

A'ingae Syllabic Weight

and its two dimensions in lexical stress assignment

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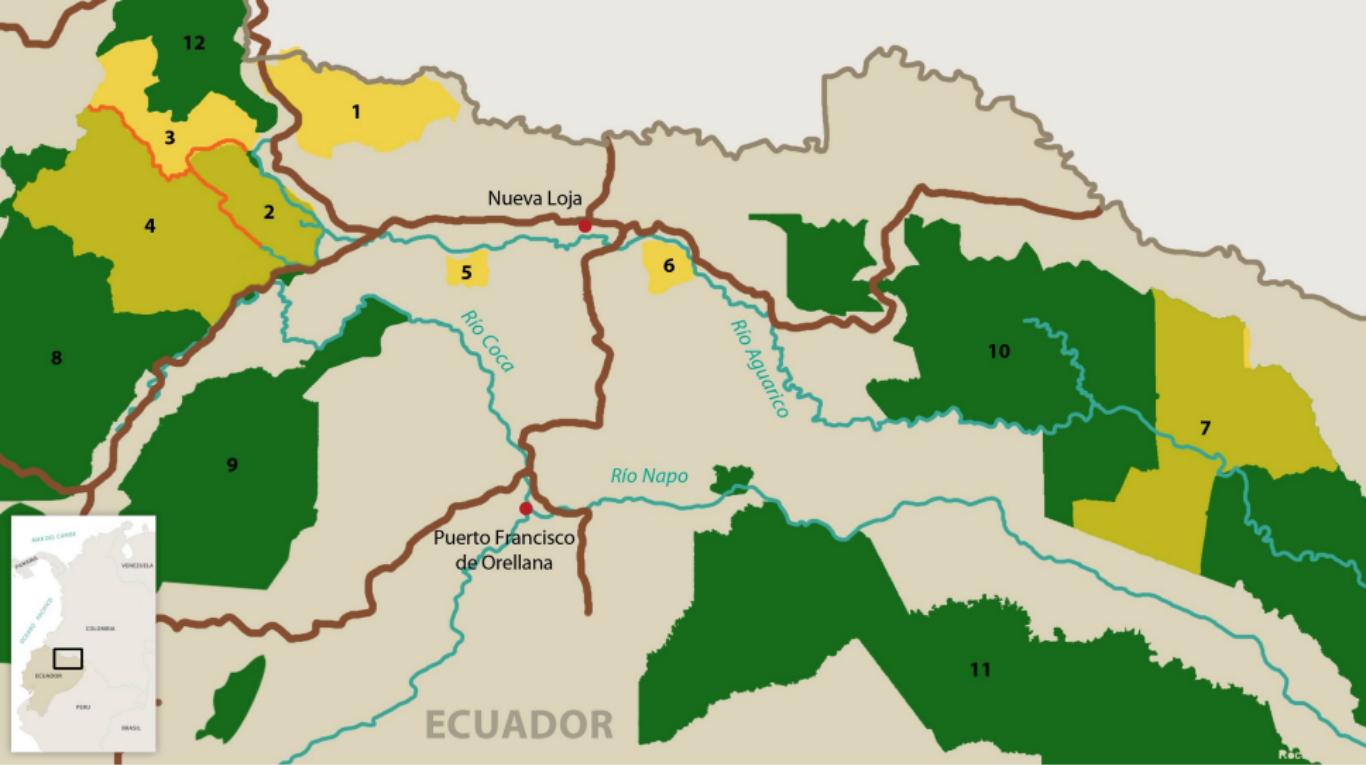
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THE COFÁN

- indigenous to Ecuador and southern Colombia
- traditionally hunter-gatherer, now less so
- threats:
 - territorial intrusion
 - poaching
 - environmental pollution
 - illegal oil extraction
- *a'ingae* person=MANN *in the way of the people*
- understudied language isolate



PROTECTED AREAS

1. Cofán Bermejo Ecological Reserve
8. Cayambe Coca Ecological Reserve
9. Sumaco Napo Galeras National Park
10. Cuyabeno Wildlife Reserve
11. Yasuní National Park
12. La Bonita Municipal Reserve

