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Morphological analysis

- uncovering the internal structure of a word/wordform ("word syntax")
 - how a word/wordform can be composed/decomposed? (morphotactics)
 - how the linguistic meaning is derived from the components?
- morphological processes
 - **inflection**: e.g. word + inflectional ending → word form
 - **derivation**: e.g. word + affix → word
 - **compounding**: e.g. word [+ linking morpheme] + word → word

Morphological processes

- **concatenative** processes
 - affixation: prefixation, suffixation, circumfixation, infixation
 - compounding: concatenating several words, perhaps separated by linking elements
- **non-concatenative** processes
 - clitization: e.g. word + phonologically reduced word → word proclitics/enclitics
 - ablaut: part of the root undergoes phonological change
 - transfixation: intercalating a consonantal root with a vowel pattern
 - reduplication: all or part of the root is duplicated
 - truncation: removing part of the root

Morphological Processes

| | inflection | derivation | compounding |
|----------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| prefixation | - | + | - |
| suffixation | + | + | - |
| circumfixation | - | + | - |
| infixation | - | + | - |
| compounding | - | - | + |
| clitization | - | - | + |
| ablaut | + | + | - |
| transfixation | - | + | - |

Inflection

- construction of wordforms from lexemes
- determines the morpho-syntactic features of the form
- never affects the syntactic category
 - but: syntactic categorization is theory- and language-specific
- mostly achieved by means of suffixation
 - different suffixes used for different features

| | | |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| <i>hoff</i> | <i>-t</i> | <i>-est</i> |
| <past> | | <2nd, sg> |

- less often combined with ablaut (i.e. stem inflection in German)

der Apfel, die Äpfel
der Nagel, die Nägel

Derivation

- modifies the syntactic category and/or part of the lexical semantics
- wide variety of concatenative and non-concatenative processes
 - prefixation
 - suffixation
 - circumfixation
 - infixation
 - transfixation

Derivation in German

- **prefixation**: does not affect the grammatical category

Bau: *Ab-bau, Auf-bau, Nach-bau, ...* N → N

schlafen: *ein-schlafen, aus-schlafen, ...* V → V

schön: *un-schön* Adj → Adj

- often German prefixation results in discontinuous words:
detachable prefixes

ab-reis-t → *reis-t ... ab*

to travel vs. to depart

ab-setz-t → *setz-t ... ab*

to set, to place, to put, ...

vs. to relocate, to sediment,
to dispose, ...

auf-misch-t → *misch-t ... auf*

to mix, to blend, to collate, ...

vs. to rough up

Derivation in German

- **suffixation**: might change the grammatical category

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|-------------------|-----|---|-----|
| <i>Löffel</i> | → | <i>löffel-n</i> | N | → | V |
| <i>Kind</i> | → | <i>kind-lich</i> | N | → | Adj |
| <i>Glaub(e)</i> | → | <i>glaub-haft</i> | N | → | Adj |
| <i>Schloss</i> | → | <i>Schloss-er</i> | N | → | N |
| <i>tag(en)</i> | → | <i>Tag-ung</i> | V | → | N |
| <i>fahr(en)</i> | → | <i>fahr-end</i> | V | → | Adj |
| <i>frei</i> | → | <i>Frei-heit</i> | Adj | → | N |
| <i>klein</i> | → | <i>klein-lich</i> | Adj | → | Adj |

Derivation in German

- **circumfixation**

schön(en) → *be-schön-ig(en)*
glaub(en) → *be-glaub-ig(en)*
**be-schön(en), *schön-ig(en)*

renn(en) → *(das) Ge-renn-e*
raun(en) → *(das) Ge-raun-e*
**ge-renn(en), *(das) Renn-e*

sag(en) → *(hat) ge-sag-t*
schlaf(en) → *(hat) ge-schlaf-en*
**ge-sag(en), *(hat) sag-t,*

schweiß(en) → *(ist) ge-schweiß-t,*
laufe(en) → *(ist) ge-lauf-en,*
**ge-schweiß(en), *(ist) schweiß-t,*

