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## PREFACE

The present work is a slightly revised version of H.M. Sohn's University of Hawaii dissertation (1969) which was written under the direct supervision of and in close cooperation with B.W. Bender. In the writing of the original version, the phonology portion was constructed in large part along the lines of ideas provided by Bender, whereas the syntax portion generally followed those of Sohn. Since essentially nothing was known of the Ulithian language before Sohn's five months of field work on the island in 1968, a major aim of the work was to provide the reader with as much of an overall picture of the language as possible while using a generative-transformational model that was current in the mid-sixties. A wealth of example sentences are provided to assist the ambitious reader who wishes to reinterpret portions of the syntax along more recent models, as the authors themselves undoubtedly would if they were to start from the beginning again.

As a matter of fact, an enormous number of works have recently appeared which provide far more refined options within linguistic theory than those available at the time when this work was done. Fresh arguments are being made in phonology regarding such topics as abstractness in base form phonemicisation, rule ordering, and direction of rule operation. A number of proposals are being made in favour of generative semantics over generative syntax. If these recent theoretical developments were taken into account, this work would no doubt be refined and reorganised. For example, negation has been treated no higher than the level of a lexical category in view of its morphological characteristics. In the framework of generative semantics, negation would certainly be dealt with at a much higher level, which would show parallelism with the other languages of the world in terms of linguistic universality.

The authors' recent work on Woleaian, the language closest to Ulithian, has revealed that various hypotheses made in this book are

basically correct, in that similar hypotheses may be applicable to Woleaian also. For example, reconstruction of lost final vowels in Ulithian base forms is supported by devoiced reflexes of such vowels in corresponding Woleaian forms. On the other hand, certain hypotheses made with Ulithian evidence alone could be improved or modified if parallel Woleaian evidence were taken into account. For example, the final vowels in such Ulithian base forms as *lage* 'sky', *tale* 'rope', *cale* 'water', *fase* 'stone', and *mwale* 'man' are not pronounced but are reconstructed in view of their respective construct forms: *lagel* 'sky of', *talel* 'rope of', *calel* 'water of', *fasel* 'stone of', and *mwalel* 'man of', while such particles as *cox* 'just' and *gaag* 'I' are not provided with a final vowel because they do not have a construct form on which the final vowel may be set up. If corresponding Woleaian voiceless final vowels were taken into consideration, the above Ulithian base forms would be modified as *lagi*, *tali*, *calu*, *fasu*, *mwale*, *caxu*, and *gaagu*, together with a rule that lowers *i* and *u* to *e*. In fact, the authors have already postulated such a rule (PR19) to handle a minor related case. With the modified base forms as given above, PR19 would acquire greater generality, while many rules which were motivated by the existing set of base forms could be collapsed into a few general rules. For example, PRs 24, 25, 28, 29, and 31 could be combined into one rule of assimilatory vowel raising (a-raising between high vowels) if we revise the Ulithian base forms taking Woleaian evidence into account.

Finally, the authors have noticed several places where Ulithian data themselves are not satisfactorily dealt with, due probably to incomplete elicitation or lack of deeper analytical insights on the part of the authors. For example, inclusion of capital letters in base forms to block compensatory lengthening will have to be re-examined, since a brief recent check has revealed that blocking of the lengthening might have been caused by inconsistent elicitation, hence a case of possible overdifferentiation.

In spite of the abovementioned unsatisfactory areas which call for further study, the authors would consider it sufficient reward if this work were of any small help to the reader.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

### I. Abbreviations

Adj	adjective
Ani	animate
At, at	attributive marker
ATT	attributive phrase
Aux	auxiliary
BR	base rule
C	consonant
Cl	possessive classifier
Cmp	complementiser
COM	complement
con	connector
Cs	construct suffix
Dad	directional adverbial
DIR	directional
Dm, dm	demonstrative enclitic
Dr, dr	directional particle
E	example in syntax
(E )	example in phonology
Emp	emphasis
excl	exclusive
F	feature
fm	focus marker
hb	habitulative ma
HR	hearer
Iden	Identification
Imp	imperative
incl	inclusive
Int	intensifier

Mn	nominal manner particle
Mv	verbal manner particle
N	noun
ng	negative TA particle
Nm	noun phrase (low level)
NM	noun phrase (mid level)
NP	noun phrase (high level)
NUC	numerative construction
Nucl	numerative classifier
NuCm	numerative compound
Num	numerative multiple
Nus	numerative stem
OB	obligatory
OP	optional
Ord	ordinaliser
Os	object suffix
Pm, pm	predication marker
PP	predicate phrase
PR	phonological rule
Pred	Predication
PrepP	prepositional phrase
Pro	pronoun
Prog	progressive
Prp	preposition proper
PrV	verbal prepositional construction
Q	question
Qnt	quantifier
Rpt	repeatative
RR	syntactic redundancy rule
S	sentence
SA	sentence adverbial
SC	structural change
SD	structural description
SF	syntactic features
SG	singular
SP	speaker
TA, ta	tense-aspect particle
TG	transformational grammar
tr	causative transitiviser
TR	transformational rule
V	verb, vowel, or archivowel
Vp	verb proper
Vb	verb phrase (low level)

VB	verb phrase (mid level)
VP	verb phrase (high level)
Vpr	verbal preposition
Vprs	verbal prepositional stem

## II. Symbols

p	(base form) phoneme p
/p/	"taxonomic" phoneme p
[p]	phone p
.	mora
-	boundness, when preceded by a morpheme
∅	zero
//	(1) phonological juncture; (2) a position from which a deep form is deleted on the surface (in syntax)
/X/	deep structure postulation of a word or phrase X which does not appear on the surface
==>	derived to
<==	derived from
$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$	X and Y are disjunctive and both are optional
/_	in the environment of
(X)__(Y)	X and/or Y must occur
(X_Y)	optional application of a rule to this environment
~p, p̃	if not p
[F]	phonological feature
<F>	inherent or structural feature (< > will be omitted if the feature appears in Lexicon)
[X_Y]	contextual feature
$\begin{bmatrix} xF \\ yF \\ \dots \end{bmatrix}$	feature matrix in phonology and syntax
Z	unless otherwise indicated, any sound, sound sequence, or zero
<	fronting

>	retracting
^	raising
v	lowering
x	voiced x
d	devoiced d
p	tensed p
p'	aspirated p

### III. Conventions

1. When all the constituents appearing on the right of a BR are optional, at least one of the constituents must be chosen in each derivation.
2. Base forms are written in special ("Artisan") symbols in discussing both phonology (Chapter III) and syntax (Chapters IV and V). Phonological rules are developed in principle on the basis of "Artisan"-type symbols plus various diacritic marks. Phonetic transcriptions and feature terms are introduced only occasionally in the processes of rule operation.
3. Glosses given to base forms represent only rough meanings. In 3rd per. sg. pronominals, which involve 'he, she, it', only one of these glosses is given to represent the whole.
4. In base form spellings, the final vowel in some recent borrowings and proper nouns is frequently omitted (e.g. Ben 'person's name' instead of Bene) but this omitted vowel is recoverable by  $\emptyset \Rightarrow V_1 / V_1C\_ \#$  (e.g. Ben  $\Rightarrow$  Bene).
5. Unless indicated otherwise, all the examples in spellings in Chapter IV are base form representations of *surface structures*.
6. Lexicon under each set of BRs is filled in principle with those closed sets of lexical items, the dominating categories of which are the lexical categories appearing in that set of BRs.
7. In phonology, various cover symbols (capital letters such as C, V, S, B, etc.) are used in shorthand fashion to simplify the statement of certain rules. Those other than the conventional C and V are defined in the accompanying discussion of the rules, and

may be considered putative natural classes of phonemes. (For some it is possible to give the definition in terms of the features assigned in Chapter III (3.3.); for others this is not possible, probably indicating that the features assigned can bear further investigation and revision.) Some of these cover symbols appear on both sides of rules, others in the environments. Several lower case symbols identical to those used for base phonemes also appear on the left side of certain rules and should be considered natural classes of one phoneme only, including all allophonic varieties of the phoneme developed in earlier rules which added diacritics (‘ ^). For example, a in a rule like a ==> X includes both a [a] and a [a] (but not á [æ] which is a separate phoneme). Note that such diacritics as ‘ and ^ indicate non-distinctive and non-binary phonetic degrees in the framework of this study (cf. Halle 1964:333).

8. Unexplained symbols have traditional meaning.
9. Both [g] and [g̣] represent the same voiced velar fricative sound.





## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1. GENERAL BACKGROUND

Ulithian is a nuclear Micronesian language spoken by 590 individuals on Ulithi Atoll, 217 on Fais, 15 on Sorol, and by the 50 on Ngulu who are bilingual with Yapese.<sup>1</sup> These islands are situated in the north-western portion of the Yap Administrative District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (FIGURE 1). Ulithi Atoll (with coordinates of 10°05'N and 139°43'E for its islet of Mogmog island) consists of 32 islets among which only five are at present inhabited (FIGURE 2): Asor 68, Falalop 210, Fassarai 115, Lodow 24, and Mogmog 173.

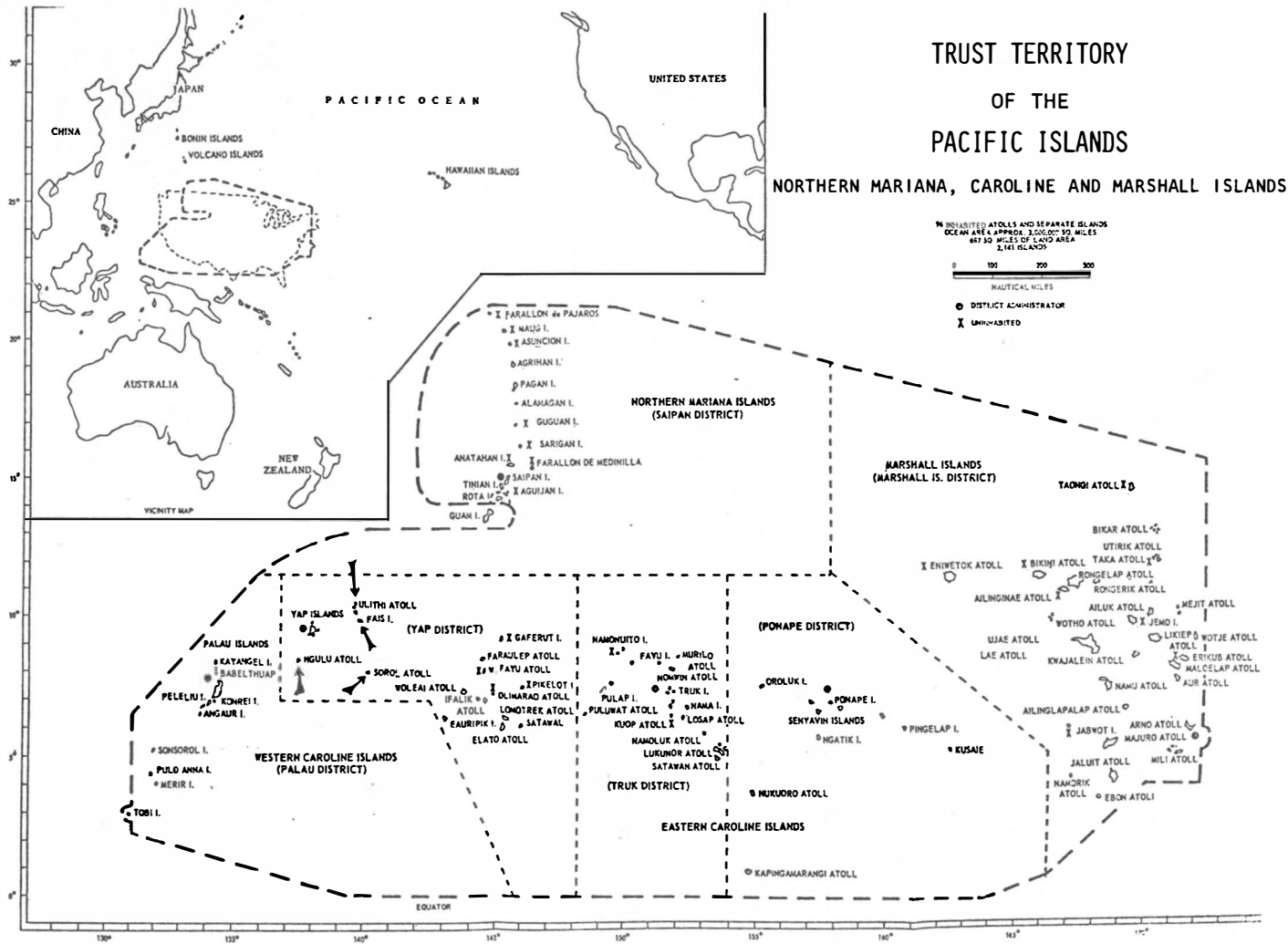
The successive occupations and control of the atoll and other neighbouring islands by foreign countries (Spain, 19th century; Germany, 1899-1914; Japan 1914-1945; the United States, since 1945) have all contributed to the Ulithian lexicon.<sup>2</sup> Of these, the German influence has probably been the least. These borrowings have been integrated into the Ulithian phonological system except for some recent direct borrowings from English.

In his work on a lexicostatistical classification of 245 (214 by a count in Grace n.d.:11) Austronesian languages, Dyen (1965) did not include any list from Ulithi, though he included those from neighbouring Woleai, Satawal, and Puluwat. The latter three he regarded as dialects of the Wolean language by virtue of Puluwat-Satawal 83.3% and Satawal-

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<sup>1</sup>Ulithian here is equivalent to the Ulithi dialect of B.W. Bender's Ulithian which, along with Ulithi, involves two other dialects, Sonsorol and Woleai (Bender 1968:20). For the term "nuclear", see Bender 1968 (4 *et seq.*).

<sup>2</sup>For further details on foreign visits, see Lessa 1966 (5-8).



NOTE: Broken lines indicate territorial area and districts of jurisdiction and are not to be interpreted as boundaries.

FIGURE 1

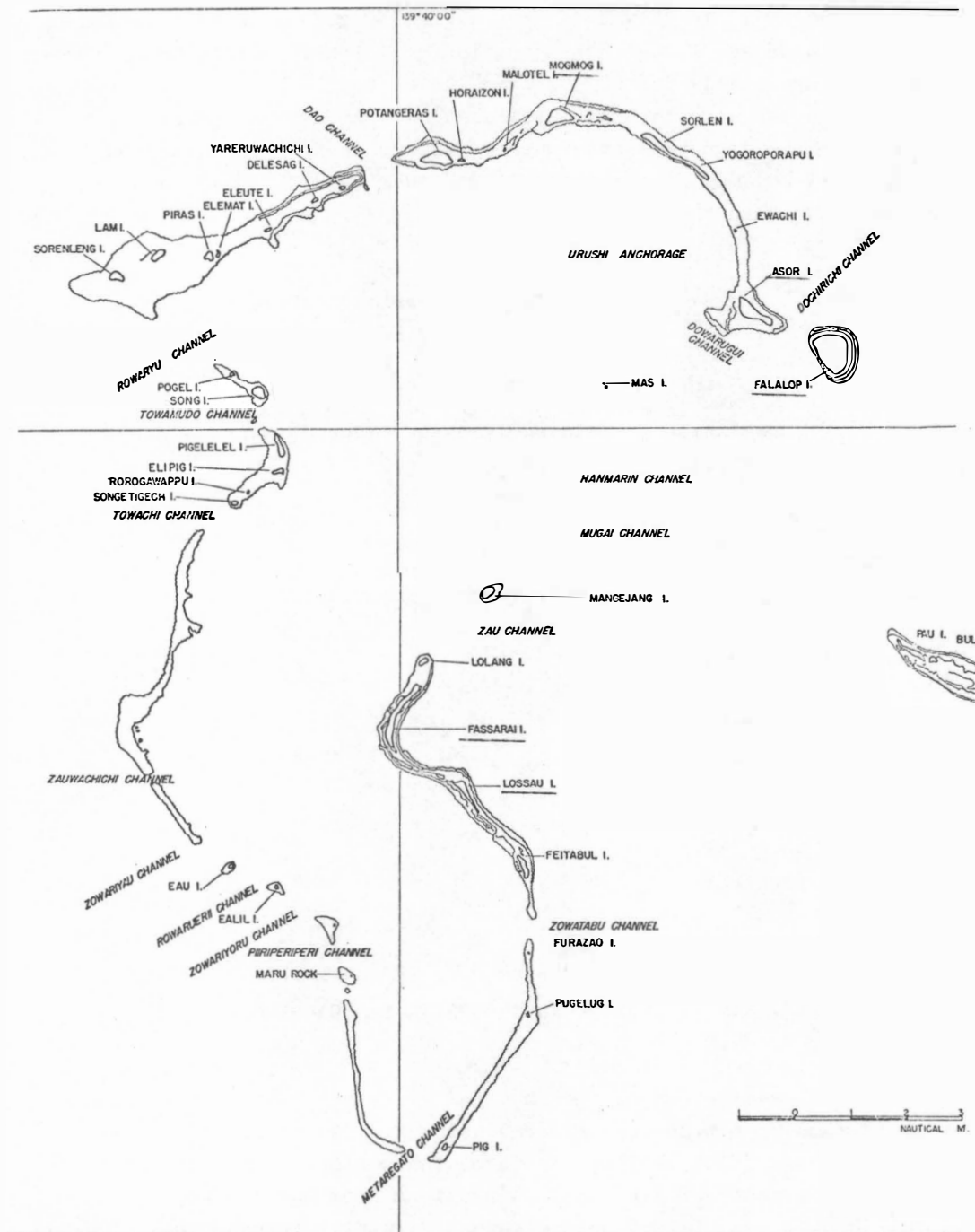


FIGURE 2  
MAP OF ULITHI ATOLL

Woleai 79.7% (35). In view of a high degree of mutual intelligibility between Ulithian and Woleai, the position of Ulithian within the Austronesian language family may be observed indirectly in Dyen's treatment of the Wolean language in his classification. A partial family tree derived from the cognate percentages on the basis of Dyen's subgrouping procedure (19-20) may be something like FIGURE 3, with omission of branches other than those related to Wolean (33).

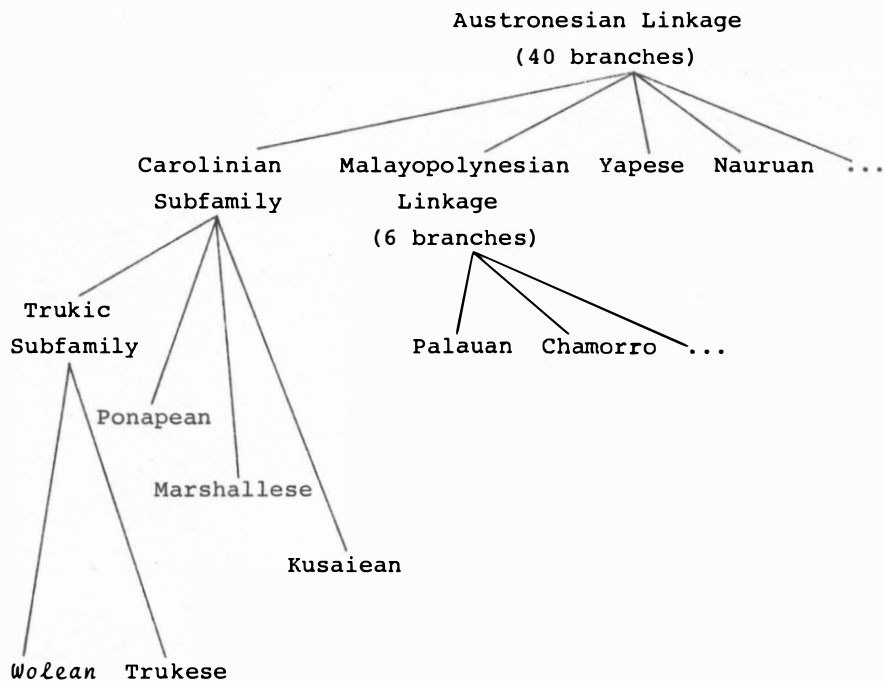


FIGURE 3

FAMILY TREE OF AUSTRONESIAN LANGUAGES

A detailed examination of the internal relations of the Trukic subfamily is made by B.W. Bender (1968a) using E.M. Quackenbush's 580-word list. He mentions (14): "There are some indications that it is possible to establish a chain of dialectal connections from one end to the other with all contiguous dialects being mutually intelligible and having basic cognate percentages near or above 70%, but it is clear that neither of these criteria are satisfied for the extremes of the chain." Bender shows evidence of the difficulty of segmenting the Trukic subfamily into

discrete languages, by considering the quantities and distributions of exclusively shared cognate sets within the subfamily and by conducting a lexicostatistical count of 176 items for Sonsorol, Ulithian, Woleai, Satawal, Puluwat, and Moen (19).

Ulithian itself has slight dialectal differences which are mainly phonological (mostly vowels), rarely lexical, and never grammatical. A comparison of some 200 items in the pronunciation of the inhabitants from the five inhabited islands of Ulithi Atoll and from Fais reveals that three geographically-based dialectal groupings can be recognised:

- (1) Falalop and Asor;
- (2) Fais;
- (3) Mogmog, Fassarai, and Lodow.

No simple generalisation can be made on the sound correspondences among the three dialects. It can be said, however, that the Falalop dialect tends to have higher vowels than the Fais dialect which in turn tends to have higher vowels than the Mogmog dialect. Observe the vowel differences in the following (broad phonetic transcription):

<i>Falalop dialect</i>	<i>Fais dialect</i>	<i>Mogmog dialect</i>	
[riyep]	[reyep]	[reyap]	'Yapese'
[tagiyet]	[tagiyat]	[tagiyat]	'high'
[firigil]	[firigil]	[feregel]	'braiding of'
[leŋæcel]	[leŋacel]	[laŋacel]	'beside'
[yigil]	[yagil]	[yagel]	'for'
[xum <sup>w</sup> uc]	[xum <sup>w</sup> oc]	[xum <sup>w</sup> oc]	'hand'
[m <sup>w</sup> om <sup>w</sup> :ut]	[m <sup>w</sup> om <sup>w</sup> :ut]	[m <sup>w</sup> om <sup>w</sup> :ot]	'to vomit'
[k:il]	[k:il]	[k:el]	'to dig'
[tef:oy]	[tef:oy]	[taf:oy]	'new'
[litə:vic]	[lito:vic]	[lito:vic]	'pocket knife'
[b <sup>w</sup> ugb <sup>w</sup> ux]	[b <sup>w</sup> ugb <sup>w</sup> ux]	[b <sup>w</sup> ogb <sup>w</sup> ox]	'knotty'
[yewu]	[yɔ:w]	[yɔwu]	'dirt'
[lab <sup>w</sup> uθ]	[lab <sup>w</sup> uθ]	[lab <sup>w</sup> oθ]	'moray eel'

[u] : [o] correspondences are noted only in short forms after a velarised consonant (i.e. [b<sup>w</sup>] and [m<sup>w</sup>]). Another phonological difference is noticeable in the sporadic alternation between [y] and [w] before [u] among the three dialects.

<i>Falalop</i>	<i>Fais</i>	<i>Mogmog</i>	<i>examples</i>
y	y	y	[yu:l] [yu:l] [yu:l] 'body hair'
w	w	w	[wu:ŋ] [wu:ŋ] [wu:ŋ] 'ridgepole'
y	w	y	[yuru:r] [wuru:r] [yuru:r] 'to pull'

<i>Falalop</i>	<i>Fais</i>	<i>Mogmog</i>	<i>examples</i>
w	w	y	[wu:c] [wu:c] [yu:c] 'banana'
w	y	y	[wu:θ] [yu:θ] [yu:θ] 'rain'

Out of 70 sets of words which show different correspondences, the following facts are observable:

Falalop = Fais ≠ Mogmog	20
Falalop ≠ Fais = Mogmog	19
Fais = Falalop ≠ Mogmog	22
Falalop ≠ Fais ≠ Mogmog	9

out of which

lexical difference	2	(in Fais as against the others)
consonant difference	4	
vowel and semi-vowel	64.	

## 1.2. PREVIOUS WORK ON THE LANGUAGE

Ulithian is one of the least investigated languages in Micronesia. Elbert (1947) and Quackenbush (1966) are the only known works to date. The former is a word list containing some 900 words plus remarks on phonetic comparison between Ulithian, Trukese, Marshallese, and Samoan as well as notes on the grammar. He points out the correspondence of Ulithian /x/ to Trukese /k/, /l/ to /n/, /d/ to /t/, /t/ to /s/, /s/ to Ø, and final /x/ to Ø. The latter is a pedagogical work written for Peace Corps training purposes. It includes various dialogues and notes on the grammar.

## 1.3. FIELD WORK

This work on Ulithian was begun in August of 1967 in Honolulu with the help of two speakers from Mogmog, Ulithi.<sup>3</sup> In early September of that year, however, one of them moved to the island of Maui, and at the end of the same month the other moved to Saipan. With this unfortunate situation, informant work was done by making trips to Maui and taking advantage of the casual visits of the Maui informant (M. Marpa) to Honolulu. Much effort without corresponding efficiency made Sohn decide to journey to Ulithi, where informants would be in ready supply. To learn the language and a bit of the culture and to collect an assortment of texts were additional goals of the field trip. On May 10, 1968, Sohn left

<sup>3</sup>Throughout the informant work, Dyen 1965 and Elbert 1968 have been of great use for elicitation and comparison.

Honolulu.

After a stay of one week on Yap, Sohn proceeded to Ulithi on May 16 by ship. On arriving at Falalop, Ulithi, where Sohn was to spend most of the next five months, he chose a man named Roberto Dargos (age: 52) as his principal informant, whose untiring and enthusiastic assistance included the provision of not only language information but also coconuts, breadfruit, and fish. Dargos was a good speaker of Japanese with some knowledge of English. Since he had finished a five-year course in a public school on Yap under the Japanese regime, he also had a good command of Yapese. No language problem was involved, since he and Sohn had excellent communication by means of Japanese. Women and children, who were mostly monolingual, were good helpers in Sohn's practicing of Ulithian. In general, younger informants had less conviction about their language, thus vacillated in their judgments as to what was grammatical and the authority rested with the aged in case any significant judgment was needed. Texts were collected from stories narrated by Guwar (Falalop), Chief Tagac (Mogmog), and Dargos. Some daily conversations were also recorded. These materials, which were transcribed (some 14,000 Ulithian words) and translated, and the data elicited from the informants were the bases for this analysis.

On the 8th of October, Sohn returned to Honolulu. Final checking of this dissertation has been conducted in Honolulu with the help provided by Laphael Ling, an East-West Center grantee from Falalop, Ulithi. The total informant work for this study is summarised as follows:

TABLE I  
SUMMARY OF INFORMANT WORK

<i>Name of informant</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Number of hours</i>	<i>Language used</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Duration</i>
Moses Marpa	M	70	English	Honolulu	Aug. 67-
		35	English	Maui	Apr. 68
Lourdes Yitwecox	F	30	English	Honolulu	Sep. 67
Roberto Dargos		410	Japanese	Ulithi	May-Oct. 68
Laphael Ling and Others	M M,F	40	Ulithian, English and Japanese	Ulithi, Yap and Honolulu	May 68- Feb. 69
<i>Total Hours:</i>		<u>585</u>			

#### 1.4. SCOPE OF STUDY

This dissertation analyses the phonological and syntactic structures of Ulithian on the basis of the Falalop and Mogmog dialects. Since the dialectal differences are irrelevant to the syntax and the phoneme inventory, this analysis is applicable to all dialects, with perhaps slight modification of some lexical forms.

No historical or comparative study has been made. Some comparative evidence has been used in phonemic interpretation and the establishment of base forms to the extent that it contributed to the descriptive analysis.

Lexicon is dealt with insofar as it is relevant to the comprehensive syntactic description. No attempt has been made to collect the complete vocabulary of the language.

Nothing is mentioned of the semantic component in the sense of Chomsky 1965, in which many of the features of the semantic component as outlined by Katz and Fodor (1963) and Katz and Postal (1964) are relegated to the syntactic component.

The model employed is discussed in CHAPTER II, where the methodological framework of this study is specifically presented covering the phonological and syntactic components. Some major decisions and proposals which have been made concerning the description of Ulithian are also summarised in this chapter. The phonological component is explored in CHAPTER III, which concerns the setting-up of phonemes in terms of contrasts in base forms and the morphophonemic changes involved in various syntagmatic relations. An extensive investigation of the underlying structures of the syntax is presented in CHAPTER IV, which consists of 23 base rules and the accompanying discussions, a lexicon, and a set of redundancy rules. Transformational rules of the syntax are given in CHAPTER V.

Throughout this study, an effort has been made to provide as varied examples as possible in order to support various assumptions made.

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## CHAPTER II

### METHODOLOGY

#### 2.1. GENERAL

This phonological and syntactic description of Ulithian is based on the descriptive model provided by the recent development of the transformational generative theory. Attention has been paid, however, more to the structure of the language at hand than to the current linguistic theories associated with the model. The model is not the primary aim for investigation but rather the means to the end. Some modifications have been proposed to the model of wide currency (e.g. Chomsky 1965) so far as such contributed to the self-consistency, exhaustiveness, and simplicity in the description of Ulithian.

The present study presupposes the usual three-way subdivision of a grammar, i.e. phonological, semantic, and syntactic, in such a way that the first two are interpretive and the third is central and "creative". Only the phonological and syntactic components are the concerns of the present investigation.

#### 2.2. PHONOLOGICAL COMPONENT

The phonological component consists of two interrelated parts, a phoneme inventory and a set of phonological rules.

2.2.1. In the phoneme inventory, the phonemes are specified and distinctive features assigned to them. Phonemicisation has been conducted on the basis of contrasts not of surface forms but of underlying base forms. Base forms are decided on in the light of the general phonological characteristics observable in various morphophonemic changes in the surface forms of Ulithian. Such phonological characteristics are mostly

synchronic, but occasionally some diachronic evidence has been taken into account where indeterminacy arises.

The base form phonemicisation has been influenced by Bender's systematic phonemicisation of Marshallese (1968b), although the present study is not as rigorous as the latter in its procedure and coverage. There is some indication that the Ulithian vowels could be reduced in number to a significant extent if a more extensive and rigorous investigation were made. As Bender points out, some of the traditional principles of so-called taxonomic phonemics (see Chomsky 1964:75 *et seq.*) such as biuniqueness and invariance are disregarded in the base form phonemicisation. On the other hand, concepts like contrast and complementary distribution are relevant only on the level of underlying base forms. There are several definite advantages in the approach in which phonemicisation is conducted with base form contrasts. For example, various asymmetrical and limited phonetic contrasts can now be accounted for in terms of environmental conditioning; the alternation of stem final vowels may be explained by general phonetic rules; and a maximum uniformity may be attained in base forms with least syntactic irrelevance, because one lexical item corresponds mostly to one and only one phonemic shape. For detailed discussion on this subject, see 3.3. and 3.4.

No intermediate level is allowed between the base form phonemicisation and the phonetic representation, because such a level would introduce a number of additional phonemes which would be distributionally unique on both the syntagmatic and paradigmatic planes. This decision is influenced by the argument (e.g. Chomsky and Miller 1963:309; Chomsky 1964:68 *et seq.*) that within the generative framework there are no strong and clearly justifiable motivations for establishing an intermediate level of "taxonomic phonemes". Thus the relation is between base phonemes and surface phones bridged by a series of phonological rules.

2.2.2. The set of phonological rules (PRs) consists of two kinds: (1) rules of redundant (3.3.1.) and non-distinctive (3.3.2.) features, and (2) morphophonemic rules. It is assumed that the morphophonemic rules are ordered and apply to a surface structure consisting of lexical and grammatical formatives with accompanying features, boundaries, and the constituent structure marked. In this study, morphophonemic rules are grouped into two subsets in the order of (1) feature realisation rules, and (2) phonetic rules. Morpheme structure rules are not developed.

Feature realisation rules give the phonological shape of certain formatives associated with a set of features, such as predication markers (Pm), attributive markers (At), object suffixes (Os). The output

phonological shapes are base forms, which are further subject to phonetic rules along with other lexical and grammatical base forms.

Phonetic rules affect modifications of the phonological structures of base forms, so that they may be realised eventually as surface forms, i.e. phonetic shapes of utterances. Phonetic rules apply in a cycle, first to the formatives, then to the constructions of which they are constituents, and so on, until the domain of phonological processes is exhausted. Phonetic rules are further subdivided into two types according to whether the modifications are morphologically or phonologically conditioned. Phonetic rules are developed in terms of phonemic and phonetic symbols, and only occasionally feature terms are employed, in particular when natural classes are formed.

### 2.3. SYNTACTIC COMPONENT

The syntactic component is divided into two parts, a base and a transformational subcomponent. The former is treated in CHAPTER IV and the latter in CHAPTER V. The base subcomponent characterises highly abstract and restricted elementary structures (deep structures) from which actual sentences (surface structures) are derived by transformational rules provided by the transformational subcomponent. As widely assumed, a deep structure is relevant for semantic interpretation and a surface structure for phonetic interpretation.

2.3.1. The base is subdivided into constituent structure, redundancy rules, and lexicon. The first consists of context-free branching rules, whose primary role is to define the system of basic grammatical relations and to determine the deep structure orderings underlying all Ulithian sentences. Following Chomsky (1965:122), all the lexical categories generated by the rules of the constituent structure are, by convention, to be mapped onto the dummy symbol  $\Delta$  which serves to mark various unspecified elements as well as the positions in a string where lexical formatives will be inserted and to insure unique recoverability of underlying P-markers when substitution or deletion is effected. In the present study, no subcategorisation rules, either context-sensitive (strict subcategorial or selectional) or context-free, are introduced in the system of rewriting rules of the constituent structure, since such an attempt would complicate the base significantly without any resulting practical advantage. Context-sensitive subcategorisation rules become redundant as soon as the contextual features of a lexical entry are viewed as constituting the structural index for a substitution transformation (i.e. for lexical insertion), as in the case of Chomsky's

alternative suggestion to his major proposal (1965:120-1). Context-free subcategorisation rules will simply be regarded as syntactic redundancy rules as in Chomsky's alternative. As intensive investigation has not been conducted regarding the contextual features covering all the words in my data, though an attempt has been made to classify nouns and verbs in terms of certain limited contextual features (see 4.7., 4.8., and 4.12.). Thus the lexicon must be considered only as illustrative insofar as contextual features are concerned.

The redundancy rules deal with various syntactically redundant elements. Only those rules relevant to the scope of this study are given. The lexicon contains an unordered set of lexical entries. It is viewed as a repository of the basic irregularities of the language. It is assumed, following Chomsky (1965:86), that each lexical entry is made up of those phonological, semantic, and syntactic features which cannot be predictable by general rule, plus information that determines the proper placement of lexical entries in sentences. However, the present study has not made a systematic arrangement of the lexical entries along this line, except that it has given all of the closed sets of formatives thus far found and a number of illustrative words in open sets. As indicated above, the actual substitution of a lexical formative for a dummy symbol is assumed to be accomplished by a kind of conventionalised substitution transformation for which the contextual features of a lexical entry constitute the structural index.

2.3.2. The transformational subcomponent consists of a set of transformational rules of two types, i.e. agreement (feature copying) rules and a sequence of singular elementary transformational rules covering substitutions, deletions, permutations, and adjunctions.

One basic assumption underlying the transformational rules is that transformations do not affect meaning, which is a generalisation proposed by Katz and Postal (1964). This assumption implies the truth of the principle that only the deep structure is relevant for semantic interpretation. Katz and Postal point out that such a generalisation greatly simplifies the semantic component because semantic interpretation will be independent of transformational processes. Thus, for example, introduction of *TR*-triggering elements such as *Imp* and *Q* in the base of this grammar is motivated by the above assumption. One exception to the principle that only the deep structure is relevant for semantic interpretation is related to the multiple focus transformation (see 4.11.3.).

The present study has adopted Chomsky's proposal concerning "generalised P-marker" (1965:134). This proposal allows #S# (boundary symbols are understood in the base of this grammar) to appear on the right in

certain branching rules of the base. The advantage of this approach is indicated by Chomsky (134): "A generalized Phrase-marker formed in this way contains all of the base Phrase-markers that constitute the basis of a sentence, but it contains more information than a basis in the old sense since it also indicates explicitly how these base Phrase-markers are embedded in one another". A sequence of singulary transformations apply to generalised P-markers cyclically "from the bottom up" (143). By this procedure, some ordering problems as well as problematic binary transformations may be eliminated.

As a result of accepting the above procedure concerning generalised P-markers, the recursive property becomes a feature of the base sub-component. The recursiveness in the base, however, leads to a disadvantage in that it allows the generation of an infinite number of generalised P-markers which underlie no surface structure. Therefore, a function of the transformational subcomponent has become the blocking out of such structures. In other words, "the transformational rules act as a 'filter' that permits only certain generalized Phrase-markers to qualify as deep structures." (Chomsky 1965:139).

#### 2.4. DECISIONS AND PROPOSALS

In the course of the syntactic descriptions, a number of decisions and proposals have been made with regard to the formulation of base and transformational rules. Many of them are the results of the peculiarities of Ulithian, but some of them may be relevant to general linguistic theory. Following is a summary of the most representative ones:

(1) By formulating sentence compounding, conjunction reduction transformations may extensively be applied (see 4.2. and TRs 3, 6-8).

(2) As modality constituents, Q, Imp, and Emp are set up. No motivation is found to set up Neg (see 4.3.3.; 4.4.6.; 4.11.).

(3) Although pronouns normally do not appear on the surface except in sentence-initial position when focussed, they have been postulated as underlying NP throughout. This treatment not only gives an answer to some otherwise puzzling questions but also contributes to a symmetrical description of the language (see 4.4.2.).

(4) Predication markers (Pm), attributive markers (At), and object suffixes (Os) have many characteristics in common, both syntactic and morphological as well as in feature composites. Thus they have been treated within a single framework in relation to the NP concerned (see 3.6.2. (PR 14); 4.4.2.; 4.4.5.; 4.8.6.; 4.12.2. and TRs 1, 2, etc.).

(5) Differing from the general practice, prepositional phrases of

different types are regarded as constituting a kind of hyperclass. This approach simplifies the base in addition to the advantage of eliminating problems which might arise in case of lining up the same categories representing different prepositional phrases in the base (see 4.7.2.). Thus a sequence of prepositional phrases on the surface are considered in the same way as a sequence of noun phrases, a sequence of predicate phrases, a sequence of verbal manner particles, etc., most of which are treated by means of conjunction reduction transformations.

(6) The direct and indirect object NPs are hierarchically arranged in base rules, which is different from the usual practice ordering the two sequentially in a single rule (see 4.6.2.).

(7) No distinction has been made in base rules between a relative-type and a conjunctive-type sentence (see 4.9.).

(8) The relation existing between a classifier (possessive or numerative) and items classified is regarded as appositive, resulting from a nominalisation of the corresponding Identification sentence (see 4.5.).

(9) Recursiveness is a property of the base subcomponent. The base rules comprise several elements for recursive possibility, i.e. sentence conjunction, complementation, noun phrase conjunction, attributive phrase, etc. (see BRs 1, 9, 15, 18, and 19).

(10) Various types of emphasis constructions are systematised under the focus transformation (see 4.11.3. and TR 11).

(11) Different kinds of adjectival constructions are treated in a single framework, i.e. by means of adjectivisation. This contributes to a great simplification of the base (see 4.10. and TRs 38-40).

(12) Deletion of a noun or noun phrase is effected not directly but by way of pronominalisation, i.e. first it is replaced by anaphoric *yiiage* (when dominated by PrepP) or by an anaphoric pronoun (elsewhere), and then the anaphoric element is deleted obligatorily in some cases and optionally in others. This proposal not only handles optional and obligatory deletion of nominal and pronominal elements with much generality but also solves a problem associated with the alternation between two attributive suffixes *li* and *la* (see 4.8.6.2. and TRs 13, 21-23).

(13) Concerning the contextual features of lexical items, Chomsky's principle of "strictly local subcategorization" (1965:105 and *passim*) has not been followed. An attempt to follow the principle would require a total rearrangement of the base rules in such a way that all the categories relevant to the subcategorisation of a lexical category (e.g.

V, N) must be placed in a single rule. This rearrangement, however, would blur the hierarchical structure of categories, since, for example, there would have to be a rule which somewhat covers BRs 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11 to allow a frame in which V appears. Therefore, contextual features will be assigned to lexical entries by way of a convention rather than accepting the concept of "strictly local". Thus, for example, *galle- 'to give'* may simply be assigned a contextual feature [ $+\_NP \widehat{NP}$ ] with the understanding that it may occur with an indirect and a direct object NP, although V is not juxtaposed with either of them in a base rule.

(14) With regard to the notion of the grammatical functions such as subject, direct or indirect object, etc., it is assumed that functional notions are directly represented in the system of base structures and no separate formulation is necessary in the descriptive framework followed in this study (cf. Chomsky 1965:72-4, 117).