COFAN TERRITORIES

1. Cofán Bermejo Ecological Reserve
2. Sinagoé
3. Río Cofanes
4. Cofán co-managed area
5. Duvuno
6. Dureno
7. Zábaló

PRELIMINARIES I

- stress $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$ relative emphasis given to a syllable
 - if unpredictable, must be learned
 - if predictable, can be derived by rules, as in Polish
 - complicated by syllabic weight and extrametricality
- foot $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$ a group of two forming a rhythmic unit
- trochee $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$ a foot whose left beat is strong
- my theoretical commitment ∈ Hayes (1995)

(×)
produce

(×)
produce

(×)
(× .)(× .)(× .)
şçerarçizovanı
hierarchicalPOLISH

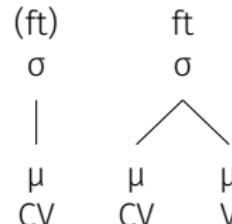
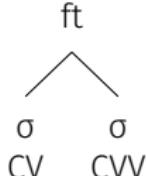
PRELIMINARIES II

- weight $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$ how “heavy” a syllable is
 - heavy nuclei:
 - long vowels
 - diphthongs (two vowels in one syllable)
 - codas (syllable-final consonants): **glottal stops**

(x)
gentle

(x)
genteeel

- mora $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$ a subsyllabic unit that determines syllable weight
 - weight-insensitive
 - weight-sensitive



- extrametricality $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$ invisibility to stress rules
 - applicable to peripheral constituents
 - right edge unmarked
 - does not chain

(x)
(x .)(x .)
universi(tet)
university_{POLISH}

LITERATURE REVIEW

- little research on the language's suprasegmental phonology
- Borman (1962) denies weight sensitivity
- right-aligned stress placement
 - penultimate (next to the last)
 - antepenultimate (third last)

(×)
(× .)(× .)
sifot^hõ+^mbi
float=NEG
not float

- Fischer and Hengeveld (in press) link stress and morphology
 - inflectional morphology does not affect stress
 - derivational morphology affects stress

diphthongs and glottal stops contribute to weight
in two different ways

based on elicitations with Hugo Lucitante '19

BASELINE

L L
p^ãndza
hunt

L L L
ataba
breed

H L
fiite
help

L L L
p^ãndza+je
hunt=INF
to hunt

L L L L
ataba+je
breed=INF
to breed

H L L
fiite+je
help=INF
to help

L H
f^ĩndii
sweep

L L H
atabõõe
breed-CAUS
make breed

H H
fiitiā
help-CAUS
make help

syllabic trochee

(× .)
σ σ

foot layer

× ...
←

word layer

(×)
... ×)

(×)
 (× .)

pāⁿdza
 hunt

(×)
 (× .)

atapa
 breed

(×)
 (× .)

fīite
 help

(×)
 (× .)

pāndza+je
 hunt=INF
to hunt

(×)
 (× .)(× .)

atapa+je
 breed=INF
to breed

(×)
 (× .)

fīite+je
 help=INF
to help

(×)
 (× .)

fīⁿdīi
 sweep

(×)
 (× .)

atapōē
 breed-CAUS
make breed

(×)
 (× .)

fīitiā
 help-CAUS
make help

*(x)
 (x .)

pāⁿdza+ 'he

hunt-IMPF

be hunting

(x)
 (x .)

fīⁿdīi+ 'he

sweep-IMPF

be sweeping

*(x)
 (x .)

pāⁿdzā+ ⁿgi

hunt-VEN

come to hunt

(x)
 (x .)

fīⁿdīi+ ⁿgi

sweep-VEN

come to sweep

moraic trochee

(× .)
~ ~ or (×)
 -

lexicon

foot layer

× ...
←

$\langle + ' \text{he} \rangle$
-IMPF

word layer

(×)
... ×)

$\langle + ^\eta \text{gi} \rangle$
-VEN

(×)

(× .)