Derivation in German

- **infixation**: in case of detachable prefixes the infix is placed between the prefix and the root
 - for past participles and infinitives with *zu*
 - auf-tret(en)* → *auf-ge-tret(en)*
 - nach-lesen(en)* → *nach-zu-les(en)*,
- true infixation inserts the affix into the root

Derivation

- usually complex lexemes can be built:

under-achieve-ment, ir-ratio-nal-ity

Ein-heit-lich-keit, Ab-er-kennen-ung, Un-zu-ver-läss-ig-keit

- some affixes are ambiguous

wir geh-en, sie geh-en

ab-zu-lehnen, un-zu-lässig

Derivation

- derivational morphology is full of **accidental gaps**
- many potential derivations (as well as compounds) are not considered well formed
- e.g. in English

| verb | noun (-al) | noun (-ion) |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <i>recite</i> | <i>recital</i> | <i>recitation</i> |
| <i>propose</i> | <i>proposal</i> | <i>proposition</i> |
| <i>arrive</i> | <i>arrival</i> | — |
| <i>refuse</i> | <i>refusal</i> | — |
| <i>derive</i> | — | <i>derivation</i> |
| <i>describe</i> | — | <i>description</i> |

- e.g. in German

*treffen, Treffer, zutreffen, *Zutreffer*

*(der) Hausbau, (beim) Hausbauen, *(ich) hausbaue*

Compounding

- **compounding**: frequent and highly productive phenomenon
e.g. in German, Swedish and Greek

Tür-klink-en-griff N + N + en + N

Send-ung-s-be-wuss-t-sein N + s + N

blass-grün Adj + Adj

teil-nehmen N + V

arbeit-s-scheu N + s + Adj

stein-alt N + Adj

- the rightmost component determines the syntactic and morphosyntactic properties of the compound

Compounding

- relatively rare cases of (morphological) compounding in English

policeman N + N

software Adj + N

breakwater V + N

underworld P + N

haircut N + V

highlight Adj + V

undercut P + V

takeover V + P

without P + P

- compounding is predominantly a syntactic mechanism in English

middle class high school student

Transfixation

- **root-pattern morphology**: intercalating a consonantal root with a vowel pattern:
 - usually the root consists of three consonants (radicals)
 - the pattern is subject to the requirements of vowel harmony
 - the root determines the basic meaning
 - the pattern affects the syntactic and semantic properties

Transfixation

- dominating morphological process for verb derivation in many semitic languages (Arabic, Hebrew, Amharic, ...)
- e.g. Arabic

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------|
| | <i>k</i> | | <i>t</i> | | <i>b</i> | | |
| | <i>k</i> | <i>i</i> | <i>t</i> | <i>ā</i> | <i>b</i> | | <i>book</i> |
| | <i>k</i> | <i>u</i> | <i>t</i> | <i>u</i> | <i>b</i> | | <i>books</i> |
| | <i>k</i> | <i>ā</i> | <i>t</i> | <i>i</i> | <i>b</i> | | <i>writer</i> |
| | <i>k</i> | <i>u</i> | <i>tt</i> | <i>ā</i> | <i>b</i> | | <i>writers</i> |
| | <i>k</i> | <i>a</i> | <i>t</i> | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>a</i> | <i>he wrote</i> |
| <i>ya</i> | <i>k</i> | | <i>t</i> | <i>u</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>u</i> | <i>he writes</i> |

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Features and Categories

- modelling morphological processes and their consequences by means of finite state transducers
 - special focus on concatenative word formation
- morpho-syntactic information
 - stem-related: part-of-speech (POS), gender (nouns), valency (verbs)
 - derivational: part-of-speech (POS), valency(verbs), genus verbi, ...
 - inflectional: case, number, tense, ...
- usually described as features
cat = N, case = nom, gender = fem, ...

Features and Categories

- lexical categories are distributional classes: words which can be replaced by each other without rendering a sentence ungrammatical
- e.g. for nouns

Linguistics can be a pain in the neck.

John can be a pain in the neck.

Girls can be a pain in the neck.

Television can be a pain in the neck.

