



INTERPARADIGM CONSERVATISM motivates paradigm gaps in Hungarian



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The issue

- ▶ a frequent but lexically conditioned vowel-zero alternation fails to apply to some stems (*roml-* ~ *romol-* vs. *háml-* ~ **hámol-*)
- ▶ this intraparadigmatic lexical conservatism effect blocking repair combined with phonotactics results in paradigm gaps (**hámol-hat*, **háml-hat*)
- ▶ which cannot be filled by forms based on the relevant cells of other, nondefective paradigms because this violates the requirements of Paradigmatic Support and Interparadigmatic Identity — manifesting interparadigmatic conservatism

Sites of potential vowel-zero alternation

- ▶ within the stem (in “epenthetic” stems)
- ▶ suffix initially (in “C/V-initial” suffixes)

Epenthetic verb stems

	C-initial suffix	V-initial suffix
pörög ‘twirl’	pörög-ve ‘-ADV.PCTP’ pörög-het ‘-POT’ pörög-j ‘-SBJV.NDF.2SG’ pörög-d ‘-SBJV.DEF.2SG’	pörg-ök ‘-NDF.1SG’ pörg-ünk ‘-NDF.1PL’ pörg-et ‘-CAUS’ pörg-és ‘-NOMZ’

accent marks length, caron marks postalveolars/palatals

Two types of epenthetic verb stem

	C-initial suffix	C/V-initial suffix
fürd-ik ‘bathe-NDF.3SG’	fürd-het ‘-POT’ fürd-j ‘-SBJV.NDF.2SG’	≈ fürd-nek ~ fürd-enek ‘-NDF.3PL’ ≈ fürd-s ~ fürd-es ‘-NDF.2SG’
pörög ‘twirl-NDF.3SG’	pörög-het ‘-POT’ pörög-j ‘-SBJV.NDF.2SG’	≈ pörög-nek ‘-NDF.3PL’ ≈ pörög-s ‘-NDF.2SG’

Lexical suffix types (epenthetic stems)

- ▶ **C(-initial) suffixes** select VC-final allomorph of epenthetic stems (*fürd-het*, *fürd-ve* ‘-ADV.PTCP’, *fürd-jük* ‘-DEF.1PL’, *fürd-j*, *fürd-d* ‘-SBJV.DEF.2SG’, ...)
- ▶ **V(-initial) suffixes** select CC-final allomorph of epenthetic stems (*fürd-ő* ‘-ACT.PCTP’, *fürd-és*, *fürd-et*, *fürd-öm* ‘-1SG’, *fürd-ünk* ‘-NDF.1PL’, *fürd-ik* ‘-NDF.3SG’, *fürd-i* ‘-DEF.3SG’, ...)
- ▶ **C/V(-initial) suffixes** (-*e*)ni ‘INF’, (-*ö*)tök ‘NDF.2PL’)
 - ▶ C-initial after VC-final stem allomorph (*fürd-nek*, *fürd-s*, *fürd-ni*, *fürd-tök*, ...)
 - ▶ V-initial after CC-final stem allomorph (*fürd-enek*, *fürd-es*, *fürd-eni*, *fürd-ötök*, ...)

Lexical stem classes

- ▶ stable **VC** final: no vowel-zero alternation (*ápol-ó*, *ápol-ás*, *ápol-ok*, *ápol-unk*, ...)
- ▶ stable **CC** final: no vowel-zero alternation (*hord-hat*, *hord-va*, *hord-juk*, *hord-j*, ...)
- ▶ “epenthetic”: **VC** final with C suffixes, **CC** final with V suffixes
 - ▶ non-IK verbs (no PS.INDV.NDF.3SG exponent): only VC stem alternant with C/V suffixes (*pörög-ni*, **pörg-eni*; *pörög-tök*, **pörg-ötök*, ...)
 - ▶ IK verbs (PS.INDV.NDF.3SG exponent is *-ik*): both VC and CC stem alternants with C/V suffixes (*fürd-ni* ~ *fürd-eni*, *fürd-tök* ~ *fürd-ötök*, ...)
- ▶ **defective**: CC final with V suffixes (*háml-ó*, *háml-ás*, ...) and C/V suffixes (*háml-ani*, *háml-otok*, ...), **no form with C suffixes** (**háml-hat*, **háml-va*, **háml-juk*, **háml-d*)

stem class	Base NDF.3SG	V suffix NDF.1SG	C/V suffix NDF.3PL	C suffix POT
stable VC	sorol ‘list’	sorol-ok	sorol-nak	sorol-hat
epenth. non-IK	torol ‘avenge’	torl-ok	torol-nak	torol-hat
epenth. IK	oml-ik ‘collapse’	oml-ok	oml-anak ~ omol-nak	omol-hat
defective	háml-ik ‘peel’	háml-ok	háml-anak	—
stable CC	ajánl ‘offer’	ajánl-ok	ajánl-anak	ajánl-hat

