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## PREFACE

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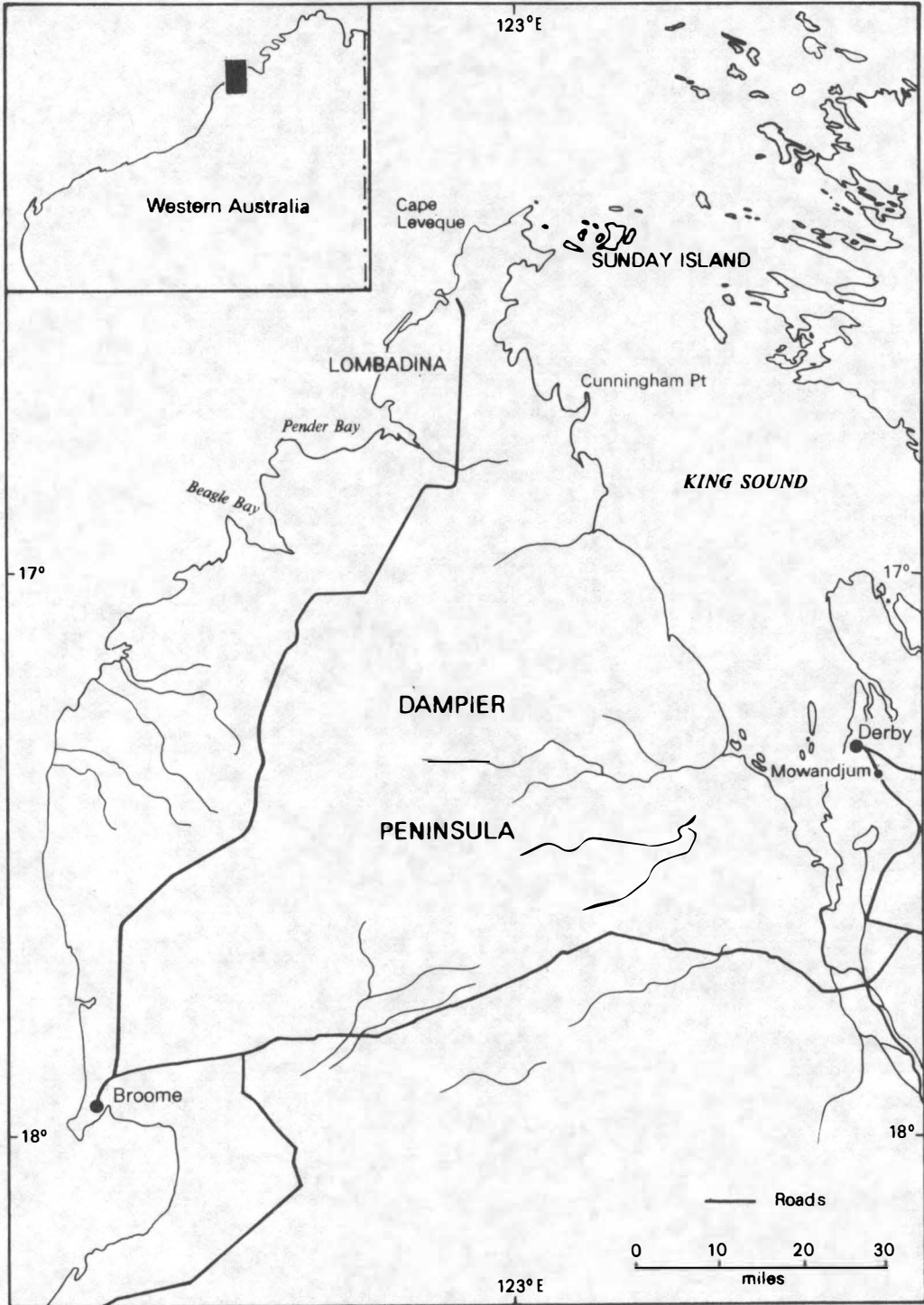
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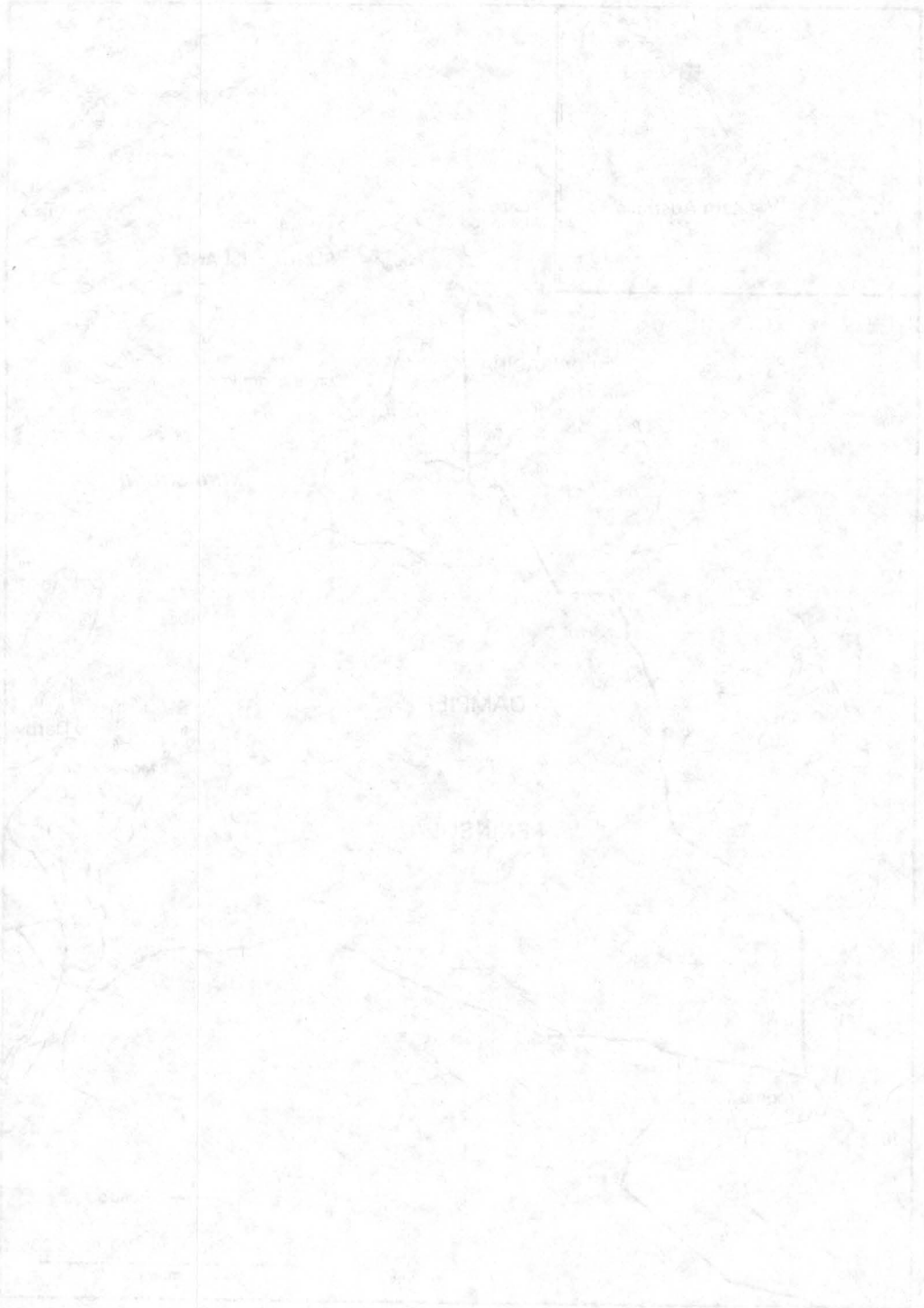
## ABSTRACT

The Bardi Aboriginal language is spoken by some three hundred and sixty people located primarily at Derby, Sunday Island and Lombadina in the Kimberley division of North-western Australia. It is characterised, as with many Australian Aboriginal languages, by a complex system of verbal affixing. The twenty-two sets of affixes which, with free forms, may be constituents of the verb produce an amazingly complex variety of verbal forms many of which can stand alone as complete sentences. Such highly agglutinative languages present considerable difficulties in analysis and description, as a linear listing of verb constituents becomes extremely confusing in its intricacy. Further problems arise concerning the inter-relations of the affixes and the wider relations between verb morphology and syntax.

A model of 'generative transformational' grammar has proved to be a most efficient and revealing analytical device in the study of the Bardi verbal system. The model utilised here is one modified from Noam Chomsky's *Aspects of the Theory of Syntax* and from developments within this model. This framework has proved most appropriate because of its primary concern with syntax and because its generative base provides a set of explicit rules which account for the complex morphology. In that many verb constituents and their inter-relationships can be delineated within the transformational component, the description of the most important parts of the verb is considerably simplified. The Bardi verb is, in essence, a 'sentence-in-miniature' so that the morphological/syntactic relationship is of primary concern. Much of this analysis is devoted to the exploration and description of this relationship within a generative, transformational framework.

This study has an explanatory emphasis throughout, with the attempt to demonstrate the processes involved in the derivation of the surface forms of Bardi verbs from their underlying base structure and to relate this base to its wider grammatical context.





## 1.0. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. THE BARDI LANGUAGE

Bardi is an Australian Aboriginal language spoken in the Kimberley division of North-western Australia by some three hundred and sixty people, 90% of whom live in and around Derby, Sunday Island, Broome and Lombadina.<sup>1</sup> (C.f. Map, page ix).

It is a member of what Capell (1963:K.1) calls the 'Dampier Land' complex of languages<sup>2</sup> which are classified more generally as 'prefixing, non-classifying' languages<sup>3</sup> (Capell 1940:411).

Characteristic of the prefixing non-classifying languages of the Kimberley division is their complex morphology and high degree of verbal affixing. The present analysis is confined to Bardi verb morphology and its relationship to the wider syntax. The study is based primarily upon an intensive survey of some four hundred verbs and four hundred and fifty pages of text material.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Mr M.V. Robinson, whose dissertation provides a more general and comprehensive discussion of background factors, has kindly supplied the following population figures obtained by a survey carried out during 1971.

Derby and Sunday Island	170
Lombadina	100
Broome	50
Beagle Bay	12
Other Centres (Mowanjum, Wyndham, Port Hedland, Perth, etc.)	30
TOTAL	362

Owing to the difficulty of tracing all Bardi people and because of the high mobility of the people, it is to be stressed that these figures are only an estimate at a particular point of time.

<sup>2</sup>The other 'Dampier Land' languages are: Djaberdjaber, Njulinjul, Nimanburu, Djawi, Djugan, Jauor and Ngombal. These are the 'Nyulnyulan' family of languages in the classification of O'Grady, Wurm and Hale (1966) although they add Warwa and Nyigina. Kerr (1969) presents a comparative 538-word list for all these languages together with one for Garadjari.

<sup>3</sup>That is, 'non-classifying' in not possessing noun classes, and 'prefixing' in that the verb 'expresses subject and object by prefixes, while tense, mood and aspect are expressed by suffixes.' (Capell 1956:26) In fact, Bardi does not comply entirely with this 'general principle' in that the bound pronominal objects are expressed by suffixes to the verb stem.

<sup>4</sup>To obviate the necessity of a continual repetition of such phrases as 'on the present evidence' and 'as far as is known', generalised claims and principles presented in this study are valid with reference to these verbs and texts. For instance, it is stated on page 54 that there are no V-initial verb stems. This is to say that none have been found, but it does not claim that instances of such stems cannot exist.

Acknowledgment is recorded here of the concordance analysis of 30,000 words of Bardi text material carried out by the Computer Programming Section of the Joint School's Services, Australian National University, Canberra.



There has been no previous published 'depth' study of Bardi, although quite extensive reference has been made to different aspects of Bardi language and culture in anthropological and linguistic literature.<sup>1</sup> These materials, and particularly Nekes and Worms (1953) which contains a considerable body of Bardi material, were of benefit in the early stages of fieldwork and, where relevant, were checked and incorporated into the analysis.

There is a relatively superficial division of the Bardi into two groups - the 'Islanders' and the 'Mainlanders'<sup>2</sup>. Territorial contiguity and intermarriage have been the primary factors leading to a Djawi influence upon the Islanders and a Nyulnyul influence upon the Mainlanders.<sup>3</sup> This present study is based upon material collected from the Island group.

The shift in fieldwork location from Derby to Sunday Island (see Preface) followed from a movement among the Bardi people which will affect profoundly the future of their language, social structure and culture. Until the beginning of 1970, Sunday Island had remained uninhabited since being vacated by the Bardi in 1964. In 1970 two of the older men determined of their own accord to return to the Island. From this beginning, and with the judicious and beneficent assistance of a retired European couple, Mr and Mrs David Drysdale, there has developed a Bardi community of up to more than 200 people located in the main at the top of the Dampier Peninsula, around Malumbo Bay and One-Arm Point. The mainland location was chosen in preference to Sunday Island to facilitate the setting up of various economic enterprises - in particular, dried sea-foods, fishing and turtle farming. In this case, and with the provision of a school and mobile hospital in 1973, it is certain that the Bardi language will be revitalised and that its

<sup>1</sup>Peripheral sources of language data were: Worms (1938,1942,1944,1950a,1950b,1952,1957); Nekes (1939); Capell and Elkin (1937); Capell's comparative and classificatory articles (1937,1940,1956); Elkin's anthropological articles, particularly (1932,1935); Kerr (1969).

<sup>2</sup>One of the significant linguistic distinctions between the two groups concerns final vowels. A characteristic of Bardi speech is the de-voicing of final vowels but this is less pronounced with the Island group. Nekes and Worms (1953), who concentrated on the 'Mainland' group at Lombadina, recognise comparatively few final vowels.

<sup>3</sup>It seems probable that, over the nineteenth century, continual territorial pressure was being applied to the Bardi by the more southern 'tribes' - in particular, the Nyulnyul, who were their closest neighbours. Towards the end of the century, the Bardi occupied the northern tip of the Dampier Peninsula. At this time, the islands in the mouth of King Sound, and especially Sunday Island, were inhabited by the Djawi people (c.f. Campbell and Bird 1914:52). Throughout the present century, the Bardi increasingly interacted and intermarried with the Djawi, finally dominating the island complex.



use as the primary language of the people will continue for a considerable period.

## 1.2. AN OVERVIEW OF THE BARDI VERB

The purpose of this section is to present a preliminary overview of the free and bound morpheme structure of the Bardi verb. This will provide a general background to ensuing discussion and will foreshadow some of the problems involved in accounting adequately for a complex morphology such as is exhibited by Bardi.<sup>1</sup>

Bardi possesses twenty-two possible sets of affixes which form the inflected verb, plus four 'free' pre-verb elements. Only a limited number of these affixes can be found in any one verbal expression. Ten affixes to a stem was the largest number encountered and the (i.e. 'norm') is four to six per stem.

The basis for the complexity of Bardi verb morphology is the fact that almost every free sentential element has, or may have, a corresponding element affixed to the verb stem.

The following is a simple linear listing of free and bound verb morphemes presented, at this stage, with no attempt to explain the morpheme 'labels' or to formulate co-occurrence restrictions, inter-relationships or position limitations. The morphemes are numbered for later reference.

<sup>1</sup>Capell (1967:43) points up the problems in the analysis of such languages with particular reference to the Australian Aboriginal field. He says: 'In many Australian languages, especially those in the far north of the continent, verbal forms can become extremely complex. The basic Australian language type is agglutinative, but the degree of agglutination varies greatly from region to region.' Capell's analysis is made with particular reference to the Tiwi language in the Northern Territory in which the verb root can take combinations from nineteen 'ranks' of affixes.

Complex morphologies are, of course, widely represented outside Australia. Hockett (1958:286) and Elson (1964) provide other examples. Hockett lists languages which have more than sixty 'positional classes.'

## PRE-VERB

(Free Morphemes)

Negative	NegativeEmphasis	Question	PreStem
1	2	3	4

## INFLECTED VERB

(Bound Morphemes)

Subject	ActionType	Potential	Tense	Number
5	6	7	8	9
-----				
RetroActionI	ClassMarker	InfinitiveI	Intensity	
10	11	12	13	
-----				
STEM	InfinitiveII	RetroActionII	Aspect	Tense
14	15	16	17	18
-----				
Emphatic	AssociativeSuffix	QuestionMarker		
19	20	21		
-----				
SequentialConjunction	ObjectPronoun	ReferentialPronoun		
22	23	24		
-----				
DiTransitivePronoun	Relator			
25	26			

The following examples show something of the manner in which these morphemes can be combined and utilised within the highly expressive Bardi verbal system. The first two are examples with a limited number of morphemes, while the remainder are more complex verbs.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Ex.1 to Ex.4 are Text Verbs 1, 62, 89 and 49 respectively.

## Ex.1

ŋa-n-ma-nǎ-ǂ

5-6-14-18-23

I-ExtraAction-put-Present-it

*I am putting it (the story down).*

## Ex.2

mi-n-ǎ-arala-n

5-6-11- 14 -18

You-IntraAction-Class-run-Present

*You are running.*

## Ex.3

i-m-b-añi-n-aŋar

5-6-11-14-18-19

It-IntraAction-Class-finish-Present-Emphatic

*It (the story) is absolutely finished.*

## Ex.4

i-ŋ-g-alg-algama-na-na

5-6-11-13- 14 -17-18

It-IntraAction-Class-Intensity-move-Durat-DistantPerfect

*It kept on moving about vigorously.*

## Ex.5

ara gu-l-uru-m-ugul-inđi-na-đan

1 5-7- 9 -10-14 - 16 -18-24

Negative You-Potential-Plural-RetroActionI-break-RetroActionII-

MiddlePerfect-for me

*You were not breaking yourselves (be deeply concerned) for me.*

## Ex.6

uŋ-g-iri-gu-gur-a-đanir

5-8- 9 -13-14-18-25

They-Future-Plural-Intensity-make catamaran-Future-for me them

*They will surely make them (the two sections of a catamaran) for me.*

From this very limited outline of the data to be accounted for in a study of Bardi verb morphology, several problem areas are brought into focus:

1. The verb can incorporate within its structure many of the constituents which would be expressed by non-verbal morphemes in many other languages. Each of the verbs in the examples above can stand as a complete sentence. An adequate study of a language exhibiting a highly agglutinative verbal system must, then, explore the interdependence of morphology and syntax.

2. The versatility and complexity of the Bardi verb gives rise to an almost endless array of possible surface forms. Thus, the rules of a grammatical description should be formulated with the aim of producing this array.

3. Not only must the tremendous variety of verbal forms be encompassed within an adequate description but forms which are unacceptable to Bardi speakers must be excluded. Morpheme interrelationships and restrictions of occurrence and co-occurrence must be satisfactorily controlled. For instance, only transitive verbs can express reflexive and reciprocal action.<sup>1</sup> If Object and Referential pronominal suffixes occur within the same Bardi verb, they must be replaced by the Di-transitive pronominal form, as in Example 6. If the Emphatic suffix occurs, it follows an intransitive verb only and it must occur word-finally, as it does in Example 3. Some verb stems can occur only in a restricted environment. Impersonal verbs cannot take first or second person subjects. The verb *to make a catamaran* in Example 6 must take a plural object as there are always the two parts to a catamaran referred to when this verb is used. If reference is made to the making of just one component of the craft, then a different verb is utilised.

4. The linear listing of verb morpheme classes on page 4 brings into focus the very practical problem of providing a satisfactory descriptive and analytical framework within which to organise this considerable range of possible affixes and free elements.

These, then, are some of the key problems and areas of interest which have been suggested through this summary overview of the Bardi verb, and it is to these areas that the main attention of this study is directed.

<sup>1</sup> Reflexive and reciprocal expressions are subsumed under the more general term 'Retro-action'. (see T.5.-T.8) That is, 'retro' in the sense of 'acting backwards' upon the Subject.

### 1.3. AIM

To analyse and describe the Bardi Aboriginal verb system and to explore the interdependence between verb morphology and the wider syntax.

### 1.4. THEORETICAL APPROACH

1.4.1. The primary concern of this study is Bardi verb morphology. Despite this empirical limit, practically every aspect of a more comprehensive grammar is introduced within the analysis. Most parts of speech are involved in some way with verbal agreement and government. Many sentence and clause 'types' can be expressed by verb inflection so that the rules formulated to comprehend morphological processes also provide the basic structure for the majority of expressions which would be included in a fuller grammar. Further, systems of conjunction and recursion must be discussed because certain of these processes can be optionally expressed through verbal affixing.<sup>1</sup> Through the discussion, and by the use of footnotes, the main body of the rules, which have been included only as they are relevant to the verb, will be set in the broader context of other language constituents and a fuller grammatical description.

Recent linguistic theory, and in particular generative, transformational theory, has tended to neglect the area of morphology.<sup>2</sup> Yet this is the area of critical importance to the understanding of many of the languages of the world, especially those languages which are complexly agglutinative.

One of the primary problem areas with such languages is simply the presenting of a complete description of the possible range of affixes and their interrelations. Various systems have been propounded. Affixes have been listed in classes with an explanation concerning their relationships, as in Sapir and Hoijer's work on Navaho (1967:85); some studies have used the 'decade notation', such as Garvin (1948); Hymes (1955) and others have utilised 'morpheme order charts'; Hockett (1958: 286f) used the notion of 'positions'; tagmemic formulae have been employed as in Bolt *et al.* (1971:97ff); still other studies have presented the affixes by means of a matrix with lines indicating

<sup>1</sup>Some linguists view Relativisation, Complementation and Co-ordination as the only three basic recursive processes in language - all other complex sentences being derived from them. (R. Lakoff 1968:74 and Taylor 1970:17) It is an indication of the versatility of the Bardi verb that all three processes can be expressed through verbal affixing.

<sup>2</sup>Lyons (1970:96) states, in his introduction to Matthew's article on 'Recent Developments in Morphology', that, apart from Matthew's articles, 'so far there has been no comprehensive treatment of morphology within a generative framework.'

possible sequences of morphemes (Elson, 1964:passim).<sup>1</sup> However, these and other methods have brought into focus certain areas of difficulty in the description of complex morphologies. There is the difficulty of presenting an integrated and comprehensive account of all possible affixes without the description becoming confusing in its intricacy; there is the difficulty of defining, satisfactorily, occurrence and co-occurrence restrictions of morphemes; and there is the problem of preventing the analysis from becoming too divorced from the actual spoken language.

A second major problem area in the analysis of agglutinative languages concerns the very status of the morphological 'level' and its relationship to other components of grammar. Matthews (1970:111) questions the traditional boundary between morphology and syntax when he says: 'Many linguists have declined to treat morphology as a "level" on a par with phonology and syntax'.<sup>2</sup> However, the place of morphology within linguistic theory and analysis is a question which has plagued models of transformational grammar in particular. An article by C.S. Dik (1967) is very much to the point here. The title gives a fair summary of its purpose: 'Some Critical Remarks of the Treatment of Morphological Structure in Transformational Generative Grammar.' A good deal of the paper seems to be based on a misunderstanding of Chomsky or is taken up with rather unproductive discussions on Chomsky's psycholinguistics. However, some significant points are raised. Dik points out that transformational theory has not given a satisfactory account of morphological/syntactic relations or of some aspects of morphology - especially in regard to inflectional and derivitive processes. He also questions the degree of 'productiveness' of certain types of transformational rules. The problems concerning morphology and syntax were raised in Lees' review (1957:404) of *Syntactic Structures* which Dik cites as support from his contention that a separate morphological component is necessary. This is obviously of concern to Chomsky and his associates. The bulk of the footnote in Chomsky and Halle (1965:116, fn 13) is worth repeating here:

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<sup>1</sup>C.f. Perlmutter (1970:250) for a brief discussion of various methods of presenting complex morphologies.

<sup>2</sup>Lyons (1970:23), speaking of the relations between phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics, states that many linguists 'will not use the term "morphology" at all and will apportion its subject matter between phonology and syntax.'

'In the same place (Lees, 1957), Lees also suggested that an independent sub-grammar might be necessary to account for non-transformational morphology . . . As distinct from the question of 'phonological grammar', this problem seems to us very much open. For some inconclusive discussion see Chomsky (1965:Chapter 4)'

In Aspects (1965:174), Chomsky gives as the primary reason for the 'inconclusive' nature of his discussion the fact that 'so few attempts' have been made at transformational analyses of inflectional systems. There has been little attempt since to close this admitted gap in transformational theory and linguistic description.<sup>1</sup>

These, then are the two primary areas of difficulty regarding complex morphologies to which the attention of the present study is directed - the problem of providing an adequate linguistic description of the affixes of a highly agglutinative language, and the problem of integrating such a morphology with the syntactic, semantic and phonological components.

It is the contention of this study that, at least with reference to the complex morphology of the Baḡdi verbal system, there is no justification for a fourth morphological component parallel with the syntactic, semantic and phonological components and that morphology is most satisfactorily interpreted by its relationship to syntactic categories.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>There are an increasing number of transformational analyses of languages with complex verbal structures but few have been published and those available (C.f., for Amerindian studies Postal, 1962; Matthews, 1965; Stanley, 1969 and Frantz, n.d.) give little attention to morphology in its relationship with the other grammatical components.

<sup>2</sup>Perlmutter, in his discussion of 'surface structure constraints' as evidenced by Spanish clitic pronoun placement, parallels the type of rule which he is suggesting with rules which order verbal affixes. He continued (1970:249): 'Parallels of this sort call into question the traditional division between morphology and syntax and suggest that some of the same grammatical devices may account for both syntactic and morphological phenomena.'

Longacre (1964:36) presents an interesting, non-transformational attempt to relate morphology and syntax. In illustrating his discussion of languages in which an inflected verb can stand as a 'clause-in-miniature', he reproduces Fox's presentation of a Quiché sentence. The sentence with translation is given first, and then its diagrammatic representation:

manuel kebuluk?am loḡ ri šila čke pa ri ha čanim  
*Manual brings hither the chairs for them into the house immediately*

Subject Predicate Object Indirect Referent Location Time

Clause: manuel kebuluk?am loḡ ri šila čke pa ri ha čanim

Predicate Tagmeme: -k-eb-u-lu-k?am loḡ

Aspect/Time (present)	Object (them)	Subject (he)	Benefactive (for)	Stem (bring)	Directional (this way)
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1.4.2. The interrelationships between Bardi verb morphology and its wider syntax present one of the central concerns of this analysis, as was expressed in the 'Aim'.

To carry out this aim, a generative transformational model has been utilised. More specifically, it is a modified, practical application of Noam Chomsky's *Aspects of the Theory of Syntax* (1965), and developments within the framework.

A generative approach becomes very relevant when set against the practically infinite array of verbal expressions possible within the Bardi language. That is, such an approach recognises the 'creative' aspect of language which can 'generate' an indefinitely large number of sentences and, further, provides an explicit set of rules which enumerates this array of permissible sentences.<sup>1</sup>

The transformational component of the model has two primary functions in view of the aim of this study. Firstly, it simplifies the presentation of the complex range of possible verb affixes, the problem pointed up by the 'overview' of the Bardi verb in 1.2. The majority of verbal affixes depend for their existence upon a related formative in the underlying 'deep' sentence (the pronominal affixes, for example) or upon a wider syntactic relationship (as in the case of reflexive and reciprocal constructions). That is, these sets of affixes do not change meaning and may be introduced step by step within the transformational component, thus simplifying considerably the initial presentation of morpheme structure.

The second major function of the transformational component in the analysis of Bardi verb morphology is that of relating this morphology to syntactic categories. The Base Rules and the Lexicon provide the essential 'core' of the verb. By relating this core to other syntactic categories, the transformational rules build up, point by point, the range of possible morpheme sets and their permissible sequences.

In this relating of morphology to syntax, an Aspect-type model has been found to provide a useful and revealing theoretical orientation.

<sup>1</sup>These two characteristics of generative grammar are emphasised, for example, in the writing of Chomsky and John Lyons. Lyons (1970:24) speaks, in this context, of the 'productive' or 'creative' nature of language in view of which a generative grammar is a 'formalised' or 'explicit' set of rules 'which specifies precisely what combinations of the basic elements . . . are permissible, or well-formed.' Chomsky stresses the 'creative aspect of language' (1966:3ff); and that 'the normal use of language is innovative.' (1968:10). 'A grammar must . . . contain a finite system of rules that generates infinitely many deep and surface structures, appropriately related.' (1968:15)



Few would dispute its applicability in the realm of syntactic structures.<sup>1</sup>

A full account has been taken of other approaches and their possible relevance will be indicated throughout the discussion of Australian Aboriginal languages (Sharp, 1970 and Sommer, 1972). However, in view of the proliferation of Bardi 'surface' cases and the difficulty of 'fit' between them and Fillmore's 'deep' case relationships,<sup>2</sup> such a framework was not found to be optimum for the purposes of this study.

The charge of the 'generative semanticists' that the syntactic component of a Chomskyan framework cannot satisfactorily form the basis for semantic selection and interpretation has yet to be convincingly countered. However, despite the crucial importance to linguistic theory of the present discussion centred in semantics, a 'generative semantic' approach presents considerable difficulty in its application to a field such as Bardi morphology. Present theoretical developments are in a confusing state of flux and the trend towards ever more abstract analyses makes practical use of such a model increasingly difficult in reference to a language of which one is not a 'native' speaker.

Similar comments could be made with reference to the possible use of an 'abstract syntax' or 'universal base'. There is the difficulty of applying such a framework effectively to the verb morphology of an agglutinative language; there is the present divergence of opinion as to the viability of the 'Universal Base Hypothesis' as currently formulated; and there is the problem of a lack of a 'native' speaker's competence in the positing of difficult concepts such as 'abstract verbs'.

Thus, despite the challenge being laid down on many fronts to an Aspects-type model, it still appears - with modifications - to provide the most satisfactory framework within which to account for the complexities of an agglutinative morphology in its relation to the syntax of the language.

<sup>1</sup>Breckle, for example, in proposing a semantically-orientated base component as an alternative to the Chomskyan base, states that the reason for the proposal 'is not to be sought within the purely syntactic domain of grammar. On the contrary, it is assumed that the syntax of a language described according to the principles laid down e.g. in Chomsky's *Aspects* can be said to be adequately described insofar as the generative and transformational processes leading to well-formed syntactic surface-structures are concerned.' (1969:80).

<sup>2</sup>The conclusions of Sharp and Sommer point up one of the problems inherent in a 'case grammar' analysis. Sharp confirms four of the deep cases proposed by Fillmore as language universals. She has not confirmed, however, his 'Factitive' and is uncertain as to whether to deal with the 'Locative' in the Modality or the Proposition constituent. On the other hand, she suggests that a Purposive and a Benefactive might be necessary to account for all surface cases. Sommer also finds it necessary to propose two additional deep cases. He suggests a Purposive and a Causal. The problem raised here is that, with almost every application of Fillmore's framework to another language, new deep case relationships are being proposed. In addition to this, the universality of some of his own proposed case relationships is being questioned.

1.4.3. Modifications have been mentioned. The Aspects model has been subjected to intense scrutiny and various facets have been more acceptably and adequately formulated. Mention could be made here in particular of 'surface structure constraints', selectional features and the 'extended lexical hypothesis' - areas which will be discussed as they become relevant to the analysis.

Other modifications are introduced to simplify the presentation or to conform to the restricted scope of the study. Instances of simplification are the use of paradigms in the place of a multiplicity of rules of low productivity and the inclusion of the 'Realisation' sub-component. The restriction of the analysis to verb morphology has led to a modified approach in other areas of the grammar. For instance, there is no attempt to carry through a generative analysis of the phonology. The phonological component is described in terms of phonemic units and morphophonemic processes. Little attention will be paid to other areas such as subcategorical redundancy, structures 'higher' than the sentence such as paragraph and discourse, and the derivation of one part of speech from another.

1.4.4. As the Aim states, this study is basically a descriptive analysis of the Bardi verb. In view of this more practical orientation, most of the claims made for the approach are on the level of the applicability of a generative transformational model to the problem of relating an agglutinative morphology to wider syntax, rather than towards claims of more 'universal' relevance. However, in using a transformational framework as an explanatory device, there is also entailed an emphasis upon process and generalisation.

The setting of the discussion of the Bardi material in a wider context is limited by the fact already noted that so few generative studies have been carried out on verb systems of highly agglutinative languages. In the Australian field the practical application of transformational theory to Aboriginal languages is extremely limited, apart from studies by Dixon, Hale, Sharp and Sommer (Bibliography, various dates).<sup>1</sup>

Despite these factors, generalisations - internal and external to the study - will be stated and discussed whenever they are fully supported by the relevant evidence. Only such valid generalisations at all levels will allow comparative studies to produce cumulative results.

The Australian field is, in fact, one which could provide of great significance in the development of comparison through generalisation.

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<sup>1</sup> Comparisons with a number of excellent non-transformational analyses of Aboriginal languages are made throughout the study.

Despite the fact that there are some two hundred mutually unintelligible 'languages' still spoken within Australia and that these 'languages' exhibit an amazing variety of surface forms, there exist, nevertheless, certain basic unifying factors. Most evidently, there is a basic phonetic structure, with minor variations, common to almost all languages. 'It has for some time seemed probable to a number of scholars that all Australian languages are descended from a common ancestor.' (Dixon 1969:44)<sup>1</sup> Millenia of lexical replacement have rendered traditional methods of comparison - especially on the word level - of limited value. Dixon (1969), in comparing certain transformations underlying two Australian languages, points the way to a potentially more significant and productive approach in comparative studies. He concludes: (page 44)

'That Gumbaingar and Djirbal show such similarities, although spoken 1,000 miles apart with several dozen other languages separating them, suggests that syntactic comparison might prove revealing over the whole Australian field, and might provide support for the hypothesis of a single Australian ancestor language.'

#### 1.5. PRESENTATION

Matters of presentation discussed here cover more general procedures which are relevant to the analysis as a whole and which apply to every component. Other more specific points of presentation will be outlined in the introductions to each section.

Section 2.0., which follows this Introductory section, presents the Base Component, consisting of the Base, or Phrase-Structure Rules and the Lexicon.

Section 3.0., is the Transformational Component consisting of Transformational Rules and Realisation Rules. The Realisation sub-component provides the morphemes which correspond to constituents in some way dependent upon transformational processes.

Section 4.0., the Phonological Component, discusses phonological processes in Bardi and presents Morphophonemic Rules which act upon the output of the foregoing components to give phonemically-interpreted surface forms.

Section 5.0. demonstrates the Output of the various Components. It illustrates the overall operation of the components from Base formatives

<sup>1</sup>For further discussion on Australian Aboriginal linguistic pre-history, c.f. in particular, Wurm (1970) and Capell (1956). In another article, Capell comments: 'It seems quite possible to explain the multiple forms of languages in Australia on the basis of a single original.' (1965:21) See also Dixon's discussion of 'lexical diffusion in Australia' (1970:652ff).

through to surface realisation and it presents representative verb paradigms.

Section 6.0. consists of various Appendices. They concern Irregular Verbs, a Verb Morpheme List, a Text with interlinear and free translations, and, lastly, a summary statement of the derivational rules developed throughout this analysis.

Section 7.0. is the Bibliography.

1.5.1. Organising principles. In the discussion of the theoretical approach in section 1.4.4., the point was stressed that this study is essentially a 'descriptive analysis' of the Bardi verb. This 'more practical orientation' is one of the main determining factors in regard to the presentation of the material. Another factor is the belief that the greatest problem confronting the wider application - especially to non-Indo-European languages - and appreciation of the insights and contributions of transformational theory is the problem of communication. In line with these factors, the material will be presented upon the following principles:

1. There will be an attempt to provide adequate explanation and illustration of the rules, processes and concepts introduced into the discussion. For instance, the Base Rules are set out *en bloc* initially and are then taken singly. They are re-stated in words and presented as phrase-markers. There follows an explanation of their significance, with illustration of the relevant processes involved.

2. Abbreviations will be kept to a minimum and will be as self-explanatory as possible. A category which is of only peripheral significance to the scope of the description and is of only very restricted occurrence will be given in full. Despite this, a considerable number of abbreviations have been necessary and a full list is given in section 1.5.7. below.

3. Although the rules have been presented component by component, the study will seek to avoid tight compartmentalisation. Most of the examples will illustrate a particular rule or process but, from time to time, the derivations of verbs and associated elements will be presented from the Base Rules right through to the point under discussion.

1.5.2. The term derivation is used throughout to include any process which is operative in the 'deriving' of surface forms from Base formatives and, in particular, of verb affixes from wider syntactic categories.

1.5.3. A general system in the presentation of Examples is used throughout. The Bardi material is given first, an approximate gloss for each significant morpheme or word appears on the second line under which is given a free translation of the expression in italics. To illustrate:

Ex.30(c)

baɾulu iɲar-andi-gal nidi  
*Cat-fish they-catch-did Quantit*  
*They had caught many cat-fish.*

There are departures from this basic pattern:

1. The presentation is modified according to the rule or process being illustrated. For instance, in the illustration of the Base Rules, many of the examples have an initial line which indicates the categories involved. The presentation of examples in the Transformational Component is often set within a 'tree' diagram context.

2. When the Bardi expression concerned takes up more than one line, the free translation is not given under each line but it is written as a whole at the end of the example.

3. Where an explanatory note is necessary in the free translation, it is enclosed within parentheses.

4. Morpheme breaks which are relevant to the point being illustrated, are indicated by a hyphen. However, when derivational processes are being emphasised, the morphemes are conjoined by a plus sign.

Example 9(b) illustrates most of these points:

[NP,S] VP                      [NP,PredP]  
iɲara- ma-nana-                      r  
*They- put-used to-them*  
*They used to put them (in the tree-coffin).*

1.5.4. Within the discussion of the Base Rules only, there is deliberate reference to material contained in the Text, as given in Section 6.3. The reasons for this are:

1. To provide the reader with a more complete body of Bardi material to which to refer, especially in regard to non-verbal categories. This is particularly relevant to the Base, one of the functions of which is to set the verb within its fuller grammatical context.

2. The Text provides a source for the sample of Lexical Entries given in Section 2.4. It is essential that such entries be seen in their grammatical context particularly to demonstrate matters of agreement and co-occurrence.

1.5.5. A Reference and cross-reference system is applied throughout this study. Each rule is prefixed with the initial letter of its component. Thus, all Base Rules are prefixed with the letter 'B' and all Realisation Rules with the letter 'R'. This allows immediate identification of the Component of any rule. The convention has been extended to include reference to Lexical Entries (LE) and Paradigms (P). The discussion under any rule is likewise prefixed so that reference may be made, not only to a rule, but to a particular point in the discussion of that rule. For instance, the points in the discussion of Base Rule 2 would be numbered B.2.1., B.2.2., etc.

Cross-reference between the rule under review and other related rules and sub-sections is provided by a reference key set out opposite the heading of that rule. The underlining is continued away from the word REFERENCE thus indicating the point reached in the discussion. Previous key references are placed above the line and later references below the line. For establishing the numbers of the pages on which the components referred to occur, the reader is referred to the Table of Contents. An illustration is provided in the discussion of the category 'Tense' below.

B.8.2. Tense

	B.4
<u>REFERENCE:</u>	
	L.7
	T.16.1
	R.2
	M.12

1.5.6. All Bardi material is presented in a phonemic orthography.<sup>1</sup> The Consonant and Vowel phonemes are set out in the following charts:

<sup>1</sup>See Metcalfe (1971) for a fuller discussion of Bardi phonemes.

## CONSONANT CHART

MODE OF ARTICULATION	POINT OF ARTICULATION					
	Bi- labial	Apico- alveol	Lamino- alveol	Apico- domal	Dorso- velar	Lamino- palatal
STOPS (Voiceless)	b	d	ð	ɖ	g	
NASALS (Voiced)	m	n	ɲ	ɳ	ŋ	
LATERALS (Voiced)		l	ɭ	ɮ		
VIBRANT (Voiced)		r				
SEMI- CONSONANTS (Voiced)	w			ɹ		y

## VOWEL CHART

	FRONT (Unrounded)	CENTRAL (Unrounded)	BACK (Rounded)
(Close) HIGH (Open)	i/i:		u/u:
MID			
(Close) LOW (Open)		a/a:	ɔ



## 1.5.7. List of Abbreviations

Assoc	Associative (Suffix)
Aux	Auxiliary
B.	Base (Rule)
C	Any Consonant
Comitat	Comitative
Conj	Conjunction
Contemp	Contemporary
Dist	Distant
Ditrans	Di-transitive
Durat	Durative
EA	Extra-action
Emph	Emphasis
Emphat	Emphatic
EpV	Epenthetic Vowel
Ex.	Example
Exc	Exclusive
IA	Intra-action
Immed	Immediate
Imperat	Imperative
Imperf	Imperfect
Impers	Impersonal
Inc	Inclusive
Inf	Infinitive
Instrum	Instrumental
Intens	Intensive
L.	Lexical (Rule)
LE.	Lexical Entry
M.	Morphophonemic (Rule)
Mid	Middle
N	Noun
NP	Noun Phrase
Neg	Negative
Nom	Nominal
Oblig	Obligatory
ObligRetro	Obligatorily Retro-active
Opt	Optional



P.	Paradigm
PartRedup	Partial Reduplication
Perf	Perfect
Plur	Plural
Postpos	Postposition
PostposP	Postpositional Phrase
Pot	Potential
PredP	Predicate Phrase
PreS	Pre-Sentence
Pro	Pronoun
ProAf	Pronominal Affix
Proj	Projected
Purp	Purposive
Quantit	Quantitative
R.	Realisation (Rule)
RA	Retro-action
Refer	Referential
Relat	Relator
S	Sentence
S.C.	Structural Change
S.D.	Structural Description
Sequ	Sequential
Sing	Singular
T.	Transformational (Rule)
Temp	Temporal
TransitV	Transitional Vowel
TV	Transitional Vowel
V	Any Vowel
VbNuc	Verb Nucleus
Vbs	Verb Stem
VP	Verb Phrase

## 2.0. THE BASE COMPONENT

### 2.1. BASE RULES

The following section will take the Base Rules in order - explaining, elaborating upon and illustrating them. The discussion will be governed by these aims and principles:

1. In line with the restricted aim of the study, only those rules that are relevant to verb morphology and its related syntax are included. Within the discussion and by means of footnotes, these rules are placed in a wider grammatical context and indications are given of what would be involved in a complete description of Bardi. For instance, because only Sequential, Temporal and Purposive Conjunctions are relevant to verbal structure, these are the only ones listed in the rule dealing with conjunction types (B.11). However, the other conjunctions which occur in Bardi are also listed in the elaboration upon the rule. To illustrate further, the 'head' of a Noun Phrase is the only constituent necessary for matters of verbal agreement and selection, and so Rule B.7 simply re-writes the Noun Phrase as an obligatory Noun and an optional Sentence. It is necessary to include the recursive Sentence to allow for the introduction of the Relator affix (T.18.2.). Again, other possible constituents such as Adjectives, Determiners, Interrogatives and Numerals will be listed in the discussion.

2. The discussion will concentrate in the main upon more general concepts and categories, rather than processes and constructions. For instance, Negative and Potential expressions are elaborated upon and illustrated under Base 3. However, the processes involved in their construction are not outlined until discussion of their respective transformations.

3. Illustration of the Base presents difficulties as the Component only deals with the production of pre-terminal formatives and corresponding lexical insertion. The output of the Base differs considerably in form from its surface realisation. At this stage, language material not directly being discussed will often be written in its surface form. Where surface forms are relevant to the rule under discussion, these will be related to that rule and to the sequence of Base formatives which underlied them by including, as the initial line in the Examples, the relevant formatives.

Take, for example, the following verb.

NP INTENS VbNuc Aux NP  
 iŋuru-lu - luru- nu- ∅ nuru  
*They Intens light did it fire*  
*They lit a large fire.*

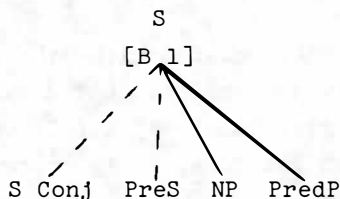
The operations of the Base Component are further illustrated in the summary derivations given in the other Components (see, for example, Ex.70 and Ex.83) and particularly by the complete derivations presented in Section 5.1.

4. Each Base Rule has associated with it a phrase marker. The markers will be cumulatively developed and drawn together in the form of a 'master' P-marker, given in Section 2.2. Unbroken lines indicate an obligatorily rewritten category, while optional categories are indicated by broken lines.

B.1.	S	—————>	(S Conj) (Pres) NP PredP
B.2.	Pres	—————>	{Question} IMPERAT
B.3.	PredP	—————>	({NEG (EMPH)}) VP ({{NP } POTENTIAL EMPHAT}) (Comple)
B.4.	VP	—————>	(INTENS) VbNuc Aux
B.5.	Comple	—————>	(PostposP{Adverb}) <sup>1</sup>
B.6.	PostposP	—————>	NP Postpos
B.7.	NP	—————>	Nom (S)
B.8.	Aux	—————>	Aspect Tense
B.9.	Adverb	—————>	(Time{Quantit}) <sup>1</sup>
B.10.	Postpos	—————>	{Comitat } {Instrum } {Purp } {Ablative }
B.11.	Conj	—————>	{Sequ } {Purp } {Temp }

<sup>1</sup>Linked parentheses indicate that at least one category must be chosen.

B.1.        S         $\longrightarrow$         (S Conj) (PreS) NP PredP



Base Rule 1 rewrites a Sentence as an optional Sentence plus a Conjunction, an optional Pre-Sentence constituent, an obligatory Noun Phrase and an obligatory Predicate Phrase.<sup>1</sup>

B.1.1. The obligatory constituents Noun Phrase and Predicate Phrase together form the essential basis for practically any Baṛdi verbal expression. The NP introduced by Rule B.1 is the Subject Noun Phrase and is identified, where necessary, as [NP,S]. Through the expansion of the Predicate Phrase by Rule B.3, a second Noun Phrase may be introduced which functions as the Object of the verb and is identified as [NP,PredP]. That is, the basic structure for both Transitive and Intransitive expressions is encompassed by the Subject Noun Phrase and the Predicate Phrase. Both types of action will be illustrated in outline here but a fuller discussion will be taken up in Section T.5, where the whole matter of Baṛdi 'Action Type' will be elaborated upon.

B.1.2. Intransitive expressions, where the optional NP in the expansion of the PredP has not been chosen.

<sup>1</sup>This would not be the first rule in a complete grammar as constituents such as Exclamations and Interjections do not affect verb morphology and need not be introduced into the Base. Such a rule as the following would be required:

Initial S  $\longrightarrow$  (Exclamation{Response} {<sup>Vocative</sup><sub>S</sub>})

The linked parentheses indicate that at least one constituent must be chosen. This rule would underlie such expressions as:

Ex.7 ḡyāw i: guḡil iḡr-ḡ-gald

Exclamation Response S

ḡyāw(u) i: guḡil iḡr-ḡ-gald

*Hurrah* Affirmative *turtle they-spear-just did*

*Hurrah!* *Yes, they just speared a turtle!*

## Ex. 8

- a) ṅandaralagal (Text Verb 88)

[NP,S] PredP

ṅan- ḍarala-gal<sup>1</sup>*I- ran- just did**I just ran.*

- b) giñing inḍalgunā

[NP,S] PredP

giñing in-ḍalgu-na

*He he-born-was**He was born.*

B.1.3. Transitive expressions, where an NP is chosen in the expansion of B.3.

## Ex. 9

- a) iṅaramananar (Text Verb 2)

[NP,S] PredP [NP,PredP]

iṅara- ma-nana- r

*They- put-used to-them**They used to put them (in the tree-coffin).*

- b) gur-nim guṅaraṅayidimanamudu arudu

[NP,S] PredP [NP,PredP]

gur-nim guṅ-ara- ṅayidima-na-mudu arudu

*You-Agent you-Plural-hit-did- us us (Exclusive)**You all hit us.*

The free forms of the subject and object would, in most cases, be deleted in surface sentences as they are both obligatorily represented by affixes to the verb stem. With the free constituents deleted, the agglutinative nature of the Baḍi verb and its ability to stand alone as a complete sentence become evident.

B.1.4. Sentential Conjunction is introduced through Rule B.1, but will not be discussed until the review of Conjunction types under Rule B.11. The second optional element - Pre-Sentence - will now be taken up through its expansion in B.2.