**Went can be a pain in the neck.*

**For can be a pain in the neck.*

**Older can be a pain in the neck.*

**Conscientiously can be a pain in the neck.*

**The can be a pain in the neck.*

- in inflecting languages abstraction from morphosyntactic agreement phenomena might be necessary

Features and Categories

other criteria for lexical categories (RADFORD 1988)

- phonological evidence: explanation of systematic pronunciation variants

*We need to **increase** productivity.*

*We need an **increase** in productivity.*

*Why do you **torment** me?*

*Why do you leave me in **torment**?*

*We might **transfer** him to another club.*

*He's asked for a **transfer**.*

- semantic evidence: explanation of structural ambiguities

Mistrust wounds.

..., wo die wilden tiere jagen.

Er hat liebe genossen.

Features and Categories

- semantic properties are irrelevant:

| | | |
|------------|---------|---|
| verbs | actions | to walk, to carry, to laugh, ... laufen, tragen, lachen, ... |
| nouns | objects | desk, horse, Jack, ... Tisch, Pferd, Hans, ... |
| adjectives | states | ill, happy, krank, glücklich, ... |

- morphological evidence
 - different inflectional patterns for verbs, nouns, adjectives
but: irregular inflection: strong verbs, *to be, sein*
 - unterschiedliche Wortbildungsmuster
 - comparison for adjectives *large/larger/largest, groß/größer/am größten*
 - verbalization: *modern-iz-e/modern-isier-en*
 - nominalization: *modern-iz-ation/Modern-isier-ung, correct-ness/Korrekt-heit*
 - no derivation for prepositions and auxiliaries

Features and Categories

Typical lexical categories:

| | | |
|-----|-------------|---|
| N | noun | <i>house/Haus, dog/Hund, teacher/Lehrer, ...</i> |
| V | verb | <i>to search/suchen, to ask/fragen, to be/sein, ...</i> |
| P | preposition | <i>on/auf, between/zwischen, after/nach, ...</i> |
| A | adjective | <i>beautiful/schön, good/gut, red/rot, ...</i> |
| ADV | adverb | <i>differently/anders, completely/ganz, ...</i> |
| M | modal verbs | <i>can/können, may/dürfen, should/sollen, ...</i> |
| D | determiner | <i>the/der, this/diese, all/alle, enough/genug, ...</i> |

Features and Categories

- distributional analysis leaves room for alternative design decisions
 - Engl.: particles and conjunctions as prepositions
 - Engl.: adjectives und adverbs as positional variants of the same category

- adjectives modify nouns

There is a real crisis.

- adverbs modify adjectives, adverbs, prepositions and verbs

He is a really nice guy.

He walks really slowly.

He is really down.

He must really squirm.

Features and Categories

- major categories: N, V, A, P
- feature representation for major categories:

| | [V +] | [V -] |
|-------|-----------|-------------|
| [N +] | adjective | noun |
| [N -] | verb | preposition |

Features and Categories

- useful to specify cross-categorical generalizations
 - Engl.: only [N –] words allow for nominal complements

John loves [Mary] (V + NP)

*John bought a present **for** [Mary] (P + NP)*

John's **admiration [Mary] (N + NP)*

John is **fond [Mary] (A + NP)*

- Ital.: [N +] inflectes for gender, [N –] does not

bravo ragazzo (guter Junge)

brava ragazza (gutes Mädchen)

bravi ragazzi (gute Jungen)

brave ragazze (gute Mädchen)

Features and Categories

- more fine grained classification of verbs

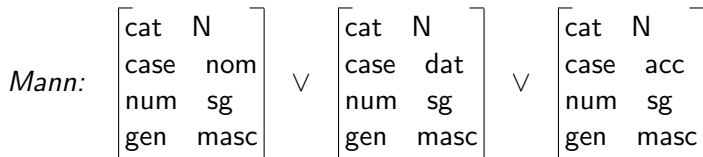
| [AUX -] | [AUX +] | |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| | [M +] | [M -] |
| to sleep/schlafen to go/gehen to say/sagen ... | should/sollen can/können may/dürfen ... | to have/haben to be/sein |