Factors determining C/V-suffixed forms

stem type	Base	C/V	C
stable VC	1	⇒ 1	⇐ 1
epenthetic non-IK	1	⇒ 1	⇐ 1
epenthetic IK	0	⇒ 0/1	⇐ 1
defective	0	⇒ 0	⇐ *
stable CC	0	⇒ 0	⇐ 0

1 = VC stem alternant, 0 = CC stem alternant



C/V form must have Paradigmatic Support (PARSUP)

- ▶ stem alternant of C/V form is supported iff it occurs in the Base or the C form
- ▶ if the stem alternants of the Base and C form differ (only in epenthetic IK stems), the C/V form systematically vacillates
- ▶ defective stems: no support from C form → no vacillation

Stem classes represented as (generalized) vectors

	<Base	V	C/V	C>				
stable VC	<1	1	1	1>	sorol	sorol-ok	sorol-nak	sorol-hat
stable CC	<0	0	0	0>	ajánl	ajánl-ok	ajánl-anak	ajánl-hat
epenthetic non-IK	<1	0	1	1>	torol	torl-ok	torol-nak	torol-hat
epenthetic IK	<0	0	0/1	1>	oml-ik	oml-ok	oml-anak ~ omol-nak	omol-hat
defective	<0	0	0	*>	háml-ik	háml-ok	háml-anak	—

Overt defectiveness in Hungarian

- ▶ involves approximately 70 verb stems ending in Cl or Cz clusters
- ▶ no general phonological repair (e.g., *rejl-* ‘hide’ + *-het* ‘POT’: **rejl(e)-l-het*, **rejl-(e)het*)
- ▶ however speaker-specific stem-internal repairs marginally occur (Lukács et al. 2010, Csényi 2022)

Lexical Conservatism and phonotactics

- ▶ Lexical Conservatism effect: defectiveness is (intra)paradigmatically motivated; repair allomorph is unavailable, “unlisted”, both for stem: **hámol-va* (no *hámol-*) and for suffix: **háml-ova* (no *-ova*) (Steriade 1999)
- ▶ defectiveness is phonotactically motivated: simple concatenation blocked by ban on CLC and CzC clusters (**šikl-hat* ‘glide-POT’, **čukl-j* ‘hiccup-SBJV.NDF.2SG’, **habz-va* ‘foam-ADV.PTCP’, **fehélr-get* ‘turn_white-FREQ’, **patakz-tat* ‘flow-CAUS’)
- ▶ Lexical Conservatism driven defectiveness (Pertsova 2005, 2016) can be given both MPARSE (Prince & Smolensky 2004) or CONTROL (Orgun & Sprouse 1999) analysis in OT

Covert defectiveness: pdigm gaps are filled in a conventionalized way

- ▶ (syntactically, e.g., *more/most beautiful*, or) morphologically by forms based on/borrowed from another paradigm, e.g., Swedish /dd/-final verbs (Iverson 1981); suppletivism in Hungarian copulas (Rebrus & Törkenczy 1999)
- ▶ conventionalized morphological repair is not possible in the Hung. verbal paradigm
- ▶ analysis: a potential repair must satisfy
 - ▶ Paradigmatic Support (PARSUP), which is violated if the C/V form is unsupported
 - ▶ **Interparadigm Identity** (PARIDENT), which is violated if the content of a cell of the repair paradigm is different from the content of the corresponding cell in the defective paradigm (filling empty cell does not violate PARIDENT); this enforces **minimality** of repair

Potential repairs for <0|0 0 *> that occur marginally

- ▶ <0|0 0 0>: violates only phonotactics (*%rejl-het*, **čukl-hat* — depends on sonority)
- ▶ <0|0 0 1>: violates only PARSUP (*%čuk(o)-l-hat*, but **čuk(o)-l-nak*)
- ▶ <0|0 0 1 1>: violates only PARIDENT (*čukl-anak* ~ *%čuk<o>-l-nak*, *%čuk<o>-l-hat*)

Some potential repairs for <0|0 0 *> that do not occur

- ▶ <0|0 1 1 1>: violates PARSUP & PARIDENT, the latter destructively
- ▶ <0|0 1 0 1 1>: violates PARIDENT twice
- ▶ <0|0 1 0 1>: violates PARSUP & PARIDENT
- ▶ <0|1 1 1 1>: violates PARSUP & PARIDENT twice destructively

Conclusions

- ▶ the effect of PARSUP is interparadigm conservatism: unprecedented paradigm types are not supported (unavailable for repair)
- ▶ the effect of PARIDENT is interparadigm conservatism: difference between potential repair paradigm and existing (defective) paradigm is penalized
- ▶ for some patterns these effects are not accounted for by Lexical Conservatism
- ▶ overabundance and paradigm gaps are related: both follow from PARSUP

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