CHAPTER III

PHONOLOGY

3.1. PHONEME INVENTORY

There are seventeen consonant, eight vowel and eight suprasegmental phonemes. On the articulatory basis, these are arranged as in TABLE II.

TABLE II  
ULITHIAN PHONEMES

CONSONANTS

	bilab pin vel	lab- dent	int- dent	alveolar apic lam	alveo- palat	velar	back velar
<i>stop</i>	p			t	c	k	
<i>fric</i>		bʷ	f	ɸ	s		x
<i>nasal</i>	m	mʷ		n		ŋ	
<i>lat</i>				l			
<i>trill</i>				r			
<i>glides</i>		w			y		

VOWELS

	front		back	
	unrounded	rounded	unrounded	rounded
<i>high</i>	i			u
<i>mid</i>	e	ə		o
<i>low</i>	æ		a	ɔ

SUPRASEGMENTAL

<i>plus juncture</i>	+
<i>clause terminals</i>	→ , ↘ , →
<i>pitch levels</i>	1, 2, 3, 4

## 3.2. ORTHOGRAPHY

The orthographic symbols proposed and used in this study are given in TABLE III.

TABLE III  
PROPOSED ORTHOGRAPHIC SYSTEM

SYMBOLS*	PHONEMES	SYMBOLS	PHONEMES
p	p	i	i
t	t	e	e
c	c	â	æ
k	k	a	a
b	b <sup>w</sup>	ô	ɔ
f	f	o	o
d	d	u	u
s	s	è	è
x	x	(space)	+
m	m	?	→
î	m <sup>w</sup>	? (Q-word question)	} →
n	n	. (statement)	
g	ŋ	** ,	→
l	l	None	1,2,3,4
r	r		
y	y		
w	w		

\*Sentence initials and the initial of a proper noun are capitalised.

\*\*Comma may occasionally be dropped.

## 3.3. DISTINCTIVE FEATURE COMPOSITION

The distinctive feature composition of the Ulithian segmental phonemes is indicated in FIGURE 4 (on page opposite). Features are based on Chomsky and Halle 1968.



PR 1 [-consonantal] → [-coronal  
-anterior]

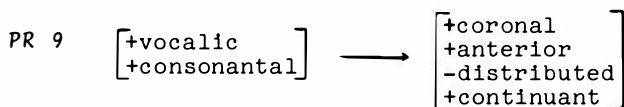
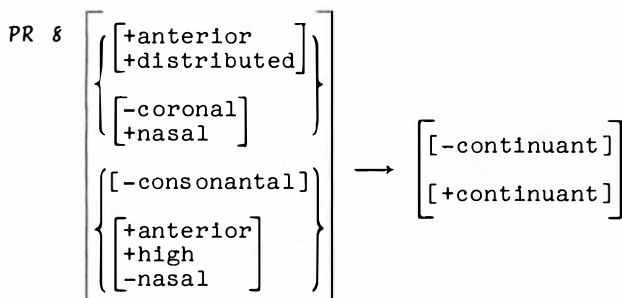
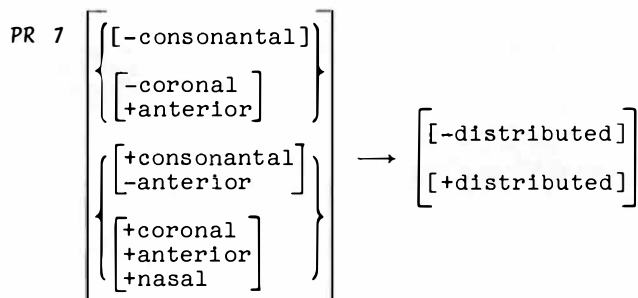
PR 2  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} [+coronal] \\ [+anterior] \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [+consonantal] \\ [-anterior] \end{array} \right\} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [-vocalic] \\ [-consonantal] \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} [-high] \\ [+high] \end{array} \right]$

PR 3  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [-high] \\ [+anterior] \\ [-high] \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow [-low]$

PR 4  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [+consonantal] \\ [-high] \end{array} \right\} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [+coronal] \\ [-anterior] \end{array} \right\} \\ [+consonantal] \\ [-coronal] \\ [+high] \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} [-back] \\ [+back] \end{array} \right]$

PR 5  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} [+vocalic] \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [-vocalic] \\ [-consonantal] \end{array} \right\} \\ [+coronal] \\ [-anterior] \end{array} \right] \rightarrow [-nasal]$

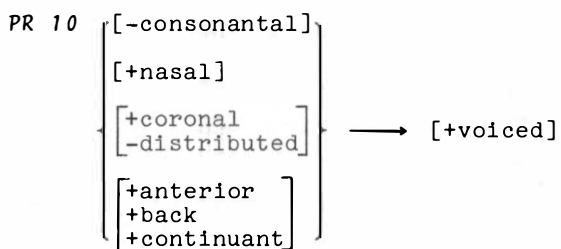
PR 6  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} [+consonantal] \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [+high] \\ [-back] \end{array} \right\} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [+low] \\ [-back] \end{array} \right\} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [-vocalic] \\ [-consonantal] \\ +back \end{array} \right\} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [+vocalic] \\ -low \\ +back \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} [-round] \\ [+round] \end{array} \right]$



### 3.3.2. STATEMENT OF INHERENT NON-DISTINCTIVE FEATURES

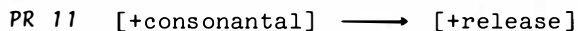
#### (1) Voicing

PR10 states that vowels, glides, liquid, nasals, interdental, bilabial, and the trill are voiced:



#### (2) Releasing

All consonants are released either instantaneously or with a delay. The restriction of release in some environments will be shown by later rules.



## (3) Aspiration

No consonant is inherently aspirated. Slight aspiration, however, may be noticed in stops when they occur finally (see PR 55).

PR 12 [+consonantal] → [-aspirated]

## (4) Tenseness

Since long vowels and consonants are viewed as geminate, tenseness does not play a differentiating role. PR 13 states that all phonemes are inherently not tensed. A later phonetic rule (PR 56) will show that segments become tensed when they are doubled.

PR 13 [±vocalic] → [-tense]

## 3.4. CONTRASTS IN SURFACE FORM

One of the major reasons for setting up underlying base forms that differ in certain ways from their surface manifestations is that there are many surface contrasts of limited distribution. These problematic contrasts are presented in what follows and the solution I have elected to use for each is given in the next section.

(1) A superficial non-contrast might be noticed between the velarised bilabial stop (i.e.  $\dot{m}$ ) and its plain counterpart (i.e.  $m$ ) when they are in unreleased position, i.e. before a pause or a homorganic consonant. Consider, however, the following pair:

- (E 1) a. [la:<sup>†</sup>m] 'mosquito'  
 b. [la:m] 'lamp; clear'

A spectrographic analysis indicates that the second formant of the vowel in (E 1a) falls rapidly to the back [u] or [o] position which indicates the velarisation of the following consonant, while the vowel in (E 1b) shows a smooth transition to the plain [m] position. This evidence and the distributional limitation of [a:] or [a] lead to the interpretation that the contrast is between the two final nasals and [a:] in (E 1a) is caused by the [+back] feature of the final nasal.

(2) Two [ɪ]s of different quality contrast in certain limited environments. In the first place, the so-called "construct suffix" morpheme [ɪ] 'of' (referred to as Cs-1) and the third person singular possessive suffix morpheme [ɪ] 'his' (3s-1) contrast in many instances. In such contrasts, Cs-1 is light and relatively fronted, while 3s-1 is dark and retracted. The different qualities of the two [ɪ]s are reflected rather clearly in certain preceding stem vowels (see below), which fact might

lead one to suppose that the grammatical difference in the two morphemes concerned is manifested by the stem vowels and that there are different allophones of *l* following these vowels.<sup>1</sup> Thus, for example, the following variations of [*l*]s and the preceding stem vowels are noticed:

- (E 2) [wub<sup>w</sup>eɪ<sup>ʼ</sup>] 'chest of' : [wub<sup>w</sup>ɑɪ<sup>ʼ</sup>] 'his chest'  
 [tapal<sup>ʼ</sup>] 'cheek of' : [tapɑɪ<sup>ʼ</sup>] 'his cheek'  
 [sogo<sup>ʼ</sup>ɪ<sup>ʼ</sup>] 'stick of' : [sogo<sup>v</sup>ɪ<sup>ʼ</sup>] 'his stick'

No contrasts are found if the vowel preceding [*l*] is a single short [*i*, *e*, *u*, *ə*]. Double (long) [*e*] does show a contrast before the two suffixes.

- (E 3) [ŋi:ɪ<sup>ʼ</sup>] 'teeth of' : [ŋi:ɪ<sup>ʼ</sup>] 'his teeth'  
 [raxel<sup>ʼ</sup>] 'age of' : [raxel<sup>ʼ</sup>] 'his age'  
 [lurul<sup>ʼ</sup>] 'shade of' : [lurul<sup>ʼ</sup>] 'his shade'  
 [b<sup>w</sup>ɔ:ɬəl<sup>ʼ</sup>] 'nose of' : [b<sup>w</sup>ɔ:ɬəl<sup>ʼ</sup>] 'his nose'  
 [pece:<sup>ʼ</sup>ɪ<sup>ʼ</sup>] 'foot of' : [pece:<sup>v</sup>ɪ<sup>ʼ</sup>] 'his foot'

If the [*l*]s of the two morphemes were to be considered as identical phonemically, a number of new vowel phonemes would have to be set up, e.g. *a* in contrast with *ɑ*, *e*<sup>ʼ</sup> in contrast with *e*<sup>v</sup>, etc. Besides, no regularity could be found in the alternation between the two series of stem vowels.

- (E 4) [e] +Cs-*l* : [ɑ] +3s-*l*  
 [e] " : [e] "  
 [ɑ] " : [ɑ] " , etc.

As an alternative to this treatment that would set up many more vowel phonemes of limited distribution, two distinct phonemes might be postulated, with the above vowel contrasts considered as allophonic variants conditioned by the *ls*. But the two *ls* would actually contrast only in these two morphemes (Cs and 3s) after certain vowels; in all other positions (with the possible exception of (E 6) below) they are in complementary distribution, varying mechanically according to the neighbouring vowels. One could bring this limitation out in a transcription by using an *l* archiphoneme in the non-contrastive positions - using for example *ls* with fronting and backing diacritics for the fully specified *ls*, and an *l* without diacritic for the archiphoneme.

- (E 5) /wub<sup>w</sup>eɪ/ 'chest of' : /wub<sup>w</sup>ɑɪ/ 'his chest'  
 /tapal<sup>ʼ</sup>/ 'cheek of' : /tapɑɪ/ 'his cheek'

<sup>1</sup>Dyen (1965:33 *et seq.*) seems to be following such a hypothesis in his statement of a partially parallel phenomenon in Trukese.

/raxel/ 'age of' : /raxel/ 'his age'

This solution implies two allomorphs for each morpheme. Or one could follow the principle "once a phoneme, always a phoneme" (Householder 1964:25) and extend the contrast to the many non-contrastive positions in a transcription, but this would introduce a great deal of unnecessary redundancy and tend to obscure the severe distributional limitation of the l-contrast. None of the possible solutions discussed thus far would provide a basis for any simple generalisation concerning the vowel alternations before the two suffixes in certain forms but not in others.

A second instance of the l-contrast may be found in the following examples:

- (E 6) [xədəl'//bʷo] 'to walk in line because...'  
 [xədəl'bʷo] 'supposedly'  
 [xabʷl'e] 'we(excl) will...'  
 [xabʷl'e] 'to miss him'

The members of the first pair in (E 6) differ from each other in the [l] quality, low vowel quality, and juncture. Those of the second are minimal with the single difference of [l]s. The evidence given by the second pair does not allow for the interpretation that the two different [l]s in the first pair are caused by the preceding different low vowel qualities but rather the other way around. On the other hand, there is no indication that the different [l]s are the function of the presence or absence of the juncture. From the surface forms alone in (E 6), therefore, there would seem to be no other satisfactory solution than to set up two phonemic ls.

(3) In word-final position, velar [x] followed by a [+back] voiceless vowel (i.e. [o, A, U]) contrasts with [x] followed by ∅ or with [g] followed by a corresponding voiced vowel.

- (E 7) [bʷuraːx0] 'smoke' ; [maleka:x0] 'travel'  
 [xa:x0] 'helm' ; [doːx0] 'to get'  
 [kəloːx0] 'hungry' ; [bʷarəx0] 'dance'  
 [bʷulaxA] 'taro' ; [fasamaxA] 'pebble'  
 [maŋa:xU] 'clothes'; [bʷuxU] 'knot'  
 [tet:erax] 'sailing'; [bʷ:arəx] 'pain'  
 [ləbʷa:x] 'to hide'; [təŋox] 'coconut shell'  
 [kago] 'box' ; [tamago] 'cigarette'

The most conspicuous occurrence of this kind is associated with the second person singular object suffix, which has the phonetic form [x0]





related languages such as Saipan Carolinian.

(5) One contrast of vowels of high frequency of occurrence is that of two low vowels [a] and [ɑ]. They contrast not only before the two morphemic [l]s (Cs and 3s) as in (E 11) but also in many independent forms as in (E 12).

- (E 11) *short* [wagəl] 'vein of' : [wagəl] 'his vein'  
           [taɪ] 'rope of' : [taɪ] 'its rope'  
           [taɪəl] 'cheek of' : [taɪəl] 'his cheek'
- long* [wa:l] 'canoe of' : [wa:l] 'his canoe'  
           [yifa:l] 'underside of' : [yifa:l] 'its underside'
- (E 12) *short* [maθ] 'sated' : [maθ] 'cooked'  
           [bʷaɪ] 'to inspect' : [bʷaɪ] 'stuck'
- long* [ya:f] 'fire' : [ya:f] 'swimming'  
           [ta:l] 'rope' : [ta:l] 'well versed'  
           [fa:s] 'stone' : [fa:s] 'penis'

In spite of the high frequency of the contrast, several points may be noted against the establishment of the two separate phonemes. In the first place, there is no such contrast in the environment C\_\_#. Observe the following examples of low and front vowel contrasts:

- (E 13) [ri] 'spouse' [li] 'to kill' [bʷi] 'sides of vagina'  
           [re] 'they' [le] 'this' [bʷe] 'fortune-telling'  
           [ræ] 'side' [læ] 'as' [bʷæ] 'to find out'  
           [ra] 'branch' [la] 'that' [bʷa] 'rotten'  
           \*[ra]            \*[la]            \*[bʷa]

Secondly, [ɑ] in C\_\_# will be differentiated into front and retracted if Cs-l and 3s-l follow, which fact suggests that the contrast may not be inherent but the result of the influence of the suffixal environment.

- (E 14) [ra] 'branch' < [ra:l] 'branch of'  
                           [ra:l] 'its branch'

Thirdly, no contrast has been found in the environment X\_\_Y in which X is non-null and Y is a syllable, though both the fronted and retracted low vowels may occur in the position. That is, their occurrences are perfectly predictable according to X and Y. Observe the first vowel in each word in (E 15) whose fronting or retracting can be predicted by the vowel in the following syllable, i.e. fronted if the following vowel is a front one (i.e. [i, e, æ, ə]) and retracted elsewhere.

- (E 15) [maɬep] 'a part'  
           [maɬar] 'to disperse'

[maɔ̃l] 'being sated of'  
 [maɔ̃l] 'its being cooked'

In short, the contrast between [a] and [ɑ] is limited to the environment C#.

(6) A final problem regarding surface contrasts is raised in connection with two different monophthongal vowel qualities in the mid-central area that contrast only when long. For the moment, the two qualities are transcribed respectively as [ə] and [ë].

(E 16) [tə:s] 'truth' : [të:s] 'porcupine fish'  
 [ɔ̃:r] 'lavalava' : [ɔ̃:r] 'indebtedness'  
 [pə:l] 'emptiness of' : [pë:l] 'arm of'

The vowel in the first column is very common and the representative phone of the phoneme ə appearing in TABLE II under 3.1., while the vowel in the second is rare but also occurs in a few other forms such as:

(E 17) [yë:r] 'accustomed; name of an island'  
 [më:l] 'name of a star'  
 [më:r] 'fresh (tree, fish, vegetables)'  
 [cë:l] 'leaf of'

Sound spectrographs show that the two contrasting vowels are monophthongal, and that F1 of the vowel in [tə:s] = 450; F2 of the same = 1600; F1 of the vowel in [të:s] = 550; F2 of the same = 1400. The above formants indicate that the two sounds [ə] and [ë] are very close to French vowels ø and æ respectively (Delattre *et al.* 1952:198). [ə] seems to have more lip rounding than [ë].

Several problems are involved in the phonemic interpretation of the two sounds. First of all, the number of forms involving [ë] is very small. The above examples are the only ones in my collection of 2500 lexical items. Secondly, the contrast between the two is limited to long segments. Thirdly, [ë:] in CC is not shortened before a suffix, while [ə:] may be:

(E 18) [ɔ̃:r] 'lavalava' : [ɔ̃:rəl] 'lavalava of'  
 [ɔ̃:r] 'indebtedness' : [ɔ̃:rəl] 'indebtedness of'  
 [tə:s] 'truth' : [tə:səl] 'truth of'  
 [të:s] 'porcupine fish' : [të:səl] 'porcupine fish of'

These limitations make one hesitant to set up two mid-central vowel phonemes.

### 3.5. CONTRASTS IN DEEP FORM

#### 3.5.1. SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

Most of the problems raised in the preceding section will be solved simply, straightforwardly and with greater generality by introducing non-*ad hoc* base forms in the grammar. Then, as will be seen, superficial contrasts of limited distribution turn out to be allophonic variants conditioned by material present in the base forms but not readily observable on the surface, or a geminate versus a sequence of different phonemes as in the case of the two vowel qualities in the mid-central area. Such base and surface forms will be directly related by a series of ordered phonological rules, which will be developed in 3.6. The approach followed here not only solves the problem of limited distribution but also contributes to regularising most of the irregular morphophonemic alternations.

(1) A solution to the problem concerning seeming vowel contrasts before bilabial stops has already been implied in the earlier discussion; the bilabials can be said to contrast in all positions on the surface, and condition vowel allophones that in some cases constitute their chief stigmata. At a deeper level, however, the surface contrast between the final bilabial stops ([m] and [m<sup>w</sup>]) may further be removed if the reconstructed final vowel is o or u, since in that environment no contrast is found between the bilabial stops. Thus, for example, the base forms of the items in (E 1) are established as below.

- (E 19) a. lamo 'mosquito' (Cf. [lam<sup>w</sup>oɪ] 'mosquito of')  
 b. lama 'lamp; clear' (Cf. [lamaɪ] 'lamp of')

Then, later phonological rules will impose the [+back] feature in o on the preceding m (PR 39), drop the final vowels in (E 19a & b) (PR 40), and lengthen CVC forms compensatorily (PR 41). The reason for the establishment of m rather than ṃ in their non-contrastive position (e.g. la\_o) is that base forms should be free from maximum redundancy even in feature terms. That is, ṃ is more marked than m and [+back] is redundant in that particular position. This treatment seems to be better motivated than establishing an archiphoneme (e.g. M) of the Praguian tradition (Hockett 1955:164).

(2) With regard to the problem of two [ɪ]s of different quality, the Cs and 3s morphemes are reconstructed as li and la respectively. Seemingly contrasting stem vowels before the two morphemes are both derived from the same basic stem vowel as the result of the conditioning of the two contrasting basic (i.e. reconstructed) vowels i and a in the

suffix morphemes *li* and *la*. In other words, *li* and *la* lose final vowels, as in all other lexical base forms, but still carry other features of the vowels such as [+high, -back, -low] from *i* and [-high, +back, +low] from *a*, which cause the alternations of the stem vowels. Therefore, the process is active, i.e. synchronic. The fronted and retracted *ls* thus effected are unable to affect the basic stem vowels, if the stem vowels are *i*, *u*, *é*, or a short *e*, but conversely are assimilated in quality to these mid or high vowels. These four basic stem vowels happen to correspond to Sonsorol high vowels in most instances (Bender 1967a and Quackenbush 1968).

(E 20) <i>Ulithian base forms</i>	<i>Sonsorol indicative forms*</i>	
<i>tagi</i>	<i>taagI</i>	'to cry'
Cf. [ta:ŋ] (ind. form)		
[taŋil] (+ Cs)		
<i>lutu</i>	<i>rutU</i>	'to jump'
Cf. [lut] (ind. form)		
[lutul] (+ Cs)		
<i>mawulu</i>	<i>mawurU</i>	'war'
Cf. [mawul] (ind. form)		
[mawulul] (+ Cs)		
<i>yade</i>	<i>yaatI</i>	'gall bladder'
Cf. [ya:θ] (ind. form)		
[yadɛl] (+ Cs)		
<i>taxuru</i>	<i>talixɪ**</i>	'back'
Cf. [tagur] (ind. form)		
[tagurɛl] (+ Cs)		
<i>fadé</i>	<i>faatɪ</i>	'eyebrow'
Cf. [fa:θ] (ind. form)		
[fadɛl] (+ )		

\* Symbols are adapted for ease of comparison.

\*\* *ɪ* is a high central or back unrounded vowel.

From the above comparative evidence, a tentative conclusion is that only those vowels which were historically high vowels may be resistant to the influence from the following *ls* of different quality. This may be supported by the fact that Sonsorol preserves many reflexes of original forms.

The irregular alternation of the stem vowels before the two morphemes *Cs* and *3s*, as illustrated in (E 4), will turn out to be regular only by

setting up well-motivated basic stem vowels covering all relevant lexical items and by developing a set of morphophonemic rules of full generality to map the base forms onto surface manifestations (for the rules, see 3.6.). Thus, for example, the basic stem vowels underlying (E 4) are decided on as follows:

(E 21)

a		[e] : [a]
		[a] : [a]
e		[e] : [e]

The difference in alternation between [e] : [a] and [a] : [a] is due to the conditioning of the vowel in the preceding syllable, e.g. [a] : [a] when the preceding vowel is a or ó (see PR 31). For the whole system of basic stem vowels, see TABLE IV in 3.6.5. (E 22) below gives the base forms corresponding to (E 2) and (E 3).

(E 22)

wuba-li	'chest of'	:	wuba-la	'his chest'
tapa-li	'cheek of'	:	tapa-la	'his cheek'
soxo-li	'stick of'	:	soxo-la	'his stick'
gii-li	'teeth of'	:	gii-la	'his teeth'
raxe-li	'age of'	:	raxe-la	'his age'
luru-li	'shade of'	:	luru-la	'his shade'
bôôdu-li	'nose of'	:	bôôdu-la	'his nose'
pecee-li	'foot of'	:	pecee-la	'his foot'

The reconstruction of base forms for stems as well as for li and la is synchronic but largely corresponds to the forms of PAN and Sonsorol. Thus the reconstructed stem vowels not only have historical and comparative implications, but more significantly indicate the traditional declensional classes to which the bases belong. A sample of the comparison between Ulithian and Sonsorol forms (the latter cited from Quackenbush 1968) follows, in which the similarity between Ulithian reconstructed base forms and corresponding Sonsorol independent forms should be noted.

(E 23)

	base form	ind. form	+Cs	+3s
U.	yafara	[yafar]	[yafaraɻ <sup>c</sup> ]	[yafaraɻ <sup>3</sup> ]
S.	-	yafala	yafalari	?
	'shoulder'			
U.	yima	[i:ɻ <sup>†</sup> m]	[im <sup>ɻ</sup> eɻɻ <sup>c</sup> ]	[im <sup>ɻ</sup> aɻɻ <sup>3</sup> ]
S.	-	yi:m <sup>ɻ</sup> A	yim <sup>ɻ</sup> eri	?
	'house'			

The second instance of the two l contrast (E 6) is also solved by setting up proper base forms. That is, they are allophones of a single

phoneme l. The processes involved are as follows.

(E 24)	<i>base</i>			<i>surface</i>
	xadale#bo ==>	xada'l'e#bo ==>	xada'l' #bo ==>	xada'l'//bo
	PR32	PR40	PR44	
	PR38			[xada'l'//b <sup>w</sup> o]
	xadalboo ==>			xadalbo
	PR40			[xada'l' b <sup>w</sup> o]
	xa#be#le ==>	xa#be#l'e ==>	xabel'e ==>	xabl'e
	PR38	PR44	PR48	[xab <sup>w</sup> l'e]
	xabòle +ya ==>	xabòley ==>	xabòle ==>	xable
	PR26	PR45	PR48	
	PR40			[xab <sup>w</sup> l' e]

The status of the forms between the base and the surface is neither phonemic nor phonetic as pointed out by Householder (1967:941):

Once extracted from the lexicon, these matrices of binary features undergo a series of ordered alterations, in part corresponding roughly to traditional morphophonemic rules (and indirectly to historical phonological changes), and partly to the traditional statements specifying the allophones of the phonemes. At the end of this series the matrices are said to be 'systematic phonetic' representations. What they are in between is not clear, but presumably still abstract, substance-less 'systematic phonemic' representations.

(3) The problem regarding the contrasts which are associated with velar x in word-final position (see E 7 and E 8) can be solved most efficiently by setting up the base forms in such a way that the surface voiceless vowels are represented as full voiced single vowels and the surface voiced ones as geminate, while Ø vowels in this position are reconstructed in the same way as in all the other base forms. This treatment is well motivated in that (1) no words end in a double vowel on the surface, and (2) when suffixes are added voiceless vowels and Ø vowels are realised as single voiced vowels, while voiced vowels are realised as geminate vowels. These two points are basic for all reconstructions of Ulithian base forms. Thus the phonetic manifestations of independent base forms are effected by simply devoicing single [+back] vowels after x but dropping [-back] vowels in word-final position including the position x\_\_# (see PR 40). The examples in (E 7) can be phonemicised in the following base forms. The corresponding phonetic forms followed by Cs-1 are also given for reference.

(E 25)	buraxo	'smoke'	[b <sup>w</sup> urago]
	malekaaxo	'travel'	[maleka:go]
	xaaxo	'helm'	[xa:go]

doxo	'to get'	[ɗogol]
kɛlɔxo	'hungry'	[kɛɓgol]
barɛxo	'dance'	[bʷarɛgol]
bulaxa	'taro'	[bʷulagal]
fasamaxa	'pebble'	[fasamagal]
magaaxu	'clothes'	[maŋa:gul]
buxu	'knot'	[bʷugul]
tetteraxe	'sailing'	[tet:eragel]
bbarexe	'pain'	[bʷ:aregel]
lɛbaaxe	'to hide'	[lɛbʷa:gel]
tɔxɔxɛ	'coconut shell'	[tɔgɔgɛl]
kaxoo	'box'	[kago:l]
tamaxoo	'cigarette'	[tamago:l]

In the same way, the examples in (E 8) are the surface forms derived from the base forms in (E 26). Notice the morphophonemic changes effected in the morpheme boundaries (see PRs 35 and 36).

(E 26)	paali + yeyi	'to lead me'	:	paali + xo	'to lead you'
	tafa + yeyi	'to cut me'	:	tafa + xo	'to cut you'
	dabe + yeyi	'to follow me'	:	dabe + xo	'to follow you'

(4) With reference to the problem concerning [x] (or [g]) vs. [k], there is, for the moment, no strong evidence to interpret [x] (or [g]) and [k] as k and kk respectively. In the first place, they differ phonetically not only in position (back velar : velar) but also in manner (fricative : stop). Secondly, though minimal pairs are not convincing, there are some apparent contrasts between [k] and [k:] in medial position, which are not easily predictable. The number is very small, however, since the total occurrence of [k(:)] is around 80 in my total collection of 2500 lexical items in comparison with around 250 occurrences of [x]. Out of 80, about 50 occur in initial position and only some 20 occur medially. The medial occurrences follow.

(E 27)	[k]	[k:]		
	[bʷa:rko]	'ship'	[bucik:ar]	'hot'
	[likamʷɔlmʷɔl]	'hide and seek'	[farak:ataw]	'become rich'
	[piska]	'spear'	[kɛk:ac]	'to throw'
	[maleka:x0]	'travel'	[mak:aɪ]	'comb'
	[meriken]	'America'	[suk:ut]	'a little'
	[makil]	'sugar cane'	[wak:ey]	'cow, ox'
	(Falalop)			
	[loka]	'lock'	[xak:ula]	'kind'
	[muku]	'to tremble'		



	[k]	[k:]
	[kɔ:kɔm <sup>w</sup> ]	'to play'
	[suku:n]	'school'

Thirdly, the free alternation between [x] and [k] in some words (e.g. [xapal] or [kapal] 'to dry out', [xapatapat] or [kapatapat] 'to talk') supports by no means the k : kk interpretation, since no other single and double consonants behave the same way without a change in meaning (e.g. [ɖar] 'to walk' and [ɖ:ar] 'to run'). Lastly, the k [x] : kk [k(:)] interpretation would constitute an exception to the rule that only single consonants may occur before a pause on the surface, because [mak] 'tat-too', interpreted as makk would be a counterexample to the rule, which would allow only [x] (k) in this position.

For these reasons, I have set up x and k, k contrasting with its corresponding kk. In this interpretation, the lack of double x is to be considered as a hole in the structure.

(5) That the low vowel qualities [a] and [ɑ] turn out to be predictable within the general interpretation adopted here should come as no surprise in light of the foregoing discussions, which indicated that the contrast between them was limited to the environment C#, and that certain contrasts in this environment could be conditioned by stem vowels reconstructed in base forms following the consonant. Thus [a] and [ɑ] prove to be conditioned variants of a (see PR 32). Some of the examples in (E 11) and (E 12) are phonemicised as:

- (E 28) waxa-li 'vein of' : waxa-la 'his vein'  
 waa-li 'canoe of' : waa-la 'his canoe'  
 made 'sated' : mada 'cooked'

Cf. [maɖel] 'being sated of'  
 [maɖal] 'being cooked of'

yafe 'fire' : yafa 'swimming'

Cf. [yafel] 'fire of'  
 [yafal] 'swimming of'

For related morphophonemic rules, see 3.6.4.

(6) With regard to the two mid-central vowel contrasts, the problem lies in the interpretation of [ɛ̥]. The words containing this sound correspond to words in other Trukic dialects that have a cluster rather than a long vowel (Quackenbush 1968).

- (E 29) To Ulithian [pɛ̥] 'arm' and [pɛ̥:l] 'arm of' correspond:

Sonsorol: paaw and paw+ri  
 Tobī: paaw+ and paw+r  
 Woleai: paay+ and payul  
 Ifaluk: paaw+ and pawul

To Ulithian [ca:y] 'leaf' and [cë:l] 'leaf of' correspond:

Sonsorol: saaw+ and saaw+ri  
 Tobī: caaw+ and caaw+r

To Ulithian [të:s] 'porcupine fish' correspond:

Sonsorol: tay+θ  
 Tobī: taw+s

This comparative evidence suggests the interpretation of the sound concerned as a phoneme cluster, since the establishment of a new phoneme should be rejected for the distributional reasons indicated in the preceding section. The above evidence would suggest the reconstruction of [ë:] as either ayu or awu, but these sequences must be used for words like [xadayu] 'to inherit' and [mawul] 'war'. A close examination of all words containing VyV and VwV reveals no forms having [ayə], [əyə], [əwu], and [əwə]. Thus it may be hypothesised that [ë:] has developed from one or more of these sequences. The construct form of [ca:y] is [cë:l]. Therefore, the base form may be reconstructed as cayé and then the independent form will be derived by dropping the final vowel and giving compensatory lengthening, i.e. [ca:y]. [pë] and [pë:l] should be handled differently because they do not show parallel alternation. Ulithian á corresponds in many cases to a of other Trukic languages, and Ulithian u to ɨ. Thus the base form of [pë] will be set up as páwWu in which W is introduced as a device to block compensatory lengthening in independent form (see PRs 41-43). The other examples such as [të:s] and [dë:r] 'indebtedness' may be handled as either ayé or áwu. The latter will be followed consistently simply because it seems to be more correspondent to the forms of the neighbouring languages. A later phonetic rule will specify the phonetic quality of these phoneme composites (PR 58).

A similar instance is noticed in the frequent assimilation of awu to [ɔ:], which will be taken up later (PR 21).

### 3.5.2. EXAMPLES OF CONTRASTS IN BASE FORM SEGMENTS

Minimal pairs have not been found in sufficient number to make phoneme attestation easily, but the following examples may suffice to show their contrasts:

(1) *consonants*

p	pare	'a kind of fruit'	tapa	'cheek'
t	tale	'rope'	tata	'a kind of fish'
c	cale	'water'	facā	'pandanus fruit'
k	kakka	'to carry'	piskaa	'spear'
b	bade	'scar'	taba	'taboo'
f	fase	'stone'	yafa	'swimming'
d	daa	'intestine'	fade	'string'
s	sare	'big knife'	fasa	'penis'
x	xapi	'bottom, hip'	waxa	'vein'
ṁ	ṁale	'man'	mēmee	'to look for'
m	male	'animal, bird'	lama	'light bulb'
n	naanaa	'mammy'	sukuun	'school'
g	gaag	'I'	faga	'to permit'
l	lage	'sky'	cale	'water'
r	rāle	'day'	baro	'box'
y	yala	'sun'	xaya	'fish hook'
w	waa	'canoe'	wawa	'stick dance'

(2) *short vs. long consonants*

Defective are (i) quasi-native n which has the lowest frequency of occurrence; (ii) x about which mention has been made earlier.

p : pp	pale	'dry'	ppale	'light'
	capPi	'ancestor'	cappa	'turning over'
c : cc	caga	'short of reach'	ccaga	'skinny'
k : kk	makili	'sugar cane'	makkala	'comb' (Falalop)
b : bb	barexe	'hot (taste)'	bbarexe	'pain'
	bece	'hot'	bbece	'white'
	wuba	'chest'	bubbu	'fish spec.'
f : ff	fisi	'star'	ffisi	'lightning'
	yafe	'fire'	yaffe	'land crab'
d : dd	dare	'to walk'	ddare	'to run'
s : ss	sogo	'mangrove'	ssogo	'angry'
	kakkassiya	'be asking'	kakkasi	'be taking'
ṁ : ṁṁ	ṁōlo	'desire'	ṁṁōlo	'generous, kind'
	ṁixilici	'micer'	ṁṁixi	'pepper'
m : mm	mata	'eye'	mmata	'to wake up'
	madare	'to disperse'	mmadare	'to burst'

g : gg	gata	'hole'	ggata	'hurry'
	fayelaga	'world'	fayigga	'itchy feeling'
l : ll	loyo	'perfume'	lloyo	'wet'
r : rr	ro-	'all'	rro-	'string-bound bundle'
	raxe	'year, age'	rrayi	'happy'
y : yy	wayele	'plane'	fayye	'to whet'
			xayyòrò	'to clean anus'
w : ww	wele	'strange' 'different'	wwele	'straight'
			buyowwe	'fishing trap'

## (3) vowels

i	lli	'to kill'	cibe	'scissors'	
e	lee	'this'	pecee	'leg'	
à	là	'as, which'	pàce	'sexual lust'	
a	laa	'that'	capi	'lavalava'	paca 'tail'
ò	còò	'people'	llòyo	'sweet'	bòlo 'feather'
u	cuu	'to meet'	lloyo	'wet'	bolo 'soil'
è	tè	'for a moment'	lègè	'ant'	bbèlè 'filthy'

## (4) short vs. long vowels

In the base form phonemicisation, many superficial length contrasts are suppressed. For example, [pix] 'to play ball (v.)' and [pi:x] 'ball (n.)' have no contrast in length in the base. Both are derived from the same base pixi, the noun form by compensatory lengthening and the verb without it, after the dropping of the final vowel. Most of the following examples are not minimal, since not enough have been found:

i : ii	cima	'head'	ciifeli	'nail'
e : ee	fedexe	'fight'	feefele	'woman'
à : àà	bàxi	'to float (Vt)'	xààtaa	'to do what'
a : aa	xaamami	'we(excl)'	xaamaama	'to practise'
	fale	'food pounder'	faale	'cynical'
ò : òò	bògu	'feast'	bòòdè	'nose'
o : oo	bolo	'soil'	booto	'boat'
u : uu	lutu	'to jump'	luutu	'soft wood'
	buru	'high tide'	duuduu	'to bathe'

è : èè	dèrè	'women's lavalava'	tèèsè	'truth'
	fèlaga	'ashes'	yirèètè	'village'

### 3.5.3. SUPRASEGMENTAL PHONES

(1) Stress is non-phonemic. For its subphonemic appearance, see PR 59.

#### (2) + juncture

A juncture is phonetically manifested by a slight pause or by a lengthening of the preceding vowel. The fact that juncture is phonemic is shown by the following contrasts:

- (E 30) a. [xamaθ] 'to cook'  
[xa // maθ] 'always cooked'
- b. [te-kamudi:di] 'very pretty'  
[te // kamudi:di] 'not pretty'
- c. [re-yeŋa:ŋ] 'worker'  
[re // yeŋa:ŋ] 'They work.'

Although the absence of + juncture is a morpheme boundary may effect some phonetic change on the neighbouring sound (see b. above), the absence is not considered as a separate phoneme, since no distinctive purpose is thereby served.

#### (3) three clause terminals

Three clause terminals ↗, ↘, and → are set up as phonemes: the first (rising) is used in "yes-no" questions, the second (fading) in interrogative-word questions and in statements, and the third (sustained) in non-final multiple clauses within a sentence.

- (E 31) Ye be buu doxo → yi be kapatapata gali-ya ↘  
'If he comes, I will talk to him.'
- Xo sa loxo Yulidity ↗  
'Did you go to Ulithi?'

#### (4) four pitch levels

Four contrasting phonemic pitch levels are recognised: 1, 2, 3, and 4. 2 3 1 pattern is the most common in statements and interrogative-word questions, while 2 2 3 occurs in questions of "yes-no" type. 4 is frequent in surprise "yes-no" questions.

- (E 32) <sup>2</sup>xo + be + <sup>3</sup>yiiyaa<sup>1</sup> ↘  
you where  
'Where are you going?'

- <sup>2</sup>Yi + be + loxo + <sup>3</sup>sukuun<sup>1</sup> →  
'I'm going to school.'
- <sup>2</sup>Ye + sa + dabe-ya + <sup>2</sup>wayele<sup>3</sup> →  
'Did he go by plane?'
- <sup>2</sup>Ye + sa + dabe-ya + <sup>2</sup>wayele<sup>4</sup> →  
'Is it true that he went by plane?'
- <sup>2</sup>Ye + weri + <sup>3</sup>se-male + medaa<sup>1</sup> →  
what, something  
'He saw one (animate) thing.'
- <sup>2</sup>Ye + weri + se-male + <sup>2</sup>medaa<sup>3</sup> →  
'He saw something (animate)?'
- <sup>2</sup>Ye + weri + <sup>4</sup>se-male + medaa<sup>1</sup> →  
'One (animate) of what did he see?'

#### 3.5.4. PHONOTACTICS

(1) Consonants may occur singly or doubled, word-initially and word-medially both in the base and on the surface. Only single consonants may occur word-finally.

(E 33)	<i>base</i>	<i>surface</i>	
	diddi	[diθ]	'sewing'
	diddi-li	[diθ:il]	'sewing of'
	cox	[cox]	'just'

In principle, no cluster of non-identical consonants may occur word-initially on the surface. Clusters are allowed in medial position, however, in which case an extraneous vowel optionally intervenes if the members of a cluster are not in the same position of articulation and if the first consonant is not one of l, n, and g (see PR 54). Accordingly, clusters will be included in the medial position in base forms, if the clusters are inherent, i.e. not derived as the result of vowel reductions (see PR 48).

(E 34)	<i>base</i>	<i>surface</i>	
	walsuu	[walsü]	'tomorrow'
	malboo	[malbo]	'maybe'
	piltaa	[pilta]	'to close'
	sandee	[sandē]	'Sunday'
	kantine	[kantin]	'store'
	nambaa	[nambʷa]	'number'
	baarkoo	[bʷa:rko]	'ship'
	təxtaa	[təxta]	'doctor'

(2) No vowel is allowed initially except for some loan words and exclamation particles.

- (E 35) [a:m<sup>w</sup>] 'administration'  
 [a:k] 'Oh!' (in free variation with [ya:k])  
 [a:y] 'Well!'  
 [ey] 'By the way!' (in free variation with [yey])

Single or double vowels may occur medially both on the surface and in the base, but finally only in the base.

Thus the predominant canonical form in the base is -

C(C)V(V) (C(C)V(V))...

(3) glide consonants y and w

[y] and [w] contrast in all positions.

- (E 36) [ya:l] 'sun' : [wa:l] 'his canoe'  
 [b<sup>w</sup>eb<sup>w</sup>ayel] 'papaya of' : [b<sup>w</sup>ob<sup>w</sup>awel] 'bamboo of'  
 [wa:y] 'my canoe' : [wa:w] 'stick dance'

[y] and [w] contrast with  $\emptyset$  initially and finally.

