

なぜOV言語はCVか：
語順と音韻の相関性
Why do OV languages have CV syllable structure?

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Goals

- To show that OV languages have simple syllable structure by analyzing data in *The World Atlas of Language Structures* (WALS).
- To explain why OV languages have simple syllable structure by phonological constraints and syntactic movement.

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VO => inflectional

- Consistent OV languages tend to be agglutinative in their morphology. [UA#11]
(Lehmann 1973: 47)

(1) Japanese

- a. *yomaseta* 'He caused to read.'
- b. *yomasenai* 'He does not cause to read.'
- c. *yomarenai* 'It is not being read.'

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(2) Hebrew

- a. *ka:tab* 'He wrote.'
- b. *hikti:b* 'He caused to write/be written.'
- c. *hitkatte:b* 'He corresponded (wrote reciprocally).'

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OV => moraic-counting
VO => syllable-counting

- OV languages are often mora-counting, and VO languages are syllable-counting.
[UA#891] (Lehmann 1973)

(3) Japanese

/su-ro-o-mo-o-sho-n/

(4) English

/slow-mo-tion/

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OV => phrase-initial stress
VO => phrase-final stress

- In a Verb Phrase, main stress should be to the right of Verb in VO languages and to its left in OV languages [because a phrase's main stress is located on its most deeply embedded constituent, which is ordinarily the innermost complement of the phrase head]. [UA#372, cf. #893]
(Cinque 1993, cf. Donegan and Stampe 1983)

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#893 RHYTHMIC HOLISM: Donegan & Stampe (1983) and Stampe (1985)		
phrase accent ('X):	rising (final)	falling (initial)
word canon:	iambic (last syllable accented) or monosyllabic	trochaic or dactylic (first syllable accented)
timing:	isoaccentual (stress timed)	isosyllabic or isomorphic (syllable-or mora-timed)
syllable canon:	(C)V or (C)(C)V(Glide)(C)	(C)V(C)
consonantism:	diachronically shifting tonogenetic consonantism non-geminate clusters	stable geminate clusters
vocalism:	diachronically shifting diphthongal reductive	stable monophthongal harmonic
tone/register:	contour tones/register	level tone
verse:	rhyme (identities final)	alliteration (identities initial)
music:	polyphony tempered scales multiplicative rhythms	monophony modal scales additive rhythms
word order:	rigid operator last: VO, VAdv, AuxV, NAdj, AAdv, NGen, Adp NP (i.e. prepositions)	variable operator first: OV, AdvV, VAux, AdjN, AdvA, GenN, NP Adp (i.e. postpositions)
clitic order:	proclitic	enclitic
affix order:	prefixing	suffixing
morphosyntax:	more analytic	more synthetic, especially case, verb agreement
morphology:	flective or isolating	agglutinative or polysynthetic

#894 RHYTHMIC HOLISM: Gil (1986)	
IAMBIC RHYTHM (WEAKER-STRONGER)	TROCHAIC RHYTHM (STRONGER-WEAKER)
unstressed before stressed	stressed before unstressed
less- before more-syllable units	more- before less-syllable units
less- before more-sonorous units	more- before less-sonorous units
less- before more complex syntactically	more- before less complex syntactically
less- before more important syntactically	more- before less important syntactically
(S)OV etc. (i.e. modifier-head order throughout)	(S)VO etc. (i.e. head-modifier order throughout)
agglutinative morphology	flective morphology
stressed-timed	syllable-timed
faster tempo (measured in syllables per unit time or per unit content)	slower tempo
simple syllable structure	complex syllable structure
high consonant-vowel ratio	low consonant-vowel ratio
more obstruent segments (textually and in phonemic inventory)	more sonorant segments
more level intonation contours (less pitch variation)	more variable intonation contours (more melodic)
non-tonal	tonal

OV => simple syllable structure
VO => complex syllable structure

■ OV languages tend to have simple syllable structure. [UA#196]

(Lehmann 1973:61, cf. Plank 1998)