<sup>1</sup>Verb morphemes are listed in Section 6.2.



- |    |                    |       |                            |
|----|--------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| b) | ɲaŋg-id-a          | ɲanda | ɲaŋg-id-a                  |
|    | <i>I-go-shall</i>  |       | Question <i>I-go-shall</i> |
|    | <i>I shall go.</i> |       | <i>Shall I go?</i>         |

Ex.11 The alternative interrogatives, using the bound morpheme aɖa:

ɪɲara-ma-n-aɖa-r  
*They-place-did-Question-them*  
*Did they place them (there)?*

ɲaŋg-id-aɖa  
*I-go-shall Question*  
*Shall I go?*

### B.2.3. Imperative

#### REFERENCE:

L.7.2  
T.14

Imperative is the second sentence type indicated by the Pre-Sentence.<sup>1</sup> Its status, independent of the Indicative, could be questioned because, as with many Australian languages, there is no surface distinction between it and what will later be termed the 'Projected Imperfect' (Future) tense.<sup>2</sup> Thus, aɖala could mean: *Look at it!* or *You will see it.* However, a number of factors make it necessary to give Imperative a distinctive status. One is embodied within this Rule B.2. That is, that Imperative and Question are mutually exclusive, while Question may occur with the Projected Imperfect. A second factor is that Imperatives are obligatorily marked for Projected Imperfect tense (c.f. Rule T.14). Thirdly, Imperatives may make use of an Absolute Pronoun in an emphatic sense. An example is given in Line 27 of the Text:

Ex.12 ɾuwil aña ðu baɖ(a)  
*Go you you off*  
*YOU go off!*

The ɾuwil is a Pre-Stem (to be discussed) supported by the ancillary verb aña. The ðu is used as an emphatic pronoun.

<sup>1</sup>The indicating of sentence types, such as Question and Imperative, through a Pre-Sentence constituent varies little from the convention put forward by Katz and Postal (1964:118-120) and adopted by Chomsky (1965:132).

<sup>2</sup>The statements concerning the non-distinctiveness of Question and Imperative surface forms are made with reference to verb morphology alone. Both these sentence-types are distinguished from the Indicative by an Intonation pattern. However, a detailed presentation of Intonation in Bardi is outside the scope of this study.





## B.3.1. Negative

REFERENCE:

T.9.2  
R.2.3  
M.1.1

The Negative is expressed by the operation of three processes acting upon the Affirmative. There is the placing of the free form of the Negative, which is also the Negative response, before the verb; the prefixing of the Potential morpheme 1 which causes the deletion of a class of the affirmative prefixes; and a modification to the Tense/Aspect system.

Ex.14 The Affirmative will be given first to indicate the modifications introduced through the formation of the Negative:

- |    |                         |    |    |                              |    |    |
|----|-------------------------|----|----|------------------------------|----|----|
| a) | NP                      | VP | NP | NEG NP                       | VP | NP |
|    | iŋar-ala-na-ri          |    |    | ara ular-ala-nana-ri         |    |    |
|    | <i>They-see-did-you</i> |    |    | Neg <i>they-see-did-you</i>  |    |    |
|    | <i>They saw you.</i>    |    |    | <i>They did not see you.</i> |    |    |
| b) | NP                      | VP |    | NEG NP                       |    |    |
|    | ŋay-aya-nđ              |    |    | ara ŋal-ay-a                 |    |    |
|    | <i>I- limping-am</i>    |    |    | Neg <i>I- limping-am</i>     |    |    |
|    | <i>I am limping.</i>    |    |    | <i>I am not limping.</i>     |    |    |

It is in the Negative that the underlying division of tense into Imperfect becomes more apparent. There is one form of the Negative which covers both Imperfect tenses - that is, Present and Projected action. For instance, in the Negative expression of Ex.14 (b) above, ara ŋalaya means either *I am not limping* or *I shall not limp*. The Negative auxiliary is discussed in full in Section R.2.3.1.

## B.3.2. Potential

REFERENCE:

T.9.1  
R.2.3  
M.1.1

The Negative and the Potential<sup>1</sup> are linked closely within the derivation rules. There is a structural relation, because the Potential is exactly the same form as the Negative except that the free pre-verb Negative morpheme ara is absent. Thus, taking the Negative expression of Ex.14 (a), ara ularalananari means, *They did not see you*. The Potential is ularalananari, meaning, *They should have seen you*.

<sup>1</sup>Nekes and Worms (1953:173) use the term 'Potential' for this construction and deal with it and the Negative in the same section.

There is a strong semantic association between the two modes of expression. In its prevailing use, the Potential has the force of expressing an action which a person should have done (using a Perfect form) or should do (using the Imperfect form). There is a strong note of omission or implied negative.

Then there is a syntactic relation in that the Negative and Potential are mutually exclusive in occurrence. The whole discussion could well be set within a Realis/Irrealis framework.<sup>1</sup> The Irrealis would comprehend the Negative and Potential moods. However, it has not been used here as a category title as the Irrealis involves considerably more than these moods. For instance, some aspects of the Projected tense, and Conditional conjunction would also be part of the Irrealis. Examination of the Potential will be carried out under two types of expressions - Omissive and Hypothetical.

(1) Omissive expressions. Omissive expressions assume that the actor has failed or omitted to do some action. Two sets of examples will be given illustrating Perfect and Imperfect tenses respectively.

Ex.15 The Affirmative, the Negative and the Omissive forms will be given for comparison. The Distant Perfect tense is used.

a)	Affirmative	Negative	Omissive
	ŋan-ḍidi-na	ara ŋa-l-idi-nana	ŋa-l-idi-nana
	<i>I-go-did</i>	Neg <i>I-Pot-go-did</i>	<i>I-Pot-go-did</i>
	<i>I went.</i>	<i>I did not go.</i>	<i>I should have gone.</i>
b)	in-imbi-na-ri	ara u-l-i-nana-ri	u-l-i-nana-ri
	<i>He-hit-did-you</i>	Neg <i>he-Pot-hit-did-you</i>	<i>He-Pot-hit-did-you</i>
	<i>He hit you.</i>	<i>He did not hit you.</i>	<i>He should have hit you.</i>

<sup>1</sup>As it is in Capell and Hinch in their analysis of Maung, a Northern Territory Aboriginal language. There is a close parallel here between Bardi and Maung. They say, of Maung (1970:67): '. . . the ending of the Irrealis may also embrace the potential and the hypothetical, only the negative particle marig before the verb being omitted.' Although there are considerable differences in verb structure - for instance, in Maung moods 'are indicated chiefly by suffixes, the prefixes serving to indicate the tenses within the moods' whereas, in Bardi, the opposite is true - the following Maung examples show the parallel when compared with Ex.15 (above). The Maung example has been rearranged.

Present Realis	Negative	Present Irrealis
ŋɛjan	marig ŋɛjandi	ŋɛjandi
<i>I see him.</i>	<i>I cannot or will not see him.</i>	<i>I can see him.</i>

Ex.16 Using Imperfect tenses:

- a) aŋgi-nim                      u-l-alal-an-ø                      diba galgara  
 Interrogative-Agent *he-Pot-care for-will-her this widow*  
*Who should be looking after this widow?*
- b) ŋa-l-al-a                      ðalŋgaguru duli  
 I-Pot-see-will doctor                      soon  
*I should see the doctor soon.*

(ii) Hypothetical expressions. The Imperfect Potential can be used to express an imaginary situation.<sup>1</sup> The 'implied negative' sense is apparent in the Hypothetical as it is only used of actions which definitely have not taken place.

Ex.17 The following complex sentence is taken from a narrative concerning some mysterious cave paintings which, as it transpired, no living person seems actually to have seen. This factor added to the hypothetical, 'irreal' nature of the story.

mi-lu-ŋular-a-ø                      ŋa-lu-ŋular-a-ø                      ŋayu-nim  
*You-Pot-wipe off-will-it I-Pot-wipe off-will-it I-Agent*

gadu bila daral                      u-l-al-a                      giñiŋ-ini  
*still again come out it-Pot-come-will that-same one*

*If you should wipe it off (one of the cave paintings drawn by the 'ŋa:ri' spirit-beings), or if I should wipe it off, that same one would still come out again.*

### B.3.3. Emphatic Intransitive

REFERENCE:

T.11

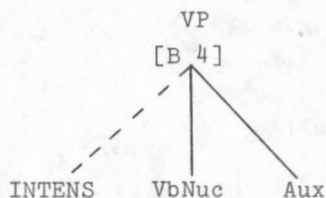
B.3 states that the Object NP and the EMPHATIC marker are mutually exclusive. The Rule has been formulated in this manner to express the fact that the Emphatic applies *only* to Intransitive expressions. The Emphatic is realised through Rule T.11 by the morphemes *ir* or *aŋar*.

Ex.17 (Text Verbs 61 and 71)

- |    |                             |    |                               |
|----|-----------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| a) | iŋilirmanir                 | b) | imbañinaŋar                   |
|    | NP VP          EMPHAT       |    | NP VP          EMPHAT         |
|    | iŋi- lirma-n-ir             |    | im-bañi-n- aŋar               |
|    | <i>They-call-did-Emphat</i> |    | <i>It-finish-is- Emphat</i>   |
|    | <i>They called loudly.</i>  |    | <i>It is really finished.</i> |

<sup>1</sup>The 'Hypothetical', the term used by Capell and Hinch (1970:67) is a type of Conditional similar, in fact, to the ancient Greek 'Condition contrary to fact' clause type.

B.4. VP  $\longrightarrow$  (INTENS) VbNuc Aux



By Base Rule 4, the Verb Phrase is rewritten as an optional Intensity marker, an obligatory Verb Nucleus and an obligatory Auxiliary.

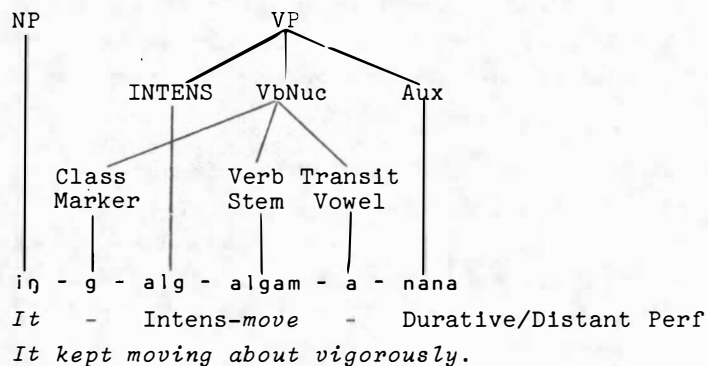
#### B.4.1. The Verb Nucleus

#### REFERENCE:

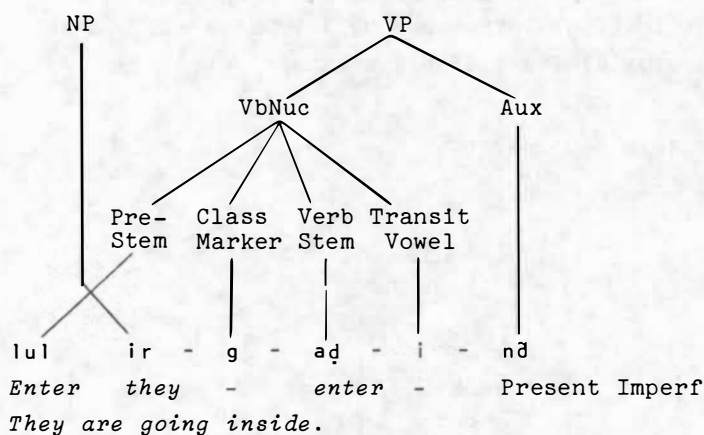
L.4  
M.5  
M.6  
M.7  
M.8

The Verb Nucleus denotes that part of the inflected verb which, with the Auxiliary, cannot be derived through the transformational component. The Nucleus encompasses the Class marker and Verb Stem for all verbs and also provides information concerning Transitional Vowels (for almost every verb), Pre-Stems where they occur and any other features peculiar to the verb under question. These elements will not be examined here as a full account is given when the Verb Nucleus is discussed as a complex symbol in Section L.4. Two verbs will be given as illustration of the main components of the Verb Nucleus. The components will simply be identified here without elaboration.

Ex.18 Text Verb 49: ingalgalgamanana



Ex.19 lul irgadin<sup>1</sup>



#### B.4.2. The Auxiliary

#### REFERENCE:

B.8  
 L.6  
 L.7  
 T.16  
 R.2  
 M.12

The obligatory Auxiliary is itself rewritten by two obligatory formatives by Rule B.8. The reasons for including it as a separate category are firstly, that it underlines the basic interdependence of Aspect and Tense and, secondly, it facilitates the formulation of Structural Descriptions in the transformational rules and the contexts of the rules of other components. These points will be taken up and a full discussion of the Auxiliary given in the Sections indicated by the Reference Key above.

#### B.4.3. INTENSITY

#### REFERENCE:

L.4.5  
 T.10

The INTENSITY marker brings Rule T.10 into operation. It expresses intensity of action in the verb and can occur with transitive or intransitive expressions. Its surface manifestation is a reduplication

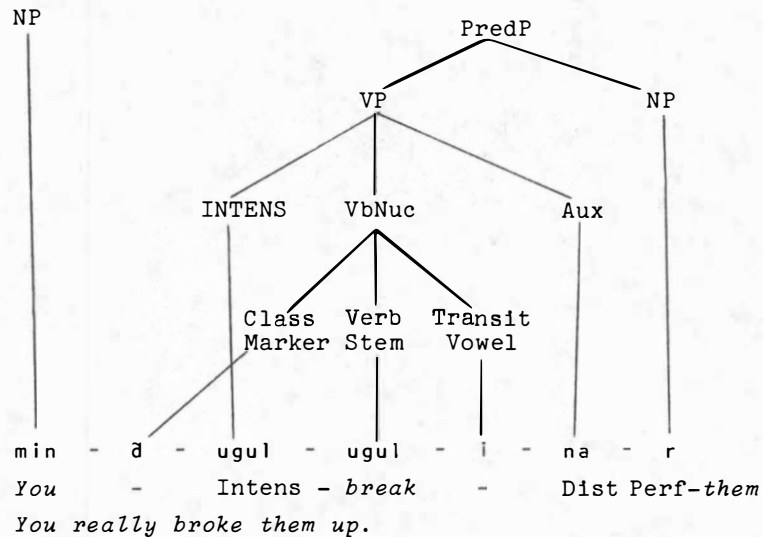
<sup>1</sup>This example also illustrates the difficulties inherent in using surface forms as examples of Base Rules. Firstly, morphemes must appear, such as the Subject pronominal prefixes, which are not introduced until the transformational component. Secondly, constituents such as the 'meaning-sharing' Pre-Stem lul (see Ex.46) are included which have not been discussed. Thirdly, transformational processes, such as permutation of Pre-Stems, have been anticipated.

either of the verb stem or of the Pre-Stem where one occurs.

Examples of a simple intensifying of the action will be given first and then modifications introduced by intensity will be considered.

Ex.18 ingalgalgamanana displays simple Intensity. Another instance is:

Ex.20 mindugulugulinar



In some cases the intensification leads to a modification of the verb meaning.

(i) Intensity in intransitive verbs often acts back on the Subject.  
 (Examples presented in summary form)

Ex.21 Text Verb 19: dagadag injirini

daga- dag injir-i-ni  
 Intens-sleep they- $\phi$ -Dist Perf  
 They ALL slept.

In this example the semantic significance of the verb stem -i- to say, has been neutralised by the Pre-Stem dagadag (see Section L.4.4.1. for discussion).

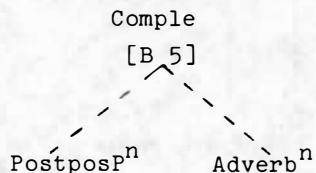
(ii) Intensity can refer primarily to the Object.

Ex.22 Text Verb 8: injurulurunu nuru

injuru-lu- luru-nu-  $\phi$  nuru  
 They-Intens-light-Dist-it fire  
 Perf  
 They lit a LARGE fire.

(iii) Intensity will often cause a semantic modification. For instance, the verb stem *al* means *to look at, see*. The reduplicated stem *alal* has the meaning *to look after, care for*. The stem *ađ* means *to enter* while the intensive form *ađađ* is modified to mean *to go in and out*.

B.5.    Comple  $\longrightarrow$  (PostposP<sup>n</sup>{Adverb<sup>n</sup>})



By Base Rule 5, the Complement is rewritten as either a Postpositional Phrase or an Adverb, or both. However, as indicated by the linked parentheses, one at least must be chosen. The superscript <sup>n</sup> signifies that more than one of each category may occur in a sentence.

More detailed examination of the Complement elements will be carried out in the sections indicated by the Reference Key below:

B.5.1. Postpositional Phrase

REFERENCE:

B.6  
B.10  
LE.2  
T.15

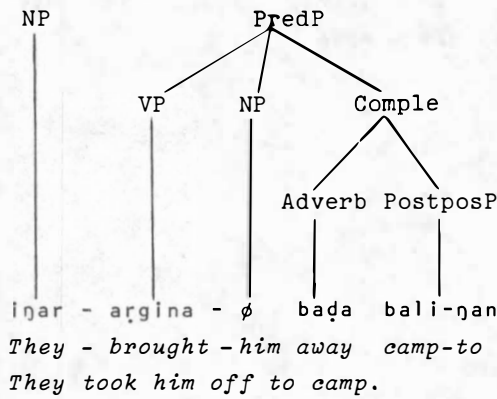
B.5.2. Adverb

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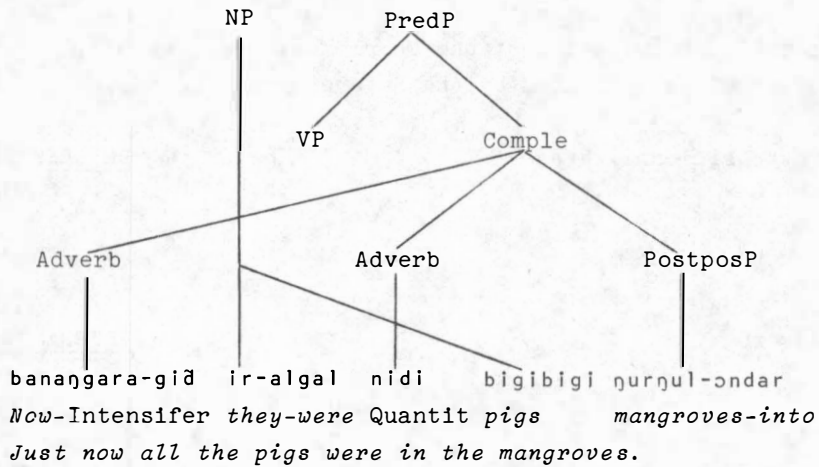
B.9  
LE.3  
T.16

Surface examples only will be given below to indicate something of the occurrence of Complement categories.

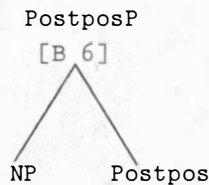
Ex.23 Text Line 66: iṅarargina baḍa bali-ṅan



Ex.24    banāṅgara-giḍ iralgal nidi bigibigi ṅurṅul-ṅandar



B.6.    PostposP     $\longrightarrow$     NP    Postpos



By Base Rule 6, a Postpositional Phrase is rewritten as an obligatory Noun Phrase and an obligatory Postposition.



## B.6.1. Noun Phrase

B.1

B.3

REFERENCE:

B.7

This is the third occurrence of the category NP in the Base Rules. It is defined functionally as the head of a Postpositional Phrase and identified as [NP,PostposP] where necessary. The following sentence contains the three Noun Phrase types:

Ex.25 inarġinaŋayu ɖal-ɔ

[NP,S] VbNuc Aux [NP,PredP] [NP,PostposP] Postpos

in- aɽgi- na- ŋayu ɖal- ɔ

He- pick up-did-me beach- from

*He picked me up from the beach.*

## B.6.2. Postposition

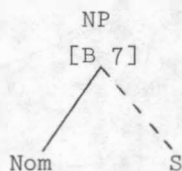
REFERENCE:

B.10

LE.2

T.15

Postpositions relevant to verb morphology will be discussed under Rule B.10.

B.7. NP  $\longrightarrow$  Nom (S)

By Base Rule 7, a Noun Phrase is rewritten as an obligatory Nominal and an optional Sentence.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>In a complete grammar, the NP rewriting rule would introduce a number of modifiers to the Nominal - at least a set of Determiners and Numerals and an Adjective Phrase constituent. Certain of the 'wh-' Interrogatives would also be part of the expansion.

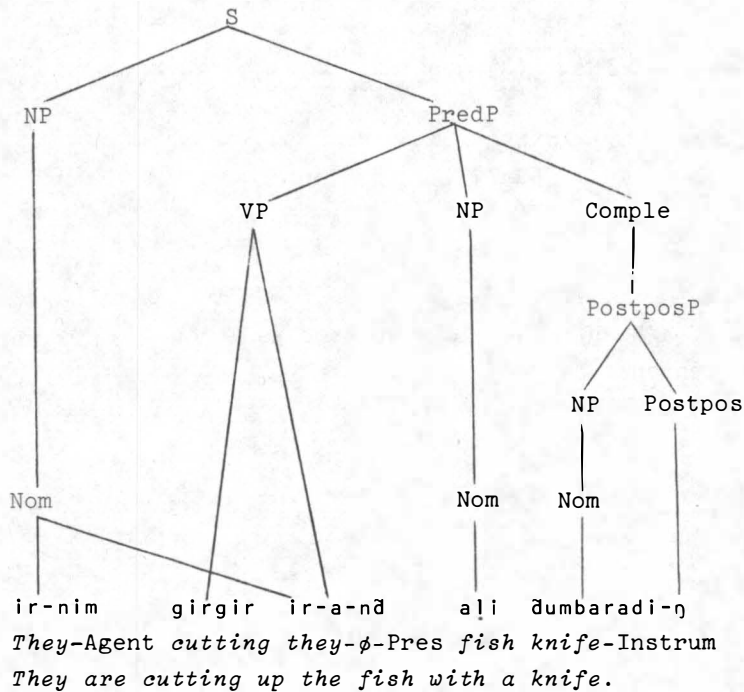
## B.7.1. Nominal

B.1  
B.3  
B.6REFERENCE:L.1  
LE.5  
T.1  
T.2  
T.3

The term 'Nominal' has been utilised as a more general category to cover both Nouns and Pronouns, by which it is rewritten in the Lexicon. Its more generalised reference is important in view of the fact that the pronominal affixes introduced through Transformations 1 to 3 may be derived from either Nouns or Pronouns.

In Ex.26, the three functions of the Noun Phrase are represented, and all are rewritten as Nominal by B.7. In the case of the [NP,S], this is a Pronoun while with the [NP,PredP] and the [NP,PostposP], the Nominals are Nouns.

Ex.26     ir-nim girgir iranđ a|i đumbaradi-ŋ



## B.7.2. The Recursive Sentence

B.1  
REFERENCE:

T.18.2

The optional Sentence, in conjunction with a Nominal, allows for the operation of the Rule T.18.2 - the Embedded Nominal Relator transformation. This is the Baṛdi construction comparable to the English relative clause and it involves verb morphology in that the Relator morpheme *ba* (see T.18) becomes affixed to the verb.

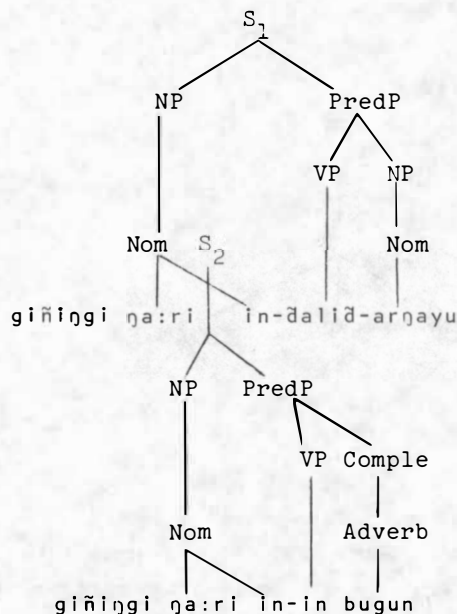
The transformation is activated when a pronoun or noun of the recursive Sentence is co-referential with a pronoun or noun of the primary Sentence. This Relator construction will be illustrated in outline here but fuller treatment is reserved for the discussion of Rule T.18.2.

Ex.27 giñinggi ḡa:ri inḡaliḡarḡayu bugun-b-inin

This complex Sentence is constructed from the two Sentences:

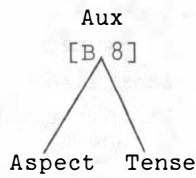
giñinggi ḡa:ri in-ḡaliḡ-arḡayu and giñinggi ḡa:ri bugun in-in  
*That spirit he-saw - me                      That spirit inside he-is.*

Because the two subjects are co-referential, T.18.2 applies. By it, the subject of the embedded Sentence is deleted and the Relator *ba* is prefixed to the second verb, producing the Relative construction. A tree diagram will illustrate further:



Apply T.18.2: giñinggi ḡa:ri inḡaliḡarḡayu bugun-b-inin  
*That spirit, which lives inside, saw me.*

B.8. Aux → Aspect Tense



By Base Rule 8, the Auxilliary is rewritten as an obligatory Aspect formative and an obligatory Tense formative.

There are seven tenses in Bardi and each Tense has two Aspects. These will be fully discussed and illustrated in the Sections indicated below, particularly under the Lexical Rules.

B.8.1. Aspect

B.4

REFERENCE:

L.6  
R.2

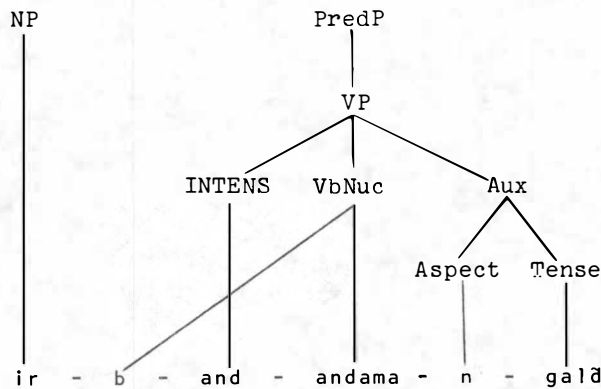
Tense

B.4

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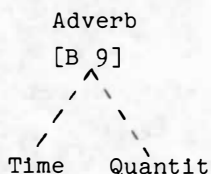
L.7  
T.16  
R.2  
M.12

Ex.28 irbandandamangald



*They - Class-Intens -stumble - Durat-Immediate Perfect  
Up to now, they have been continually staggering around.*

B.9. Adverb  $\longrightarrow$  (Time|Quantit)



By Base Rule 9, the Category Adverb is rewritten as either Time or Quantitative or both, but one must be chosen.

These two adverbial types must be included for their relevance to verb morphology. A full grammar would also include the following types here or through transformational derivation: Manner, Local, Affirmative, Continuative and Directional.

B.5

B.9.1. The Time Adverb

REFERENCE:

L.5  
LE.3  
T.16

The relevance of Time adverbs to the present study is that, in many instances, they govern a particular tense or range of tenses in the verb auxiliary. The Lexicon defines the contexts where this government would take place and would assign to the adverb its appropriate tense marker. This would have to correspond with the tense of the related verb to ensure an acceptable sequence. For instance, the Time adverb *milon* in Line 2 of the Text would be marked, when used in the sense of the 'before' time of long ago: [+Dist] - that is, Distant Perfect, and the tense of the verb would have to correspond.

Some Time adverbs do not govern tense and others lose their tense-significance in particular contexts. These would be marked: [-Tense]. For instance, *muyun* in Text Line 20, because it is being used in a narrative, does not govern a particular tense in the verb. The tense is determined by the time depth at which the reported event actually occurred - that is, the Distant Perfect. However, if *muyun* is used in direct speech, it would be marked to govern the Near Perfect tense, as with Ex.29:

Ex.29    *muyun*            *an-darmi-gald*  
          Time Adverb Dual-rose-Perfect  
          [+Near]

*Early (this morning) you and I arose.*

Government is safeguarded through Rule T.16.1.

## B.9.2. The Quantitative Adverb

REFERENCE:LE.3  
T.16

The Quantitative adverb *nidi* can refer either to the verb or to associated noun phrases. If it acts upon the verb, it functions as an intensifier; if it acts upon a noun phrase, it expresses quantity. Its particular relevance to verb morphology is that, when its reference is to an object NP, the corresponding Object pronominal suffix is obligatorily deleted by Rule T.16.2.<sup>1</sup>

Ex.30 provides illustration of the Quantitative adverb, where its primary reference is (a) to the verb, (b) to the subject, and (c) to the object.

## Ex.30

a) Text Lines 21 to 23:

*ı̄nar-ala-na-∅ nidi baı̄ı buı̄ ı̄nar-ala-na-∅*  
*They-look at-did-it Quantit this way see they-look at-did-it.*

*ara-giđ ular-ala-na-∅ nidi*  
*Neg-Intensifier they-see-did-him Quantit*  
*They looked at it carefully and there they saw it. There was absolutely no sign of him at all. (That is, the shadowman).*

b) Text Line 58:

*uluman-đini giı̄ ular-ala-na nidi*  
*Old-women-group live they-walk-did Quantit*  
*Not a few (from previous line) of the older women were living (there).*

c) (For fuller context, see Ex.63).

*baı̄ulu ı̄nar-andi-gal nidi*  
*Cat-fish they-catch-did Quantit*  
*They had caught many cat-fish.*

If the *nidi* did not occur in this sentence, the verb would be:  
*ı̄nar-andi-gal-đir*  
*They-catch-did them*  
*They had caught them.*

However, *nidi* causes the deletion of the pronominal object suffix through Rule T.16.2.

<sup>1</sup>Because the morpheme for the third person plural pronominal suffix (the Object suffix involved in this transformation) is not provided until the Transformational Component, T.16.2 is identified by using the English pronoun. That is, 'Them'-Deletion.

B.10. Postpos →  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Comitat} \\ \text{Instrum} \\ \text{Purp} \\ \text{Ablative} \end{array} \right\}$

Postpos  
[B 10]  
|  
 $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Comitat} \\ \text{Instrum} \\ \text{Purp} \\ \text{Ablative} \end{array} \right\}$

By Base Rule 10, Postposition is rewritten as any one of Comitative, Instrumental, Purposive or Ablative.

There are, in fact, some twenty-five Bardi postpositions but only these four need appear in the Base. Comitative and Instrumental postpositional phrases may optionally introduce the Associative Suffix (T.15.1.), while Purposive and Ablative may introduce the Referential Pronominal Suffixes (T.15.2.). No detailed account will be given of these postpositions as they are outside the main scope of the study. The following examples and comments will give an indication of their use and will set the necessary background for the discussion of the relevant transformational processes.

#### B.10.1. The Comitative

B.6

REFERENCE:

LE.2.1  
T.15.1

The Comitative postposition *ñar* expresses *with* in the non-Instrumentive sense - that is, *in company with*, *in possession of* (an inanimate object). The following phrases illustrate its use:

#### Ex.31

malar-ñar	<i>with a knife.</i>
ḡayu-ñar	<i>with me.</i>
ḡirmi-ñar	<i>with singing.</i>
milimili-ñar	<i>possessing Citizenship Rights.</i>
marga-ñar	<i>with a shield. (in possession of)</i>

## B.10.2. The Instrumental

REFERENCE:LE.2.2  
T.15.1

The instrumental postposition {<sub>ᶇ</sub><sup>ᶇ</sup>} expresses *with, by means of*.

## Ex.32

guru-ᶇa	<i>with blood</i> (they wet him).
ḍiwa-ᶇa	<i>with a boomerang.</i>
ḍilamana-ᶇa	<i>with a gun.</i>
ga:ba-ᶇa	<i>with a cup</i> (she hit him).
ᶇay-ambala-ᶇ	<i>my-feet-by means of = I went by foot.</i>

In describing the building of the road over the Fitzroy River, the informant told of how they constructed it:

badaga-ᶇ badaga-ᶇ agal gulbu-ᶇ gulbu-ᶇ  
*Logs-with logs-with and boulders-with boulders-with*  
*With many logs and many boulders.*

## B.10.3. The Purposive

REFERENCE:LE.2.3  
T.15.2

The Purposive postposition ᶇan expresses two main concepts. It is used to express motion towards, and it expresses purpose - a dual function paralleled in many other languages.

## Ex.33 Illustrating motion towards:

ḍariñan-ᶇan	<i>to Lombadina.</i>
iwañu-ᶇan	<i>to Sunday Island.</i>
bali-ᶇan	<i>to camp.</i> (Text Line 19)
ᶇand̄in-ᶇan	<i>to the tree-coffin.</i> (Text Line 65)
ḍanam-buru-ᶇan	<i>which-place-to = where?</i> (Text Line 51)

## Ex.34 Illustrating purpose:

Examples of this usage are taken from a narrative concerning a drunken man. He sends *for liquor* ɔla-ᶇan. Having drunk that, he seek out his wife *for money* gulbu-ᶇan. Upon refusing him, she is knocked down and searches *for a stick* baḍaga-ᶇan, with which to defend herself.



## B.10.4. The Ablative

B.6  
REFERENCE:  
 LE.2.4  
 T.15.2

The Ablative postposition {<sup>၁</sup><sub>၁</sub>} expresses motion from.

Ex.35 This example contains two instances of the Ablative and one Purposive:

ḍal-၁            min in-aggi-na-ḡayu    baḍa in-aggi-nana-ḡayu    gulḍuman-ḡan.  
*Beach-from Temp he-pick up-did-me away he-take-did me    Cape Leveque-to*  
 gulḍuman-ḡ၁. . .  
*Cape Leveque-from. . .*  
*Then he picked me up from the beach and took me off to Cape Leveque.*  
*From Cape Leveque. . .*

B.11.        Conj     $\longrightarrow$      $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Sequ} \\ \text{Purp} \\ \text{Temp} \end{array} \right\}$

Conj  
 [B.11]  
 |  
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Sequ} \\ \text{Purp} \\ \text{Temp} \end{array} \right\}$

By Base Rule 11, Conjunction is rewritten as one of the following: Sequential, Purposive or Temporal.

In Base Rule 1, S Conj was placed to the left of the obligatory elements to facilitate the operation of the transformations related to the occurrence of these three Conjunctions. (T.17 and T.18)

Other Conjunction types not relevant to verb morphology are Causal, Continuative, Consecutive, Conditional and Logical. These Conjunctions function in a straight-forward manner, simply coordinating two sentences without affecting verb structure. The three Conjunctions introduced into the Base can cause modifications to verbal affixing.

## B.11.1. Sequential Conjunction

B.1  
REFERENCE:  
 LE.4.1  
 T.17.1

The Sequential Conjunction {<sup>amba</sup><sub>damba</sub>} occurs with considerable frequency, especially in any connected narrative or discourse. Its function is to emphasise sequence within a series of sentences. As with other Bardi parts of speech and particles, it can occur in almost any position in the sentence, including within the verb as a suffix.

## Ex.36

ɔ ira-ma-n-ḍamba-ϕ ba|gun ir-ɔrgɔrgɔndi-n-ϕ ba| giñiŋ.  
 Conj *they-put-Pres-Sequ-him bark-on they-tie up-Pres-him bark that.*

gɔbin-mar amba ḍirir. ir-a-n-ḍamba-ϕ baḍa ñun  
*Coffin-like Sequ to them. They-take-Pres-Sequ-him away there*

ira-ma-n-ḍamba-ϕ ḍiɔr-ɔn.  
*they-put-Pres-Sequ-him tomb-in.*  
*Then they put him (the dead man) on the bark and tie him up in that bark.*  
*It is like a coffin for them. Then they take him away and place him there in a tomb.*

## B.11.2. Purposive Conjunction

B.1  
REFERENCE:  
 LE.4.2  
 T.17.2

The Purposive Conjunction aṛinḍi-ŋan or at times simply aṛinḍi can be replaced through the operation of T.17.2. by an 'Infinitive of Purpose' construction.

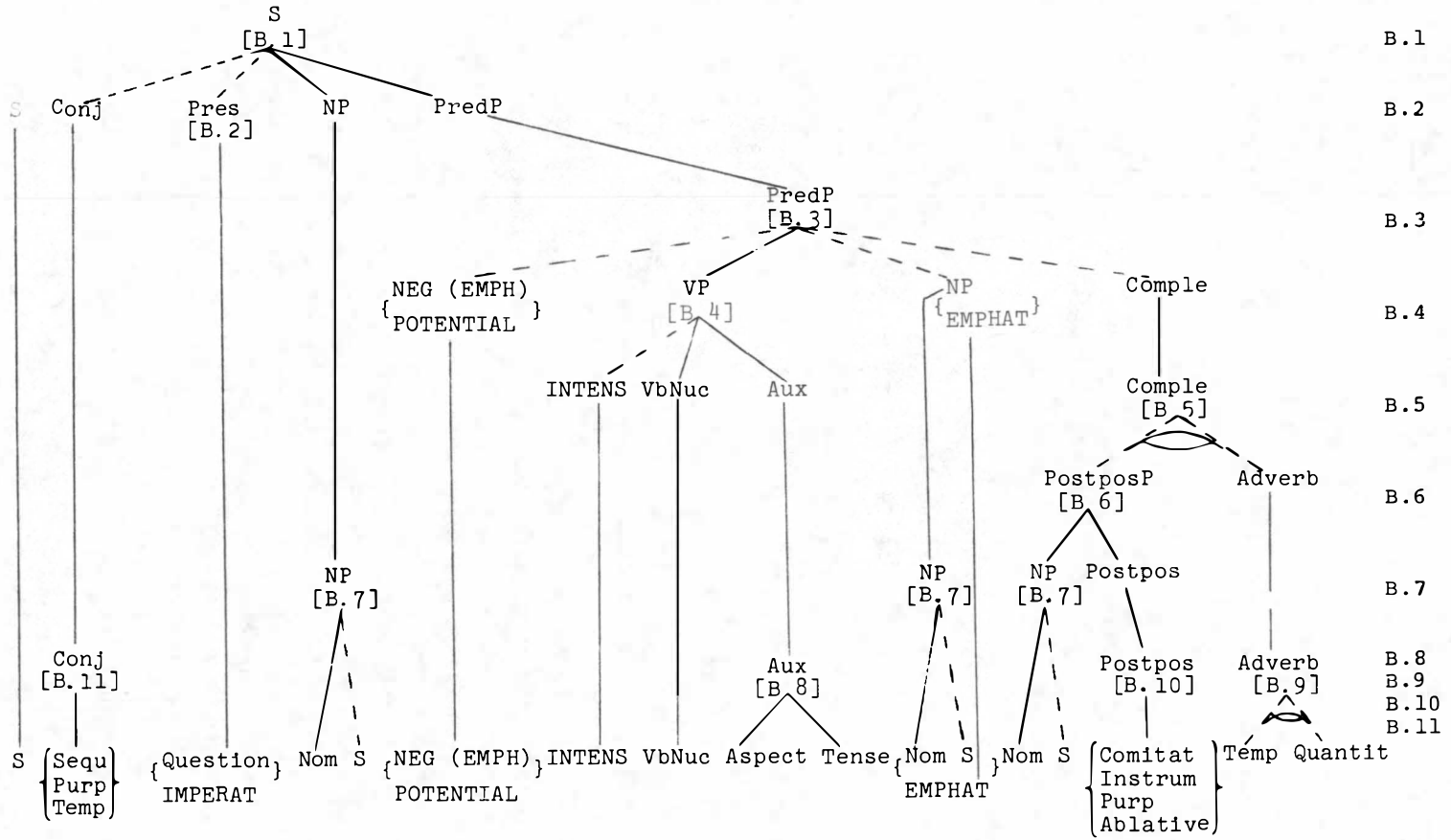
## Ex.37

a) S<sub>1</sub> Conj S<sub>2</sub>  
 ina-mar-iḍ-ϕ mayala aṛinḍi-ŋan in-a|ḍ-ϕ ala-nim ḍin  
*He-cook-did-it goanna Purposive He-eat-did-it son-Agent his*  
*He cooked the goanna for his son to eat.*

b) S<sub>1</sub> Conj  
 giñiŋ gulbu-ba-ḍib ina-ma-na-ϕ aṛinḍ  
*That stone-Relat-there he-place-did-it Purposive*

S<sub>2</sub>  
 iŋi-mi!ŋ-inḍi-na nu:nḍi  
*He-prove-Reflex-did alive*  
*That is the stone which he set up there in order that he might prove himself to be alive.*





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## 2.3. LEXICAL RULES

The presentation of the Lexical Rules will be similar to that of the Base Rules. That is, the rules will be set out en bloc initially and then taken one by one and discussed and illustrated. Again, the organisation is basically Chomskyan in that non-verbal Complex Symbols will be specified by context-free selectional features while the Complex Symbol 'Verb Nucleus' will be specified by both selectional features and strict sub-categorisation rules.

The Complex Symbols treated in the Lexical Rules are those formatives which have come down into the preterminal string of the Base as unexpanded categories. These are: Nominal, Verb Nucleus, Aspect and Tense.

L.1.	Nom	—————>	±N
L.2.	-N	—————>	[±I, ±II, ±Sing]
L.3.	+N	—————>	[γFeature, ±Sing]
L.4.	VbNuc	—————>	[(+Pre-Stem (+Action Change)), +Class, (+PartRedup), +Vbs, (+TransitV), (+ObligRetro), (+Impers), (+Irreg:n), +N: _____, ± _____ N:]
L.5.	Temporal Adverb	—————>	[±Tense]
L.6.	Aspect	—————>	[±Durat]
L.7.	Tense	—————>	±Perf
L.7.1.	-Perf	—————>	±Pres
L.7.2.	+Perf	—————>	±Definite
L.7.3.	+Definite	—————>	±Contemp
L.7.4.	+Contemp	—————>	±Immed
L.7.5.	-Contemp	—————>	±Mid

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L.1.      Nom       $\longrightarrow$        $\pm N$

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LE.5  
T.1  
T.2  
T.3

By Lexical Rule 1, the Complex Symbol 'Nominal' is rewritten as plus or minus Noun.

The close interdependence of Nouns [ $\pm N$ ] and Pronouns [ $-N$ ] in their relation to the pronominal affixes of the verb is preserved under the common node 'Nominal'.

L.2.       $-N$        $\longrightarrow$       [ $\pm I$ ,  $\pm II$ ,  $\pm Sing$ ]

L.1

REFERENCE:

LE.5.1

Lexical Rule 2 introduces the set of free pronouns.<sup>1</sup> Lexical Entry 5.1 presents the paradigm of the Personal pronouns according to their Number and Person specifications. These eight free pronouns can be accounted for by combinations of the three basic oppositions:  $\pm$  First Person or Speaker (I);  $\pm$  Second Person or Hearer (II); and  $\pm$  Singular (Sing).<sup>2</sup>

For simplicity, these combinations of components will be represented by the following conventions which introduce, in particular, the terms Dual, Inclusive and Exclusive:

[ $\pm I$ , $-II$ , $\pm Sing$ ]	$\longrightarrow$	[ $\pm I$ , $\pm Sing$ ]
[ $-I$ , $\pm II$ , $\pm Sing$ ]	$\longrightarrow$	[ $\pm II$ , $\pm Sing$ ]
[ $-I$ , $-II$ , $\pm Sing$ ]	$\longrightarrow$	[ $\pm III$ , $\pm Sing$ ]
[ $\pm I$ , $\pm II$ , $\pm Sing$ ]	$\longrightarrow$	[ $\pm Dual$ ]
[ $\pm I$ , $\pm II$ , $-Sing$ ]	$\longrightarrow$	[ $\pm Inclusive$ ]
[ $\pm I$ , $-II$ , $-Sing$ ]	$\longrightarrow$	[ $\pm Exclusive$ ]
[ $-I$ , $\pm II$ , $-Sing$ ]	$\longrightarrow$	[ $\pm II$ , $-Sing$ ]
[ $-I$ , $-II$ , $-Sing$ ]	$\longrightarrow$	[ $\pm III$ , $-Sing$ ]

<sup>1</sup>See Nekes (1939) for a fuller account of the pronouns system of Dampier Land languages.

<sup>2</sup>Closely paralleling the componential analysis of Hanunó pronouns presented by Conklin (1962:134f). The feature [Sing] is used here rather than Conklin's [Minimal] because the Bardi Dual (q.v.) is basically a singular form, giving four singular and four plural pronouns.

The nature of the Dual, Inclusive and Exclusive will now be discussed and illustrated.

The Bardi Dual pronoun is used when a speaker is associated with a singular addressee [+I, +II, +Sing] - that is, *the two of us*. However, the Dual functions as a singular rather than as a plural entity, as it does not take the morpheme indicating a plural subject, (that is, the prefix *r*). It would, therefore, be better characterised as *I and you* (Singular).

The Inclusive is used when the speaker [+I] is associated with more than one addressee [+II, -Sing]. That is, *I and you* (Plural) or *we all*. The Exclusive is used when the speaker [+I] is associated with another person or other persons not being addressed and where, in fact, the addressee or addressees are excluded [-II, -Sing]. That is, *I and some third party or parties*.

Personal pronouns, in their free forms, alone display a surface distinction between Inclusive and Exclusive. Possessive and affixed forms do not make this distinction.

The free pronouns are not marked for gender and case, so that the one form is used for both subject and object.

These three types of pronouns - all related to the first person singular - will now be illustrated in outline.

Ex.39 The Dual:

ara. aŋ-gaŋdi-gal ŋunu. gaḍin-ɔn ayu-nim  
Exclamation Dual-*forget-just did there. Cave-in we two-Agent*

ḍowa bawa balil.  
Possessive Dual *boy initiation stage*  
*Oh no! You and I just forgot about him there. We two (left) our balil-boy in the cave.*

The setting of this illustration is that mother, father and son had gone fishing. The boy went to sleep in a cave and had been left there by his parents. In speaking to each other, the parents used the Dual form of the pronouns and pronominal prefix.

Ex.40 The Inclusive:

in-a-n-amba-mudu-ϕ ala giŋiŋgi-ḍina aridil-ŋan bunda  
*He-give-did-Sequ-Inc-him son his-own Inc-for all*  
*And He gave His own Son for us all.*

This is part of a Gospel sermon given by a Bardi man and his use of the Inclusive is seen here to good effect, supplemented by the *bunda all*.

## Ex.41 The Exclusive:

ǵawal giñinggi baw-ara-b-aṅar-ala-na-na arudu  
*Story this child-time-Relat-Exc-walk-Durat-did Exc*  
*This story is about what we used to do in our childhood.*

The elderly informant was relating to me an incident from his childhood. I, the addressee, was of course excluded from the action of the narrative.

## L.3. +N → [γFeature, †Sing]

Nouns are not inflected for number, gender or case. Apart from the special instance of Vocatives<sup>1</sup>, which are outside the scope of this study, Nouns are assumed to be inherently marked [+III] for Person.

However, it is necessary to include a feature for nouns to express Number. Some nouns are inherently singular and some inherently plural and this factor has to be accounted for in the Lexicon to safeguard correct agreement between such a noun and its corresponding pronominal affix. The word for *people* - *ambuṛiñ* - is a compound from *amba* and *ṛaṅñ*, that is, *man* and *woman* and it must always be marked as [-Sing]. Notice the agreement in Ex.43, first with *people* as the object of the verb *to fight*, and second as subject of the verb *to put*.