- (E 37) [ya:m<sup>w</sup>] 'your object' : [wa:m<sup>w</sup>] 'your canoe' :  
 [a:m<sup>w</sup>] 'administration'  
 [cuy] 'to disappear' : [cu] 'to meet'  
 [luw] 'surprised' : [lü] 'coconut'

Initially and intervocally before a high or mid front vowel (i.e. [i] and [e]) and finally after [i], [y] is in free variation with  $\emptyset$ . Initially and intervocally before [u], [w] is in free variation with  $\emptyset$ . Thus there are no contrasts like the following in the said positions:

[yi] : [i]                    [iy] : [i]  
 [ye] : [e]  
 [wu] : [u]

The phonemicisation of the words containing these sounds will be based on the predominant canonical form. Thus the following can be viewed as rules for transcribing the sounds in question:

$$1. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [y] \\ \emptyset \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow y / \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v \\ \# \end{array} \right\} - \left\{ \begin{array}{l} i \\ e \end{array} \right\}$$

- (E 38)  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [yi] \\ [i] \end{array} \right\}$  'I'  $\rightarrow$  yi;  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [yiwe] \\ [iwe] \end{array} \right\}$  'then'  $\rightarrow$  yiwe

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\text{ye}] \\ [\text{e}] \end{array} \right\} \text{'he'} \rightarrow \text{ye}; \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\text{yi:ya}] \\ [\text{i:ya}] \end{array} \right\} \text{'where'} \rightarrow \text{yiiiya}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\text{wayel}] \\ [\text{wael}] \end{array} \right\} \text{'plane'} \rightarrow \text{wayele}$$

$$11. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\text{y}] \\ \emptyset \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{y} \\ \emptyset \end{array} \right] / \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{ii} \\ \text{i} \end{array} \right] \text{---}\#$$

$$(E 39) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [(\text{y})\text{i:y}] \\ [(\text{y})\text{i:}] \end{array} \right\} \text{'he (Pro)'} \rightarrow \text{yiii}$$

$$[(\text{y})\text{i}] \quad \text{'I'} \rightarrow \text{yi}$$

$$111. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\text{w}] \\ \emptyset \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{w} / \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{V} \\ \# \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{u}$$

$$(E 40) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\text{wu:c}] \\ [\text{u:c}] \end{array} \right\} \text{'banana'} \rightarrow \text{wucu}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\text{wu:b}^w] \\ [\text{u:b}^w] \end{array} \right\} \text{'chest'} \rightarrow \text{wuba}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\text{cariwuriw}] \\ [\text{cariuriw}] \end{array} \right\} \text{'to shine'} \rightarrow \text{cariwuriwa}$$

### 3.6. MORPHOPHONEMIC RULES

#### 3.6.1. GENERAL

As mentioned in 2.2.2., two kinds of morphophonemic rules are differentiated in this study: (1) feature realisation rules, and (2) phonetic rules. The first set of rules is related to the processes which derive lexical base forms (inherent or extended) from certain grammatical or lexical formatives associated with a set of features. As grammatical formatives, three are taken into account: Pm (predication marker), At (attributive marker), and Os (object suffix), which will be realised as inherent base forms. As lexical formatives, all verbs associated with <+Prog> (see PR 1) are dealt with, which will be realised as extended base forms.

Phonetic rules provide the processes of modifying the phonological structures of base forms in order to derive the corresponding surface



manifestations. Some of the phonetic rules are limited in applicability to certain morphological or syntactic environments, and others apply with full generality.<sup>2</sup> The former set of phonetic rules precedes the latter in 3.6.3., since this ordering contributes to simplicity.

In the development of phonetic rules, two kinds of syntactic boundary symbols, + and #, and a phonetic juncture, //, are introduced.<sup>3</sup> Of these, the + has nothing to do with the + juncture phoneme, but corresponds roughly to a morpheme boundary within a word but is introduced mainly for the purpose of the proper application of certain phonetic rules. When words contain a morpheme boundary, they must be placed as the input to the rules containing this symbol before they can be carried through other kinds of rules. The # is roughly equivalent to word boundary, which has characteristics different from + in affecting modifications to neighbouring segments. The // will be derived from #, but there is no one-to-one correspondence between the two (see PR 44).

The phonetic rules presented here will specifically be related to the following:

- (1) object marker suffixation (Os)
- (2) attributive marker (At) suffixation
- (3) alternation in numerative compounds (NuCm)
- (4) predication markers (Pm), tense-aspect markers (TA), and directionals (DIR) in relation to preceding or following elements
- (5) various sandhi or internal alternations.

Since all the rules are divided and arranged into two main parts, i.e. morphologically conditioned rules and phonologically conditioned ones, it would be inefficient to present them in an order organised about the above points one-by-one. The necessity of giving the rules some further ordering also contributes to the difficulty of organising their presentation around the above points. 3.6.4. may serve a recapitulation under this situation. Idiosyncratic alternations are not

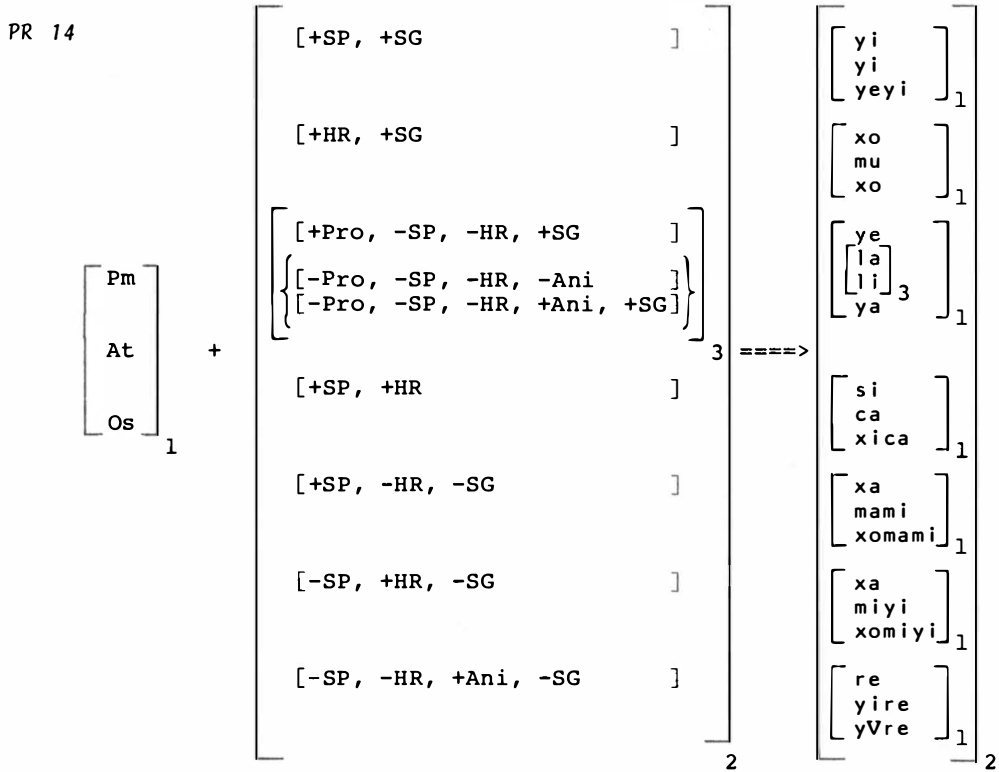
<sup>2</sup>Saumjan (1967:1760) calls attention to Chomsky's failure to distinguish the two kinds of rules in phonological processes. Saumjan thus distinguishes between "morpho-phonological" rules and "phonological" rules, the former dealing with the morphologically conditioned processes and the latter phonologically conditioned ones.

<sup>3</sup>In general, boundary symbols in generative grammar are introduced by rules or convention of the syntactic component (e.g. see Chomsky and Miller 1963:308; Matthews 1965: 266 *et seq.*; Chomsky and Halla 1968:12-14). In this study, I adopt the following convention, which has been motivated by various phonological behaviours of the syntactic classes presented:

#\_ : N, V, Nus, Dm, Mv, Mn, Pm, TA, con, Vpr, Prp, fm  
 Num  
 # : utterance final position  
 +\_ : At, Os, DIR and other suffixes (e.g. +xili 'for')  
 + : prefixes (e.g. xa+ (causative marker))

handled, since they are rather to be specified in the lexicon.

### 3.6.2. FEATURE REALISATION RULES



PR 14 derives all the base forms associated with three grammatical formatives Pm, At, and Os when these have copied the features of the related NP in accordance with TRs 1 and 2. A number of features are omitted in the above rule, because the omitted features are predictable according to a universal convention of redundancy (see for example Chomsky 1965:164-8). Thus, for example, [+SP, +SG] implies <-HR>. For detailed discussions concerning the motivation for PR 14, see 4.4.2.; 4.4.5.; 4.8.6.; 4.12.2. and 5.1. Incidentally, it should be noted in PR 14 that non-animate plural nouns go with singular nouns in their syntactic behaviour, i.e. in their agreement with the related Pm, At, or Os particles.

(E 41) a1. Re buu doxo tēxtaa kalaa mē Saapan.

Pm	<i>come</i>	[ +N ]	<i>those from Japan</i>
[ -Pro ]		[ -Pro ]	
[ -SP ]		[ -SP ]	
[ -HR ]		[ -HR ]	
[ +Ani ]		[ +Ani ]	
[ -SG ]		[ -SG ]	

*'Those doctors came from Japan.'*

a2. Ye buu doxo wayele kalaa mē Meriken.

Pm	[ <i>plane</i> ]
	[ +N ]
[ -Pro ]	[ -Pro ]
[ -SP ]	[ -SP ]
[ -HR ]	[ -HR ]
[ -Ani ]	[ -Ani ]
[ -SG ]	[ -SG ]

*'Those planes came from America.'*

a3. Ye buu doxo yeliwici laay mē Moxmox.

Pm	[ <i>child</i> ]
	[ +N ]
[ -Pro ]	[ -Pro ]
[ -SP ]	[ -SP ]
[ -HR ]	[ -HR ]
[ +Ani ]	[ +Ani ]
[ +SG ]	[ +SG ]

*'That child came from Mogmog.'*

b1. babiyoro-yire yaramata kawee

<i>book</i>	At	[ <i>people</i> ]	<i>those</i>
		[ +N ]	
	[ -Pro ]	[ -Pro ]	
	[ -SP ]	[ -SP ]	
	[ -HR ]	[ -HR ]	
	[ +Ani ]	[ +Ani ]	
	[ -SG ]	[ -SG ]	

*'book about the people'*

b2. babiyoro-li xalesiyaa kawee

At	<i>church</i>
[ ... ]	[ ... ]
[ -Ani ]	[ -Ani ]
[ -SG ]	[ -SG ]

*'book about the churches'*

$$\text{PR 15 } \langle +\text{Prog} \rangle + \left[ \begin{array}{c} C_1(C_1)V_1(V_1)Z \\ C_1V_1C_2V_2 \end{array} \right] \implies \left[ \begin{array}{c} C_1V_1C_1(C_1)V_1(V_1)Z \\ C_1V_1C_2C_1V_1C_2V_2 \end{array} \right] \\
 / \# \_ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} + \\ \# \end{array} \right\}$$

RR 1 (see 4.14.) states that the lexical category V has either +Prog or -Prog, which means that any lexical item dominated by V must be assigned with the structural feature either positively or negatively. PR 15 gives the most general and productive types of "progressive" reduplication. Observe the following examples:

(E 42)  $\implies C_1V_1C_1(C_1)V_1(V_1)Z$

suu	'to stand'	$\implies$	susuu	'to be standing'
pugu	'to fall'	$\implies$	pupugu	'to be falling'
ttaxace	'to let free'	$\implies$	tattaxace	'to be letting free'
yegaage	'to work'	$\implies$	yeyegaage	'to be working'

The process in (E 42) covers, in fact, most of the bases which can be reduplicated with a couple of small sets of exceptions (E 44 and E 45).

(E 43)  $\implies C_1V_1C_2C_1V_1C_2V_2$

lutu	'to jump'	$\implies$	lutlutu	'to be jumping'
loxo	'to go'	$\implies$	loxloxo	'to be going'
pugu	'to fall'	$\implies$	pugpugu	'to be falling'

The two processes specified in PR 15, overlapping as they do, thus make for divided usage with respect to bases of the  $C_1V_1C_2V_2$  variety, such as the examples in (E 43). PR 15 does not apply, in principle, to the forms already reduplicated. Even in such base forms, examples are found on which PR 15 has operated.

(E 44)	susulu	'to broil'	:	susulu	'to be broiling'
	mammale	'to laugh'	:	mammale	'to be laughing'
	xêrxêru	'to scratch'	:	xêrxêru	'to be scratching'
	rogrogo	'to hear'	:	rogrogo	'to be hearing'
	mémée	'to look for'	:	mémémée	'to be looking for'
	faxfafa	'to cough'	:	faxfaxafa	'to be coughing'

There is a small set of verbs which are subject to final reduplication in "progressive" aspect. No separate rule is developed to allow for this process, since such forms may better be given separate lexical entries in view of the extreme limitation in number.



PR 18  $\begin{bmatrix} \text{sa} \\ \text{saab} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \text{ya} \\ \text{yaab} \end{bmatrix} / [\text{si}]_{\text{Pm}} \# \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \end{bmatrix}_{\text{TA}}$

Tense-aspect particles (TA) sa and saab undergo a dissimilation after predication marker si 'we(incl)'.  
'Let's go.'

(E 49) si #sa #loxo ==> si #ya #loxo  
'Let's go.'

si #saab #xola + ya +daxe == si #yaab #xola+ya +daxe  
arrive it up  
'We would barely arrive there.'

PR 19 (OP)  $\begin{bmatrix} \text{u} \\ \text{i} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \text{é} \\ \text{e} \end{bmatrix} / \text{---} + \begin{bmatrix} \sim\text{yi} \\ \sim\text{yire} \end{bmatrix}_{\text{At}} \#$

Base final single u and i are optionally changed to é and e respectively before all the attributive suffixes except for yi 'my' and yire 'their' which share the common feature yi-.

(E 50) fèèru + li ==> fèèrè + li  
making of

barexi + li ==> barexe + li  
hot(taste)

weri + li ==> were + li  
seeing

ciifeli + li ==> ciifele + li  
nail

taxuru +	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{mu} \\ \text{la} \\ \text{li} \\ \text{ca} \\ \text{mami} \\ \text{miyi} \end{bmatrix}$	==>	taxurè +	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{mu} \\ \text{la} \\ \text{li} \\ \text{ca} \\ \text{mami} \\ \text{miyi} \end{bmatrix}$	'your'
back					'his'
					'of'
					'our(incl)'
					'our(excl)'
					'your(pl)'

taxuru +  $\begin{cases} \text{yi} \\ \text{yire} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} * \text{taxurè} + \text{yi} \\ * \text{taxurè} + \text{yire} \end{cases}$

PR 20  $V_1 + [\text{ya}]_{\text{Os}} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} V_1V_1 \\ a^< a^< \end{cases} / \text{---} + \text{DIR}$

PR 20 says that before a directional (Dr or Dad) a single stem vowel and the following object suffix ya (3rd sg.) are assimilated in two ways:  
(1) the first vowel to the second, and (2) the second vowel to the first.

In either case, the semivowel *y* is dropped. By virtue of this two-way assimilation, only those transitive verbs which have the suffix *ya* have two stem vowels in free variation before a directional, one of them necessarily being *aa*.

- (E 51) *fidi* + *ya* + *loxo* ==> { *fidii* } + *loxo*  
*to-go-with him* *thither* { *fida<sup>c</sup> a<sup>c</sup>* }  
 (DIR)
- meri* + *ya* + *doxo* ==> { *merii* } + *doxo*  
*to search* *hither* { *mera<sup>c</sup> a<sup>c</sup>* }
- suuxu* + *ya* + *daxe* ==> { *suuxuu* } + *daxe*  
*to open* *up* { *suuxa<sup>c</sup> a<sup>c</sup>* }
- xa* + *molo* + *ya* + *loxo* ==> *xa* + { *moloo* } + *loxo*  
*tr finished* { *mola<sup>c</sup> a<sup>c</sup>* }  
 'to finish up'
- yalda* + *ya* + *loxo* ==> *yalda<sup>c</sup> a<sup>c</sup>* + *loxo*  
*to open*

The proposed treatment (PR 20) accounts for the lack of lengthening in the following examples:

- (E 52) *meri* + *doxo* + *ya* ==> { \**merii* } + *doxo* + *ya*  
*to search* *it* { \**mera<sup>c</sup> a<sup>c</sup>* }
- molo* + *loxo* ==> { \**moloo* } + *loxo*  
*to be* { \**mola<sup>c</sup> a<sup>c</sup>* }  
*finished*

PR 21 *awu* ==> *òò* / \_\_\_ + [ *~yi* ]  
 [ *~yire* ]<sub>At</sub>

The sequence *awu* assimilates to a monophthongal long vowel *òò* when followed by a suffix other than *yi* 'my' and *yire* 'their'.

- (E 53) *bawu* + *li* ==> *bòò* + *li*  
*fishing pole of*  
 Cf. ind. form [ *b<sup>w</sup>a:w* ]
- fawu* + *xili* + *ya* ==> *fòò* + *xili* + *ya*  
*to row for him*
- lawu* + *mu* ==> *lòò* + *mu*  
*child*
- yawu* + *li* ==> *yòò* + *li*  
*string*

ccawu + li ==> ccóó + li  
*heavy*

lawu + li ==> lóó + li  
*wave*

but: mawulu ==> \*móólu  
*war*

ttawulu ==> \*ttóólu  
*to shout*

lawu + yi ==> \*lóó + yi  
*child my*

lawu + yire ==> \*lóó + yire  
*their*

Cf. lawu + mami ==> lóó + mami  
*our(excl)*

PR 22 (OB) (OP) 1(L)V ==> Ø /#CV\_\_+  $\begin{bmatrix} li \\ la \end{bmatrix}_{At}$  #

This rule applies obligatorily to one class of such bases, optionally to another, and never to a third, which fact should be indicated in respective lexical entries. The distinction between these three classes is not phonologically stateable.

(E 54) a. [+PR 22]

xala + li ==> xa + li ([xal<sup>ʔ</sup>])  
*food*

(Cl) la ==> xa + la ([xal<sup>ʔ</sup>])

xilli + li ==> xi + li ([xil<sup>ʔ</sup>])  
*skin*

(PAN:kulit) la ==> xi + la ([xil<sup>ʔ</sup>])

cale + li ==> ca + li ([cal<sup>ʔ</sup>])  
 (PAN:  
 /dD/anum)

tale + li ==> ta + li ([tal<sup>ʔ</sup>])  
*rope*  
 (PAN:talih)

male + li ==> ma + li ([mal<sup>ʔ</sup>])  
*man*



male + li ==> ma + li ([mal<sup>h</sup>])  
*bird, animal*

b. [+PR 22]

mele + li ==> {me } + li  
*sailing*  
*rope*

wolo + li ==> {wo } + li  
*turtle*

molo + li ==> {mo } + li  
*fish*  
*spec.*

bole + li ==> {bo } + li  
*ground*

c. [-PR 22]

fale + li ==> fale + li  
*priest*

Here belong fele 'goodness', dili 'change', dulu 'torchlight'  
 and many others.

PR 22 does not apply if the preceding environment contains a double consonant (e.g. bbulu 'flame') or if the part to be dropped contains a geminate l (e.g. bulle 'heart').

PR 23 e ==> i / u # [y\_\_xe]<sub>Num</sub>

This rule applies specifically to numerative compounds, i.e. numerative stems ending in u affects the e to i in the following numerative multiple yexe '10'.

(E 55) sulu # yexe ==> sulu # yixe  
 3

fisu # yexe ==> fisu # yixe  
 7

walu # yexe ==> walu # yixe  
 8

PR 24 a ==>  $\begin{bmatrix} \acute{e} \\ o \\ e \end{bmatrix} / u + \begin{bmatrix} \{f\_se\} \\ \{m\_lef\} \\ \{y\_le\} \\ \{y\_ye\} \\ \{y\_fe\} \end{bmatrix}$ <sub>Nucl</sub>

Those numerative stems which end in u are responsible for the change in the first vowel in the following numerative classifier:

- (E 56) sulu + fase ==> sulu + fèse  
 3 round ob.  
 sulu + male ==> sulu + mèle  
 animate  
 fisu + yale ==> fisu + yole  
 line  
 fisu + yaye ==> fisu + yoye  
 long ob.  
 wálu + yafe ==> wálu + yefe  
 8 bundle  
 wálu + fase ==> wálu + fèse

PR 25 a ==> e /  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{se} \\ \text{faay} \\ \text{wóle} \end{array} \right]_{\text{Nus}} + [y\_le]_{\text{Nucl}}$

The three numerative stems given change a to e in yale 'line'.

- (E 57) se + yale ==> se + yele  
 1  
 faay + yale ==> faay + yele  
 4  
 wóle + yale ==> wóle + yele  
 6

For numerative paradigms, see 3.6.4.

PR 26 + ==> Ø / #Z\_\_Z {+}  
 {#}

PR 26 removes morpheme boundary symbols cyclically from left to right.

- (E 58) xa + duuduu + xica ==> xaduuduu + xica ==> xaduuduu xica  
 tr to bathe us(incl)

## (2) Phonologically Conditioned

The following set of rules (except for PRs 41, 44 and 45) is regarded as purely phonological in that no status of morphemes or phrase markers is relevant in the environment in which a particular phonetic change takes place. Thus rules will be applied within #\_\_# and, after # is replaced by the phonetic juncture //, within //\_\_//. In PR 41, however, the process of compensatory lengthening is applied only when the CVC(v) forms are



$$\text{PR 28} \quad a \implies \left[ \begin{array}{c} \tilde{e} \\ [o] \\ [\tilde{e}]_2 \end{array} \right]_1 \quad / \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} \tilde{V}y \\ \tilde{a} [P] \\ [\tilde{P}]_2 \end{array} \right]_1 \quad \text{---mu \#}$$

where P = p, m, B (B = b, ṁ, w), single or double  
 and  $\tilde{P}$  = any other C, single or double  
 and  $\tilde{a}$  = any V other than a

The main purpose of this rule is to deal with the stem vowel alternation (basic vowel a) before the morpheme mu (attributive suffix 'your'), but it is also assumed that the rule applies to any other sound combinations if the condition is met.

(E 60) yuya + mu ==> yuya mu ==> yuyè mu  
 neck PR26

siya + mu ==> siyè mu  
 belly

xa + bbawo + ya + mu ==> xa bbawo yè mu  
 tr stink it  
 'what you made stink'

dipa + mu ==> dipo mu  
 feeling

lewa + mu ==> lewo mu  
 tongue

lema + mu ==> lemo mu  
 drinking  
 object

talega + mu ==> talegè mu  
 ear

bullā + mu ==> bullè mu  
 heart

ciṁa + mu ==> ciṁo mu  
 head

If a is in the preceding syllable, the stem vowel a remains unchanged.

(E 61) yawa + mu ==> yawa mu  
 mouth

tapa + mu ==> tapa mu  
 cheek

waxa + mu ==> waxa mu  
*vein*

yafara + mu ==> yafara mu  
*shoulder*

PR 29 ayire ==> áäre /C\_#

This rule states that a single a and yi in yire (attributive suffix 'their') are mutually assimilated, yielding áä [æ:]. It is assumed that PR 29 can be applied generally, since no combination like [ayir#] is found on the surface.

(E 62) mata + yire ==> mata yire == mataáäre  
*eye their PR26*

siya + yire ==> siyáäre  
*belly*

paaga- + yire ==> paagáäre  
*all*

lepada + yire ==> lepadáäre  
*between*

xala + yire ==> xaláäre  
*food*

PR 30  $V_1(V_1) \begin{Bmatrix} \text{yire} \\ \text{yVre} \end{Bmatrix} ==> V_1V_1re /\_ \#$

All single or geminate vowels, except for the single a (PR 29), assimilate mutually with yi in yire 'their' and yV in yVre 'them (object suffix)', the output being the lengthening of the first vowels without change in quality.

(E 63) waa + yire ==> waa yire ==> waare  
*canoe their PR26*

cii + yire ==> ciire  
*bone*

farowaa + yire ==> farowaare  
*lung*

yiree + yire ==> yireere  
*at*

bää + yire ==> báäre  
*floating*



wuba + li ==> wubè li  
*chest of*

yida + li ==> yide li  
*name*

yima + li ==> yime li  
*house*

bullā + li ==> bullè li  
*heart*

xota + miyi ==> xotè miyi  
*covering your(pl)  
 object*

yulèèga + miyi ==> yulèègè miyi  
*pillow*

xa + madafa + ya + miyi == xamadafaye miyi  
*tr clear it*

PR 32

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ aa \end{bmatrix}_1 \implies \begin{bmatrix} a' \\ a' a' \end{bmatrix}_1 / \begin{bmatrix} \{i\} \\ \{e\} \\ \{a\} \\ \{o\} \\ \{\#\} \end{bmatrix}_2 \tilde{B} \_ C \begin{bmatrix} \# \\ \{i\} \\ \{e\} \\ \{è\} \end{bmatrix}_2$$

where  $\tilde{B}$  is any consonant (single or double) other than b, m, w  
 and C is any consonant, single or double

As has been noted in the previous rules, a, among all the vowels, is the most obviously responsive to the environment just as l is among the consonants. Not only does a change to some other phonemes, but, strictly speaking, there are three distinguishable allophonic variants within the range of the phoneme: fronted, medial, and retracted. However, only the fronted one is given by the rule as against the rest, since on the surface the contrast is always between relatively fronted and relatively retracted, with the medial one occurring only in #C(C)\_\_\_# where the fronted or retracted one never occurs.

(E 65) yilaa ==> yila'a'; made ==> ma'de  
*that sated*

belaa ==> bela'a'; capPi ==> ca'pPi  
*shoes ancestor*

waa + li ==> wa'a' li; balle ==> ba'lle  
*canoe of inspection*

balla + li ==> balla<sup>ˈ</sup> li; tama + li ==> tama<sup>ˈ</sup> li  
*stuck*

fasa + yi ==> fasa<sup>ˈ</sup> yi; xa + yale ==> xaya<sup>ˈ</sup> le  
*penis my tr fly*

fadè + li ==> fa<sup>ˈ</sup> dè li  
*eyebrow*

PR 33 aya ==> a<sup>ˈ</sup> a<sup>ˈ</sup> / C — {<sup>#</sup><sub>C</sub>}

The sequence aya is reduced to a<sup>ˈ</sup> a<sup>ˈ</sup> [a:] regardless of the morphemic status of the bases involved. The fronting of the vowel is viewed as the result of the dropped high front semi-vowel.

(E 66) lima + yale ==> lima yale == lima<sup>ˈ</sup> a<sup>ˈ</sup> le  
 5 *line* PR26  
 (Nucl)

diwa + yale ==> diwa<sup>ˈ</sup> a<sup>ˈ</sup> le  
 9

lima + yaye ==> lima<sup>ˈ</sup> a<sup>ˈ</sup> ye  
*long-slender*  
*object*

diwa + yafe ==> diwa<sup>ˈ</sup> a<sup>ˈ</sup> fe  
*string-bound*  
*bundle*

xarepa + ya ==> xarepa<sup>ˈ</sup> a<sup>ˈ</sup>  
*to approach it*  
 (Os)

yalda + ya ==> yalda<sup>ˈ</sup> a<sup>ˈ</sup>  
*to open it*

xa + madafa + ya ==> xamadafa<sup>ˈ</sup> a<sup>ˈ</sup>  
 tr *clear it*  
 'to explain'

xula + ya ==> xula<sup>ˈ</sup> a<sup>ˈ</sup>  
*to know it*

By virtue of PR 33, it has become clear why on the surface [y] 'it' never appears after a while it optionally remains after all the other vowels. In the latter case, [y] is deleted only optionally (PR 45) after the final vowel (i.e. a in ya 'it') has been dropped.

(E 67) tuxu + ya ==> [tugu(y)]  
*to hit it*



fèèru + ya ==> [fə:ru(y)]

to make it

but: xola + ya ==> { \*[xola(y)]  
to catch [xola]

It should be noted that if the sequence aya has undergone any change (e.g. ==> aye) in accordance with PR 31, it cannot be placed as an input to PR 33. Compare the following:

(E 68) xa + madafa + ya + yi ==> xamadafaye yi

tr clear it my PR31

'what I explained'

xa + madafa + ya ==> xamadafa'a'

PR33

PR 34  $\begin{bmatrix} o \\ \text{Vq} \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} o^{\wedge} \\ \text{Vq}^{\wedge} \end{bmatrix} / \_ C i$

where Vq = ee, ää, öö, oo

The vowels on the right of PR 34 may have each three allophonic variants: raised, neutral, and lowered or retracted. However, only raised variants are given in the rule as against the unraised for the reason similar to that discussed under PR 32. So far no convincing contrast has been found in stem final position between single o and ö on the one hand and single e and ä or ä and a on the other. Therefore, it is tentatively assumed that single ä and ö do not appear in the said position in any base form. Incidentally, the above fact is partially indicative of the possibility of reducing the number of the Ulithian vowel phonemes to a significant extent should more intensive study be made.

PR 34 is formulated with the main object of dealing with alternation before attributive suffixes. As discussed earlier, the alternation manifests some surface contrasts.

(E 69) soxo + li ==> soxo li == soxo^ li

stick of PR26

(Cf. soxo + la ==> soxo' la)

his

mago + li ==> mago^ li

forehead

xologo + li ==> xologo^ li

body

loso + yi ==> loso^ yi  
*boil*

bee + li ==> be^e^ li  
*fortune telling*

bââ + li ==> bâ^â^ li  
*floating*

bbôô + li ==> bbô^ô^ li  
*smelly*

coo + li ==> co^o^ li  
*copra*

côô + li ==> cô^ô^ li  
*people*

PR 35  $\begin{bmatrix} i \\ o \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow u / \begin{bmatrix} C \quad \_ \quad xo \\ ux \quad \_ \end{bmatrix}$

Although PR 35 is developed to deal in particular with vowel alternations associated with object suffix morphemes such as *xo* 'you', *xomami* 'we (*excl*)', and *xomiyi* 'you(*pl*)', it may be considered as general phonological rule in that, on the surface, combinations like [igo], [ugo] are unnatural in that no examples thereof have been found.

(E 70) *fisexi* + *xo* ==> *fisexi xo* ==> *fisexu xo* ==> *fisexu xu*  
*to burn* PR26

*lawulu* + *xo* ==> *lawulu xu*  
*to have as*  
*child*

*lli* + *xo* ==> *llu xo* ==> *llu xu*  
*to kill*

*ffêrêxu* + *xomami* ==> *ffêrêxu xumami*  
*to bind*

*dorofi* + *xomami* ==> *dorofu xomami* ==> *dorofu xumami*  
*to catch*

*xasi* + *xomiyi* ==> *xasu xomiyi* ==> *xasu xumiyi*  
*to carry*

PR 36  $V_1 \Rightarrow V_1' / \_ \_ xo\#$

where  $V_1 \neq u, \acute{e}$

All single vowels, with the exception of u and é (and i which does not occur here), are lengthened by a mora before final xo. This lengthening is purely phonological, since it occurs regardless of the status of xo. Apparently it is caused by the devoicing and shortening of the vowel following (see PR 40). The exception of u and é may be ascribed to their inherent high quality. No lengthening is observable before nonfinal xo.

(E 71) tape + xo ==> tape xo ==> tape' xo  
to need you PR26

ffaxo + xo ==> ffaxo'xo  
to pity

cugaxo ==> cuga' xo  
noisy

buraxo ==> bura' xo  
smoke

but: weri + xo ==> weru xo ==> weru xu ==> \*weru' xu  
to see

xa + ddèlè + xo ==> xaddèlè xo ==> \*xaddèlè' xo  
tr shine

limese + xomami ==> limese xomami ==> \*limese' xomami  
to kill us(excl)  
to death

(Cf. limese + xo ==> limese' xo)

PR 37 l ==> n / nV\_\_

(E 72) sukuunu + li ==> sukuunu li ==> sukuunu ni  
school PR26

moniyama + li ==> moniyana ni  
devil

pinsini + li ==> pinsini ni  
gasoline

kaapini + li ==> kaapini ni  
captain

PR 38 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} 1^{\leftarrow} \\ 1^{\leftarrow} 1^{\leftarrow} \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} Vz \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} a \\ o \\ \# \end{array} \right\} \end{bmatrix} \text{--- (C)} \begin{bmatrix} Z \\ Vz \end{bmatrix}$$

where Vz = i, e, à, u, é (Ṽz = o, ò, a)  
and Z = any segment including zero

l is the consonant most susceptible to environmental influences, with a wide allophonic variation ranging from front to back. The variation, however, may be dichotomised into relatively "fronted" and relatively "retracted" in view of its surface contrast as well as its influence on the vowel a. PR 38 derives the "fronted" variant, while the "retracted" one occurs elsewhere.

(E 73) le ==> l'e; belaa ==> bela'a' ==> bel'a'a'  
TA(immed.fut.) shoes PR32

meldowa ==> mel'dowa  
west

waa + li ==> waa li ==> wa'a' li ==> wa'a' l'i  
canoe of PR26 PR32

balle + li ==> ba'lle li ==> ba'l'l'e l'i  
inspection

balla + li ==> balla li ==> bal l a' l'i  
stuck

soxo + li ==> soxo^ li ==> soxo^ l'i  
stick PR34

la + li ==> la' li ==> l a' l'i  
in PR32

PR 39 m ==> m̃ / 
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{---u\#} \\ \text{Vj} \text{---} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{u} \\ \text{o} \\ \text{ó} \end{array} \right\} \\ \text{---V m̃} \end{array} \right\}$$

where Vj = a, o, (ó), u, é

PR 39 states that m changes to velarised m̃ in the given positions in which no contrast has been observed between the two nasal stops. It seems that in all the other positions, the two sounds contrast. Before nonfinal u, the contrast is hard to observe, since most of the occurrences are phonetically [m<sup>w</sup>] (e.g. m̃ukuu [m<sup>w</sup>uku] 'to tremble', m̃usu [m<sup>w</sup>us] 'to bump', m̃udara [m<sup>w</sup>uðar] 'to spread'). The only example of [m] found is mulu 'a kind of insect' in which the first vowel has fronted quality (i.e. [mü:l], [mülül] '... of').

(E 74) mu# ==> m̃u#  
your

sumu ==> sũmu  
water well

wumu ==> wumu  
to cook underground

lumu ==> lumu  
moss

damumuu ==> damumuu  
wild

lamo ==> lamo  
lagoon, mosquito

kamudiidii ==> kamudiidi  
beautiful

kòòkomo ==> kòòkomo  
playing

cêmòlo ==> cêmòlo  
pig pen

lema- + mu ==> lemo mu ==> lemomu ==> lemomu  
drinking ob. PR28

tama- + mu ==> tamo mu ==> tamomu ==> tamomu  
father

$$\text{PR 40} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} [Vq] \\ [\tilde{V}q]_1 \\ V \end{array} \right]_2 \quad \text{====>} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} [ [-voiced] ] \\ \emptyset \\ \emptyset \end{array} \right]_1 \quad / \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} Zx \quad \# \\ Z\tilde{x} \quad \# \end{array} \right]_2$$

where  $Vq = \left[ \begin{array}{c} +\text{vocalic} \\ +\text{back} \end{array} \right]$ , i.e. a, ò, o, u

and  $\tilde{V}q =$  any V other than Vq

and V = any vowel

and Zx and Z $\tilde{x}$  each contain at least a syllable

and  $\tilde{x} =$  any V or C other than x

PR 40 is interpreted as saying that final vowels are dropped except after x where back vowels are only devoiced while non-back vowels are dropped. The dropping or devoicing of a vowel is not effected in a single syllable word (see the condition of Zx and Z $\tilde{x}$ ). Thus, for example, xo 'you(Pm)' does not undergo devoicing while xo 'you(Os)' does.

(E 75) a. devoicing of back vowels

kèlòxo ==> kèlò'xo ==> kèlò'xo  
hungry PR36

mēgaaxu ==> mēgaaxU

*clothes*

bulaxa ==> bulaxA

*taro*

xa + yale + xo ==> xayale xo ==> xaya' l' e' xo ==> xaya' l' e' x0

tr to fly you PR26 PR32  
PR36  
PR38

b. dropping of vowels

ffaxe ==> ffa' xe ==> ffa' x

*to look for* PR32

yixi ==> yix

*fish*

tèxè ==> tex

*yam*

ccaa + li ==> ccaa li ==> cca' a' l' i ==> cca' a' l'

*blood*

xamare + la ==> xamare la ==> xama' re la ==> xama' rel

*sweetheart his*

yase + yire ==> yaseere ==> ya' seere ==> ya' seer

*liver their* PR30

lewa + mu ==> lewo mu ==> lewo m̄u ==> lewom̄

*tongue your* PR28 PR39

moniyana + li ==> moniyana' ni ==> moniyana' n

*devil* PR32  
PR37

cca ==> cca; waa ==> wa

*blood canoe*

PR 41 CVC(v) ==> CVVC(v) / #[\_\_\_]Nm#

where Nm is a syntactic category (a low level noun phrase)

and v = voiceless V

This process of compensatory lengthening is limited strictly to CVC(v) forms under the domination of Nm (see BRs 17 and 18). Thus, first of all, stems of the form CVCC or CCVC as well as CV or CCV are excluded.

(E 76) xilli ==> xill ==> \*xiill; loyYo ==> loyY ==> \*looyY

*skin* PR40 *perfume*

xaddu ==> xadd ==> \*xaadd

*finger*

ffisi ==> ffis ==> \*ffiis

*lightning*

daa ==> da ==> \*daa

*intestine*

Secondly, forms which are not dominated by Nm are excluded.

(E 77) cox ==> \*coox; wol ==> \*wool

*just*                      *also*

(Int)                      (Mv)

lapa ==> lap ==> \*laap; doxo ==> dox0 ==> \*doox0

*big*                              *hither*

(V)                              (Dr)

gali ==> gal ==> \*gaal

(Vpr)to

yafa ==> yaf ==> \*yaaf (Cf. yafa ==> yaf ==> yaaf)

*to swim*                              *swimming*

(V)                              (N)

pixi ==> pix ==> \*piix (Cf. pixi ==> pix ==> piix)

*to play ball*                              *ball*

(V)                              (N)

Thirdly, even when a form is CVC(v) and dominated by Nm, it still may not be subject to lengthening if it occurs with some other form(s) within the Nm.

(E 78) [se + male]<sub>Nm</sub> ==> se male ==> se ma' l' ==> \*se ma' a' l'

1      *animate*

(Nucl)

[fase # pallege]<sub>Nm</sub> ==> fa' se # pa' l' l' ege ==> fa' s #

*stone*      *big*

pa' l' l' eg ==> \*fa' a' s # pa' l' l' eg

(Cf. fase ==> fa' se ==> fa' s ==> fa' a' s)

Examples of the forms which undergo the process in PR 41 follow.

(E 79) mago ==> mag ==> maag; Cuxu ==> cuxU ==> cuuxU

*forehead*                              *Truk*

xapi ==> xa' pi ==> xa' p ==> xa' a' p

*hip*

rebe ==> reb ==> reeb

*beard*

liba ==> lib ==> liib

*hole*

yima ==> yim ==> yim

*house*

PR 42 C ==> Ø /C\_#

This rule drops the final consonant if it is preceded by another consonant. This is applicable not only to geminate consonants but to those capital letters which have been introduced to block compensatory lengthening.

(E 80) diddi ==> didd ==> did

*sewing* PR40

xilli ==> xill ==> xil

*skin*

pawwu ==> paww ==> paw

*arm*

capPi ==> ca<sup>˘</sup>pPi ==> ca<sup>˘</sup>pP ==> ca<sup>˘</sup>p

*ancestor* PR32

loyYo ==> loyY ==> loy

*perfume*

bullla ==> bull ==> bul

*heart*

Since rules are ordered, the output of PR 42 may not be placed as the input to PR 41 in spite of the condition being met.

PR 43 Cc ==> Ø

where Cc stands for a capital letter consonant.

(E 81) pawwu + mami ==> pawwu ma<sup>˘</sup>m ==> pawuma<sup>˘</sup>m

*arm*

capPi + mu ==> capPi ṃ ==> ca<sup>˘</sup>piṁ

*ancestor*



PR 44 # ==>  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \emptyset \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{P_m\} \text{--- TA} \\ \{TA\} \text{--- TA} \\ N \text{--- (Adj) --- D}_m \\ \text{--- Num} \end{array} \right\} \\ // \text{ elsewhere} \end{array} \right.$

This rule states that word-boundary symbol # is replaced by the phonological juncture // (characterised by a short pause) except in the syntactic environment given, where no juncture appears. Further rules will be developed in relation to this juncture.