Features and Categories

- open word classes: productive, neologisms are possible
 - nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs
- closed word classes: almost fixed inventory, function words
 - prepositions, determiner, pronouns, conjunctions, auxiliary verbs, particles, numerals

Features and Categories

- features can be combined into feature structures: partial functions mapping features to values
 - number of features is finite, but arbitrary
 - feature structures are sideways extensible



Features and Categories

- feature structures can be underspecified
- two interpretations of a missing feature value
 - monotone: feature can take any (possible) value which can be specified as soon as additional information becomes available
→ **information accumulation** in unification-based grammars

Frauen: $\left[\begin{array}{ll} \text{cat} & \text{N} \\ \text{num} & \text{pl} \\ \text{gen} & \text{fem} \end{array} \right]$

- non-monotone: feature takes a default value (e.g. `sg` or `nom`) that may be **overridden** by additional information
→ non-monotonic reasoning in DATR

Features and Categories

- feature structures can be recursively embedded
 - the value of a feature can be a feature structure
 - can be used for data abstraction and recursive data structures

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Finite state transducers

- finite state transducers (FST) are FSAs over **pairs of symbols**
 - one corresponds to an input string, the other to an output string
 - an FST specifies a relationship between two strings
 - the relationship is reversible
 - an FST defines an **alignment** between input and output string

Finite state transducers

- shortcuts
 - $[a-c] : [A-C]$ expands to $[abc] : [ABC]$
 - $[abc] : [ABC]$ expands to $a:A \mid b:B \mid c:C$
- simplifications

$([a-z] : [A-Z] \mid [a-z\] : [A-Z\] \mid \langle \rangle : [\ . \ . : ; ? !])^*$

- lower and upper case letters can be combined in a single range
 $([a-zA-z\] : [A-Za-z\] \mid \langle \rangle : [\ . \ . : ; ? !])^*$
- a single symbol expands to an identity mapping: $a \equiv a:a$
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- FSTs are a special case of FSAs

Finite state transducer

- FSTs are closed under union, inversion and composition
 - **union** ($A|B$):
two FSTs are alternatives, they have to be processed in parallel
 - **inversion** ($\hat{_}T$):
 T^{-1} maps from α to β , iff T maps from β to α
 - **composition** ($A || B$):
 $A \circ B$ maps α to γ , iff A maps α to some β and B maps β to γ
- only some subclasses of FSTs are closed under difference, complementation, and intersection
 - problem case: ϵ -pairs

Deriving Features with FSTs

- stipulation
 - input: lexical level
 - output: surface level
 - inline encoding: the lexical level is enriched with feature values
- feature values are specified as complex symbols:
<abc>, <Noun>, <sg>, <pl>

Deriving Features with FSTs

- full enumeration of the alternatives:

`frau <Noun>:<> <femin>:<> (<sg>:<> | <pl>:{en})`

frau ↔ `frau<Noun><femin><sg>`

frauen ↔ `frau<Noun><femin><pl>`

- partial specification with an implicit default assumption (<sg>)

`frau <Noun>:<> <femin>:<> (<pl>:{en})?`

frau ↔ `frau<Noun><femin>`

frauen ↔ `frau<Noun><femin><pl>`

Deriving Features with FSTs

- ambiguous feature assignments (version 1)

```
berg <Noun>:<> <masc>:<> \  
  (<nom>:<> <sg>:<> | <dat>:<> <sg>:<> | \  
   <acc>:<> <sg>:<> | <gen>:<> <sg>:es | \  
   <nom>:<> <pl>:e | <gen>:<> <pl>:e | \  
   <acc>:<> <pl>:e | <dat>:<> <pl>:en)
```

```
berg ↔ berg<Noun><masc><nom><sg>  
        berg<Noun><masc><dat><sg>  
        berg<Noun><masc><acc><sg>
```

```
berge ↔ berg<Noun><masc><nom><pl>  
         berg<Noun><masc><gen><pl>  
         berg<Noun><masc><acc><pl>
```