pāⁿdza⟨+'he⟩

hunt-IMPF

be hunting

(×)

(×)

fīⁿdīi⟨+'he⟩

sweep-IMPF

be sweeping

(×)

(× .)

pāⁿdzā⟨+ⁿgi⟩

hunt-VEN

come to hunt

(×)

(×)

fīⁿdīi⟨+ⁿgi⟩

sweep-VEN

come to sweep

(×)
 (× .)
pāⁿdza
 hunt

(×)
 (× .)
atapa
 breed

(×)
 (×)
fiite
 help

(×)
 (× .)
pāⁿdza+je
 hunt=INF
to hunt

(×)
 (× .)(× .)
atapa+je
 breed=INF
to breed

(×)
 (×)(× .)
fiite+je
 help=INF
to help

*(×)
 (×)
fīⁿdīi
 sweep

*(×)
 (× .)(×)
atapōē
 breed-CAUS
make breed

*(×)
 (×)(×)
fiitiā
 help-CAUS
make help

mora extrametricality

$$\mu \longrightarrow \langle \mu \rangle / . \mu_-$$

moraic trochée

$$(\times \cdot) \quad (\times)$$

^ ^ or -

foot layer

$$\times \dots$$

←

word layer

$$(\quad \times)$$

\dots \times)

lexicon

$\langle + 'he \rangle$
-IMPF

$\langle + ^n gi \rangle$
-VEN

(×)
 (× .)

pāⁿdza
 hunt

(×)
 (× .)

atapa
 breed

(×)
 (×)

fiite
 help

(×)
 (× .)

pāndza+je
 hunt=INF
to hunt

(×)
 (× .)(× .)

atapa+je
 breed=INF
to breed

(×)
 (×)(× .)

fiite+je
 help=INF
to help

(×)
 (× .)

fīⁿdī(i)
 sweep

(×)
 (× .)

atapō(ē)
 breed-CAUS
make breed

(×)
 (×)

fīiti(ā)
 help-CAUS
make help

TAKING STOCK

- stress is sensitive to syllabic weight
- diphthongs count as heavy
- difficult to spot due to:
 - mora extrametricality
 - rightmost primary stress
 - rarity of diphthongs

SECOND COMPLICATION

(x)
(x .)

fi'tʰi
kill

(x)
(x .)

pã^ndza
hunt

*(x)
(x)(x .)

fi'tʰi+je
kill=INF
to kill

(x)
(x .)

pã^ndza+je
hunt=INF
to hunt

(x)
(x)(x .)

fi'tʰi+je
kill-PASS
be killed

(x)
(x .)

pã^ndza+je
hunt-PASS
be hunted

mora extrametricality

$$\mu \longrightarrow \langle \mu \rangle / . \mu_-$$

moraic trochee

$$(\times \cdot) \quad (\times) \\ \sim \sim \quad \text{or} \quad -$$

lexicon

 $\langle +'he \rangle$

-IMPF

 $\langle +^n gi \rangle$

-VEN

✖

+je

-PASS

glottal prominence

$$\sigma' \longrightarrow \sigma' \quad \times$$

foot layer

$$\times \dots \\ \longleftarrow$$

word layer

$$(\dots \times) \\ \dots \times)$$

SECOND COMPLICATION

third refinement

(x)
 [x .]
fi'tʰi
 kill

(x)
 (x .)
pã^n dza
 hunt

(x)
 [x .]
fi'tʰi+je
 kill=INF
to kill

(x)
 (x .)
pã^n dza+je
 hunt=INF
to hunt

(x)
 (x .)
fi'tʰi+je
 kill-PASS
be killed

(x)
 (x .)
pã^n dza+je
 hunt-PASS
be hunted

CONCLUSIONS

- two dimensions of syllabic weight
 - diphthongs make for heavy syllables
 - glottal stops trigger foot construction before parsing
- broader theoretical interest
 - Hayes (1995) distinguishes syllable quantity from prominence
 - the two phenomena are constrained differently
 - overall confirmation for the theoretical split
 - revisions of particular constraints might be warranted

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