(5) Japanese: CV or CVn /se/ or /sen/

(6) English: CCCVCCCC /streŋkθs/ *strengths*

Cf. *COMPLEX

No-CODA

Constraints

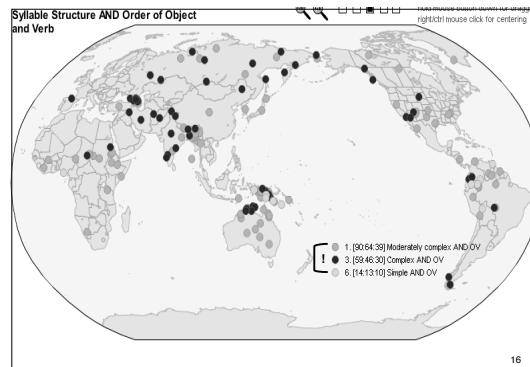
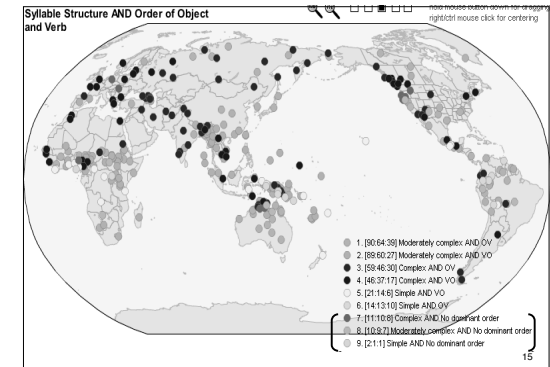
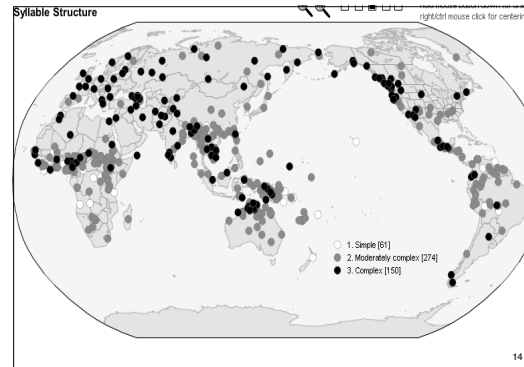
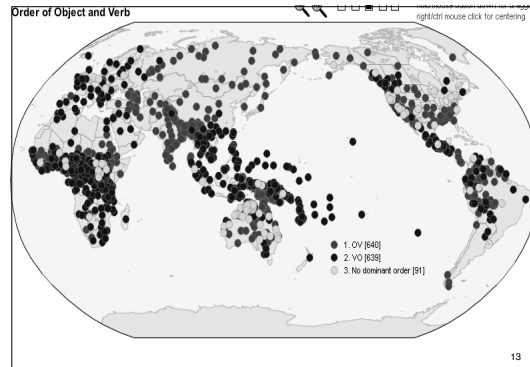
- (7) *COMPLEX
No more than one C or V may associate to any syllable position node.
- (8) No-CODA
A syllable must *not* have a coda.
(Prince and Smolensky 1993)

Do OV languages have simple syllable structure?

- Haspelmath, Martin, Matthew S. Dryer, David Gil, and Bernard Comrie (eds.) 2005. *The World Atlas of Language Structures (WALS)* [with The Interactive Reference Tool].
- Combined features:
Word order: OV, VO or No dominant order
Syllable: Simple, Moderately complex or Complex

Syllable structure

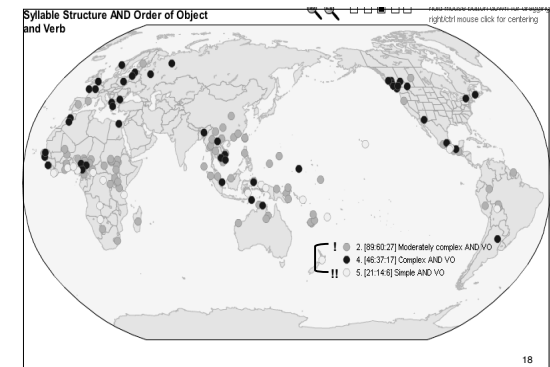
- Simple: CV (Hawaiian, Mba)
(C)V (Fijian, Igbo, Yareba)
- Moderately complex:
CVC_C [C_C: limited? (HT)]
CC₂V [C₂: liquids or glides]
CC₂VC (Darai /bwak/ 'father')
- Complex: (C)(C)(C) V (C)(C)(C)(C)
(Maddieson 2005 in WALS)

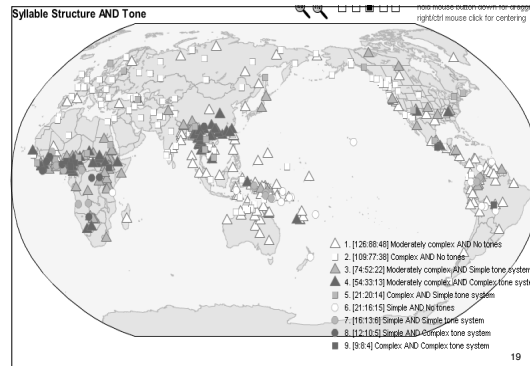


Epenthesis/Deletion

- Hindi
 - (10) a. p̤rɛ:m -> p̤rɛ:s̤m (CCVC -> CVCVC)
 - b. k̤rɪsn̤ -> k̤rɪs̤ən (CCVCC -> CCVCVC)
- Basque <- Latin
 - (11) a. liburu <- libru(m) (CVCVCV <- CVCCV)
 - b. luma <- pluma(m) (CVCV <- CCVCV)

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Correlating phonological complexity

- syllable complexity and mean # of consonants: positive correlation
- syllable complexity and tone complexity: negative correlation

(Maddieson 2006)

Syllable complexity in analytic languages

- South east Asia (Thai, Vietnamese)
- Thai: VO, Moderately complex syllable
Coda: /p, t, k, ʔ, m, n, ŋ, w, y/
- Vietnamese: VO, Moderately complex syllable
(C₁)(w)V(G)(C₂)+T
C₂: labial, coronal, & velar stops /p, t, k/ and nasals /m, n, ŋ/

Summing up

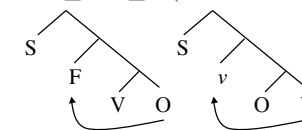
- OV languages tend to have simple (or moderately complex) syllable structure.
- Exceptions can be attributed to the neglect of phonological simplification.
- VO languages tend to have complex syllable structure or (moderately) complex tone.

