

Local correspondence in phonological transformations

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Introduction

► Korean intervocalic voicing

[pap] 'rice'
[pori-bap] 'rice with barley'

[mat] 'son'
[mad-adu] 'the first son'

[koŋ] 'ball'
[sɛ-goŋ] 'new ball'

(Kim-Renaud, 2009)

Introduction

► Korean intervocalic voicing

/ p a p /	/ p o l i - p a p /
↓ ↓ ↓	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
[p a p]	[p o r i - b a p]
‘rice’	‘rice w. barley’

(McCarthy and Prince, 1995)

Introduction

- ▶ What is a possible correspondence?

p	p	* a
↓	↓	↓
p	b	p

- ▶ What is the nature of correspondence generalizations?

a	p	a	p	*	a	p	a	p
↓	↓	↓	↓		↓	↓	↓	↓
a	b	a	p		a	p	a	p

Introduction

- ▶ Phonological transformations are largely *local* (Chandlee, 2014; Chandlee et al., 2014)
- ▶ We can study this through *banned substructure constraints* over correspondence graphs
- ▶ We can constrain correspondence through *concatenation* (Jardine and Heinz, 2015)

Introduction

- ▶ This discloses ‘counting’ patterns predicted by optimization
- ▶ Correspondence is enforced locally, not through globally-evaluated constraints
- ▶ Opens up possibilities for learning transformations

Correspondences

- ▶ Inventory: $\{a, b, p\}$
- ▶ 4^2 possible symbol correspondences including \emptyset

\emptyset	\emptyset	\emptyset	\emptyset	a	a	a	a
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
\emptyset	a	b	p	\emptyset	a	b	p
p	p	p	p	b	b	b	b
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
\emptyset	a	b	p	\emptyset	a	b	p

Correspondences

- ▶ Inventory: {a, b, p}
- ▶ Languages will only use subset of these

\emptyset	\emptyset	\emptyset	\emptyset	a	a	a	a
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
\emptyset	a	b	p	\emptyset	a	b	p
p	p	p	p	b	b	b	b
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
\emptyset	a	b	p	\emptyset	a	b	p

Correspondences

$$C_{Sym} = \left\{ \begin{array}{cccccc} \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & a & a & p \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ a & b & p & \emptyset & a & \emptyset \\ & p & p & b & b & b \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ & b & p & \emptyset & b & p \end{array} \right\}$$

- ▶ *Concatenation* can be extended from strings to graphs (Engelfriet and Vereijken, 1997; Jardine and Heinz, 2015)
- ▶ Concat. of symbol correspondences gives us set of *string* correspondences

$$C_{Str} = \left\{ \dots, \begin{array}{cccc} \# a p a \# & \# a p a \# & \# a p a \# & \# a p a p \# \\ \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow & \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow & \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow & \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ \# a p a \# & \# a b a \# & \# \emptyset \emptyset \emptyset \# & \# a p a p \# \end{array}, \dots \right\}$$

Correspondences

$$C_{Str} = \left\{ \dots, \begin{array}{cccc} \# a p a \# & \# a p a \# & \# a p a \# & \# a p a p \# \\ \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow & \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow & \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow & \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ \# a p a \# & \# a b a \# & \# \emptyset \emptyset \emptyset \# & \# a p a p \# \end{array}, \dots \right\}$$

- ▶ C_{Str} is similar to, but distinct from, OT's GEN
 - ▶ All inputs are considered
 - ▶ Input-output correspondence constrained by concatenation
- ▶ Language specific transformations are subsets of C_{Str}

Constraining correspondences

- ▶ *Banned substructure constraints* are a restrictive way of specifying sets of well-formed objects (Heinz, 2010; Rogers et al., 2013; Jardine and Heinz, in press)

$$\neg s_1 \wedge \neg s_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg s_n$$

Constraining correspondences

- ▶ To specify subsets of C_{Str} , ban substructures of string correspondences

$$\neg a \wedge \neg p \wedge \neg b \quad (=MAX)$$

↓ ↓ ↓

∅ ∅ ∅

*# a p a #	# a p a #
↓ ↓ ↓	↓ ↓ ↓
# a ∅ a #	# a p a #

- ▶ Constraints interact through *conjunction* (\wedge), not through optimization

$$MAX \wedge DEP$$

Constraining correspondences

- ▶ Banned substructure constraints are thus *inviolable* and *language-specific*
- ▶ They are *local* because well-formedness is dependent entirely on well-formedness of substructures (Rogers and Pullum, 2011; Rogers et al., 2013)
- ▶ They are *efficiently learnable* by remembering well-formed substructures (García et al., 1990; Heinz, 2010, 2011; Jardine and Heinz, 2016)