## Ex.43 Text Line 63:

ambuṛiñ in-ambañi-na-r giñing-amba iṅara-ma-na-ϕ. . .  
*People he-fight-did-them that-is why they-put-did-him. . .*  
*He fought with those people, that is why they put him. . .*

All other nouns can be used grammatically with either singular or plural pronominal affixes. For instance, *ṛaṅñ* can signify either *woman* or *women* as in the sentences of Ex.44:

## Ex.44

## a) Singular:

in-g-aṭarbu-nḍ-ϕ ṛaṅñ-nim  
*She-Class-winnow-Pres-it woman-Agent*  
*The woman is winnowing it.*

<sup>1</sup>The label 'VOCATIVE' was introduced in the foot-note on page 22 as a category which would have to be included within a full grammar. It is capitalised to foreshadow a transformational process which would cover the matter of agreement between the party addressed and the 'vocative', that is, second person verbal affix. An example of this is given in the sentence:

## Ex.42

amb- yi ana-ṅayidim-a-ϕ bigibigi  
*Man-Exclamation you-hit-Proj-it pig*  
*Hey, m:m! Hit the pig!*



b) Plural:

ir-a|arbu-nǎ-ϕ      ɔrañ-nim

*They-winnow-Pres-it women-Agent*

*The women are winnowing it.*

The other marker used to specify nouns is [ $\gamma$ Feature]. This is an attempt to compromise between, on the one hand, the inherent difficulties and the practical usefulness of a 'Chomskyan' system of features<sup>1</sup> and, on the other hand, accepted universal categories versus language particular necessities. The Aspects system has been convincingly questioned, and there is a recent tendency to abandon it altogether.<sup>2</sup> However, in coming down to the practicalities of analysing a particular language and in seeking to present rules which will, as far as possible, produce only the 'acceptable' sequences, some sort of feature system becomes essential. Although in Bardi there is not the same multi-referential problem highlighted, for instance, in Bolinger's treatment of English words such as *bachelor* or even *soup* (1965:555ff;566f) there are complex problems in other areas. Illustration is provided by two areas of Bardi sacred life - age-grades and ceremonial dancing. Through the age-grade system, Aboriginal youths are gradually introduced into the sacred and secret beliefs, privilege and participation. To ensure correct relationships between agent and action, for instance, age-grade names and verbs denoting actions acceptable for that age-grade would have to be mutually marked to allow appropriate lexical insertion. With reference to ceremonial dancing, different verbs for *to dance* are used according to the ceremony being performed. Further still, each major ceremony has its own peculiar verb denoting the commencement of dancing.

<sup>1</sup>Modifying an Aspects model for syntactic features, these, or similar rules would have to be added under Rule L.3:

- |       |           |   |             |
|-------|-----------|---|-------------|
| (i)   | +N        | → | [±Common]   |
| (ii)  | +Common   | → | [±Count]    |
| (iii) | +Count    | → | [±Concrete] |
| (iv)  | -Common   | → | [±Personal] |
| (v)   | +Concrete | → | [±Animate]  |
| (vi)  | +Animate  | → | [±Human]    |
| (vii) | -Count    | → | [±Abstract] |

<sup>2</sup>No attempt will be made to outline the relevant literature, which is now considerable. Two important studies will be mentioned only. Bolinger (1965) examined the marker system and its development especially in Katz and Fodor (1963), and showed up serious difficulties inherent in its logical application. McCawley (1968a and 1968b), and the 'generative semanticists' generally claim that Chomskyan selectional features have no place in the Base but are semantic in nature and cannot be determined through syntactic relationships. See Lang (1971:5ff) for a comprehensive discussion of 'features'.



## L.4.1. The Verb Stem

B.4

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M.6

The Verb Stem expresses the meaning content of the action expressed, except in some cases where a Pre-Stem has neutralised the semantic significance of the ancillary Stem (see L.4.4.1.(1)). The derivation of a limited number of Stems is apparent, but it does not seem possible to trace the origin of the great majority. Some are formed from other roots. The Stem for *to become bogged* alaḍ almost certainly comes from the roots a| *to go* and aḍ *to go inside*. The Stem for *to cook* is mar while the Stem ḡyi-mar means *to cook in a bush over*, although the meaning of the root ḡyi is uncertain. The common word for *meat* is a|ḡ and this can be widened in reference to be used as a generic tense for *food*. The related verb *to eat* has the Stem a|.

Two types of Verb Stem exhibit peculiarities with regard to their vowel systems. Some b- and g-Class Stems have the morphophonemes (capitalised) U and A. For example, g+UdA| *to lose*, and b+U *to spear, to give needles*. This device is to bring into operation the phonological rule M.6, which controls the alternation between the vowels a, u, and ɔ.

Other Stems display the morphophoneme | but they are members of the ḍ-Class. For instance, ḍ+|gur *to make a catamaran*, and ḍ+|duḗ *to knock accidentally*. The morphophoneme | activates the Rule M.6, which controls alternation between the vowels u and i.

Apart from phonological verb classes denoted by the four Class markers (as discussed in the next section), Verb Stems can be divided into Transitive and Intransitive types. Generally, the two types of Stems are grouped in mutually exclusive sets. That is, the Stem for the Transitive verb *to frighten* ḡulm is quite different in form from the Intransitive verb *to be frightened* aḡḡ. (See discussion of Action Type).

## L.4.2. Class

B.4

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M.8

Every verb has a Class marker. There are four markers, one of which is realised as a zero morpheme. It is possible with the majority of Verb Stems to predict which Class marker they will take as most relations are phonologically defined. However, the number of unpredictable markers is significant enough to force a listing of them as the first obligatory feature preceding the Verb Stem. In view of this

degree of unpredictability and the fact that the different Class markers do not have any particular semantic significance, the four markers, in effect, form the basis for the division of the Stems into four phonological classes:  $\emptyset$ -Class, b-Class,  $\delta$ -Class and g-Class.

The following principles determine the Class for the majority of verbs:

1. All consonant-initial Stems are  $\emptyset$ -Class. All intransitive  $\emptyset$ -Class Stems are consonant-initial. However, some 15% of transitive  $\emptyset$ -Class Stems are vowel-initial, and it is impossible to predict their class on a phonological or semantic basis. For instance, *and to pick up* (an object) is  $\emptyset$ -Class, whereas the homomorph *and to scratch*, is g-Class. *arg to pick up* (a person) is  $\emptyset$ -Class, while *arg to be frightened* is an intransitive  $\delta$ -Class Stem. *iri|a to wave* is  $\emptyset$ -Class and *iril to fly* is b-Class.

Although the  $\emptyset$ -Class is larger than any of the other Classes, only a limited range of consonants - l, |, m, n and r - have been found to commence Stems. The Stem for *to take up* is  $\tilde{n}$ , but this consonant does not commence any other Stem. The reasons for much of this restriction are apparent in that none of the consonants which can occur as contiguous prefixes to the Stem are utilised Stem-initially. Thus the Class markers, the plural Number morpheme r, and the semi-consonants w and y (see Rule M.5.4.) have not been found to commence a Verb Stem.

2.  $\delta$ -Class Stems commence with a, i or u, but not with  $\emptyset$ .

3. With two exceptions, b-Class transitive Stems commence with the morphophonemes A or U. The exceptions are *b+ilir to rock to and fro*, and the zero Stem b-Class verb meaning *to hit*. Further, the majority of intransitive Stems of this Class commence with A or U, but a-, i- u-initial Stems are found. For instance, *umar to shiver*, *alal to squat* and *ilg to blow, of wind*.

4. The predictability problem arises with reference to the morphophoneme-initial Stems due to the fact that g-Class Stems also frequently commence with A or U. For instance, compare *b+U| $\eta$ Ar to drag* with the Stem *g+U|Ar to fill*, and further, *g+U|Urb to answer a challenge* with *b+U| to come out*.

No g-Class Stem commences with an i, and every intransitive g-Class Stem, with one exception, is a-initial. The exception is *g+ $\emptyset$ l to wear*.

This discussion points up the need to include the Class marker as a feature in the Lexical Entries of all verb Stems.

For practical purposes, verbs will be identified by stating their Class marker plus their Stem, except in the case of  $\emptyset$ -Class verbs which will be identified simply by stating their Stem. Thus *and* is *to pick up* (an object) while *g+and* is *to scratch*; *mal* is *to be burned*,  *$\delta$ +al*

is to see and g+a1 is to walk.

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L.4.3. The Transitional Vowel

REFERENCE:

M.12.3

With eight exceptions, Verb Stems end in a consonant. Every consonant-final stem, apart from those ending with  $\text{r}$ , is followed by a Transitional Vowel in the Lexical Entry of the verb, although this may be later deleted by Rule M.12.3. r-final Stems assimilate to the following consonant of the Auxiliary (see Rule M.10), making a Transitional Vowel unnecessary.

As with the Class markers, the Transitional Vowels are predictable phonologically in the majority of cases. But again, there are enough exceptions to make it necessary to include the Vowel as a feature in the verb Lexical Entries.<sup>1</sup>

There are certain phonological principles upon the basis of which some 75% of the Transitional Vowels can be predicted. These will now be given and exceptions to them discussed:

1. b-final Stems take u as their Transitional Vowel. This relationship is phonologically explicable in that the sequence from a bi-labial consonant to a rounded vowel occurs frequently. For instance,  $\text{ma}\lambda\text{amb}+\text{u}$  to chip with a tomahawk,  $\text{d}\text{+ayib}+\text{u}$  to ask for and  $\text{nunb}+\text{u}$  to sink down.

2. Stems ending in the apico-domals  $\text{d}$ ,  $\text{l}$ ,  $\text{n}$  and the bi-labial and dorso-velar nasals  $\text{m}$  and  $\text{ŋ}$  take a as their Transitional Vowel. The relationship between these consonants and the low, open, central, unrounded vowel a is consistent phonologically. For instance,  $\text{g+alad}+\text{a}$  to be bogged,  $\text{g+alal}+\text{a}$  to follow,  $\text{b+A}\lambda\text{Am}+\text{a}$  to mix up and  $\text{b+U}\lambda\text{U}\eta+\text{a}$  to come in, of tide.

3. Stems ending in the lamino-alveolars  $\text{d}$ ,  $\text{n}$ ,  $\text{l}$ , and the apico-alveolars  $\text{d}$ ,  $\text{n}$ ,  $\text{l}$ ,  $\text{r}$  and the dorso-velar  $\text{g}$  take i as their Transitional Vowel. Again, the phonological relationship between the high, close, front, unrounded i and the alveolar consonants is predictable. However,

<sup>1</sup>Precedent for this type of feature can be found in Chomsky and Halle (1968:39) where a closely parallel English anomaly is discussed. In view of the derivational pairs: proverb-proverbial versus habit-habitual and tempest-tempestuous, the authors say: 'The underlying forms must be represented in the lexicon in such a way as to indicate that they take the stem-forming augment [i] or [u] in their derived forms. A natural, and apparently the simplest, proposal is to enter these words in the lexicon in the form professor + i, habit + u, etc. ...'

the g+i sequence cannot be so accounted for. It is well attested as in the verbs *ḍ+aṛg+i to be frightened*, *b+iłg+i to blow, of wind*, *b+Ang+i to claim*, *miŋg+i to choke* and *ḍ+ałg+i to hide*. Examples of the alveolar consonant final Stems are: *ŋañ+i to refuse*, *mirɔnd+i to explain*, *b+Arḍad+i to distrust* and *ḍ+ugul+i to break*.

Many of the Transitional Vowels which do not conform to the above principles have been affected by two factors in particular:

1. Vowel Harmony. In many of these verbs the Transitional Vowel corresponds with the vowel or vowels of the Stem. For instance, *ṛimb+i to land*, *b+UdUg+u to stamp off*, *g+andar+ta to roll, of waves*, and *ḍ+ilil+i to lick*.

2. Derivational History. In a small number of cases it seems probable that a verb Stem has been derived from another part of speech and the Transitional Vowel has been carried over into the Verb Nucleus. The verb *to eat* appears to have been derived from the noun for *meat, food*, *ałi*. The Stem is *ał* and the *i* has been retained as the Transitional Vowel against the phonological pattern. The same process probably operates with the verb *g+aḍ+i to enter*, which seems to have been derived from the noun for *cave*, *gaḍini*.

However, there still remains a small set of verb Stems which take Transitional Vowels for which no explanation can be offered at present. For instance, *ḍ+arg+u to shave*, *b+ariñ+a to fall* and *ṛiñ+a to instruct*.

B.4

## L.4.4. The Pre-Stem

REFERENCE:

T.2  
T.7  
T.10.2

The Pre-Stem is one of the most interesting features of the Bardi verb. Approximately one third of all verbs employ a Pre-Stem and evidence will be presented to suggest that they represent the most dynamic and fastest growing area of Bardi speech.

L.4.4.1. The Pre-Stem modifies, shares or completely carries the meaning of the verbal expression in which it occurs. Apart from reduplication, it is invariable in form. It occurs as a free form and is followed by a verb Stem which is inflected in the 'normal' manner.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>U.f. similar structures in Young (1964:71,78) and Coate (1970:54ff). Bolt, *et al.* (1971:42, 88ff) describe a close parallel in the Ngaliwuru Aboriginal language. They speak (page 88) of 'the use of a preposed particle with a conjugated verb which . . . assumes the function of an auxiliary.' (Emphasis mine)

The affix-carrying verb Stem will be referred to as the 'Ancillary' verb. The relationship between the Pre-Stem and its ancillary verb forms the basis for a three-fold division of Pre-Stem type:

1. The Meaning-bearing Pre-Stem

In this type, which is by far the most common, the semantic force is carried entirely by the Pre-Stem and the semantic significance of the ancillary verb is completely neutralised. With these expressions, the ancillary simply acts as an affix bearer thus allowing the same versatility to the Pre-Stem verbs as to the 'simple' verbs. Six of the most common of Bardi verbs account for about 90% of the ancillary expressions. These are the verbs *m+ɑ* to place, *ñ+ɑ* to take up, *g+ɸ+ɑ* to carry, *ð+ɪ* to say, *ð+id+i* to go, walk and, surprisingly, *ɑː* to look for lice. The final ancillary is so out of character that an obsolete homomorph must be posited.

The following set of Pre-Stem verbs gives examples of the use of each of these main ancillaries. As can be readily seen from the glosses, the Pre-Stem bears the meaning of the expressions. The meanings of the Pre-Stems and, therefore, of the whole verb are given along with the meanings which the ancillaries would carry if they were standing alone. Inflected examples show the affix-bearing function of ancillaries:

Ex. 45

- | Pre-Stem                        | Ancillary                         |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| a) rawin                        | guŋ-ara-ma-na-na                  |
| <i>Walk</i>                     | <i>You-Plur-place-Durat-did</i>   |
| <i>You all kept walking.</i>    |                                   |
| b) ðiñba                        | ŋangi-ñ-a-ðin-ɸ                   |
| <i>Avoid weapon</i>             | <i>I-take up-will-from him-it</i> |
| <i>I will avoid his weapon.</i> |                                   |
| c) ruð                          | an-aŋg-ið-ir                      |
| <i>Pass</i>                     | <i>Dual-carry-did-them</i>        |
| <i>You and I passed them.</i>   |                                   |
| d) gudgud                       | in-ðu-na-na                       |
| <i>Crouch</i>                   | <i>he-say-Durat-did</i>           |
| <i>He was crouching.</i>        |                                   |
| e) duɪ                          | ir-ðidi-nð                        |
| <i>Dump, of waves</i>           | <i>they-walk-are</i>              |
| <i>The waves are dumping.</i>   |                                   |



Pre-Stem	Ancillary
f) <i>ḍul</i>	<i>an-aṛ-a</i>
<i>Kneel</i>	<i>you-look for lice(?)</i> -Imperative
<i>Kneel down!</i>	

From this point on, neutralised ancillary verb Stems will be glossed as  $\emptyset$ . For instance, verb (f) above, would appear:

f) <i>ḍul</i>	<i>an-aṛ-a</i>
<i>Kneel</i>	<i>you-<math>\emptyset</math></i> -Imperative
<i>Kneel down!</i>	

## 2. The Meaning-modifying Pre-Stem

With this type, the Pre-Stem modifies or supplements the meaning of the ancillary so that the meaning of the total verb is related to that of the ancillary but is a development from it. For examples, there follow a number of onomatopoeic Pre-Stems which describe various noises and which take as their ancillary the verb *ḍ+I to say*.

### Ex.46

Pre-Stem	Ancillary
a) <i>dumbul dumbul</i>	<i>in-ḍu-na-na</i>
<i>Turtle hitting water in love-play</i>	<i>it-say-Durat-did</i>
<i>The turtle was hitting the water in love-play.</i>	
b) <i>dudul</i>	<i>in-ḍu-na-na</i>
<i>Knocking noise</i>	<i>it-say-Durat-did</i>
<i>It kept on making a knocking noise.</i>	
c) <i>dalar</i>	<i>in-ḍu-na-na</i>
<i>Light noise of rattling</i>	<i>it-say-Durat-did</i>
<i>It kept up a light rattling noise.</i>	
d) <i>ḍambal ḍambal</i>	<i>in-ḍu-na-na</i>
<i>Smacking noise while eating</i>	<i>he-say-Durat-did</i>
<i>He was making a smacking sound while he was eating.</i>	
e) <i>dadur dadur</i>	<i>in-ḍu-na-na</i>
<i>Crunching noise while chewing</i>	<i>he-say-Durat-did</i>
<i>He was making a crunching sound while he was chewing.</i>	

## 3. The Meaning-sharing Pre-Stem

Here the ancillary verb shares the same or similar meaning to the full Pre-Stem expression with the Pre-Stem reiterating or specifying



the meaning of the ancillary:

Ex.47

- a) The verb g+aḍ means *to enter, to drown*. When preceded by the Pre-Stem lul the meaning of *entering* is specified.
- b) The verb g+aḷ can mean *to walk about* or *to live*. If it is associated with the Pre-Stem ḍamal, it bears the former meaning, but if associated with giṛ it bears the latter.
- c) The verb ḍ+aḷ means *to see, look*. However at times it is preceded by the Pre-Stem buṛ with little apparent change in meaning.

L.4.4.2. Although the origin of some of the Pre-Stems is not apparent, the source of many others is not difficult to trace. For illustration in this section, the Pre-Stem will be given followed by the Class and Stem of the ancillary verb.

1. Many are onomatopoeic.

Ex.48

ḍubul ḍubul ḍ+ḷ expresses the action of *sloshing* through shallow water.

gōṛ gōṛ ḍ+ḷ describes someone *chomping* on capsicum or some similar food.

biṭ biṭ g+aḷ is the *skipping* of fish across the water.

buruḷ buruḷ aṛ means the *boiling* of water.

dilaṛa dilaṛa ḍ+ḷ is the *ringing* of bells.<sup>1</sup>

2. Pre-Stems are the source of the majority of verbal borrowings.

Ex.49

bulawayi ḍ+ḷ is to *pull away* in rowing.

galawayi ḍ+ḷ is to *skull away*.

bulayi ḍ+ḷ is to *play* (especially card games).

di:l ḍ+ḷ is to *deal* cards.

bañ m is to discharge (*bang*) a firearm.

Ex.50 In one highly Anglicised story concerning a motor journey, the following set of loan words was recorded:

fix-im-up	m	to repair
pass-im	g+∅	to overtake
push-im	m	to push
lift-im	m	to lift up
cut-im-up	ñ	to cut up

Each of these ancillaries was appropriately inflected.

<sup>1</sup>See Worms (1938:164ff) for further examples of onomatopoeia.

## 3. Nouns may act as Pre-Stems.

## Ex.51

An interesting compound, where the meaning is derived from both constituents, is the verb *to miss* (with a spear, rifle, etc.). The Pre-Stem is *buṛu* meaning *ground* while the ancillary is the verb *ḡayidim*, which means *to hit*. Thus *to miss* is, quite appropriately, *to hit the ground*.

*ɔla* means *water*. When followed by the ancillary *aṛ*, it means *to rain*.

*liyan* signifies *the seat of the emotions*, while in conjunction with the ancillary *ñ* it means *to desire*.

## 4. Adjectives can act as Pre-Stems.

## Ex.52

*gɔṛna* is *good, well*; *gɔṛna d+l* is *to feel happy, to be in good spirits*.

*alig* means *bad, weak*; *alig d+l* is *to feel weak, to be beaten*.

*buda* means *correct, proper*; *buda buda m* is *to correct, to fix up*.

5. Adverbs may be utilised as Pre-Stem as distinct from their 'primary' function of modifying verbal action.

## Ex.53

*wawi* is *across*; *wawi m* is *to cut across*.

*baḡa* is *away*; *baḡa* plus the ancillary *d+l* *to say* means *to go away*.

*bongɔñi* means *in that direction*, but with the ancillary *m* its meaning is *to turn around*.

The fact that loan words, onomatopoeic expressions and almost any part of speech can function as a Pre-Stem makes Pre-Stem verbs the most dynamic, creative and rapidly expanding area of the Baḡdi language.

## L.4.4.3. Action Change

REFERENCE:

T.7.2

The most common Pre-Stem expressions are, in the great majority of cases, intransitive and many are verbs of motion and state. This raises a difficult problem in that the main ancillary verbs are all transitive when they stand alone, and the matter of transitivity determines a part of the derivation of the inflected verb. (This whole matter will be fully taken up in the discussion of Rule T.7.2). To safeguard the correct derivation of the ancillary with such intransitive Pre-Stems, the feature [+Action Change] must be inserted as part of the Lexical Entry of the particular verb.

## L.4.5. Partial Reduplication

REFERENCE:

T.10

Some verbs must be marked 'Partial Reduplication' because only part of their Stem is repeated to express intensity of action. Reduplication is again predictable in most cases. The following principles govern practically all reduplication: (Note that the repeated element is prefixed to the Stem).

1. Pre-Stems are always fully reduplicated. Partial reduplication, then, applies only to verb Stems.

2. Two phoneme Stems are fully reduplicated. These would be either V(owel) C(onsonant) or CV syllable patterns.

Verb	Meaning	Reduplicated Stem
g+am	<i>to laugh</i>	am-am
b+Al	<i>to make (a small object)</i>	Al-Al
mi	<i>to look around for</i>	mi-mi
du	<i>to turn over</i>	du-du

3. VCC Stems are fully reduplicated.

Verb	Meaning	Reduplicated Stem
g+añb	<i>to vomit</i>	añb-añb
aṛg	<i>to pick up (a person)</i>	aṛg-aṛg
ḍ+inb	<i>to think</i>	inb-inb

4. CVCC Stems are fully reduplicated, with the Transitional Vowel coming between the repeated element and the Stem.

Verb	Meaning	Reduplicated Stem
land	<i>to sit, stay, anchor</i>	land-a-land
miñḍ	<i>to receive</i>	miñḍ-i-miñḍ
lulm	<i>to put right</i>	lulm-u-lulm

5. Most VCVC Stems are fully reduplicated, as with:

Verb	Meaning	Reduplicated Stem
ḍ+ayib	<i>to ask, especially a question</i>	ayib-ayib
ḍ+ulug	<i>to wash, clean</i>	ulug-ulug

However, this is not always the case, as with the following verbs in which only the first syllable is repeated:

ḍ+idiṅ	<i>to touch, feel</i>	id-idiṅ
g+UdAl	<i>to disappear</i>	Ud-UdAl

6. Most CVC Stems are fully reduplicated, as with:

Verb	Meaning	Reduplicated Stem
maḍ	<i>to build</i>	maḍ-a-maḍ
ḡaṅ	<i>to refuse</i>	ḡaṅ-i-ḡaṅ
lum	<i>to approach</i>	lum-a-lum

However, a small number of verbs reduplicate only the first CV, as with:

muḥ	<i>to waste</i>	mu-muḥ
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7. All CVCCVC and CVCVC Stems are reduplicated fully apart from the final consonant.

Verb	Meaning	Reduplicated Stem
liṅgan	<i>to try out</i>	liṅga-liṅgan
maṅḡad	<i>to leave (a person)</i>	maṅḡa-maṅḡad
miṅar	<i>to miss, not find</i>	miṅa-miṅar

8. In two-syllabled Stems where the first syllable is VCC and the second commences with a vowel, only the first syllable is reduplicated. These are mostly of the pattern VCC+VC, although one instance will be given of a VCC+VCC Stem:

Verb	Meaning	Reduplicated Stem
b+AndAm	<i>to stop, especially a fight</i>	And-AndAm
undur	<i>to cut across</i>	und-undur
algam	<i>to move</i>	alg-algam
b+ArgAnd	<i>to wrap, tie, roll up</i>	Arg-ArgAnd

A development of this principle is shown in the tri-syllabled Stem ararbal *to drop*, which has the reduplicated form ararb-ararbal. However, Stems this complex are rare.

9. These principles cover most verb Stems. However, because of the unpredictability of some Stem types and the complexity of the processes, any partial reduplication will be entered as a feature to the particular verb. A further complication is added by the fact that a small number of verbs do not seem to follow any pattern in their reduplication. For instance, ḡayidim *to hit* becomes ḡayidim-ayidim<sup>1</sup> and alaḍ *to be bogged* becomes alaḍ-ad.

#### L.4.6. Obligatorily Retro-active Verbs

#### REFERENCE:

T.8

A small set of verbs must be marked 'Obligatorily Retro-active'. These are the verbs which always appear in the frame [+N<sub>1</sub>\_\_\_\_, +\_\_\_\_N<sub>1</sub>] -

<sup>1</sup>This Stem is probably from the English *I(ḡay)hit(id)him(im)*.

where the [NP,S] and [NP,PredP] are identical. Thus, they must undergo the Retro-action (Reciprocal or Reflexive) transformation, T.8, and never occur in transitive forms.

L.4.6.1. The following verbs must be marked 'Obligatorily Retro-active' because they are always Reflexive:

b+ind *to put oneself forward, push one's own interests and importance.*

ilbir *to echo.*

g+UdAl *to disappear. Literally and appropriately to lose oneself.*

L.4.6.2. The following are examples of verbs which always express Reciprocal action:

mand *to embrace.*

b+iṛ *to copulate.*

mal *to even a score, to hit in return.*

#### L.4.7. Impersonal Verbs

A limited set of verbs must be marked 'Impersonal'. These are verbs which appear in the frame [+N:-Human\_\_\_\_\_]. That is, verbs which cannot take a human Subject. If the Subject is not human, where 'human' includes beings which share human faculties (such as spirit beings or the 'shadow-men' referred to in the Text), then it can only appear in the third person.<sup>1</sup>

Apart from the case of Passive Impersonals (see below), impersonal verbs also appear in the frame [-\_\_\_\_\_N]. That is, they are intransitive verbs.

There are four main categories:

L.4.7.1. There are meteorological verbs. For instance:

<i>to blow, of wind</i>	b+ilg
<i>to rain</i>	ɔla aṛ
<i>to flood</i>	b+Urṅ
<i>to roll, of waves</i>	g+aṇḍaṇḍar

This is by far the richest source of Impersonal verbs.

L.4.7.2. There are inanimate source verbs.

<i>to ricochet</i>	birbaḍ ḍ+id
<i>to echo</i>	ilbir

<sup>1</sup> This is referring to 'real world' categories. When pressed, for instance, one informant gave first and second person forms for the meteorological verb *to blow, of wind*. However, this was on the basis of an imaginary situation of a personified wind *speaking*. There is also a legend concerning some people who were changed into dugongs with human faculties.

The verb *to echo* would have to be marked with both [+ObligRetro] and [+Impers].

L.4.7.3. There are animal-agent verbs.

<i>to come up for breath, of dugongs</i>	mad
<i>to fly, of birds and aeroplanes</i>	b+iril
<i>to hover, of birds</i>	balbal ñ
<i>to cast off the skin, of snakes</i>	b+unug

The final example would also be featured [+ObligRetro, +Impers], as it is expressed Reflexively.

L.4.7.4. There are passive impersonal verbs.

There is no surface passive construction in Baḍi and this interesting set of verbs is the closest approach to a passive. There is a 'dummy' element in the Subject NP which functions as an impersonal source of the action. The recipient of the action is specified either by the Object pronominal suffix or the Referential pronominal suffix.

Ex.54 The verb *to choke* is miŋg. To express *I was choking (yesterday)* the Baḍi would say: *Something was choking me yesterday ini-miŋgin-ḍarŋayu*. Analysing the verb more closely:

[NP,S]	VbNuc	Aux	[NP,PredP]
ini	- miŋg	- inḍ	- ḍarŋayu
Impers	Source	choke	Durat/Mid Perf me

*Something was choking me (yesterday).*

In some cases the impersonal source is identified as with this verb:

iri-miŋgi-n-ḍi  
*They-choke-Pres-you*  
*You are being choked by them (some pieces of meat).*

Ex.55 The verb Stem b+Añ provides an interesting case. When used transitively, it simply means *to finish off, to complete an object*. When used intransitively, it becomes an impersonal verb and usually means, *to finish an activity*. It is used, for instance, to express the conclusion of a ceremony but it is framed in a passive sense. *They finished* is expressed, *it finished for them*, with the actors being specified by a Referential pronominal suffix. The following example points up the distinction. *I will finish them (some objects) tomorrow*, is contrasted with *I will finish (an activity) tomorrow*: ḡoŋgōñar versus uḡgōñadan.



L.6. Aspect  $\longrightarrow$   $\pm$ DuratB.8  
REFERENCE:T.9  
R.2

Every tense has two Aspects, expressing either Durative or non-Durative action. The Durative morpheme is *n* which is suffixed to the verb Stem, immediately preceding the Tense marker. This is with the exception of the Middle Perfect auxiliary where the Durative marker is infixes within the tense morpheme. The non-Durative marker is a zero morpheme.

In the following examples, Durative and non-Durative action will be contrasted.

Ex.58

a) Non-Durative

*ŋang-arb-a-ri**I-send-Projected-you**I will send you (once).*

Durative

*ŋang-arbu-n-ǎ-iri**I-send-Durat-Projected-you**I will keep on sending you.*

b) The verb *b+UndAr* means *to bite* with the non-Durative Aspect. However, in the Durative, and usually associated with Intensity of action, the verb means *to chew*. This example uses the Middle Perfect to illustrate the infixing of the Durative morpheme.

Non-Durative

*an-amb-und-ar-iǎ-ø**Dual-Class-bite-Middle-it**You and I bit it (yesterday).*

Durative

*an-amb-und-und-ar-i-n-ǎ-ø**Dual-Class-Intens-bite-Mid-Durat-it**You and I were chewing it.*

If an Auxiliary is unmarked for Aspect, that is, if only a Tense feature is given, the action is non-Durative.

L.7.	Tense	$\longrightarrow$	$\pm$ Perf
L.7.1.	-Perf	$\longrightarrow$	$\pm$ Pres
L.7.2.	+Perf	$\longrightarrow$	$\pm$ Definite
L.7.3.	+Definite	$\longrightarrow$	$\pm$ Contemp
L.7.4.	+Contemp	$\longrightarrow$	$\pm$ Immed
L.7.5.	-Contemp	$\longrightarrow$	$\pm$ Mid



## L.7. Tense

B.8

REFERENCE:

T.16.1  
R.2  
M.12

As indicated previously, Baṛdi Tense can be divided into either Perfect or Imperfect [-Perf] action - completed versus uncompleted activity. There are two Imperfect Tenses: Present and Projected, that is [-Pres], and five Perfect Tenses: Indefinite [-Definite], Immediate, Near [-Immed], Middle and Distant [-Mid]. Perfect Tenses cover a time depth from the remote times of creation and the ancestral beings right up to actions which have just been completed at the point of speaking.

The relationship which exists between the Present Imperfect and the Projected Imperfect Tenses is indicated in that they share the same Negative and Potential forms and that they are marked, in the Realis, by the same Tense suffixes (see Rule R.2), being distinguished by their prefixes.

## L.7.1. The Present Imperfect

As with many languages, the Baṛdi Present Tense is in almost every instance Durative in Aspect. The following example is made up of excerpts from a narrative concerning the social evils of drinking and gambling, almost all of which was related in the Present Durative (glossed as *do*):

## Ex.59

aṛaṇ lugal ɔl iri-ñā-n-ϕ galur-gudu.

*Some bad water they-take-do-it. Froth-kind = beer.*

aṛaṇa guṛur ɔl iri-ñā-n-ϕ alig

*Others blood water = wine they-take-do-it. . . Feel ill*

in-da-n n-alma. giñiṅgi-yunu ɔla. gulbu gidi

*it-ϕ-does his-head. That-from liquor. Money then*

i-wañi-n-ḍir.

ir-gaṇbu-nḍi-n. . .

*it-finish-does-for them. They-growl-Reciprocal-do. . .*

*Some procure bad liquor - beer. Others take to wine. . . His head feels ill from that liquor. Then their money comes to an end. They growl at each other. . .*

## L.7.2. The Projected Imperfect

REFERENCE:

M.1

The term 'Projected' has been preferred to a more specific term because this tense expresses a considerable range in meaning. It expresses:

- a) **Futurity.** Simple statements of expected future action.
- b) **Determination.** The semi-obsolete distinction in English between futurity - *I SHALL go* - and determination - *I WILL go* is expressed by the same form in Bardi.
- c) **The Desiderative.** *I WISH, DESIRE, HOPE to go.*
- d) **The Imperative.** This was discussed in Section B.2.3. where it was pointed out that, although there is only one surface form, the Imperative has to be extracted transformationally from the other Projected action meanings because it is distinguished in its wider syntactic relations from them.

These types of Projected action are all represented in the following example taken from a tape recorded message concerning a projected trip to do with an initiation ceremony:

Ex.60

Friday-ara ungi-ñ-a-ϕ bayi. giñing-amba wayid  
*Friday-time he-pick up-Proj-it pay. That-is why wait*

an-d-a-ðada angiri-ñ-a-ϕ gɔrɔɔ almidan taxi  
*you-ϕ-Proj-for us we-pick up-Proj-it if any way taxi*

guna angar-ay-amba-ϕ bawa. . . nang-al-a-amba-gur.  
*there we-take-Proj Sequ-him boy. . . I-see-Proj-Sequ-you.*  
*On Friday, he (my younger brother) will pick up [Futurity] his pay.*  
*That is why you must wait for us [Imperative]. If, somehow, we can*  
*pick up a taxi, we will take [Determination] the boy there. . . I*  
*hope to see you all [Desiderative].*

L.7.3. The Indefinite Perfect

The first division of the Perfect Tenses is between the Indefinite [-Definite] Perfect and the Definite Perfects. The Indefinite has only one form, marked by the suffix *a*. It is used to express any completed action in which the time depth is unknown, doubtful or irrelevant.

The following illustration is taken from a hunting story which an informant was asked to invent. For the first ten sentences, he apparently had not decided upon the time depth of the imaginary incident and this section is related in the Indefinite Perfect. From then on he recounted the story as if it had happened that day and, because of this choice, he consistently used the Near Perfect.

## Ex.61

in-ḍarm-a-ḍan                      ṅunu inu-ḡul-a-ḡayu.  
*He-came up-Indefinite-for me there he-left-Indefinite-me.*

bindana. ṅalab in-ḍaral-a. . .  
*Bush. There he-ran off-Indefinite. . .*  
*He came up for me (in the car, SOMETIME in the past) and left me*  
*there in the bush. For there, he ran off. . .*

## L.7.4. The Contemporary Perfects

The Definite Perfect is sub-divided into Contemporary and non-Contemporary Tenses. There are two Contemporary Perfects which correspond in that they both refer to action which has taken place on the day of speaking and in that they are both marked by the same suffix *gal(ḍ)*. The two Tenses - Immediate and Near - are differentiated by their prefixes. As with the distinction between Present and Projected Imperfect forms, this illustrates the fact that Tense, in Bardi, is indicated by both suffixes and prefixes.

## L.7.5. The Immediate Perfect

The Immediate is a transitional tense in both meaning and form. It describes actions which have only just been completed. Thus, it is a Perfect tense in that the action has actually ceased. However, because of its immediacy, it impinges upon the Present and, in this way, performs a linking function between the Perfect and the Imperfect. In form, the Immediate shares morpheme classes with both Perfect and Imperfect tenses. Its prefixing system is identical to that of the Present, while its auxiliary suffixes are identical to those of the Near Perfect. In Ex.62, it can be seen that the Immediate shares the prefixes *a+r* with the Present, and the suffix *gal* with the Near.

## Ex.62

a-r-ulugu-nḍ-ḡ	a-r-ulugu-gal-ḡ	aḡ-ur-ulugu-gal-ḡ
<i>We-Plur-wash-Pres-it</i>	<i>We-Plur-wash-Immed-it</i>	<i>We-Plur-wash-Near-it</i>
<i>We are washing it.</i>	<i>We just washed it.</i>	<i>We washed it earlier.</i>

## L.7.6. The Near Perfect

The Near expresses action which has taken place earlier on during the same day. The illustration is taken from a hunting story. The narrator is describing how he came upon a fishing party and, here, he lists their catch for that day:

## Ex.63

ḍabian ḡiri-ñā-gal-ϕ aḡa. baḡulu ḡar-andi-gal nidi.  
*Saw-fish they-take-Near-it one. Cat-fish they-catch-Near Quantitative.*

ḍamba guwiyara baramandi ḡuru-luḡ-gal-ir. dangan aḡa  
 Sequential two baramundi they-pull in-Near-them. Duncan another

baramundi i-ñā-gal-ϕ

*baramundi he-take-Near-it.*

*That day they had taken one saw-fish. The had caught many cat-fish.*

*Further, they had pulled in two baramundi. Duncan has taken another*

*baramundi.*

## L.7.7. The Middle Perfect

The non-Contemporary tenses are the Middle and Distant Perfects. It is difficult to provide any exact division in time depth between these two tenses. All that can be said is that the Middle expresses actions which have taken place from 'yesterday' back through recent weeks and that the Distant is used of actions in recent weeks back to the 'beginning' of time. However, the flexibility of this boundary is illustrated in that, with narratives, events within the previous week are frequently expressed in the Distant. In the following incident, a woman had just lost her job through drunkenness. The narrator blamed the woman's wayward husband for 'driving her to drink'. Speaking on the day after the sacking, the narrator says:

## Ex.64

aḡindi aliḡ in-ḍuw-iḍ-ϕ amba-nim ḍin  
 Causal make wrong he-ϕ-Middle-her husband-Agent her

in-aḡaḡbuw-iḍ-ϕ

*he-growl at-Middle-her*

*It was because her husband made her go wrong in that he growled*

*at her (yesterday).*

## L.7.8. The Distant Perfect

The Distant is the tense of narrative. The Distant Tense morpheme and its Durative Aspect morpheme are homomorphous, that is, na.

There is an extension of the Distant which demonstrates the close relationship between tense and aspect in Baḡdi. On rare occasions, the Durative Distant form of a verb is used to emphasise a 'pushing back' of

the time depth into the remote<sup>1</sup> times of the ancestral heros and the beginning of the society and its environment.

Lines 40 and 41 of the Text give examples of the Durative and non-Durative Aspects of the Distant Tense:

Ex.65

ñun in-ðala-na-ø nu:ðin iŋ-g-alg-algama-na-na gaŋdi.  
*There he-see-Dist-it intentine it-Class-Intens-move-Durat-Dist on top*  
*Up there on top he saw (non-Durative) an intestine which kept moving*  
*about (Durative).*

#### 2.4. LEXICAL ENTRIES (LE)

In this Section, Lexical Entries will be supplied for:

1. Formatives which have come down fully expanded into the pre-terminal string of the Base, such as Conjunction and Adverb types and Postpositions.
2. Non-capitalised sentence-type markers. This only involves the Question formative within the scope of this study.
3. Complex Symbols, the realisation of which is not dependent upon the transformational component. That is, Nouns, Pronouns and Verb Nuclei.

Categories not represented in the Lexical Entries are the capitalised markers introduced through the Base Rules such as IMPERATIVE, POTENTIAL and INTENSITY, and Tense and Aspect morphemes which cannot be realised until their context is defined through transformational processes.. Morphemes for these categories are provided within the operation of the transformations, as with POTENTIAL and NEGATIVE, or by the Realisation Rules, which act as a type of 'extended lexicon', as in the case of the Auxiliary.

These entries are not 'rules' as such but they have been given the identification 'LE' because of their relevance to the operation of certain rules and for ease of reference.

The Text has been used as the source for a 'sample' of Lexical Entries in the case of Nouns, Verb Nuclei and Adverbs. A limited number of other items have been included where necessary, as with the Temporal Adverbs.

<sup>1</sup>In an earlier draft of this study, this extension was, in fact, termed the 'Remote Perfect Tense'. However, it is more appropriate to include it under the Distant Perfect.

	FORMATIVE	GLOSS	MORPHEME/WORD
LE.1.	Question		ŋanda
LE.2.	Postpositions		
LE.2.1.	Comitative	<i>in company with</i>	ñar
LE.2.2.	Instrumental	<i>with, by means of</i>	{ŋa}
LE.2.3.	Purposive	<i>to, for</i>	ŋan
LE.2.4.	Ablative	<i>from</i>	{ɔ}
LE.3.	Adverbs		
LE.3.1.	Temporal		
	[+Dist]	<i>long ago</i>	milɔn
	[+Mid]	<i>yesterday, recently</i>	baɖi
	[+Contemp]	<i>today</i>	banangara
	[+Proj]	<i>tomorrow</i>	ŋuriði
LE.3.2.	Quantitative	<i>many, intensely</i>	nidi
LE.4.	Conjunctions		
LE.4.1.	Sequential		{ɖamba}
LE.4.2.	Purposive		amba
LE.4.3.	Temporal		aŋiñdi-ŋan
			{marab}
			maraba
LE.5.	Nominals		
LE.5.1.	Pronouns [-N] <sup>1</sup>		
	[+I,+Sing]	<i>I, me</i>	ŋayu
	[+II,+Sing]	<i>you</i>	ɖu
	[+III,+Sing]	<i>he, she, it, him, her</i>	giñiŋgi
	[+Dual]	<i>you and I, you and me</i>	ayu
	[+Inclusive]	<i>we, us</i>	aridiɪ
	[+Exclusive]	<i>we, us</i>	arudu
	[+II,-Sing]	<i>you all</i>	gur
	[+III,-Sing]	<i>they, them</i>	ir

<sup>1</sup>Interesting parallels can be drawn with the pronominal forms of certain Northern Territory languages. For instance, identical forms, such as gur for the second person plural, the separating of the Dual from the Plurals, and the marking of Plural forms by the morpheme r, are all found in Djingili (Chadwick 1967:224f) and Djamindjung and Ngaliwuru (Bolt *et al.* 1970:594ff).

	FORMATIVE	GLOSS	MORPHEME/WORD
LE.5.2.	Nouns [+N]		
	[-Animate]	<i>divining peg</i>	yandal
	[+Animate]	<i>shadow-man, spirit of doctor-men</i>	miṛurunu
	[+Human]	<i>people</i>	ambuṛiñ
	[-Animate]	<i>camp, shade</i>	bali
	[+Human]	<i>murderer</i>	gaṇabini
	[-Animate]	<i>foot-print</i>	ninbil
	[-Count]	<i>time</i>	buṛu
	[+Personal]	<i>Loki bin Sali</i>	lagi
	[-Concrete]	<i>day, sun</i>	a:lga
	[-Animate]	<i>intestine</i>	ṇu:ḍini
	[-Animate]	<i>marsh</i>	bi:nba
	[+Human]	<i>brother, one of same generation level</i>	alguṛu
	[+Human]	<i>mother</i>	biri
	[+Human]	<i>father</i>	gulu
	[+Human]	<i>old woman, women (Eng.)</i>	uluman
	[-Count]	<i>social deviance, (humbug)</i>	ga:l
	[-Count]	<i>teasing</i>	ḍido

## LE.6. Verb Nuclei

Unless a Subject frame is given as a feature to a Verb Nucleus, it is assumed that the Nucleus is marked +N:[Animate]\_\_\_\_. Text numbers are given below the LE number for each verb.

	ENTRY	GLOSS
LE.6.1. (1)	[m+a, +___ : [+Count]]	<i>put, place</i>
LE.6.2. (3)	[ḍ+ib+i, -___N]	<i>die</i>
LE.6.3. (4)	[b+Añ+i, -___N]	<i>finish, die</i>
LE.6.4. (5)	[g+ϕ+a, +___ N]: [+Concrete], +Irreg:1]	<i>carry, take away</i>
LE.6.5. (8)	[lu+lur+u, +N:[+Human]___, +___N:nuru]	<i>light a fire</i>
LE.6.6. (9)	[ḍagud +Action Change, ḍ+l, -___N]	<i>return</i>
LE.6.7. (10)	[g+ḍ+i, -___N]	<i>enter, go down</i>
LE.6.8. (1)	[b+u, +N:[+Human]___, +___N:[+Animate], +Irreg:2]	<i>spear, kill, give needles</i>

	ENTRY	GLOSS
LE.6.9. (13)	[ɣurub+u, +__N:[+Animate]]	<i>chase, follow</i>
LE.6.10. (15)	[ð+l!ɣ+a, +__N:[+Count]]	<i>tell, send</i>
LE.6.11. (16)	[biɾar, ð+l, +__N:[+Animate]]	<i>leave behind</i>
LE.6.12. (17)	[rawin +Action Change, m+a, -__N]	<i>walk, travel</i>
LE.6.13. (18)	[giɾ, g+al+a, -__N]	<i>stay, reside</i>
LE.6.14. (19)	[daga +Action Change, ð+l, -__N]	<i>sleep</i>
LE.6.15. (20)	[ð+arm+i, -__N]	<i>rise up</i>
LE.6.16. (21)	[dar +Action Change, aɾ, -__N]	<i>arrive, come up</i>
LE.6.17. (22)	[ð+al+i, +__N:[+Concrete]]	<i>see, look at</i>
LE.6.18. (23)	[buɾ, ð+al+i, +__N:[+Concrete]]	<i>see, look at</i>
LE.6.19. (28)	[mar +Action Change, ð+l, -__N]	<i>elapsing of time</i>
LE.6.20. (29)	[baɳ, ð+l, +__N:[+Animate]]	<i>address</i>
LE.6.21. (31)	[ð+l, +__N:[+Animate], +Irreg:3]	<i>address, say to</i>
LE.6.22. (30)	[ruwil +Action Change, ñ+a, -__N]	<i>walk, go off</i>
LE.6.23. (32)	[lagal, g+añ+i, -__N]	<i>climb</i>
LE.6.24. (33)	[land+a, -__N]	<i>sit, stay, anchor</i>
LE.6.25. (38)	[dab +Action Change, ñ+a, -__N]	<i>go up</i>
LE.6.26. (44)	[g+ɔnb+u, +__N:[+Animate]]	<i>send</i>
LE.6.27. (45)	[di:l, ð+id+i, -__N]	<i>burst open</i>
LE.6.28. (47)	[ðigir +Action Change, ð+l, -__N]	<i>peep</i>
LE.6.29. (49)	[g+alg+algam+a, -__N]	<i>move about</i>
LE.6.30. (50)	[ø+a, -__N, +Irreg:4]	<i>be, exist</i>
LE.6.31. (56)	[ɣaŋganmað +Action Change, ð+l, -__N]	<i>try to stop</i>
LE.6.32. (57)	[ð+aɾg+i, -__N]	<i>be frightened</i>
LE.6.33. (58)	[ð+aral+a, -__N]	<i>run</i>



	ENTRY	GLOSS
LE.6.34 (59)	[yur +Action Change, m+a, -__N]	<i>go down</i>
LE.6.35. (60)	[arar Action Change, ð+l, -__N]	<i>stand about</i>
LE.6.36. (61)	[lirm+a, -__N]	<i>call out</i>
LE.6.37. (64)	[lamang+a, -__N]	<i>listen</i>
LE.6.38. (77)	[b+Añ+i, +__N:[+Animate]	<i>fight</i>
LE.6.39. (81)	[aɾg+i, +N:[+Human]__, +__N:[+Human]]	<i>pick up, carry (a person)</i>
LE.6.40. (86)	[mañ+i, -__N]	<i>wave</i>

### 3.0. THE TRANSFORMATIONAL COMPONENT

The Transformational Component is comprised of two sub-components - the Transformational Rules and the Realisation Rules.

#### 3.1. TRANSFORMATIONAL RULES

These Rules act on the terminal strings of formatives produced through the operation of the Base Rules and after appropriate Lexical insertion.

##### 3.1.1. Ordering

The transformations have been ordered and the ordering is critical for most of the rules. As a general principle the verbal affixes have been introduced in their order as they would occur from left to right. That is, the verb-initial morpheme - the Subject prefix - is introduced first and, apart from the early introduction of the Object suffix, all the prefixing transformations are applied before the suffixing ones. The choice of left-to-right ordering is arbitrary except that such a sequential development assists particularly in the formulation of Structural Descriptions.

##### 3.1.2. Obligatory/Optional

There is a tendency in recent grammatical description to ignore optional constructions in that they express stylistic variations and are, therefore, of secondary importance.<sup>1</sup> However, while minor variants in Bardi verbal expressions have been omitted from consideration, there are a number of optional constructions which must be comprehended if an

<sup>1</sup>See Chomsky (1965:127) and Dutton (1969:198f).

adequate account of verb morphology is to be given. These are the constructions which introduce morphemes which, in turn, affect the realisation of other contiguous morphemes. Thus, the optional Sequential Conjunction (T.17.1.) and the Pronominal Suffix Relator (T.18.3.) must be introduced because of their influence upon the realisation of any pronominal suffixes which may follow.