Why do OV languages have simple syllable structure?

- Head parameter: head-final [OV] head-initial [VO] (Chomsky 1981)
- Movement: SVQ -> SQV (Kayne 1994)
SOV -> SVO (Fukui and Takano 1998)
- Incorporation, polysynthesis (Baker 1988, 2001)
- Branching and stress in compounds and phrases (Cinque 1993)

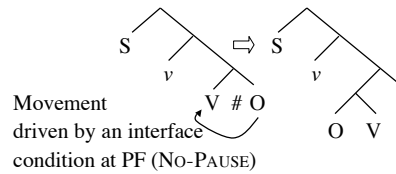
Syntax of OV and VO

- Movement: S V Q -> S Q V (Kayne 1994)
S O V -> S V O (Fukui and Takano 1998)



Proposal: O-to-V movement

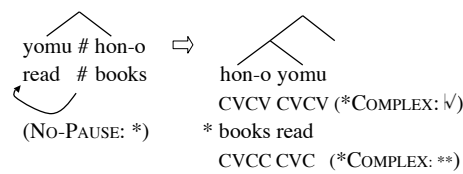
- Movement: $S\ V\ \underline{Q} \rightarrow S\ \underline{Q}\ V$ (Kayne 1994)
- $S\ V\ \underline{Q} \rightarrow S\ \underline{Q}\text{-}V$ (Proposal)



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Movement driven or canceled by phonological constraints

- (8) NO-PAUSE
A sentence must *not* have pause.



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	*COMPLEX	No-PAUSE
a. yomu # hon-o CVCV # CVCV		*!
b. hon-o yomu CVCV CVCV		
a. read # books CVC # CVCC		*
b. books read CVCC CVC	*!	

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Consequences

- Agglutinative
yom-ase-ta made them read
oyog-eru can swim
- PP: $P\ \underline{N}\ (VQ) \rightarrow \underline{N}\text{-}P\ (Q\text{-}V)$
ni # Komaba $\rightarrow$ Komaba-ni
to # Boston $\rightarrow$ *Boston-to

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Left-branching structure as compound

- Head parameter: head-final vs. head-initial
- OV $\leftrightarrow$ N Postp:
[[[Kita-no] kuni-no] kurashi]
north-P country-P life
'life in countries in the north'
- VO $\leftrightarrow$ Prep N

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Left-right asymmetry Voicing in Japanese: *rendaku*

- (11) a. $[[nise\ [tanuki\ shiru]] \rightarrow [nise\ [tanuki\ jiru]]$
- b. $[[nise\ tanuki]\ shiru] \rightarrow [[nise\ danuki]\ jiru]$

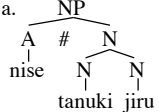
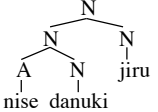
(12) Right Branch Condition

Rendaku applies only when a potential *rendaku* segment is in a right branch constituent.

(Otsu 1980, cf. LBC by Haraguchi 2001)

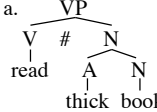
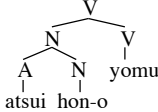
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Right-branching as phrase Left-branching as compound

- (13) a. 
 nise # tanuki jiru
 nise # tanuki + jiru
 [nise [tanuki jiru]]
- b. 
 nise danuki jiru
 nise + danuki + jiru
 [[nise danuki] jiru]

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Right-branching as phrase Left-branching as compound

- (14) a. 
 read thick books
 read # thick + books
 read [thick books]]
 CVC # CVC + CVCC
- b. 
 atsui hon-o yomu
 atsui + hon-o + yomu
 [[atsui hon-o] yomu]
 VCV + CVCV + CVCV

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*COMPLEX-ONSET in Complement/ No-CODA in Head

- *COMPLEX-ONSET in Complement
 (15) them -> 'em beat'em VO HC
- No-CODA in Head
 (16) of -> o' a cup [o' tea] PN HC

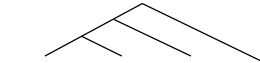
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Branching and phrase/compound

- (17) In a configuration [_C A B _C]:
 a. NSR: If C is a phrasal category, B is strong.
 b. CSR: if C is a lexical category, B is strong iff it branches.
 (Lieberman and Prince 1977, cf. Cinque 1993:273)
- (18) Right-branching node is a phrase-like with a strong boundary.
 Left-branching node is a compound-like with a weak boundary.

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Complement-to-Head movement in VO languages

- (19) a. therein <- in there (in that place)
 N - P P N
- b. proof-reading <- read proof
 N - V V N
- c. 
 Wadeck's Mother's Friend's Son (movie title)

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Conclusion

- OV languages tend to have simple syllable structure.
- OV languages allow Complement-to-Head movement to derive pause-less structure without consonant cluster.

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