(E 82) yaramata #wee #yilaa #ye #sa #loxo #cox  
*person the fm he ta go just*  
 ==> yaramat #we #yila<sup>˘</sup> #ye #sa #lox0 #cox  
 ==> yaramat we // yila<sup>˘</sup> //ye sa //lox0//cox

PR 45  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} w \\ y \end{array} \right] \text{ ==> } \emptyset / \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u \text{---} y \\ u \text{---} C \\ ( \text{---} u ) \end{array} \right\} \\ (ZC) \text{---} (C) \\ V_1 \text{---} V_1 \\ \left( \begin{array}{l} V [ \text{---} ] \text{Os} // \\ Vh [ \text{---} ] \text{At} // \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} i \\ e \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right.$

where Z = zero, a C, or a V and ZC ≠ uw  
 and Vh = i, u, e, é  
 and Os = object suffix; At = non-attributive suffix

The semivowel w is considerably resistant to environmental influences as compared to y. When the two semivowels clash, y is dropped except in the sequence uwy, in which case w is dropped.

(E 83) a. dropping of w

(OB) ruwê # yexe ==> ruw # yex ==> ruw yex ==> ru yex  
 2 10 PR40  
 (OP) ruwê # garase ==> ruw # gara<sup>˘</sup>s ==> ru(w) gara<sup>˘</sup>s  
 1000  
 wucu ==> wuc ==> wuuc ==> (w)uuc  
 banana

Cf. luwa ==> luw ==> \*lu

*surprised*

(V)

b. dropping of y

(OB) lima # yexe ==> lim # yex ==> lim yex ==> limex

5 10

faay + wo ==> faay wo ==> faay w ==> faaw

4 Nucl  
(general ob.)

loyYo + li ==> loyYo li ==> loyYo^l ==> loyo^l ==> loo^l  
*perfume of*

se # yexe ==> se yex ==> seex

1 10

senseye + li ==> senseyel ==> senseel

*teacher*

teye + doxo ==> teye doxo ==> teye dox0 ==> teedox0

*to gather hither*

(OP) xusu + ya ==> xusu ya ==> xususy ==> xusu(y)

*to bite it*

dabe + ya ==> dabe ya ==> dabey ==> dabe(y)

*to follow*

faxo + ya ==> faxo ya ==> faxoy ==> faxo(y)

*to miss*

senseye ==> sensey ==> sense(y)

*teacher*

fuluya ==> fuluy ==> fulu(y)

*island*

pèyè ==> pèy ==> pè(y)

*to be empty*

yiiy ==> (y)ii(y)

*he(Pro)*

ye ==> (y)e

*he(Pm)*

It should be noticed that attributive suffix yi [y] 'I' does not drop, while object suffix ya [y] may. In other instances, the optional dropping of final [y] is allowed only when the preceding vowel is one of the

four relatively high vowels (i, e, é, u).

PR 46  $u \Rightarrow i / \_ C \left\{ \begin{matrix} i \\ e \end{matrix} \right\} x$

(E 84) ruwè # yexe  $\Rightarrow$  ruw # yex  $\Rightarrow$  ruw yex  $\Rightarrow$  ru yex  $\Rightarrow$  ri yex  
2 10

sulu # yexe  $\Rightarrow$  sulu # yixe  $\Rightarrow$  sul yix  $\Rightarrow$  sulix  $\Rightarrow$  silix

PR 47  $\left\{ \begin{matrix} i \\ e \\ o \\ é \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow u / // B \_ C \left\{ \begin{matrix} i \\ u \end{matrix} \right\}$   
 $\left( \begin{matrix} +ant \\ +high \\ +back \end{matrix} \right) \left( \begin{matrix} +voc \\ +high \end{matrix} \right)$

(E 85) ìiri + li  $\Rightarrow$  ìiri li  $\Rightarrow$  ìiril  $\Rightarrow$  ìuril  
*after*

becikkara  $\Rightarrow$  becikkar  $\Rightarrow$  bucikkar  
*fever, hot*

weri + ya  $\Rightarrow$  weri ya  $\Rightarrow$  weriy  $\Rightarrow$  weri(y)  $\Rightarrow$  wuri(y)  
*see it*

xumocu + ya  $\Rightarrow$  xumocu ya  $\Rightarrow$  xumocuy  $\Rightarrow$  xumocu(y)  $\Rightarrow$  xumucu(y)  
*grab*

PR 48  $v \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{matrix} \emptyset \\ i \end{matrix} \right]_2 / \left[ \begin{matrix} v & \left\{ \begin{matrix} N \\ L \end{matrix} \right\} \\ v_1 & \left\{ \begin{matrix} \tilde{N} \\ \tilde{L} \end{matrix} \right\} \end{matrix} \right]_1 C \left[ \begin{matrix} v \\ v_2 \end{matrix} \right]_{1-2}$

where N = ì, n, m, g; L = l

i = high central unrounded glide

$v \neq v_1 \left\{ \begin{matrix} \neq \\ = \end{matrix} \right\} v_2$

In order to maintain the phonetic and structural equilibrium, such forces as compensatory lengthening, excrescent vowel insertion, vowel reduction, etc. are constantly in operation. The above rule deals with vowel reduction in non-junctural positions, which process is conspicuous in speech of normal speed. Three syllables are the minimum requirement for the application of this rule. When the single vowel to be reduced is preceded by a nasal or l, the reduction seems almost complete. In the case of non-nasal and non-l, the reduction, which is incomplete, is applicable only where the neighbouring vowels are dissimilar.

(E 86) xa + ìobu + ya  $\Rightarrow$  xaìobu(y)  $\Rightarrow$  xaìbu(y)  
*tr to duck him*

yagasi + ya ==> yagasi(y) ==> yagsi(y)  
*touch it*

cagaxe + li ==> cagaxe li ==> caga<sup>˘</sup>xel ==> cagxel  
*hanging of*

xalaxa + ya + diye ==> xalaxa<sup>˘</sup>a<sup>˘</sup>di(y) ==> xalxa<sup>˘</sup>a<sup>˘</sup>di(y)  
*to suspend it down*

xareta + li ==> xar<sup>ˆ</sup>ta<sup>˘</sup>l  
*end of*

xapedi + ya ==> xap<sup>ˆ</sup>di(y)  
*to wash with  
copra oil*

wuxedi + ya ==> wux<sup>ˆ</sup>di(y)  
*to turn over*

dipali + ya ==> dip<sup>ˆ</sup>li(y)  
*to like*

xa#be#le ==> xa be le ==> xabl<sup>˘</sup>e  
*we will  
(excl)*

xabòle + ya ==> xabòle ya ==> xabòle(y) ==> xable(y)  
*to miss it*

The process of vowel reduction is strong in comparison with the opposite process of excrescent vowel insertion, but one instance in which the latter process is particularly noticeable is in the environment of V<sub>1</sub>C\_\_CV<sub>1</sub>, where the excrescent vowel V<sub>1</sub> is normally inserted.

(E 87) [m̩ale # lapa] ==> m̩a<sup>˘</sup>l # lap ==> m̩a<sup>˘</sup>lalap  
*man big Nm  
'old man'*

yaramata # laa ==> yaramat # la ==> yaramatala  
*person that*

Even here, vowel reduction operates: yaramatala ==> yaramtala. When reduction is incomplete, the contrast between double and single consonants before the reduced vowel is maintained.

(E 88) xa + pisi + ya ==> xap<sup>ˆ</sup>si(y)  
*tr to launch it*

xa + ppisi + ya ==> xapp<sup>ˆ</sup>si(y)  
*float up from bottom*

The vowel reduction process applies even across phonetic juncture, if the speaker speaks so fast that the juncture is eliminated.

- (E 89) xo #sa #la #ggata #ye ==> xo sa //la //ggat //ye  
*you ta become hurry and*  
*'You were in such a hurry!'*  
 ==> xo sal<sup>̣</sup>//ggat e
- xa #si #ciil #kâkkâata #faa ==> xas //ciil//kâkkâatafa  
*we we still doing-what which*  
 (Pro-incl)  
*'What are we still doing?'*

PR 49 mē ==> m / \_\_ (if //==> Ø) [i]

This rule is mainly related to the preposition mē 'from' and the following noun which begins with [i] (yi). That is, if the phonetic juncture // is removed in a relatively fast speech, mē loses its vowel.

- (E 90) mē # yiiyaa ==> mē // iiya ==> m(//==>Ø)iiya  
*where*
- mē # yiiyage ==> mē // iiya<sup>˘</sup>g ==> miiya<sup>˘</sup>g  
*there*
- mē # yixaa ==> mixa  
*here*
- mē # yiree + la ==> mireel  
*at him*
- mē # yipèlè ==> mipèl  
*menstruation-house*

PR 50 (V<sub>1</sub>) l ==> T<sub>1</sub> / V<sub>1</sub> \_\_ (if //==> Ø) T<sub>1</sub>  
 where T = [+coronal] = t, d, c, s, r, n

This rule accounts for the assimilation of l to a class of consonants which along with l constitutes a "natural class" in that they and only they share the feature [+coronal]. If a long vowel precedes l, it becomes shortened and then l itself changes.

- (E 91) yi#be#yaali #sare #wee ==> (y)i be //ya<sup>˘</sup>a<sup>˘</sup>l<sup>˘</sup>  
*I will have knife the*  
 //sa<sup>˘</sup>a<sup>˘</sup>r we ==> (y)i be //ya<sup>˘</sup>s(//==>Ø) sa<sup>˘</sup>a<sup>˘</sup>r we

ye#sa#weri#yiree#mè#wòò + li#tayiiti  
 he ta see tree at on of hill

==>(y)e sa //wer //(y)ire //mè //wò^ò^l //ta^(y)iit

==>(y)e sa //wer //(y)ire //mè //wò^t ta^(y)iit

'He saw trees on the mountain.'

male + li#Cuxu ==> ma^l //cuuxU ==> ma^c cuuxU  
 bird of Truk

legace + li # repsece ==> laga^cer repsec  
 beside foreigner

legace + li # tade ==> laga^cet ta^a^d  
 sea

la + li # cale ==> la^c ca^l^  
 in water

faa + li # se + wo ==> fa s seew  
 under 1 Nucl(gen.)  
 'once'

medaxe + li # daa ==> meda^xed da  
 pain intestine

mata + li # naanaa ==> mata^n naana  
 eye mammy

but: medaxe + li #  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{xapi} \\ \text{hips} \\ \text{pâwWu} \\ \text{arm} \\ \text{kku + yi} \\ \text{fingernail my} \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow *meda^xe \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{x} \text{ xa^a^p} \\ \text{p} \text{ pâw} \\ \text{k} \text{ kkuy} \end{array} \right.$

PR 51 u(u) ==> [-back] /  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{d} \\ \text{s} \\ \text{l} \\ \text{m} \end{array} \right\} \text{ — } \tilde{\text{B}}$

The high back vowel becomes fronted ([ü]) after the given consonants if not followed by velarised consonants, n, ñ, w.

(E 92) dudu ==> dud ==> duud ==> düüd  
 breast

suru ==> sur ==> suur ==> süür  
 house-pillar

luu ==> lu ==> lü

*coconut*

mulu ==> mul ==> muul ==> müül

*a kind of insect*

but: lumu ==> lumu ==> lum ==> luum ==> \*lüüm

*moss*

sube ==> sub ==> \*süb

*to be born(V)*

yicuu + li ==> (y)icuul ==> \*(y)icüül

*on of*

xulê ==> xul ==> xuul ==> \*xüül

*love song*

yulu ==> yul ==> yuul ==> \*yüül

*coconut skin*

bulu ==> bul ==> buul ==> \*büül

*chewing gum*

PR 52  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} b \\ d \end{array} \right\} \implies [-\text{voiced}] / \_ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} // \\ [-\text{voiced}] \end{array} \right\}$   
 $\left( \begin{array}{l} -\text{vocalic} \\ +\text{anterior} \\ +\text{continuant} \end{array} \right)$

The voiced consonants b and d are devoiced before a juncture or voiceless sounds.

(E 93) cobo ==> cob ==> coob ==> coob̥ [cooɸW]

*mat*

mada ==> mad ==> mad̥ [maθ]

*cooked(V)*

PR 53  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f \\ x \end{array} \right\} \implies [+ \text{voiced}] / [+ \text{voiced}] \_ [+ \text{voiced}]$

f and x are voiced between voiced sounds.<sup>4</sup> If they are doubled, they are not voiced, since they are inherently voiceless (see PR 10) and since the above condition is not met.

<sup>4</sup>f and x do not constitute a natural class according to the scheme in TABLE IV. If the table were rearranged following Jakobson, Fant, and Halle (1965) or Jakobson and Halle (1956), they would with the unique sharing of [+grave] and [+strident]. Such a rearrangement would, however, yield some other possible disadvantages which do not concern us here.

(E 94) kofa- + li ==> kofa<sup>˘</sup>l<sup>˘</sup> ==> kofa<sup>˘</sup>l<sup>˘</sup> [kova<sup>˘</sup>l<sup>˘</sup>]  
*result of*

magxaa ==> magḡa [maḡga]  
*mango*

xa + ffaxo + ya ==> xaffaxo(y) [xaf:ago(y)]  
*tr to pity it*  
*'to be in trouble'*

PR 54

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} S_1 \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} l \\ n \\ g \end{array} \right\} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} m \\ \dot{m} \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right] \implies [-\text{release}] / \_ \left[ \begin{array}{c} S_1 \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} c \\ // \end{array} \right\} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} p, b, m, \dot{m} \\ (//) \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right]$$

where S =  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} -\text{nasal} \\ -\text{continuant} \end{array} \right] = p, t, k, c, r$

Oral interrupted consonants are not released before the identical consonants; l, n, g before any consonant or //; and m,  $\dot{m}$  before the homorganic consonants (except for w) and optionally before // (see PR 11).

(E 95) (Superscripts + and - mean [+release] and [-release] respectively.)

kakkace ==> k<sup>+</sup>ak<sup>-</sup>k<sup>+</sup>ac<sup>+</sup>  
*to throw*

xa + ppisi + ya ==> xapp<sup>+</sup>si(y) ==> x<sup>+</sup>ap<sup>-</sup>p<sup>+</sup>s<sup>+</sup>i(y)  
*to float it*  
*up*

pileta + ya ==> pilta<sup>˘</sup> ==> pil<sup>-</sup>t<sup>+</sup>a<sup>˘</sup>  
*to sut it*

kantini ==> kantin ==> k<sup>+</sup>an<sup>-</sup>t<sup>+</sup>in<sup>-</sup>  
*store*

figfigi ==> f<sup>+</sup>ig<sup>-</sup>f<sup>+</sup>ig<sup>-</sup>  
*to wist*

yiḡa #mè #pese ==> (y)iiḡ //mè //pees ==>  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (y)iiḡ<sup>-</sup> m<sup>+</sup>è \\ (y)iiḡ<sup>±</sup> //m<sup>+</sup>è \end{array} \right.$   
*house and dog*  
 p<sup>+</sup>ees<sup>+</sup>

xatama #kaa ==> xatama ka ==> x<sup>+</sup>at<sup>+</sup>am<sup>+</sup>k<sup>+</sup>a  
*door these*

In spite of the alternation between + and -[release], the inherent



distinctive features of each phoneme are not thereby affected. For example, *ṃ* in *yima* maintains [+back] regardless of [±release].

PR 55  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} p \\ t \\ c \\ k \end{array} \right\} \implies$  slightly aspirated / \_\_ //

See PR 12 for inherent unaspiration of consonants.

(E 96) *payepe*  $\implies$  *pa'yep*  $\implies$  *pa'yep'*  
*pipe*  
*kakke*  $\implies$  *ka'k*  $\implies$  *ka'k'*  
*to carry*  
*mata*  $\implies$  *maat*  $\implies$  *maat'*  
*eye*  
*kakkace*  $\implies$  *kakka'c*  $\implies$  *kakka'c'*  
*to throw*

PR 56  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} C_1 \\ V_1 \end{array} \right] \implies$  [+tense] / ( \_\_ )  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} C_1 \\ V_1 \end{array} \right]$  ( \_\_ )

The feature [tense] is non-distinctive, since long segments are phonemically geminate (see PR 13). The above rule assigns long segments with [+tense].

(E 97) *tapa*  $\implies$  *tap*  $\implies$  *taap*  $\implies$  *taap*  $\implies$  *taap*  
*cheek*  
*kakke + li*  $\implies$  *kakkeli*  $\implies$  *ka'kkel*  $\implies$  *ka'kkel*

PR 57  $x \implies$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{fronted / } \_ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} C \\ // \\ i, e, \grave{a}, \acute{e}, u \end{array} \right\} \\ \text{slightly voiced / } // \_ \acute{e} \\ x^\dagger / \_ i, e, \grave{a} \end{array} \right.$

This rule characterises the allophonic variations of the phoneme *x*, which has a high frequency of occurrence in texts compared to *k* (see 3.5. (4)).

(E 98) *xilli*  $\implies$  *xil*  $\implies$  *x<sup>†</sup>il*  
*skin*  
*xáata*  $\implies$  *xáat*  $\implies$  *x<sup>†</sup>áat*  
*how come?*

tèxtaa ==> tèxta ==> tèx<sup>ˈ</sup>ta  
*doctor*

cuxu ==> cuuxU ==> cuux<sup>ˈ</sup>U  
*basket*

ffaxe ==> ffax ==> ffax<sup>ˈ</sup>  
*to look for*

xèrxèru ==> xèrxèr ==> g<sup>ˈ</sup>èrg<sup>ˈ</sup>èr  
*to scratch*

PR 58

$$\begin{bmatrix} \{ay\grave{e}\} \\ \{awu\} \\ \grave{a}w \\ \grave{a}(y)i \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} [ë:] \\ [ë] \\ \grave{a}\grave{a} \end{bmatrix}$$

PR 58 shows the monophthongal assimilation of the indicated phoneme sequences, producing a mid-central sound which is characterised as more open and with less lip-rounding than the sound represented by è.

(E 99) cayè + li ==> cayèl ==> cè:l; páwWu ==> páwW ==> páw ==> [pë]  
*leaf arm*

páwWu + mami ==> pawWuma<sup>ˈ</sup>m ==> páwuma<sup>ˈ</sup>m ==> [pë:ma<sup>ˈ</sup>m]

màyi + li ==> màyil ==> màál  
*breadfruit*

PR 59

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_1V_1 \\ V \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} \acute{V}_1V_1 \\ \acute{V} / \_ccv\{C\} \end{bmatrix}$$

In general, stress (which is non-phonemic) is not clearly recognisable, and it subphonemically accompanies a long vowel or a short vowel preceding a long consonant. However, a short vowel preceding a long consonant followed by a long vowel is not stressed.

(E 100) yegaage ==> yega<sup>ˈ</sup>a<sup>ˈ</sup>g ==> yegá<sup>ˈ</sup>a<sup>ˈ</sup>g  
*work*

re # kàkkáata # faa ==> re //kàkkáat(a)fa  
*they do what which*  
*'What are they doing?'*

bullá + li ==> bullel ==> búillel  
*heart of*

In speech, demonstrative enclitics often receive stress if there is no stressed sound in the word.

(E 101) *babiyoro # faa ==> babiyor fá*

*book            which*  
(Dm)

*yiwee#gè ==> (y)iwé // gè*

*that and*

*'and, but, then'*

#### 3.6.4. MAJOR PARADIGMS AND EXAMPLES OF PHONETIC RULE OPERATION

(1) PR 14 produced the base form paradigms of predicational markers (Pm), attributive markers (At), and object suffixes (Os). Subsequent rules have modified the base forms of At and Os as well as the stem vowels preceding them. No essential change has been made in the Pm paradigm. TABLE IV gives the surface forms of the combination of basic stem vowels and object suffixes, and TABLE V the surface variants of basic stem vowels before attributive suffixes. In the former table, only short stem vowels are presented, since it is assumed that long ones, though very few examples are found, behave in a similar way.

TABLE IV

#### ASSIMILATION BETWEEN STEM VOWELS AND OS FORMS

<sup>1</sup> stemV	<sup>2</sup> Os	yeyi	xo	ya	xica	xomami	xomiyi	yVre
		<i>me</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>him</i>	<i>us(incl)</i>	<i>us(excl)</i>	<i>you(pl)</i>	<i>them</i>
i		<i>iyey</i>	<i>uxU</i>	<i>i(y)</i>	<i>ixic</i>	<i>uxuma<sup>c</sup>m</i>	<i>uxumi(y)</i>	<i>iir</i>
e		<i>eyey</i>	<i>e·x0</i>	<i>e(y)</i>	<i>exic</i>	<i>exoma<sup>c</sup>m</i>	<i>exomi(y)</i>	<i>eer</i>
a		<i>a<sup>c</sup>yey</i>	<i>a·x0</i>	<i>a<sup>c</sup></i>	<i>a<sup>c</sup>xic</i>	<i>axoma<sup>c</sup>m</i>	<i>axomi(y)</i>	<i>aar</i>
o		<i>oyey</i>	<i>o·x0</i>	<i>o(y)</i>	<i>oxic</i>	<i>oxoma<sup>c</sup>m</i>	<i>oxomi(y)</i>	<i>oor</i>
u		<i>uyey</i>	<i>uxU</i>	<i>u(y)</i>	<i>uxic</i>	<i>uxuma<sup>c</sup>m</i>	<i>uxumi(y)</i>	<i>uur</i>
è		<i>èyey</i>	<i>èx0</i>	<i>è(y)</i>	<i>èxic</i>	<i>èxoma<sup>c</sup>m</i>	<i>èxomi(y)</i>	<i>èèr</i>

(TABLE V overleaf)

TABLE V  
STEM VOWEL ALTERNATION BEFORE At

At	yi[y]	mu[m <sup>w</sup> ]	la[l <sup>ʔ</sup> ]	li[l <sup>ʔ</sup> ]	ca[c]	mami[ma <sup>c</sup> m]	miyi[mi(y)]	yire[r]
Stem V	my	your	his	of	our incl.	our excl.	your pl.	their (+yi)
i	i	i	i	i	i	(i)	(i)	ii
ii	ii	ii	ii	ii	ii	ii	ii	ii
e	e	e	e	e	e	(e)	(e)	ee
ee	e <sup>^</sup> e <sup>^</sup>	ee	ee	e <sup>^</sup> e <sup>^</sup>	ee	ee	e <sup>^</sup> e <sup>^</sup>	ee
ââ	â <sup>^</sup> â <sup>^</sup>	ââ	ââ	â <sup>^</sup> â <sup>^</sup>	ââ	ââ	â <sup>^</sup> â <sup>^</sup>	ââ
a	{e ê}	{o ë}	a	{e ê}	a	(a)	(e)	ââ
	a <sup>c</sup>	a	a	a <sup>c</sup>	a	(a)	(a <sup>c</sup> )	ââ
aa	a <sup>c</sup> a <sup>c</sup>	aa	aa	a <sup>c</sup> a <sup>c</sup>	aa	aa	a <sup>c</sup> a <sup>c</sup>	aa
ôô	ô <sup>^</sup> ô <sup>^</sup>	ôô	ôô	ô <sup>^</sup> ô <sup>^</sup>	ôô	ôô	ô <sup>^</sup> ô <sup>^</sup>	ôô
o	o <sup>^</sup>	o	o	o <sup>^</sup>	o	(o)	(o <sup>^</sup> )	oo
oo	o <sup>^</sup> o <sup>^</sup>	oo	oo	o <sup>^</sup> o <sup>^</sup>	oo	oo	o <sup>^</sup> o <sup>^</sup>	oo
u	u	u,ê	u,ê	u,ê	u,ê	(u,ê)	(u,ê)	uu
uu	uu	uu	uu	uu	uu	uu	uu	uu
è	è	è	è	è	è	(è)	(è)	èè
èè	èè	èè	èè	èè	èè	èè	èè	èè

(2) The variety of surface manifestations of numerative compounds may be observed in the following table, in which seemingly most irregular ones are illustrated.

TABLE VI  
ALTERNATION IN NUMERATIVE COMPOUNDS

1	2	Num	Nucl				
Nus	#yexe	two	+yale	+male	+fase	+yaye	+yafe
	10	(gen.)	line	animate	round-ob.	long-ob.	bundle
se	seex	seew	seyel	semâl	sefâs	seyây	seyâf
1							
ruwe	riyex	ruwow	ruw <sup>†</sup> yal	ruw <sup>†</sup> mâl	ruw <sup>†</sup> fâs	ruw <sup>†</sup> yây	ruw <sup>†</sup> yâf
2							
sulu	silix	suluw	sul <sup>†</sup> yol	sulmêl	sulfês	sul <sup>†</sup> yoy	sul <sup>†</sup> yef
3							
faay	faayex	faaw	faayel	faamâl	faafâs	faayây	faayâf
4							

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lima 5	limex	limow	limáál	limmál	limfès	limáây	limááf
wole 6	wòlex	wòlow	wol <sup>†</sup> yel	wòlmál	wòlfàs	wòl <sup>†</sup> yây	wòl <sup>†</sup> yáf
fisu 7	fisix	fisuw	fls <sup>†</sup> yol	fismél	fisfès	fis <sup>†</sup> yoy	fis <sup>†</sup> yef
wálu 8	wàlix	wàluw	wál <sup>†</sup> yol	wálmél	wálfès	wal <sup>†</sup> yoy	wal <sup>†</sup> yef
diwa 9	diwex	diwow	diwáál	diw <sup>†</sup> mál	diwfàs	diwáây	diwááf

(3) *Worked Examples*

The following examples are given to illustrate the derivational processes formulated in the phonetic rules (PR 18 - PR 59) in 3.6.3. The inputs are various base forms and the outputs are corresponding surface forms, in which some minor features such as tense and stress are omitted in many cases.

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(1) #xiliLi# 'skin'  
 38 | | |  
 40 | | |  
 42 | | |  
 57 x<sup>†</sup> | | |  
 [x<sup>†</sup>il]

(2) #xapi# 'hips'  
 32 | | |  
 40 | | |  
 41 a<sup>◌</sup>a<sup>◌</sup> | | |  
 55 | | |  
 p' | | |  
 [xa:p<sup>h</sup>]

(3) #mada# 'to be cooked'  
 40 | | |  
 52 | | |  
 d | | |  
 [ma.θ]

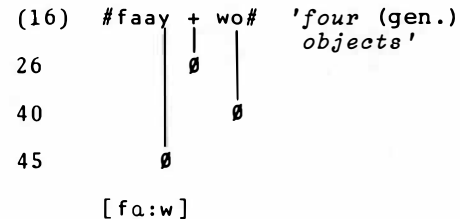
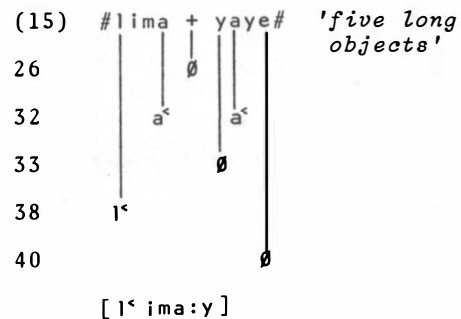
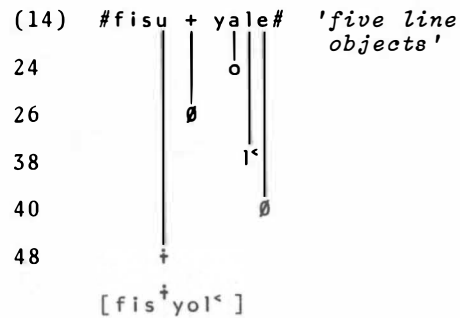
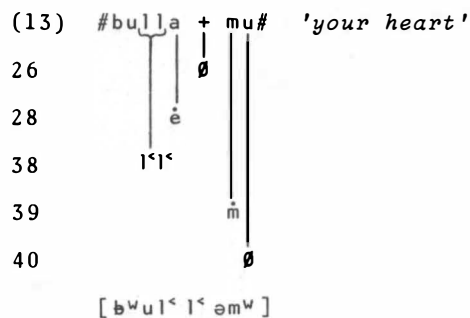
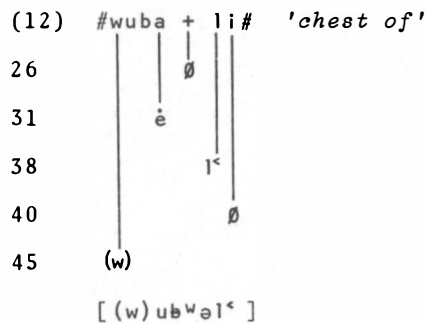
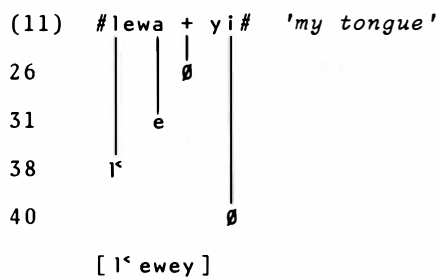
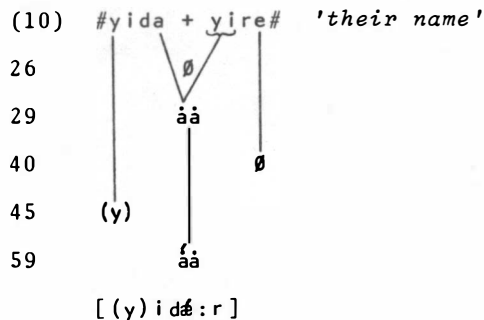
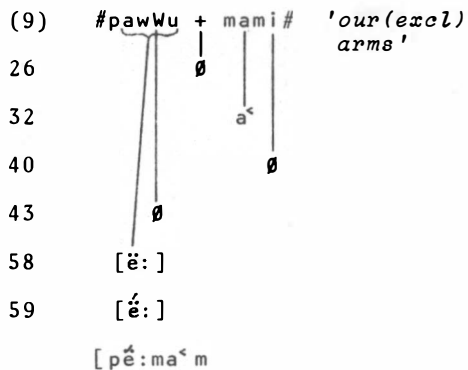
(4) #fèeru + ya# 'to make it'  
 26 | | |  
 40 | | |  
 45 | | |  
 (y) | | |  
 [fə:ru(y)]

(5) #tape + xo# 'to need you'  
 26 | | |  
 32 | | |  
 36 | | |  
 40 | | |  
 [tape·x0]

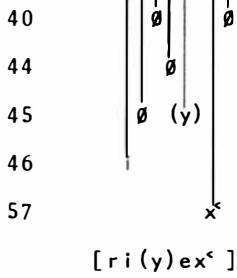
(6) #weri + xo# 'to see you'  
 26 | | |  
 35 | | |  
 40 | | |  
 47 | | |  
 57 | | |  
 [wurux<sup>◌</sup>U]

(7) #dorofi + xomami# 'to catch us(excl)'  
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 [dorfx<sup>◌</sup>uma<sup>◌</sup>m]

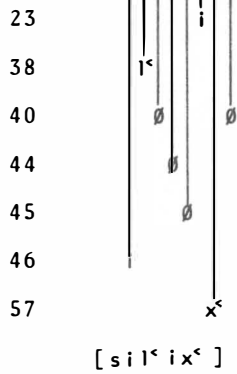
(8) #lli + yVre# 'to kill them'  
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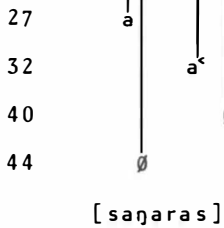
(17) #ruwè#yexe# '20'



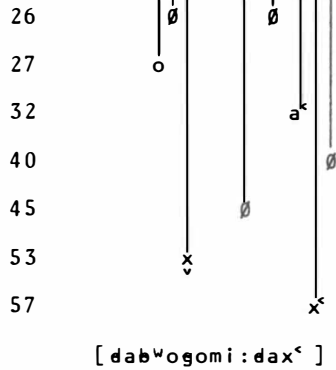
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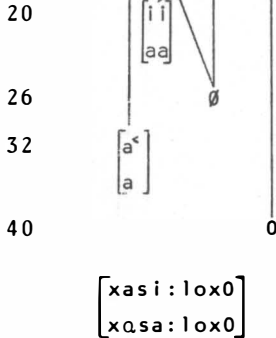
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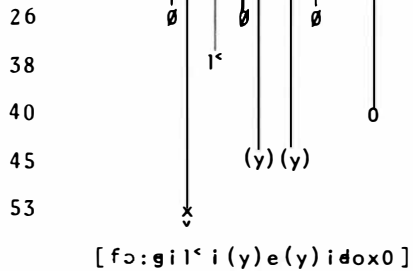
(20) #dabexomiyi+daxe# 'to follow you(pl) east'



(21) #xasi+ya+loxo# 'to carry it away'

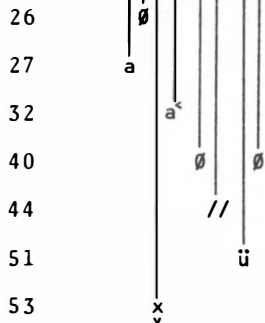


(22) #fawu+xili+yeyi+doxo# 'to row hither with me'



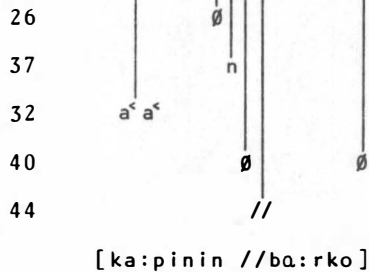


(23) #se+xaye#luu# 'one coconut tree'



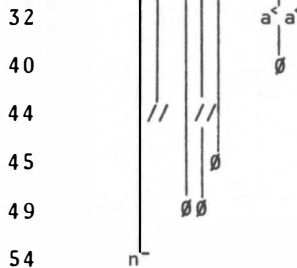
[sə.gay // lü]

(24) #kaapini+li#baarkoo# 'captain of ship'



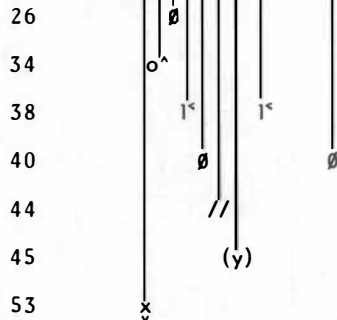
[ka:pinin // ba:rko]

(25) #Ben#mè#yiyaa# 'Ben from where'



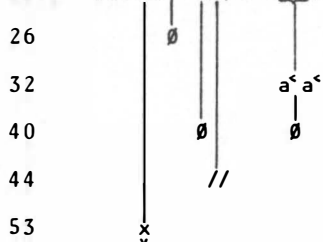
[bʷen- // mi:ya]

(26) #soxo+li#yeliwici# 'boy's stick'



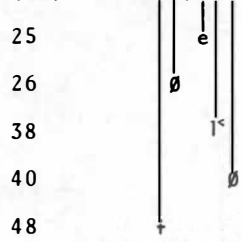
[sogo^lɪ // (y)elɪwɪc]

(27) #soxo+la#piskaa# 'spear'



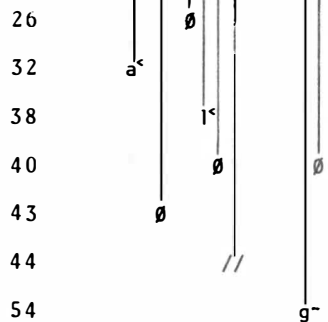
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(28) #wöle+yale# 'six lines'



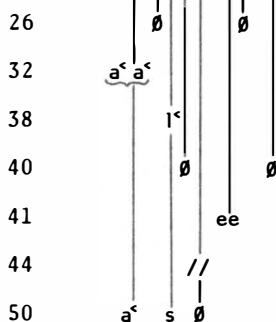
[wɔlɪ^yeɪɪ]

(29) #capPi+li#fiyogo# 'beginning of a story'



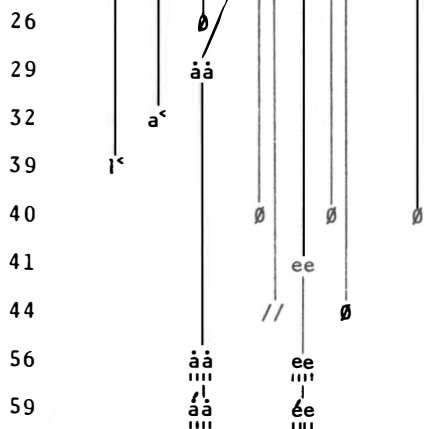
[capil&lt; //fiyog&lt;]

(30) #faa+li#setwo# 'once'



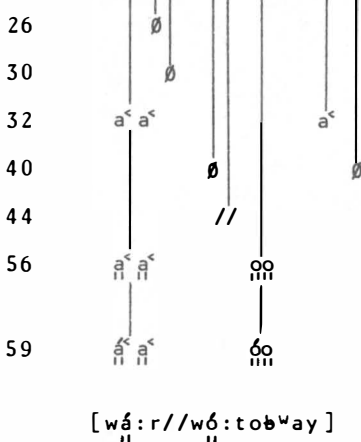
[fas:e:w]

(31) #lepada+yire#pese#kalaa# 'between those dogs'



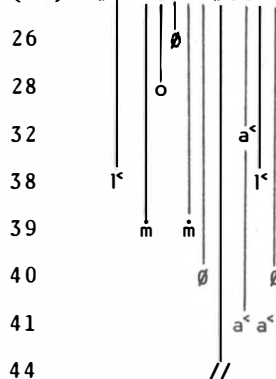
[l&lt; epadæ:r //pé:s kala]

(32) #waa+yire#wootobaye# 'their scooter'



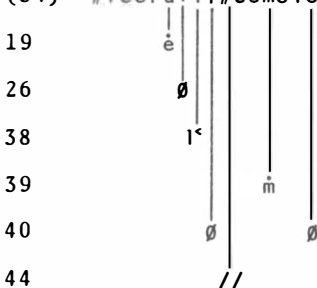
[wá:r //wó:tobáy]

(33) #ema+mu#cale# 'your water'



[l&lt; emwomw //ca:l&lt;]

(34) #feeruli#cemolo# 'making of a pig-pen'



[fə:rəl&lt; //cemwəl]

(35) #si#sa#yegaage# 'Let's work.'

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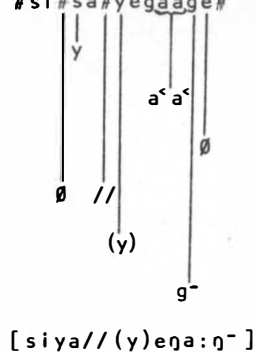
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[siya// (y) eŋa:ŋ<sup>-</sup>]

(36) #yi#te#xula+ya# 'I don't know it.'

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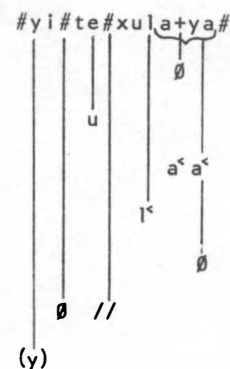
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[(y) itu//xul<sup>l</sup> a]

(37) #xala+la#me#cale+li#tama+la#

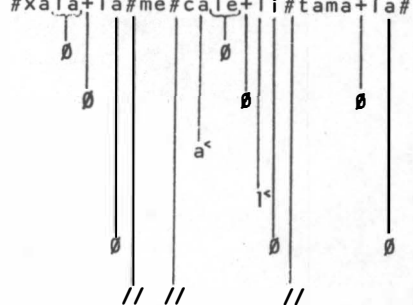
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[xal//mæ//cal<sup>l</sup>///tamal]

'his food and his father's water'

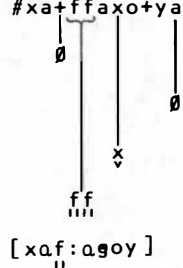
(38) #xa+ffaxo+ya# 'to be in trouble'

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[xaf: aŋoy]

## CHAPTER IV

### BASE OF SYNTACTIC COMPONENT

#### 4.1. SENTENCE TYPE

##### 4.1.1. GENERAL

All Ulithian sentences are grouped into two types: major and minor. The major type represents those well-formed sentences which can be generated by the rules of the syntactic component of the grammar described here. The minor type includes all other sentences.

##### 4.1.2. MINOR SENTENCES

Most words, phrases, or utterance pieces may serve as minor sentences in certain speech situations. Since such minor type sentences are categorically not formalisable in any simple way, their sub-classification may only be presented enumeratively. Some representative sub-types follow.

