIVE	IDENT[±cont]
→ (a) [ʌdə]		*
(b) [ʌðə]	* W	L

- **NoFRICATIVE** » { **IDENT[±cont]**, **IDENT[±strid]** }

/zu:/ 'zoo'	NoFRICATIVE	IDENT[±cont]	IDENT[±strid]
→ (a) [du:]		*	*
(b) [zu:]	* W	L	L

6. Fricative 'stopping'

- Is there really evidence for a NoFRICATIVE constraint?
 - World Atlas of Language Structures (WALS)
Online map: [Languages with no fricatives](#)

6. Fricative 'stopping'

- Adult grammar:* What are the constraint rankings?

<i>/ʌðə/ 'other'</i>	NoFRICATIVE	IDENT[±cont]
(a) [ʌpə]		*
→ (b) [ʌðə]	*	

<i>/zu:/ 'zoo'</i>	NoFRICATIVE	IDENT[±cont]	IDENT[±strid]
(a) [du:]		*	*
→ (b) [zu:]	*		

6. Fricative 'stopping'

- *Adult grammar*: What are the constraint rankings?
 - IDENT[±cont] » NoFRICATIVE

/ʌðə/ 'other'	IDENT[±cont]	NoFRICATIVE
(a) [ʌdə]	* W	L
→ (b) [ʌðə]		*

- { IDENT[±cont] <or> IDENT[±strid] } » NoFRICATIVE

/zu:/ 'zoo'	IDENT[±cont]	IDENT[±strid]	NoFRICATIVE
(a) [du:]	* W	* W	L
→ (b) [zu:]			*

7. Child vs. adult grammars in OT

- In general, how do child **surface forms** differ from adult surface forms? | **simpler**
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- What occurs during children's acquisition of phonology?

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- In a **constraint-based model** of phonology, how do we have to say a child's **grammar** differs from the target (adult) grammar? | **different ranking, same constraints**
- What occurs during children's acquisition of phonology?
 - The constraints **get reranked** to match adults

7. Child vs. adult grammars in OT

- Can we make any **generalizations** about *how* the child and adult rankings differ across these patterns?

Child:

{ NoONSETCLUSTER, NoCODACLUSTER } » NoDELETION
NoFRICATIVE » { IDENT[±cont], IDENT[±strid] }

Adult:

NoDELETION » { NoONSETCLUSTER, NoCODACLUSTER }
{ IDENT[±cont] } » NoFRICATIVE

4. Child vs. adult grammars in OT

- Can we make any **generalizations** about *how* the child and adult rankings differ?

Child: Markedness » Faithfulness

{ NoONSETCLUSTER, NoCODACLUSTER } » NoDELETION

NoFRICATIVE » { IDENT[±cont], IDENT[±strid] }

Adult: Faithfulness » Markedness

NoDELETION » { NoONSETCLUSTER, NoCODACLUSTER }

{ IDENT[±cont] } » NoFRICATIVE

- We'll pick this up next time