Intervocalic voicing analysis

- ▶ Main banned substructure:

*apa = \neg p
 ↓
 a p a

# a p a p #	* # a p a p #
↓ ↓ ↓ ↓	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
# a b a p #	# a p a p #

- ▶ Adding MAX^DEP ensures that voicing is the correct repair

Intervocalic voicing analysis

- ▶ We also need to forbid *over-repairing*

$*\# p a p \#$	$*\# p a p p a \#$	$*\# p a b p a \#$
↓ ↓ ↓	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
$\# b a b \#$	$\# p a b p a \#$	$\# p a b b a \#$

- ▶ $\text{NoINITVOIC} = \neg p \quad \text{NoFINVOIC} = \neg p$
 ↓ ↓
 $\# b$ $b \#$
- ▶ $\text{NoCCVOIC} = \neg p \wedge \neg p \quad \wedge \neg p \wedge \neg p$
 ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
 $p b$ $b p$ $b b$ $b b$

Intervocalic voicing analysis

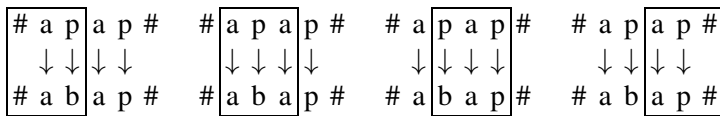
- ▶ The following describes the subset of C_{Str} representing intervocalic voicing:

$$*apa \wedge MAX \wedge DEP \wedge NOINITVOIC \wedge NOFINVOIC \\ \wedge NOCCVOIC$$

- ▶ Banned substructure constraints can be a *theory* of transformations
- ▶ They capture the *local* nature of phonological transformations

Learning

- ▶ Learning model ‘scans’ through input structures (Jardine and Heinz, 2016)



- ▶ Correct because learner will never see *apa, MAX, NOINITVOIC, etc.
- ▶ Concatenation and symbol correspondence primitives may help with learning URs from SRs

Comparison to OT

- ▶ Many OT MARKEDNESS and FAITHFULNESS are local in the same way
- ▶ MAX, DEP, *apa, *CCC, etc.
- ▶ Optimization is **not** local

Comparison to OT

Optimization counts (Gerdemann and Hulden, 2012)

aaaappp	DEP	*ap	MAX
aaaappp		*!	
aaaabppp	*!		
øøøøppp			*!***
☞ aaaaøøøø			***

aaaappppp	DEP	*ap	MAX
aaaappppp		*!	
aaaabppppp	*!		
☞ øøøøppppp			*****
aaaaøøøøøø			*!*****

Comparison to OT

- ▶ This behavior also produces Majority Rules patterns (Lombardi, 1999; Baković, 2000; Heinz and Lai, 2013)
- ▶ Provably, counting patterns *cannot* be described with banned substructure constraints

Conclusions

- ▶ Concatenation of symbol correspondences yields a restrictive notion of input/output correspondence
- ▶ Banned substructure constraints over string correspondences yields a restrictive, learnable, *local* theory of transformations

Conclusions

- ▶ How does this theory compare to automata-theoretic notions of locality (Chandlee, 2014; Chandlee et al., 2015)?
- ▶ We can incorporate long-distance versions of banned substructure constraints (Heinz, 2010; Heinz et al., 2011)
- ▶ How can banned substructure correspondence constraints be extended to non-string structures? (Jardine, 2016)?

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Appendix: Metathesis

- ▶ Metathesis

- ▶ Analyze it as deletion + epenthesis (Blevins and Garrett, 2004; Chandlee and Heinz, 2012)

a	p	∅
↓	↓	↓
∅	p	a

- ▶ Include a finite set of metathesis primitives

a p
ap
p a

(metathesis is bounded: Chandlee et al., 2012; Chandlee and Heinz, 2012)

- ▶ Otherwise, we need non-local LINEARITY constraint(s)