###### (1) *Response to question*

###### i. Yes-no particles

*gèè* 'yes, no' (affirmation to the question)

*yààb* 'yes, no' (negation to the question)

*yegèè* 'oh yes, oh no, of course' (strong affirmation to the question)

- E 1 (a) *Xo be loxo?* *Gèè.*  
*you will go*  
*'Will you go?' 'Yes.'*
- (b) *Xo towee loxo?* *Gèè.*  
*not*  
*'Won't you go?' 'No.'*





## (4) Interjections.

- E 7 (a) Mayilaa. 'Don't do that!'  
 (b) Yilaa gè. 'See you!'  
 (c) Yiwee gè. 'I said it's sufficient!'  
 (d) Yiwee mó. 'That's O.K.!'  
 (e) Yituwaay. 'Oh. Nice! (jokingly)'  
 (f) Yak. 'Oh my! What!'  
     Yak, ye xaataa xo la dabe-yeyi?  
             how-come become  
     'Oh my! How come you followed me?'  
 (g) Aay 'O.K., well! (to draw others' attention)'  
     Aay, xa si sa loxo, si be kassiya-ya.  
             we                            ask          him  
             (Pro)  
     'Well! Let's fo and ask him.'  
 (h) A 'Oh!'  
     A, yi towe loxo.  
             I not  
     'Oh! I won't go.'  
 (i) Gaak 'Ah! (admiration, as of beauty)'  
 (j) Yeey 'Oh! (mild surprise)'

## (5) Sequence or interrupted sentences

Very frequently, major sentences are preceded or followed by a connector such as gè 'and, then, but', ye 'and so' and lá 'and that, so, then' with the accompanying clause not expressed. Such pieces are called "sequence or interrupted" sentences following Elson and Pickett 1965:125-6. In one instance, i.e. in negative future conditional sentences ('if ... not'), the interrupted sentences are uniquely translated as conditional even though no connector follows. This is because of the internal structure of conditional clauses which is not the same as that of other clauses. For one thing, a futurity TA particle may directly be followed by a negative particle only in a conditional clause, e.g. be 'will' + teed 'not yet' meaning 'if ... not ... yet'.

- E 8 (a) Ye yiitey melwee?  
             who that (unseen)  
     'And so who is it?'  
 (b) Ye xo loxo?  
             go  
     'And are you going?'

- (c) Xo sa la ggata ye...  
*become hurry*  
 'You became so busy and...'
- (d) Gè lixidi-ya bo ye be sar siilaye bo yi be  
*forget-it because a-bit long*  
 faxe fādale leboso là yi be mele yiiyage.  
*look-for around place where stay (anaphoric)*  
 'But forget it because it may take some time for me to find a  
 place to stay.'
- (e) Ye sa ddare loxo gè...  
*run dr*  
 'He ran away and...'
- (f) Là ye mele Loorob yiiyaa?  
*where*  
 'So where is Loorob?'
- (g) Là malboo ye sa bii daxe. (Cf. \*Malboo là ye sa bii daxe.)  
*perhaps come dr*  
 'Thus perhaps he went eastward.'
- (h) Ye be tay buu doxo...  
*ng*  
 'If he doesn't come, ...'
- (i) Ye be towee lapa mogoyo...  
*ng enough food*  
 'If the food is not enough, ...'

## (6) Others

Other minor sentences which do not belong to one of the above groups may be included here.

- E 9 (a) Wol gaag.  
*also I(Pro)*  
 'Me too.'
- (b) Yiiir cox.  
*they just*  
 (Pro)  
 'Just they.'



## 4.2. MAJOR SENTENCES

## 4.2.1. CONSTITUENT STRUCTURE

BR 1  $S \rightarrow S(\widehat{\text{con}}S)$ 

## LEXICON

gè	'and, but'	+con, +coordinate
	'then'	+con, +subordinate
xaree	'or'	+con, +coordinate
ye	'and so'	+con, +coordinate
là	'and (that), as, now that'	+con, +coordinate
bo	'because, so that'	+con, +subordinate

## 4.2.2. SIMPLE AND COMPOUND SENTENCES

BR 1 divides major sentences into simple (S) and compound ( $S\widehat{\text{con}}S$ ). The traditional subdivision of compound sentences into coordinate and subordinate will be made by the features of connectors (+con) along with the internal structures of the constituent sentences (Ss). Thus in E 10, the ambiguity may be accounted for by the difference in features of the connector gè.

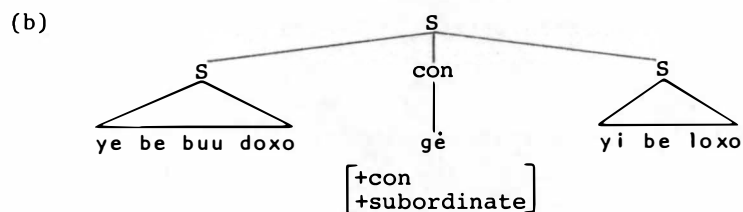
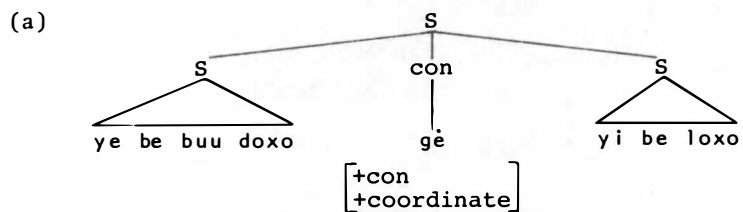
E 10 Ye be buu doxo gè yi be loxo.

come dr                      go

(a) 'He will come and I will go.'

(b) 'If he comes, then I will go.'

The deep structures of (a) and (b) are respectively the following (abbreviated) shapes:



The structural indicators for a sentence to be recognised as a subordinate type seem to be of the following kinds:

(1) The appearance of sentence adverbial (SA) *xaree* 'by any chance' or *yixlee* 'suppose' beginning the first S in SconS indicates that the first S is subordinate to the second.

E 11 (a) [Xaree xeel xo be cuya mē Cuxu]<sub>S</sub> [gè]<sub>con</sub>  
           you           ta leave

[yiyaa melee xo sa loxo mē yiyage?]<sub>S</sub>  
       where fm           ta go           there

'If you leave Truk, where will you be going from there?'

(b) [Yixlee re be teed lli-ya paabiya weel]<sub>S</sub> [gè]<sub>con</sub>  
           ng   kill-it pig       dm

[re sa faga bo lawu-li yaramata weel]<sub>S</sub>  
           give as Cl           person

'If they haven't killed the pig yet, they will give it to the person.'

(2) As briefly mentioned earlier, the sequence consisting of a positive TA particle followed directly by a negative TA particle is permitted only in a subordinate clause. Thus the occurrence of such a combination necessarily implies that the sentence is a subordinate type.

E 12 [Ye be te wa buu doxo]<sub>S</sub> [gè]<sub>con</sub> [ye be le mese feefele weel]<sub>S</sub>  
           not again   ta ta die woman

'If he doesn't come back again, the woman will soon die.'

(3) If the main verb of the first S has the feature <+time>, that S is in general subordinate to the second S.

E 13 [Ye be siilaye]<sub>S</sub> [gè]<sub>con</sub> [yi saab mooc xola-ya Hawaii]<sub>S</sub>  
           long-time   ta finally arrive-it  
           <+time>

'After a long time, I shall finally arrive in Hawaii.'

(4) Another indicator for a subordinate construction is a difference in TA particles between the two Ss connected by a connector. That is, if the TA in the first S is *be* which has the feature <+future>, and that of the second S is *sa* (which has <+future> only in imperative sentences and in conclusive clauses of the subjunctive construction - otherwise always <-future>), the implication is that the first S is subordinative.





- E 19 (a) [Tayiiti melee ye sa mokko]<sub>S</sub> [xaree]<sub>CON</sub> [tade  
 hill fm collapse sea  
 melee ye sa buru]<sub>S</sub>  
 high-  
 tide  
 'Either the mountain fell down, or the sea water increased.'
- (b) [Yiyy melee ye sa mese]<sub>S</sub> [xaree]<sub>CON</sub> [malaa tama-la  
 he die that father  
 melee ye sa tamaaye]<sub>S</sub>  
 sick  
 'Either he died, or his father is sick.'

Ye always connects coordinate sentences. No examples have been found in which phrases are connected by ye. E 20, however, shows examples where ye intervenes between a predication part and a prepositional phrase.

- E 20 (a) Yi be le loxo ye sukuun.  
 ta go  
 'I will go (and so) to school.'
- (b) Ye sa buu logo, buu logo ye la-li fala wee.  
 dr in men's dm  
 house  
 'He went and went (and so) into a men's house.'

Constructions like E 20 are treated in this study as a kind of conjunction reduction (TR 8). Thus E 20 (a) and (b) are derived from the following coordinate sentences:

- (a) <== [yi be le loxo]<sub>S</sub> [ye]<sub>CON</sub> [yi be le loxo [sukuun]<sub>PREPP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>  
 (b) <== [ye sa buu logo buu logo]<sub>S</sub> [ye]<sub>CON</sub> [ye sa buu logo buu logo  
 [la-li fala wee]<sub>PREPP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>

More examples follow where ye is a sentence connector.

- E 21 (a) [Ye sa yafisi-ya, yafisi-ya]<sub>S</sub> [ye]<sub>CON</sub> [ye la  
 pull it become  
 ppisi daxe Fayis]<sub>S</sub>  
 float up(dr)  
 'He pulled it and pulled it and thus Fais became floated up.'
- (b) [Xo sa sèrè]<sub>S</sub> [ye]<sub>CON</sub> [ye sa yifaa saga-la?]<sub>S</sub>  
 say what state-its  
 'You said that and why was that?'





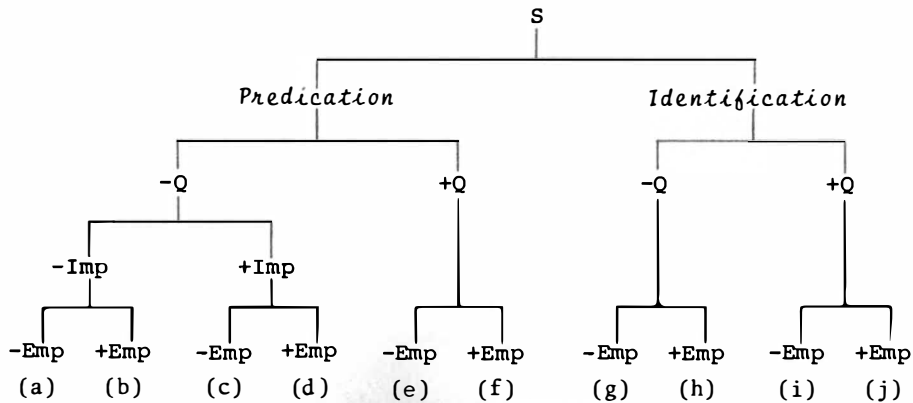


FIGURE 5  
MAJOR SENTENCE TYPES

- E 24 (a) Ye sa mese xece wee.  
pm ta die rat that  
'The rat died.'
- (b) Xece wee melee ye teed mese.  
fm not  
'It is that rat that has not died yet.'
- (c) Maroo diye yixaa.  
sit down here  
'Sit down here!'
- (d) Xeel melee xo towee loxo.  
(Pro) not go  
'You! Don't go!'
- (e) Re sa molo mè yiree-li kòòkomo?  
pm from at play  
'Have they finished playing?'
- (f) Wucu melee tay yoor?  
not exist  
'Are there bananas any more?'
- (g) Gaag se-male tèxtaa.  
I(Pro)  
'I am a doctor.'



- (h) Te gaag melee tēxtaa.  
*not*  
*'I am not the one who is a doctor.'*
- (i) Xeel yiitey?  
*who*  
*'Who are you?'*
- (j) Te yiiy melee se-male senseye?  
*he(Pro)*  
*'Isn't he the one who is a teacher?'*

#### 4.3.3. MODALITY AND PROPOSITION

The category symbols "Modality" and "Proposition" are borrowed from Fillmore 1966, but the subconstituents of these two categories are not the same as those assumed in Fillmore (1966a:8): "The constituent *Modality* contains Interrogative and Negative elements, Sentence Adverbials, Time Adverbials, and various other adverbial elements that are understood as modalities on the sentence as a whole rather than subconstituents of the constituent containing the main verb. I have no strong convictions that these various elements actually comprise a single constituent, but for the time being we may assume that they do." In BR 3, Modality consists of those elements whose common syntactic role is that their presence obligatorily triggers transformations related to question, imperative, and emphasis, respectively. Sentence adverbials are placed under Proposition as an optional category, while time adverbials will be placed under the domination of PrepP which is a subconstituent of Proposition. No significant reason has yet been found to differentiate Time adverbials from Place adverbials or other prepositional phrases in terms of level (see 4.7.).

The postulation in the base rules of the above TR-triggering elements has been affected by the recent efforts demonstrated by TG grammarians towards what Chomsky (1965:132) calls "a somewhat more restricted and conceptually simpler theory of transformations". In a series of works such as Lees 1960, Lees 1963, Klima 1964, Katz and Postal 1964, Chomsky 1965, Jacobs and Rosenbaum 1968, it has been shown that there are good syntactic and semantic reasons for triggering the obligatory application of unitary transformational rules by means of the optional selection of elements in the base string for question, imperative, negative, passive, etc. These TR-triggering elements have been variously named, e.g. "morphemes" in Katz and Postal 1964 (74 and *passim*), "marker" in

Chomsky 1965 (132), "formatives" in McCawley 1968 (155), and "hypothetical constituents" in Jacobs and Rosenbaum 1968 (20). An important syntactic reason for the introduction of such elements in the base rules is that derived constituent structure is uniquely determined since the correct derived structure is predetermined by the presence or absence of such elements. By such a unique determination, it is possible for the output resulting from a *TR* application to a base phrase marker to be placed as the unique structural description for further *TR*s. The more important reason seems to be the semantic one, i.e. in order to maintain the generalisation that transformations do not affect meaning. This assertion is made throughout Katz and Postal 1964 in connection with their consequent view that "projection rules operate exclusively on underlying P-markers", and Chomsky (1965:132) summarises the principle that they assert as follows: "... *the only contribution of transformations to semantic interpretation is that they interrelate Phrase markers (i.e., combine semantic interpretations of already interpreted Phrase-markers in a fixed way).*" With the object of semantic interpretation by means of projection rules, Katz and Postal (1964:76,86&89) assign *Imp* a dictionary entry that represents it as having roughly the sense of "the speaker requests (asks, demands, insists, etc.) that" and assign *Q* the rough sense "I request that you answer...".

In this study, which does not consider the semantic component, the role of the elements dominated by Modality is understood to be dual as indicated by Jacobs and Rosenbaum (1968:20) in discussing *Q*. First, their presence specifies the sentence type to which each element is associated; second, they provide the structures upon which the respective transformations are defined and can apply. While *Q* and *Imp* are simply meaning-bearing elements and dominate no formatives, *Emp* is a lexical category dominating disjunctive lexical items (focus markers). In this respect, *Emp* is similar to other major categories on the one hand, and similar to other *TR*-triggering elements on the other. No motivation is found to postulate *Neg* (negative) under Modality. For more specific discussions on Modality constituents, see 4.11.

#### 4.3.4. SENTENCE ADVERBIALS

Not many sentence adverbials are found. Many apparent sentence modifiers are derivable from other structures by transformation. The following are some of these pseudo-adverbials:

E 25 (a) yilaa gè 'in that case, then, well, by the way'  
that(seen) and

Yilaa gè xo sa yulemi-ya tafeye lee.  
ta drink-it medicine this  
'In that case take this medicine.'

Yey. Yilaa gè se-wo yiiyee.  
one this, here  
'Oh! Here is another thing by the way.'

(b) yiwee gè 'then, and, but, rather'  
that(unseen) and

yiwee cox gè 'just then, just for that'  
Yiwee gè ye sa loxo.  
'Then he went.'

Yiwee cox gè ye sa tagi.  
cry  
'She cried just for that.'

(c) yilaa 'then, well, by the way, in that case'

Yilaa xa be bii daxe gè xa towee sèrè xaamami.  
go east ng tell we(excl)  
'By the way, if you go east, don't tell about us.'

(d) yiwee 'then, and, but, rather'

Yiwee ye sa ffesegu logo bisi-la, ye sa faga xala-la mogoyo.  
invite dr brother give Cl food  
'Then, having invited his brother in, he began giving food  
for him to eat.'

Yilaa and yiwee in E 25 are demonstratives, and it is permissible to place ye (Pm - 3rd sg.) before them without change in meaning, provided that gè (+con) follows these demonstratives. In view of this fact, the sentences in E 25 are interpreted as the derivations of the following processes (see TRs 27 and 28):

$$\text{ye } \begin{bmatrix} \text{yilaa} \\ \text{yiwee} \end{bmatrix} \text{ gè S} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{OP} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \text{yilaa} \\ \text{yiwee} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \text{ gè S} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{OP} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \text{yilaa} \\ \text{yiwee} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \text{ S}$$

There is no noticeable meaning difference between the members of the above triplet. Incidentally, yilaa and yiwee may not be placed at the end of a sentence under the domination of PrepP, which fact would not

permit them to be treated in the same way as time adverbials. Compare the following:

- E 26 (a) Yilaa gè yi be dabe-xo.  
*but: \*Yi be dabe-xo yilaa.*  
*'Then I will follow you.'*
- (b) Musuwee gè ye mommaye.  
*formerly good*  
*'Formerly, it was good.'*

The true sentence adverbials (+SA) have some common features in that they never become nouns and may not be followed by any connector. Lixidiboo and yixiliboo might be treated as one lexical item in view of their identical meaning and usage. In that case, the difference might be ascribed to a distant metathesis and a substitution. They are considered for the moment as separate morphemes, however, since no parallel morphophonemic processes are observable in other lexical items.

- E 27 (a) [Fadè-li luu yilaa male melee re ma fèèru-ya]<sub>S</sub>  
*plant c-nut fm man fm hb do*  
 [gè]<sub>con</sub> [ {yixiliboo }  
 {lixidiboo }<sub>SA</sub> ye mele faa-li ka se-wo  
*stay occasionally*  
 yado là feefele re ma wol fadè luu]<sub>S</sub>  
*time woman also*  
*'As for the planting of coconuts, it is men that usually do the job. However, occasionally women plant coconuts too.'*
- (b) [[Malboo]<sub>SA</sub> re sa mese]<sub>S</sub>  
*'Maybe they died.'*
- (c) [Re sa yitoli-ya lepada-li xuyòò wee]<sub>S</sub> [bo]<sub>con</sub>  
*put it between outrigger*  
 [[xadalboo]<sub>SA</sub> re be sulu-male]<sub>S</sub>  
*'They put it in the outrigger so that they might look like three persons.'*
- (d) Yi te xula-yà là [[xaree]<sub>SA</sub> xo be xamòò mè yimòò-li  
*ng know that precede than*  
 yiiy babiyoro laa]<sub>S</sub>  
*it letter dm*  
*'I don't know by any chance you will be earlier than the letter.'*

- (e) [Yilaa faa-li makaa xiya-yi]<sub>S</sub> [bo]<sub>CON</sub> [[yegéé]<sub>SA</sub> yi sa  
*that reason those mat-my*  
 dabe-ya loxo mó yelus]<sub>S</sub>  
*dr for a*  
*while*  
*'That is the reason for those mats of mine, because I indeed*  
*followed the ghosts for a while.'*
- (f) [Ye be tay buu doxo]<sub>S</sub> [gè]<sub>CON</sub> [[xaramoo]<sub>SA</sub> xiic cox gè  
*ng* *we just fm*  
*(incl)*  
 si be loxo]<sub>S</sub>  
*'If he is not coming, let us fo alone in spite of that.'*

#### 4.4. PREDICATION

##### 4.4.1. CONSTITUENT STRUCTURE

- BR 5 Predication → NP Aux PP  
 BR 6 Aux → Pm (TA)  
 BR 7 PP → (Mv) VP

#### LEXICON

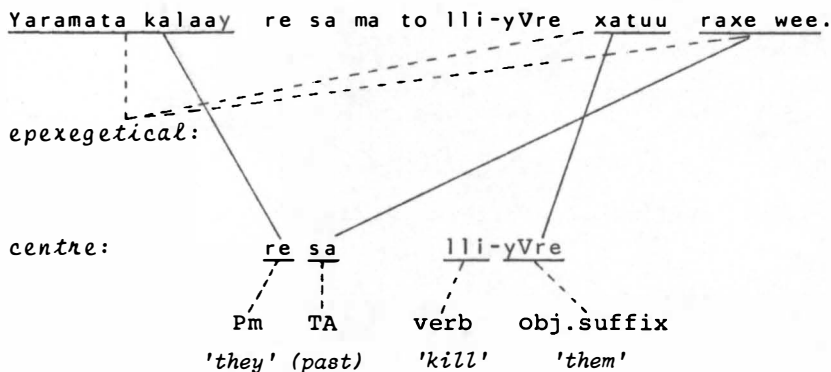
yi	'I'	+Pm, +SP, +SG
xo	'you'	+Pm, +HR, +SG
ye	'he, she, it'	+Pm, -SP, -HR, +SG, -Pro, -SP, -HR, -Ani, -SG
si	'we(incl)'	+Pm, +SP, +HR
xa	'we(excl)'	+Pm, +SP, -HR, -SG
xa	'you(pl)'	+Pm, -SP, +HR, -SG
re	'they'	+Pm, -SP, -HR, +Ani, -SG
be	'will'	+TA, +future, -definite, -immediate
be le	'will'	+TA, +future, -definite, +immediate
sa	'past, perfective, stative, future'	+TA, -future -future, +state, [+ __[+state] <sub>v</sub> ] +future, +definite, -immediate, -delayed, [+Imp...__], [+S gè [...__...] <sub>S</sub> ] <+sub>
sa le	'will'	+TA, +future, +definite, +immediate [+Imp...__], [+S gè [...__...] <sub>S</sub> ] <+sub>
saab	'will'	+TA, +future, +definite, +delayed
le	'should'	+TA, +future, +definite, +jussive

de	'should not'	+TA, +future, +definite, +jussive, +negative
te	'not'	+TA, +negative
ta	'not'	+TA, +negative, [-__[+state] <sub>v</sub> ]
towee	'will not'	+TA, +future, -definite, -immediate, +negative
towee le	'will not'	+TA, +future, -definite, +immediate, +negative
teed	'not yet'	+TA, -future, +negative, +expectation
tay	'no longer'	+TA, -future, +negative, -expectation
ma	'habitually'	+Mv, [-Imp...__]
to	'readily'	+Mv
tè	'just a moment'	+Mv, [+Imp...__], [+NP [...__...] <sub>COM</sub> ]
xa		+Mv
wa (Fal)		
wol (Mog)	'again, also'	+Mv
sar (Fal)		
sor (Mog)	'a little'	+Mv
ciil	'still'	+Mv, [-TA__] <+neg>
far	'rather'	+Mv
mooç	'just, finally'	+Mv
xal	'only'	+Mv
mucal	'wishfully, voluntarily'	+Mv
yixil	'so much'	+Mv
fasul	'normally'	+Mv
yuxul	'early, in the first place'	+Mv
mòòl	'first, for the first time'	+Mv
xamòòl	'before'	+Mv
rool	'altogether'	+Mv

#### 4.4.2. OBLIGATORY CATEGORY NP

Ulithian predicational sentences may be said to be "centred" in the sense of Longacre (1964:35) in that they contain "bound subjects" (Pm) within their "predicates" (Aux<sup>̂</sup>PP), and Pm must occur whether or not NP expresses subject on the surface. Furthermore, as will be seen later, verbs may mark the object category with an optional NP following. One deviation of Ulithian constructions from those given by Longacre (36), however, is that verbal manner particles (+Mv) may intervene freely between Aux and VP. For example,

E 28 'Those people used to readily kill cats last year.'



in which *ma* 'habitually' and *to* 'readily' are found between TA and the verb base.

In spite of the fact that noun phrases are optional on the surface and epexegetical in the sense of Longacre, I shall consider NP as central and obligatory in deep structures (see BR 5). The optionality of NPs in surface sentences is viewed as obligatory dropping of pronouns when they are not focussed (see 4.11.3. and TR 11). Some advantages in this approach are as follows:

(1) First of all, the agreement between NP and the related Pm is more simply formalisable, by copying the person, number, and animateness features of the NP on the Pm (TR 1). Thus a parallel treatment can be made of the appositive relations (a submember of "Paratactic" relations symbolised as  $\lfloor \text{---} \rfloor$  in Nida 1964) existing between (a) and (b) in the following three pairs (in E 29, "surface" means a surface structure which has undergone PR 14):

- E 29 (a) (b)
- i) NP : following Pm
- surface: Yaramata kawee re sa tagi. 'Those people cried.'
- deep: yaramata kawee Pm sa tagi
- NP
- surface: Re sa tagi. 'They cried.'
- deep: yiir Pm sa tagi
- NP

ii) NP : preceding object suffix (Os)

surface: Feefele wee ye dabe-yVre yaramata kawee.

*'The girl followed the people.'*

deep: Feefele wee Pm dabe-Os yaramata kawee

NP

surface: Feefele wee ye dabe-yVre.

deep: Feefele wee Pm dabe-Os yiir

NP

iii) NP : preceding attributive marker (At)

surface: waa-yire yaramata kawee. *'those people's canoe'*

deep: waa-At yaramata kawee

NP

surface: waa-yire *'their canoe'*

deep: waa-At yiir

NP

By providing the surface gap with a deep pronoun, not only is a symmetrical structure obtained, but there is also no need to introduce in the place of NP a dummy symbol with the features of person, number, etc. On the other hand, the obligatory deletion of unfocussed pronouns by no means violates the "unique recoverability" condition (e.g. Chomsky 1965: 177), since the deleted pronouns may be recoverable by virtue of their strict identify of feature composition with the elements which have copied their features. The deletion of the unfocussed pronouns may be justified by the actual fact that, once their total features have been copied by the categories in (b) above, they become semantically entirely redundant.

(2) The obligatory postulation of NP leads to an economical and non-*ad hoc* account for the derivation of focussed pronouns. For example, by considering the deep structure of *re sa tagi* '*they cried*' as *yiir Pm sa tagi*, a focussed form like *yiir melee re sa tagi* '*they are the ones who cried*' can be differentiated by a single category (Emp) from *re sa tagi*.

E 30 Re sa tagi <== yiir Pm sa tagi

Yiir melee re sa tagi <== Emp yiir Pm sa tagi



If pronouns were not postulated in the deep structure, the two sentences would be different in two categories, i.e. the second sentence in E 30 would have Emp and NP both of which are lacking in the first. This would be both uneconomical and counterintuitive. The counterintuitiveness would be compounded when the pronouns focussed are the object of V or attributive to N, because in this case the focussed pronouns must appear at the front position of the sentence on the surface. Unless deep structure pronouns are postulated in the object and attributive positions, there would be no easy way of accounting for the appearance of the pronouns in front when they are discussed. Observe a parallelism in the three sets of examples in E 31 where deep structure pronouns are postulated.

E 31	<i>surface</i>		<i>deep</i>
(a)	Yi sa mogoyo. 'I ate.'	<==	gaag Pm sa mogoyo
	Gaag melee yi sa mogoyo. 'I am the one who ate.'	<==	Emp gaag Pm sa mogoyo
(b)	Re sa dabe-yeyi. 'They followed me.'	<==	yiiir Pm sa dabe-OS gaag
	Gaag melee re sa dabe-yeyi. 'I am the one whom they followed.'	<==	Emp yiiir Pm sa dabe-OS gaag
(c)	Ye pallege yiima-yi. 'My house is big.'	<==	yiima-At gaag Pm pallege
	Gaag melee ye pallege yiima-yi. 'It is I whose house is big.'	<==	Emp yiima-At gaag Pm pallege

(3) Finally, the proposed treatment gives a greater generality in the deep structure in that pronouns may now be allowed to occur wherever an NP which is their dominating category may appear. Thus there is no need to exclude pronouns in certain occurrences of NP in base rules, which would be necessary in a possible alternative treatment in which NP is introduced optionally in BR 5.

#### 4.4.3. SO-CALLED TOPIC-COMMENT

Some linguists (e.g. Elbert, Martin) have labelled as topic-comment sentences similar to the following ones, in which the first noun phrase has nothing to do with the following Pm. However, in this treatment,



It is proposed here that in the deep structure *cayélapa-la* is dominated by the node of PrepP along with verbal preposition (Vpr) *gali* 'to' and that a focus transformation preposes *cayélapa-la* while deleting the objectless *gali*. Thus the deep structure of E 32 (b) is something like the following:

E 34 Emp[[se-wo mayiyel]<sub>NP</sub> [Pm]<sub>Aux</sub> [yoxol]<sub>PP</sub>]<sub>Pred</sub> [gali  
*cayélapa-At yiiy*]<sub>PrepP</sub>

The proposed solution has been motivated by the fact that there is no meaning difference between E 32 (b) and E 34 and this solution coincides with one of my basic hypotheses - that any occurrence of NP, regardless of the categories dominating it, may be focussed and preposed (see TRs 11, 13, 21 and 23).

#### 4.4.4. AUXILIARY (Aux)

Predication is expanded into three constituents in BR 5 in view of their relatively equal interdependence. For example, Pm which is a member of Aux copies the features of NP (i.e. agrees with NP on the surface), while acting as the marker of predication. TA, which is an immediate constituent of Aux, is dependent on Pm, never occurring if Pm is not present. Aux is one of the formal markers differentiating Predication (by its presence) from Identification (by its absence).

E 35 (a) Gaag yilaa yi sa tampolo. (Predication)  
           fm      pm ta chief  
           'I have become Chief.'

(b) Gaag yilaa tamolo. (Identification)  
           'I am Chief.'

Another formal marker is the predominant word order. In Predication, the subject NP occurs always before Pm if an object follows the verb. If the object NP is focussed, it precedes the subject.

E 36 Xatuu wee Ø pese lee ye sa lli-ya.  
       cat  dm fm dog  dm          kill  
       'This dog killed the cat.'

On the other hand, the subject comes after the predicate NP in Identification unless it is a pronoun or focussed (4.5.). A third marker is the difference in constituents.

#### 4.4.5. PREDICATION MARKERS (Pm)

As regards the representation of predication markers in deep

structures, a question may be raised as to whether the constituent Pm should be postulated in deep structures as in BR 6 or whether predication markers are to be introduced only by means of a kind of "segment transformation" in the light of the features of the preceding NP and the following V, as has been proposed, for example, by Jacobs and Rosenbaum (1968:82 *et seq.*) concerning suffixes and articles in English. The same question may be posited regarding such constituents as Os (object suffix), At (attributive marker), and Dm (demonstrative enclitic). The second alternative might be justified on such grounds as the elimination of syntactically predictable and semantically redundant categories from the base subcomponent. In spite of the possibility of this alternative, I propose to set up the constituent Pm (and also Os, At, and Dm) in the base subcomponent. These constituents which are viewed as having no syntactic features of their own will copy certain features of the preceding NP. The following justification may partly support this proposal:

(1) The creation of a segment corresponding to Pm only by way of transformation would be unsatisfactory from the technical point of view, since the segment to be created would have to be separated frequently from the main verb by TA particles and Mv (verbal manner) particles, and the procedure would be rather complicated in that the segment would be created in the light of the features of both the verb and the related NP.

(2) On the surface at least, Pm has an important grammatical role in its functioning as the grammatical subject, while the related NP takes a rather expegetical role. Thus, in sentences without the NP, which are of high frequency of occurrence, Pm is the only element which indicates the subject relation to the sentences, and no further information on the grammatical relation need be added if the NP is to be provided. Besides, the obligatory nature of Pm, compared to the optional presence of NP on the surface, makes it appear unreasonable to introduce Pm by transformation. Furthermore, the existence of Pm formally marks the existence of Predication. In other words, although Pm might be interpreted as semantically empty in that it copies the features of NP, it still has its own grammatical meaning as the predication marker.

(3) Other conditions being equal, explicitness is preferred even at the expense of a minor redundancy. Pm consisting of a perfect paradigm in terms of person and number has perhaps the highest frequency of occurrence in any texts of Ulithian. To describe the existence of such an important paradigm only at a transformational section does not seem to contribute to explicitness.

(4) Finally, I shall henceforth call Pm a grammatical formative rather

than a category in that it does not directly dominate lexical items in the deep structure but copies the features of NP and then a phonological rule (PR 14) realises the features as base forms.

The above discussion applies also to Os (object suffix) and At (attributive marker).

#### 4.4.6. TENSE-ASPECT PARTICLES (+TA)

There is no clear-cut formal demarcation between tense and aspect in Ulithian. Moreover, it seems more advantageous to treat such aspect particles as *ma* 'habitually', *to* 'readily' together with verbal manner particles than to treat them as a subset of the category TA. In particular, *ma*, *to*, etc., are freely interchangeable with other manner particles in terms of order, but they never precede any part of TA as defined here.

E 37 (a) Re sa wa ma mogoyo.  
           ta Mv hb  
           *'They would again eat.'*

(b) Re sa ma wa mogoyo.

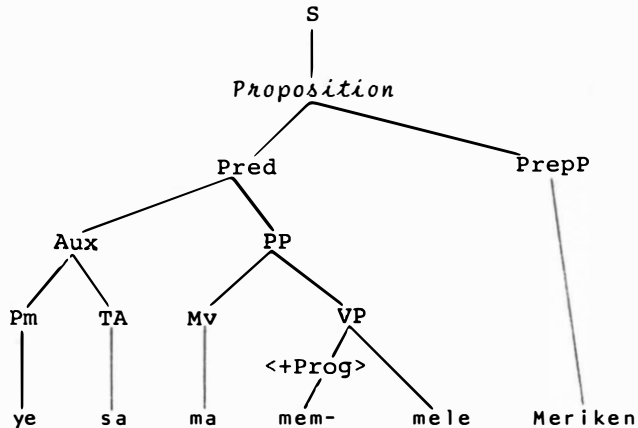
*but:* \*(c) Re ma sa wa mogoyo.

On the other hand, "progressive" aspect is realised only in the form of reduplication of verbs.

E 38 Yi be le ma mommogoyo.  
           Prog-eat  
           *'I will be eating.'*

Thus the members of TA are determined in such a way that they necessarily have "tense" and/or "aspect" meaning and none of them may be preceded by a manner particle (+Mv). The relation between TA, Mv, and "progressive" may be observed in the following example and its surface structure P-marker (overleaf):

- E 39 Ye sa ma mem-mele Meriken.  
 ta Mv Prog live  
 'He used to be living in America.'



be and be le 'will, shall'

Be and be le are characteristic of futurity, the latter implying more immediate action than the former. Both differ from the sa and sa le 'will, shall' having futurity meaning in that the latter pair expresses a definite idea while the former rather expresses probable or hypothetical idea. TABLE VII shows the difference of be and be le from the rest of the positive TA particles.

TABLE VII  
 FEATURES OF POSITIVE TENSE-ASPECT PARTICLES

	sa(A)	be	be le	sa(B)	sa le	saab	le
<i>future</i>	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
<i>definite</i>	(+)	-	-	+	+	+	+
<i>jussive</i>	(-)	(-)	(-)	-	-	-	+
<i>delayed</i>	(-)	(-)	(-)	-	-	+	(-)
<i>immediate</i>	(-)	-	+	-	+	(-)	(-)

Examples in which be and be le appear follow overleaf.

E 40 : be 'will, shall (probable, not immediate)'

- (a) Yi be loxo Yasor walsuu.  
           go                  tomorrow  
 'I will go to Yasor tomorrow.'
- (b) Xa be molo gè xa be buu doxo.  
           finish then          come dr  
 'When you(pl) are through, come here.'
- (c) Xo be buu doxo gè xa sa xula-ya melee xa be fèèru-ya.  
   know-it that we(excl) do-it  
 'If you come, then we(excl) will know what we are going to do.'

E 41 : be le 'will (immediate)'

- (a) Yi be le loxo.  
 'I am ready to go.' or 'I am going.'
- (b) Xaree ye be le buu doxo gè gaag yi towee loxo.  
       by-any-chance                  I          ng  
 'If he is ready to come, I won't go.'
- (c) Yi be le bii diye yireete ge yi saab bii daxe.  
                   go dr          home                                  dr  
                   west  east  
 'I am ready to go home, and I will come back after a while.'
- (d) Re be le kaya gali-xo yalo-li Meriken.  
                   teach to -you sound  
 'They are ready to teach you English.'

Sa (see PR 18 for the form ya)

The form sa may be broken down into the following four semantic categories:

(1) Perfective action

- E 42 (a) Ye sa mese.  
           die  
 'He died.'
- (b) Ye siilaye yaa-yi sa babiyoro.  
           long-ago                  write-letter  
 'I wrote a long time ago.'
- (c) Si sa ma mele Meriken.  
           hb stay  
 'We(incl) used to stay in America.'

- (d) Yi sa se-male senseye.  
*'I was a teacher.'* or *'I became a teacher.'*
- (e) Ye sa pallege yaa-mu tepugi-yeyi.  
           big                  help  
*'You helped me a lot.'*

## (2) Stative

- E 43 (a) Re sa rraye.  
           happy  
*'They are happy.'*
- (b) Yi sa gucu yiree-li pese wee.  
           tired at  
*'I am tired of the dog.'*

## (3) Imperative

- E 44 (a) Si sa loxo yixalaay.  
           go over-there  
*'Let's go over there.'*
- (b) Si sa la yegaage.  
           go work  
*'Let's go to work.'*
- (c) Xo sa kaya gali-yeyi xaree ye be buu doxo xaree ye towee buu  
           tell to me if                  come dr  
           doxo.  
*'Let me know whether he comes or not.'*

## (4) Futurity

- E 45 (a) Xeel xo be cuya mè cuxu gè yiyaa melee xo sa loxo mè yiyage.  
           leave from                  fm                  there  
*'When you leave Truk, where will you go from there?'*
- (b) Re be buu doxo gè ye sa kapatapata gali-yVre.  
                                   talk                  to  
*'When they come, she will talk to them.'*
- (c) Fètèètè gè yi sa kaya gali-xo kofa-la.  
           later                  tell to you result-its  
*'I will tell you about it later.'*
- (d) Si be mogoyo gè si sa la fitaa.  
           eat                  go fishing  
*'After eating, let's go fishing.'*





As in the case of imperative, *sa* in (4) may be combined with *le* in the same way as *be*.

E 50 Xaree ye be te buu doxo gè ye  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (a) \text{ sa le} \\ (b) \text{ be le} \end{array} \right\}$  mese feefelee lee.

(a) 'If he doesn't come, the girl will die right away.'

(b) 'If he doesn't come, the girl may die.'

From the examples given thus far, it is clear that the *sa* in (3) and that in (4) may be combined in view of their common feature <+future>. Then it can be said that *sa* with <+future> may occur only in the environment of Imp...\_\_ and  $\widehat{S}^{con}[\dots]S$ . It never occurs in other positions including an independent or embedded sentence and a clause following a conclusive clause.

E 51 (a) Ye  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{be} \\ *sa \end{array} \right\}$  mese.

'He will die.'

(b) [Ye be buu doxo]<sub>S</sub>[gè]<sub>con</sub> [yi dipali-ya[la yi  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{be} \\ *sa \end{array} \right\}$

want that

xapatapata gali-yVre]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>S</sub>

talk

'When he comes, I'd like to talk to them.'

(c) [[Xaree ye towee buu doxo]<sub>S</sub>[gè]<sub>con</sub> [yi  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{be} \\ sa \end{array} \right\}$  loxo]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>S</sub>

[yi  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{be} \\ *sa \end{array} \right\}$  weri-ya]<sub>S</sub>

'If he won't come, I'd like to go and see it.'

In conditional clauses, only *sa* of <-future> may occur as in the case of independent clauses.

E 52 (a) Xaree ye sa buu doxo gè yi  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{be} \\ sa \end{array} \right\}$  loxo.

'If he has come, I  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{may} \\ \text{will} \end{array} \right\}$  go.'

(b) Xaree ye sa buu doxo yiree-li raxe wee gè yi  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{be} \\ sa \end{array} \right\}$  loxo Yulidiy.

year dm  
'last-year'

'If he had come last year, I  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{might} \\ \text{would} \end{array} \right\}$  have gone to Ulithi.'

As may be noticed in some of the above examples, the difference between the semantic range of *sa* with <+future> and that of *be* is the presence in the former and the absence in the latter of "definiteness". Thus, according to my informant (Dargos), (a) and (b) in E 53 differ in such a way that if the speaker uses (a) and actually does not come back,

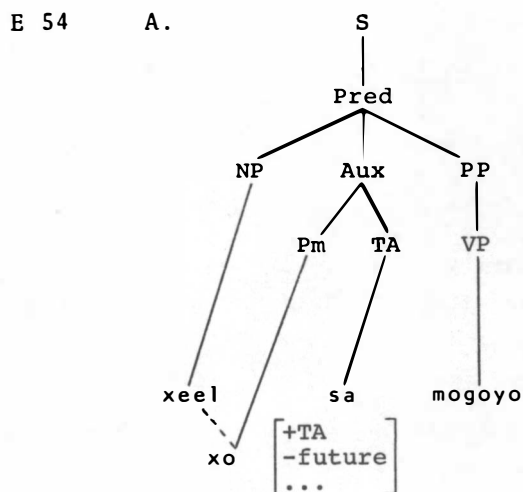
the hearer normally gets mad, which is not the case if the speaker uses (b).

