

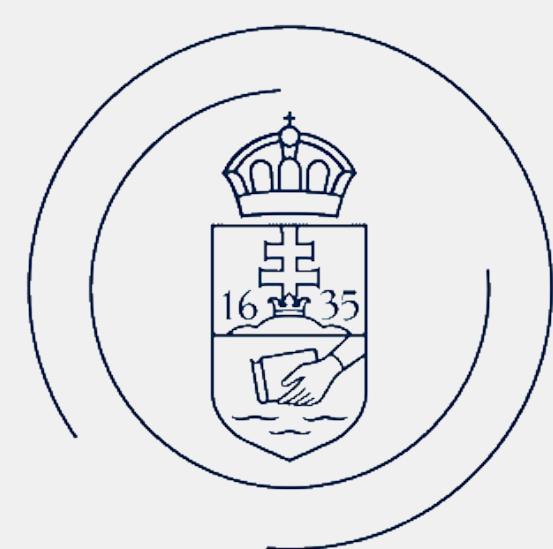
Truncation abolishes vowel harmony

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Truncation is special

- truncation is an uncommon morphological operation
- truncation has uncommon phonological consequences
 - it may cooccur with unique morphophonological alternations
 - it may cooccur with the suspension of otherwise pervasive processes

[Alber and Arndt-Lappe 2012]

Hungarian morphology

- ❶ **agglutinative:** full stem+suffix₁+suffix₂...+suffix_n
- ❷ stem-controlled **vowel harmony:**
back_vowelled_stem+back_vowelled_suffix(es),
front_vowelled_stem+front_vowelled_suffix(es)
but nominal diminutive forms may violate both principles

Nominal diminutives

concatenation: harmonic suffixes		truncation (2-syllable template): harmonically invariant suffixes					
-ka~ke	-(V)čka~(V)čke	-ka, -a, -ca, -ča	-kó, -ó, -có, -čó	-uš, -cuš, -kuš, -u	-i, -ci, -či, -iš	-es, -er	
Ferenc-ke	Ferenc-ečke		Fer-(k)ó, Fe-có		Fer-(č)i		
Teréz-ke	Teréz-ečke	Ter-(k)a, Te-ca		Ter-uš, Ter-u	Ter-(č)i		
Jóžef-ka/ke	Jóžef-ečke	Jóž-ka	Jož-(k)ó, Jo-có		Jóž-i, Jo-ci		
Károj-ka	Károj-očka		Kár-ó	Kar-uš	Kar-(č)i	Kar-es	
	Máriá-čka	Mar-(č)a, Ma-ca		Mar-uš, Ma-cuš	Mar-i(š), Mar-či	Mar-es	

Verbal frequentatives

stem type	harmony examples template repair	variant suffixes					invariant suffixes
		-(V)gat~(V)get	-gál~gél	-doš~deš~döš	-(k)od~(k)ed~(k)öd	-dal~del	-(k)ál
1-syllable	back	'steal' 'cut' 'drill' 'pull'	lop-o-gat vág-o-gat fúr-o-gat húz-o-gat	a u g m e n t	=3σ	=2σ	=2σ
1-syllable	front	'toss' 'sit' 'step' 'look'	lök-ö-get üл-ö-get lép-e-get néz-e-get	ül-dö-gél	lök-döš lüdögél	lop-kod	vag-dal fur-dal
2-syllable	back	'scratch'	kapar-gat	kapar-gál	lök-öd	lop-kod	fur-kál
2-syllable	front	'laugh'	nevet-get	nevet-gél	lép-deš	lök-öd	húz-kál
≥3-syllable	back	'have fun'	sórakoz-gat		lép-ked	lök-öd	↑ *harmony
≥3-syllable	front	'talk back'	felešel-get		lép-del	lök-öd	↓ *harmony

Generalizations

- Ia Truncative suffixes never harmonise
- Ib Truncation always involves templaticity
- IIa Verbal (templatic) forms are always harmonic
- IIb Verbal truncation never occurs

Consequences

- Ia (truncated forms do not harmonise) follows from INT ⊇ HAR
- Ib (truncated forms are all templatic) follows from INT ⊇ CONCAT
- IIa (verbs forms all harmonise) holds since verb forms are all within HAR
- IIb (verbs are never truncated) follows from IIa since INT ⊇ HAR