Deriving Features with FSTs

- ambiguous feature assignment (version 2):
 - factoring out common features

```
berg <Noun>:<> <masc>:<> \
    (<sg>:<> (([<nom><dat><acc>]:<>) | \
              <gen>:{es}) | \
    (<pl>:<> (([<nom><gen><acc>]:e) | \
              <dat>:{en}) ) )
```

Deriving Features with FSTs

- ambiguous feature assignment (version 3):
 - mapping a sequence of complex symbols (instead of two separate ones) to the inflectional ending

```
berg <Noun>:<> <masc>:<> \  
  ({<nom><sg>}:<> | {<dat><sg>}:<> |\  
   {<acc><sg>}:<> | {<gen><sg>}:{es} |\  
   {<nom><pl>}:e | {<gen><pl>}:e |\  
   {<acc><pl>}:e | {<dat><pl>}:{en})
```

Deriving Features with FSTs

- ambiguous feature assignment (version 4):
 - combining two separate feature values into a single complex symbol
 - common mapping for a set of alternative feature combinations

```
berg <Noun>:<> <masc>:<> \  
    ([<nom_sg><dat_sg><acc_sg>]:<> |\  
    <gen_sg>:{es} |\  
    [<nom_pl><gen_pl><acc_pl>]:e |\  
    <dat_pl>:{en})
```

Deriving Features with FSTs

- even more ambiguity: verb or noun?

```
berg <Noun>:<> <masc>:<> \  
  ([<nom_sg><dat_sg><acc_sg>]:<> | <gen_sg>:{es} |\  
  [<nom_pl><gen_pl><acc_pl>]:e | <dat_pl>:{en}) |\  
  \
```

```
berg <Verb>:<> \  
  ([<inf><1st_pl><3rd_pl>]:{en} |\  
  <1st_sg>:e | <2nd_pl>:t) |\  
  \
```

```
be:irg <Verb>:<> (<2nd_sg>:{st} | <3rd_sg>:t)
```


Deriving Features with FSTs

- even more ambiguity: verb or noun?

bergen ↔ berg<Noun><masc><dat_pl>
berg<Verb><inf>
berg<Verb><1st_pl>
berg<Verb><3rd_pl>

berge ↔ berg<Noun><masc><nom_pl>
berg<Noun><masc><gen_pl>
berg<Noun><masc><acc_pl>
berg<Verb><1st_sg>

birgst ↔ berg<Verb><2nd_sg>

Deriving Features with FSTs

- generalizing into inflectional classes
 - variables can represent complete FSTs
 - they have to be bound ...

```
$Noun_masc_pl_e$ = zwerg | tisch | strich |\n                    mond | berg
```

- ... before they can be used

```
$Noun_masc_pl_e$ <Noun>:<> <masc>:<> \  
    ([<nom_sg><dat_sg><acc_sg>]:<> |\n    <gen_sg>:{es} |\n    [<nom_pl><gen_pl><acc_pl>]:e |\n    <dat_pl>:{en})
```

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Deriving Features Non-Monotonically

- default reasoning with DATR

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Categories

- **major categories:** N(oun), V(erb), A(djective), P(reposition)
 - sometimes represented as binary features:

| | V+ | V- |
|----|-------------|---------------|
| N+ | A(djective) | N(oun) |
| N- | V(erb) | P(reposition) |

major categories can become the **head** of a phrase:

VP, NP, AP, PP

- **minor categories:** Adv(erb), Det(erminer), Pro(noun), Rel(ative pronoun), Refl(exive pronoun), Conj(unction), ...

Subcategorization

- often more fine grained categories are required
 - e.g. to describe possible contexts in which a word may appear
- subcategories of verbs

intransitive/unary cannot be complemented by objects
to sleep, to sit, ...

transitive/binary requires to be complemented by a direct object
to buy something, to call someone, ...

bitransitive/ternary requires two complementing objects
to give something to someone

Subcategorization

- subcategorization might introduce additional ambiguity:

intransitive/transitive?