E 53 Yi dipali-ya yi be tè loxo gè yi { (a) sa } buu doxo.  
           want                  for-a-                  { (b) be }  
                                   moment

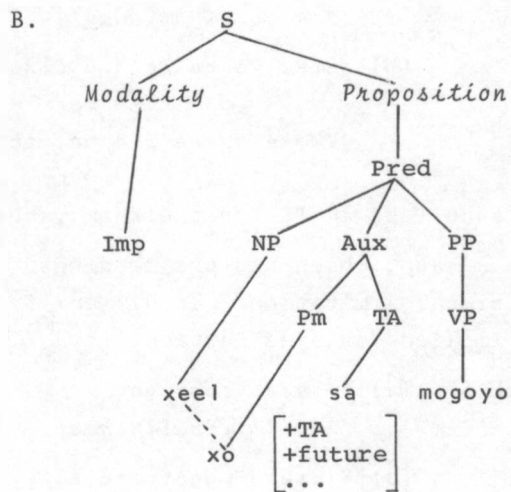
(a) 'I want to be away for a moment, and then (surely) come back.'

(b) 'I want to be away for a moment, and then I may come back.'

The major problem involved in the above discussion is how to interpret *sa* with <+future>, i.e. whether it is to be given a separate lexical entry in line with *sa* with <-future> and *be*, or whether it is a contextual variant of the single *sa* in spite of the wide meaning difference between the two variants. The former solution seems to be unsatisfactory in view of the distributional limitation of the *sa* in question, i.e. it occurs only in imperative and conclusive clauses, where the other kind of *sa* never so occurs. Therefore, the latter interpretation will be followed, and the differences of meaning according to the contexts will be specified in the lexical entry of a single *sa* as roughly specified in the Lexicon under 4.4.1. Following this interpretation, the surface form ambiguity of E 46 may be accounted for by the underlying P-markers in E 54.



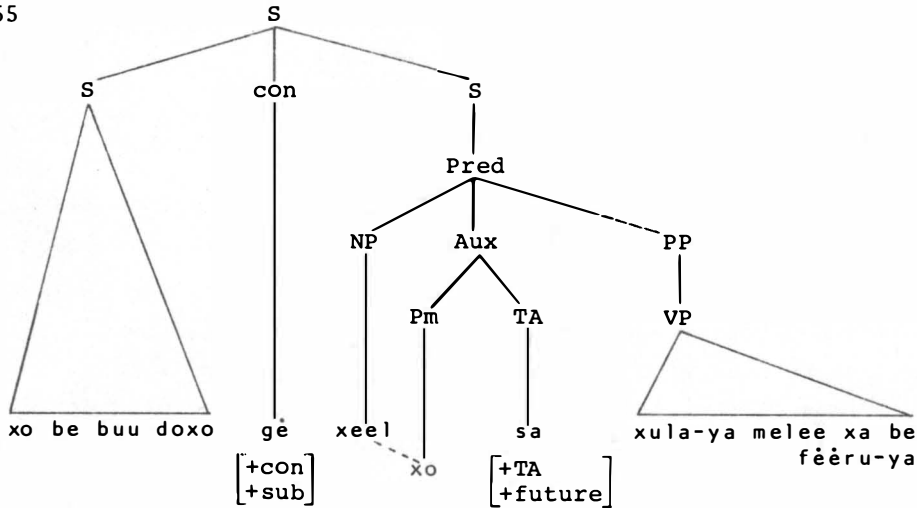
Xo sa mogoyo.  
 'You have eaten.'



Xo sa mogoyo.  
 'Eat!'

On the other hand, E 49 (a) has the following deep structure:

E 55



sa le

As indicated above, *sa le* occurs only in imperative and conclusive clauses. Its meaning is similar to *be le* except that the latter lacks "immediateness" (see TABLE VII).

E 56 (a) Xo sa le loxo.*'You go right away!'*(b) Xaree ye be te buu doxo gè ye sa le mese feefelee lee.*come die girl**'If he doesn't come, this girl is ready to kill herself.'*

saab (see PR 18 for the form yaab)

*saab*, which has the meaning of futurity, occurs without any distributional limitation. It differs from *sa* with <+future> and *be* in that it implies "delayed" action.

E 57 (a) Yi *saab* rogrogo.*'I will finally hear.'*(b) Yi *saab* mogoyo fètèètè.*later**'I will finally eat after a while.'*(c) Ye *saab* loxo walsuu.*'He will finally go tomorrow.'*

*saab* occurs also in imperative and in conclusive clauses as in the case of the *sa* having the futurity meaning.

- E 58 (a) Si saab loxo.  
*'Let's go soon.'*
- (b) Ye be bii daxe gè xa saab la pulugu-ya.  
*go turn-over*  
*'When it comes up, then go and turn it over.'*
- (c) Fètèètè gè re saab buu doxo.  
*later*  
*'After a while they will gradually come.'*
- (d) Melwee ye sa rucuppugu loxo gè ye saab mooc buu doxo.  
*dark just*  
*'When it was dark, he could gradually come back.'*

In view of its inherent features, saab cannot be followed by le (immediateness); it does not occur with a time word indicating past.

- E 59 (a) \*Yi saab le rogrogo.  
*hear*
- (b) \*Yi saab xola-ya raxe wee.  
*arrive last-year*

le

Le is a kind of "jussive" in its implication of "mild imperative" when the subject is a second person. However, it occurs also with all the other persons.

- E 60 (a) Xo le loxo.  
*'You should go.'* or *'Please go.'* or *'You are to go.'*
- (b) Si le loxo?  
*'Should we go?'* or *'Are we to go?'*
- (c) Ye le loxo.  
*'He should go.'* or *'He is to go.'*

de

De is the negative form of le.

- E 61 (a) Xo de yegaage.  
*'You shouldn't work.'*
- (b) Kamaaxo-ya bo xo de pugu diye.  
*watch fall dr*  
*'Watch out lest you should fall.'*



no contrast exists, *te* describes either the state or the action according to the feature of the following verb.

E 63 (a) *Ye te buu doxo.*      \**Ye ta buu doxo.*

<+action>

'*He does not come.*'

(b) *Ye te malawa.*      \**Ye ta malawa.*

<+state>

'*He is not alive.*'

Now the problem is whether *te* and *ta* are really separate morphemes or simply co-allomorphs of each other, the occurrence of which is conditioned by the features of the following verbs, i.e. whether the meaning difference in each pair in E 62 (a-e) is ascribed to the negative particles or the verb. My tentative view is that *te* and *ta* constitute a single morpheme and the occurrence of one or the other is conditioned by the different features (or different readings) of the same verbs. The limited set of verbs which may occur with *ta* must be so specified in the lexicon. This proposed solution may be against Nida's (1948:414) principle to place more importance on overt differences than on covert, but it agrees with Fillmore's emphasis on the importance of covertness (1968:3). The solution proposed is obviously simple in description. It also has the advantage of treating the distributional limitation of *ta* at a level not higher than the allomorphic. Since *ta* occurs nowhere else than before a verb with the feature of temporal action, it is natural that it does not appear in NP. *Te* is certainly of high frequency of occurrence. More examples follow.

E 64 (a) *Ye te ma paaga-li yado gè xa ma mogoyo màyi.*

hb all                      time                                      breadfruit

'*Not always we eat breadfruit.*'

(b) *Ye te pallege gè ye kkela.*

big                                      strong

'*He is not tall but strong.*'

(c) *Yi te dipali-ya là ye be yule xacii.*

want                      that                      drink liquor

'*I don't like him to drink alcohol.*'

(d) *Si te xula-ya melee si be le fèèru-ya.*

that                                      do

'*We(incl) don't know what to do.*'

(e) *Ye te yoxo yaa-yire loxo.*

possible

'*They cannot go.*'

- (f) Te yoor se-male yeliwici kawee là ye capara là  
 [toor]                    *child*                    *trust*  
 ye sa mese màle lapa wee.  
                               *die old-man*  
 'None of the boys believed that the old man had died.'

towee and towee le

Towee is the negative particle corresponding to be and towee le is that corresponding to be le.

- E 65 (a) Si towee wol fèèru-ya yegaage wee.  
                               *again*                    *work*  
 'We will not do the work again.'
- (b) Xo towee loxo.  
 'Don't go.'
- (c) Xo towee mucal loxo?  
                               *inclined*  
 'Wouldn't you like to go?'
- (d) Xaree ye be buu doxo gè gaag yi towee loxo.  
 'If he comes, I will not go.'
- (e) Towee le loxo.  
 'Don't go.'
- (f) Ye towee le loxo feefele wee.  
 'That girl will not go.'
- (g) Xo mammagi-ya bo yi towee le rogrogo?  
 'Do you think that I won't hear?'

teed

Teed is the negative counterpart of sa having the <-future>. Examples follow.

- E 66 (a) Yi teed weri-ya cox.  
 'I didn't see him (yet).'
- (b) Medaa melee xo teed fèèru-ya waa wee yiyage?  
     *make*                    *canoe dm (anaphoric)*  
 'Why haven't you made the canoe?'
- (c) Ye wò cox fèèru-li melwee xo teed fèèruya xala-ca.  
                               *look- make that food-our*  
                               *like*  
 'It seems that you haven't cooked our food.'



- (d) Ye teed yoor melee ye wele mē yiree-li sukuun lee yaa-mami.  
*exist that change*  
 'Nothing has changed here in our school.'
- (e) Ye teed siilaye yaa-la petexo.  
*long rain*  
 'Not long ago it rained.'
- (f) Teed yoxo sulu raxe mē yiyage gē ye sa mese malaa tama-yi.  
*possible, year from it that father-my*  
*become*  
 'No more than three years thereafter, my father died.'
- (g) Yi teed gucu.  
 'I am not tired.'

tay

Tay has the approximate meaning 'no longer'.

- E 67 (a) Malboo re tay mele yiyage.  
*maybe stay there*  
 'Maybe they will no longer be there.'
- (b) Ye tay yoxo yaa-yi loxo.  
*possible*  
 'It is no longer possible for me to go.'
- (c) Tay yoor melee ye be ciil yoxo là ye be fēeru-ya.  
*exist that still that do*  
 'It is impossible for him to do any more.'
- (d) Tay mele boot wee waa-yi.  
 'My boat has been missing.'

#### Correlation between positive and negative TA particles

For some TA particles, there exists a positive-negative symmetry; for others, none. Examine the following.

- | E 68 | positive        | negative |
|------|-----------------|----------|
| (a)  | be              | towee    |
| (b)  | be le           | towee le |
| (c)  | le              | de       |
| (d)  | sa<br><-future> | teed     |
| (e)  | sa<br><+future> |          |

	<i>positive</i>	<i>negative</i>
(f)	sa le	
(g)	saab	
(h)		tay
(i)		ta
(j)		te

In E 68 (a-d), the single feature <+negative> differentiates the two sets, as shown below.

E 69 (a)	Xo be mogoyo?	<i>'Will you eat?'</i>
	Yi towee mogoyo.	<i>'I won't eat.'</i>
(b)	Ye be le loxo.	<i>'He is ready to go.'</i>
	Ye towee le loxo.	<i>'He is not going.'</i>
(c)	Xo le loxo.	<i>'You should go.'</i>
	Xo de loxo.	<i>'You shouldn't go.'</i>
(d)	Xo sa weri-ya?	<i>'Have you seen it?'</i>
	Yi teed weri-ya.	<i>'I haven't seen it.'</i>
	Xo sa gucu-li pese lee?	<i>'Are you tired of this dog?'</i>
	Yi teed gucu-li pese lee.	<i>'I'm not tired of this dog.'</i>

For the rest of the TA particles, no one-to-one correspondence may be found. Te and ta, however, may be viewed as corresponding to zero in that no TA or other formative may be replaceable for te or ta with the single difference of <+negative> in meaning.

E 70 (a)	Ye mele yixalaay.	<i>'He is over there.'</i>
	Ye ta mele yixalaay.	<i>'He is not over there.'</i>
(b)	Ye mele yixaa.	<i>'He lives here.'</i>
	Ye te mele yixaa.	<i>'He does not live here.'</i>

The only way to negate sa having the <+future> (E 68e) is by means of towee, and sa le by means of towee le, which may be possible because they all share <+future>.

E 71	Xo sa yegaage.	<i>'Work!'</i>
	Xo towee yegaage.	<i>'Don't work.'</i>

The negative counterpart of saab (E 68g) may be a combination of saab + a negative particle. As will be seen, a sequence of TA particles has to be handled by transformation.

E 72	Ye saab tay yegaage.	
		<i>'He will finally stop working.'</i>

The positive counterpart of tay (E 68h) is not clear, but semantically

Mv particle *ciil* 'still' is closely related to *tay*.

- E 73 (a) *Ciil yoor màyi?* 'Is there still breadfruit?'  
*Tay yoor màyi.* 'There is breadfruit no longer.'
- (b) *Re ciil masèrè?* 'Do they still sleep?'  
*Re tay masèrè.* 'They don't sleep any longer.'

The asymmetry in the paradigmatic distribution of TA particles suggests that all of them, both positive and negative, should be given separate lexical entries with relevant feature specification. This being the case, there will be no syntactic motivation to postulate the element NEG dominated by Modality, since each negative particle is sufficient to express the negative nature of the sentence and TR-triggering is out of the question. The occurrence of *te* in NP, in particular, in an Identification sentence may be handled by placing it under the domination of Mn (noun manner particle) as will be seen later.

- E 74 (a) *Te se-male senseye Tom.*  
*'Tom is not a teacher.'*
- (b) *Te gaag melee yi sa weri-ya.*  
*'I am not the one who saw it.'*

The negative particles other than *te* may not be modifiers (Mn) of a noun or noun equivalent in deep structures. The following examples are simply the case in which VP dominates NP, and the negative particles are dominated by Aux of Predication and not the constituent within the NP:

- E 75 (a) *Xo tay yeliwici yixalaa.*  
*child now*  
*'You are no longer a child now.'*
- (b) *Ye towee xeel se-male yeliwici-li sukuun?*  
*'Aren't you a student?'*

A problem is raised as to the occurrence of the sequence of two TA particles in which the first member is positive and the second negative. That is, how are rule to be formulated to deal with such sequences occurring in some limited syntactic environments? Three such syntactic environments are found.

#### (1) In conditional clause

In independent or conclusive clauses, the sequence *be(1e) + a negative particle* never occurs. However, it does occur in future conditional clauses.





E 81 [[ye be lapa mogoyo]<sub>S</sub>  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} g\acute{e} \\ +con \\ +coord \end{array} \right]$  [ye te lapa mogoyo]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>S</sub>  
 $\left[ \begin{array}{c} g\acute{e} \\ +con \\ +subord \end{array} \right]$  [gaag yi towee mogoyo]<sub>S</sub>

and E 80 (a) will be derived from the following:

E 82 [yi saab yegaage]<sub>S</sub>  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} g\acute{e} \\ +con \\ +coord \end{array} \right]$  [yi te yegaage]<sub>S</sub>

For detailed processes, see TR 7.

#### 4.4.7. VERBAL MANNER PARTICLES (Mv)

Adverbials surrounding the verb may be grouped into two sets: pre-verbal and postverbal. The former is given the label *Mv*, and the latter *Int* (intensifier). *Mv* seems to be related to the whole VP, but *Int* only to the verb, as may be observed in E 83.

E 83 (a) Ye ma sar xattelee cox.

*Mv Mv subside Int*  
*a-bit just*

'It would just subside a little.'

(b) Yeliwici wee ye sa to ffèsègu-ya cox melwee sila-la.

*child dm TA Mv call Int that mother*

'The child just readily (to) called his mother.'

It is noted in E 83 (b) that *cox* precedes the object NP. Thus *Int* will be introduced as a constituent of VP. That is, *Int* is not at the same level as *Mv* in the deep structure. Many lexical formatives dominated by *Mv* and *Int* occur also with nouns (see 4.8.1.).

On the surface, the members of *Mv* may be juxtaposed in relative free order. This free co-occurrence might be handled by setting up some fixed order among them in a base rule, and then by permuting the elements by transformation as required. Or the same might be treated by specifying the free order in the base by means of commas with certain restrictions. In this study, however, only one slot (*Mv*) is set up in the base, and the juxtaposition of a number of manner particles will be introduced by conjunction reduction transformation. The main reasons for this treatment are as follows:

(1) As mentioned above, there does not seem to be any inherent ordering among the particles.

(2) Any length of juxtaposition may be allowed as far as it is semantically not inconsistent. Therefore, if all the slots are to be

lined up in the base, each having a single member formative, the grammar would be increased in complexity but possess less generality.

(3) The occurrence of any single particle will render the string perfectly grammatical.

(4) A parallel treatment can be made covering, along with *MV* and *Int*, sequences of different adjectives following a noun, sequences of different verbs, sequences of different prepositions, etc. All these will simply be introduced by general conjunction reduction transformation.

Thus, for example, E 84 is interpreted as a derivation of E 85 (see TR 6).

E 84 Yi m̄ooc wol kamaaxo-ya cox yixalaa.  
           again watch it just now  
       *MV MV*  
       'I finally (m̄ooc) just watched it again just now.'

E 85 [yi m̄ooc kamaaxo-ya cox yixalaa]<sub>S</sub>[gè]<sub>CON</sub>[yi wol kamaaxo-ya  
 cox yixalaa]<sub>S</sub>

The following examples illustrate the relatively free order among manner particles:

- E 86 (a) Ye  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ta ma xa} \\ \text{ma xa to} \\ \text{xa to ma} \end{array} \right\}$  fitaa.  
           'They would usually readily go fishing.'
- (b) Ye  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ciil ma} \\ \text{ma ciil} \end{array} \right\}$  buu doxo.  
           'He still comes.'
- (c) Ye towee  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ma yixil} \\ \text{yixil ma} \end{array} \right\}$  becikkara.  
           'It is not so hot.'

One problem is associated with the following words which are listed with <+MV> in the Lexicon. Each of these words apparently is the combination of a base form plus an attributive suffix. However, they seem to have undergone some semantic change compared to the meanings possessed by the bases. In *fasul* 'normally', even a phonological change is noticed (cf. *fase* 'stone' + *li* ==> [*fasel*]).

- E 87 (a) *yuxul* 'early, in the first place'  
           Cf. *yuxu* 'early rising'
- (b) *m̄òòl* 'first, for the first time'  
           Cf. *xam̄òò* 'to go ahead'; *yim̄òò-* 'before'; *\*m̄òò*

- (c) xamòòl 'before'  
 Cf. xamòò 'to go ahead'
- (d) rool 'altogether'  
 Cf. roo loxo 'to go together'
- (e) fasul 'normally'  
 Cf. fase 'stone'

A problem is whether these words are really manner particles or whether they, along with their following elements, constitute NPs dominated by VP. If the former interpretation is followed, the combination base + At has to be disregarded. If the latter is to be followed, there does not seem to be any simple way of accounting for the free ordering between the above words and other pure manner particles such as ma, to, etc. In particular, when ma follows one of the above words as in E 88 (b) below, the problem becomes worse. It is in this situation that I tentatively consider the above words (E 87 a-e) as manner particles whose origins are preserved in fossilised fashion.

- E 88 (a) Ye ma fasul buu doxo.  
 (b) Ye fasul ma buu doxo.  
 'He normally comes.'

Another minor matter to be noted is the repetition of ma as in the following examples (see TR 34):

- E 89 (a) Ye ma fasul buu doxo.  
 Ye fasul ma buu doxo.  
 Ye ma fasul ma buu doxo.  
 'He usually comes.'
- (b) Re sa ma rool fitaa.  
 Re sa rool ma fitaa.  
 Re sa ma rool ma fitaa.  
 'They usually go fishing altogether.'

Examples of the occurrence of MV follow.

- E 90 (a) ma 'habitually'
- i) Xo ma mogoyo yixaa?  
 eat  
 'Do you eat here?'
- ii) Paxowo yilaa ye te ma yoor lagace-li fuluya.  
 shark fm exist near island  
 'There are no sharks near the island.'



iii) Ye ma wâãrese yaa-la mogoyo.

*hard his eating*

*'He scarcely eats.'*

iv) Xaree re be le ma buu doxo gè gaag yi towee loxo.

*'If they will (habitually) come, I will not go.'*

v) Medaa melee xo te ma sutambaye xala-yi yiiyage?

*prepare food*

*'Why haven't you prepared my food which you were supposed to?'*

vi) Re sa ma la fitaa.

*go fishing*

*'They went for their usual fishing.'*

(b) to 'easily, readily, always'

i) Ye to buu doxo yixaa.

*here*

*'He readily comes here.'*

ii) Ye to mese-li xacii.

*die liquor*

*'He very often suffers from liquor.'*

iii) Xa te ma to yixil liluwale-ya kofa-li raxe.

*so-much think it result, year, age  
about*

*'We(excl) do not usually think so much about age.'*

(c) tè 'for a while' (limited to imperative and embedded S)

i) Yi dipali-ya yi be tè loxo gè yi sa buu doxo.

*want go and come dr*

*'I want to go for a while and then come back.'*

ii) Kagali-ya Doxormar bo ye be tè buu doxo.

*tell that*

*'Tell Doxormar to come here for a moment.'*

iii) Xo be kassiya-yVre xaree re be tè xagi-ya cox.

*ask if eat just*

*'Ask them if they will eat for a bit.'*

iv) Tè bii diye yirèètè.

*'Go down to the village for a while.'*

(d) xa 'usually'

i) Yi sa xa rucuppugu.

*'I was usually dark.'*

ii) Ye xa to tagi.

*cry*

*'He usually cries.'*

(e) wa, wol 'again'

i) Ciil yiitey melee ye be wa buu doxo?

*still who*

*'Who else will come again?'*

ii) Yi towee wa fèèru-ya yegaage wee.

*ng do work dm*

*'I will not do the work again.'*

iii) Yi rogrogo bo yeliwici kawee re wa yule tamaaxoo.

*hear children smoke cigarettes*

*'I heard that the children smoked again.'*

(f) sar, sor 'a little'

i) Tèèt yawu ye sar lèllaye.

*some string long*

*'Some strings are a little long.'*

ii) Yi sa sar tay kkela.

*ng strong*

*'I feel a little weak.'*

(g) ciil 'still'

i) Ciil yoor pèraase.

*exist rice*

*'There is still rice.'*

ii) Cale lee yilaa ye ciil becikkara.

*water dm fm hot*

*'This water is still hot.'*

(h) far 'rather'

i) Yi be le far galle-xo.

*give*

*'I'd rather give it to you.'*

ii) Yi be le far loxo.

*'I'd rather go.'*

iii) Far xasi-ya doxo.

*carry dr*

*'Rather bring it hither.'*

(i) mooc 'just (now), finally, just in time'

- i) Yaramata wee ye mooC buu doxo.  
 person dm  
*'The man came just in time.'*
- ii) Yi mooC weri se-male tarmale là ye lli-yVre loxo.  
 see one boy that kill dr  
*'I just now saw a boy who killed them (animals).'*
- iii) Re sa wol mooC mogoyo faa-li se-wo.  
 under one-NuCl(gen.)  
*'They just ate again.'*
- iv) Ye be siilaye gè yi saab mooC xola-ya Hawaii.  
 long-time reach  
*'After a long time, I shall finally arrive in Hawaii.'*
- (j) yixil 'so much'
- i) Ye te yixil la becikkara xaamas gè te yixil la xarfoya.  
 hot very cold  
*'It becomes not very hot and not so cold.'*
- ii) Xa te ma yixil liluwale-ya kofa-li raxe.  
 think result, year, age  
 about  
*'We(excl) do not think much about the year (age).'*
- (k) fasul 'normally'
- i) Yi ma fasul loxo.  
*'I usually go.'*
- ii) Ye ma fasul kkela.  
*'He is usually strong.'*
- (l) xal 'only'
- i) Re sa sèrè bo xal lixidi-ya bo ye be buu logo.  
 say leave dr  
*'They said, "Only leave him so that he may come in."'*
- ii) Ye xal mogoyo.  
*'He only eats!'*
- (m) mucal 'willingly'
- Mècè laa ye mucal dabe-xica.  
 poor-one  
*'The poor one wishfully followed us(incl).'*
- (n) yuxul 'early, in the first place'

Tamolo Moxmox ye te ma mmale là re be te yuxul xagi-ya  
*chief possible eat*

suxufed mè yiree-li wolo yimòò-li malaa paaga-li  
*a-little from at turtle before that all*

yaramata re be mogoyo.  
*people eat*

*'The Mogmog chiefs must eat a little bit of the turtle first before all the other people eat.'*

(o) molo *'first, for the first time'*

Si be sèrè bo re-Yurop melee re mòòl buu doxo wòò-li Yulidiy.  
*say that fm first on*

*'Perhaps Europeans were the first who came to Ulithi.'*

(p) xamòòl *'before'*

Si xamòòl fedexe.

*'We fought before.'*

(q) rool *'altogether'*

Re rool buu doxo.

*'They came altogether.'*

#### 4.5. IDENTIFICATION

##### 4.5.1. CONSTITUENT STRUCTURE

BR & Identification  $\rightarrow$  NP  $\widehat{\text{NP}}$

##### 4.5.2. SYNTACTIC CHARACTERISTICS

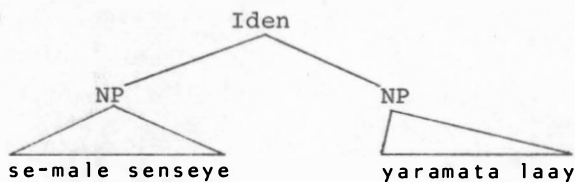
This sentence type consists of two obligatory NPs: the first is the predicate NP and the second, the subject NP. The grammatical relation existing between the subject and the predicate in Identification sentences may not be defined by the convention adopted by Chomsky (1965:71), since both NPs are dominated by the same category. Thus, order is more important than domination in the definition of the grammatical relation between the two NPs. The following convention may be adopted for this purpose:

(a) Subject-of Identification: [NP\_\_]<sub>Iden</sub>

(b) Predicate-of Identification: [\_\_NP]<sub>Iden</sub>

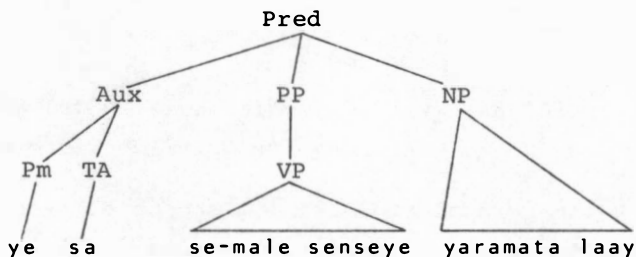
The fundamental factor that distinguishes Identification from Predication sentences is the lack of Aux in the former.

Identification (surface)



'That man over there is a teacher.'

Predication (surface)



'That man over there was a teacher.'

If the subject NP dominates a pronoun, that NP precedes the predicate NP. Another occasion in which the subject NP is preposed is when the focus transformation is applied. It will be observed that the focus transformation applies to any NP except the predicate NP of Identification.

Thus,

E 92 D-structure order

tèxtaa-li Saapan ìmale wee 'The man is a Japanese doctor.'

predicate subject

←focus T

S-structure  
order

(a) Ìmale wee yilaa

subject fm

tèxtaa-li Saapan

predicate

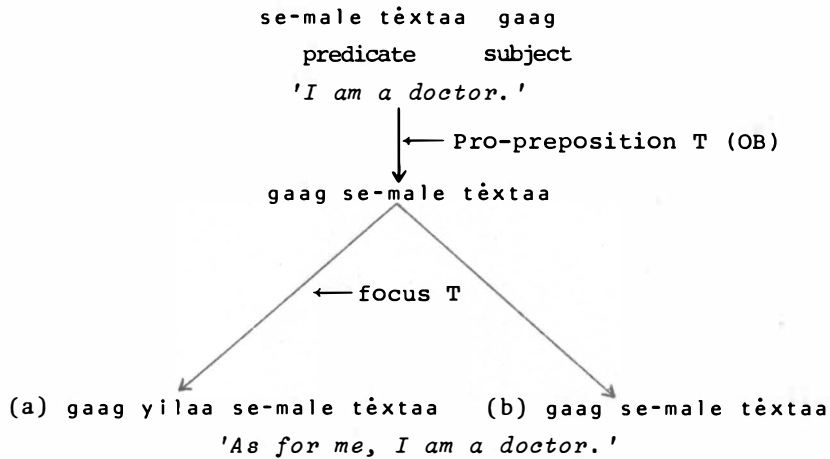
(b) tèxtaa-li Saapan

ìmale wee

'As for the man, he is a Japanese doctor.'

In case a pronoun subject is involved, the following processes are applied:

E 93



Further examples concerning the three types of subject-predicate arrangements on the surface are listed below.

E 94

NP<sub>p</sub> NP<sub>s</sub> (p = predicate; s = subject)

- (a) [yaa-yi]<sub>NP</sub> [pinsana lee]<sub>NP</sub>  
 Cl at P dm S  
 'This pencil is mine.'
- (b) [boxata-yi]<sub>NP</sub> [boxata là re weri-ya lalow]<sub>NP</sub>  
 village P that see yester- S  
 day  
 'The village which they saw yesterday is mine.'
- (c) [te yado-li fadè-li pèraase]<sub>NP</sub> [melee]<sub>NP</sub>  
 ng time planting rice P dmpr S  
 'This is not the time for planting rice.'
- (d) [yiitey]<sub>NP</sub> [re-còò kalaa ruwè-male là re dadare doxo]<sub>NP</sub>  
 who P people dm two walking dr S  
 'Who are those two people coming this way?'
- (e) [xal se-male]<sub>NP</sub> [lawu-yire paabiyal]<sub>NP</sub>  
 only P Cl pig S  
 'They have only one pig.'
- (f) [yifaa]<sub>NP</sub> [yida-mu]<sub>NP</sub>  
 P name at S  
 'What's your name?'

E 95

NP<sub>s</sub> NP<sub>p</sub> (NP<sub>s</sub> = Pro)

- (a) [gaag]<sub>NP</sub> [Ruxurimar]<sub>NP</sub>  
 S P  
 'I am Ruxurimar.'

- (b) [gaaɡ]<sub>NP<sub>S</sub></sub> [yiiyeel]<sub>NP<sub>P</sub></sub>  
           *this-*  
           *here*  
       '*Here I am.*'
- (c) [xeel]<sub>NP<sub>S</sub></sub> [bisi-yi]<sub>NP<sub>P</sub></sub>  
                   *brother*  
       '*You are my brother.*'
- (d) [xaamiyi]<sub>NP<sub>S</sub></sub> [re-Saapan]<sub>NP<sub>P</sub></sub> ?  
                   *Are you people from Japan?*'
- (e) [xeel]<sub>NP<sub>S</sub></sub> [yiiitey]<sub>NP<sub>P</sub></sub> ?  
                   '*Who are you?*'
- (f) [gaag]<sub>NP<sub>S</sub></sub> [te se-male male lapal]<sub>NP<sub>P</sub></sub>  
                   '*I am not an old man.*'

E 96

NP<sub>S</sub> fm NP<sub>P</sub>

- (a) [re-coò kalaay re mele wòò-li Yap]<sub>NP<sub>S</sub></sub> yilaa [re-Baalaw]<sub>NP<sub>P</sub></sub>  
           *people*                   *stay on* fm  
       '*Those people over there who live on Yap are Palauans.*'
- (b) [yiima laay]<sub>NP<sub>S</sub></sub> melee [yiima-li Yiduwecox]<sub>NP<sub>P</sub></sub>  
           *house* fm  
       '*That house (not this house) is Yiduwecox's.*'
- (c) [melee]<sub>NP<sub>S</sub></sub> yilaa [ccaa-yi]<sub>NP<sub>P</sub></sub>  
                   fm  
       '*This is my blood.*'
- (d) [boto wee ye saloxo]<sub>NP<sub>S</sub></sub> yilaa [waa-yi]<sub>NP<sub>P</sub></sub>  
                   fm  
       '*The boat which has disappeared is mine.*'
- (e) [feefele lee lawu-yi]<sub>NP<sub>S</sub></sub> ∅ [yaa-mu kuwin]<sub>NP<sub>P</sub></sub> [malaa  
           *girl*           Cl fm Cl  
           lawu-mu]<sub>NP<sub>S</sub></sub> ∅ [yaa-mami lulapa]<sub>NP<sub>P</sub></sub>  
                   fm                   *king*  
       '*My girl is your queen, and your son is our(excl) king.*'

As indicated in BR 4, an Identification construction may optionally be preceded by a sentence adverbial (+SA) or followed by a prepositional phrase (PrepP). Furthermore, a conjunction reduction TR (see TR 6) may generate a sequence of prepositional phrases.

- E 97 [malboo]<sub>SA</sub> [yiir melee yeliwici-li sukuun]<sub>Iden</sub>  
*maybe child*  
*'Maybe they are students.'*
- E 98 (a) [gaag senseye]<sub>Iden</sub> [yiree-li sukuun lee]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
 [yiree-li raxe lee]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*at, in year dm*  
*'I am a teacher at this school this year.'*
- (b) [yaa-yi melee]<sub>Iden</sub> [mè (yiree-li) babiyoro kaa]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
 Cl from book dm  
*'Among these books, this one is mine.'*
- (c) [Falmey melee se xalege]<sub>Iden</sub> [mè wòò-li Moxmox]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*family*  
 Luxlap [mè wòò-li Soxlay]<sub>PrepP</sub> Mèroc [mè wòò-li Mageyage]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*'Falmey is a family from Mogmog, Luxlap from Soxlay, and Meroc from Mageyag.'*
- (d) [Yulidiy yilaa se-wo moda-li fuluya tottolo  
*group island low*  
 pààcixcixi]<sub>Iden</sub> [lagace-li yikuwerèè]<sub>PrepP</sub> [mè tabo-li  
*small near end*  
 diye Pasifik]<sub>PrepP</sub> [mè tabo laa meldowa]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*dr west*  
*'Ulithi is a group of very small islets near the equator in the western part of the Pacific.'*
- (e) [yifaa saga-li sèpele]<sub>Iden</sub> [yiiyage]<sub>PrepP?</sub>  
*about-it*  
*'What is the spelling of it?'*
- (f) [gaag se-male còò-li yegaage]<sub>Iden</sub> [yixaa]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*person work*  
*'I am a worker here.'*

#### 4.5.3. APPOSITIVE RELATIONS

A conspicuous feature of Ulithian construction types is the proliferation of appositive relations, chief among which are the classifiers - both possessive and numerative. Both these types of classifiers are similar in that they may be considered as noun phrases, each of which stands in apposition with a set of nouns, and the members of each such set relate to the classifier associated with the set - and are determined



by - syntactic features other than person and number. In this respect, the appositive relation existing between a classifier and its members is different from that existing between a predication marker (+Pm) or an object suffix (+Os) and its related NP. The latter relation is, as has been discussed, exclusively in terms of person and number plus <±animate>. As was mentioned, the latter relation will be handled by feature copying rules. The former (classifier-member), however, will be dealt with by the appositive nominalisation applicable to the base P-marker of the identification construction. Thus, for example, the following sentences in which possessive classifiers and related nouns appear may be represented as the rough deep structure P-markers in E 100. In E 99 (a), the classifier and its member are related as subject-predicate without undergoing a nominalisation. In E 99 (b), they are reduced to appositive, while in E 99 (c) they are furthermore embedded in a noun phrase.

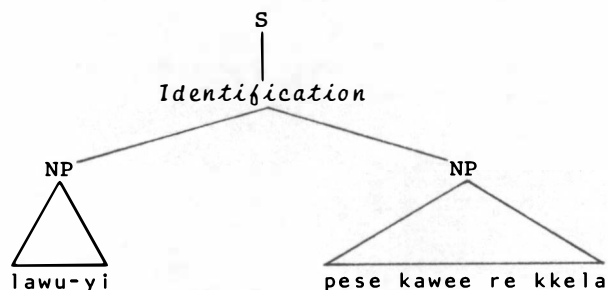
E 99 (a) [Lawu-yi]<sub>NP</sub> [pese kawee re kkela]<sub>NP</sub>  
 Cl -my dog strong  
 'Those strong dogs are mine.'

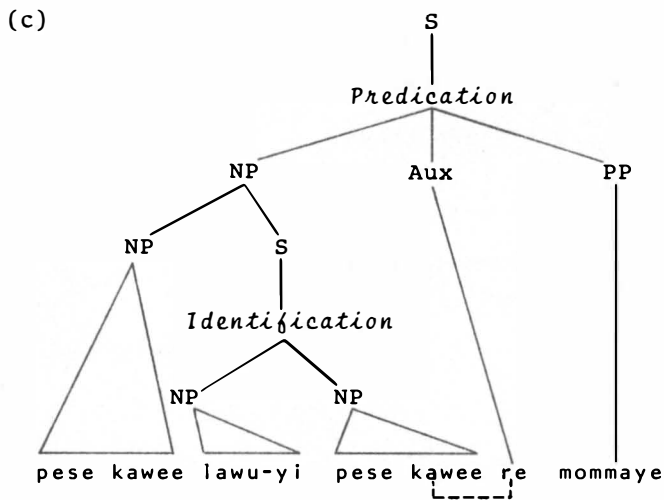
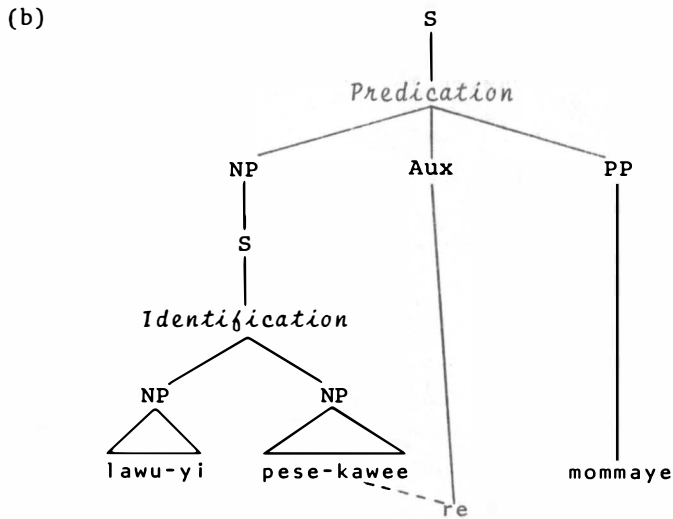
(b) Re mommaye [lawu-yi pese kawee]<sub>NP</sub>  
 good  
 'Those dogs of mine are good.'

(c) Re mommaye [pese kawee lawu-yi]<sub>NP</sub>  
 'Those dogs which are mine are good.'

In the above examples, lawu- is a classifier and pese is its member.

E 100 (a)





The numerative compounds and the related nouns are in the same relation as the above, thus will be handled in an analogous way.

E 101 (a) Yoor ruwè-male pese.  
*exist 2 Nucl*  
 'There are two dogs.'

(b) Se-fase fase melee.  
 1 Nucl stone this  
 'This is a stone.'

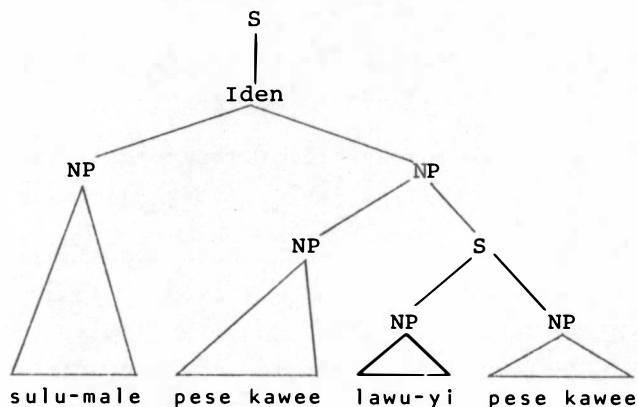
The following examples show a co-occurrence between a possessive classifier and a numerative classifier construction within a sentence

but on different levels.

- E 102 (a) Sulu-male pese kawee lawu-yi.  
 3 Cl(animate)  
 'I have three dogs.' (lit. my dogs are three)
- (b) Sulu-male lawu-yi pese kawee.  
 'I have three dogs.'

The deep structure (abbreviated) underlying E 102 (a) is as follows:

E 103



Classifier constructions will be discussed in greater detail after NP is further expanded into constituents.

The treatment of classifier constructions in terms of appositive nominalisation has several distinct advantages in the description of Ulithian compared to a possible alternative in which a classifier and the related NP may be generated by categorial rules in the base component. The most direct advantages seem to be the following:

(1) As Bender has indicated,<sup>1</sup> the relation between a classifier and the related NP is not that of head-modifier but of apposition. This has been confirmed by the native speakers' reaction. An Identification sentence is easily transformable to an appositive construction as a range of an NP without any semantic change and without any significant formal modification. Compare the two sentences in E 104.

- E 104 (a) [[Lema-yi]<sub>NP</sub> [luu leel]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>  
 'This coconut is for me to drink.'
- (b) [[Lema-yi luu leel]<sub>NP</sub> yilaa ye mommaye]<sub>S</sub>  
 fm good  
 'This coconut for me to drink is good.'