### 3.1.3. 'Simple' versus 'Complex' categories

The transformational rules introduce certain syntactic categories, such as Pronominal Affixes, Action Type, Relator, Associative Suffix and Number. Wherever these categories are realised by a single morpheme or by freely fluctuating allomorphs, these morphemes are introduced immediately into the Structural Change and their 'label' discarded. These have been termed 'simple' categories. The 'Action Type' morphemes *n* (Extra-active), *ŋ* (Intra-active) and *in̄i* (Retro-active) which are introduced in Transformations 5 to 8 inclusive are examples of 'simple' categories as these realisations are invariable.

However, some categories have complex realisations depending upon their syntactic context and their specifying features. Thus, the realisation of a Pronominal Affix depends upon its Person and Number and upon its syntactic function - whether it is Subject or Object, for example. In these cases a 'generic' label is retained throughout the Transformational sub-component. The morphemes corresponding to these specified categories are supplied through the Realisation sub-component. (C.f. fuller discussion in Section 3.2.).

### 3.1.4. Presentation

The title of the Transformation plus either OBLIG(ATORY) or OPTIONAL appears on the initial line of the rule, followed by its referential index. The transformations are set out according to the conventional pattern with the Structural Description (SD), by which the transformation is activated, presented first, followed by the Structural Change (SC) introduced by the rule. Any Conditions upon the operation of the rule are then stated. The Structural Descriptions must conform to the sequence of formatives as presented by the preterminal string of the 'Master Phrase-marker' in Section 2.2. Continual reference to this P-marker is suggested, for instance, to ascertain the possible content represented by the variable context symbols (the capitalised final letters of the alphabet).

Illustration is both by interlinear example and by the fuller presentation of the process using derivational trees.

## T.1. OBLIG PRONOMINAL AFFIX

B.1  
B.3  
B.7  
L.1  
LE.5

REFERENCE:

T.2  
T.3  
T.15

S.D.	X	$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \pm N \\ \alpha \text{Person} \\ \beta \text{Number} \end{array} \right]$	Y
	1	2	3
S.C.	1	2 $\left[ \begin{array}{c} +\text{ProAf} \\ \alpha \text{Person} \\ \beta \text{Number} \end{array} \right]$	3

T.1.1. The first transformational rule applies to every Nominal - that is, Noun [+N] or Pronoun [-N] - which occurs in the terminal string of the Base Component.

T.1.2. Three types of Nominals may be involved within the rule. There may be Subject Nominals, which have come down through Rule B.1; there may be Object Nominals, which have come down through B.3; and there may be Postpositional phrase Nominals introduced through B.7. The Subject and Object Nominals are relevant to the operation of Rules T.2 and T.3 respectively, while the Postpositional Nominal is relevant to T.15.

T.1.3. The effect of the transformation, as outlined in the Structural Change, is to add a Pronominal Affix to the right of every Nominal (element 2). This affix agrees with its Nominal in Person and Number, as indicated by the unspecified  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  markers.

T.1.4. As stated previously, the Bardi verb is a 'sentence-in-miniature' and one of the main aims of this study is to demonstrate and explore this characterisation by giving an account of the relationships between verb morphology and the wider context of its 'deep structure' sentence.

The first three transformations, concerning the production and affixing of the Subject and Object pronominal forms, introduce the primary elements involved in the concept of verb-as-sentence. They are primary because of the universality of the Subject-Verb-Object categories; and they are primary for Bardi in that, in surface sentences, Subject pronominal



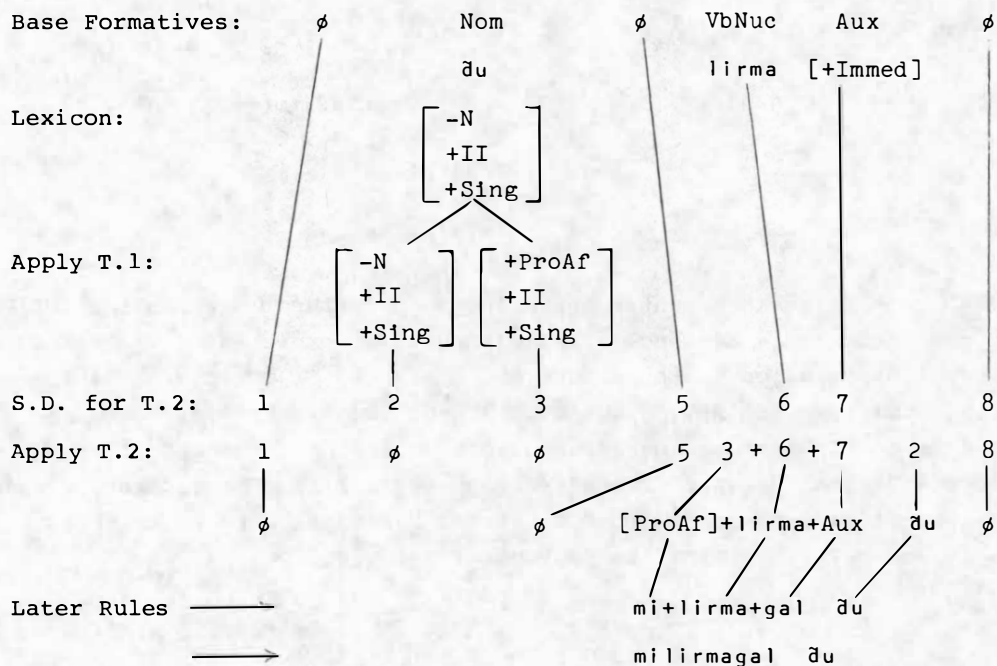
the right of the Auxiliary, giving a Verb-Subject free word order (to be discussed in Section T.3.3.). In most instances, this Nominal would be later deleted and a complete grammar would provide a transformation which would allow for the optional deletion of free Subjects.

T.2.4. A further function of Rule T.2 is to suffix the Auxiliary to the Verb Nucleus. Already the agglutinative nature of the Bardi verb is becoming apparent. At this point, two processes of affixing have taken place, giving the sequence: [+ProAf] + VerbNucleus + Auxiliary. For illustration, the Nominal *ðu* of Ex.66 (b) will be taken and will be 'built' into the sentence: *mi-lirma-gal ðu*

*You-call out-Immed you*  
*You called out just now.*

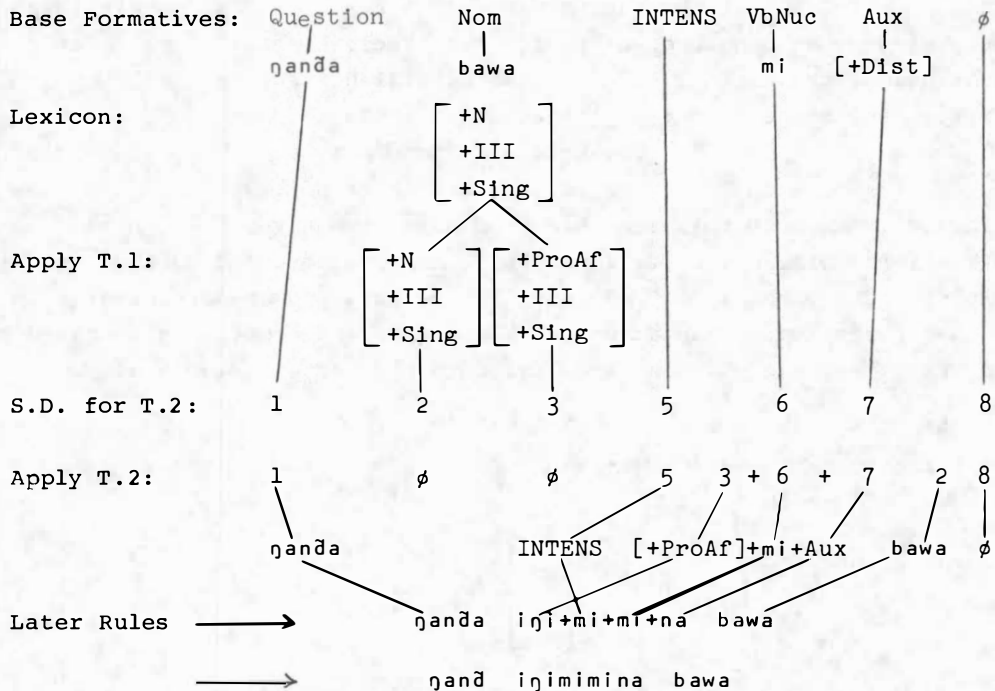
The derivation of this sentence from Base Formatives through to surface forms will now be followed by means of a 'tree' diagram. In this example, the variables 'X', 'Y' and 'Z' are null and are represented in the Base Formative string as zeros. The rules and components involved in each stage in the derivation are listed in the left-hand column.

## Ex.67



The following example presents a more complex construction in that the variables 'X' and 'Y' are represented by actual formatives and not by zeros.

Ex.68       $\eta a n \bar{d}$        $i \eta i - m i - m i - n a$        $b a w a$   
 Question *he-Intens-look about-Dist child*  
*Did the child look about thoroughly?*



T.2.5. Two optional elements appear in the Structural Description of T.2. They are element 4 - Sentence - and element 9 - Complement. The effect of the transformation is to permute the Sentence, if it occurs, to the right of the free Nominal, element 2. These two elements must be reunited in contiguous sequence as a condition to the operation of the 'Embedded Nominal Relator' transformation (T.18.2.). The category 'Complement' is included in the Structural Description to ensure that, when it occurs, it retains its Sentence-final position.

## T.3. OBLIG OBJECT PRONOMINAL SUFFIX

B.3  
L.1  
LE.5  
T.1REFERENCE:R.3  
M.11

S.D.	<u>X</u> <u>Aux</u>	[±N]	[+ProAf]	(S)	Y		(Comple)
	1	2	3	4	5		6
S.C.	1 + 3	∅	∅	∅	5	2	4 6

T.3.1. Elements 2 and 3, because of their position immediately following the Auxilliary, function as the Object of the verb. They can only have been derived from a noun phrase immediately dominated by the Predicate Phrase.

T.3.2. T.3 suffixes the Object Pronominal Affix to the Auxilliary and re-orders the remaining elements. The rule makes the Object suffix obligatory to the transitive verb. In practice, this is not at first easily established because of the nature of the third person pronominal suffixes. As has been posited earlier, the third person singular suffix has been interpreted as a zero morpheme. The most common form of the third person plural suffix is r. This is an apico-alveolar vibrant which normally becomes de-voiced word-finally (Metcalf 1971:88) and is, in this case, very difficult to hear. The third person is by far the most common. The first and second person pronominal suffixes are very similar in form to their corresponding free pronouns. These factors have probably led other investigators to conclusions differing from those presented here.<sup>1</sup>

T.3.3. The third transformational rule completes the reordering of the primary free Sentence constituents. The fifth element 'Y' can only be the free Subject Nominal plus, if one occurs, an embedded Sentence (elements 2 and 4 of the second transformation). T.3 permutes the free Object Nominal (element 2) and its associated optional Sentence (element 4) to a position between the free Subject and the Complement. The basic

<sup>1</sup>Capell and Elkin (1937:221), in their survey of the Kimberley division languages, state: 'There is no incorporation of pronoun object. . .' However, it should be added that, in the words of the authors, 'these are merely notes on languages which still await skilled investigation.' (page 225). Nekes (1939), in his article on the pronouns of this language group, makes no mention of object pronominal suffixes, although in fact he deals almost entirely with intransitive verbs.



word order of Bardi sentences is thus defined as V(erb) S(ubject) O(bject).<sup>1</sup> The free Object Nominal, as has been indicated, is very often deleted in the surface sentence.

Ex.69 gives examples, in surface form, of sentences which retain at least one of the free Nominals and the verbs of which demonstrate Subject and Object affixation. Ex.70 carries through a complete derivation of Text Verb 2 up to the present point in the analysis.

Ex.69

a) [NP,S]

giniŋgi-nim amba ir-ɔnɓu-n-ɗir gulbu  
*Those-Agent men they-send- did-them moneys*  
*Those men (the Government) sent those lots of money (money is usually expressed in the plural) (to the pensioners).*

b) [NP,S] VbNuc Aux [NP,PredP] [NP,S] [NP,S]

in- anga- na- ŋayu ŋayu-nim ɗana maɗa inu-  
*He- take- did-me my-Agent my boss he-*

VbNuc Aux [NP,PredP] Complement

ŋulu- na- ŋayu ñunu  
*put- did-me there*

*He picked me up - my own boss - and put me down there (on the Reserve).*

c) [NP,S] VbNuc Aux [NP,PredP]

bigi bigi-nim<sup>2</sup> in-uŋgɔɓu-gal-ɗarŋayu  
*Pig-Agent he-chase- did-me*  
*The pig chased me this morning (Near Perfect).*

<sup>1</sup>The positing of Bardi as a VSO language is primarily on the basis of the system of Topicalisation. If a Subject or an Object is to be topicalised, its free Nominal form is placed in the pre-verb position. Thus: *inɗidina ɗul = ɗul came*, while *ɗul inɗidina* could be translated, *It was ɗUL who came*. And, to illustrate a topicalised Object:

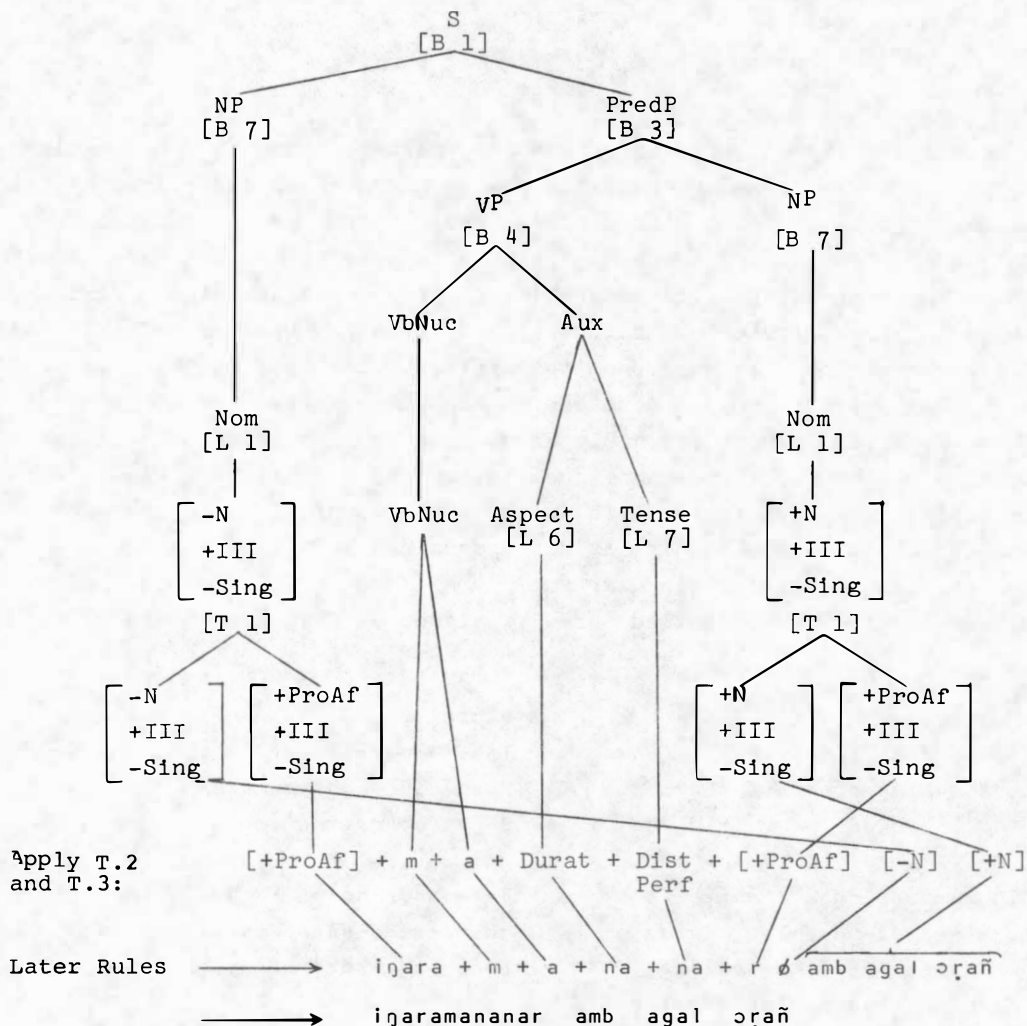
baɗulu iŋar-andi-gal nidi  
*Cat-fish they-catch-did Quantitative*  
*Many CAT-FISH they had caught.*

The only way in which Topicalisation can be indicated by the pre-verb position is for the underlying free word order to be VSO.

<sup>2</sup>The *nim* is a clitic which is suffixed to the first constituent of a Noun Phrase and has been termed the 'Agent' marker. It always occurs with the free subject of a transitive verb. In that free objects and most free subjects of intransitive verbs remain unmarked, Bardi appears to be an 'ergative' language and the *nim*, the ergative case marker, after the definition of Hockett (1958:235) and as applied to Australian languages, for example, in Hale (1970), Dixon (1969:35) and (1973:167) and Bolt *et al.* (1971:43). However, there are usages of *nim* which do not conform to the



Ex.70    iḡara-ma-na-na-r            amb agal ɔḡañ  
*They-put-Durat-did-them men and women*  
*They used to put those men and women (in tree-coffins).*



2 (Continued)

ergative pattern. It can be used with an intransitive verb where the subject is strongly topicalised. In the first sentence of Ex.71 the emphasis is upon the fact that the 'white' men, and not the Baḡdi, returned by that track. In the second sentence, the Person of Jesus Christ was emphasised:

Ex.71

a) wayibala-ḡini-nim    ḡagud iḡir-i-ni bila giḡiḡ mɔr  
*Whites-group of-Agent return they-ϕ-did again that path*  
*It was the group of 'white' men who returned on that path.*

Continued overleaf

## T.4. OBLIG NUMBER PREFIX

REFERENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

R.4  
M.4

S.D.	<u>X</u>	[+ProAf]	+	<u>VbNuc</u>	<u>Y</u>
	1			2	
S.C.	1	+	Number	+	2

All finite Bardi verbs carry a Number marker, although the singular is marked by a zero morpheme. The Number morpheme is determined by the number of the Subject. With a plural subject, the pronominal prefix is followed by the Number morpheme *r*. This is consistent with reference to the wider context, as *r* is indicative of the plural throughout Bardi. *ir* is the free form of the third person plural pronoun and is basic to all forms of the related pronominal affixes. The same morpheme is used as an intensifier, and to denote emphatic intransitive action (see T.11). These functions almost certainly have an underlying semantic relationship in view of the Bardi fusion of qualitative and quantitative aspects of language. Illustration of this fusion was also provided by the uses of the Quantitative Adverb *nidi* as discussed in B.9.2.

Ex.72 contrasts the singular and plural forms of two verbs. Ex.73 and Ex.74 give more detailed 'tree' analyses of the operation of T.4.

## Ex.72

Singular	Plural
a) <i>ina-∅-mar-iḏ-ir</i>	<i>iŋa-ra-mar-iḏ-ir</i>
<i>She-Sing-cook-did-them</i>	<i>They-Plur-cook-did-them</i>
<i>She cooked them. (Mid Perf)</i>	<i>They cooked them.</i>
b) <i>ŋan-maḏa-nḏ-∅ I build it</i>	<i>a-ra-maḏa-nḏ-∅ We build it</i>
<i>min-maḏa-nḏ-∅ You build</i>	<i>gu-ra-maḏa-nḏ-∅ You all build</i>
<i>in-maḏa-nḏ-∅ He builds</i>	<i>i-ra-maḏa-nḏ-∅ They build</i>
<i>an-maḏa-nḏ-∅ You and I build</i>	

Ex.73 Taking up the derivation of the verb in Ex.67 after the application of Rule T.2.

## 2 (Continued)

- b) *Jesus-nim gidi in-ḏibi-na-ḏugara*  
*Jesus-Agent then he-die-did-for you all (Referential)*  
*Jesus himself, then, died for you all.*

Nekes and Worms (1953:72f) term *nim* the 'Agentive' and provide a useful discussion of it with reference to other Australian Aboriginal studies.



action are practically synonymous, denoting the passing of the effect of the action from Agent to Object. Intra-action, however, stresses more the coming back of the action into the Subject. This is illustrated particularly by verbs such as *ɖ+arg to be frightened, afraid*, as in:

Ex.75 (The  $\eta$  is the Intra-action morpheme)

u- $\eta$ -g-arg-a-di (Note the discontinuous Projected Tense morpheme g+a)  
*He-IntraAction-will-be afraid-will-of you*  
*He will be afraid of you.*

The absence of a general surface construction or marker for passive action contributes to the fact that intra-action, while including intransitivity, also expresses the coming back of the action upon the Subject. In addition to the Impersonal verbs, the passive is sometimes expressed within the meaning of the verb stem. The verb *mangar* means *to be ignored* and it takes the intra-active morpheme. In the following example, it is accompanied by the third person plural Referential pronominal suffix *dir*:

Ex.76

$\eta$ a- $\eta$ a-mangara-na-na-dir  
*I-IntraAction-ignored-Durat-was-by them*  
*They kept on ignoring me.*

Thirdly, in this discussion of the nature of Baṛdi action type, there is the small class of verb stems which can express both intra- and extra-action. Apart from these few verbs, extra- and intra-action stems are in mutually exclusive sets, as was pointed out in L.4.1. There is the verb *b+Añ to finish* which, with an extra-action marker, means *to finish, to complete an object*. With the intra-action marker, it can mean either *to die* or *to finish (an activity)*, as was illustrated in Ex.55. Another group of verbs are those represented by such verbs as *to cry, to laugh* and *to hide*, a set paralleled in English. The stem  $\eta$ alg is primarily intra-active, expressing the action of *crying* without particular reference to the cause of the action. However, the same stem can take the extra-action marker, in which case it is modified to mean *to cry for someone*, where the *someone* is specified by an object pronominal suffix.

In Ex.77, an intra-active verb is compared with an extra-active one. Note the change in action type morphemes and the obligatory inclusion of an object suffix in the extra-active expression.

## Ex. 77

ŋa-ŋ-ga-ŋalg-a

*I-Intra-shall-cry-shall*  
Action

*I shall cry.*

ŋa-n-ga-ŋalg-a-r

*I-Extra-shall-cry for-shall-them*  
Action

*I shall cry for them.*

The fourth area which demonstrates the function of the action type markers is in the derivation of the retro-action expressions. Retro-action occurs when the Agent NP and the Object NP are identical, setting into operation Rule T.8. The action now, as it acts back upon its own subject, ceases to be extra-active. In fact, it becomes inherently intra-active. The interesting thing is that, with this change in action type, the deep structure action type marker changes from n to ŋ. The deep structure reference is necessary here because the markers may be deleted or modified at the surface level by the phonological rules. The verb g+am *to laugh*, because it can express both action types, serves as an excellent base upon which to compare the operations of action type transformations. The following example gives intra-, extra- and retro-active expressions in that order:

Ex. 78 (Using the Middle Perfect Tense marked by ið.) The aŋ prefixed to the verb stem in the extra-action verb has no action type significance but is a phonological modification introduced by Rule M.8.

## Ex. 78

a) mi-ŋ-gam-ið

*You-Intra-laugh-did*  
Action

*You laughed.*

b) mi-n-aŋgam-ið-aŋayu

*You-Extra-laugh at-did-me*  
Action

*You laughed at me.*

c) mi-ŋ-gam-inð-ið

*You-Intra-laugh at-Retro-did*  
Action                      Action

*You laughed at yourself.*

The complete paradigm of this verb, showing the three action types, is set out as Paradigm 4.





as in the case of the verb *to go down*, which is given in Section 2.4. (LE.6.34) as [yur+Action Change, m+a, etc.].

T.7.1.2. Up to this point in the operation of the transformational component, three obligatory prefixes would have been affixed to the Verb Nucleus, all three of which are included in element 2 of the S.D. of T.7.1. The Pronominal Affix is given, and the Action Type and Number constituents are represented by the symbol 'Y'.

T.7.1.3. This 'Pre-Stem Placement' transformation reverses the order of elements 2 (the prefixes) and 3 (the Pre-Stem and the feature [+Action Change] if it occurs), and prefixes element 2 to the fourth element. Element 4 must be either the class marker or, in the case of  $\emptyset$ -Class verbs, the verb stem of the ancillary verb.

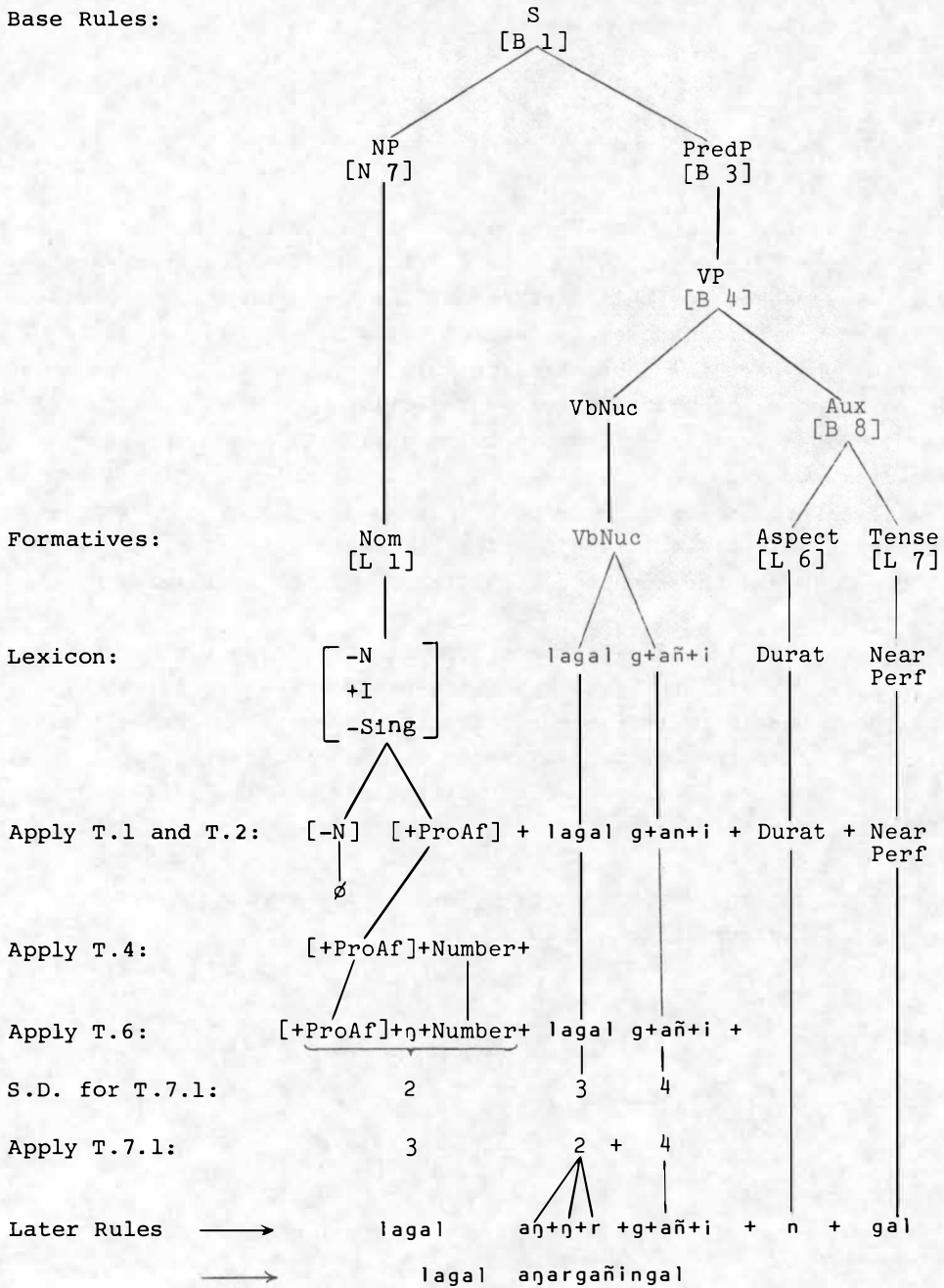
The following example, using the verb *to climb*, will be derived right from the Base Rules through to the present point in the analysis.



Ex.83 lagal aṅargañingal

We all went climbing this morning (Near Perfect)

Base Rules:



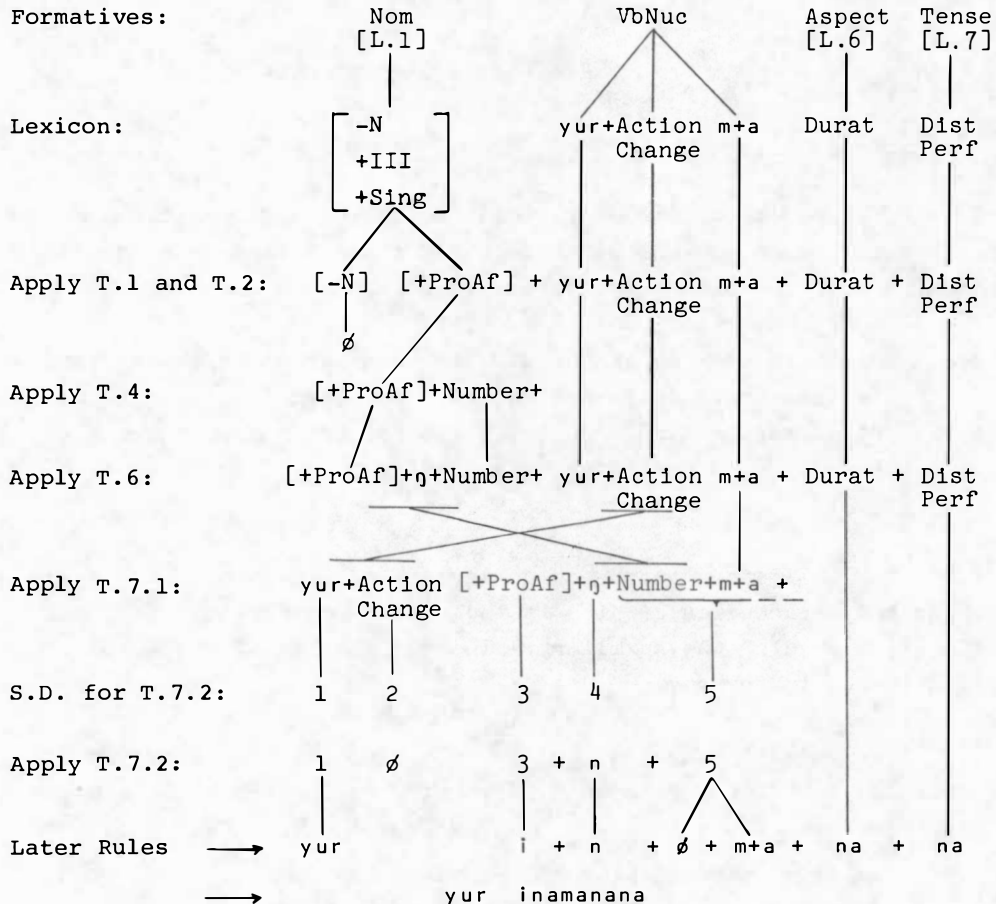
					L.4.4.3
T.7.2.	OBLIG	ACTION CHANGE			<u>REFERENCE:</u>
S.D.	X	Pre-Stem	+Action Change	[+ProAf]	+ η + Y
		1	2	3	4 5
S.C.		1	∅	3	+ n + 5

T.7.2.1. A number of the Pre-Stems which will have been placed in the pre-Pronominal Affix position by Rule T.7.1. bear the feature [+Action Change]. The reason for this feature and the transformational process it initiates was foreshadowed in Section L.4.4.3. Simply, it is to account for the peculiar, but significantly large set of Pre-Stem intra-active verbs whose ancillaries are extra-active when they function alone. For example, the verb *to go down* is intra-active. It is expressed by the Pre-Stem *yur* and the ancillary *m+a to place, to put*, which is an extra-active verb in its own right. It is an example of a 'Meaning-bearing Pre-Stem' (L.4.4.1.-1) in which the meaning is carried entirely by the Pre-Stem and the semantic significance of the ancillary is neutralised.

Because the complete Pre-Stem verb of this type cannot take an Object NP, the ancillary will undergo the 'Intra-action' transformation, T.6, and will have the intra-active morpheme  $\eta$  suffixed to the Pronominal Affix. This is an incorrect realisation as the ancillaries are inflected for 'Action Type' as if they were standing alone. Rule T.7.2. allows for the correct realisation of the ancillary by changing the Action Type morpheme from  $\eta$  to  $n$ .

Ex.84 sets out the derivation of a form of the verb *to come down* commencing at the Formative level.

Ex.84    yur            ina-ma-na-na  
*Come down he- $\emptyset$ -Durat-did*  
*He used to go down.*



Without the operation of T.7.2, the following unacceptable form would have been derived: \*yur inamanana

#### T.8. RETRO-ACTIVE VERBS

Two sub-rules are presented under this heading. T.8.1 introduces the obligatory marker for retro-action. T.8.2 introduces the optional marker. The obligatory morpheme is the suffix *in $\dot{d}$ i*; the optional marker is the prefix *m*.

As discussed previously, retro-action is the general concept embracing reflexive and reciprocal action. The same surface form expresses both although the reciprocal requires plural noun phrases.

## T.8.1. OBLIG RETRO-ACTION I

S.D.	X	[+ProAf]	+	n	+	Y	+	Aux	+	[+ProAf]	Z
	1	2		3		4		5		6	7
S.C.	1	2		η		4 + indi	+	5		∅	7

Condition: 2 = 6

T.8.1.1. The Condition is the critical factor which causes the operation of this transformation. Whenever the Subject and Object noun phrases are identical within the same sentence, retro-action must occur.

T.8.1.2. The third element in the S.D. is transformed in action type from extra-action (n) to intra-action (η). The significance of this change was discussed in Ex.77, where it was pointed out that the intra-active morpheme is used to indicate the coming back of the action upon the Subject.

T.8.1.3. The obligatory retro-action marker *indi* is introduced as a suffix to the Verb Nucleus (which is included in the symbol 'Y'), and immediately preceding the Auxiliary. The realisation of the Auxiliary is not affected in any way.

T.8.1.4. The Object pronominal suffix, element 6, is deleted. In a full grammar, the free form of the [NP,PredP] would also be deleted by a later transformation.

Ex.85 Comparing Extra-active and Retro-active forms:

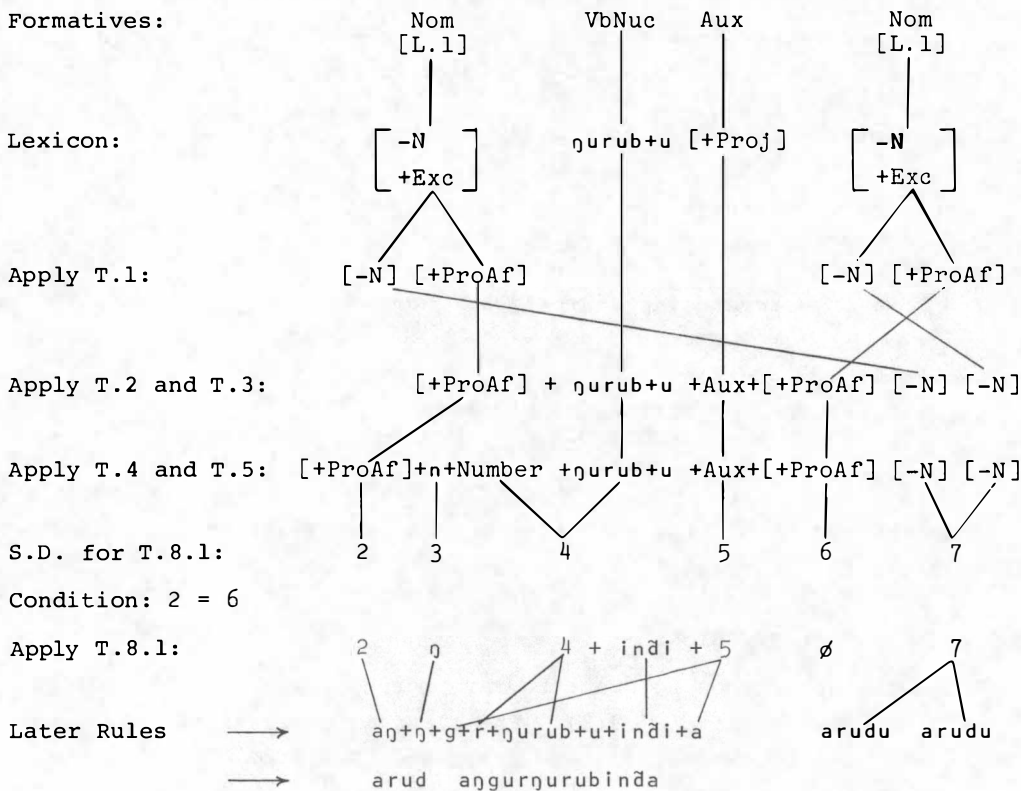
Extra-active	Retro-active
a) <i>ŋa-nu-mundu-na-∅</i>	<i>ŋa-ŋu-mund-indi-na</i>
<i>I-Extra-wet-did-him</i>	<i>I-Intra-wet-Retro-did</i>
Action	Action Action
<i>I wet him. (Dist Perf)</i>	<i>I wet myself.</i>
b) <i>mi-na-mara-gal-dir</i>	<i>mi-ŋa-mar-indi-gald</i>
<i>You-Extra-burn-did-them</i>	<i>You-Intra-burn-Retro-did</i>
Action	Action Action
<i>You burnt them. (Near Perf)</i>	<i>You burnt yourself.</i>

Ex.86 This sentence is taken from a traditional children's story of the race between the kangaroo and the land hermit-crab. The crab is addressing his kinsmen concerning the contest. In this case, the free

Subject is expressed and it precedes the verb in Topicalised position. The free pronoun used is in the first person plural Exclusive as the hearers are not included in the coming event.

The semantics of the example is interesting. The extra-active form of the verb means *to chase*. With retro-action, in this case reciprocal, it means *to have a race* or, literally, *to chase each other*. The hermit-crab says: arud angur-gurub-inđ-a  
Exclusive We-chase-Retro-will  
Action  
We will race each other.

Formatives:



T.8.2.                      OPTIONAL                      RETRO-ACTION II

S.D.                      X + Class + Y + inđi + Z

   1                      2                      3

S.C.                      1                      m                      3



T.9.1.1. The Potential transformation is activated when the formative POTENTIAL occurs in the S.D.

T.9.1.2. The transformation replaces the Action Type morphemes  $n$  (EA) or  $\eta$  (IA) by the Potential marker  $l$ , suggesting an underlying relationship in Bardi between Realis activity and Action Type.

T.9.1.3. The second effect of the transformation is that Aspect is neutralised in Irrealis expressions. The Tense morphemes are modified also, as will be shown in Section R.2.3. As was discussed in B.3.1, these modifications to the Auxiliary demonstrate the basic division of Bardi tense into Perfect and Imperfect.

T.9.1.4. The suffixing of the Potential morpheme to the Pronominal Subject prefix (the final constituent of 'X' in the S.D. of T.9.1) causes modifications in the realisation of the prefix, as will be pointed out in Rule M.1.1.

Ex.88 Comparing the Potential and the Indicative of the Middle Perfect of the verb *gurid to paint*.

Indicative		Potential
$\eta a-nu-gurid-i\delta-\emptyset$		$\eta a-lu-guridi-na-\emptyset$
<i>I-EA-paint-did-it</i>		<i>I-Potential-paint-did-it</i>
<i>I painted it.</i>		<i>I should have painted it.</i>
$mi-nu-gurid-i\delta-\emptyset$	<i>You . . . .</i>	$mi-lu-guridi-na-\emptyset$
$i-nu-gurid-i\delta-\emptyset$	<i>He . . . .</i>	$u-lu-guridi-na-\emptyset$
$a-nu-gurid-i\delta-\emptyset$	<i>You and I . . .</i>	$a-lu-guridi-na-\emptyset$
$a\eta-uru-gurid-i\delta-\emptyset$	<i>We all . . .</i>	$a-lu-ru-guridi-na-\emptyset$
$gu\eta-uru-gurid-i\delta-\emptyset$	<i>You all . . .</i>	$gu-lu-ru-guridi-na-\emptyset$
$i\eta-uru-gurid-i\delta-\emptyset$	<i>They . . .</i>	$u-lu-ru-guridi-na-\emptyset$

T.9.2. OBLIG NEGATIVE

B.3.1  
REFERENCE:  
 R.2.3  
 M.1.1

S.D.	W	NEGATIVE	X	+	{ $\begin{smallmatrix} n \\ \eta \end{smallmatrix}$ }	+	Y	+	Aspect	+	Z
	1	2	3		4		5		6		7
S.C.	1	ara	3		1		5		$\emptyset$		7

Condition: 3 does not include EMPH.

T.9.2.1. Apart from the terms 'NEGATIVE' and 'POTENTIAL', the Structural Descriptions of T.9.1 and T.9.2 are identical. The Structural Changes brought about by the two transformations are also the same except that, with the Negative, the free morpheme *ara* is introduced preceding the inflected verb. The resultant modifications to the Auxiliary and to the Pronominal prefixes are the same as those introduced into the Potential forms.

T.9.2.2. The Condition excludes the possibility of a 'Negative Emphasis' expression from the S.D. of T.9.2. This type of construction will be handled by T.12.

## Ex.89

Indicative	Negative
a) <i>guṇ-ur-ulugu-na-r</i> <i>You-Plur-clean-did-them</i> <i>You cleaned them.</i>	<i>ara gu-l-ur-ulugu-nana-r</i> <i>Neg you-Pot-Plur-clean-did-them</i> <i>You did not clean them.</i>
b) <i>i-n-a i-nā-∅</i> <i>He-EA-eat-is-it</i> <i>He is eating it.</i>	<i>ara u-l-a i-a-∅</i> <i>Neg he-Pot-eat-is-it</i> <i>He is not eating it.</i>





T.10.1.1. If the INTENSITY marker comes down into the terminal string, it causes a reduplication either of the Verb Stem (T.10.1) or the Pre-Stem, where one occurs (T.10.2). The Condition to T.10.1 determines which of the two sub-rules will apply.

T.10.1.2. With reference to the discussion under Rule L.4.3, it will be recalled that some verb stems are only partially reduplicated to express Intensity. If a verb is so marked, its Lexical Entry would supply the reduplicated form.

Ex.91

- a) mi-n-ŋulma-ŋulma-gal-đarŋayu  
*You-EA-Intens-frighten-did (Immed Perf)-me*  
*You just gave me a terrible fright!*
- b) u-ŋ-g-alg-alg-a  
*He-IA-will-Intens-fall-will*  
*He will really fall heavily.*
- c) ŋanda i-r-b-and-andama-nđ (Note Partial Reduplication)  
*Question they-Plur-Class-Intens-stumble-are*  
*Are they still staggering about?*

B.4.3  
T.7.1

T.10.2. OBLIG PRE-STEM REDUPLICATION

REFERENCE:

S.D. X INTENS Pre-Stem Y

1 2 3 4

S.C. 1 3 + 3 4

T.10.2.1. The Pre-Stem is always reduplicated fully.

T.10.2.2. Through the operation of the Pre-Stem Placement transformation (T.7.1), the Pre-Stem would have been located contiguous to the INTENSITY formative where one occurs.

Ex.92

- a) yaꞤ-yaꞤ in-đu-na-na  
*Intens-paddle he-ø-Durat-did (Dist Perf)*  
*He kept on paddling hard.*

- b) baḡ-baḡ                    iḡar-a-na-ri  
*Intens-knock about they-ø-did-you*  
*They knocked you about badly.*
- c) ara ḡali-ḡali                gu-la-ra-ma-na-r  
*Neg Intens-store up you-Pot-Plur-put-did-them*  
*You did not store them up carefully.*

				B.3.3
T.11.	OBLIG	INTRA-ACTION	EMPHATIC	<u>REFERENCE:</u>
S.D.	X	Tense	EMPHAT	Y
	1	2	3	4
S.C.	1	2	+ { <sup>ir</sup> <sub>aḡar</sub> }#	4

Condition: 2 is not marked [+Proj]

T.11.1. The Emphatic marker only occurs with intra-active verbs, as discussed under B.3.3.

T.11.2. Through T.11, the EMPHATIC marker is realised as either *ir* or *aḡar* and is suffixed to the Tense formative. These two morphemes appear to be interchangeable.

T.11.3. The Emphatic marker always occurs word-finally, as is indicated by the word boundary symbol #. This symbol prevents further suffixing to the Emphatic morpheme.

T.11.4. The Condition excludes verbs in the Projected Imperfect Tense from the operation of this transformation. That is, the intra-active Emphatic can only apply to a completed action or an action in progress.

Ex.93

- a) bugun in-in-ir  
*Inside he-is-Emphat*  
*He is REALLY inside.*
- b) giñiḡ gundi bulayi-b-ar-in-ir  
*That Guns play-Relator-we-are-Emphat*  
*It is that (card game of) Guns which we are always playing.*

Ex.94 The following three verbs are taken from a narrative describing a murder and its aftermath. A young man had just murdered his uncle in a brutal and drawn out manner:

in-ḍibi-n-aḡar . . . iḡir-mi-mili-n-aḡar . . . ambuḡiñ . . .  
*He-die-did-Emphat They-Intens-wake up-did-Emphat people*

iḡar-ḍar-ara-n-aḡar . . . bandara . . .  
*They-Intens-stand up-did-Emphat straight away*  
*(At last) he was really dead. . . All the people woke up with a start. . .*  
*All (the men) stood up straight away. . .*

Note the use of the Intensive in conjunction with the Emphatic in the second and third verbs, demonstrating the versatility and expressiveness of Baḡdi verbs.

T.12. OBLIG NEGATIVE EMPHASIS B.3  
REFERENCE:  
T.17.2.

S.D. NEG EMPH X [+ProAf] + Y + Verb Nucleus (+inḍi) + Z#

1 2 3 4 5 6

S.C. ara + ḡa 3 ma + 5 + n

T.12.1. The occurrence of the formatives NEGATIVE EMPHASIS in a terminal string causes considerable modification to the associated inflected verb.

T.12.2. The prefix ma replaces all existing prefixes. These are the Pronominal Subject affix (included in the S.D. to define the limits of the fourth element), the Action Type marker and the Number prefix.

T.12.3. At most, two constituents remain unaffected by the transformation. The Verb Nucleus always remains and, if it occurs, the obligatory Retro-action morpheme inḍi is retained.

T.12.4. All other suffixes are replaced by the morpheme n, as indicated by the closing of the sixth element by the word boundary symbol #. This must include the Auxiliary and may include other suffixes, such as the pronominal forms where they occur.

T.12.5. The morphemes for NEGATIVE, ara, and EMPHASIS, ḡa, are affixed to form a free element occurring before the inflected verb.

T.12.6. Although the pronominal affix forms are replaced in this construction, details of Subject, Object and Referential Nominals may still be supplied by the use of free forms outside the verb. This is the case with the expression in Ex.95(a), where the Subject is identified by the free pronoun *giñiŋgi*, and in (b), where both Subject and Object are given.

T.12.7. The Relation between the Negative Emphasis construction and what has been termed the *Baṛdi* 'Infinitive' will be discussed under Rule T.17.2. For consistency, and for reasons which will be given under this later discussion, the elements of the discontinuous morpheme *ma+ . . +n* will be labelled Inf I and Inf II respectively.

