Objectives:

- **Factorial typology of segment distribution — Implications**

Background preparation:

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

0. Today's plan

- General OT check-in
  - Any questions about the last few sets of prep questions?
- Factorial typology of segmental distribution
- Looking ahead
  - Any questions about SC HW #4, 5?
  - Overview of WU #2

0. General OT check-in

- **Scores** and **feedback** have been released for all prep questions (except for 09.26/Ethics, 10.10/Tibetan)
  - Any questions / any points to go over?

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1. Review: Complementary distribution

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Context-specific M	**Context-free M**	**F**
(penalizes **default** allophone in **specific context**)	(penalizes **specific** allophone in **general**)	(the faithfulness constraint(s) on the features that **distinguish** the two allophones)

- How are these constraints **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

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- 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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Discussion, part 1

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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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Discussion, part 2

- Use the tableaus worksheet as a guide

- For each of the rankings…
  - What would happen to the following inputs?
    /ka/ /ke/ /ce/ /ca/
  - Describe what **distribution pattern** we see for the segments [k] and [c] in a language with this ranking

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- Ranking (1): NoVel+FrV » *Cor-Dors » Ident[cor]
  (this is the ranking for Greek)

/ka/	NoVelar+FrV	*Cor-Dors	Ident[cor]
→ (a) **[ka]**			
(b) [ca]		*!	*

/ke/	NoVelar+FrV	*Cor-Dors	Ident[cor]
(a) [ke]	*!		
→ (b) **[ce]**		*	*

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- Ranking (1): NoVel+FrV » *Cor-Dors » Ident[cor]
  (this is the ranking for Greek)

/ce/	NoVelar+FrV	*Cor-Dors	Ident[cor]
→ (a) **[ce]**		*	
(b) [ke]	*!		*

/ca/	NoVelar+FrV	*Cor-Dors	Ident[cor]
(a) [ca]		*!	
→ (b) **[ka]**			*

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  - Outcomes:

    /ka/ → **[ka]** /ca/→ **[ka]** (default env: [k])

    /ke/ → **[ce]** /ce/→ **[ce]** (/_[-bk]: [c])

  - Distribution:

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  (this is the ranking for Greek)
  - Outcomes:
    /ka/ → **[ka]** /ca/→ **[ka]** (default env: [k])
    /ke/ → **[ce]** /ce/→ **[ce]** (/_[-bk]: [c])
  - 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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  What about all the other candidates? Examples:

/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

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- 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

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- Ranking (2): IDENT[COR] » *COR-DORS » NOVEL+FRV
- Ranking (3): IDENT[COR] » NOVEL+FRV » *COR-DORS

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

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

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- Ranking (2): IDENT[COR] » *COR-DORS » NOVEL+FRV
- Ranking (3): IDENT[COR] » NOVEL+FRV » *COR-DORS

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

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

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- Ranking (2): IDENT[COR] » *COR-DORS » NOVEL+FRV
- Ranking (3): IDENT[COR] » NOVEL+FRV » *COR-DORS
  - Outcomes:

    /ka/ → **[ka]** /ca/→ **[ca]** (default env: ??)

    /ke/ → **[ke]** /ce/→ **[ce]** (/_[-bk]: ??)
  - Distribution:

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- Ranking (2): IDENT[COR] » *COR-DORS » NOVEL+FRV
- Ranking (3): IDENT[COR] » NOVEL+FRV » *COR-DORS
  - Outcomes:

    /ka/ → **[ka]** /ca/→ **[ca]** (default env: ??)

    /ke/ → **[ke]** /ce/→ **[ce]** (/_[-bk]: ??)
  - 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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- Ranking (4): NoVel+FrV » Ident[cor] » *Cor-Dors

/ce/	NoVelar+FrV	Ident[cor]	*Cor-Dors
→ (a) **[ce]**			*
(b) [ke]	*!	*	

/ca/	NoVelar+FrV	Ident[cor]	*Cor-Dors
→ (a) **[ca]**			*
(b) [ka]		*!	

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- Ranking (4): NoVel+FrV » Ident[cor] » *Cor-Dors
  - Outcomes:

    /ka/ → **[ka]** /ca/→ **[ca]** (default env: ??)

    /ke/ → **[ce]** /ce/→ **[ce]** (/_[-bk]: [c])
  - Distribution:

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- Ranking (4): NoVel+FrV » Ident[cor] » *Cor-Dors
  - Outcomes:

    /ka/ → **[ka]** /ca/→ **[ca]** (default env: ??)

    /ke/ → **[ce]** /ce/→ **[ce]** (/_[-bk]: [c])
  - 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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- Ranking (5): *Cor-Dors » NoVel+FrV » Ident[cor]
- Ranking (6): *Cor-Dors » Ident[cor] » NoVel+FrV

/ce/	*Cor-Dors	NoVelar+FrV	Ident[cor]
(a) [ce]	*!		
→ (b) **[ke]**		*	*

/ca/	*Cor-Dors	NoVelar+FrV	Ident[cor]
(a) [ca]	*!		
→ (b) **[ka]**			*

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- Ranking (5): *Cor-Dors » NoVel+FrV » Ident[cor]
- Ranking (6): *Cor-Dors » Ident[cor] » NoVel+FrV
  - Outcomes:

    /ka/ → **[ka]** /ca/→ **[ka]** (default env: [k])

    /ke/ → **[ke]** /ce/→ **[ke]** (/_[-bk]: [k])

  - Distribution:

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- Ranking (5): *Cor-Dors » NoVel+FrV » Ident[cor]
- Ranking (6): *Cor-Dors » Ident[cor] » NoVel+FrV
  - Outcomes:

    /ka/ → **[ka]** /ca/→ **[ka]** (default env: [k])

    /ke/ → **[ke]** /ce/→ **[ke]** (/_[-bk]: [k])

  - 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

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

(1) NoVel+FrV » *Cor-Dors » Ident[cor]	predictable (complementary)
(2) Ident[cor] » *Cor-Dors » NoVel+FrV (3) Ident[cor] » NoVel+FrV » *Cor-Dors	contrastive
(4) NoVel+FrV » Ident[cor] » *Cor-Dors	neutralization
(5) *Cor-Dors » NoVel+FrV » Ident[cor] (6) *Cor-Dors » Ident[cor] » NoVel+FrV	inventory gap

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- 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 _____ :

  Context-specific M » Context-free M » F

- General ranking for _____ :

  F » { Context-specific M , Context-free M }

- General ranking for _____ :

  Context-specific M » F » Context-free M

- General ranking for _____ :

  Context-free M » { Context-specific M , F }

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. Looking ahead

- Any clarification questions on **SC HW #4, 5**?
- Preview of **WU #2**
  (there will be time for questions next class)

- On Tu Dec 3, we will take a general look at phonology in OT
  - Child phonology, revisited
  - Other connections and predictions that OT lets us make
  - Some current questions / research areas