he sings vs. *he sings a song*

er schläft vs. *er schläft den Schlaf der Gerechten*

- transitivity: the object takes the subject role if the verb appears in its passive form

to carry the bag → *the bag was carried*

to honor him → *he was honored*

Subcategorization

- other subcategorization requirements for verbs

- case government:

accusative: *etwas tragen*

dative: *ihm drohen*

genitive: *seiner gedenken*

- prepositional complements

[PP über etwas] aufregen

[PP in sich] gehen

- clausal complements:

dass-sentences: *er weiß/glaubt, dass es Ärger geben wird.*

Subcategorization

- subcategorization is affected by derivation
 - passive voice: direct object → subject
 - nominalization: direct object → prepositional phrase
he discovered America → *the discovery of America*

Subcategorization

subcategories can be

- atomic: $V_{intrans}$, V_{trans} , ...
- encoded as an additional (atomic) feature:

schlafen: $\begin{bmatrix} \text{cat} & V \\ \text{subcat} & \text{intrans} \end{bmatrix}$

tragen: $\begin{bmatrix} \text{cat} & V \\ \text{subcat} & \text{trans} \end{bmatrix}$

geben: $\begin{bmatrix} \text{cat} & V \\ \text{subcat} & \text{bitrans} \end{bmatrix}$

Subcategorization

- more flexible encoding by means of **subcategorization lists**

schlafen: $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{cat V} \\ \text{subcat } \langle \rangle \end{array} \right]$

tragen: $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{cat V} \\ \text{subcat } \langle \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{cat NP} \\ \text{case acc} \end{array} \right] \rangle \end{array} \right]$

drohen: $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{cat V} \\ \text{subcat } \langle \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{cat NP} \\ \text{case dat} \end{array} \right] \rangle \end{array} \right]$

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- graphical or phonological modification of morphemes
 - phonology: final devoicing, flapping, vowel lengthening, schwa-epenthese
 - orthography: ablaut, schwa-epenthese
- applications:
 - text-to-speech synthesis
 - "intelligent" dictionary access (phonetically induced typos)
entlich → *endlich*, *Wände* ↔ *Wende*, ...

Morphophonology

- can be well described by means of finite state transducers
- different kinds of rules for the transformation of symbol strings available
- e.g. upward replacement/phonological rules (CHOMSKY AND HALLE 1968)
 - mapping from the lexical to the surface level
 - context conditions are only specified on the lexical level

$$c \xrightarrow{\sim} l_r$$

- c: transducer, l,r: FSAs for left/right context
- any character that is not specified on the lexical level of c is mapped according to the active ALPHABET

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- simple rule for schwa-epenthese

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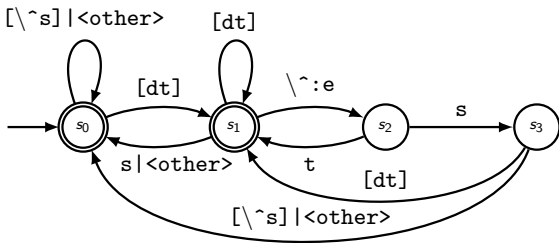
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- in welchen Fällen versagt die Modellierung?

Morphophonology

- every rule can be compiled into an FST

$\backslash \hat{:}e \hat{-} \rightarrow [dt] _ _ [st]$



being
elsewhere in
the string

having seen
the left
context

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Morphophonology

- the FST as a transition table

\^:e ^-> [dt]__[st]

| | d:d | t:t | ^:e | s:s | other |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| s ₀ | s ₁ | s ₁ | — | s ₀ | s ₀ |
| s ₁ | s ₁ | s ₁ | s ₂ | s ₀ | s ₀ |
| s ₂ | — | s ₁ | — | s ₃ | — |
| s ₃ | s ₁ | s ₁ | — | s ₀ | s ₀ |

- the missing continuations make sure that schwa is only inserted in the proper contexts

Morphophonology

- alternative modelling with a two-level rule

(1) $a \Leftrightarrow b$ (r)

- maps a to b in the context l_r
- ALPHABET needs to license all possible mappings

ALPHABET = [a-z\ äöüß] [\^] : [<>e]
([dt]) \^ <=> e([st])

- context conditions are specified with identity mappings
- as a default the morpheme boundary \wedge is deleted
- in the contexts [dt]__[st] the morpheme boundary \wedge is replaced by e