Ex.95

a) Text Line 52:

ara-ŋa ma-lamang-a-n giñiŋgi·

Neg-Emph Inf I-*listen*-TransitV-Inf II *he*

*He did not listen at all.*

b) ara-ŋa m-a:l-a-n

ir ir

Neg-Emph Inf I-*see*-TransitV-Inf II *they them*

*They (a European punitive party) did not see a sign of them (the Baṛdi) (because the Baṛdi 'doctor-man' had "made their eyes bad").*

Ex.96 The two Negative Emphasis verbs in this example are part of another murder narrative. A skilled hunter, who has just killed a woman, is being subjected to a fierce and protracted ordeal of retribution. However, in this scene, none of the men seem to be able to hit him.

iguru-munu-ŋu-ḍin-ir· a!gudu ḍuruŋ-ŋo·  
*They-threw-with-at him-them Left right-from*

ara-ŋa ma-yi-n ḍini marga· irɔla-ŋ  
Neg-Emph Inf I-*hit*-Inf II *his shield Spears-with*

iguru-munu-ŋu-ḍin-ir ara-ŋa m-ɔndi-n·  
*they-threw-with at him-them Neg-Emph Inf I-spear-Inf II*  
*They threw at-him with (boomerangs). To the left and to the right (they went yet) not one hit his shield. They threw at him with their spears, but they were not able to spear him at all.*

## T.13. OPTIONAL YES-NO QUESTIONS

REFERENCE:

S.D.	X	ḡanda	<u>Y + Aux</u>	Z
	1	2	3	4
S.C.	1	∅	3 + aḡa	4

T.13.1. ḡanda is the free, pre-verb form of the Question marker. As discussed in B.2.2, apart from intonation, it does not affect the form of the verb.

T.13.2. The particular relevance of 'Yes-No' questions to Bardi verb morphology is that, as an optional alternative, they may be expressed by replacing ḡanda with the suffix aḡa suffixed to the Auxiliary. Like other Bardi grammatical markers, such as amba, the Sequential Conjunction affix and ba, the Relator (see B.11.1 and T.18), this Question suffix can occur in almost any position and can be used to 'question' any part of speech.

## Ex.97

- a) iga-nim-aḡa  
*Sickness-Agent-Question*  
*Has the sickness been acting? = Do you feel ill?*
- b) dargal-giḡ-aḡa  
*Truly-Intensifier-Question*  
*Is that really true?*
- c) ḡira-gud-aḡa  
*How-Qualitative-Question*  
*How is everything going?*
- d) dingi-ɔn-aḡa      ḡaḡa  
*Dingey-in-Question to us*  
*Are we going in the dingey?*

The following example provides illustration of the alternative use of ḡanda and aḡa in conjunction with verbal expressions.

## Ex.98

- a)  $\eta\text{an}\delta\text{a}$   $\text{mi-laba-n}$   $\text{nuru}$   $\implies$   $\text{milaban-a}\delta\text{a}$   $\text{nuru}$   
 Question *you-have-do fire*  
*Do you have any matches?*
- b)  $\eta\text{uri}\delta\text{i}$   $\eta\text{an}\delta\text{a}$   $\text{ar-alal-a-}\eta\text{ayu}$   $\implies$   $\eta\text{uri}\delta\text{i}$   $\text{aralal-a}\delta\text{a-}\eta\text{ayu}$   
 Tomorrow Question *you-follow-will-me*  
*Tomorrow, will you all follow me?*
- c)  $\eta\text{an}\delta\text{a}$   $\text{dar}$   $\text{ung-a}\eta\text{-a}$   $\implies$   $\text{dar}$   $\text{ungar-a}\delta\text{a}$   
 Question *arrive he-ø-will*  
*Will he arrive?*

It is even possible for the  $\text{a}\delta\text{a}$  to be suffixed to the Pre-Stem instead of the Auxiliary. Thus, Ex.98(c) could also be expressed:  $\text{dar-a}\delta\text{a}$   $\text{ungar}\text{a}$

T.14.	OBLIG	IMPERATIVE			B.2.3 L.7.2
					<u>REFERENCE:</u>
					M.1.2
S.D.	IMPERAT	X +	Aux	Y	
	1	2	3	4	
S.C.	ø	2	3	4	
			[+Proj]		

T.14.1. The sentence-type marker IMPERATIVE causes the verb Auxiliary with which it is associated to be obligatorily marked as Projected Imperfect Tense. This marking underlies the fact, as discussed in Section B.2.3, that the forms of the Imperative and the Projected Imperfect are identical morphologically.

T.14.2. In a full grammar both the Question and Imperative sentence-types would be distinguished from the Indicative by an intonation feature.

T.14.3. There is also the fairly common use of a Personal Pronoun as an emphatic with the Imperative. In most instances the pronoun will occur in the Topicalised, pre-verb position. This is illustrated in the following example:





T.15.1.4. T.15.1 suffixes the postposition, element 5, to the free form of the Nominal, element 3. In many cases, these postpositional phrases so formed are later deleted, particularly where the free form of the Nominal is a pronoun.

T.15.1.5. Bardi, like English, makes this link between the Comitative and Instrumental. In English, the same surface preposition *with* expresses both. In Bardi, although the postpositions differ (the Comitative postposition is *ñar*), both can be expressed by the same Associative Suffix morpheme *ŋ*. Illustration of the Associative construction in relation to Instrumental postpositional phrases will be given first and then its relation to Comitative expressions will be demonstrated.

Ex.100

a) *ŋang-idiŋ-a-ŋ-ir-ø*

*I-touch-will-with-them-her*

*I will touch her with them.*

b) *inu-mundu-na-na-ŋ-ø-ðarŋayu*

*He-wet-Durat-did-with-it-me*

*He kept on wetting me with it.*

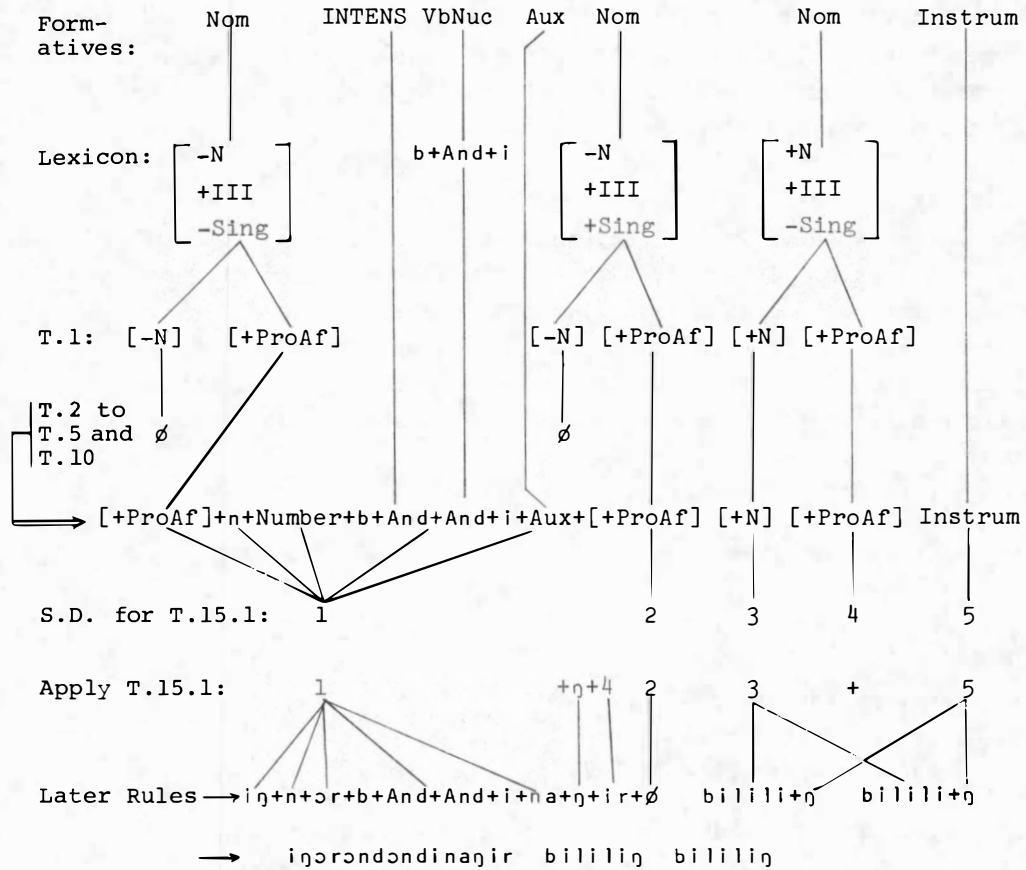
Ex.101 The following sentence describes the covering over of a pig with leaves after it had been shot. Note the repetition of the postpositional phrase and verb reduplication to express the thoroughness of the operation.

*iŋɔr-ɔnd-ɔndi-na-ŋ-ir-ø*

*bilili-ŋ bilili-ŋ*

*They-Intens-cover-did-with-them-it leaves-with leaves-with*

*They covered it thoroughly with many leaves.*



Ex.102 The Associative Suffix in relation to Comitative postpositional phrases:

- a) dar inçar-açar-ç-ir  
Come they-did-with-them  
They (the people) came with them (the children).
- b) inçara-ma-na-ç-ðarmudu-ç i:la  
They-place-did-with-us-it dog  
They left the dog with us.
- c) ir biçar inçir-i-ni-ç-ir-ç  
They leave behind they-ç-did-with-them-him  
They left him (the intiand) behind with them (the group of older men).

T.15.2.	OPTIONAL	REFERENTIAL SUFFIX					B.10.3 B.10.4
							<u>REFERENCE:</u>
							R.5 M.11

S.D.	X	Aux	Y	[±N]	[+ProAf]	{Purposive Ablative}	Z
	1		2	3	4	5	6
S.C.	1	+ 4	2	3	+	5	6
		[+Refer]					

Conditions: (i) 3 is marked [+Animate].

(ii) 2 is not 1st. or 2nd. Person Pronominal Object.

T.15.2.1. This is the second optional transformation by which a postpositional phrase may be incorporated in essence within the inflected verb. It may apply when certain Purposive or Ablative postpositional phrases occur in the Complement.

T.15.2.2. The first Condition is that the Nominal which stands as the head of the postpositional phrase must be marked as [+Animate]. Thus, for example, a Purposive phrase in which the Nominal is a place name would not activate the transformation.

T.15.2.3. The second Condition blocks the transformation if a first or second person Object pronominal suffix occurs between the Auxiliary and the postpositional phrase. That is, Referential suffixes can only occur with extra-active verbs if the Object pronominal suffix is in the third person.

T.15.2.4. The Referential suffixes express action in reference to an animate being, that is, *to*, *for* or *from* a person or an animal. Their main function is to express Indirect Objects, but the term 'Referential' has been chosen in view of the wider use of the suffixes.<sup>1</sup>

T.15.2.5. The Referential and the Object pronominal suffixes are to be viewed in their interrelations within the wider pronominal system. The former are derived from the free Possessive Pronouns, while the latter are related to the Personal Pronouns. These relations will be made more explicit in the discussion of Rule R.5, where the free and bound pronominal forms will be compared.

<sup>1</sup>C.f. the Wik-munkan 'Referent-benefactive Suffix' in Godfrey (1970:747) for a close parallel.

T.15.2.6. The Referential suffixes are distinguished by the addition of the feature [+Refer] to the Pronominal affix corresponding to the postpositional phrase Nominal (elements 4 and 3 in the S.D.).

T.15.2.7. The Purposive expresses *to* or *for* (C.f. B.10.3). With an animate head - that is, the postpositional phrases under consideration - the expressions would refer to actions *with reference to, on account of, for the benefit of* an animate being, usually human. The Purposive morpheme is *nan*.

Ex.103 (Text verbs 54, 86 and 87):

a) *ḍigiṛ in-ḍu-na-ḍin*

*Peep he-ḍ-did-at him*

*He peeped at him.*

b) *i-maṇi-n-gal-ḍaran in-ḍu-na-ḍir*

*He-wave-Durat-just did-at me he-say-did-to them*

*"He kept on waving at me just now!" he said to them.*

Ex.104 This illustration is taken from a story concerning a *Layudu* - a white spirit being which seeks to lure a group of children away:

*ala-nan wi:n in-ḍu-na-ḍiri a! ina-mara-na-ḍiri-ḍ*

*Children-for coax he-ḍ-did-for them Fish he-cook-did-for them-it*

*He (the Layudu) coaxed those children. He cooked a fish for them.*

T.15.2.8. Examples of the Ablative postposition {<sup>3</sup><sub>93</sub>} were given in B.10.4. When associated with an animate head, the Ablative follows verbs such as *to hide (from), to be frightened (from), to be surprised (from), to be ignored (from)*. The last three verbs would in English be passives followed by *by*, expressing agent. In Baṛḍi, without a surface passive construction, the Ablative is used.

Ex.105

a) *in-ḍalgi-na-ḍaḍa ḍigi-nim*

*He-hide-did-from us Dickie-Agent*

*Dickie hid from us (after stealing the eggs).*

b) *nan-ḍarḡi-gal-ḍirin*

*I-frightened-was just-from him*

*I was just now frightened by him.*

- c) iŋa-maŋgara-na-ðir  
*He-ignored-was-from them*  
*They took no notice of him.*

T.15.2.9. When a Referential suffix occurs before a third person Object suffix, a type of 'di-transitive' combination results, as illustrated in the following example.

Ex.106

- a) in-ðuluŋa-na-ðin-ir            gaŋi  
*He-bring-did-for him-them alcohol*  
*He brought those (bottles of) liquor for him.*
- b) in-ŋulu-n-ðan-ir  
*He throw-is-for me-them*  
*He is throwing in those (bets) for me (in a card game).*
- c) ŋan-ðuguru-n-ðow-ir  
*I-make catamaran-am-for us two-them*  
*I am making the two sections of a catamaran for us two.*

T.16. ADVERBIAL TRANSFORMATIONS

In Section B.9, two adverbs were introduced because of their relevance to transformational processes which affect verb morphology. They were the Time and the Quantitative adverbs and their transformations will now be formulated under T.16.1 and T.16.2.

T.16.1. OBLIG      TIME ADVERB/AUXILIARY AGREEMENT

B.9.1  
L.5  
LE.3.1

REFERENCE:

S.D.	X	+	Tense	Y	Time [δTense]	Z
	1		2		3	
S.C.	1		2 [δTense]		3	

T.16.1.1. This transformation safeguards the obligatory tense agreement between a temporal adverb marked for a particular tense in its Lexical Entry and the tense of the related verb Auxiliary. Agreement is indicated by the δ marker.

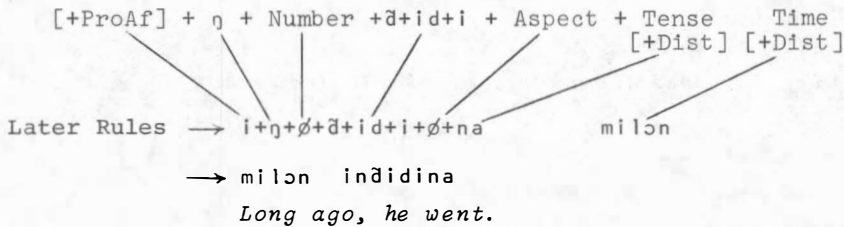
Ex.107 Take the ungrammatical sentence:

- \* *ɣurið in-ðidi-na*  
*Tomorrow he-go-did*  
 \* *Tomorrow he went.*

During its derivation, the following stage would be reached:  
 [+ProAf] + *ɣ* + Number +d+id+i + Aspect + Tense Time  
 [+Dist] [+Proj]

At this point the transformation would block further derivation through lack of agreement between verb Tense and Time adverb.

If, however, the adverb *ɣurið* [+Proj] were to be replaced by the adverb *milɔn* [+Dist] then the derivation could proceed. The line in the derivation above could then read:



T.16.2. OBLIG THEM DELETION

B.9.2  
 LE.3.2

REFERENCE:

S.D.	$\underbrace{W \quad \text{Aux} \quad + \quad X}_{1} +$	$\left[ \begin{array}{c} +\text{ProAf} \\ +\text{III} \\ -\text{Sing} \end{array} \right]_{2}$	+	$\underbrace{Y \quad \text{nidi} \quad Z}_{3}$
	1	2		3
S.C.	1	∅		3

T.16.2.1. *Them* Deletion was foreshadowed in B.9.2 in the discussion of the Quantitative adverb *nidi*. When *nidi* follows an Object pronominal suffix marked third person plural, the suffix is obligatorily deleted. The Quantitative adverb subsumes the meaning of the Plural suffix, making it unnecessary. In Ex.108 the plural Object suffix *dir* is deleted.



The following example illustrates the Sequential conjunction, firstly, suffixed to an intra-active verb and then preceding both Object and Referential suffixes.

## Ex.109

a) Text Verbs 32 and 33:

$S_1$  [lagal ðamba ŋ-a:ñ-a . . .]  $S_1$   $S_2$  [ŋa-land-amba gaŋdi]  $S_2$   
*Climb Sequ you-climb-must                      You-sit-Sequ on top*  
*"Then you climb up (into the tree by the tree-coffin) and then you must sit (there) on top!"*

b)  $S_1$  [ðib an-aya-ðir-ø                      ðiŋgi baða bun-amba]  $S_1$   
*This you-take-for them-it ðiŋgey off over there-Sequ*

$S_2$  [an-arg-amba-lir]  $S_2$   
*You-pick up-Sequ-them*  
*"You take this ðiŋgey off over there for them and then you pick them up."*

c)  $S_1$  [ðigiŋ ðamb ar-i-ðiri]  $S_1$   $S_2$  [ŋang ar-ay-amba-ðaða-ø]  $S_2$   
*Peep Sequ you-ø-at them Word you-bring-Sequ-for us-it*  
*"You (two) have a peep at them and then bring back word for us."*

The ubiquity of the Sequential conjunction has been noted already. Apart from occurring as a suffix within the inflected verb, it can follow free pre-verb elements:

## Ex.110

a)  $S_1$  [bun-amba                      ðid in-ðu-na]  $S_1$   $S_2$  [ara ðamba ular-ala-na-ø]  $S_2$   
*Further-Sequ run he-ø-did                      Neg Sequ they-see-did-him*  
*He ran on further and they did not see him (again).*

b)  $S_1$  [in-ðargi-n-amba                      giñiŋg bawa]  $S_1$   $S_2$  [ðagud ðamb in-ðu-na]  $S_2$   
*He-afraid-was-Sequ that boy                      Return Sequ he-ø-did*  
*That boy was afraid and so he returned (to the camp).*

Because these optional positions for the Sequential conjunction do not affect the morphology of the inflected verb there is no attempt in the present analysis to account for them transformationally.



B.11.2  
LE.4.2  
T.12

T.17.2. OPTIONAL PURPOSIVE CONJUNCTION

REFERENCE:

S.D.	S <sub>1</sub>	aṛinḍi-ḡan	S <sub>2</sub>	[X	[+ProAf]+Y	+	Verb Nucleus (+inḍi)	+	Z#]	S <sub>2</sub>
	1	2	3	4		5		6		
S.C.	1	∅	3	ma	+	5	+	n		

T.17.2.1. Purposive conjunction may be expressed either by relating two sentences through the use of aṛinḍi-ḡan (as in the S.D. above) or by modifying the dependent inflected verb (as in the S.C. introduced by T.17.2). Examples of the former method were provided in B.11.2.

T.17.2.2. The modifications to the dependent verb are considerable, being identical to those introduced into the inflected verb through T.12 - the Negative Emphasis transformation. That is, the prefix *ma* replaces all prefixes to the Verb Nucleus, and the suffix *n* replaces all suffixes apart from the Retro-active morpheme *inḍi* if it occurs.

The Purposive conjunction (element 2) is deleted.

T.17.2.3. This construction is similar to 'Infinitive of Purpose' constructions in other languages such as English and Greek and it will be termed the Bardi 'Infinitive'.<sup>1</sup> As stated in T.12.7, the prefix *ma* will be labelled Inf I, and the suffix *n* will be labelled Inf II.

T.17.2.4. Although the postposition *ḡan* is shown to be deleted as part of the Purposive conjunction in the S.C. of T.17.2, it is often re-introduced as a suffix to a constituent of the dependent sentence. This is consistent with the fact, as pointed out in B.11.2, that the basic function of *ḡan* is to express Purpose, as in the following example:

Ex.111

in-ḍidi-n ariana buru-ḡan  
*He-go-did Ariana kangaroo-for*  
*Ariana (the Eagle-hawk) went off for kangaroo.*

<sup>1</sup>This is the term used by Nokes and Worms who, in fact, take this form as the basic one for verbs and use it to identify verb stems. However, because of the uncommon occurrence of the form and because the Class marker is later modified in Infinitives, I have chosen rather to identify verbs by their Class marker plus Verb Stem.

The following example illustrates the 'Infinitive of Purpose' construction:

Ex.112 (Methods of divining the identity of a murderer):

- a)  $S_1$  [ir-alala-n-ir                      giñiŋgi mowan] $S_1$   
*They-watch over-do-them those      hair relics*
- $S_2$  [mirurunu-nim-ŋan              m-a:l-a-n                      balabu] $S_2$   
*Shadow man-Agent-for Inf I-come-TransitV-Inf II up*  
*They keep watch over those hair relics (of the murdered man) for*  
*the 'shadow man' (of the killer) to come up.*

- b)  $S_1$  [ŋaɖaŋaɖa baɖaga ðiɾbiɾ-b-ira-ma-n-ir] $S_1$   
*Short      sticks stand up-Relat-they-put-do-them*
- $S_2$  [ɖawal-ŋan      ma-yu!ŋ-a-n                      giñiŋgi ðiwara-nim] $S_2$   
*Message-for Inf I-tell-TransitV-Inf II that      corpse-Agent*  
*(They examine those) short sticks (divining pegs) which they set*  
*up for that dead man to send a message).*

Where the dependent verb stands alone as the dependent sentence, the Purposive postposition ŋan can be suffixed to it.

Ex.113

- a) In this instance, the Infinitive of Purpose occurs with the Retro-action morpheme inɖi.

$S_1$  [baŋi-gara liyan min-ma-n ðu-nim] $S_1$   $S_2$  [ma-ŋurub-inɖi-n-ŋan]  
*What-time want you-ϕ-do you-Agent      Inf I-chase-RA-Inf II-for*  
*At what time do you want for us to race against each other?*

- b)  $S_1$  [bili                      iŋir-i-na-ɖir                      manga-nim      ambuɾiñ] $S_1$   
*Make trouble they-ϕ-did-for them black-Agent people*
- $S_2$  [m-ɔnd-a-n-ŋan] $S_2$   
*Inf I-spear-TransitV-Inf II-for*  
*The Aboriginal people went to make trouble for them (two Europeans engaged in shelling) - to spear them.*

## T.18. RELATOR CONSTRUCTIONS

The ubiquity of Bardi postpositions, clitics and particles has been mentioned from point to point. The Relator  $\{ \begin{smallmatrix} b \\ b_a \end{smallmatrix} \}$  is the most versatile in this respect. It can be used to relate almost any two parts of speech, or words to larger constructions, or sentence to sentence. The following illustration gives a limited overview of its function.

Ex.114 Examples of relation:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| a) Noun to noun                        | diwara-b-amba<br><i>Dead man-Relator-man</i><br><i>The man who was a corpse.</i>   |
| b) Noun to adverb                      | iwala-nimi giñinggi baw-ara-b<br><i>Uncle-Agent that child-time-Relator</i><br><i>At the time of that uncle's childhood.</i> |
| c) Noun to pronoun                     | gulu-ba-đir-ir<br><i>Fathers-Relator-their-them</i><br><i>Those (men) who were their fathers.</i>                            |
| d) Adjective to pronoun                | lugal-ba-lir<br><i>Bad-Relator-them</i><br><i>Those who were bad.</i>  |
| e) Postpositional phrase<br>to pronoun | gara-yunu-ba-lir<br><i>Sea-belonging-Relator-them</i><br><i>Those who belong to the sea.</i>                                 |

The Relator also functions in conjunction with the verb and it is upon this set of relations that the following transformations centre.

			B.11.3 LE.4.3
T.18.1.	OPTIONAL	TEMPORAL RELATOR	<u>REFERENCE:</u>
S.D.	$S_1 \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} \text{marab} \\ \text{maraba} \end{smallmatrix} \right\}$	$S_2 [ X + \text{Tense} + Y ]_{S_2}$ [-Mid]	
	1	2	
S.C.	1	2 + b#	

T.18.1.1. The Temporal conjunction  $\{\text{marab}_{\text{maraba}}\}$  was discussed in B.11.3. By this optional transformation, temporal conjunction may be expressed by the Relator b suffixed to the verb. In the S.C. of T.18.1, the free conjunction is retained. However, in most cases, it is later deleted.

T.18.1.2. When it occurs as a verbal suffix, it is word-final and no more suffixing can take place, as indicated by the symbol #.

T.18.1.3. This optional construction is limited to verbs in the Distant Perfect Tense and thus it is a literary device particularly utilised in narrative.

## Ex.115

- a)  $S_1$  [ir-nim          ambuṛiñ gala          iṅar-ala-n-ir] $S_1$   
*Those-Agent people Affirmative they-see-did-them*  
 $S_2$  [giñiṅg la:ga iṅa-landa-na-b          ñunu] $S_2$   
*That lugger it-anchor-did-Relator there*  
*Yes, those (Baṛdi) people saw them when that lugger anchored there.*

- b)  $S_1$  [ḍarada ḍi a|i iṅir-i-n-in] $S_1$   
*Here your meat they-say-did-to him*  
 $S_2$  [in-ḍala-na-b          ir-ma!a] $S_2$   
*He-see-did-Relator their-hands*  
 $S_3$  [ḍi:n          iṅar-a-na-ø-b          balili] $S_3$   
*Point at they-ø-did-him-Relator initiand*  
*"Here is your meat!" they said to him (a malevolent spirit) when*  
*he saw their hands as they pointed to the initiand.*

T.18.2.    OPTIONAL          EMBEDDED NOMINAL RELATOR          REFERENCE: B.7.2

S.D.	$S_1$	[	W	Nom	$S_2$	[	X	(Pre-Stem)	[+ProAf]	+ Y	[±N]	Z	] $S_2$	] $S_1$
			1	2			3		4			5	6	
S.C.			1	2			3		ba + 4			ø	6	

Condition: 2 is co-referential with 5.

T.18.2.1. The Embedded Nominal Relator transformation produces the Bardi equivalent of the relative clause in other languages.

T.18.2.2. The S.D. for T.18.2 is a development out of Rule B.7, which introduced the recursive sentence [NP  $\rightarrow$  Nom (S)]. The Nominal of the primary sentence is element 2 in the S.D. Its context is unspecified and, thus, it can be a Subject, Object or Postpositional phrase Nominal. It is followed by the embedded sentence, S<sub>2</sub>, which is comprised of elements 3 and 6 in the rule.

T.18.2.3. The fifth element can represent any free form of a Nominal in the embedded sentence. Where this embedded Nominal is co-referential with a Nominal in the primary sentence (the Condition), T.18.2 may operate.

T.18.2.4. The transformation prefixes the Relator *ba* to the Subject pronominal prefix or to the Pre-Stem if one occurs. The free Nominal in the embedded sentence, element 5, is deleted.

Ex.116

a) Relating two Subject Nominals:

S<sub>1</sub> [in-đu-n-in            aɾa-nim]<sub>S<sub>1</sub></sub> S<sub>2</sub> [gulb-un b-iŋ-a-na-na]<sub>S<sub>2</sub></sub>  
*He-say-did-to him other-Agent    Rock-at Relat-he-be-Durat-Dist*  
*The other (hermit-crab), who was waiting at the rock, spoke to him.*

b) Relating an Object and a Subject Nominal:

S<sub>1</sub> [amba-nim    ara ular-ala-na-r            gayara-đini]<sub>S<sub>1</sub></sub>  
*Men-Agent Neg they-see-did-them 'whites'-group of*  
 S<sub>2</sub> [điba    b-arar            iŋir-i-na]<sub>S<sub>2</sub></sub>  
*There Relat-standing they-ø-were*  
*The (two Aboriginal) men did not see that group of 'white' men who were standing there.*

c) Two relative clauses are involved in this illustration. The primary sentence is: *He gave it right past to the MAN*; the first embedded sentence is: *The MAN was behind*; and the second dependent sentence is: *The MAN was holding the initiand*. The three occurrences of the word *man* are referring to the same person.

S<sub>1</sub> [ñun in-a-n-ø angumundu amba]S<sub>1</sub>

*There he-give-did-it right past to man*

S<sub>2</sub> [bayibirõñ b-iŋ-a-na-na]S<sub>2</sub>

*Behind Relat-he-be-Durat-Dist*

S<sub>3</sub> [balili b-in-ungundunduma-na-na-ø]S<sub>3</sub>

*Initiand Relat-he-hold tight-Durat-Dist-him*

*He gave it (sacred blood) there right past to the man who was behind  
and who was holding the initiand tightly.*

T.18.3. OPTIONAL PRONOMINAL SUFFIX RELATOR

T.3  
T.15.2  
REFERENCE:

M.11

S.D. X +  $\underbrace{[+ProAf]}_Y$

1 2

S.C. 1 + ba + 2

Condition: 1 does not include either the Sequential conjunction suffix amba or the Associative suffix ŋ.

T.18.3.1. The Relator may also be introduced as an affix within the verb without changing the meaning of the verb. It may precede either Object or Referential pronominal suffixes and when it does, it modifies their realisation (see Rule M.11).

T.18.3.2. The Transformation cannot apply if either the Sequential conjunction suffix or the Associative suffix precedes the Pronominal suffix.

Ex.117

a) Relator in conjunction with an Object suffix:

iŋɔr-ɔñi-na-na-ba-lir

*They-kill-Durat-Dist-Relat-them*

*They used to kill them.*

b) Relator with a Referential suffix:

iŋa-lamanga-na-ba-ðin

*He-listen-did-Relat-for him*

*He listened for him.*

### 3.2. REALISATION RULES

The Realisation sub-component provides sets of morphemes corresponding to the unrealised categories present in the output of the Transformational rules. No other morphemes are introduced after this sub-component. The output of these rules - strings of concatenated morphemes - is operated upon by the Phonological Component to produce the surface forms of Bardi verbs.

#### 3.2.1. Categories Involved

The output of the Transformational rules contains certain syntactic categories which have not been in any way phonologically realised either through the Lexicon or the transformations.

The categories involved have the following four characteristics:

(i) They are transformationally dependent.

That is, these categories are dependent upon the Transformational Component either for their occurrence, as in the case of the pronominal affix sets and the Number marker, within the inflected verb, or for their specification, as in the case of some aspects of the Auxiliary (Auxiliary/Adverb agreement, for instance).

(ii) They are complex in realisation.

Some transformationally dependent categories will have been realised within the transformational rules. These are the 'simple' categories, as defined in Section 3.1.4, which, because they are single morphemes or a set of freely fluctuating allomorphs, are realised directly into the Structural Change of the transformation by which they are introduced.

The 'simple' categories are Action Type, Potential, Negative and Emphasis, Question, Associative Suffix, Sequential Conjunction, the 'Infinitive', the Relator and Intra-action Emphasis. All these categories are realised immediately by a single morpheme within their transformation except Intra-action Emphasis, which is realised either by *ir* or *aŋar* interchangeably.

The Realisation rules are concerned with the balance of transformationally dependent categories which are complex in their realisation and depend for their realisation upon their specifying features and syntactic context. The 'complex' categories, with the relevant realisation rule in brackets, are: the Subject Pronominal Prefix (R.1), the Auxiliary (R.2), and Object/Associative Pronominal Suffix (R.3), the Number Prefix (R.4) and the Referential Pronominal Suffix (R.5).







Chomsky, in the defence of the 'lexicalist' position that "all lexical insertion rules precede any nonlexical transformations" (1960:50), is forced to allow for some device which will permit a limited insertion of affixes after the application of the lexical insertion rules. Thus, he gives guarded consent to the 'Extended Lexical Hypothesis' proposed by Jackendoff.<sup>1</sup> Jackendoff (1969:30) suggests that, "the only changes transformations can make to lexical items is to add inflectional affixes such as number, gender, case, person, and tense." These include precisely the types of affixes which are introduced through the Realisation Rules in the present study.

The Realisation Rules are unordered.

R.1. SUBJECT PRONOMINAL PREFIX

B.1  
T.2  
REFERENCE:  
M.1  
M.3

[ +ProAf ]

+I +Sing	→	ŋa	
+II +Sing	→	mi	
+III +Sing	→	i	
+Dual	→	a	
+{ <u>Inc</u> } Exc	→	aŋ	
+II -Sing	→	guŋ	
+III -Sing	→	iŋ	

/ \_\_\_\_\_ +X+VbNuc

R.1.1. These realisations can only be of the Subject prefix because of the syntactic context given to the right of the rule, that is, preceding the Verb Nucleus.

<sup>1</sup>Chomsky says, (1969:32): "My own guess is that the extended lexical hypothesis is probably correct, in essence." His arguments for the 'lexicalist' hypothesis in his (1969) and (1968) papers are directed to the safeguarding of his concept of 'deep structure' against the attacks, particularly, of the 'generative semanticists'. Chomsky's and Jackendoff's arguments must be set against this background.



## R.2. AUXILIARY

B.4  
 B.8  
 L.6  
 L.7  
 T.9  
 T.16.1

REFERENCE:

M.12

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{R.2.1.} \\
 X + \left[ \begin{array}{l} [-\text{Perf}] \\ [+Durat, -\text{Perf}] \\ [-\text{Definite}] \\ [+Contemp] \\ [+Durat, +Contemp] \\ [+Middle] \\ [+Durat, +Middle] \\ [-Middle] \\ [+Durat, -Middle] \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} a \\ n(\partial) \\ a \\ gal(\partial) \\ ngal(\partial) \\ i\partial \\ in\partial \\ na \\ nana \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

Condition: X does not include the Potential morpheme l.

$$\text{R.2.2. } X + \text{Number} + Y \longrightarrow X + g + \text{Number} + Y \left/ \begin{array}{l} +\text{Tense} \\ [+Proj] \end{array} \right.$$

Condition: X does not include the Potential morpheme l.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{R.2.3.} \\
 X + l + Y + \left[ \begin{array}{l} [-\text{Perf}] \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} +\text{Contemp} \\ +\text{Middle} \\ -\text{Definite} \end{array} \right\} \\ [-Middle] \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} a \\ na \\ \cdot \\ nana \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

R.2.1.1. The Auxiliary has been treated as a single unit in its morpheme realisation although the Durative morpheme n is easily identifiable. There are a number of reasons for treating the Auxiliary as a 'fused' unit rather than separating it into Aspect and Tense:

(1) It is the simplest method of presentation and, therefore, conforms to the practical emphasis of the analysis. It simplifies the presentation in obviating the need for a number of rules of minimum 'productivity'. For instance, the Durative morpheme becomes an infix in the Middle Perfect

(ið → i-n-ð), and it attracts the vowel a in the Distant [-Middle] Perfect Tense (n+na → na-na).

(11) It underlines the relationship between Aspect and Tense in Bardi. The Durative aspect, for instance, at times is extended to express greater time depth, as in the case of the 'Remote Perfect' which is an extension of the Durative Distant and has the same realisation nana (see Ex.65).

R.2.1.2. The Imperfect Tenses [-Perf] - Present and Projected - have the same suffix markers although the non-Durative Present is most rare and the Projected non-Durative is far more common than the Durative. The two Imperfect tenses are distinguished in surface forms by their prefix structure.

R.2.1.3. The Contemporary Tenses - Immediate and Near [-Immed] Perfects - share the same suffixes and, as with the Imperfects, are distinguished by their prefixes.

Ex.120

ir-unduru-gald-∅	iɲur-unduru-gald-∅
<i>They-cross-Immed-it</i>	<i>They-cross-Near-it</i>
<i>They have just crossed it.</i>	<i>They crossed it earlier.</i>

R.2.1.4. The Condition excludes Irrealis verbs from Rule R.2.1, and the Auxiliaries of such verbs are realised by R.2.3.

R.2.2.1. The second Auxiliary sub-rule, R.2.2, is also subject to this Condition. The Condition is stated twice because the Realisation rules are unordered. R.2.2 introduces the morpheme g as a prefix occurring immediately before Number in the Projected Tense. This prefix distinguishes Present from Projected forms in conjunction with other morphophonemic changes to the prefix structure.

Ex.121

a) ɲan-unduru-nð-∅	ɲan-g-unduru-nð-∅
<i>I-cross-Durat Pres-it</i>	<i>I-Proj-cross-Durat Proj-it</i>
<i>I am crossing it.</i>	<i>I shall be crossing it.</i>
b) a-r-unduru-nð-∅	aɲ-g-ur-unduru-nð-∅
<i>We-Plur-cross-Durat Pres-it</i>	<i>We-Proj-Plur-cross-Durat Proj-it</i>
<i>We are crossing it.</i>	<i>We shall be crossing it.</i>

Before discussing the third sub-rule, R.2.3, the first two sub-rules will be illustrated together:

Ex.122

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| a) uŋ-g-ir-mil-a<br><i>they-Proj-Plur-wake-Proj</i> | <i>They will wake up.</i>                   |
| b) ir-mili-nđ<br><i>They-wake-Durat Pres</i>        | <i>They are waking up.</i>                  |
| c) iŋir-mil-a<br><i>They-wake-Indefinite Perf</i>   | <i>They woke up (sometime in the past).</i> |
| d) ir-mili-n-gald<br><i>They-wake-Durat-Immed</i>   | <i>They have just been waking up.</i>       |
| e) iŋir-mili-n-gald<br><i>They-wake-Durat-Near</i>  | <i>They kept waking up (this morning).</i>  |
| f) iŋir-mil-iđ<br><i>They-wake-Mid</i>              | <i>They woke up (yesterday).</i>            |
| g) iŋir-mili-na-na<br><i>They-wake-Durat-Dist</i>   | <i>They kept on waking up (long ago).</i>   |

R.2.3.1. The third Auxiliary sub-rule applies to Irrealis verbs - that is, Negative or Potential. The Auxiliary for these verbs is considerably simplified. Aspect has been deleted through Rule T.9 and there are fewer Tense morphemes.

R.2.3.2. The morpheme for both Imperfects is a. The Near, Immediate, Middle and Indefinite Perfects are marked by na. The Distant Perfect is marked by nana.

R.2.3.3. The function which the prefixes performed in distinguishing tense with the realis verbs (R.2.1 and R.2.2) is neutralised because the prefixing of the Projected Tense g does not apply to Irrealis verbs, and because of the operation of the Rules M.1 and M.3.

Ex.123 (Negating the verbs given in Ex.122):

- a) ara i-l-ir-mil-a                      *They will not wake up.*  
 Neg *they-Pot-Plur-wake-[-Perf]*    { *They are not waking up.* }
- b) ara i-l-ir-mili-na                    [+Contemp] { *They did not wake up (earlier today).* }  
 Neg *they-Pot-Plur-wake-*    [+Mid        { *They did not wake up (yesterday).* }  
    [-Definite] { *They did not wake up (indefinite past).* }
- c) ara i-l-ir-mili-nana                    *They did not wake up (long ago).*  
 Neg *they-Pot-Plur-wake-[-Mid]*

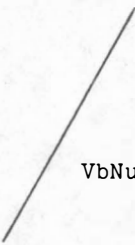
B.3  
 T.3

R.3. OBJECT/ASSOCIATIVE PRONOMINAL SUFFIX

REFERENCE:

M.11

[ +ProAf ]

+I +Sing	→	ɲayu	
+II +Sing	→	ri	
+III +Sing	→	∅	
+Dual	→	wayi	
+{Inc} Exc	→	mudu	
+II -Sing	→	gur	
+III -Sing	→	r	
		VbNuc+X+ _____	

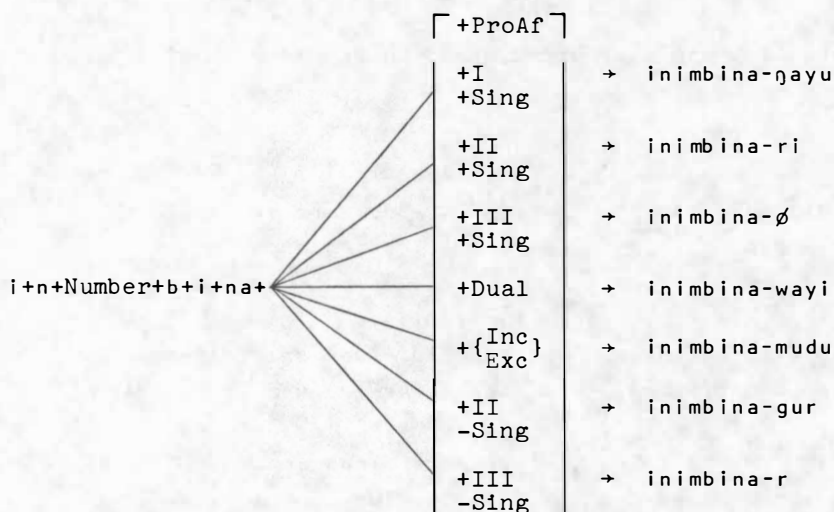
R.3.1. The syntactic context, that is, following the Verb Nucleus, defines these Pronominal Affixes as either Object suffixes or suffixes following the Associative Suffix ɲ.

R.3.2. As previously stated, the Object suffixes are related to the Personal free pronouns, repeated here for comparison:

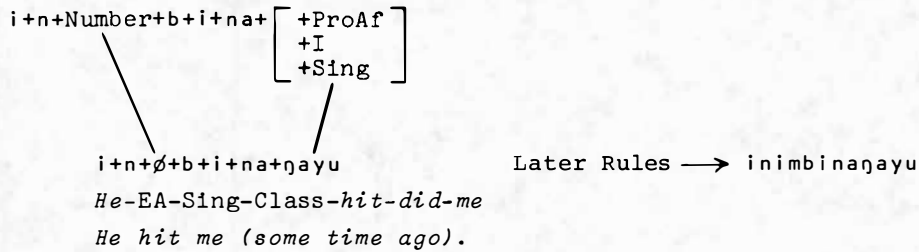
[+I,+Sing]	ŋayu
[+II,+Sing]	đu
[+III,+Sing]	giñiŋgi
[+Dual]	ayu
[+Exc]	arudu
[+II,-Sing]	gur
[+III,-Sing]	ir

R.3.3. These suffix morphemes are later modified by Rule M.11. As these modifications affect the realisation of pronominal suffixes which follow the Associative Suffix, illustration of Associative forms will not be given until the discussion of M.11.

Ex.124 The conjugation of the Distant Perfect of the verb *b+i to hit*, using a third person singular Subject in conjunction with all of the pronominal suffix Objects. The derivation is taken up from after the operation of all the rules up to this point. The surface realisations appear on the right with the Object morphemes hyphenated:



For identification of morphemes, the first verb, *inimbinaŋayu* will be set out in detail:



## R.4. NUMBER PREFIX

T.4  
REFERENCE:

M.4



R.4.1. R.4 realises Number as a zero morpheme in relation to any Subject pronominal prefix marker with the feature [+Sing], and r in relation to any Subject prefix marked [-Sing].

R.4.2. The variable 'X' is necessary to accomodate either the Action Type morpheme or the Potential morpheme.

Ex.125 Contrasting singular and plural, using the verb *mi to look around*.

Singular	Plural
a) $na-\emptyset-mi-n\ddot{a}$ <i>I-Sing-look around-Pres</i> <i>I am looking around.</i>	$a-r-mi-n\ddot{a}$ <i>We-Plur-look around-Pres</i> <i>We are looking around.</i>
b) $i-ni-\emptyset-mi-gal$ <i>He-IA-Sing-look around-Near</i> <i>He looked around (earlier).</i>	$in-ir-mi-gal$ <i>They-Plur-look around-Near</i> <i>They looked around (earlier).</i>
c) $mi-li-\emptyset-mi-na$ <i>You-Pot-Sing-look around-did</i> <i>You (sing) should have looked around.</i>	$gu-li-ri-mi-na$ <i>You-Pot-Plur-look around-did</i> <i>You all should have looked around</i>



## R.5. REFERENTIAL SUFFIX

B.10  
T.15.2  
REFERENCE:  
M.11

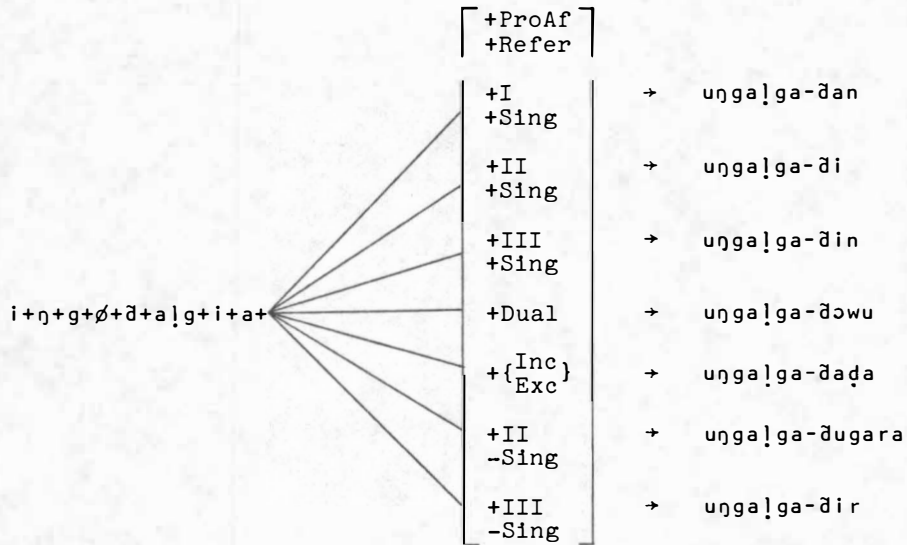
+ProAf +Refer		
+I +Sing	→	{ đan an}
+II +Sing	→	{ đi i}
+III +Sing	→	{ đin in}
+Dual	→	đowu
+{ Inc Exc}	→	đada
+II -Sing	→	đugara
+III -Sing	→	đir

R.5.1. The relationship between the Referential (+Refer] Pronominal suffixes and the Possessive pronouns has been mentioned. The free Possessives are given below for comparison:

[+I,+Sing]	đana
[+II,+Sing]	điya
[+III,+Sing]	đina
[+Dual]	đowa
[+{ Inc Exc}]	đada
[+II,-Sing]	đugara
[+III,-Sing]	đira

R.5.2. The Referential suffixes may later be modified through Rule M.11.

Ex.126 The Projected Imperfect of the verb *đ+a!g*, *to hide*, using a third person singular Subject in conjunction with the Referential pronominal suffixes:



For identification of morphemes, the first verb, unga!ga*dan* will be set out in detail:

i+ŋ+g+ø+ɖ+a!g+i+a +  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} +\text{ProAf} \\ +\text{Refer} \\ +\text{I} \\ +\text{Sing} \end{array} \right]$

i+ŋ+g+ø+ɖ+a!g+i+a + *dan*

*He-IA-Proj-Sing-Class-hide-TransitV-Proj-from me*

*He will hide from me.*

The Morphophonemic rules act upon this string of concatenated morphemes, modifying the Subject prefix and deleting the Class marker and the Transitional Vowel, giving the surface form of the verb as: unga!ga*dan*.

The rules of the Phonological Component will now be presented and discussed.

#### 4.0. THE PHONOLOGICAL COMPONENT

The Phonological Component deals with morphophonemic processes and rules which operate upon the output of the Base and Transformational Components to produce the surface phonemic representations of Bardi verbs. The presentation will be based upon the phonemic orthography set out in 1.5.6. A generative phonology of Bardi will not be formulated here, although there are general processes which could perhaps be better captured by a feature description in a fuller study.

#### 4.1. PHONOLOGICAL PROCESSES

The rules up to this point will have generated sequences of concatenated morphemes, many of which will modify or be modified by their environment. Five phonological processes underlie almost all the morphophonemic rules which have been formulated to account for these modifications within Bardi verbs.

##### 4.1.1. Assimilation

Morphophonemic Rule 8.2 demonstrates the process of Assimilation to the point of articulation. By M.8.2, the  $\eta$  is modified through assimilation to a contiguous Class marker. It becomes  $n$  before a  $\delta$ , and  $m$  before a  $b$ . Thus  $\eta\alpha\eta\delta\alpha l g u g a l \delta$  is rewritten as  $\eta n \delta \alpha l g u g a l \delta$  and  $i\eta + b i l g i n \delta$  is rewritten as  $i m b i l g i n \delta$ . That is, assimilation to the alveolar and bilabial points of articulation respectively.