Morphological layers

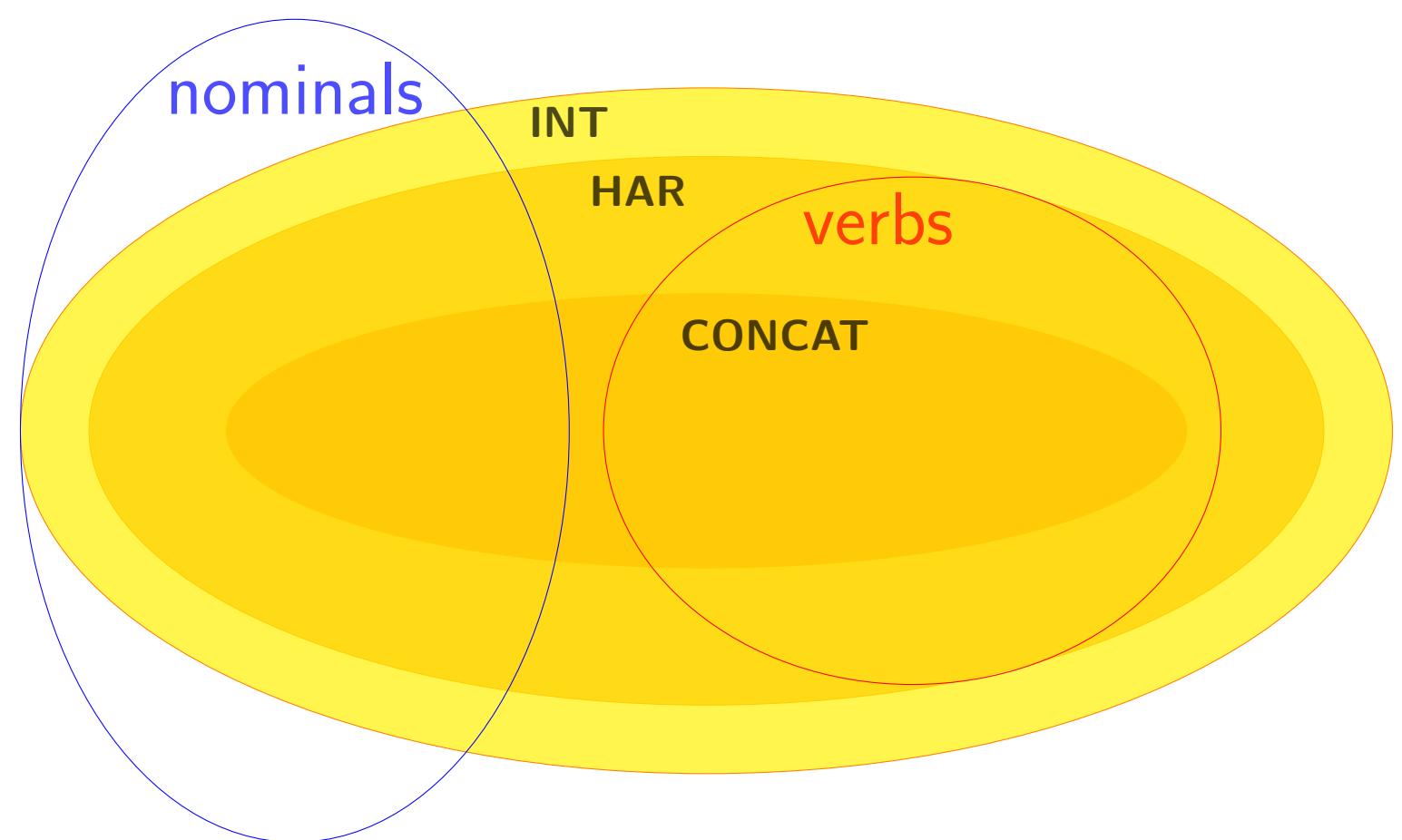
- INT(EGRITY): preserve the full stem, do not truncate it
- HAR(MONY): only back/neutral or only front vowels in words
- CONCAT(ENATIVE): no restrictions on word size

Repairs and summary

	nominals (DIM)	verbs (FREQ)
concatenative	defined size	disharmony
templatic	yes	frequently
	truncation (invar. sfxes)	augm. or gap harm. or gap

Subsumptive relationship of layers

INT ⊇ HAR ⊇ CONCAT



verbs are often subject to stricter phonotactic and morphological constraints than nouns (and adjectives)
[Smith 2011]

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