
Week 2 – Addendum

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1 The OT account of conspiracies

- (1) The conspiracy is embodied in high-ranking Markedness constraints.
- (2) The “rules” that let forms satisfy the conspiracy are, in a sense, Faithfulness constraints—and the lowest ranked one in any given context determines what must yield.

1.1 Conspiracy example: hiatus resolution in Etsako

- (3) Etsako is a Kwa language spoken in Nigeria.
 - a. Source: Baruch, Elimelech. 1978. *A Tonal Grammar of Etsako*. UC Press.
- (4) Content words:

[dɛ́]	‘buy’	[àkpà]	‘cup’		/dɛ́ àkpà/	→	[d âkpà]	‘buy a cup’
[ú-dzɛ́]	‘sg.-ax’	[òkpá]	‘one’		/ú-dzɛ́ òkpá/	→	[údz ôkpá]	‘one ax’
[ɔ̀ɣ̀ɛ̀dɛ́]	‘banana’				/ɔ̀ɣ̀ɛ̀dɛ́ ɔ̀ɣ̀ɛ̀dɛ́/	→	[ɔ̀ɣ̀ɛ̀d ɔ̀ɣ̀ɛ̀dɛ́]	‘every banana’
[ɔ̀tɛ́]	‘cricket’	[èθà]	‘father’		/ɔ̀tɛ́ èθà/	→	[ɔ̀t èθà]	‘father’s cricket’

- (5) but function words are different:

/ɔ̀ɣ̀ɛ̀dɛ́ ɔ̀nà/ → [ɔ̀ɣ̀ɛ̀dɛ́ nà] ‘banana-this’

1.2 Etsako analysis

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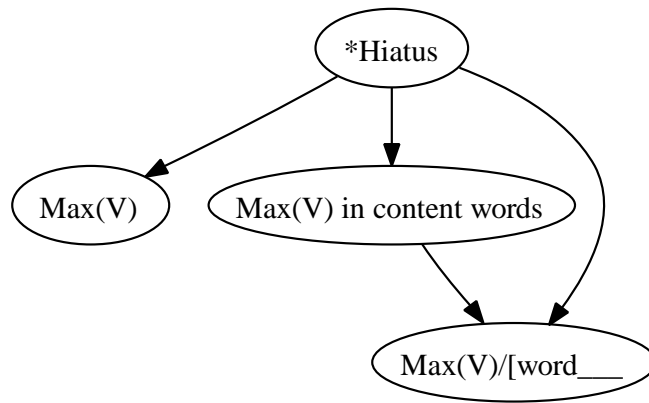


Figure 1: A Hasse Diagram Exemplifying Constraint Rankings in Etsako