##### 4.1.2. Cluster Reduction<sup>1</sup>

Clusters of either vowels or incompatible consonants are often reduced by the deletion of one of their members. 'Incompatible' consonant clusters are those sequences of consonants which have not been found to occur within any Bardi word.<sup>2</sup> Cluster reduction is the basis of M.2 and M.12.3 for instance. M.2.2 lists four consonants before which an  $n$  has never been found to occur. That is, the consonant clusters  $n r$ ,  $n \tilde{n}$ ,  $n l$  and  $n j$  do not occur in any Bardi word. With these sequences, the  $n$  is simply deleted. Thus,  $\eta \alpha n + \tilde{n} \alpha n \delta$  becomes  $\eta \alpha \tilde{n} \alpha n \delta$ , and  $m i n + l u m a g a l \delta i r$  becomes  $m i l u m a g a l \delta i r$ .

By M.12.3, certain initial members of vowel clusters are deleted. Thus,  $m i n \delta a y a y a n a + \alpha \delta a + i r$  is rewritten as  $m i n \delta a y a y a n \alpha \delta i r$ .

##### 4.1.3. Transition

'Cluster reduction' and Transition are complementary in their operation. They appear to be alternative solutions to the problem which

<sup>1</sup>This is the term used by Capell and Hinch (1970:35,39).

<sup>2</sup>Such sequence restrictions could well be termed 'phonologically-defined surface structure constraints' as an extension of Permutter's (1970) contention for 'surface structure constraints in syntax' (c.f. reference to his argument on page 9 footnote 2).

This is particularly relevant to the view of the present study of the Bardi verb as a 'sentence-in-miniature'. Just as the transformational component output may contain certain sequences, such as the Spanish clitics in Perlmutter's paper, which are subject to syntactic constraints, so the rules also produce sequences of morphemes which may be subject to phonological constraints.

arises when either vowel or incompatible consonant clusters are generated through previous rules. If cluster reduction does not operate, then some transitional phoneme is introduced.

For instance, when verb stem-final vowels occur contiguously with Auxiliary vowels, both are retained by the introduction of one of the semi-consonants *w* or *y* through Rules B.12.1 and B.12.2. Thus, *ɔɔ+ar* becomes *ɔɔwar* and *iniri!a+inđ* becomes *iniri!ayinđ*.

In the case of contiguous consonants, 'epenthetic' vowels are introduced through M.7. By it, *al+r+mananar* is written as *alaramananar*.

#### 4.1.4. Vowel Harmony<sup>1</sup>

Associated with the transitional 'epenthetic' vowels is the process of Vowel Harmony. The epenthetic vowels are the same as the first vowel of the verb stem or, in some cases, the Transitional Vowel (see M.7). But, in the case of a stem which has an *ɔ* phoneme, the influence of vowel harmony extends to the pronominal prefix where the vowel of the prefix is an *a*. Thus, by M.9, *ɔŋɔ+ɔɔɔrinda* is rewritten as *ɔŋɔɔɔrinda*.

#### 4.1.5. Metathesis

Metathesis - a reversal in morpheme order - occurs twice in Bardi verb morphology. It underlies a modification to the second person singular in the Projected Tense of intra-active verbs and it affects the realisation of 'di-transitive' pronominal suffix combinations when they follow a consonant. The first modification is introduced through M.1.2.2 which would cause, for instance, *a+ŋ+mulga* to be written as *ŋamulga*. The second modification is introduced by M.1.1.3.1 by which the combination *đin+r* would be written as *đirin*.

#### 4.2. OTHER FACTORS

In addition to these five processes which underlie most of the Bardi phonological rules, the following two important factors also influence the phonology.

##### 4.2.1. Abbreviation

Rule M.1.2.1 deals with modifications to the second person Projected Tense forms. These are the Imperatives and the fact that they are modified to a greater extent than are any other forms is consistent with

<sup>1</sup>In rapid speech, vowel harmony has an even wider influence. In Text Verbs 8 and 9 it extends to the Auxiliary. Thus, *iqurululuruna* is *iqurululurunu* and *iqirina* is *iqirini*.

the tendency found in many languages to shorten the most common expressions of command. For instance, the Bardi for *they will sleep* is unḡurmulga. If the second person plural were to be realised without the intervention of Rule M.1.2.1, its form would be aḡurmulga. However, the present form has been abbreviated to a-rmulga.

Another area in which forms have an abbreviated form is that of the 'Irregular Verbs'. As mentioned in Section 6.1, where these verbs have been presented in paradigm form, it is the most used tense of the most common verbs which differs most. For instance, the Present Tense (and, with this verb the Projected Tense) of the verb g+al *to walk* has 'lost' its Auxiliary. The 'regular' derivation of the third person singular forms would be unḡala (Projected) and ingaland (Present). These forms have been abbreviated to unḡal and ingal respectively.

#### 4.2.2. Distinction

Some morphophonemic modifications appear to have been introduced to avoid ambiguity caused by the production of homomorphous forms. A similar distinguishing function was noted for the Projected Tense Prefix g without which, a number of the Present and Projected forms would be identical (see Section R.2.2.1).

The second part of Rule M.3, because it is limited to the Present and Immediate Tenses only, leads to a distinction between the Immediate and the Near Perfect Tenses. For instance, this rule distinguishes between the Immediate form ir-mulḡungald *They were sleeping just a moment ago* and inur-mulḡungald *They were sleeping earlier* - the Near Perfect form.

### 4.3. MORPHOPHONEMIC RULES

#### 4.3.1. Nature of Rules

The morphophonemic rules are ordered and all are obligatory. Some of the common optional forms are noted in the discussion.

#### 4.3.2. Conventions

The three-period convention ... indicates an incomplete morpheme. Its function is purely that of the identification and definition of morphemes in the formulation of the rules. ...a would express any morpheme which ends in a but which is longer than a; a... would indicate any a-initial morpheme longer than a. If this convention is parenthesised, it becomes optional. Thus, (...)<sub>a</sub>(...) would indicate a morpheme which consists of a alone, or a in morpheme initial, medial or final position.

Where homomorphous morphemes could lead to confusion of reference, a

further morpheme identifier is used. Ambiguous contexts are specified by a sub-script label. M.9 illustrates these conventions:

$$(\dots)a(\dots) \longrightarrow (\dots)\textcircled{a}(\dots) \quad \text{---} \begin{array}{l} +X+\textcircled{a}(\dots) \\ [\text{VbS}] \end{array}$$

The vowel *a*, whenever it occurs before a Verb Stem which is *a*-initial, is written as *ⓐ*.

Agreement is indicated by a sub-script numeral. For instance, to express the agreement of 'epenthetic' vowels with the first vowel of the Verb Nucleus, Rule M.7 reads:

$$C + C \longrightarrow C + V_1 + C \quad \text{---} \begin{array}{l} +X+(\dots)V_1 \\ [\text{VbNuc}] \end{array}$$

### M.1. SUBJECT PREFIX MODIFICATION

B.1  
T.2  
T.14  
R.1

#### REFERENCE:

M.3

#### M.1.1. THIRD PERSON

$$i(\dots) \longrightarrow u(\dots) \quad / \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{---} +1 \\ \text{---} +X+\text{Aux} \\ \text{---} [-\text{Pres}] \end{array} \right\}$$

The *i*(...) is either the third person singular pronominal prefix *i*, or the third person plural prefix *iŋ* (in which case the 'three-period' convention stands for the *ŋ*).

Whenever *i* occurs before the Potential morpheme *l* or in a verb in the Projected [-Pres] Imperfect Tense, it is rewritten as *u*.

Ex.127 (Using the verb *m+a to put*):

a) The third person Projected Indicative forms would be the following strings of morphemes up to this point in the rules:

$i+n+g+\emptyset+m+a+a+\emptyset$	$iŋ+n+g+r+m+a+a+\emptyset$
<i>He-EA-Proj-Sing-put-TV<sup>1</sup>-Proj-it</i>	<i>They-EA-Proj-Plur-put-TV-Proj-it</i>
<i>He will put it (there).</i>	<i>They will put it (there).</i>

Apply M.1.1:  $u+n+g+\emptyset+m+a+a+\emptyset$        $uŋ+n+g+r+m+a+a+\emptyset$

Later Rules  $\longrightarrow$  *ungama*      *ungarama*

<sup>1</sup>The Transitional Vowel (TransitV up to this point) will be further abbreviated in the Morphophonemic Component to TV.

b) The third person Distant Perfect Potential forms would appear at this point as:

$i+l+\emptyset+m+a+nana+\emptyset$	$i\eta+l+r+m+a+nana+\emptyset$
<i>He-Pot-Sing-put-TV-Dist-it</i>	<i>They-Pot-Plur-put-TV-Dist-it</i>
<i>He should have put it (there).</i>	<i>They should have put it (there).</i>
Apply M.1.1: $u+l+\emptyset+m+a+nana+\emptyset$	$u\eta+l+r+m+a+nana+\emptyset$
Later Rules $u$ lamanana	ularamanana

#### M.1.2. SECOND PERSON PROJECTED

The morphophonemic rules relating to second person Projected Tense forms have become necessary in view of the abbreviation of Imperatives in Bardi. Two sub-rules account for these modifications.

M.1.2.1. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} mi \\ a\eta \end{bmatrix} + \begin{matrix} \text{Action} \\ \text{Type} \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} g \\ \text{Tense} \\ [-\text{Pres}] \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a + \text{Action} \\ \text{Type} \\ a \end{bmatrix}$$

Action Type would be either the Extra-active morpheme  $n$  or the Intra-active morpheme  $\eta$ . The  $g$  morpheme is the Projected Tense prefix. It is necessary to include this identification as the  $g$  in this position could also be a Class marker.

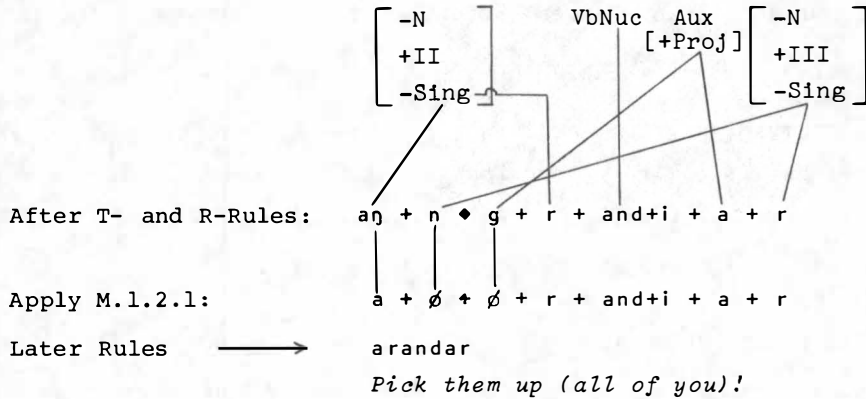
Whenever the second person singular prefix  $mi$ , or the second person plural prefix  $a\eta$  occurs before an Action Type marker and the Projected Tense prefix, the  $mi$  is rewritten as  $a$  and the tense prefix deleted, and the  $a\eta$  is rewritten as  $a$  and both the tense prefix and the Action Type marker are deleted.

Ex.128 (using the verb  $and+i$ , to pick up an object):

a) The second person Projected Indicative forms (with the plural Object pronominal suffix  $r$ ) would appear at this point as:

$mi+n+g+\emptyset+and+i+a+r$	$a\eta+n+g+r+and+i+a+r$
<i>You-EA-Proj-Sing-pick-TV-Proj-them</i>	<i>You-EA-Proj-Plur-pick-TV-Proj-them</i>
<i>up</i>	<i>up</i>
<i>Pick them up!</i>	<i>Pick them up (all of you)!</i>
Apply M.1.2.1: $a+n+\emptyset+\emptyset+and+i+a+r$	$a+\emptyset+\emptyset+r+and+i+a+r$
Later Rules $\longrightarrow$ anandar	arandar

b) To illustrate further, the plural verb above is presented in a simplified tree diagram:



Every Morphophonemic rule thus far has involved the Projected Tense, emphasising the fact that the Subject prefixes of this tense undergo considerably more modification than is true of other tenses. The following example sets out the Projected Tense paradigm of the verb aṛalgam+a to *dry* to illustrate the rules formulated to this point. The third person plural Object suffix r is used in each case.

## Ex.129

ŋa-n-g-aṛalgam-a-r	<i>I shall dry them.</i>
a-n-ø-aṛalgam-a-r	<i>You will dry them. / Dry them!</i>
u-n-g-aṛalgam-a-r	<i>He will dry them.</i>
a-n-g-aṛalgam-a-r	<i>You and I will dry them.</i>
aŋ-g-ar-aṛalgam-a-r	<i>We all shall dry them.</i>
a-ø- r-aṛalgam-a-r	<i>You all will dry them. / Dry them!</i>
uŋ-g-ar-aṛalgam-a-r	<i>They will dry them.</i>

Note that the Extra-action morpheme n does not appear in any of the plural forms. In the second person, it has been deleted by Rule M.1.2.1. In the first and third persons it is later assimilated by contiguity with a preceding velar nasal (Rule M.2.1).

M.1.2.2.             a     +     ŋ     →     ŋ + a

$\left[ \begin{array}{l} +\text{ProAf} \\ +\text{II} \\ +\text{Sing} \end{array} \right]$

This sequence of a + ŋ can only be the output of the previous sub-rule. That is, a must be the second person singular Projected Subject prefix as, in all other tenses, it is mi, and the ŋ must be the Intra-action marker in this context.

When these two morphemes occur in sequence, their order is reversed by the process of metathesis.





- b)  $gu\eta+n+r+a\gamma algam+a+i\bar{d}+r$  M.2.1.  $\rightarrow$   $gu\eta+\emptyset+r+a\gamma algam+a+i\bar{d}+r$   
*You-EA....dry...Mid-them* Later Rules  $\rightarrow$   $gu\eta ara\gamma algamid\bar{r}$   
*You dried them (yesterday).*
- c)  $i\eta+n+r+a\gamma algam+a+na+r$  M.2.1.  $\rightarrow$   $i\eta+\emptyset+r+a\gamma algam+a+na+r$   
*They-EA...dry...Dist-them* Later Rules  $\rightarrow$   $i\eta ara\gamma algamanar$   
*They dried them (long ago).*

$$M.2.2. \quad n \longrightarrow \emptyset \quad / \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} r \\ \bar{n} \\ l \\ l \end{array} \right] (\dots) + X + Aux$$

[+{<sup>Pres</sup><sub>Immed</sub>}]

The Extra-action marker  $n$  is written as a zero morpheme when it occurs immediately before the consonants  $r$ ,  $\bar{n}$ ,  $l$  and  $l$ , and when the verb is in either the Present or the Immediate Perfect Tense. These consonants may be complete morphemes or the initial consonants of a longer morpheme, as denoted by the (...) convention, and they are all a part of, or the complete Verb Stem. In fact, the stem  $\bar{n}$ , *to pick up*, is the only recorded instance of a single consonant stem relevant to this context, but it is used with considerable frequency both as an autonomous verb and as an ancillary. The list of context consonants consists only of those which produce this modification and which have been recorded. In Section L.4.2 it was pointed out that consonant-initial stems commence with only a very limited number of consonants. However, one would expect, for example, that if verb stems were found which commence with  $l$  or  $n$ , then these consonants would also cause the deletion of the Extra-action morpheme.

This alteration is an example of 'cluster reduction'. Quite apart from the context of this rule,  $n$  is never followed by any of the consonants listed in the rule in Bardî consonant clusters. Because of sequential incompatibility, the Extra-action morpheme is deleted.

The fact that this rule is limited to the Present and Immediate Tenses demonstrates, on the one hand, the relationship between the two tenses (see L.7.5) and, on the other, the distinction between the Immediate and the Near Perfects.

#### Ex.132

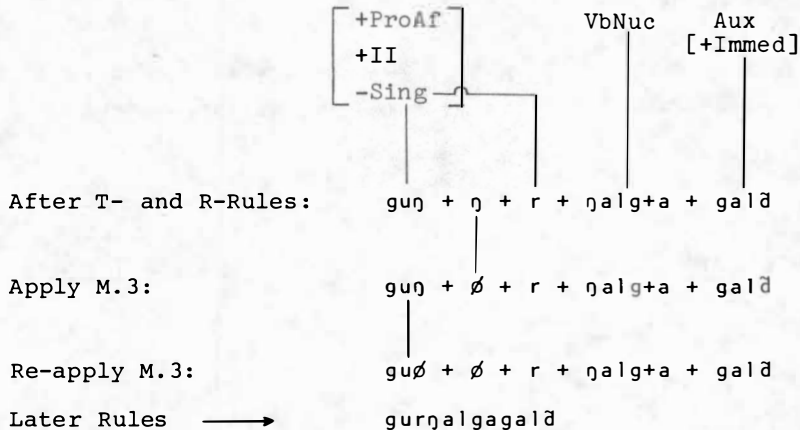
- a)  $\eta a+n+\emptyset+\bar{n}+a+n\bar{d}+\emptyset$  M.2.2.  $\rightarrow$   $\eta a+\emptyset+\emptyset+\bar{n}+a+n\bar{d}+\emptyset$   
*I-EA-Sing-pick up-TV-Pres-it* Later Rules  $\rightarrow$   $\eta a\bar{n}a\bar{n}\bar{d}$   
*I am picking it up.*



b) Using  $\eta$ alg+a to cry:

gu-r- $\eta$ alga-n $\bar{d}$	gu-r- $\eta$ alga-gal $\bar{d}$	gu $\eta$ -ar- $\eta$ alga-gal $\bar{d}$
You-Plur-cry-Pres	You-Plur-cry-Immed	You-Plur-cry-Near
You all are crying.	You have just cried.	You cried earlier.

c) The derivation of the Immediate verb in (b):



Ex.134 Illustrating deletion before the Potential l.

The only  $\eta$  occurring before l is the final  $\eta$  of Subject prefix forms. The Action Type morphemes would have been replaced by l through Rule T.9. The third person plural prefix would have been altered from  $i\eta$  to  $u\eta$  by Rule M.1.1.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <p>a) <math>u\eta</math>+l+r+ib+i+a+<math>\emptyset</math><br/> <i>They-Pot-Plur-drink-TV-Imperf-it</i><br/> <i>They should drink it.</i></p>       | <p>M.3. <math>\rightarrow</math> <math>u\emptyset</math>+l+r+ib+i+a+<math>\emptyset</math><br/>         Later Rules <math>\rightarrow</math> uliriba</p>                |
| <p>b) ara a<math>\eta</math>+l+r+ib+i+nana+<math>\emptyset</math><br/> <i>Neg we-Pot-Plur-drink-TV-Dist-it</i><br/> <i>We did not drink it.</i></p> | <p>M.3. <math>\rightarrow</math> ara a<math>\emptyset</math>+l+r+ib+i+nana+<math>\emptyset</math><br/>         Later Rules <math>\rightarrow</math> ara aliribinana</p> |

#### M.4. PLURAL MARKER DELETION

T.4  
R.4  
REFERENCE:

$r \longrightarrow \emptyset$  /  $\_\_\_\_ + l \dots + X$

Condition: X does not include an Object pronominal suffix.

The plural prefix r is written as a zero morpheme immediately preceding an Intra-active verb stem which commences with the consonant l.

From this point on in the formulation of morphophonemic rules the Action Type of verb stems will at times be defined by the presence or absence of an Object pronominal suffix. This is necessary because the rules apply also to Irrealis verb forms. With such forms, the Action Type markers have been deleted through the operation of Rule T.9, and cannot, therefore, be used to define the context of the rules.

The Condition to M.4 defines the verbs involved as Intra-active.

The modifications introduced by M.4 lead to homomorphous surface forms between the Dual and the Inclusive/Exclusive, and between the third person singular and third person plural in all tenses and in both realis and irrealis verbs.

Ex.135

a) Using lamang+a to listen:

i-lamanga-nā	ana-lamang-id
III-listen-Pres	{Dual Inc/Exc}-listen-Middle
{He is They are} listening.	{We two We all} listened.

b) Using land+a to sit:

ara u-landa-na	ara a-land-a
Neg III-sit-Middle	Neg{Dual Inc/Exc}-sit-Imperf
{He They} did not sit down.	{We two We all} will not sit down.

#### M.5. CLASS MARKER DELETION

L.4.2  
REFERENCE:

M.6  
M.8

Four rules are necessary to account for modifications to the Class markers. The first three illustrate the process of cluster reduction, while the fourth provides an example of intervocalic assimilation.

M.5.1. Class  $\longrightarrow \emptyset$  /  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} l \\ g \end{array} \right\} \underline{\quad}$

Class markers are written as zero morphemes when they immediately follow either l or g.

The l in this context is the Potential morpheme and the g is the Projected Tense prefix.

Ex.136 Using  $\bar{d}+anb+u$  to tread upon:

- a)  $ara \eta a+l+\bar{d}+anb+u+a+ri$  M.5.1.  $\rightarrow ara \eta a+l+\emptyset+anb+u+a+ri$   
 Neg I-Pot-Class-tread-TV-Imperf-you Later Rules  $\rightarrow ara \eta alanbari$   
*I will not tread on you.*
- b)  $mi+l+\bar{d}+anb+u+nanar$  M.5.1.  $\rightarrow mi+l+\emptyset+anb+u+nanar$   
 You-Pot-Class-tread-TV-Dist-them Later Rules  $\rightarrow milanbunanar$   
*You should have trodden on them.*

Ex.137 Using  $b+U+l+u$  to come out:

- a)  $u+\eta+g+b+U+l+u+n\bar{d}$  M.5.1.  $\rightarrow u+\eta+g+\emptyset+U+l+u+n\bar{d}$   
 He-IA-Proj-Class-come out-TV- Later Rules  $\rightarrow u\eta g\bar{c}olun\bar{d}$   
 Durat Proj  
*He will keep on coming out.*
- b)  $\eta a+\eta+g+b+U+l+u+a$  M.5.1.  $\rightarrow \eta a+\eta+g+\emptyset+U+l+u+a$   
 I-IA-Proj-Class-come out-TV-Proj Later Rules  $\rightarrow \eta a\eta g\bar{c}ola$   
*I shall come out.*

M.5.2. Class  $\longrightarrow \emptyset / r+ \underline{\quad} +X$

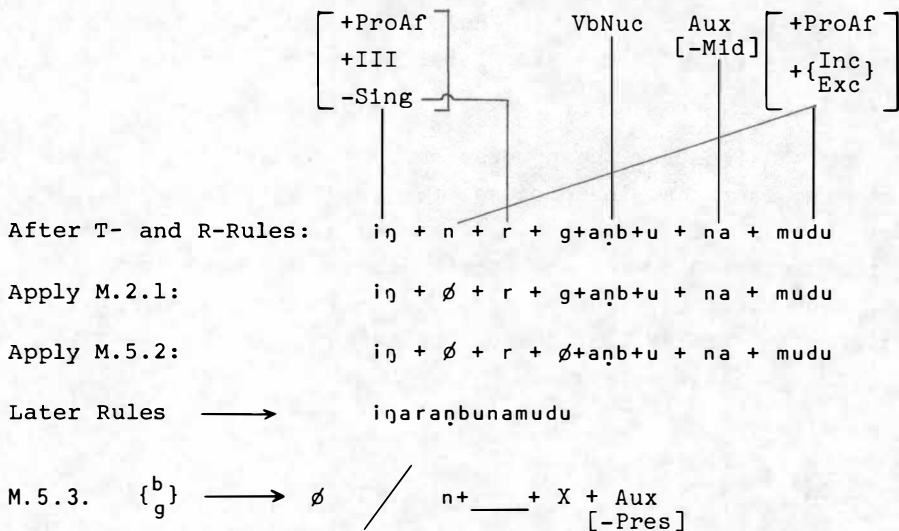
Condition: X includes an Object pronominal suffix.

The Class marker is written as a zero morpheme immediately following the plural marker  $r$  in an Extra-active verb.

Extra-action is defined as the presence of an Object suffix.

Ex.138 Using  $g+a\eta b+u$  to growl at:

- a)  $i+r+g+a\eta b+u+n\bar{d}+\eta ayu$  M.5.2.  $\rightarrow i+r+\emptyset+a\eta b+u+n\bar{d}+\eta ayu$   
 III-Plur-Class-growl-TV-Pres-me Later Rules  $\rightarrow ira\eta bundar\eta ayu$   
*They are growling at me.*
- b)  $ara gu+l+r+g+a\eta b+u+na+r$  M.5.2.  $\rightarrow ara gu+l+r+\emptyset+a\eta b+u+na+r$   
 Neg II-Pot-Plur-Class-growl-TV- Later Rules  $\rightarrow ara gulara\eta bunar$   
 Mid-them  
*You all did not growl at them.*
- c) The derivation of the verb:  $i\eta ar-a\eta bu-na-mudu$   
*They-growl at-Dist-us*  
*They growled at us.*



The class markers *b* and *g* are written as zero morphemes immediately following the Extra-action marker *n* where the verb is in the Projected Imperfect Tense.

The only context in which this rule applies is the second person singular, as the Class markers would have already been deleted elsewhere in the Projected by contiguity with either the Projected prefix *g* or the plural prefix *r*. The Class markers have not been deleted in the second person singular because the *g* prefix itself would have been deleted by Rule M.1.2.1.

This rule deletes the remaining *b* and *g* Class markers in the Projected Tense of Extra-active verbs. However, the Class marker *ɖ* is retained in all probability because of the common alveolar point of articulation following *n*.

Ex.139 This example takes phonologically similar verbs from the three Classes and compares their derivation. The three verbs in order are: *b*+Al+i to make (a small object); *g*+al+i to go to; *ɖ*+al+i to see.

a) a+n+ø+b+Al+i+a+r M.5.3. → a+n+ø+ø+Al+i+a+r  
 II-EA-Sing-Class-make-TV-Proj-them Later Rules → ɔnɔlar  
 Make them!

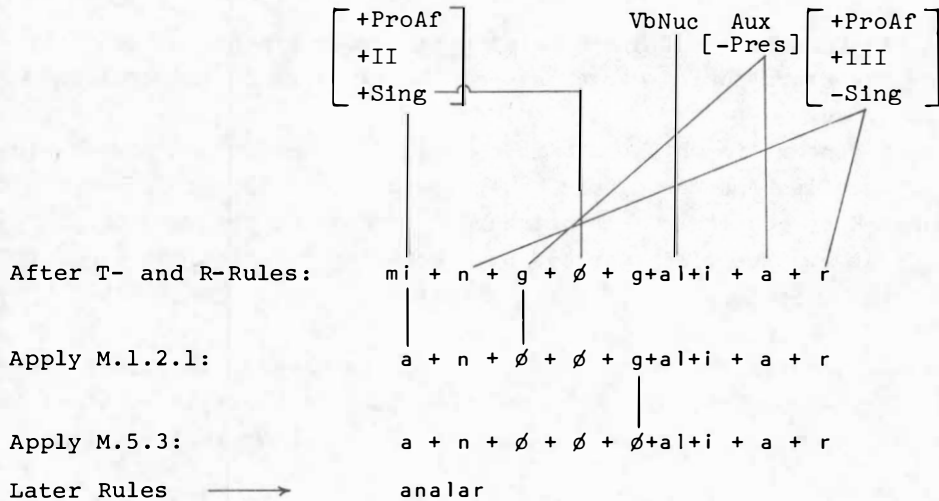
b) a+n+ø+g+al+i+a+r M.5.3. → a+n+ø+ø+al+i+a+r  
 II-EA-Sing-Class-go to-TV-Proj-them Later Rules → analar  
 Go to them!



- c) a+n+∅+d+al+i+a+r                      Rule M.5.3 does not apply.  
 II-EA-Sing-Class-see-TV-*Proj-them* Later Rules → anɔ̄lar  
*Look at them!*

The free translations for these verbs have been given in the Imperative to illustrate the fact that the process of abbreviation of these forms is continued by this rule in the case of b- and g-Class verbs. As was mentioned, the Projected forms, and particularly the Imperatives, are the most modified forms of Bardi verbs. The following example presents the derivation of (b) in Ex.139 to show the extent of morphophonemic processes upon it to this point:

Ex.140 an-al-a-r  
*You-go to-~~Proj-them~~*  
*Go to them.*



M.5.4.       $\begin{bmatrix} \{d\} \\ \{g\} \\ b \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y \\ w \end{bmatrix} \quad / \quad V + \_\_\_ + V$

When the Class markers *ɔ̄* and *g* occur between any two vowels, they are written as *y*. When the Class marker *b* occurs intervocalically, it is written *w*.

With reference to the phoneme charts on page 17, it can be seen that this rule reflects a process of alternation from stopped phonemes to continuents in intervocalic environments. The bilabial stop *b* is replaced by the bilabial semi-consonant *w*. The lamino-alveolar stop *ɔ̄* is replaced by the lamino-palatal semi-consonant *y*. The dorso-velar stop *g* is replaced by *y*.



The main contexts in which this rule applies are the singular forms of Intra- and Retro-active verbs in the Present Imperfect and Immediate Perfect Tenses, and the second person singular Projected Tense of the same Action Types. In these contexts, the Intra-action morpheme  $\eta$  has been deleted by a previous rule leaving the Class markers between the final vowel of the singular Subject prefix and the initial vowel of the verb stem.

The only other context relevant to the rule is with the occurrence of the Infinitive prefix *ma*, which stands immediately before the Verb Nucleus.

For identification, *w* and *y* will be referred to as Class markers along with  $\emptyset$ , *b*,  $\bar{d}$  and *g*.

The following example lists all the occurrences of second person singular forms of the verb *g+am+a to laugh* relevant to Rule M.5.4. The Infinitive is also given.

Ex.141

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| a) $\eta$ +a+y+am+a<br>IA-you-Class-laugh-Proj<br><i>You will laugh.</i>           | b) $\eta$ +a+y+am+i $\bar{n}$ d+a<br>IA-you-Class-laugh-RA-Proj<br><i>You will laugh at yourself.</i>       |
| c) mi+y+am+a+n $\bar{d}$<br>You-Class-laugh-TV-Pres<br><i>You are laughing.</i>    | d) mi+y+am+i $\bar{n}$ di+n $\bar{d}$<br>You-Class-laugh-RA-Pres<br><i>You are laughing at yourself.</i>    |
| e) mi+y+am+a+gal $\bar{d}$<br>You-Class-laugh-TV-Immed<br><i>You just laughed.</i> | f) mi+y+am+i $\bar{n}$ di+gal $\bar{d}$<br>You-Class-laugh-RA-Immed<br><i>You just laughed at yourself.</i> |
| g) ma+y+am+a+n<br>Inf I-Class-laugh-TV-Inf II<br><i>To laugh.</i>                  |   |

An optional form is frequently used when the vowels flanking the Class marker are both *a*, as in Ex.141. The *a+Class+a* can be written simply as *a:*. This abbreviation is particularly used with the Imperative. Thus, (a) in Ex.141 could be written as  $\eta$ a:ma *Laugh!*

Ex.142 Using *b+umar+a to shiver* to illustrate *b-* Class modifications:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| a) ma+w+umar+a+n<br>Inf I-Class-shiver-TV-Inf II<br><i>To shiver.</i> | b) $\eta$ a+w+umar+a+n $\bar{d}$<br>I-Class-shiver-TV-Pres<br><i>I am shivering.</i> |
|---|--|

- c) i+w+umar+a+n+galđ  
*He-Class-shiver-TV-Durat-Immed*  
*He was shivering just now.*

M.6. VERB STEM VOWEL MORPHOPHONEMES

L.4.1  
 LE.6  
REFERENCE:

In Section L.4.1 three verb stem morphophonemes were introduced. Some b- and g-Class stems exhibit the morphophonemes A and U, while some đ-Class stems commence with I. The three sub-rules of M.6 are concerned with these morphophonemes.

$$M.6.1. \quad I \dots \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u \dots \\ i \dots \end{bmatrix} \Big/ \begin{bmatrix} \{\begin{smallmatrix} đ \\ y \end{smallmatrix}\} + \text{---} \\ \text{Elsewhere} \end{bmatrix}$$

The morphophoneme I is rewritten as u when immediately preceded by either đ or y, or as i in all other environments.

Ex.143

- a) Using đ+I!ŋ+a to tell (particularly a story):

a-n-đ-u!ŋ-a-đan-ø	a-r-i!ŋ-a-đan-ø
II-EA-Class-tell-Proj-for me-it	II-Plur-tell-Proj-for me-it
You (sing), tell it for him!	You all, tell it for me!

- b) Using đ+Ibar+a to singe:

ma-y-ubar-a-n	ŋa-ŋ-ibar-inđ-id
Inf I-Class-singe-TV-Inf II	I-IA-singe-RA-Middle
To singe.	I singed myself.

The full paradigm of the verb *to singe* is presented in P.3.

$$M.6.2. \quad (\dots) \begin{bmatrix} U \\ A \end{bmatrix} (\dots) \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u \\ a \end{bmatrix} \Big/ \text{Class+---}$$

The morphophoneme U is written as u, and A is written as a, immediately following a Class marker.

The Class markers involved in this context are b, g, w and y.

The double (...) convention includes every occurrence of these morphophonemes within the verb stem. Thus they may occur alone as the stem, as with the verb b+U *to spear*; stem-initially as in g+Unb *to push*; stem-medially, as in g+ɔ!A! *to put to sleep*; and initially and medially within

the one stem, as in *b+UdUg+ to stamp off*, *b+AndArm to stop*, and *g+UdA1 to lose*.

M.6.2 and M.6.3 are complementary in operation and will be illustrated together after the formulation of the latter.

M.6.3.  $\begin{matrix} \{ U \\ \quad \} \\ A \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \text{ɔ}$

After the operation of M.6.2, any remaining U morphophoneme or A morphophoneme is written as ɔ.

Ex.144

a) Using *g+U1Urb to answer a challenge*:

M.6.2.

mi-n-g-ulurbu-nǎ-ir  
II-EA-Class-answer-Pres-it  
*You are answering the challenge.*

M.6.3.

gu-r-ɔ1ɔrbu-nǎ-ø  
II-Plur-answer-Pres-it  
*You all are answering it.*

b) Using *b+ArgAnd to roll up*:

M.6.2.

ŋa-n-b-argandi-nǎ-ir  
I-EA-Class-roll up-Pres-them  
*I am rolling them up.*

M.6.3.

ŋɔ-1-ɔrgǎnd-a-r  
I-Pot-roll up-Imperf-them  
*I should roll them up.*

c) Using *b+U1 to come out*:

M.6.2.

i-w-ulu-gald  
III-Class-come out-Immed  
*He came out just then.*

M.6.3.

u-ŋ-g-ɔ1-a  
III-IA-Proj-come out-Proj  
*He will come out.*

The paradigm of the verb *b+A1 to make* is given on pages 173ff.

## M.7. EPENTHETIC VOWEL

Up to this point in the output of the Rules, a number of prefixed consonants have been generated contiguously. There are the consonant-final Subject prefixes; there is the Plural marker *r*, the Class markers and the optional Retro-action marker *m*; and there are the consonant-initial verb stems.

As has been demonstrated, one of the processes which operates in Bardi morphophonemics upon incompatible consonant sequences is that of 'cluster reduction', involving the deletion of one of the phonemes. However, such

sequences may be retained by the use of another process - that of the inclusion between the consonants of epenthetic vowels (EpV). Coupled with epenthesis is the process of vowel harmony, in that the epenthetic vowel is identical with the first vowel of the Verb Stem, or the Transitional Vowel with Vowel-less Stems.

The rule introducing epenthesis will be stated simply and then a set of Conditions laid upon it. The Conditions are necessary in that some consonant clusters remain among prefixed phonemes.

$$\text{M.7.} \quad C + C \longrightarrow C + V_1 + C \quad / \quad \text{---} \begin{matrix} +X+(\dots)V_1 \\ [\text{VbNuc}] \end{matrix}$$

Conditions:  $C + C$  is not the sequence of:

- (i)  $\eta + \begin{Bmatrix} b \\ d \\ g \end{Bmatrix}$
- (ii)  $n + \begin{Bmatrix} d \\ g \end{Bmatrix}$   
 [-Pres]
- (iii)  $n + C(\dots) + X + \begin{matrix} \text{Aux} \\ \{ \begin{matrix} +\text{Pres} \\ +\text{Immed} \end{matrix} \} \}$
- (iv)  $r + C(\dots) + X$ , where X does not include an Object pronominal suffix.

There are two apparent explanations for the retention of the consonant clusters through the control of this complex set of Conditions. Firstly, there is a phonological basis for some of the sequences, and particularly for those covered by Conditions (i) and (ii). The alveolar cluster  $\eta+d$ , the dorso-velar cluster  $\eta+g$  and the sequence  $n+g$  are common in Baḡdi phonological patterns. The sequence  $\eta+b$  and  $\eta+d$ , however, cannot be explained on this basis, although the sequences are modified by assimilation later to  $m+b$  and  $n+d$  respectively (Rule M.8). Secondly, the Conditions (iii) and (iv) allow for critical distinctions in certain surface forms. For instance, the third Condition allows for a surface distinction between some of the Immediate and the Near Perfect forms. The fourth Condition leads to differences between certain Extra-active and Intra-active forms.

Ex.145 Illustrating M.7 without Conditions:

a) Using  $\eta\text{urid}+i$  to *paint*:

$i+\eta+m+\eta\text{urid}+i+\text{ind}i+n\alpha$   
 III-IA-RA-*paint*-TV-RA-Dist  
*He painted himself.*

M.7.  $\rightarrow i+\eta+u+m+u+\eta\text{urid}+i+\text{ind}i+n\alpha$   
 Later Rules  $\rightarrow i\eta\text{umu}\eta\text{urid}i\text{nd}i\text{n}\alpha$

b) Using *m+a* to put:

a+l+r+m+a+nana+r  
I-Pot-Plur-*put*-TV-Dist-*them*  
*We should have put them (there).*

M.7. → a+l+a+r+a+m+a+nana+r  
Later Rules → alaramananar

c) Using *miñđ+i* to receive:

guŋ+r+miñđ+i+iđ+∅  
II-Plur-*receive*-TV-Mid-*it*  
*You received it.*

M.7. → guŋ+i+r+i+miñđ+i+iđ+∅  
Later Rules → guŋirimiñđiđ

Ex.146 Illustrating Condition (i):

a) Using *b+UdUg+u* to stamp off:

mi+ŋ+b+udug+u+galđ  
II-IA-Class-*stamp off*-TV-Near  
*You stamped off.*

M.7. does not apply.  
Later Rules → mimbudugugalđ

b) Using *đ+id+i* to go, walk:

a+ŋ+đ+id+i+na  
Dual-IA-Class-*go*-TV-Dist  
*You and I went.*

M.7. does not apply.  
Later Rules → anđidina

Ex.147 Illustrating Condition (ii):

a) Using *đ+anb+u* to tread on:

mi+n+đ+anb+u+nđ+mudu  
II-EA-Class-*tread on*-TV-Pres-*us*  
*You are treading on us.*

M.7. does not apply.  
Later Rules → mindānbundarmudu

b) Using the same verb:

ŋa+n+g+anb+u+nđ+ri  
I-EA-Proj-*tread on*-TV-Durat Proj-*you*  
*I will keep on treading on you.*

M.7. does not apply.  
Later Rules → ŋanganbunđiri

Note that this Condition only applies to the *n+g* sequence when the *g* is the Projected Tense prefix. The Condition does not affect the operation of M.7 if the *g* is a Class marker, as the following verb illustrates:

c) Using *g+ɔnb+u* to send word:

i+n+g+ɔnb+u+na+na+đađa+∅  
III-EA-Class-*send word*-TV-Durat-  
Dist-*to us-it*

M.7. → i+n+ɔ+g+ɔnb+u+na+na+đađa  
Later Rules → inɔŋgɔnbunanađađa

*He kept on sending word to us.*

Ex.148 Showing the surface distinctions between the Immediate and Near Perfect Tenses introduced by Condition (iii):

Using maḍ+a to build:

ηa+n+maḍ+a+galḍ+∅  
I-EA-build-TV-Immed-it  
*I have just built it.*

M.7. does not apply.  
Later Rules → ηanmaḍagalḍ

ηa+n+maḍ+a+galḍ+∅  
I-EA-build-TV-Near-it  
*I built it earlier.*

M.7. → ηa+n+a+maḍ+a+galḍ+∅  
Later Rules → ηanamāḍagalḍ

Ex.149 Illustrating Condition (iv), by comparing the verb mulg+u to sleep with mulb+u to lend:

guḥ+r+mulg+u+na  
II-Plur-sleep-TV-Dist  
*You slept.*

M.7. → guḥ+u+r+mulg+u+na  
Later Rules → guḥurmulguna

guḥ+r+mulb+u+na+∅  
II-Plur-lend-TV-Dist-it  
*You lent it.*

M.7. → guḥ+u+r+u+mulb+u+na+∅  
Later Rules → guḥurumulbuna

#### M.8. CLASS MARKER ASSIMILATION

L.4.2  
M.5  
M.6

#### REFERENCE:

In certain contexts, Class markers modify their environments by assimilation to their point of articulation.

M.8.1.  $\begin{bmatrix} b \\ g \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} mb \\ \eta g \end{bmatrix} / V+ \underline{\quad}$

The introduction of the nasals m and η, which form homorganic clusters with the Class markers b and g respectively, provides transitional sequences which are paralleled in other areas of Bardi morphology. The vowel of the context would be an 'epenthetic vowel' introduced through Rule M.7. Owing to Class marker deletion (M.5) and the Conditions to Rule M.7, which block the addition of epenthetic vowels, Rule M.8.1 only applies to singular forms in the Near, Middle and Distant Perfect Tenses.

## Ex.150

a) Using b+U|ŋAr+a to drag:

a+n+u+b+u|ŋar+a+na+na+r

Dual-EA-EpV-Class-drag-TV-Durat-  
Dist-them*You and I used to drag them along.*

M.8.1. → a+n+u+m+b+u|ŋar+a+na+na+r

Later Rules → anumbulŋarananar

b) Using g+a|b+u to dig:

i+n+a+g+a|b+u+iđ+đan+r

III-EA-EpV-Class-dig-TV-Mid-for me-  
them*He dug them for me.*

M.8.1. → i+n+a+ŋ+g+a|b+u+iđ+đan+r

Later Rules → inaŋga|biđanir

M.8.2.    ŋ →  $\begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix} \diagup \text{---} + \begin{bmatrix} \text{đ} \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ 

The Intra-active marker ŋ is written as n immediately preceding the Class marker đ, and as m preceding the Class marker b. This is an example of assimilation to the alveolar and bilabial points of articulation respectively.

## Ex.151

a) Using đ+alg+u to fall:

ŋa+ŋ+đ+alg+u+gald

I-IA-Class-fall-TV-Near

*I fell.*

M.8.2. → ŋa+n+đ+alg+u+gald

Later Rules → ŋandalgugalđ

b) Using b+ilg+i to blow, of wind:

i+ŋ+b+ilg+i+iđ

III-IA-Class-blow-Durat-Mid

*It was blowing.*

M.8.2. → i+m+b+ilg+i+iđ

Later Rules → imbilgiđ

## M.9.    ɔ PRECEDENCE

M.6.3  
REFERENCE:

The vowel ɔ exhibits the least allophonic variation of the vowels.<sup>1</sup> It also exerts the strongest influence upon its environment. Its modifying effect through vowel harmony upon any preceding a vowels in the prefixes is expressed by this rule.

<sup>1</sup>See Metcalfe (1971:91).





b) Using  $\text{đ+Irgaṛ}$  to make sore:

$\text{ma+y+urgaṛ+n}$

Inf I-Class-make sore-Inf II

To make sore.

M.10.  $\rightarrow$   $\text{ma+y+urga+n}$

Later Rules  $\rightarrow$   $\text{mayurgaṇ}$

R.3

R.5

### M.11. PRONOMINAL SUFFIX MODIFICATION

REFERENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

In Sections R.3 and R.5, the Object/Associative and the Referential pronominal suffixes were set out. Considerable modification takes place when these basic forms follow a consonant or certain other suffix morphemes. The modifications will be charted in paradigm form, and commonly used optional forms will be given. M.11 has three sections related to the Object/Associative suffixes, the Referential suffixes and the 'Di-transitive' suffix combinations.

#### M.11.1. OBJECT/ASSOCIATIVE SUFFIX

M.11.1.1.

ḡayu	→	ḡarḡayu	/ (..)C+ _____
ri		ḡiri	
wayi		ḡarwayi	
mudu		ḡarmudu	
gur		ḡargur	
r		ḡir	

All the forms of the pronominal Objects as set out in R.3 and repeated here in the left-hand column (apart from the zero morpheme for third person singular) commence with a consonant. When they occur immediately after another consonant the above modifications take place. The morpheme  $\text{ḡi}$  is prefixed to the basic form in the second person singular and the third person plural, while the morpheme  $\text{ḡar}$  is prefixed to all other forms.

M.11.1.2.

ri	→	li	/ { <sup>ba</sup> <sub>amba</sub> }+ _____
r		lir	

The second person singular Object suffix  $\text{ri}$  is written as  $\text{li}$ , and the third person plural suffix  $\text{r}$  as  $\text{lir}$ , following either the Relator  $\text{ba}$  or the Sequential Conjunction suffix  $\text{amba}$ .

As an optional alternative, the  $\text{l}$  can also be inserted between  $\text{ba}$  or  $\text{amba}$  and the Object suffixes  $\text{wayi}$ ,  $\text{mudu}$  and  $\text{gur}$ . (C.f. Ex.154 d)).

Ex.154 Using  $\eta\text{ulm}+\text{u}$  to frighten:

- a)  $\eta\eta\text{-gu-ru-}\eta\text{ulm-a-ri}$   
 III-Proj-Plur-frighten-Proj-you  
*They will frighten you.*
- b)  $\eta\eta\text{-ru-}\eta\text{ulm-i}\bar{\text{d}}\text{-}\bar{\text{d}}\text{iri}$   
 III-Plur-frighten-Middle-you  
*They frightened you (yesterday).*
- c)  $\eta\eta\text{-ru-}\eta\text{ulmu-na-ba-lir}$   
 III-Plur-frighten-Distant-Relator-you  
*They frightened you (some time ago).*
- d)  $\eta\eta\text{-ru-}\eta\text{ulmu-n-amba-lgur}$   
 III-Plur-frighten-Distant-Sequential-you (Plur)  
*They frightened you all (after that).*

One special consonant context of Rule M.11.1.1 requires attention. The consonant may be the Associative suffix  $\eta$ , which is always followed by an Object suffix. They need not be contiguous, as a Referential suffix can intervene. When they are contiguous, M.11.1.1 applies. The third person singular Object affix is a zero morpheme. However, a common optional form following the Associative suffix is  $\text{in}\bar{\text{d}}$ .

Ex.155 Using  $\text{dar a}\bar{\eta}$  to arrive:

- a)  $\text{dar } \eta\eta\text{-g-ar-a}\bar{\eta}\text{-a-}\eta\text{-}\bar{\text{d}}\text{armudu}$   
 Arrive III-Proj-Plur- $\emptyset$ -Proj-Assoc-us  
*They will arrive with us.*
- b)  $\text{ara dar } \text{gu-l-ar-a-}\eta\text{ana-}\eta\text{-in}\bar{\text{d}}$   
 Neg arrive II-Pot-Plur- $\emptyset$ -Dist-Assoc-him  
*They did not arrive with him.*

#### M.11.2. REFERENTIAL SUFFIX



Only the first, second and third persons singular of the Referential suffixes are modified when they immediately follow a consonant. The Dual

and the Plural forms are invariable in any context apart from one optional form. The optional forms can be used with some of the suffixes following the Relator *ba* and the Sequential Conjunction *amba*, as with the Object suffixes in this context. Thus, the first, second and third persons singular *ḍan*, *ḍi* and *ḍin* may be written as *lan*, *li* and *lin* respectively and the third person plural *ḍir* may be written *lir*. (C.f. Ex.156 c)).

Ex.156 Using *ḍ+a!g+i* to hide:

- a) u-ḡ-g-a!g-a-ḍan  
 III-IA-Proj-*hide*-Proj-*from me*  
*He will hide from me.*
- b) u-ḡ-g-a!gi-nḍ-ḍaran  
 III-IA-Proj-*hide*-Durat Proj-*from me*  
*He will keep on hiding from me.*
- c) u-ḡ-g-a!gi-nḍ-ḍamba-lan  
 III-IA-Proj-*hide*- Durat Proj-Sequential-*from me*  
*Then he will keep on hiding from me.*

### M.11.3. DI-TRANSITIVE SUFFIXES

M.11.3.1. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{ḍan+r} \\ \text{ḍi+r} \\ \text{ḍin+r} \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \text{ḍaran} \\ \text{ḍiri} \\ \text{ḍirin} \end{bmatrix} \quad / \quad (\dots)C+ \underline{\quad}$$

As discussed in Section T.15.2.9, Referential suffixes may occur with Object suffixes in the same inflected verb. This does not affect the realisation of the Referential forms when the Object suffix is singular, as the latter is a zero morpheme. However, when the third person plural Object suffix *r* follows a Referential suffix, as in the left-hand column of these rules, certain modifications take place.