<sup>1</sup>The possibility of the treatment of possessive and numerative classifier constructions in Micronesian languages by means of appositive nominalisation was originally suggested by Dr B.W. Bender in a University of Hawaii seminar in the fall of 1968.

The two NPs in E 104 (a) show a subject-predicate relation in an Identification sentence, while the same two NPs are in appositive relation within an NP in (b).

(2) By relating an Identification sentence to the corresponding appositive noun phrase, a greater generality has been achieved in the process of nominalisation, in that the same TRs nominalising predicational sentences may now be applicable to the nominalisation of identification sentences. Thus, for example, observe the parallelism in the two noun phrases below.

E 105 (a) *luu lee lema-yi* (lit. *this coconut my drink*)

<= *luu lee* [[*lema-yi*]<sub>NP</sub> [*luu lee*]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>

(b) *luu lee ye mommaye* (lit. *this coconut (which is) good*)

<= *luu lee* [[*luu lee*]<sub>NP</sub> [*ye*]<sub>Aux</sub> [*mommaye*]<sub>PP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>

(3) The proposed treatment contributes to simplicity of description. First of all, the semantic interpretation (in the sense of Katz and Fodor 1963, and Katz and Postal 1964) is simpler, since the deep structure which is relevant for semantic interpretation is one and the same for both an Identification sentence and the corresponding appositive NP. If there were two different deep structures for this, then the same semantic rules would apply repetitively with the same interpretation resulting, which is apparently uneconomical as pointed out by Lamb (1966: 47) concerning the simplicity measure in two alternative linguistic descriptions with the same "effective information". Secondly, the proposed solution will have base rules which are fundamentally simpler because there is no need to introduce a category (e.g. DET) for the purpose of describing the relation existing between the two appositive members when they are dominated by NP on the surface. Finally, feature agreement rules may be simpler too, because only one structure is required (i.e.  $\text{Iden} \rightarrow \text{NP} \backslash \text{NP}$ ) to define the selectional restriction existing between a classifier and the related NP, for which in a possible alternative an additional structure (e.g.  $\text{NP} \rightarrow \text{DET NP}$ ) would have to be taken into account.

In addition to the classifier construction, there are two other kinds of appositive constructions as exemplified in E 106 and E 107 respectively.

E 106 (a) *Yifaa yiiy Loorob?*

*he*

*'Where is Loorob?'*

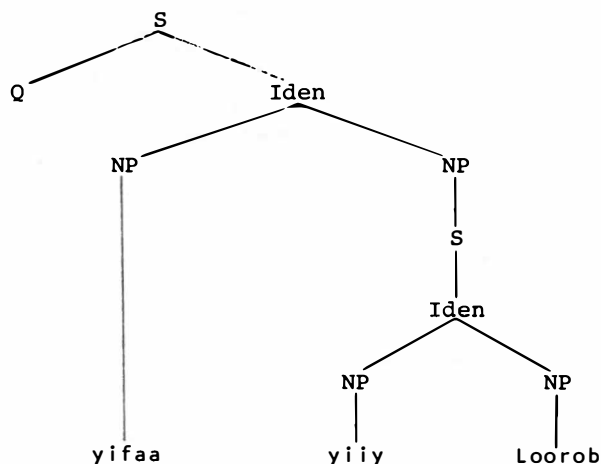
- (b) Medaa melee xo sa sèrè logo la-li yiiy babiyoro wee?  
*what fm say dr in it letter*  
*'What did you say in that letter?'*
- (c) Senseye-li yiiyaa yiiy melee?  
*where he this*  
*'Where is the teacher from?'*
- (d) Te yoor yiiy makawee wòò-li Losiyop.  
*ng it those on*  
*'There aren't such things on Losiyop.'*
- (e) Re buu doxo yiiir senseye kalaa mè Meriken.  
*they*  
*'Those teachers are from America.'*

- E 107 (a) Malaay peya-li melwee rii-li feefelee wee yilaa ye mommaye.  
*that grave-of that spouse-of girl dm fm good*  
*'That grave of that (unseen) husband of the girl is good.'*
- (b) Paaga-yire makawee bisi-la gè re sa mese.  
*all-their those brother-his die*  
*'All those brothers of his died.'*
- (c) Re sa loxo yikawee mòò-li yaramata.  
*those first person*  
*'Those elder brothers went.'*
- (d) Yiwee sa bii diye Beyirèx gè ye tay loxo yiwee se-male.  
*then come dr ng that*  
*'Then Beyirex went west, but the other guy didn't.'*
- (e) Ye sa xula-ya makaa kko-yire re-Yulidiy.  
*know those customs*  
*'He knew those customs of Ulithians.'*

In E 106, the first member of each appositive construction is either *yiiy* or *yiiir* both of which are 3rd per. pronouns, and the selection of one or the other is dependent upon the person, number, and the animateness feature of the following noun. Thus the first difference of E 106 from the classifier construction discussed earlier lies in the features concerned. Another difference may lie in their permutation possibilities. A classifier and the related may be freely permuted on the surface only by inserting a demonstrative enclitic or a complementiser (*là* or *we*) when the classifier follows the noun. However, in E 106, placing of *yiiy* or *yiiir* after the following noun phrase leads the sentence to unacceptability. In spite of these differences, it is proposed

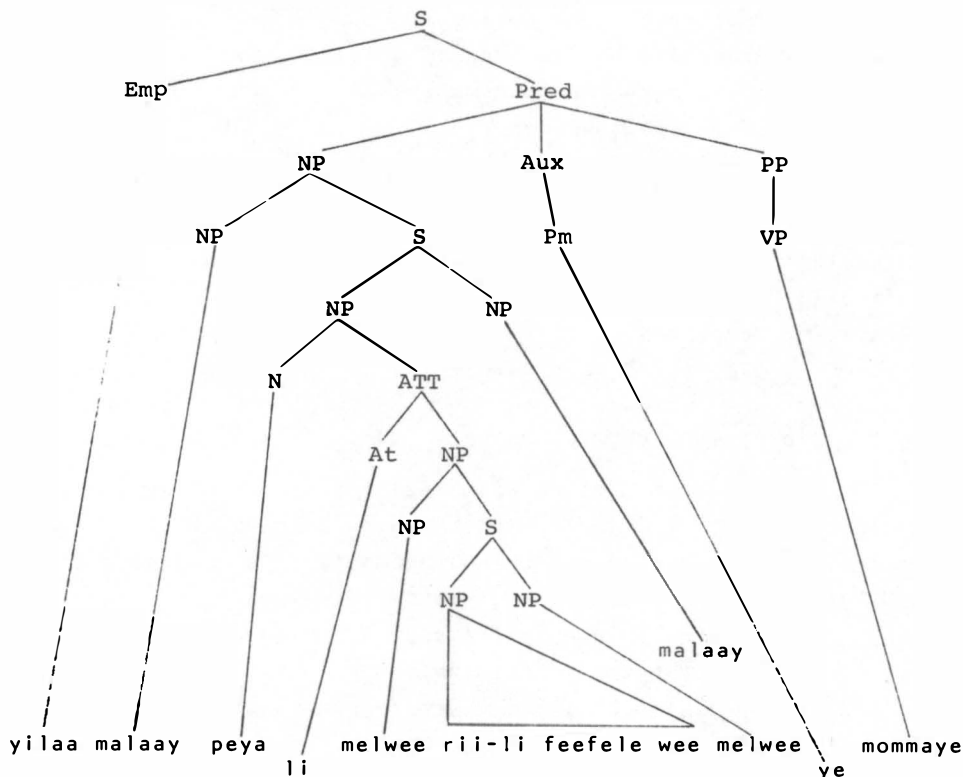
that the appositive constructions in E 106 also be derived by transformation from underlying Identification sentences (see TR 19). Thus, for example, E 106 (a) is interpreted as having roughly the following deep structure:

E 108



In E 107, the first members of the appositive constructions are all demonstratives (see 4.8.9.). The demonstratives in E 107 are proclitic in the sense that they obligatorily precede the nouns or noun phrases with which they enter into construction. Viewed from the surface, there is one important role that these proclitic demonstratives fill. That is, they are in principle in complementary distribution with demonstrative enclitic of the following NP. If there is a demonstrative enclitic on a noun, no proclitic demonstrative generally appears, except for *yiiy* or *yiir* as seen in E 106. If a demonstrative enclitic is needed but there is an attributive marker (e.g. *li* 'of', *yi* 'my') following the noun, it is generally (but not always - see 4.8.5.) the case that a proclitic demonstrative is used instead of a demonstrative enclitic. As will be seen in more detail (4.8.9.), it is proposed that an appositive construction whose first member is a proclitic demonstrative be derived from a noun phrase in which an Identification sentence is embedded. Thus, for example, the deep structure underlying E 107 (a) is something like the following (with abbreviations):

E 109



The surface form will be derived by way of such processes as identical deletions, focus marker (yilaa) permutation, etc.

#### 4.6. VERB PHRASES

##### 4.6.1. CONSTITUENT STRUCTURE

BR 9	VP	→	{ VB (NP) (COM) NP
BR 10	VB	→	Vb (NP)
BR 11	Vb	→	Vp (DIR) (Int)
BR 12	DIR	→	(Dr) (Dad)

#### LEXICON

cox	'just, only'	+Int
mō	'for a while, in the first place, even, at all, indeed'	+Int
xaamas	'very, extremely'	+Int, [-[+action] <sub>v</sub> _]
xamay	'well'	+Int
suxufed	'a little'	+Int
tèèt	'a little'	+Int

doxo	'hither, to the speaker'	+Dr
loxo	'thither, to the hearer, away'	+Dr
daxe	'up, to the east, completely'	+Dr
diye	'down, to the west'	+Dr
logo	'inside, into, inland'	+Dr
weya	'out, outside, seaward'	+Dr
fadale	'around, here and there'	+Dad
fagali	'together'	+Dad
fatagi	'separately'	+Dad
se-wo	'together, as a unit'	+Dad, [-__Os]

#### 4.6.2. DIRECT AND INDIRECT OBJECTS

A TG tradition in dealing with the direct and indirect objects is to juxtapose two NPs in a rule with the convention that the first NP is the indirect and the second the direct object (e.g. Jacobs and Rosenbaum 1968:55). This treatment, however, seems to have a weakness in that it would bring about a difficulty associated with the non-distinct ways of interpreting the rule in which two optional NPs appear, as pointed out by Fillmore (1966:20) concerning certain treatments which allow more than one optional "preposition phrase" in the expansion of a category in English. This problem did not arise when the category Identification was expanded into two obligatory NPs, since the obligatory nature along with a convention always keeps the two NPs separate and distinct. In order to avoid the difficulty arising from optional NPs, one might introduce such relational labels as IO (indirect object) and DO (direct object) or, as Fillmore did, Dat and Erg. This treatment would have a further advantage in that it would lead to an efficient formalisation of grammatical relations. In spite of the advantage, I have not adopted the solution of relational labels, but assume that the direct and indirect object NPs belong to different hierarchical levels in the base rules at least in Ulithian. Some reasons for this assumption follow.

In the first place, IO and DO or Dat and Erg, etc., have to be expanded eventually into NPs. If the two NPs are hierarchically ordered, such labels may turn out to be redundant, since no problem will arise concerning the non-distinct ways of rule interpretation and, furthermore, the grammatical relation involved may be specified by the following conventions (cf. Chomsky 1965:68-74).

(i) Direct-Object-of: [NP, VP]

(ii) Indirect-Object-of: [NP, VB]

Secondly, a transitive verb which may not have an indirect object



agrees in person and number with the direct object and a transitive verb which may have an indirect object always agrees with the indirect object regardless of the presence or absence of the direct object as in E 110.

E 110 (a) Yi [dipali-yVre]<sub>VP</sub> [yeliwici kalaa]<sub>NP (DO)</sub> [bo re be  
                   ↑                  ↑  
                   child                  that  
 want

fèèru-ya<sub>VP</sub> melwee<sub>NP (DO)</sub> [bo yixili-yeyil]<sub>PrepP</sub> COM  
                   ↑                  ↑

do                  that                  for behalf-my

'I want the boys to do it for me.'

(b) Yiiy melee ye sa [galle-ya]<sub>VP</sub> [se-male yaramata]<sub>NP (IO)</sub>  
                   fm                  ↑                  ↑

[sulu-male paabiyal]<sub>NP (DO)</sub>

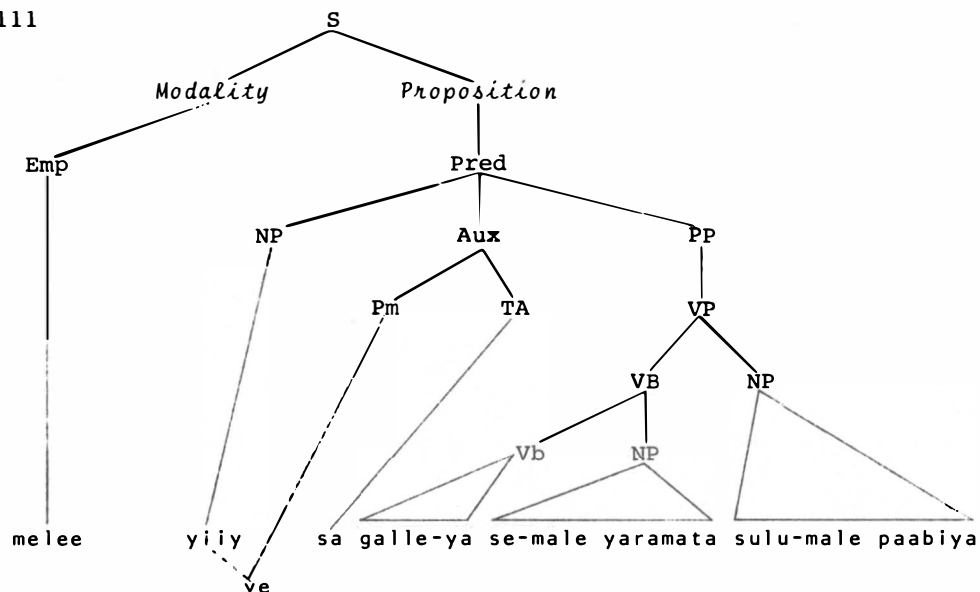
pig

'He is the one who gave the man three pigs.'

This fact indicates that a verb which may have both objects has a closer structural tie with the indirect object. In such a verb, therefore, no formal connection is observable between the verb and the direct object NP. Then it is not unreasonable to relate the indirect object NP to the verb at a lower level than the direct one. Moreover, the class of the verbs which may have an indirect object NP is a small subset of the class of transitive verbs which may have a direct object. The hierarchical treatment proposed here will give a clear indication of the set-subset relation. Thirdly, no technical problem may arise in the formulation of the agreement (feature copying) rules, since it happens that the verb always agrees with the first NP. This is so because the indirect object NP is always obligatory after a verb which may have it (see TR 2 for agreements).

Thus, E 110 (b) is viewed as having the following deep structure P-marker (with abbreviations):

E 111



Finally, Fillmore's Erg is not particularly applicable in the case of Ulithian, because the verb changes in form as an "ergative NP" becomes the subject or object. Examine the following:

E 112 (a) Ye be suuxu-yex [xatama weel]<sub>NPs</sub>  
           open          door  
           'The door will open.'

(b) [Yaramata leel]<sub>NPs</sub> ye be suuxu-ya [xatama weel]<sub>NPO</sub>  
                                   open-it  
           'This man will open the door.'

Since a formal difference is made between a transitive verb and the corresponding intransitive, the setting up of Erg in Fillmore's sense would seem to me to be an effort toward the syntactic formalisation of universal logical realities, which is not attempted in this study. It also seems that the case system of Ulithian is far from being of an ergative type in the sense of Hale (1968:2).

So far only three verbs have been found, which may occur with both indirect and direct NPs: galle 'to give', ddeye 'to deprive', and dogoro 'to ask, to borrow'. Indirect NPs with galle have a "dative" meaning, while those with the other two verbs are closer to an "ablative". Observe the following examples (the forms in diagonals represent the deep structure forms which do not appear on the surface):



- E 115 (a) Ye sa [sèrè]<sub>VP</sub> gali-ya melwee sila-la.  
*'He talked to his mother.'*
- (b) Ye [yoxo]<sub>VP</sub> gali-ya /yiii/ [melwee ye dipali-ya /yiii/]<sub>NP</sub>  
*possible that want*  
*'What he wanted was possible to him.'*

The above observation has led me to treat all the occurrences of gali + NP (and also tagi 'away from' + NP, which has much the same morphological and syntactic characteristics) under prepositional phrases (see 4.7.5.).

#### 4.6.3. NOUN PHRASE AS THE MAIN VERB

Nominal constructions frequently act as the main verb of verb phrases. An NP is replaceable for a VP as a whole, which fact has suggested NP to be dominated by VP in disjunctive relation with the sequence VB (NP) (COM) in BR 9.

- E 116 (a) Ye be [[yifaa]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>VP</sub> [yado-li yaa-mu mele wóo-li Yap]<sub>NPS</sub>?  
*how time stay on*  
*'How long will you stay on Yap?'*  
*(lit. it will be how, the time of your stay on Yap)*
- (b) Yi be [[kaapine-li baarkoo laay]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>VP</sub>  
*'I will be the captain of that ship over there.'*

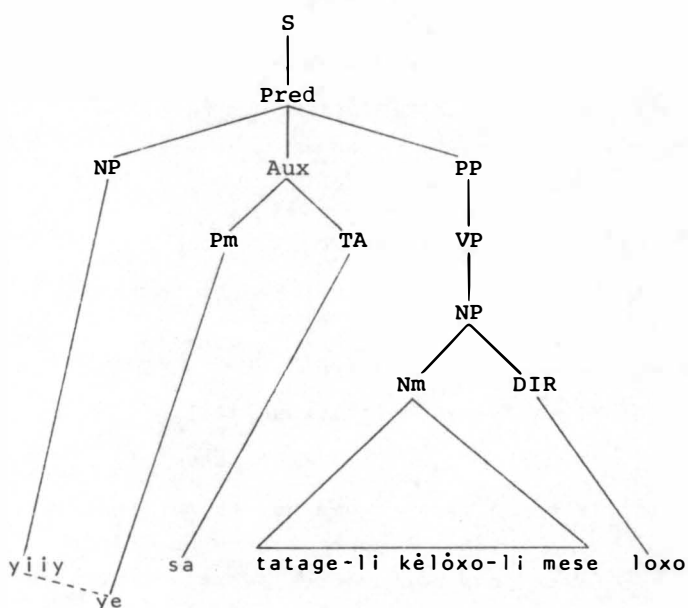
Occasionally, a formative dominated by DIR or Int appears in the verbalised NP (see BR 17).

- E 117 (a) Ye sa [[[tatage-li kélóxo-li mese]<sub>Nm</sub> [loxo]<sub>DIR</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>VP</sub>  
*crying hungry die*  
*'He was crying because of hunger.'*
- (b) Re sa [[[pupugu-li mese]<sub>Nm</sub> [diye]<sub>DIR</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>VP</sub> [wóo-li ppiya  
*falling on and*  
 Falalap]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*'They fell down to death on the beach of Falalap.'*
- (c) Ye [[[ddare-li tattawulu]<sub>Nm</sub> [daxe]<sub>DIR</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>VP</sub>  
*run shouting*  
*'He ran up shouting.'*
- (d) Re [[[yafa-li xamagulu]<sub>Nm</sub> [weya]<sub>DIR</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>VP</sub>  
*pm swim song*  
*'They swam away singing.'*

- (e) Ye te [[ttiri-li mmata]<sub>Nm</sub> [daxe]<sub>DIR</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>VP</sub> [feefelee wee]<sub>NPs</sub>  
*quick wake up woman*  
 'The woman is quick in getting up.'
- (f) Ye sa [[tagi wee [cox]<sub>Int</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>VP</sub>  
*cry dm*  
 'He just kept crying.'
- (g) Xo ciil [[yeliwici [xaamas]<sub>Int</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>VP</sub>  
*pm still child very*  
 'You are still too young.'

The deep structure of E 117 (a) may be of the following shape:

E 118



Tatage in the above diagram is the progressive form of the verb tage. All reduplicated forms of verbs may be nominalised in this way.

It seems that all subgroups of nouns or noun phrases may behave as the main verb in certain constructions. It follows that if a construction cannot be verbalised in this way, it is not an NP. Thus, particles like ciil (+MV) 'still', sa (+TA), cox (+Int), doxo (+Dr), gè (+con) as well as gali 'to' + NP (PrepP), etc., do not occur as the main verb. Therefore, they are not NPs. Examples of some subgroups of NP follow.

E 119 (1) Interrogative-words

- (a) Ye be [feda-yayel]<sub>NP</sub> [piskaa là xo be cuwayel]<sub>NPs</sub>?  
*how- NuCl spear that buy*  
*many*

'How many spears are you going to buy?'  
 (lit. it will be how many, the spears that you are going  
 to buy)

(b) Ye be [yiitey]<sub>NP</sub>?

who

'Who may it be?'

(c) Ye sa [yifaa]<sub>NP</sub> [yela-la]<sub>NPs</sub>

how  
which

'How long was it?' (lit. it will be which, its-length?)

(d) Ye be [babiyoro-faa]<sub>NP</sub> [melee xo dipali-ya]<sub>NPs</sub>?

book-which that want

'Which book do you want?'

(e) Ye sa [medaa]<sub>NP</sub> [melwee]<sub>NPs</sub>?

what that

'What was that?'

(2) *Attributive construction*

(a) Xo towee [yalo-li Meriken]<sub>NP</sub>

ng English

'Don't speak English!'

(b) Yi sa [senseye-li sukuun lee]<sub>NP</sub>

'I was a teacher of this school.'

(c) Ye be te lapa mogoyo gè re ma [fedexe-li xala-yire]<sub>NP</sub>

enough food then hb fight food

'When food was scarce, there was fighting over food.'

(d) Re sa [xaliiliya-li fedexe]<sub>NP</sub> [yiree-yire re-còò kawee

be-prepared for, people dm  
at

re tay mele]<sub>PrepP</sub>

ng stay

'They were prepared to fight for the missing girls.'

(e) Xa ma [paapa-li marama]<sub>NP</sub>

count moon,  
month

'We count moons.'

(f) Ye [faa-li se-wo]<sub>NP</sub> [yaa-yi tuxu-ya /yiiy/]<sub>NPs</sub>

under-of one hit

'I hit him once.' (lit. it was-under-of one, my hitting-him)

(g) Ye be le [xala-yi]<sub>NP</sub> [yiiyee]<sub>NPs</sub>  
*food*

'This will be my food.'

(h) Ye sa [bisi-yire]<sub>NP</sub> [tarmale laa]<sub>NPs</sub>  
*brother boy*

'That boy has become their brother.'

(3) Numerative compound

(a) Ye be [se rale]<sub>NP</sub> gè re be bii weya re-faliya-yi.  
*one day people-island-my*

'Some day, people of this island will go out.'

(4) Demonstrative

(a) Ye sa [yiwee]<sub>NP</sub> [cox]<sub>Int</sub> [yaa-la ma sulbee paaga-li  
*that fortune all*  
*telling*

rale]<sub>NPs</sub>

'In that way, he used to have his fortune told every day.'

(lit. it was just that, his habitual fortune telling every day)

(5) Noun

(a) Ye sa [tamolo]<sub>NP</sub>

'He became chief.'

(b) Re sa [re-yegaage]<sub>NP</sub> [yiree-li sukuun laay]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*worker*

'They were workers at the school over there.'

4.6.4. POSTVERBAL PARTICLES (+Int)

Int is a lexical category involving those postverbal particles which intensify or limit the meaning of the verb with which they enter into construction. The members of Int may be lined up in sequence on the surface with free ordering. This will be handled by conjunction reduction transformation (TR 6) as in other similar cases including *Mv*. Thus E 120 (a) is viewed as derived from E 120 (b).

E 120 (a) Kamaaxo-ya { (i) cox mo xamay  
*watch* { (ii) xamay cox mo }  
 (iii) mo cox xamay }  
 'Look at it well just a while!'

- (b) <== (i) Kamaaxo-ya cox gè kamaaxo-ya mó gè  
kamaaxo-ya xamay
- (ii) Kamaaxo-ya xamay gè kamaaxo-ya cox gè  
kamaaxo-ya mó
- (iii) Kamaaxo-ya mó gè kamaaxo-ya cox gè  
kamaaxo-ya xamay

There are several apparent syntactic differences between Int and DIR. For example, Int never precedes any of the DIR members on the surface, while DIR may be placed before an object suffix (which is not the case with Int). Co-occurrence of DIR and Int is illustrated.

- E 121 (a) Ye sa [kkilil]<sub>VP</sub> [loxol]<sub>DIR</sub> [cox]<sub>Int</sub>  
*'He just dug out.'*
- (b) Yilaa fala-li makaa xiya-yi bo yi sa [dabe-ya]<sub>VP</sub>  
*that reason mat because*
- [loxol]<sub>DIR</sub> [mó]<sub>Int</sub> [yelusu]<sub>NPO</sub>  
*ghost*
- 'That's the reason for those mats of mine, because I followed the ghost away for a while.'*

Examples of the individual items dominated by Int follow.

cox *'just'*

Cox is the most frequent in occurrence in all texts. It also appears in NP as will be seen later.

- E 122 (a) Yi sa [magxuwaal]<sub>VP</sub> [fadale]<sub>DIR</sub> [cox]<sub>Int</sub> [wóó-li Xuwam]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*fool around on*
- 'I just fooled around on Guam.'*
- (b) Yi teed [weri-ya]<sub>VP</sub> [cox]<sub>Int</sub> [/yiiy/]<sub>NP</sub>  
*ng see*
- 'I just haven't seen him yet.'*
- (c) Ye [móoc] [teemi-ya]<sub>VP</sub> [cox]<sub>Int</sub> [talee wee yaa-la]<sub>NP</sub>  
*MV sharpen axe*
- 'He just sharpened his axe.'*

mó

Mó has two different sets of meanings conditioned by syntactic environments, one set appearing in the imperative and the other elsewhere.

- (1) *'for a while, in the first place'* in the imperative



- E 123 (a) Xo be [falaxa-ya]<sub>VP</sub> [mó]<sub>Int</sub> [coo lee]<sub>NP</sub>  
*throw copra*  
*'In the first place throw this copra down!'*
- (b) Xa le [fifiyogol]<sub>VP</sub> [mó]<sub>Int</sub>  
*telling-*  
*stories*  
*'Continue your(pl) story for a while!'*
- (c) [Wedi-yeyil]<sub>VP</sub> [mó]<sub>Int</sub>  
*wait*  
*'Wait for me just a while!'*
- (2) 'at all, even, indeed' elsewhere
- E 124 (a) Ye mele se-yaye pabo-li talee kawee yaa-yire re-musuwee  
*stay one piece are dm their men-of-old-days*  
 we ye tay [lamafii]<sub>VP</sub> [mó]<sub>Int</sub>  
*which ng good*  
*'There was a part of the knives belonging to the people of old days, which was not good at all.'*
- (b) Ye tay [malawa]<sub>VP</sub> [mó]<sub>Int</sub> [se-male]<sub>NPs</sub>  
*alive*  
*'No one even survived.'*
- (c) Tay [yoor]<sub>VP</sub> [mó]<sub>Int</sub> [faa-li se-wol]<sub>PrePP</sub> [lá ye be ciil  
*ng exist under one still*  
 mele wóò-li Meriken]<sub>NP</sub>  
*'He doesn't live in the U.S. any longer.'*

xaamas 'very, extremely'

Xaamas seems to have originated from the causative prefix xa- and the verb mese 'die'. This particle does not occur with a verb having <+action>. It seems that it can occur with any <+state> verb which may be able to undergo an adjectivisation transformation (TR 38), in which the verb is placed immediately after the head noun and before the demonstrative enclitic if there is one (e.g. pallege 'big' in male pallege wee 'the big man'). Such a subclass of verbs corresponds roughly to adjectives in English. As noticed in (c) below, xaamas may appear with an NP acting as the main verb if only no semantic inconsistency arises.

- E 125 (a) Ye te la [becikkara]<sub>VP</sub> [xaamas]<sub>Int</sub>  
*become hot*  
*'It doesn't become very hot.'*

- (b) Lulapa wee ye sa [lawulu-ya]<sub>VP</sub> [[se-male tarmale]<sub>NP</sub> [lá  
 king have-as boy who  
 child  
 ye xarèta-li pallege gè ye [musosowa]<sub>VP</sub> [xaamas]<sub>Int</sub> [mè  
 end-of big strong  
 yimòò-li yikalaa tèèt yaramata wòò-li fuluya kaa]<sub>PrepP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
 more-than those some people on island dm  
 'The king had a son who was far bigger and stronger than any  
 other man on the island.'

xamay 'well'

Xamay is apparently related to xamayu 'to love' both in form and meaning, but it is dealt with as a particle on account of its syntactic role.

- E 126 (a) [Kamaaxo-ya]<sub>VP</sub> [/yiyi/]<sub>NP</sub> [xamay]<sub>Int</sub>  
 'Watch it carefully!'
- (b) Re be te [xafele-ya]<sub>VP</sub> [xamay]<sub>Int</sub> [/yiyi/ lá ye be tamolo]<sub>NP</sub>  
 select he who chief  
 [gè]<sub>con</sub> [te yoor lá ye be lilli wolo]<sub>S</sub>  
 ng exist killing turtle  
 'If they do not select well the one who will be the chief,  
 no one will be able to kill turtles.'

suxufed 'a little' and tèèt 'a little'

Suxufed and tèèt are also dealt with under numerative compounds, since they are replaceable for the sequence numerative base + NuCl. In terms of quantity, suxufed is less than tèèt.

- E 127 (a) Ye sa [fee]<sub>VP</sub> [suxufed]<sub>Int</sub>  
 'He was perplexed a bit.'
- (b) Re [katabo]<sub>VP</sub> [logo]<sub>DIR</sub> [tèèt]<sub>Int</sub>  
 'They approached in a little.'
- (c) Yiwee ge ye [xaraxa]<sub>VP</sub> [diye]<sub>DIR</sub> [tèèt]<sub>Int</sub>  
 'Then he climbed down a little.'

#### 4.6.5. DIRECTIONALS (DIR)

4.6.5.1. Directional particles (+Dr) and directional adverbials (+Dad) are grouped under DIR for the reasons that (1) they are close neighbours

on the surface; (2) they function alike in relation to the verb, i.e. the object suffix of a verb may be attached either to Dr or to Dad (except for *se-wo* which is lexically a numerative); (3) they are permutable in the surface order (TR 35) as in E 128; and (4) all members of both categories share the meaning '*direction*' in some way or other.

E 128 (a) *cuyu* [*doxo*]<sub>Dr</sub> [*fagali*]<sub>Dad</sub>  
*cuyu* [*fagali*]<sub>Dad</sub> [*doxo*]<sub>Dr</sub>  
 '*to come together*'

(b) *cuyu* [*doxo*]<sub>Dr</sub> [*fatagi*]<sub>Dad</sub>  
*cuyu* [*fatagi*]<sub>Dad</sub> [*doxo*]<sub>Dr</sub>  
 '*to come separately*'

The main reason for the dichotomy of all these directional elements into the two categories is that the members of Dr and those of Dad may freely co-occur but any two or more members of either category may not, as observed in E 129.

E 129 *Re mēmeē* [*weya*]<sub>Dr</sub> [*fagali*]<sub>Dad</sub>  
 '*They search farther out together.*'  
 but \**Re mēmeē* [*fagali*]<sub>Dad</sub> [*fadale*]<sub>Dad</sub>  
 \**Re mēmeē* [*weya*]<sub>Dr</sub> [*loxo*]<sub>Dr</sub>

Besides, some structural differences between Dr and Dad are also noted. First of all, when an object suffix follows a Dr particle, the verb does not have the object suffix. In case of Dad, either or both the verb and Dad may have the object suffix.

E 130 (a) *Re sa* *lli-yVre* *loxo* *xatuu kawee.*  
                   *kill*                  *cat*  
 '*They killed the cats completely.*'  
*Re sa* *meri daxe-yeyi.*  
                   *search*  
 '*They searched for me upward.*'

(b) *Xacuya-yVre* *fagali-yVre* *recōō kalaa gē xo sa*  
*let leave*                                  *people*  
*xabii daxe-yVre wōō-li Fayls.*  
*let go*                  *them on, to*  
 '*Send those people together to Fais.*'

Secondly, the anaphoric doubling of Dr (see E 131) is not paralleled in Dad. Finally, a Dr particle and the preceding verb can be the head of an attributive construction involving -li as in ddare doxo -li se-male xece 'a rat's running hither'. This, however, never occurs with Dad.

#### 4.6.5.2. Directional Particles (+Dr)

(1) The position of Dr is immediately after Vp. If Vp involves an object suffix, Dr occasionally (in some verbs obligatorily) precedes the object suffix. It is not uncommon to have an anaphoric Dr after an object suffix if one precedes it.

E 131 (a) Ye sa xadare-loxo-yeyi loxo  
           make- Dr   Os   Dr  
           walk  
           *'He made me walk away.'*

(b) Yi be xapugu-diye-yVre diye  
           make-       Dr   Os   Dr  
           fall  
           *'I will have them fall down.'*

It will be considered that the first Dr is the one generated by base rules and the second by transformation (see TRs 31 and 32 for this assumption).

Examples of Dr alternation between post-Os and pre-Os follow.

- E 132 (a) faga-yeyi daxe : faga-daxe-yeyi  
           *'to give up to me'*
- (b) ĩeri-yeyi daxe : ĩeri-daxe-yeyi  
           *'to look up for me'*
- (c) xamobu-xo diye : xamobu-diye-xo  
           *'to duck you down'*
- (d) xañucu-yVre logo : xañucu-logo-yVre  
           *'to grab them down'*
- (e) xayegaagali-ya loxo : xayegaaga-loxo-ya  
           *'to let him work'*

Examples of the obligatory pre-Os follow.

- (f) \*yaga-yeyi daxe : yaga-daxe-yeyi  
           *'to reach up to me'*
- (g) \*kalla-xo diye : kalla-diye-xo  
           *'to look down at you'*

- (h) \*xabuu-xomami doxo : xabuu-doxo-xomami  
 'to let us(excl) come'

(2) A verb and the following Dr may constitute a unit to which an attributive (-li) or possessive (-yi, -mu, etc.) suffix may be attached.

- E 133 (a) maroo diye 'sit down' : maroo diye -li  
 'sitting down of'
- (b) kalla daxe 'look up' : kalla daxe -li  
 'looking up of'
- (c) buu logo 'come in' : buu logo -yi  
 'my coming in'
- (d) yolo diye 'lie down' : yolo diye -mu  
 'your lying down'
- (e) xabuu doxo -ya : xabuu doxo -ya -yi  
 'let him come' 'my letting him come'

Now the problem is how the combination *verb* + Dr in E 133 is to be interpreted, i.e. whether it is simply an NP or a form derived from some underlying S. I would prefer the latter interpretation, and the details of rule formulation will be taken up under nominalization TRs (TRs 12 and 36). For details of the associated discussion, see 4.8.6.3. Observe the following examples, with transitive verbs.

- E 134 (a) [Xabuu doxo -ya -yi yeliwici]<sub>NP</sub> [melee]<sub>NP</sub>  
 this  
 'This is the child whom I let come.'
- (a<sup>1</sup>) [Xabuu doxo -ya -yi]<sub>NP</sub> [yeliwici lee]<sub>NP</sub>  
 'This child is (the one) whom I let come.'
- (b) [Xasi -ya -yi doxo cale]<sub>NP</sub> [melee]<sub>NP</sub>  
 water  
 'This is the water that I brought.'
- (b<sup>1</sup>) [Xasi -ya -yi doxo]<sub>NP</sub> [cale lee]<sub>NP</sub>  
 'This water is what I brought.'
- (c) [Pediya-li diye yaramata wee luu]<sub>NP</sub> [melee]<sub>NP</sub>  
 throw  
 'This is the coconut that the man has thrown down.'
- (c<sup>1</sup>) [Pediya-li diye yaramata wee]<sub>NP</sub> [luu lee]<sub>NP</sub>  
 'This coconut is what the man has thrown down.'

(3) On the surface, all transitive verbs ending in a vowel other than a may have the final vowel a in free variation with their inherent vowel before a Dr, if and only if the 3rd per. sg. object suffix intervenes between the verb and the Dr. The rule involved is given in 3.6.3. (PR 20). Examples follow.

- E 135 (a) fidi + -ya + loxo ==> { fidi lox0  
go with 3rd sg. { fidaa lox0  
'to go away with him'
- (b) suuxu + -ya + loxo ==> { suuxuu lox0  
open { suuxaa lox0  
'to open it up'
- (c) lixidi + -ya + diye ==> { lixdii di(y)  
leave { lixdaa di(y)  
'to leave him behind'
- (d) xamolo + -ya + daxe ==> { xamoloo dax  
finish { xamolaa dax  
'to finish it up'
- (e) ruxu + -ya + doxo ==> { ruxuu dox0  
pick and bring { ruxaa dox0  
'to pick it up and bring it  
hither'
- Cf. fidi-yeyi loxo ==> { fidiyey lox0  
go away with me { \*fidayey lox0
- lixidi-xo diye ==> { lixdixo ==> lixduxU  
leave you behind { \*lixdax0

All intermediate phonological processes are omitted in the above examples.

(4) Geographical directions are indicated by using a verb followed by a Dr particle. An example in which verb bii 'to come, to go' is employed follows.

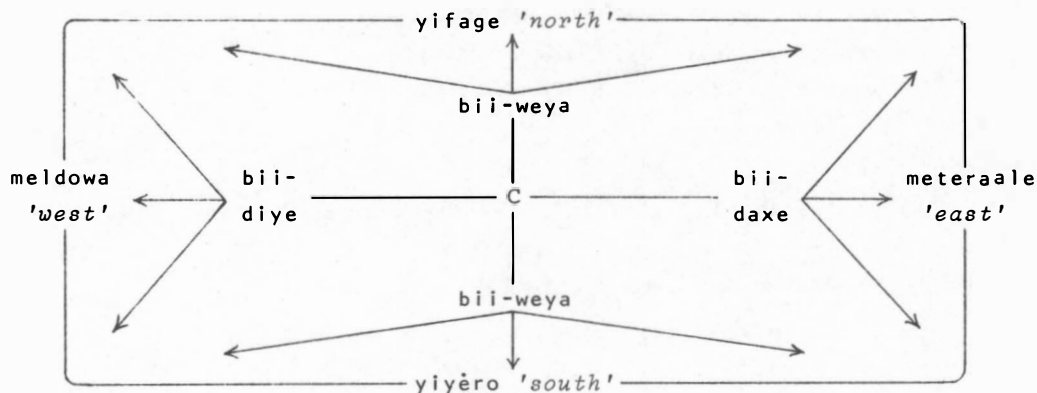


FIGURE 6  
GEOGRAPHICAL DIRECTION

(5) The same form as Dr loxo is used as the verb meaning 'to go'.

E 136 Xo be loxo yiyaa?  
'Where are you going?'

Its allomorph, la (as the verb), occurs only when another verb directly follows as a result of conjunction reduction T (see TR 30).

E 137 Ye sa la dodowa yiluxu.  
spear-fishing back-side  
'He went spear-fishing on the ocean side.'

(6) Examples where individual Dr members appear follow.

doxo

E 138 (a) Ye be [dabe-xomami]<sub>VP</sub> [doxo]<sub>DR</sub> [/xaamami/]<sub>NP</sub> [mè yiree-li  
follow-us

yima-mami]<sub>PREPP</sub>  
house-our

'He is going to come with us(excl) from our(excl) house.'

(b) Re [xafaga-yVre]<sub>VP</sub> [doxo]<sub>DR</sub> [/yir/]<sub>NP</sub>

'They sent them hither.'

(c) Yale doxo 'fly hither'

kullu doxo 'come in (of tide)'

ruxu-ya doxo 'pick it and bring it hither'





- (b) Yitoli [diye]<sub>Dr</sub> -yeyi [diye]<sub>Dr</sub>  
 put  
 'Put me down.'
- (c) Yi be le [falfala]<sub>Vp</sub> [diye]<sub>Dr</sub> [lema-cal]<sub>Np</sub>  
 throw Cl(drink)  
 'I will throw down some coconuts for us (in) to drink.'
- (d) cìma doye 'turn face down'  
 garcappa diye 'lie flat'  
 ìmeri-ya diye 'look for him westward'  
 peda-ya diye 'throw it down'  
 wèlwèle diye 'straightened down'  
 taxace-ya diye 'let him free'  
 xawèle-ya diye 'straighten it down'

## daxe

- E 141 (a) Ye sa [papallegel]<sub>Vp</sub> [daxe]<sub>Dr</sub> [tarmale weel]<sub>Nps</sub>  
 getting-big boy  
 'The boy was getting bigger.'
- (b) Lemaraxoy ye sa [wwele]<sub>Vp</sub> [daxe]<sub>Dr</sub> [yaa-la bii daxe]<sub>Nps</sub>  
 (focussed) straightened up eastward  
 [Lamdaxe wee boxata-la]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 home  
 'Lemaraxoy went straightway up to Lamdax, her home village.'  
 (lit. as-for-Lemaraxoy her coming up was straightened up  
 to-Lamdax which was-her-home)
- (c) Re sa [xafoxola-yeyi]<sub>Vp</sub> [daxe]<sub>Dr</sub> [mè wòò-li Yulidiy]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 grow  
 'They have fostered me on Ulithi.'
- (d) bulu daxe 'start'  
 cìma daxe 'get up'  
 ddewèlè daxe 'choose'  
 ffèsè daxe 'call upward'  
 xasere-ya daxe 'fill it up with liquid'

## weya

- E 142 (a) Re [xafaga-xol]<sub>Vp</sub> [weya]<sub>Dr</sub> [/xeel/]<sub>Np</sub>  
 send  
 'They sent you away.'