When the suffix combination follows a consonant, a type of metathesis occurs, leaving the *r* infix within the Referential suffix. The resulting forms, in fact, are identical with the simple Referential forms in this context. (C.f. M.11.2).

M.11.3.2.

ḏan+r ḏi+r ḏin+r ḏowu+r ḏaḏa+r ḏugar+r ḏir+r	→	ḏan+ir ḏ+ir ḏin+ir ḏow+ir ḏaḏ+ir ḏugar+ir ḏir+ir
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With all these forms, the plural morpheme *r* is expanded to *ir*, causing the deletion of the final vowel of the Referential suffix where one occurs.

Ex.157 Using *ñ+a* to pick up:

- a) a-ñ-a-ḏin-ir  
 II-pick up-*Proj-for him-them*  
*Pick them up for him!*
- b) a-ñ-a-nḏ-ḏir-in  
 II-pick up-TV-Durat *Proj-them-for him*  
*Keep on picking them up for him!*
- c) a-ñ-a-ḏaḏa-∅  
 II-pick up-*Proj-for us-it*  
*Pick it up for us!*
- d) a-ñ-a-ḏaḏ-ir  
 II-pick up-*Proj-for us-them*  
*Pick them up for us!*
- e) a-ñ-a-nḏ-ḏaḏ-ir  
 II-pick up-TV-Durat *Proj-for us-them*  
*Keep on picking them up for us!*

M.12. SUFFIX VOWEL ADJUSTMENT

B.8  
 L.7  
 R.2

REFERENCE:

At this stage in the output of the rules, a number of vowels may have been generated contiguously. The pressure of Bardi syllable structure against vowel clusters<sup>1</sup> leads to one of two processes. A vowel-final

<sup>1</sup>See Metcalfe (1971:92).

Verb Stem contiguous to a vowel-initial Auxiliary or the Retro-action morpheme *inđi* causes the process of transition to operate. On the other hand, a vowel-final Auxiliary which immediately precedes another vowel-initial suffix causes the process of cluster reduction to operate. As there are two possible vowels which commence Auxiliaries - the *i* of the Middle Perfect marker and the Projected Imperfect *a* - two sub-rules, M.12.1 and M.12.2, are necessary to account for transitional processes. A third sub-rule, M.12.3, will deal with cluster reduction.

$$M.12.1. \quad a \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w + a \\ y + a \end{bmatrix} \quad / \quad \begin{bmatrix} (\dots)\{u\} \\ (\dots)\{i\} \end{bmatrix} + \text{---} \\ \text{[VbS]}$$

The Projected morpheme *a* is written as *w+a* following a Verb Stem ending in either *u* or *ɔ*, and as *y+a* following a Verb Stem ending in *i* or *a*.

It is important to note that this rule deals with the small set of vowel-final Verb Stems which do not have a Transitional Vowel (see L.4.3). When a Transitional Vowel does occur before a vowel-initial Auxiliary, it is deleted (M.12.3).

Ex.158 Illustrating the four possible vowel-final Verb Stems in the order set out in M.12.1:

a) Using *ɲuɲu* to *rub*:

$\eta a+n+g u+\eta u \eta u+a+r i$   
I- $\bar{A}$ -Proj-*rub*-Proj-*you*  
*I will rub you.*

M.12.1.  $\rightarrow \eta a+n+g u+\eta u \eta u+w+a+r i$   
Later Rules  $\rightarrow \eta a n g u \eta u w a r i$

b) Using *b+u* to *spear*:

$\zeta+n+\zeta+a+r$   
II-EA-*spear*-Proj-*them*  
*Spear them!*

M.12.1.  $\rightarrow \zeta+n+\zeta+w+a+r$   
Later Rules  $\rightarrow \zeta n \zeta w a r$

c) Using *mi* to *look around*:

$a r a m i+l i+m i+a+\dot{d} a \dot{d} a$   
Neg II-Pot-*look around*-Imperf-*for us*  
*You are not looking around for us.*

M.12.1.  $\rightarrow a r a m i+l i+m i+y+a+\dot{d} a \dot{d} a$   
Later Rules  $\rightarrow a r a m i l i m i y a \dot{d} a \dot{d} a$

d) Using *đ+irira to tease*:

a+r+irira+a+ŋayu  
 II-Plur-*tease*-Proj-*me*  
*You will all tease me.*

M.12.1. → a+r+irira+y+a+ŋayu  
 Later Rules → aririrayaŋayu

M.12.2.    i...    →     $\begin{bmatrix} w + i... \\ y + i... \\ \emptyset \end{bmatrix}$     /     $\begin{bmatrix} (... )u \\ (... )a \\ (... )\text{ɔ} \\ \text{[VbS]} \end{bmatrix}$     + \_\_\_\_\_

The initial *i* of the Middle Perfect morpheme or the Retro-action morpheme is written as *w+i* before an *u*-final Verb Stem, as *y+i* before an *a*-final Verb Stem and as a zero morpheme before an *ɔ*-final Verb Stem.

Ex.159

a) Using *đ+Idu to turn over*:

a+n+đ+udu+iđ+đir  
 Dual-EA-Class-*turn over*-Middle-*them*  
*You and I turned them over.*

M.12.2. → a+n+đ+udu+w+iđ+đir  
 Later Rules → anđuduwiđir

b) Using *iri|a to wave*:

i+n+iri|a+iñđ+∅  
 III-EA-*wave*-Durat Mid-*it*  
*He kept waving it.*

M.12.2. → i+n+iri|a+y+iñđ+∅  
 Later Rules → iniri|ayinđ

c) Using *b+U to spear*:

ara u+l+ɔr+m+ɔ+inđi+nana  
 Neg III-Pot-Plur-RA-*spear*-RA-Dist  
*They did not spear each other.*

M.12.2. → ara u+l+ɔr+m+ɔ+∅nđi+nana  
 Later Rules → ara ulɔrmonđinana

As mentioned in the discussion of the '*ɔ*-Precedence' Rule, M.9, the vowel *ɔ* exerts considerable influence upon its environment. The third section of Rule M.12.2, as illustrated by Ex.159 (c), also provides an instance of the dominance of *ɔ*.

M.12.3.    (... )V + V(... )    →    V(... )

When any two vowels occur contiguously, the first is deleted.

There are two areas in which this sub-rule applies. The first is in the deletion of the Transitional Vowels when they occur before a vowel-initial Auxiliary or the Retro-action morpheme. The second is the

deletion of the final vowel of an Auxiliary morpheme or the Question marker suffix *aḍa* or the Retro-action morpheme before another vowel.

The first area will be illustrated by Ex.160 and the second by Ex.161.

Ex.160

a) Using *undur+u* to cut across:

<i>u+n+g+undur+u+a+∅</i>	M.12.3. →	<i>u+n+g+undur+∅+a+∅</i>
III-EA-Proj- <i>cut across</i> -TV-Proj- <i>it</i>	Later Rules →	<i>ungundura</i>
<i>He will cut across it (the passage).</i>		

b) Using *g+and+i* to scratch:

<i>i+ḡ+a+m+and+i+inḍi+na</i>	M.12.3. →	<i>i+ḡ+a+m+and+∅+inḍi+na</i>
III-IA-RA- <i>scratch</i> -TV-RA-Dist	Later Rules →	<i>iḡamandinḍina</i>
<i>He scratched himself.</i>		

Ex.161

a) Using *liñḍ+i* to wait:

<i>ḡa+ḡi+liñḍ+i+na+i</i>	M.12.3. →	<i>ḡa+ḡi+liñḍ+i+n∅+i</i>
I-IA- <i>wait</i> -TV-Dist- <i>for you</i>	Later Rules →	<i>ḡaḡiliñḍini</i>
<i>I waited for you.</i>		

b) Using *aḡ* to look for lice:

<i>aḡ+ḡa+ra+m+aḡ+inḍi+a</i>	M.12.3. →	<i>aḡ+ḡa+ra+m+aḡ+inḍ∅+a</i>
I-Proj-Plur-RA- <i>look for lice</i> -RA-Proj	Later Rules →	<i>aḡaramaḡinḍa</i>
<i>We shall look for each other's lice.</i>		

c) Using *ḍ+ayay+a* to limp:

<i>mi+n+ḍ+ayay+a+na+aḍa+ir</i>	M.12.3. →	<i>mi+n+ḍ+ayay+a+n∅+aḍ∅+ir</i>
II-IA-Class- <i>limp</i> -TV-Dist-Question- Emphat	Later Rules →	<i>minḍayayanāḍir</i>
<i>Were you limping badly?</i>		

Note that in the final example, Rule M.12.3 applies twice.

### M.13. SUFFIX CONSONANT ADJUSTMENT

The two rules necessary to cover modifications involving suffix consonants again illustrate the complementary processes of cluster reduction and transition. However, reduction is limited to contiguous identical consonants, thus allowing for the retention of consonant clusters within the inflected verb.

M.13.1.  $(\dots)C_1 + C_1(\dots) \longrightarrow C_1(\dots)$

When identical consonants occur contiguously, the first is deleted.

Ex.162 Using  $\eta u l + u$  to throw:

$a\eta u + r u + \eta u l + i \delta + \delta u g a r a + \emptyset$                       M.13.1.  $\rightarrow$   $a\eta u + r u + \eta u l + i \emptyset + \delta u g a r a$   
 I-Plur-throw-Mid-for you-it                      Later Rules  $\rightarrow$   $a\eta u r u \eta u l i \delta u g a r a$   
 I threw if for you.

M.13.2.  $\begin{bmatrix} \text{amba} \\ \text{a}\delta a \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \text{\textcircled{d}amba} \\ \text{ba}\delta a \end{bmatrix} \ / \ \dots \left\{ \begin{matrix} l \\ n \end{matrix} \right\} + \underline{\quad}$

The Sequential Conjunction suffix *amba* is written as *\textcircled{d}amba*, and the Question marker *a\delta a* as *ba\delta a* immediately following the consonants *l* and *n*.

The possible consonant contexts are *l*, and final phoneme of the Contemporary morpheme *gal*, and *n*, the Present or Durative Projected auxiliary.

Ex.163

a) Using  $\eta u l + u$  to throw:

$a + n + g u + \eta u l + u + n + \text{amba} + l i r$                       M.13.2.  $\rightarrow$   $a + n + g u + \eta u l + u + n + \text{\textcircled{d}amba} + l i r$   
 Dual-EA-Proj-throw-Durat Proj-Sequ- Later Rule  $\rightarrow$   $a n g u \eta u l u n \text{\textcircled{d}a m b a} l i r$   
 them

*Then you and I will keep on throwing them.*

b) Using  $g + a \eta a r b a l + a$  to drop:

$i \eta + a r + a \eta a r b a l + a + g a l + a \delta a + \emptyset$                       M.13.2.  $\rightarrow$   $i \eta + a r + a \eta a r b a l + a + g a l + b a \delta a + \emptyset$   
 III-Plur-drop-Near-Question-it                      Later Rule  $\rightarrow$   $i \eta a r a \eta a r b a l a g a l b a \delta a$   
 Did they drop it?

M.14. +-REMOVAL

$+ \longrightarrow \emptyset$

This is the final rule which would apply to all verbs. Before M.14, verbs would appear as strings of morphemes concatenated by plus signs. This rule removes the signs and leaves the final surface forms. In Ex.163, the 'Later Rule' referred to is M.14.



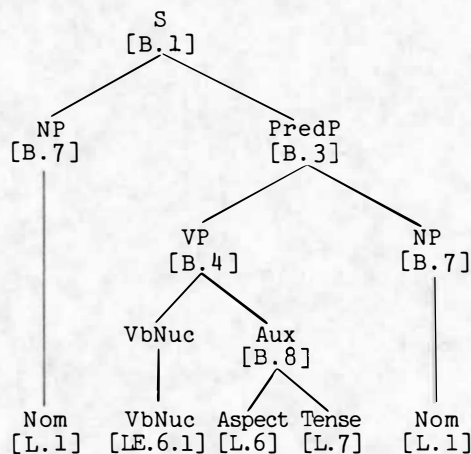
## 5.0. RULE OUTPUT

## 5.1. COMPLETE VERB DERIVATIONS

In this Section, the six verbs presented on page 5 are derived right through from Base Rules to surface forms.

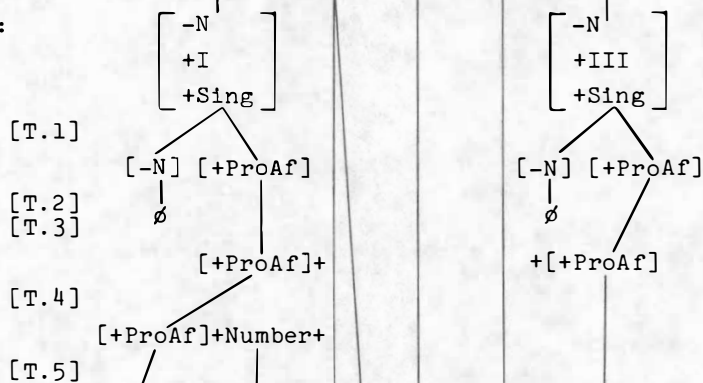
- 5.1.1. (Ex.1):  $\eta$ an-ma-nđ- $\emptyset$   
 I-put-Pres-it  
 I am putting it (the story down).

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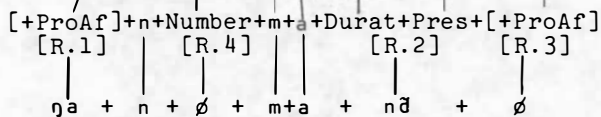


Lexicon:

Transformations:



Realisation:



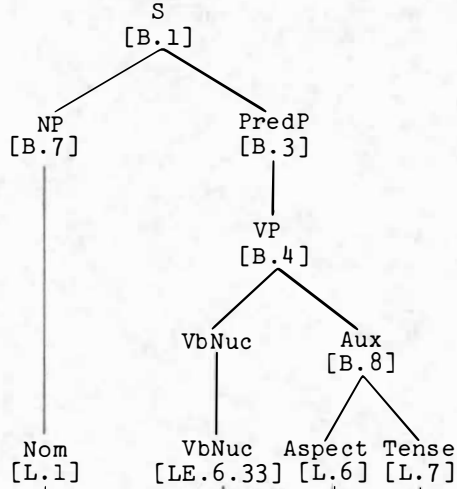
M.14



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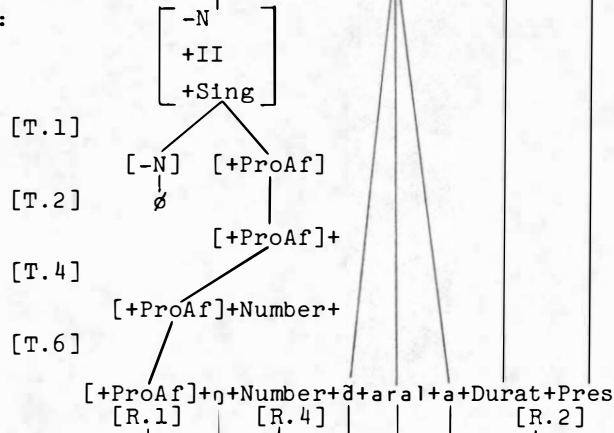
5.1.2. (Ex.2): min-ḍarala-n  
*You-run-Pres*  
*You are running.*

Base Rules:



Lexicon:

Transformations:



Realisation:

Morphophonemics:

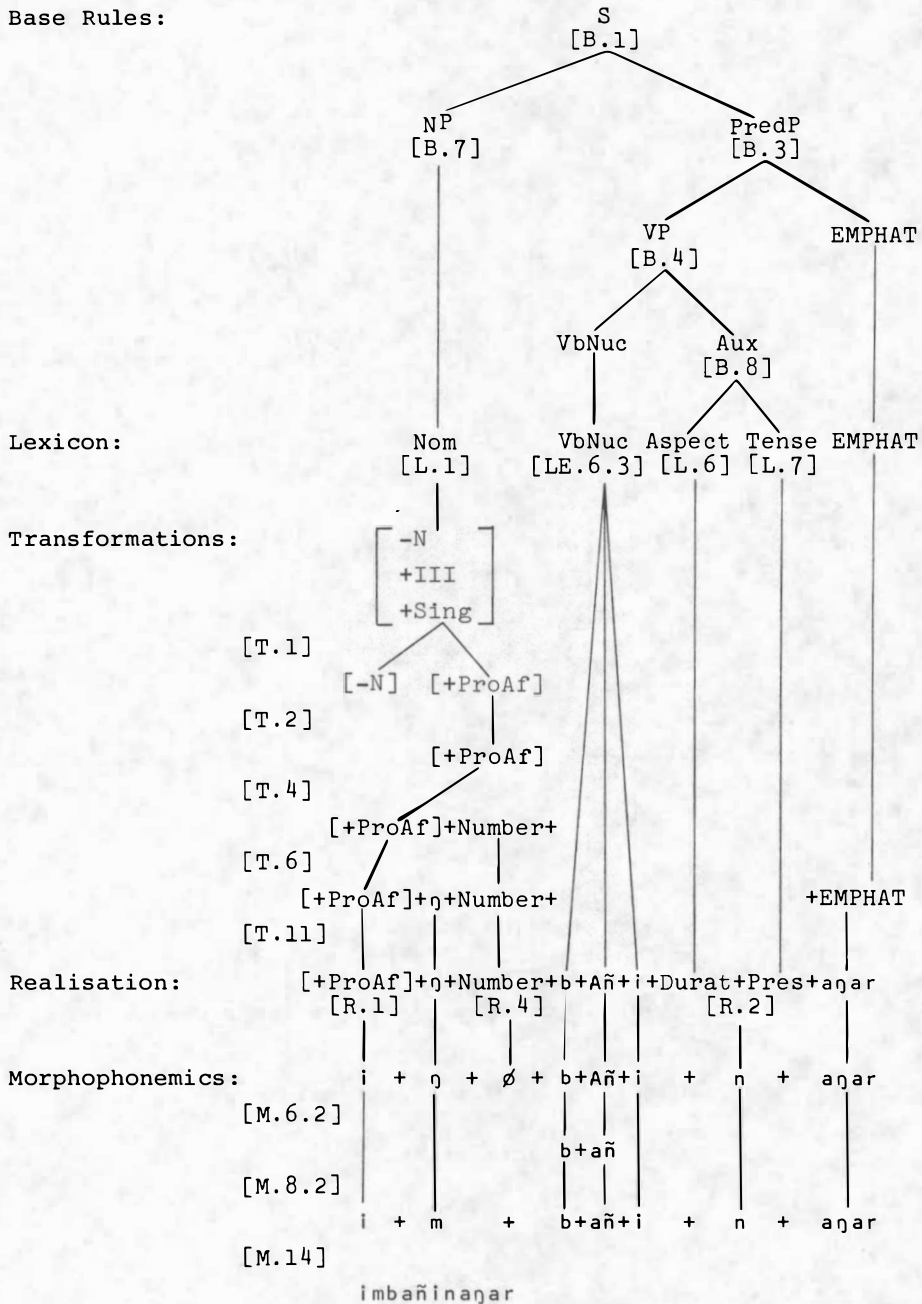
[M.8.2]

[M.14]

mi + ∅ + ḍaral + a + n  
 n  
 minḍaralan

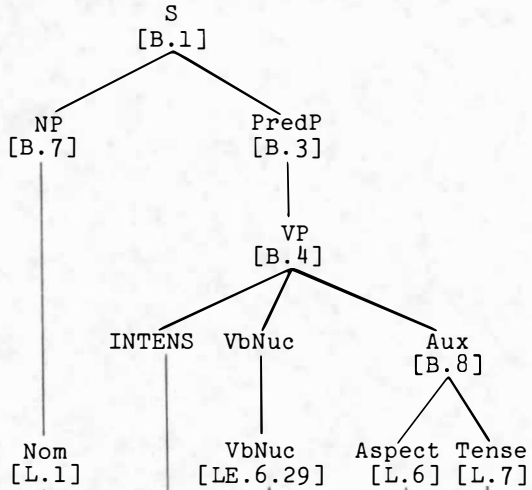
- 5.1.3. (Ex.3): im-bañi-n-aḡar  
*It-finish-Pres-Emphatic*  
*It (the story) is absolutely finished.*

Base Rules:



5.1.4. (Ex.4): iŋ-g-alg-algama-na-na  
 It-Class-Intens-move-Durat-Dist  
 It kept on moving about vigorously.

Base Rules:



Lexicon:

Transformations:

[T.1]

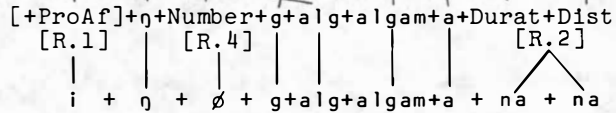
[T.2]

[T.4]

[T.6]

[T.10.1]

Realisation:



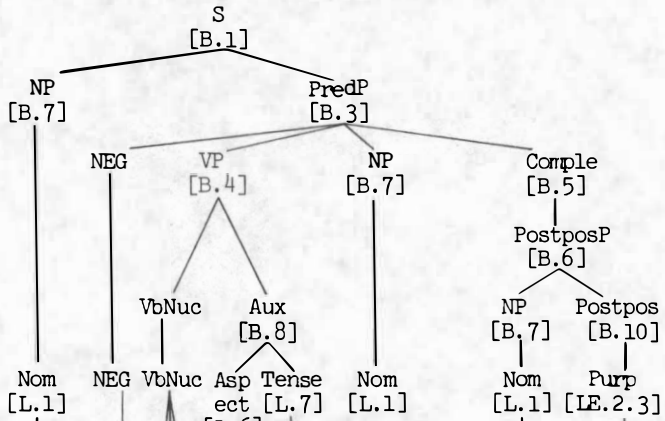
M.14



iŋgalgamanana

5.1.5. (Ex.5): ara gu-l-uru-m-ugul-inđi-na-đan  
 Neg you-Pot-Plur-RA-break-RA-Mid-for me (Refer)  
 You were not breaking yourselves (in concern) for me.

B-Rules:



Lexicon:

T-Rules:

[T.1]

[T.2]

[T.3]

[T.4]

[T.5]

[T.8]

[T.9.2]

[T.15.2]

R-Rules:

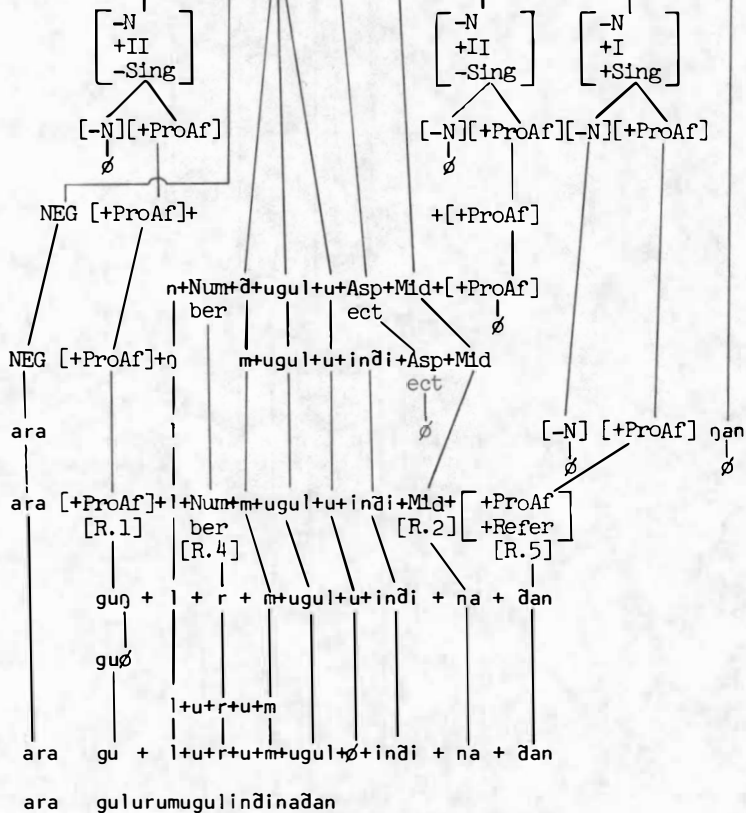
M-Rules:

[M.3]

[M.7]

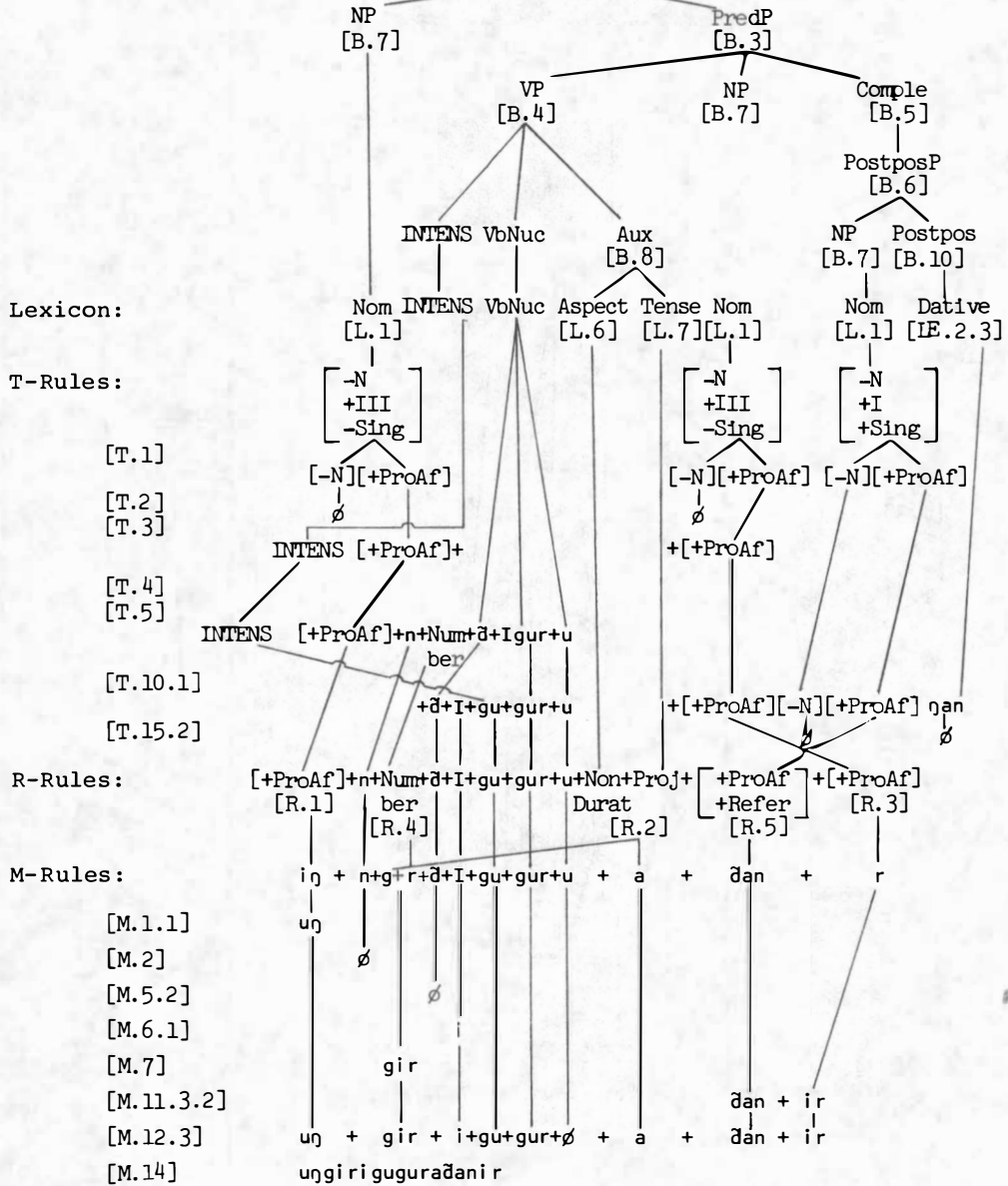
[M.12.3]

[M.14]



5.1.6. (Ex.6): uŋ-g-ir-igu-gur-a-đan-ir  
 They-Proj-Plur-Intens-make catamaran-Proj-for me-them  
 They will surely make them (the two sections of a  
 catamaran) for me.

B-Rules:



## 5.2. VERB PARADIGMS

The paradigms present the Indicative forms of a representative set of verbs. Extra-, Intra- and Retro-active verbal forms from the four classes are given in all tenses. The Extra-active verbs all have the third person singular Object suffix  $\emptyset$ .

Paradigm 1 (P.1),  $\emptyset$ -Class verbs, presents a vowel-initial, a vowel-final and a vowel-medial Verb Stem. The b-Class verbs of P.2 illustrate the realisations of the morphophonemes U and A. The  $\bar{d}$ -Class verbs of P.3 give examples of the I morphophoneme and the optional Retro-active morpheme m. Class g verbs, P.4, are represented by the one verb *to laugh* (*at*), which can express all three Action Types.

P.1.  $\emptyset$ -Class Verbs

P.1.1.

T E N S E	N U M B E R	P E R S O N	A C T I O N T Y P E			
			EXTRA-ACTIVE <i>and+i pick up</i>	INTRA-ACTIVE <i>mi look about</i>	RETRO-ACTIVE <i>mar+a burn, cook</i>	
I M P E R F E C T	P r o j e c t e d	S i n g	I	$\eta a-n-g-and-a-\emptyset$	$\eta a-\eta-gi-mi-y-a$	$\eta a-\eta-ga-mar-in\check{d}-a$
			II	a-n - .....	$\eta -a-.....$	$\eta - a-.....$
		III	u-n-g-.....	u- $\eta-gi-.....$	u- $\eta-ga-.....$	
		Dual	a-n-g-.....	a- $\eta-gi-.....$	a- $\eta-ga-.....$	
	P l u r	{Inc} {Exc}	a $\eta-g-ar-and-a-\emptyset$	a $\eta-g-ir-mi-y-a$	a $\eta-g-ar-mar-in\check{d}-a$	
		II	a -ar-.....	a - r-.....	a -r-.....	
III		u $\eta-g-ar-.....$	u $\eta-g-ir-.....$	u $\eta-g-ar-.....$		
P r e s e n t	S i n g	I	$\eta a-n-and-i-n\check{d}-\emptyset$	a-mi-n $\check{d}$	$\eta a-mar-in\check{d}-i-n\check{d}$	
		II	mi-n-.....	mi-.....	mi-.....	
		III	i-n-.....	i-.....	i-.....	
	Dual	a-n-.....	a-.....	a-.....		
P l u r	{Inc} {Exc}	a-r-and-i-n $\check{d}-\emptyset$	a-r-mi-n $\check{d}$	a-r-mar-in $\check{d}-i-n\check{d}$		
	II	gu-r-.....	gu-r-.....	gu-r-.....		
	III	i-r-.....	i-r-.....	i-r-.....		



P.1.  $\emptyset$ -Class Verbs

P.1.2.

T E N S E	N U M B E R	P E R S O N	A C T I O N T Y P E			
			EXTRA-ACTIVE <i>and+i pick up</i>	INTRA-ACTIVE <i>mi look about</i>	RETRO-ACTIVE <i>mar+a burn, cook</i>	
P E R F E C T	I m m e d i a t e	S i n g  D u a l	I	$\eta a-n-and-i-gald-\emptyset$	$\eta a-mi-gald$	$\eta a-mar-ind-i-gald$
			II	$mi-n-\dots\dots\dots$	$mi-\dots\dots\dots$	$mi-\dots\dots\dots$
			III	$i-n-\dots\dots\dots$	$i-\dots\dots\dots$	$i-\dots\dots\dots$
	P l u r	{Inc} Exc	a-n- $\dots\dots\dots$	$a-r-and-i-gald-\emptyset$	$a-r-mi-gald$	$a-r-mar-ind-i-gald$
			II	$gu-r-\dots\dots\dots$	$gu-r-\dots\dots\dots$	$gu-r-\dots\dots\dots$
			III	$i-r-\dots\dots\dots$	$i-r-\dots\dots\dots$	$i-r-\dots\dots\dots$
N e a r	S i n g  D u a l	I	$\eta a-n-and-i-gald-\emptyset$	$\eta a-\eta i-mi-gald$	$\eta a-\eta a-mar-ind-i-gald$	
		II	$mi-n-\dots\dots\dots$	$mi-\eta i-\dots\dots\dots$	$mi-\eta a-\dots\dots\dots$	
		III	$i-n-\dots\dots\dots$	$i-\eta i-\dots\dots\dots$	$i-\eta a-\dots\dots\dots$	
P l u r	{Inc} Exc	a-n- $\dots\dots\dots$	$a-\eta i-\dots\dots\dots$	$a-\eta a-\dots\dots\dots$	$a-\eta a-\dots\dots\dots$	
		II	$a\eta-ar-and-i-gald-\emptyset$	$a\eta-ir-mi-gald$	$a\eta-ar-mar-ind-i-gald$	
		III	$gu\eta-ar-\dots\dots\dots$	$gu\eta-ir-\dots\dots\dots$	$gu\eta-ar-\dots\dots\dots$	

P.1.  $\emptyset$ -Class Verbs

P.1.2.  
(Cont.)

T E N S E	N U M B E R	P E R S O N	A C T I O N T Y P E			
			EXTRA-ACTIVE <i>and+i pick up</i>	INTRA-ACTIVE <i>mi look about</i>	RETRO-ACTIVE <i>mar+ burn, cook</i>	
P E R F E C T	M i d d l e	S i n g  D u a l	I	$\eta a-n-and-i\bar{d}-\emptyset$	$\eta a-\eta i-mi-\bar{d}$	$\eta a-\eta a-mar-in\bar{d}-i\bar{d}$
			II	$mi-n-.....$	$mi-\eta i-....$	$mi-\eta a-.....$
			III	$i-n-.....$	$i-\eta i-....$	$i-\eta a-.....$
			Dual	$a-n-.....$	$a-\eta i-....$	$a-\eta a-.....$
	P l u r	{Inc} {Exc}	I	$a\eta-ar-and-i\bar{d}-\emptyset$	$a\eta-ir-mi-\bar{d}$	$a\eta-ar-mar-in\bar{d}-i\bar{d}$
			II	$gu\eta-ar-.....$	$gu\eta-ir-....$	$gu\eta-ar-.....$
			III	$i\eta-ar-.....$	$i\eta-ir-....$	$i\eta-ar-.....$
			Dual			
D i s t a n t	S i n g  D u a l	I	$\eta a-n-and-i-na-\emptyset$	$\eta a-\eta i-mi-na$	$\eta a-\eta a-mar-in\bar{d}-i-na$	
		II	$mi-n-.....$	$mi-\eta i-....$	$mi-\eta a-.....$	
		III	$i-n-.....$	$i-\eta i-....$	$i-\eta a-.....$	
		Dual	$a-n-.....$	$a-\eta i-....$	$a-\eta a-.....$	
P l u r	{Inc} {Exc}	I	$a\eta-ar-and-i-na-\emptyset$	$a\eta-ir-mi-na$	$a\eta-ar-mar-in\bar{d}-i-na$	
		II	$gu\eta-ar-.....$	$gu\eta-ir-....$	$gu\eta-ar-.....$	
		III	$i\eta-ar-.....$	$i\eta-ir-....$	$i\eta-ar-.....$	
		Dual				

P.2. b-Class Verbs

P.2.1.

T E N S E		N U M B E R	P E R S O N	A C T I O N T Y P E		
				EXTRA-ACTIVE <i>b+Al+i make</i>	INTRA-ACTIVE <i>b+UdUg+u stamp off</i>	RETRO-ACTIVE <i>b+ind+i put forward</i>
I M P E R F E C T	P r o j e c t e d	S i n g l e	I	ηɔ-n-g-ɔl-a-∅	ηɔ-η-g-ɔdɔg-a	ηa-η-ga-w-ind-inḍ-a
			II	ɔ-n - .....	η-a-w-udug-a	η - a-w-.....
			III	u-n-g-.....	u-η-g-ɔdɔg-a	u-η-ga-w-.....
	P l u r a l	{Inc} Exc	Dual	ɔ-n-g-.....	ɔ-η-g-ɔdɔg-a	a-η-ga-w-.....
			II	ɔη-g-ɔr-ɔl-a-∅	aη-g-ur-b-udug-a	aη-g-ir-b-ind-inḍ-a
			III	ɔ - r-.....	a - r-b-.....	a - r-b-.....
P r e s e n t	S i n g l e	I	I	ηa-n-b-al-i-nḍ-∅	ηa-w-udug-u-nḍ	ηa-w-ind-inḍ-i-nḍ
			II	mi-n-b-.....	mi-w-.....	mi-w-.....
			III	i-n-b-.....	i-w-.....	i-w-.....
	P l u r a l	{Inc} Exc	Dual	a-n-b-.....	a-w-.....	a-w-.....
			II	ɔ-r-ɔl-i-nḍ-∅	a-r-b-udug-u-nḍ	a-r-b-ind-inḍ-i-nḍ
			III	gu-r-.....	gu-r-b-.....	gu-r-b-.....
			III	i-r-.....	i-r-b-.....	i-r-b-.....

P.2. b-Class Verbs

P.2.2.

T E N S E	N U M B E R	P E R S O N	A C T I O N T Y P E			
			EXTRA-ACTIVE b+A1+i <i>make</i>	INTRA-ACTIVE b+UdUg+u <i>stamp off</i>	RETRO-ACTIVE b+ind+i <i>put forward</i>	
P E R F E C T	I m m e d i a t e	S i n g  Dual	I	ŋa-n-b-al-i-gald-∅	ŋa-w-udug-u-gald	ŋa-w-ind-inđ-i-gald
			II	mi-n-b-.....	mi-w-.....	mi-w-.....
			III	i-n-b-.....	i-w-.....	i-w-.....
			Dual	a-n-b-.....	a-w-.....	a-w-.....
	P l u r	{ Inc Exc}	I	ɔ-r-ɔl-i-gald-∅	a-r-b-udug-u-gald	a-r-b-ind-inđ-i-gald
			II	gu-r-.....	gu-r-b-.....	gu-r-b-.....
			III	i-r-.....	i-r-b-.....	i-r-b-.....
N e a r	S i n g  Dual	I	ŋa-n-am-b-al-i-gald-∅	ŋa-m-b-udug-u-gald	ŋa-m-b-ind-inđ-i-gald	
		II	mi-n-am-b-.....	mi-m-b-.....	mi-m-b-.....	
		III	i-n-am-b-.....	i-m-b-.....	i-m-b-.....	
		Dual	a-n-am-b-.....	a-m-b-.....	a-m-b-.....	
P l u r	{ Inc Exc}	I	ɔŋ- ɔr -ɔl-i-gald-∅	aŋ-ur-b-udug-u-gald	aŋ-ir-b-ind-inđ-i-gald	
		II	guŋ- ɔr -.....	guŋ-ur-b-.....	guŋ-ir-b-.....	
		III	iŋ- ɔr -.....	iŋ-ur-b-.....	iŋ-ir-b-.....	

P.2. b-Class Verbs

P.2.2.  
(Cont.)

T E N S E	N U M B E R	P E R S O N	A C T I O N T Y P E			
			EXTRA-ACTIVE <i>b+Al+i make</i>	INTRA-ACTIVE <i>b+UdUg+u stamp off</i>	RETRO-ACTIVE <i>b+ind+i put forward</i>	
P E R F E C T	M i d d l e	S i n g	I	ŋa-n-am-b-al-ið-ø	ŋa-m-b-udug-ið	ŋa-m-b-ind-inð-ið
			II	mi-n-am-b-.....	mi-m-b-.....	mi-m-b-.....
			III	i-n-am-b-.....	i-m-b-.....	i-m-b-.....
		D u a l	I	a-n-am-b-.....	a-m-b-.....	a-m-b-.....
			{Inc Exc}	ɔŋ- ɔr -ɔl-ið-ø	aŋ-ur-b-udug-ið	aŋ-ir-b-ind-inð-ið
			II	guŋ- ɔr -.....	guŋ-ur-b-.....	guŋ-ir-b-.....
	D i s t a n t	S i n g	I	ŋa-n-am-b-al-i-na-ø	ŋa-m-b-udug-i-na	ŋa-m-b-ind-inð-i-na
			II	mi-n-am-b-.....	mi-m-b-.....	mi-m-b-.....
			III	i-n-am-b-.....	i-m-b-.....	i-m-b-.....
		D u a l	I	a-n-am-b-.....	a-m-b-.....	a-m-b-.....
			{Inc Exc}	ɔŋ- ɔr -ɔl-i-na-ø	aŋ-ur-b-udug-i-na	aŋ-ir-b-ind-inð-i-na
			II	guŋ- ɔr -.....	guŋ-ur-b-.....	guŋ-ir-b-.....
P l u r	III	iq- ɔr -.....	iq-ur-b-.....	iq-ir-b-.....		

P.3. ǎ-Class Verbs

P.3.1.

T E N S E	N U M B E R	P E R S O N	A C T I O N T Y P E			
			EXTRA-ACTIVE ǎ+Ibar+a <i>singe</i>	INTRA-ACTIVE ǎ+id+i <i>go, walk</i>	RETRO-ACTIVE ǎ+ulug+u <i>wash</i>	
I M P E R F E C T	P r o j e c t e d	S i n g  D u a l	I	ŋa-n-g-i-bar-a-∅	ŋa-ŋ-g-id-a	ŋa-ŋ-g-um-ulug-inǎ-a
			II	a-n-ǎ-u-.....	ŋ-a-y-....	ŋ-a - m-.....
			III	u-n-g-i-.....	u-ŋ-g-....	u-ŋ-g-um-.....
			Dual	a-n-g-i-.....	a-ŋ-g-....	a-ŋ-g-um-.....
	P l u r	{Inc} Exc	I	aŋ-g-ir-i-bar-a-∅	aŋ-g-ir-ǎ-id-a	aŋ-g-ur-m-ulug-inǎ-a
			II	a - r-i-.....	a - r-ǎ-....	a - r-m-.....
			III	uŋ-g-ir-i-.....	uŋ-g-ir-ǎ-....	uŋ-g-ur-m-.....
P r e s e n t	S i n g  D u a l	I	ŋa-n-ǎ-u-bar-a-nǎ-∅	ŋa-y-id-i-nǎ	ŋa-m-ulug-inǎ-i-nǎ	
		II	mi-n-ǎ-u-.....	mi-y-.....	mi-m-.....	
		III	i-n-ǎ-u-.....	i-y-.....	i-m-.....	
		Dual	a-n-ǎ-u-.....	a-y-.....	a-m-.....	
P l u r	{Inc} Exc	I	a- r - i-ŋar-a-nǎ-∅	a-r-ǎ-id-i-nǎ	a-r-m-ulug-inǎ-i-nǎ	
		II	gu- r -i-.....	gu-r-ǎ-.....	gu-r-m-.....	
		III	i- r -i-.....	i-r-ǎ-.....	i-r-m-.....	

P.3. ð-Class Verbs

P.3.2.

T E N S E	N U M B E R	P E R S O N	A C T I O N T Y P E			
			EXTRA-ACTIVE ð+Ibar+a <i>singe</i>	INTRA-ACTIVE ð+id+i <i>go, walk</i>	RETRO-ACTIVE ð+ulug+u <i>wash</i>	
P E R F E C T	I m m e d i a t e	S i n g  D u a l	I	ŋa-n-ð-u-bar-a-galð-ø	ŋa-y-id-i-galð	ŋa-m-ulug-inð-i-galð
			II	mi-n-ð-u-.....	mi-y-.....	mi-m-.....
			III	i-n-ð-u-.....	i-y-.....	i-m-.....
			Dual	a-n-ð-u-.....	a-y-.....	a-m-.....
	P l u r	{ I n c } { E x c }	I I I I I	a- r -i-bar-a-galð-ø	a-r-ð-id-i-galð	a-r-m-ulug-inð-i-galð
				gu- r -i-.....	gu-r-ð-.....	gu-r-m-.....
				i- r -i-.....	i-r-ð-.....	i-r-m-.....
N e a r	S i n g  D u a l	I I I I I	ŋa-n-ð-u-bar-a-galð-ø	ŋa-n-ð-id-i-galð	ŋa-ŋ-um-ulug-inð-i-galð	
			mi-n-ð-u-.....	mi-n-ð-.....	mi-ŋ-um-.....	
			i-n-ð-u-.....	i-n-ð-.....	i-ŋ-um-.....	
			a-n-ð-u-.....	a-n-ð-.....	a-ŋ-um-.....	
P l u r	{ I n c } { E x c }	I I I I I	aŋ-ir -i-bar-a-galð-ø	aŋ-ir-ð-id-i-galð	aŋ-ur-m-ulug-inð-i-galð	
			guŋ-ir -i-.....	guŋ-ir-ð-.....	guŋ-ur-m-.....	
			iŋ-ir -i-.....	iŋ-ir-ð-.....	iŋ-ur-m-.....	

## P.3. ð-Class Verbs

P.3.2.  
(Cont.)

T E N S E	N U M B E R	P E R S O N	A C T I O N T Y P E			
			EXTRA-ACTIVE ð+Ibart+a <i>singe</i>	INTRA-ACTIVE ð+id+i <i>go, walk</i>	RETRO-ACTIVE ð+ulug+u <i>wash</i>	
P E R F E C T	M i d d l e	S i n g  D u a l	I	ŋa-n-ð-u-bar-ið-ø	ŋa-n-ð-id-ið	ŋa-ŋ-um-ulug-inð-ið
			II	mi-n-ð-u-.....	mi-n-ð-.....	mi-ŋ-um-.....
			III	i-n-ð-u-.....	i-n-ð-.....	i-ŋ-um-.....
			Dual	a-n-ð-u-.....	a-n-ð-.....	a-ŋ-um-.....
	P l u r	{Inc}	aŋ-ir -i-bar-ið-ø	aŋ-ir-ð-id-ið	aŋ-ur-m-ulug-inð-ið	
		{Exc}	guŋ-ir -i-.....	guŋ-ir-ð-.....	guŋ-ur-m-.....	
		II	iŋ-ir -i-.....	iŋ-ir-ð-.....	iŋ-ur-m-.....	
		III				
D i s t a n t	S i n g  D u a l	I	ŋa-n-ð-u-bar-a-na-ø	ŋa-n-ð-id-i-na	ŋa-ŋ-um-ulug-inð-i-na	
		II	mi-n-ð-u-.....	mi-n-ð-.....	mi-ŋ-um-.....	
		III	i-n-ð-u-.....	i-n-ð-.....	i-ŋ-um-.....	
		Dual	a-n-ð-u-.....	a-n-ð-.....	a-ŋ-um-.....	
P l u r	{Inc}	aŋ-ir -i-bar-a-na-ø	aŋ-ir-ð-id-i-na	aŋ-ur-m-ulug-inð-i-na		
	{Exc}	guŋ-ir -i-.....	guŋ-ir-ð-.....	guŋ-ur-m-.....		
	II	iŋ-ir -i-.....	iŋ-ir-ð-.....	iŋ-ur-m-.....		
	III					



P.4. g-Class Verbs

P.4.1.

T E N S E		N U M B E R	P E R S O N	A C T I O N T Y P E		
				EXTRA-ACTIVE g+am+a <i>laugh at</i>	INTRA-ACTIVE g+am+a <i>laugh</i>	RETRO-ACTIVE g+am+a <i>laugh at</i>
I M P E R F E C T	P r o j e c t e d	S i n g	I	ŋa-n-g-am-a-∅	ŋa-ŋ-g-am-a	ŋa-ŋ-g-am-inḍ-a
			II	a-n - .....	ŋ-a-y-.....	ŋ-a-y-.....
			III	u-n-g-.....	u-ŋ-g-.....	u-ŋ-g-.....
	P l u r	{Inc} Exc	Dual	a-n-g-.....	a-ŋ-g-.....	a-ŋ-g-.....
			II	aŋ-g-ar-am-a-∅	aŋ-g-ar-g-am-a	aŋ-g-ar-g-am-inḍ-a
			III	a - r-.....	a - r-g-.....	a - r-g-.....
P r e s e n t	S i n g	I	ŋa-n-g-am-a-nḍ-∅	ŋa-y-am-a-nḍ	ŋa-y-am-inḍ-i-nḍ	
		II	mi-n-g-.....	mi-y-.....	mi-y-.....	
		III	i-n-g-.....	i-y-.....	i-y-.....	
P l u r	{Inc} Exc	Dual	a-n-g-.....	a-y-.....	a-y-.....	
		II	a - r -am-a-nḍ-∅	a-r-g-am-a-nḍ	a-r-g-am-inḍ-i-nḍ	
		III	gu- r -.....	gu-r-g-.....	gu-r-g-.....	
			III	i- r -.....	i-r-g-.....	i-r-g-.....

P.4. g-Class Verbs

P.4.2.

T E N S E	N U M B E R	P E R S O N	A C T I O N T Y P E			
			EXTRA-ACTIVE g+am+a <i>laugh at</i>	INTRA-ACTIVE g+am+a <i>laugh</i>	RETRO-ACTIVE g+am+a <i>laugh at</i>	
P E R F E C T	I m m e d i a t e	S i n g	I	ŋa-n-g-am-a-gald-∅	ŋa-y-am-a-gald	ŋa-y-am-inḍ-i-gald
			II	mi-n-g-.....	mi-y-.....	mi-y-.....
			III	i-n-g-.....	i-y-.....	i-y-.....
		D u a l	a-n-g-.....	a-y-.....	a-y-.....	
			{Inc} {Exc}	a- r -am-a-gald-∅	a-r-g-am-a-gald	a-r-g-am-inḍ-i-gald
				II	gu- r -.....	gu-r-g-.....
	III	i- r -.....		i-r-g-.....	i-r-g-.....	
	N e a r	S i n g	I	ŋa-n-aŋ-g-am-a-gald-∅	ŋa-ŋ-g-am-a-gald	ŋa-ŋ-g-am-inḍ-i-gald
			II	mi-n-aŋ-g-.....	mi-ŋ-g-.....	mi-ŋ-g-.....
			III	i-n-aŋ-g-.....	i-ŋ-g-.....	i-ŋ-g-.....
		D u a l	a-n-aŋ-g-.....	a-ŋ-g-.....	a-ŋ-g-.....	
			{Inc} {Exc}	aŋ- ar -am-a-gald-∅	aŋ-ar-g-am-a-gald	aŋ-ar-g-am-inḍ-i-gald
II				guŋ- ar -.....	guŋ-ar-g-.....	guŋ-ar-g-.....
III	iŋ- ar -.....	iŋ-ar-g-.....		iŋ-ar-g-.....		

P.4. g-Class Verbs

P.4.2.  
(Cont.)

T E N S E	N U M B E R	P E R S O N	A C T I O N T Y P E			
			EXTRA-ACTIVE g+am+a <i>laugh at</i>	INTRA-ACTIVE g+am+a <i>laugh</i>	RETRO-ACTIVE g+am+a <i>laugh at</i>	
P E R F E C T	M i d d l e	S i n g  Dual	I	ŋa-n-aŋ-g-am-ið-∅	ŋa-ŋ-g-am-ið	ŋa-ŋ-g-am-inð-ið
			II	mi-n-aŋ-g-.....	mi-ŋ-g-.....	mi-ŋ-g-.....
			III	i-n-aŋ-g-.....	i-ŋ-g-.....	i-ŋ-g-.....
			Dual	a-n-aŋ-g-.....	a-ŋ-g-.....	a-ŋ-g-.....
	P l u r	{Inc} {Exc}		aŋ- ar -am-ið-∅	aŋ-ar-g-am-ið	aŋ-ar-g-am-inð-ið
			II	guŋ- ar -.....	guŋ-ar-g-.....	guŋ-ar-g-.....
			III	iŋ- ar -.....	iŋ-ar-g-.....	iŋ-ar-g-.....
D i s t a n t	S i n g  Dual	I	ŋa-n-aŋ-g-am-a-na-∅	ŋa-ŋ-g-am-a-na	ŋa-ŋ-g-am-inð-i-na	
		II	mi-n-aŋ-g-.....	mi-ŋ-g-.....	mi-ŋ-g-.....	
		III	i-n-aŋ-g-.....	i-ŋ-g-.....	i-ŋ-g-.....	
		Dual	a-n-aŋ-g-.....	a-ŋ-g-.....	a-ŋ-g-.....	
P l u r	{Inc} {Exc}		aŋ- ar -am-a-na-∅	aŋ-ar-g-am-a-na	aŋ-ar-g-am-inð-i-na	
		II	guŋ- ar -.....	guŋ-ar-g-.....	guŋ-ar-g-.....	
		III	iŋ- ar -.....	iŋ-ar-g-.....	iŋ-ar-g-.....	

## 6.0. APPENDICES

## 6.1. IRREGULAR VERBS

L.4.8

4.2.1

REFERENCE:

Irregularities in Bardi verb structure are limited to a small number of the most commonly used verbs and, in almost every case, to the Present and Immediate Perfect Tenses.

Irreg:1 g+Ø+a, *to carry, take away*

LE.6.4

The Present Imperfect and the Immediate Perfect singular forms have the consonant *ǰ* as the Verb Stem.

	PRESENT	IMMEDIATE
S I	ŋa-n-ga-ǰ-a-nǰ-Ø	ŋa-n-ga-ǰ-a-gaǰ-Ø
i II	mi-.....ǰ.....	mi-.....ǰ.....
n III	i-.....ǰ.....	i-.....ǰ.....
g Dual	a-.....ǰ.....	a-.....ǰ.....

Irreg:2 b+U, *to spear, kill, give needles*

LE.6.8

The same modification takes place with b+U as with the previous verb.

	PRESENT	IMMEDIATE
S I	ŋa-n-b-u-ǰ-a-nǰ-Ø	ŋa-n-b-u-ǰ-a-gaǰ-Ø
i II	mi-.....ǰ.....	mi.....ǰ.....
n III	i-.....ǰ.....	i.....ǰ.....
g Dual	a-.....ǰ.....	a.....ǰ.....

Irreg:3 ǰ+I, *to address, say to*

LE.6.8

In the Present and Immediate singular of this verb, the Verb Nucleus is *da*. The second person singular Projected (the Imperative) form is shortened to *anǰa*.

	PRESENT	IMMEDIATE
S I	ŋa-n-da-nǰ-Ø	ŋa-n-da-gaǰ-Ø
i II	mi...da.....	mi...da.....
n III	i...da.....	i...da.....
g Dual	a...da.....	a...da.....

Irreg:4  $\emptyset$ +a, to be, exist

LE.6.30

With this Intra-active verb, the same tenses are affected in both singular and plural forms. The Transitional Vowel changes to i, and there is an n added to the Nucleus in the singular forms.

		PRESENT	IMMEDIATE
S	I	$\eta$ a-n-i-nḁ	$\eta$ a-n-i-galḁ
i	II	mi-n-i...	mi-n-i.....
n	III	i-n-i...	i-n-i.....
g	Dual	a-n-i...	a-n-i.....
P	I	a-r-i-nḁ	a-r-i-galḁ
l	II	gu...i...	gu...i.....
u	III	i...i...	i...i.....
r			

## Irreg:5 g+al+a, to walk to, approach (Extra-active)

This verb was used to illustrate the factor of 'Abbreviation' in Section 4.2.1 with reference to common Bardi verbs. The Auxiliaries of the Imperfect Tenses are deleted in surface forms.

		PROJECTED	PRESENT
S	I	$\eta$ a-n-g-al- $\emptyset$	$\eta$ a-n-g-al- $\emptyset$
i	II	a-n - al- $\emptyset$	mi.....
n	III	u-n-g-al- $\emptyset$	i.....
g	Dual	a.....	a.....
P	I	a $\eta$ -ga-r-al- $\emptyset$	a-r-al- $\emptyset$
l	II	a - r.....	gu.....
u	III	u $\eta$ -ga-r.....	i.....
r			

Irreg:6  $\emptyset+a$ , to give (Extra-active)

The Middle Perfect forms of this verb are abbreviated.

	NON-DURATIVE MIDDLE	DURATIVE MIDDLE
S I	$\eta a-n-a-\bar{d}-\emptyset$	$\eta a-n-in\bar{d}-\emptyset$
i II	mi.....	mi.....
n III	i.....	i.....
g Dual	a.....	a.....
P I	$a\eta-ar-a-\bar{d}-\emptyset$	$a\eta-ar-in\bar{d}-\emptyset$
l II	gu $\eta$ .....	gu $\eta$ .....
u III	i $\eta$ .....	i $\eta$ .....
r		

## 6.2. VERB MORPHEME LIST

MORPHEME	DESCRIPTION	FEATURES
a-	Pronominal Subject	[+Dual]
a-	Pronominal Subject	[+{ <sup>Inc</sup> Exc}]
a-	Pronominal Subject	[+II]
-a	Indefinite Action	
-a	Non-Durative Imperfect Tenses	
-a	Pot/Neg Imperfect Tenses	
-ada	Question Marker	
-amba	Sequential Conjunction	
-an	Refer. Pronominal Affix	[+I,+Sing]
a $\eta$ -	Pronominal Subject	[+{ <sup>Inc</sup> Exc}]
-a $\eta$ ar	Intra-action Emphatic	
ara	Negative	
-b-	Class Marker	
-b	Temporal Relator	
-ba-	Nominal Relator	
-ba $\eta$ a	Question Marker	
- $\bar{d}$ -	Class Marker	[+{ <sup>Inc</sup> Exc}]
- $\bar{d}$ ada	Refer. Pronominal Affix	[+{ <sup>Inc</sup> Exc}]
- $\bar{d}$ a $\eta$ ir	Di-trans. Pronominal Affix	
- $\bar{d}$ amba	Sequential Conjunction	
- $\bar{d}$ an	Refer. Pronominal Affix	[+I,+Sing]
- $\bar{d}$ aran	Refer. Pronominal Affix	[+I,+Sing]

MORPHEME	DESCRIPTION	FEATURES
-ðaran	Di-trans. Pronominal Affix	[+I,+Sing]
-ðargur	Pronominal Object	[+II,-Sing]
-ðarmudu	Pronominal Object	[+{ <sup>InC</sup> <sub>Exc</sub> }]
-ðarṇayu	Pronominal Object	[+I,+Sing]
-ðarwayi	Pronominal Object	[+Dual]
-ði	Refer. Pronominal Affix	[+II,+Sing]
-ðin	Refer. Pronominal Affix	[+III,+Sing]
-ðir	Refer. Pronominal Affix	[+III,-Sing]
-ðir	Di-trans. Pronominal Affix	[+II,+Sing]
-ðiri	Refer. Pronominal Affix	[+II,+Sing]
-ðiri	Di-trans. Pronominal Affix	[+II,+Sing]
-ðiri	Pronominal Object	[+II,+Sing]
-ðirin	Refer. Pronominal Affix	[+III,+Sing]
-ðirin	Di-trans. Pronominal Affix	[+III,+Sing]
-ðirir	Di-trans. Pronominal Affix	[+III,-Sing]
-ðugara	Refer. Pronominal Affix	[+II,-Sing]
-ðugarir	Di-trans. Pronominal Affix	[+II,-Sing]
-ðowu	Refer. Pronominal Affix	[+Dual]
-ðowir	Di-trans. Pronominal Affix	[+Dual]
-g-	Class Marker	
-g-	Projected Tense Prefix	
-gal(ð)	Contemporary Perfect Tense	
gu-	Pronominal Subject	[+II,-Sing]
guṇ-	Pronominal Subject	[+II,-Sing]
-gur	Pronominal Object	[+II,-Sing]
i-	Pronominal Subject	[+III,+Sing]
-i	Refer. Pronominal Affix	[+II,+Sing]
-ið	Middle Perfect Tense	
-in	Refer. Pronominal Affix	[+III,+Sing]
-inð	Durat. Middle Perfect	
-inði	Retro-Action Marker	
iḡ-	Pronominal Subject	[+III,-Sing]
-ir	Intra-Action Emphatic	
-l-	Potential	
-lan	Refer. Pronominal Affix	[+I,+Sing]
-lgur	Pronominal Object	[+II,-Sing]
-li	Refer. Pronominal Affix	[+II,+Sing]
-li	Pronominal Object	[+II,+Sing]

MORPHEME	DESCRIPTION	FEATURES
-lin	Refer. Pronominal Affix	[+III,+Sing]
-lir	Pronominal Object	[+III,-Sing]
-lir	Refer. Pronominal Affix	[+III,-Sing]
-lmudu	Pronominal Object	[+{ <sup>Inc</sup> <sub>Exc</sub> }]
-lwayi	Pronominal Object	[+Dual]
-m-	Intra-Action Marker	
-m-	Retro-Action Marker	
ma-	Infinitive Prefix	
mi-	Pronominal Subject	[+II,+Sing]
-mudu	Pronominal Object	[+{ <sup>Inc</sup> <sub>Exc</sub> }]
-n-	Intra-Action Marker	
-n-	Extra-Action Marker	
-n-	Durat. Aspect	
-n	Infinitive Suffix	
-na	Distant Perfect Tense	
-na	Potential/Neg Auxiliary	[+{ <sup>Contemp</sup> <sub>Middle</sub> }]
-nana	Potential/Neg Auxiliary	[-Middle]
-nana	Durat. Distant Perfect	
-nǎ	Durat. Imperfect Tenses	
-ŋ-	Intra-Action Marker	
-ŋ-	Associative Suffix	
ŋa-	Pronominal Subject	[+I,+Sing]
-ŋa	Negative Emphasis	
ŋandǎ	Question Marker	
-ŋayu	Pronominal Object	[+I,+Sing]
-r-	Plural Marker	
-r	Pronominal Object	[+III,-Sing]
-ri	Pronominal Object	[+II,+Sing]
u-	Pronominal Subject	[+III]
u-	Pronominal Subject	[+III,+Sing]
uŋ-	Pronominal Subject	[+III,-Sing]
-w-	Class Marker	
-wayi	Pronominal Object	[+Dual]
-y-	Class Marker	



## 6.3. TEXT

This text is Part One of a two-part description narrated by a Bardi man, Mr Tudor Ejal. It is available in tape and transcript form through the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies (Tape Catalogue No. A1839). The general title of the tape is, 'Death, Burial and Existence After Death' and the sub-title of Part One is, 'Tree-stage Burial and the Ordeal of Loki bin Sali'.

Each line and each verb are numbered, with the line numbers appearing in the left-hand column and the verb numbers after the verb in parentheses. A free translation follows.

- 1    ḍawal ḡan-man-ø (1)    ḍari· ḡanḍin·  
*Story I-am putting-it this. Tree coffin.*
- 2    iḡara-manana-r (2)    amb agal ɔrañ milɔn·  
*They-used to put-them men and women 'before' times.*
- 3    baḍag-ɔn ḡanḍi·    in-ḍibin (3) aḡinḍ-aḡar    amba·  
*Tree-in on top. He-died    one-Intensifier man.*
- 4    malambu·    im-bañina (4)· ḡiñḡara iḡara-na-ø (5)  
*Malumbo Bay. He-died.    Then    they-took-him*
- 5    baḍa· ḡandurman-nim ḍin-ir iḡara-na-ø (6).  
*away. Relations-Agent his-they they-took-him.*
- 6    ñun iḡara-mana-ø (7) ḡunduḡmara    ḡanḍi·  
*There they-put-him    ḡunduḡmara Hill on top.*
- 7    iḡir-ɔn    baḍag·    ḡanḍin-gun·    iḡuru-  
*Tree name-on branches. Tree coffin-in. They-*
- 8    lulurunü-ø (8) nuru ḍin ḍiwara·    balabu ḍagud  
*lit-it    fire his dead man. Back returned*
- 9    iḡiri-ni (9)· buḡu-ḡan iḡ-ḡaḍina (10) mar·  
*they-ø.    Time-for it-went in    Temp = sunset.*
- 10    ḍib iḡara-mana-r (11)· yandal    ir-ḡa  
*Here they-placed-them.    Divining pegs their-name*
- 11    baḍaga· ḡiñḡ baḍaga·    ḍawal-ḡidi  
*sticks. Those sticks.    Message-pertaining to*

- 12 baḍaga giñiṅg· aṅgi-nim in-buḍan-∅ (12) ɔ  
sticks those. Who-Agent he-killed-him Conj
- 13 aṅgi-nim inu-ḡurubunana-∅ miḡurunu  
who-Agent he-followed-him (as a) 'shadow-man'
- 14 giñiṅg amba giñiṅg baḍag· yandal-ba-ḍib  
that man (is) that stick. Pegs-Relator-these
- 15 ira-man-ir (14) ḍawal-ḡa may-uḷḡa-n (15)  
they-put-them message-with Infinitive-tell-Infinitive
- 16 ḍir nunḍu-bal-ir ḍiwara-nim  
to them the living-Relator-them dead man-Agent
- 17 ambuḡiñ· giñiṅgara biḡar iḡiri-ni-ḡ (16)  
people. Then left behind they-∅-with it ●
- 18 biḍ ḍiwara· balabu ḡawin iḡara-man (17) ambuḡiñ  
this dead man. Back walked they-∅ people
- 19 bali-ḡan· giḡ iḡar-alana (18) ḍagadag iḡiri-ni (19)·  
camp-to. Stayed they-went about slept they-∅
- 20 muyun iḡar-ḍarmina (20) baḍa· dar iḡar-aḡa (21)  
Early they-rose up away. Came they-∅
- 21 ñunu· iḡar-alana-∅ (22) nidi baḡi buḡ  
there. They-looked at-it Quantitative this way saw
- 22 iḡar-alana-∅ (23)· ara-giḍ ular-alana-∅ (24)  
they-saw-it. Neg-Intensifier they-saw-him
- 23 nidi· miḡurunu ni-ḡa amba giñiṅg  
Quantitative. 'Shadow-man' his name being that.
- 24 gaḡabini-b· ara ular-alana-∅ (25) ninbil·  
Murderer-Relator. Neg they-saw-it track.
- 25 ḍagud iḡiri-ni (26) balabu· giḡ iḡar-alana (27)·  
Returned they-∅ back. Stayed they-went about
- 26 irḍaḡa mar inḍuna (28) buḡu· giñiṅgara baḡ  
Three Temp it was time. Then spoke



- 27 iḡiri-n-in (29) lagi ruwil a-ña (30) ḡu baḡ  
*they-said-to him Loki go you-∅ you off*
- 28 iḡiri-n-in (31) laḡal ḡamba ḡa:-ña (32) baḡaḡ-ɔn.  
*they-said-to him. Climb Sequ you-climb tree-in.*
- 29 ḡanḡin-gun ḡa-land-amba (33) ḡanḡi iḡiri-n-in (34).  
*Tree coffin-in. You-sit-Sequ on top they-said-to him*
- 30 baḡi ḡira ir milɔn-ḡun ambuḡiñ.  
*That way their those before-belonging people.*
- 31 in-ḡarmina (35) ḡani ruwil i-ñana (36)  
*He-rose up straight away went he-∅*
- 32 baḡa. ruwil i-ñana (37) ḡaragara ñunu dab  
*away. Went he-∅ Continuative there went up*
- 33 i-ñana (38). ḡiñḡ-ɔn baḡaḡ. laḡal iḡ-ḡañina (39).  
*he-∅ That-in tree. Climbed he-climbed.*
- 34 aḡ-a:lḡa. ɔ ḡaḡud in-ḡuna (40) ñalab. ḡaḡu  
*another-sun. Conj returned he-∅ there. Still*
- 35 ruwil i-ñana (41) ḡoḡḡa. daḡadaḡ iḡiri-n (42) aḡ-  
*came he-∅ well. Slept they-∅ another*
- 36 a:lḡa min ruwil i-ñana (43) ḡar-ɔ iḡɔr-ɔnbuna-∅ (44).  
*sun Temp went he-∅ here-from they-sent-him.*
- 37 luḡal-gun buḡu ḡala. di:l marab in-ḡidini (45)  
*bad-at time now. Burst open Temp it-came out*
- 38 nu:-ḡu ḡiñḡ ḡiwara-b-amba. ruwil  
*his-stomach that dead one-Relator-man. Went*
- 39 i-ñana (46) ḡar-ɔ. baḡim ḡigiḡ in-ḡuna (47)  
*he-∅ here-from. Quickly peeped he-∅*
- 40 ñunu ḡanḡin-gun ñun in-ḡalana-∅ (48) ḡu:ḡin  
*there tree coffin-at. There he-saw-it intestine*
- 41 iḡ-ḡalḡalḡamanana (49) ḡanḡi. aḡaḡ ḡu:ḡini  
*it-was moving around on top. Another intestine*
- 42 laḡa-madan iḡ-anana (50) nidi.  
*bottom-Directional it was Quantitative.*



- 43 in-galgalgamanana (51) nidi·                      agal amba  
*It-was moving around      Quantitative.      Conj man*
- 44 in-đalana-ø (52) đari in-galgalamanana (53) ni-maļa·  
*he-saw-him                      this he-was moving around his-arm.*
- 45 agal niy-ađa·      bil-amba      đigiř in-đuna-đin (54)  
*Conj his-body.      Again-Sequ peeped he-ø-at him*
- 46 baņi              in-đalana-ø-b (55)·      ŋaņganmađ              in-đuna (56)  
*this way he-saw-him-Temp.              Tried to stop he-ø*
- 47 in-đarġina (57)              in-đaralana (58) giņiņg-ɔ-  
*he-was frightened.      He-ran off              that-from-*
- 48 ŋan-đunu                      ŋanđin·              yur  
*because of-belonging tree coffin.      Came down*
- 49 ina-mana (59) đari bi:nba·      đari mar      arar  
*he-ø                      this marsh.      Here Temp standing*
- 50 iġiri-n (60) amb-ařaņ      iġi-lirman-ir (61)·              alġuru  
*they-ø                      men-other they-called out-Emphat.      Brother*
- 51 đanam-buřu-ŋan min-đaralan (62) iġiri-n-in (63)  
*which-place-to you-are running they-said-to him.*
- 52 ara-ŋa      ma-lamanga-n (64)                      giņiņgi·      gađ  
*Neg-Emph Infinitive-listen-Infinitive he.              Still*
- 53 in-đaralana (65) baņđara              ŋunu·      iġi-lirman-in (66)  
*he ran                      straight on there.      They-called-to him*
- 54 bayibirɔñ·      ɔ      ara-ŋa      ma-lamanga-n (67)·  
*behind.              Conj Neg-Emph Infinitive-listen-infinitive.*
- 55 bun-ɔn              dar in-aņa (68)      bal-un niřirdara bađ  
*Further on came he-ø                      camp-to alongside off*
- 56 inđaralana (69)·      iġi-lirman-ini (70) biri-gulu-  
*he ran.                      They-called-to him mother-father-*
- 57 nim      đin-ir      agal ŋuņuļ-đini      đalbur-gađa·  
*Agent his-they and older-group a few-not.*
- 58 uluman-đini              giř      ular-alana (71) nidi  
*Old women-group lived they-went about Quantitative*

- 59 iḡi-lirman-ini (72) ḡanam-buḡu-ḡan min-ḡarala (73)  
*they called-to him which-place-to you-are running*
- 60 iḡiri-n-in (74) ara ḡin gaḡ in-ḡaralana (75)  
*they-said-to him. Neg to him still he-ran (like)*
- 61 namaḡa biḡar-ḡunu gala·  
*nothing behind-belonging = on his own Affirmative.*
- 62 in-ḡarḡina (76)· ḡuban marab ga:l marabu-ḡin  
*He-was frightened. In return Temp humbug Temp-his*
- 63 ḡido· ambuḡiñ in-ambañina-r (77) giñiḡ-amba  
*teasing. People he-fought-them that-(is why)*
- 64 iḡara-mana-ø (78) ḡuban baḡa-ba ḡuwil i-ñana (79)  
*they-put-him in return away-Relator went he*
- 65 ḡanḡin-ḡan· balab iḡuru-ḡurubina-ø (80) baḡa  
*tree coffin-to. Up they-chased-him off*
- 66 aḡaḡa-nim· iḡar-aḡḡina-ø (81) baḡa bali-ḡan·  
*others-Agent. They-brought-him away camp-to.*
- 67 aḡan min-ḡarala-gal (82) iḡiri-n-in (83)· ara  
*Why you-were running-just they-said-to him. Response*
- 68 ḡan-ḡarḡi-gal-ḡirin (84)· aḡinḡ i-yalgalgaman-  
*I-was frightened-just-from him. Causal he-moved about-*
- 69 galḡ (85) ñunu gaḡdi· i-mañin-gal-ḡaran (86)  
*just there on top. He-waved-just-to me*
- 70 in-ḡuna-ḡir (87)· giñiḡ-amba ḡan-ḡarala-gal (88)·  
*he said-to them. That-(is why) I-was running-just.*
- 71 im-bañin-aḡar (89) giñiḡ·  
*It-finished-Emphat that (story).*

FREE TRANSLATION: (With explanatory notes in parentheses)

*This story which I am putting down concerns the tree coffin. They used to place the (deceased) men and women up in a tree in the olden times.*

*A certain man once died in Malumbo Bay (near the mouth of King Sound, Western Australia). After he had passed on his relations took him away. They put him there at the top of Gundulmara Hill, on a tree coffin in the branches of an Iniri tree. They lit a large fire for this dead man. They returned there at sundown. Here they placed those sticks which they call yandala - divining pegs. The purpose of these sticks was to give a message as to who killed the person or who followed him as a 'shadow-man'. (A 'shadow-man is the alter ego of a sorcerer which dogs the steps of the victim and finally may kill him). That man (the murderer, is represented by one of) those sticks. Those divining pegs which they put there are for the dead person to send a message to the people who are living. Then they left the dead man there behind and walked back to camp. The people stayed there and all slept. Early next morning they arose and went off to that place. There they looked carefully over it but saw not a single thing. They did not see that being called the 'shadow-man' - the one who was the murderer - nor did they see one track. They returned and stayed (in camp) for three days.*

*Then they spoke to Loki (bin Sali, a Bardi man, Asian father).*

*"You go off and climb into that tree! Sit down there on top where that tree coffin is!" they said to him.*

*That is the way those people (used to act) in the olden days.*

*He got up immediately and went off. He kept going until he was right up there on the hill. He climbed up into that tree. (At the end of the day, he returned to camp.) The next day he went back there. Still he came back well (in good spirits). They all slept. When the next (third) day came, they sent him from there and off he went. It was to be a bad time for him as the stomach of that man who had died had burst open. When Loki returned from (camp), quickly he peeped there at the tree coffin. Up there on top he saw an intestine which kept moving about. Another intestine was hanging downwards. It kept moving about also. And he saw that dead man moving his arm around - and his body! When he peeped again at him, he saw the same thing.*

*"I must stop!" he said, but he was terrified. Off he ran from that tree coffin because of what it held. He came down to this marsh. As they were standing about here, the other man called out loudly to him, "Brother, to which place are you running?"*

*He did not listen to them at all. He kept on running straight on*

*there. They called to him from behind, but he would not listen. Further on he came alongside the camp and ran on. His parents and not a few of the older people called to him. A group of the older women who were living there called to him, asking:*

*"To which place are you running?"*

*He took no notice. Indeed, he ran on as fast as anything - out on his own. He was so frightened. This was in retribution for his 'humbug' (general term for a range of bad conduct) and for the times when he used to tease and fight with the people. That is why - for retribution - they made him go off to the tree coffin.*

*The others chased off after him and brought him back to the camp.*

*"Why were you running just now?" they said to him.*

*"Oh, I was very frightened of him because he kept moving around up there. Just now, he waved his hand at me. That is why I ran," he said to them.*

*That (part of the story) is quite finished.*

#### 6.4. THE RULES SUMMARISED

This Appendix brings together the derivational rules as they are presented in the Base, Lexical, Transformational, Realisation and Phonological Components. They are provided for convenience of reference particularly when following through a derivational example from the Base to surface forms.

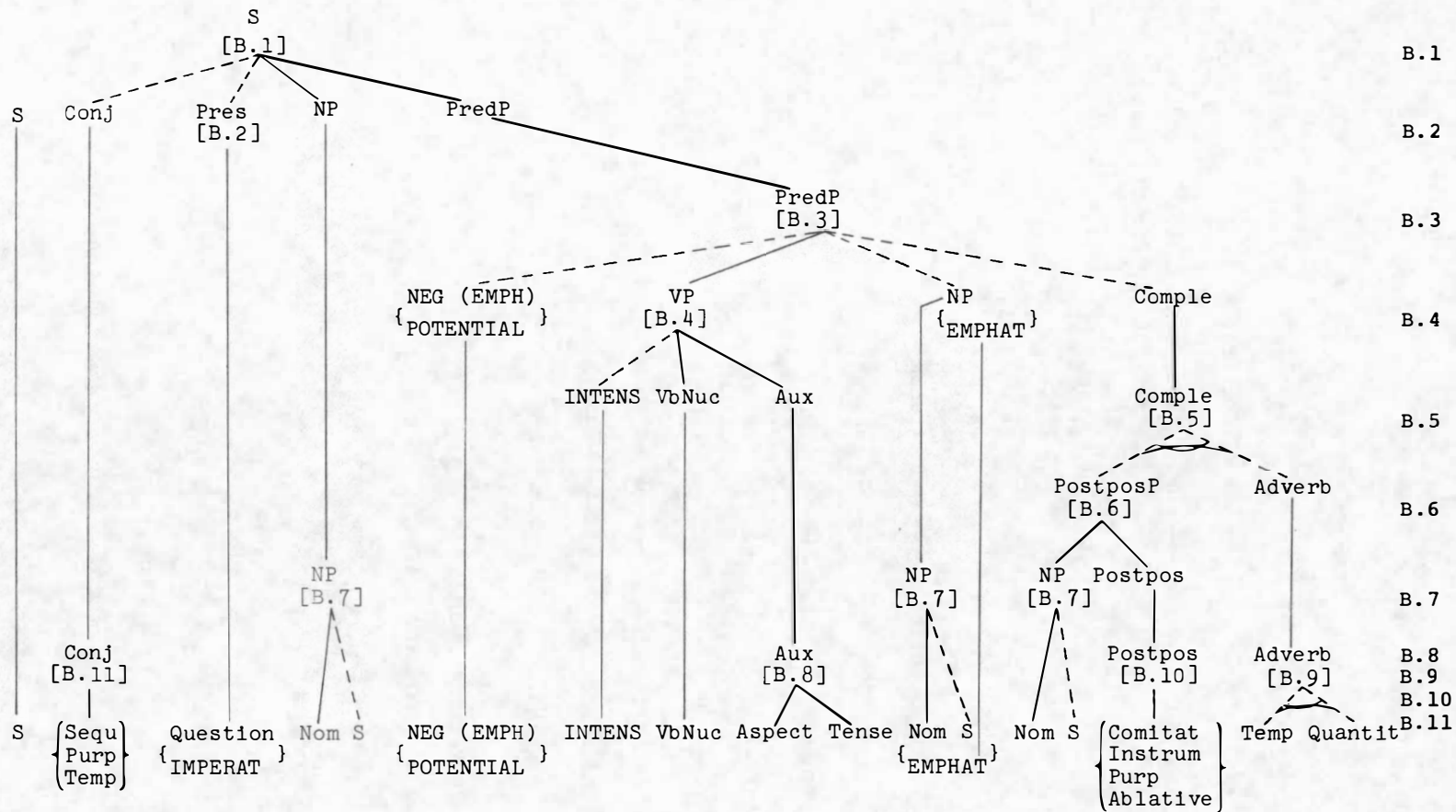
## 2.0. THE BASE COMPONENT

## 2.1. THE BASE RULES

B.1.	S	→	(S Conj) (Pres) NP PredP
B.2.	Pres	→	{ Question IMPERAT }
B.3.	PredP	→	{ NEG (EMPH) POTENTIAL } VP ( { NP EMPHAT } ) (Comple)
B.4.	VP	→	(INTENS) VbNuc Aux
B.5.	Comple	→	(PostposP{Adverb}) <sup>1</sup>
B.6.	PostposP	→	NP Postpos
B.7.	NP	→	Nom (S)
B.8.	Aux	→	Aspect Tense
B.9.	Adverb	→	(Time{Quantit}) <sup>1</sup>
B.10.	Postpos	→	{ Comit Instrum Purp Ablative }
B.11.	Conj	→	{ Sequ Purp Temp }

<sup>1</sup>Linked parentheses indicate that at least one category must be chosen.





## 2.3. LEXICAL RULES (L.)

L.1.	Nom	→	±N
L.2.	-N	→	[±I, ±II, ±Sing]
L.3.	+N	→	[γFeature, ±Sing]
L.4.	VbNuc	→	[(+Pre-Stem (+Action Change)), +Class, (+PartRedup), +Vbs, (+TransitV), (+ObligRetro), (+Impers), (+Irreg:n), +N: ____, ± __N: ]
L.5.	Temporal Adverb	→	[±Tense]
L.6.	Aspect	→	[±Durat]
L.7.	Tense	→	±Perf
L.7.1.	-Perf	→	±Pres
L.7.2.	+Perf	→	±Definite
L.7.3.	+Definite	→	±Contemp
L.7.4.	+Contemp	→	±Immed
L.7.5.	-Contemp	→	±Mid

## 3.1. TRANSFORMATIONAL RULES

T.1.	OBLIG	PRONOMINAL AFFIX	
S.D.	x	$\begin{bmatrix} \pm N \\ \alpha \text{Person} \\ \beta \text{Number} \end{bmatrix}$	Y
	1	2	3
S.C.	1	2 $\begin{bmatrix} +\text{ProAf} \\ \alpha \text{Person} \\ \beta \text{Number} \end{bmatrix}$	3

## T.2. OBLIG SUBJECT PRONOMINAL PREFIX

S.D.	X	[±N]	[+ProAf]	(S)	Y	VbNuc	Aux	Z		(Comple)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9
S.C.	1	∅	∅	∅	5	3 + 6	+	7	8	2 4 9

## T.3. OBLIG OBJECT PRONOMINAL SUFFIX

S.D.	X	Aux	[ N]	[+ProAf]	(S)	Y		(Comple)
		1	2	3	4	5		6
S.C.		1 + 3	∅	∅	∅	5	2	4 6

## T.4. OBLIG NUMBER PREFIX

S.D.	<u>X</u>	<u>[+ProAf]</u>	+	<u>VbNuc</u>	<u>Y</u>
		1			2
S.C.		1 + Number	+		2

## T.5. OBLIG EXTRA-ACTION

S.D.	<u>X</u>	<u>[+ProAf]</u>	+	<u>Y</u>	+	<u>[+ProAf]</u>	<u>Z</u>
		1					2
S.C.		1	+	n	+		2

## T.6. OBLIG INTRA-ACTION

S.D.	<u>X</u>	<u>[+ProAf]</u>	+	Y		
		1		2		
S.C.		1	+	n	+	2

Condition: 2 does not include [+ProAf]

## T.7.1. OBLIG PRE-STEM PLACEMENT

S.D.	X	<u>[+ProAf]+Y</u>	+	<u>[Pre-Stem(+Action Change), Z]</u>
			VbNuc	VbNuc
	1	2		3 4
S.C.	1	3		2 + 4

## T.7.2. OBLIG ACTION CHANGE

S.D.	X	Pre-Stem	+Action Change	[+ProAf]	+	n	+	Y
		1	2	3		4		5
S.C.		1	∅	3	+	n	+	5

## T.8.1. OBLIG RETRO-ACTION I

S.D.	X	[+ProAf]	+	n	+	Y	Aux	+	[+ProAf]	Z	
		1		2		3	4		5	6	7
S.C.		1		2		n	4 + inđi + 5		∅	7	

Condition: 2 = 6

## T.8.2. OPTIONAL RETRO-ACTION II

S.D.	X	+	Class	+	Y	+	inđi	+	Z
			1		2		3		
S.C.			1		m		3		

## T.9.1. OBLIG POTENTIAL

S.D.	W	POTENTIAL	X	+	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ n \end{matrix} \right\}$	+	Y	+	Aspect	+	Z		
			1		2		3		4		5	6	7
S.C.			1		∅		3		1		5	∅	7

## T.9.2. OBLIG NEGATIVE

S.D.	W	NEGATIVE	X	+	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ n \end{matrix} \right\}$	+	Y	+	Aspect	+	Z		
			1		2		3		4		5	6	7
S.C.			1		ara		3		1		5	∅	7

Condition: 3 does not include EMPH.

## T.10.1. OBLIG VERB STEM REDUPLICATION

S.D.	X	INTENS	Y	+	Vbs	+	Z		
			1		2		3	4	5
S.C.			1		∅		3	4 + 4	5

Condition: 3 does not include Pre-Stem

## T.10.2. OBLIG PRE-STEM REDUPLICATION

S.D.	X	INTENS	Pre-Stem	Y
	1	2	3	4
S.C.	1	3	+	3 4

## T.11. OBLIG INTRA-ACTION EMPHATIC

S.D.	X	Tense	EMPHAT	Y
	1	2	3	4
S.C.	1	2	+ { <sup>i</sup> r <sub>anar</sub> }#	4

Condition: 2 is not marked [+Proj].

## T.12. OBLIG NEGATIVE EMPHASIS

S.D.	NEG	EMPH	X	<u>[+ProAf]</u>	+	Y	+	<u>Verb Nucleus (+indj)</u>	+	Z#
	1	2	3	4				5		6
S.C.	ara	+ na	3	ma			+	5	+	n

## T.13. OPTIONAL YES-NO QUESTIONS

S.D.	X	naŋda	<u>Y + Aux</u>	Z
	1	2	3	4
S.C.	1	∅	3 + aɗa	4

## T.14. OBLIG IMPERATIVE

S.D.	IMPERAT	X	+	Aux	Y
		1	2	3	4
S.C.		∅	2	3	4

[+Proj]

## T.15.1. OPTIONAL ASSOCIATIVE SUFFIX

S.D.	<u>X Aux</u>	Y	[ N]	[+ProAf]	{Instrum Comitat}	Z
	1	2	3	4	5	6
S.C.	1 + ŋ + 4	2	3	+	5	6

T.15.2. OPTIONAL REFERENTIAL SUFFIX

S.D.	X	Aux	Y	[±N]	[+ProAf]	{ Purposive } { Ablative }	Z
	1		2	3	4	5	6
S.C.	1 + 4		2	3	+	5	6
		[+Refer]					

Conditions: (i) 3 is marked [+Animate].

(ii) 2 is not 1st. or 2nd. Person Pronominal Object.

T.16.1. OBLIG TIME ADVERB/AUXILIARY AGREEMENT

S.D.	X	+	Tense	Y	Time [δTense]	Z
	1		2		3	
S.C.	1		2		3	
			[δTense]			

T.16.2. OBLIG THEM DELETION

S.D.	W	Aux	+	X	+	[ +ProAf ] [ +III ] [ -Sing ]	Y	nidi	Z
		1				2		3	
S.C.		1				∅		3	

T.17.1. OPTIONAL SEQUENTIAL CONJUNCTION

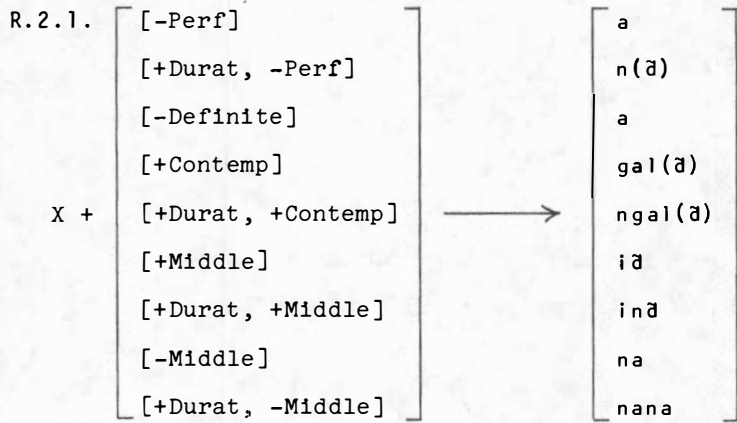
S.D.	S <sub>1</sub>	{ <sup>amba</sup> damba }	S <sub>2</sub>	[ X + Aux Y ]	S <sub>2</sub>
	1	2		3	4
S.C.	1	2		3 + amba	4

T.17.2. OPTIONAL PURPOSIVE CONJUNCTION

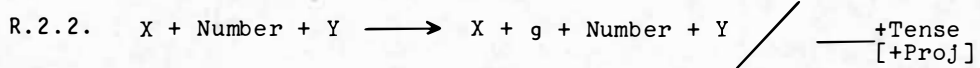
S.D.	S <sub>1</sub>	aṛinḍi-ṇan	S <sub>2</sub>	[ X [+ProAf]+Y + Verb Nucleus (+inḍi) + Z# ]	S <sub>2</sub>				
	1	2		3	4	5	6		
S.C.	1	∅		3	ma	+	5	+	n



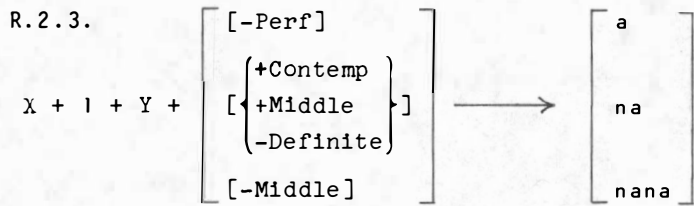
R.2. AUXILIARY



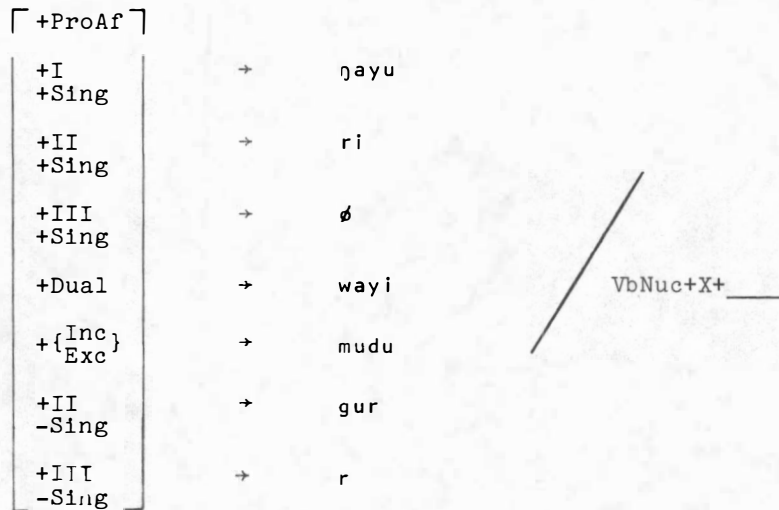
Condition: X does not include the Potential morpheme l.



Condition: X does not include the Potential morpheme l.



R.3. OBJECT/ASSOCIATIVE PRONOMINAL SUFFIX





## R.4. NUMBER PREFIX



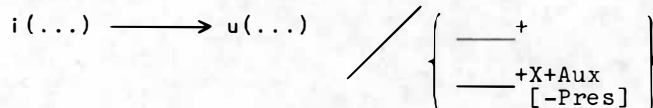
## R.5. REFERENTIAL SUFFIX

$\left[ \begin{array}{c} +\text{ProAf} \\ +\text{Refer} \end{array} \right]$			
$\left[ \begin{array}{c} +\text{I} \\ +\text{Sing} \end{array} \right]$	$\rightarrow$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{dan} \\ \text{an} \end{array} \right\}$	
$\left[ \begin{array}{c} +\text{II} \\ +\text{Sing} \end{array} \right]$	$\rightarrow$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{di} \\ i \end{array} \right\}$	
$\left[ \begin{array}{c} +\text{III} \\ +\text{Sing} \end{array} \right]$	$\rightarrow$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{din} \\ in \end{array} \right\}$	
$\left[ \begin{array}{c} +\text{Dual} \end{array} \right]$	$\rightarrow$	$\text{dowu}$	
$\left[ \begin{array}{c} +\{\text{Inc}\} \\ -\{\text{Exc}\} \end{array} \right]$	$\rightarrow$	$\text{da}\text{da}$	
$\left[ \begin{array}{c} +\text{II} \\ -\text{Sing} \end{array} \right]$	$\rightarrow$	$\text{dugara}$	
$\left[ \begin{array}{c} +\text{III} \\ -\text{Sing} \end{array} \right]$	$\rightarrow$	$\text{dir}$	

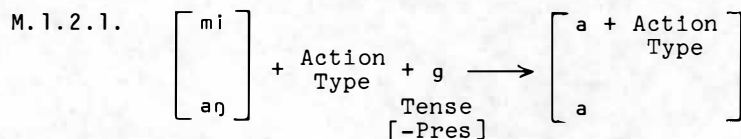
## 4.3. MORPHOPHONEMIC RULES

## M.1. SUBJECT PREFIX MODIFICATION

## M.1.1. THIRD PERSON



## M.1.2. SECOND PERSON PROJECTED



M.1.2.2.            a       +       η       →   η   +   a

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} +\text{ProAf} \\ +\text{II} \\ +\text{Sing} \end{array} \right]$$

## M.2. EXTRA-ACTION MARKER DELETION

M.2.1.        n       →   ∅   /    $\left. \begin{array}{l} \dots \eta + \\ [+ \text{ProAf}] \end{array} \right\} \text{---}$

M.2.2.        n       →   ∅   /    $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{---} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} r \\ \tilde{n} \\ | \\ | \end{array} \right\} (\dots) + X + \text{Aux} \\ [+ \{ \text{Pres} \\ \text{Immed} \}] \end{array} \right\}$

## M.3. η PREFIX DELETION

$(\dots)\eta$        →   ∅   /    $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{---} + 1 \\ \text{---} + X + \text{VbNuc} + \text{Aux} \\ [+ \{ \text{Pres} \\ \text{Immed} \}] \end{array} \right\}$

## M.4. PLURAL MARKER DELETION

r       →   ∅   /    $\text{---} + 1 \dots + X$

Condition: X does not include an Object pronominal suffix.

## M.5. CLASS MARKER DELETION

M.5.1.        Class   →   ∅   /    $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \\ g \end{array} \right\} \text{---}$

M.5.2.        Class   →   ∅   /   r +  $\text{---}$  + X

Condition: X includes an Object pronominal suffix.

M.5.3.         $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} b \\ g \end{array} \right\}$    →   ∅   /   n +  $\text{---}$  + X + Aux  
[-Pres]





$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{M.11.3.2.} \\
 \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{đan+r} \\ \text{đi+r} \\ \text{đin+r} \\ \text{đowu+r} \\ \text{đađa+r} \\ \text{đugar+r} \\ \text{đir+r} \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{đan+ir} \\ \text{đ+ir} \\ \text{đin+ir} \\ \text{đow+ir} \\ \text{đađ+ir} \\ \text{đugar+ir} \\ \text{đir+ir} \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

### M.12. SUFFIX VOWEL ADJUSTMENT

$$\text{M.12.1.} \quad a \longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{c} w + a \\ y + a \end{array} \right] \quad / \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} (\dots)\{^u\} \\ (\dots)\{^i\} \\ \text{[VbS]} \end{array} \right] + \text{---}$$

$$\text{M.12.2.} \quad i \dots \longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{c} w + i \dots \\ y + i \dots \\ \emptyset \end{array} \right] \quad / \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} (\dots)u \\ (\dots)a \\ (\dots)\text{ɔ} \\ \text{[VbS]} \end{array} \right] + \text{---}$$

$$\text{M.12.3.} \quad (\dots)V + V(\dots) \longrightarrow V(\dots)$$

### M.13. SUFFIX CONSONANT ADJUSTMENT

$$\text{M.13.1.} \quad (\dots)C_1 + C_1(\dots) \longrightarrow C_1(\dots)$$

$$\text{M.13.2.} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{amba} \\ \text{ađa} \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{đamba} \\ \text{bađa} \end{array} \right] \quad / \quad \dots \left\{ \begin{array}{c} l \\ n \end{array} \right\} + \text{---}$$

### M.14. +-REMOVAL

$$+ \longrightarrow \emptyset$$

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