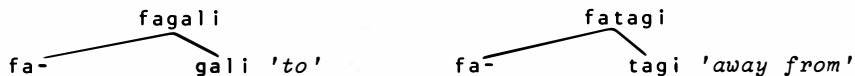
- (b) Ye sa [xaraxa]<sub>VP</sub> [weya]<sub>Dr</sub> [wolo wee]<sub>NPs</sub>  
*crawl turtle*  
 'The turtle crawled seaward.'
- (c) lutu weya 'jump away'  
 ddare weya 'run away'  
 xiba weya 'step out'  
 suuxu-ya weya 'open it out'  
 maroroo weya 'sitting out'  
 sèrè weya 'confess'

## logo

- E 143 (a) Medaa melee xo sa [sèrè]<sub>VP</sub> [logo]<sub>Dr</sub> [yiiyagel]<sub>Prepp?</sub>  
*say there*  
 'What did you say in it?'
- (b) Ye [buu]<sub>VP</sub> [logo]<sub>Dr</sub> [yila-li yima]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
*in house*  
 'He entered the house.'
- (c) xasi-ya logo 'bring it in'  
 yale logo 'fly in'  
 yaga logo 'reach in'  
 liweli-ya logo 'take the place'

## 4.6.5.3. Directional Adverbials (+Dad)

(1) Four Dad members are listed in the Lexicon, of which se-wo is morphologically deviant by virtue of its being a numerative compound. Fadale, fagali, and fatagi have a common characteristic in that they may be followed by an object suffix. Fadale may not be divided into two morphemes, since both (fa- and -dale) would be bound without clearly isolated meanings. On the other hand, fagali and fatagi can each be analysed into the constituent morphemes, in which fa- (bound) may be assigned the meaning 'each other'.



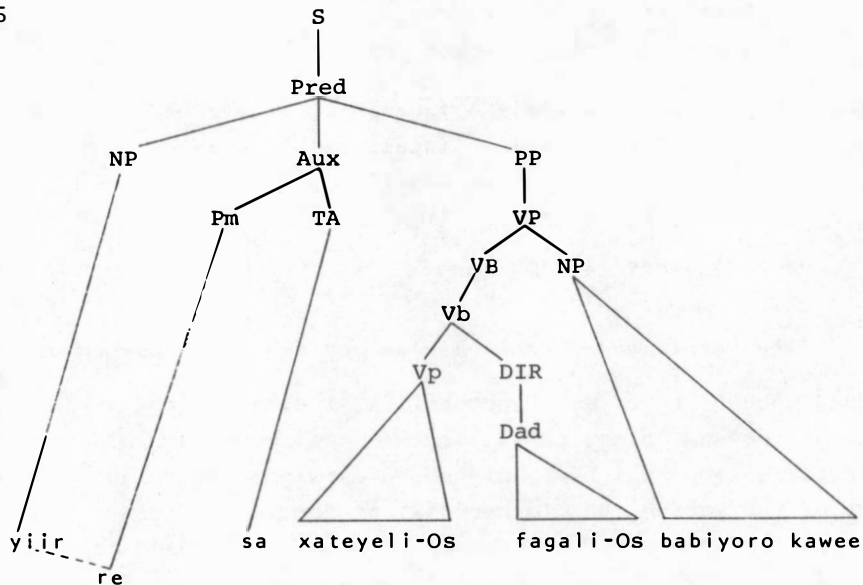
In spite of the relatedness between the pair fagali and fatagi and the pair gali and tagi, in particular their shared verbal inflection, the two pairs are handled differently for syntactic reasons, i.e. the former under Verb Phrases and the latter under Preposition Phrases. In the first place, fagali and fatagi may occur without an NP following,

which is not the case with gali and tagi.

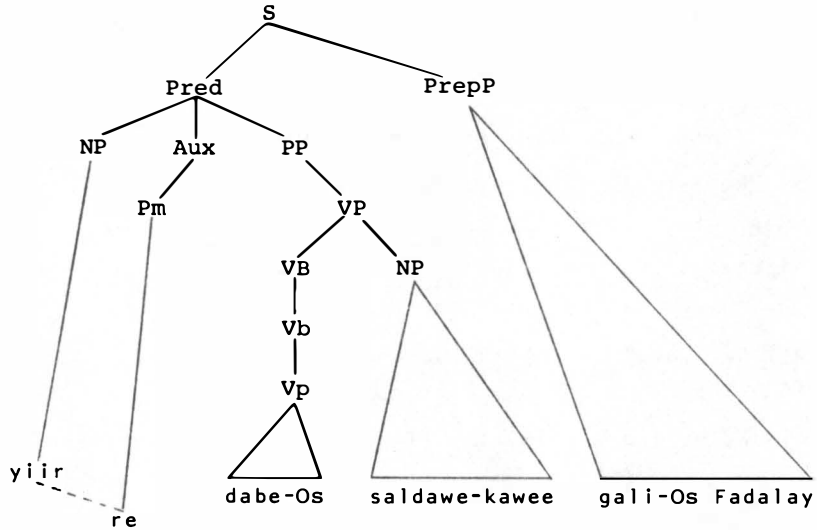
- E 144 (a) Re [yaga]<sub>VP</sub> [fagali]<sub>Dad</sub>  
*reach*  
*'They shook hands with each other.'*
- (a<sup>1</sup>) Re [yaga]<sub>VP</sub> [gali-ya /yiii/]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*'They reached it.'*
- (b) Re [yaga]<sub>VP</sub> [fatagi]<sub>Dad</sub>  
*'They reached away from each other.'*
- (b<sup>1</sup>) Re [yaga]<sub>VP</sub> [tagi-ya yaramata wee]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*'They kept off the person.'*
- (c) Re sa [xateyeli-ya]<sub>VP</sub> [fagali-ya]<sub>Dad</sub> [babiyo ro kawee]<sub>NP</sub>  
*gather*  
*'They gathered those books together.'*
- (c<sup>1</sup>) Re [dabe-yVrel]<sub>VP</sub> [saldawe kawee]<sub>NP</sub> [gali-ya Fadalay]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*follow*  
*'They followed the soldiers to Fadalay.'*

Secondly, as noticed in E 144 (c and c<sup>1</sup>), fagali and fatagi never follow the object of the verb but the object follows them, i.e. their object and that of the verb are one and the same; gali and tagi have their own object which has nothing whatsoever to do with that of the verb. Thus, for example, E 144 (c) and E 144 (c<sup>1</sup>) have the following deep structure differences (E 145 and E 146 respectively).

E 145



E 146



(2) On the surface, a Dad member is obligatorily followed by an object suffix if the co-occurring verb is a transitive base followed optionally by the object suffix and the object NP has <+def> (see RR 4 in 4.14.).

Observe the following co-occurrence restrictions.

E 147 (a) Re  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{mómmeeri-ya fadale-ya} \\ \text{mómmeeri fadale-ya} \\ \text{*mómmeeri-ya fadale} \\ \text{*mómmeeri fadale} \end{array} \right\}$  se yalapa.  
road

'They were searching around for a way.'

(b) Recòò kalaa re  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{xasi-xo fagali-xo} \\ \text{xasi fagali-xo} \\ \text{*xasi-xo fagali} \\ \text{*xasi fagali} \end{array} \right\}$  /xeel/ mè  
people dm

paabiya kawee lawu-mu.  
pig Cl-your

'The people over there carried you and your pigs together.'

The dual occurrence of an object suffix, i.e. after the verb and after Dad at the same time, parallels the dual appearance of a directional particle (+Dr) which was discussed earlier. In relation to the treatment of the latter, the former will be derived in such a way that an object suffix of a verb is optionally copied after Dad and then the original suffix of a verb is optionally be erased (see TR 31).

(3) Semantically a Dad together with the co-occurring verb refers to the action or state of the subject NP if the verb does have an object NP, and to that of the object if the verb is followed by its object.

- E 148 (a) Re [mele]<sub>VP</sub> [fatagi]<sub>Dad</sub>  
*'They live separately.'*
- (b) Re sa [teye]<sub>VP</sub> [fagali]<sub>Dad</sub> re sa [xateyeli-ya]<sub>VP</sub>  
*gather collect*  
 [fagali-ya]<sub>Dad</sub> [babiyoro kawee]<sub>NP</sub>  
*'Together they collected the books together.'*

If the subject and the object are of identical reference, verb + Dad yields *reflexive* meaning, since it refers back to the subject. In this case, deletion of the object NP is effected by TRs 13 and 21.

- E 149 Yeliwici kalaay re [tutuxu-yVre]<sub>VP</sub> [fagali-yVre]<sub>Dad</sub>  
 <= yeliwici kalaay Pm tutuxu-Os fagali yeliwici kalaay  
*'Those children are hitting one another.'*

(4) More examples on individual Dad members follow.

fagali

- E 150 (a) Si be [xafiiya-ya]<sub>VP</sub> [fagali-ya]<sub>Dad</sub> [yaa-ca loxo]<sub>NP</sub>  
*straighten our going*  
*'Let's go side by side.'*
- (b) Xa be [xoyo]<sub>VP</sub> [fagali]<sub>Dad</sub>  
*increase number*  
*'You(pl)! Get together!'*
- (c) Re [xasi-yVre]<sub>VP</sub> [fagali-yVre]<sub>Dad</sub> [/yiir/ mè babiyoro kawee]<sub>NP</sub>  
*carry*  
*'They carried them together with those books.'*

fatagi

- E 151 (a) Re sa [loxo]<sub>VP</sub> [fatagi]<sub>Dad</sub>  
*'They went separately.'*
- (b) [[Xayaxi(-yVre)]<sub>VP</sub> [fatagi-yVre]<sub>Dad</sub> [se-male mè  
*distribute 1 Nucl*  
 se-male wolo kaa]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>S</sub> [gè]<sub>con</sub> [xo sa [faga]<sub>VP</sub>  
*turtle send*

[loxo]<sub>DR</sub> [wóó-li Moxmox]<sub>PrepP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>  
*'Send all those turtles separately to Mogmog!'*

## fadale

E 152 (a) Re [mémee]<sub>VP</sub> [weya]<sub>DR</sub> [fadale]<sub>Dad</sub> [tagi-ya /yiyi/]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*search*

*'They looked around for it away from it.'*

(b) [Xasi-ya]<sub>VP</sub> [fadale-ya]<sub>Dad</sub> [weya]<sub>DR</sub> [/yiyi/]<sub>NP</sub>  
*carry*

*'Carry it away!'*

(c) Ye sa [fidi-ya]<sub>VP</sub> [fadale-ya]<sub>Dad</sub> [weya]<sub>DR</sub> [/yiyi/]<sub>NP</sub>  
*follow*

*'He followed her around.'*

## se-wo

E 153 (a) Re [cuya]<sub>VP</sub> [se-wo]<sub>Dad</sub> [mè yiree-li sukuun]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*leave from*

[sa [buu]<sub>VP</sub> [doxo]<sub>DR</sub>]<sub>S</sub>

*'They returned from school together.'*

(b) Re ma [mele]<sub>VP</sub> [se-wo]<sub>Dad</sub>  
*live*

*'They always live together.'*

(c) [[Te fedexe]<sub>NP</sub> [malaa]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>S</sub> [bo]<sub>CON</sub> [[fedexe-li tarmale]<sub>NP</sub>  
*fight that boy*

[lá xaamiyi xa sa [xaccaxasi-ya]<sub>VP</sub> [se-wo]<sub>Dad</sub>  
*that you(pl) boast*

[yalo-li male]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
*voice man*

*'That was not a fight but a boys' quarrel in that you(pl) boasted of your manly spirit to each other.'*

## 4.7. PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

## 4.7.1. CONSTITUENT STRUCTURE

BR 13 PrepP → (Prp) {NP  
 PrV}

BR 14 PrV → Vpr<sup>^</sup>NP

## LEXICON

mè	'from, at, to'	+Prp, [-__PrV], [+__ <sup>[+N +locational]</sup> ]
bo	'as, for'	+Prp, [+__PrV]
gali	'to, with, for'	+Vprs, [-Prp__], [+__Os]
tagi	'away from'	+Vprs, [-Prp__], [+__Os]
yixili	'for, with'	+Vprs, [+Prp__], [±__Os]

## 4.7.2. "HYPERCLASS" TREATMENT OF PrepPs

Several decisions have been made in treating the prepositional phrases in Ulithian. In the first place, prepositions are represented as constituents in this study, i.e. not as features of nouns. This measure is taken because of the complexity of rules that would result if a prepositional segment was created in terms of noun features, to say nothing of some other difficulties as pointed out by Jacobs and Rosenbaum (1968:138-148) in the course of their dealing with prepositions as features in deep structures. Moreover, there appears to be no strong reason, in terms of generality or simplicity, for introducing independent lexical items from features of nouns. In the second place, a PrepP and an NP are separated in deep structures in this study, i.e. the former dominates the latter but not vice versa. This treatment differs from Fillmore 1966 in which no distinction is made between the two, but is rather close to Chomsky 1965 in that his "Prep-Phrase" is dominated by "VP". Finally, all types of PrepPs are grouped together as a kind of "hyperclass" (Elson and Pickett 1965: 106,142) in the base component, i.e. not as a sequence of PrepPs. In other words, prepositional phrases such as "locative", "temporal", "instrumental", etc. are considered not as a syntagmatic sequence but rather as a paradigmatic set in underlying structures, and their appearance on the surface in a sequence is viewed as a result of conjunction reduction transformations (TR 6). Again, this treatment differs slightly from Chomsky 1965 and considerably from Fillmore 1966. In an illustrative discussion of the base component in English, Chomsky (1965:107) lines up two optional Prep-Phrases as constituents of VP, and then expands Prep-Phrases into "Direction, Duration, Place, Frequency, etc.". Chomsky's formulation is apparently clumsy in that the same two optional categories cause the problem of non-distinct interpretation of the rule as discussed elsewhere. Moreover, the disjunctive expansion of Prep-Phrase including "etc." is unsatisfactory in that the rule seems to be an exception to the general practice in the categorical component that a category is expanded into at least two conjunctive subcategories, and in that insertion

of "etc." may weaken the TG effort toward explicit formalisation of rules.

In order to remedy the difficulty associated with Chomsky's sequence of optional Prep-Phrases, in addition to other motivations, Fillmore expands his "Proposition" into the verb and several nominal elements (with case deonominations such as Erg, Dat, Loc, Inst, Ag) which are all noun phrases. He further assumes that every noun phrase begins with a preposition and the non-appearance of a preposition before a noun in certain environments on the surface is accounted for by means of some general deletion rules. In spite of the advantage of Fillmore's model including the clearcut distinction between category and relations, his procedures are not followed in this study mainly because of the difference in the prepositional systems between English and Ulithian, and partly because of the complexity involved in rule formulations, e.g. his three-way introduction of prepositions. Furthermore, there are some other motivations in favour of the "hyperclass" treatment proposed here.

(1) The inconsistency between the traditional case distinction and the corresponding formal difference is too great to connect the cases and the different types of PrepPs in any simple way. For example, "locative" may be expressed with preposition proper (Prp) *mě 'to, from, at'*, verbal preposition (Vpr) *gali 'to'*, nominals *wóò- 'to, on'* and *yiree- 'to, at'* or many other simple nouns such as place or building names. Then it is not unreasonable to give up the attempt to relate cases and the corresponding forms, which would bring about a complicated system of rules with not much significant generalisation. A better way seems to be to stick to the formal differences alone. Then the notional (semantic) differences of PrepPs are recognised by the association of the lexical items involved, i.e. the verb, preposition, and noun, etc. Once case distinctions are excluded from the base rules, the disadvantage of linking up optional PrepPs in the expansion of a single category is avoided.

(2) As will be discussed in the following subsection, the system of Ulithian PrepP is relatively simple. There are only two prepositions proper and three verb-like prepositions and all the rest are simply NPs. Therefore, notionally different prepositional phrases have similar formal constructions and there is some overlap of constituency, which fact furnishes another justification for the "hyperclass" treatment.

(3) If different prepositional phrases were to be arranged in sequence in a base rule, it would not be easy to decide the base order among them, since they are in essentially free order on the surface.



Thus there would be no need to assign them an *ad hoc* order in the base and then permute them to free order by transformation. A better way seems to be to assume that ordering is relevant only on the surface and that all the different prepositional phrases constitute the disjunctive members of one and the same category, PrepP. Observe the following examples for free ordering.

- E 154 (a) Te yoor se-male là ye xamòò  
           ng exist           who     go-ahead
- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| { | [mè yimòò-yi /gaag/] <sub>PrepP</sub> |
| } | [yiree-li ddare wee] <sub>PrepP</sub> |
|   | at           run     dm               |

[yiree-li ddare wee]<sub>PrepP</sub>

[mè yimòò-yi /gaag/]<sub>PrepP</sub>

from before

'Nobody preceded me in the race.'

- (b) Xa lixidi-ya bo ye be yalapa daxe
- |   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| { | [la-li xowuu                    |
| } | [gali Lamdaxe] <sub>PrepP</sub> |
|   | to                              |
- Pm let-him-so-that           way,     dr
- walk           in, on lavalava

kalaal<sub>PrepP</sub> [gali Lamdaxe]<sub>PrepP</sub>

[la-li xowuu kalaal]<sub>PrepP</sub>

'You(pl), let him walk up on the lavalava (path) to Lamdax.'

- (c) Xa sa lli-ya xalufu wee
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| { | [yiree-li sukuun wee] <sub>PrepP</sub>    |
| } | [wòò-li Falalap] <sub>PrepP</sub>         |
|   | [faay-wo kulok] <sub>PrepP</sub>          |
|   | [la palaliyolo-li lalow] <sub>PrepP</sub> |
|   | evening     yesterday                     |
- kill     lizard           at
- on
- four

[wòò-li Falalap] [faay-wo kulok] [la palaliyolo-li lalow]

[faay-wo kulok] [la palaliyolo-li lalow] [yiree-li sukuun wee]

[la palaliyolo-li lalow] [yiree-li sukuun wee] [wòò-li Falalap]

[yiree-li sukuun wee] [wòò-li Falalap] [faay-wo kulok]

[gaag mè melwee bisi-yi /gaag/]<sub>NP</sub>

'I killed the lizard with my brother at school on Falalap  
 at two o'clock in the afternoon yesterday.'

(4) No inherent grammatical relation is noted among prepositional phrases, but every PrepP is necessarily related to the main verb, which

fact gives a partial support to the assumption concerning the proposed treatment. Subcategorisation of verbs in terms of prepositional phrases may simply be made by the specification of relevant selectional restrictions in the Lexicon.

(5) Most of all, the proposed treatment contributes to the simplicity of the base rules. Besides, the existence of BR 1 which generates any number of coordinate clauses opens the way to the treatment of a sequence of PrepPs by conjunction reduction transformation in a way parallel to other categories such as Mvs, NPs, PPs, and Ints. Thus, for example, E 154 (a) may be viewed as the derivation of the underlying sentences in E 155.

E 155 (i) Te yoor se-male lâ ye xamôô mē yimôô-yi /gaag/  
gē ye xamôô yiree-li ddare wee.

(ii) Te yoor se-male lâ ye xamôô yiree-li ddare wee  
gē ye xamôô mē yimôô-yi /gaag/.

Any arrangement of ordering in a more favoured way among PrepPs themselves or PrepPs and other elements on the surface may be specified also in TRs. For example, gali + pronoun is placed more favourably before an object NP consisting of a noun or noun phrase, as in E 156.

E 156 Yi sa [kaya]<sub>VP</sub> [gali-ya /yiyi/]<sub>PrepP</sub> [dédèé-li luu]<sub>NP</sub>  
tell climb  
'I told him how to climb coconut trees.'

#### 4.7.3. INTERNAL STRUCTURE OF PrepP

The set of prepositions proper (mē and bo) does not inflect and does not occur without a following NP or PrV. NP may stand alone dominated by the node PrepP. As will be observed in detail shortly, there are several distinct subclasses of NP which may appear as prepositional phrases, i.e. pseudo-prepositionals, time adverbials, place adverbials, etc. PrV (verbal prepositional construction) is expanded into Vpr (verbal prepositions) and its object NP. Verbal preposition stems (Vprs) (gali, tagi, and yixili) do not occur with mē (+Prp), while only yixili may be preceded by Prp bo. The co-occurrence restrictions involved are indicated below.

(See Table VIII on next page.)

TABLE VIII  
CO-OCCURRENCE OF PREPOSITIONAL ELEMENTS

	Prp		PrV			NP
	mè 'from'	bo 'as'	gali NP 'to'	tagi NP 'away from'	yixili NP 'for'	
(a)	x					x
(b)		x			x	
(c)		x				x
(d)			x			
(e)				x		
(f)					x	
(g)						x

Examples corresponding to Table VIII are given below.

- E 157 (a1) Re ma xirxiri weya cox [mè]<sub>Prp</sub> [faa-li yoco]<sub>NP</sub>  
*pick out just under reef*  
*'They would just pick (them) out from under the reef.'*
- (a2) Xo be xamòò [mè]<sub>Prp</sub> [yimòò-la /yiiy/]<sub>NP</sub>  
*go-ahead before-him*  
*'Go ahead of him.'*
- (a3) Yi sa cuwayi-ya [mè]<sub>Prp</sub> [kantin]<sub>NP</sub>  
*buy store*  
*'I bought it from the store.'*
- (b1) Ye be mele [bo]<sub>Prp</sub> [yixili-xo /xeel/]<sub>PrV</sub>  
*live*  
*'He will live for you.'*
- (b2) Ye yegaage [bo]<sub>Prp</sub> [yixili-ya feefe lee]<sub>PrV</sub>  
*work girl*  
*'He works for this girl.'*
- (c) Ye sa la mele [bo]<sub>Prp</sub> [sila-li se-male yeliwici  
*become mother one child*  
 tarmale bedaya]<sub>NP</sub>  
*boy fat*  
*'She has become the mother of a fat boy.'*

- (d) Yado wee ye sa yagasi-ya /yiiy/ gè ye sa tafaale  
*time touch turn*  
 [gali-ya se-male lemderaaraa]<sub>PrV</sub>  
*spider*  
 'As soon as she touched it, she turned to a spider.'
- (e) Yi be le xasi-ya /yiiy/ [tagi-ya yiima lee]<sub>PrV</sub>  
*carry house*  
 'I will take it away from this house.'
- (f) Yi be mele [yixili sulu-yexe ment]<sub>PrV</sub>  
 'I will stay (there) thirty minutes.'
- (g) Re wedi-ya /yiiy/ [cediyo-li melwee boxata-yire /yiir/]<sub>NP</sub>  
 'They waited for her at the entrance to their village.'

It might be possible to reformulate BR 13 and BR 14 so that the co-occurrence restrictions in Table VIII are specified therein, but this is not attempted in order to maintain a greater simplicity in the base component. Such restrictions, moreover, are more adequately assigned to the Lexicon.

Another problem might be raised as to whether a special subclass of nouns, i.e. pseudo-prepositionals such as yiree- 'at, to', wòò- 'on, to', la- 'in', etc., is to be separated from NP and assigned a separate category to be placed between Prp and NP in disjunctive relation with PrV in PR 13 as, for example, in

$$\text{PrepP} \rightarrow (\text{Prp}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\text{Npr}) \text{ NP} \\ \text{PrV} \end{array} \right\},$$

where Npr is the category involving pseudo-prepositionals. As will be noticed in 4.7.6., this subclass contains a number of characteristics, both syntactic and morphological, which are not shared by many other nouns. Some syntactic characteristics follow.

(a) None of the pseudo-prepositionals may follow Vpr, i.e. the two sets are disjunctive.

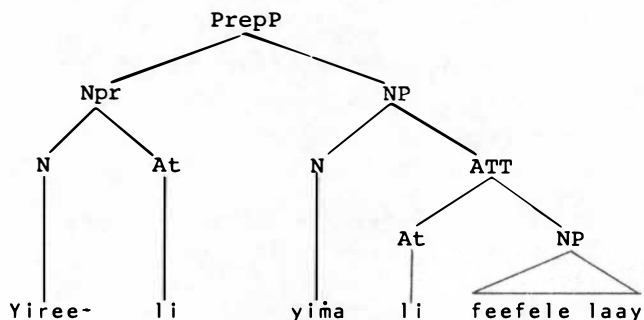
(b) None of them occurs as attributive to the other nouns, though the latter may follow the former entering into pseudo-prepositional constructions (e.g. \*yiima-li yiree... but yiree-li yiima).

(c) This subclass rarely occurs as the subject of a sentence or the object of VP or VB. Thus there is a parallelism between Npr and Vpr in that the occurrence of their members is limited to the position dominated by PrepP.

In spite of the above characteristics of the set of pseudo-prepositionals, as well as other pointed out in 4.7.6., the treatment followed

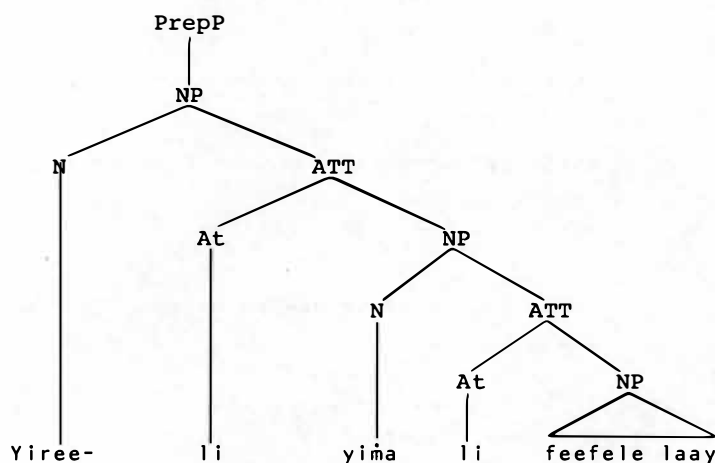
here is to include the set in NP for several reasons. First of all, the members of the set are morphologically nouns, since they cannot stand without a nominal suffix. Thus their structure is the same as N + an attributive suffix (+At) (e.g. *yiree-li yima* 'at home'). Secondly, an important generalisation would be sacrificed if pseudo-prepositionals were separated from NPs. That is, recursiveness in attributive constructions, which is a general process, could not cover pseudo-prepositionals. For example, *yiree-li yima-li feefele laay* 'at the house of that girl' would have the following structure.

E 158



This structure apparently lacks generality compared to the alternative in which pseudo-prepositionals are dominated by NP as may be observed in the following tree.

E 159



Finally, all the syntactic and morphological idiosyncrasies of the set of pseudo-prepositionals may adequately be described in their lexical entries both in terms of inherent features and in terms of selectional restrictions.

## 4.7.4. PREPOSITIONS PROPER (+Prp)

4.7.4.1. So far only *mé* and *bo* are found in this class. The frequent occurrence of *la* 'in, at' with some time words like *palaliyolo* 'evening', *bogo* 'night' and some others such as *tade* 'sea' will be interpreted either as a contracted form of *la-li* 'in, at + attributive affix' or as a fossilised prefix of the following word as will be discussed later.

There do not seem to be co-occurrence restrictions which may be generalisable in a syntactically significant and simple way between Prp and the preceding element, i.e. the main verb in Predication, or one or both of the NPs in Identification. Prp occurs not only with action and stative verbs but also with NPs dominated by Vb. Furthermore it occurs frequently in Identification sentences. This fact may constitute one of the reasons that Prepp is separated from the other part of S at a high level, i.e. in BR 4. Examine the following examples.

E 160 (a) Yi [dipali-ya] xataatale [mé leba-li yaa-yi yeliwici] Prepp

want +V +state	wrestling	time	child
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*'From my childhood, I've been interested in wrestling.'*

(b) Re sa [buu] doxo [mé cuxu] Prepp

come +V +action
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*'They came from Truk.'*

(c) Re sa xayeda-ya waa kawee waa-yire yiree-li paaga-li  
load canoe dm at, with all

makaa ye [mommaye] [mé wóò-li faluya] Prepp

those- which	good +V +state +Adj
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*'They filled their canoes with all things which are good on the island.'*

(d) Ye [[se-wo marama]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>Vb</sub> [mé yiyage] Prepp gé ye sa mese.  
Pm one month it

*'In a month he died.'*

(e) Ye coolopa yixi mé wolo là re [xasi-ya] [bo xala-ca] Prepp

many	fish	turtle	that	carry +V +action	food
					(Cl)

*'They brought many fish and turtles for our food.'*

- (f) [Yifaa]<sub>NP</sub> melee [yaa-mu]<sub>NP</sub> [mè yiiyage]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*which fm yours*  
 'Which is yours among them?'
- (g) [Se-male senseye]<sub>NP</sub> [feefelee wee]<sub>NP</sub> [bo yixili-yire yeliwici]  
*child*  
 kalaay]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
 dm  
 'The girl is a teacher for those boys over there.'

There are, however, some significant restrictions between Prp and the following element, as will be seen shortly.

4.7.4.2. The common meaning of mè is 'from' but occasionally 'to' or 'at', particularly when the place meant by the following noun is pinpointed. Examine the meanings in the following.

- E 161 (a) Re sa dare weya cox [mè meta-li dawee wee]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*walk dr just head channel*  
 'They just walked from the head of the channel.'
- (b) Yi sa cuwayi-ya pinsan lee [mè kantin]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*buy store*  
 'I bought this pencil at the store.'
- (c) Yi loxo [mè siyaa-li Yasor]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*go boundary*  
 'I went up to the boundary of Yasor.'
- (d) Buu doxo [mè lècècècèè-li fala lee]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*middle men's house*  
 'Come here to the middle of this men's house.'

Mè never occurs with PrV, but with NP. Even in its occurrence with NP, there are some generalisable restrictions. For instance, mè does not occur with pronouns, nouns with <+animate>, nouns meaning dwellings, portable items, etc., and nominalised verbs. In these cases, mè may occur if a pseudo-prepositional intervenes between mè and the following element.

- E 162 (a) \*Ye buu doxo mè yiiir. but Ye buu doxo mè yiree-yire /yiiir/.  
 'He came from them.'
- (b) \*Re sa cuwayi-ya mè yaramata wee.  
 but: Re sa cuwayi-ya mè yiree-li yaramata wee.  
 'They bought it from the man.'

- (c) \*Re sa buu logo mè baarkoo.  
                   *come in ship*  
 but: Re sa buu logo mè yicuu-li baarkoo.  
                   *'They came in from the ship.'*
- (d) \*Biyaa lee yilaa ye fèèru mè pèraase.  
                   fm           *made rice*  
 but: Biyaa lee yilaa ye fèèru mè yiree-li pèraase.  
                   *'Beer is made from rice.'*
- (e) \*Mè yiitey melee ye buu doxo salapiya lee?  
                   who fm                   *money*  
 but: Mè yiree-li yiitey melee ye buu doxo salapiya lee?  
                   *'From whom did you receive the money?'*
- (f) \*Re sa pèyè loxo mè xataxace-li xobaye.  
                   stop           throw           spear  
 but: Re sa pèyè loxo mè yiree-li xataxace-li xobaye.  
                   *'They stopped the throwing of spears.'*

Mè, on the other hand, occurs with all nouns having "location" implications such as sukuun 'school', Meriken 'America', yiyaa 'where?', yixaa 'here', yiluxu 'back side' to say nothing of all the pseudo-prepositionals which are basically locational. Then, a simple generalisation will be to subclassify all nouns into <+locational> and <-locational> according to the possibility of their occurrence or non-occurrence with mè, and the lexical entry for mè will be specified with the feature [+\_\_[+locational]]. The examples just given are <+locational>, while such nouns as baarkoo 'ship', yima 'house', mogoyo 'food', pèraase 'rice', yiir 'they(Pro)', medaa 'what?', yiitey 'who?' are <-locational>. Observe the following examples for <+locational> nouns.

- E 163 (a) Ye buu doxo yiy melmélè laa [mè yiyaa]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
                   typhoon dm                   [where  
   +N  
   +loc ]  
                   *'Where is the typhoon coming from?'*
- (b) Xa buu doxo [mè yixaa]<sub>PrepP</sub> bo si be sefeedele.  
       Pm                   [here                   so-           talk  
                           +N                   that  
                           +loc ]  
                   *'You(pl), come over here so that we may talk!'*
- (c) Ye sa buu logo [mè lagace-li tade]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
                           [beside           sea  
                           +N  
                           +loc ]  
                   *'He came in from the side of the sea.'*



- (d) Ye sa suu weya [mè luxu-li yalapa wee]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
 stand dr [back  
 +N,+loc] way  
 'He stepped outside the path.'
- (e) Re sa kakka logo mogoyo [mè yicuu-li waa-kawee]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
 carry food [on  
 +N  
 +loc]  
 'They brought the food from the canoes.'
- (f) Buraxo cox melee xaxele-li yaa-li Bexaw memmele  
 smoke fm sign Cl staying  
 gali waaxeye [mè yiree-li kko-la]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
 future [at  
 +N  
 +loc] custom  
 'According to her custom, smoke was the sign to decide where Bexawo would be staying.'
- (g) Yi sa yafara-ya [mè la-li yiyi yusaxale wee]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
 carry [in  
 +N  
 +loc] fish-trap  
 'I carried it from that fish trap.'
- (h) Ye coolopa yikalaa ye towase [mè yimòò-li yikalaa ye  
 many those destroyed [before  
 +N  
 +loc]  
 mele diyel]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
 stay dr  
 'There were more of those that were destroyed than those that were left.'
- (i) Medaa melee ye bbarexe [mè wòò-mu]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
 what fm pain [on  
 +N,+loc]  
 'What is your pain?'
- (j) Tay siilaye [mè yiyage]<sub>PrepP</sub> gè sa yoxo là ye riirii.  
 ng [there  
 +N,+loc] possible get-married  
 'Not long thereafter, he could get married.'

4.7.4.3. Bo 'for, as' occurs with yixili (<Vprs>) but with no other <+Vprs> word. It never occurs with pronouns unless yixili intervenes. It may not be followed directly by <+locational> nouns, but, if yixili

intervenes, those <+locational> nouns which can be used as a subject or object (e.g. sukuun, Meriken) may follow bo (e.g. bo yixili Meriken 'for the sake of America') while other <+locational> nouns such as pseudo-prepositionals, yiyaa 'where?', anaphoric yiyage 'there' may not (e.g. \*bo yixili yiree-li yaramata wee 'on the man's behalf'). Detailed selectional restrictions involving bo have not been investigated, but it seems that it may occur with any concrete nouns if they are not <+locational>.

- E 164 (a) Feefele lee lawu-yi /gaag/ ye be le mele [bo lulapa]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*girl Cl live*  
 [wòò-li paaga-li faluya-kaa]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*all island dm*  
 'This girl of mine will become the queen of all these islands.'
- (b) Wolo sa mele cox [bo yaa-yire re-Losiyop]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*turtles stay*  
 'Turtles have just remained as the possession of the Losiyop people.'
- (c) Ye fèèru-yeyi /gaag/ [bo kaapin]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*make*  
 'He made me a captain.'
- (d) Yiwee ye sa fèèru-ya [bo se-wo piskaal]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*then spear*  
 'Then he made it into a fishing spear.'
- (e) Re sa xammale-ya /yiy/ [bo yixili-xo /xeel/]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*prepare*  
 'They prepared it for you.'

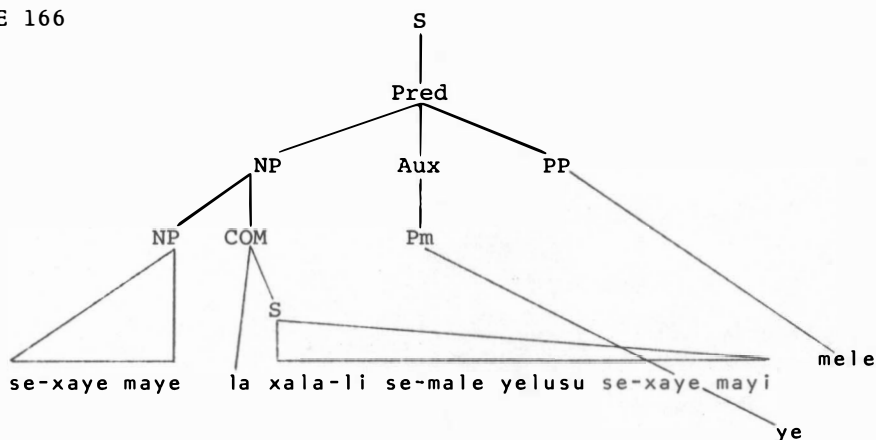
Incidentally, bo and là look much the same in function on the surface. In most cases, là may replace bo with a slight difference in meaning.

- E 165 (a) Ye mele se-xaye màyi bo xala-li se-male yelusu.  
*NuCl breadfruit Cl(food) ghost*  
 'There is a breadfruit tree for a ghost's food.'
- (a<sup>1</sup>) Ye mele se-xaye màyi là xala-li se-male yelusu.  
 'There is a breadfruit tree which is a ghost's food.'
- (b) Male kalaa bisi-yi /gaag/ re ma faga gali-ya /yiy/ cox melwee  
*man dm brother give that*  
 xilli yuya-li wolo bo yilidi-la /yiy/.  
*skin neck share*  
 'His brothers gave him the skin of turtles' neck for his share.'

- (b<sup>1</sup>) M̄ale kalaa bisi-yi /gaag/ re ma faga gali-ya /yiii/  
 cox melwee xilli yuya-li wolo l̄a yilidi-la /yiii/.  
*'My brothers gave him the skin of turtles' neck which  
 was his share.'*

It has been decided that *bo* is a preposition but *l̄a* is a complementiser on the grounds that *l̄a*, apart from its meaning, can most adequately be described as a complementiser initiating sentences of various types. Thus, *l̄a xala-li se-male yelusu* in E 165 (a<sup>1</sup>) is interpreted as derived from the underlying *l̄a xala-li se-male yelusu se-xaye m̄ayi* which is an Identification sentence, as indicated in the tree below.

E 166



#### 4.7.5. VERBAL PREPOSITIONS (Vpr)

4.7.5.1. *Gali* 'to', *tagi* 'away from', and *yixili* 'for' are called verbal prepositional stems (Vprs), since they inflect like transitive verbs but only occur dominated by the category PrepP. Vprs and the following optional Os (object suffix) are the immediate constituents of Vpr. Os in Vpr will be taken up later along with Os in Vp (4.12.1.).

The object NP of the main verb often follows PrV if no surface ambiguity ensues, in particular, when PrV contains a pronoun as the object NP (see TR 16). Compare the following.

- E 167 (a) Yi be [faga]<sub>Vp</sub> [yiii]<sub>Np</sub> [gali-ya yaramata wee]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*give*  
*'I will give them to the person.'*
- (a<sup>1</sup>) Yi be le faga [gali-xo /xeel/]<sub>PrepP</sub> [tarmale leel]<sub>Np</sub>  
*boy*  
*'I will give the boy to you.'*

- (b) Yi be le xasi-ya [tagi-ya yima lee] <sub>Prepp</sub> pese wee <sub>NP</sub>  
       carry                  house                  dog  
       'I will take the dog away from the house.'

The syntactic relation between gali and tagi is closer than that between either of them and yixili in that the former never follows me or bo.

4.7.5.2. Gali has the basic meaning 'direction toward'. It is certainly the most frequent Vpr in texts with its various interrelated meanings such as 'to, with, in, for' as may be observed in the following.

- E 168 (a) Ye sa [xasi-yVre/yiir/ loxo] <sub>VP</sub> [gali(-ya) faluya-yire  
       carry  island  
       /yiir/] <sub>Prepp</sub>  
       'He took them to their island.'
- (b) Ye [ffèsègu] <sub>VP</sub> [gali-ya xece] <sub>Prepp</sub>  
       call                                  rat  
       'He shouted to the rats.'
- (c) Yi [ffèrèxu] <sub>VP</sub> [gali-xo /xeel/] <sub>Prepp</sub> [se-male pese] <sub>NP</sub>  
       bind  dog  
       'I bound a dog for you.'
- (d) [Matayi] <sub>VP</sub> [gali-ya yaramata laay] <sub>Prepp</sub>  
       'Keep an eye on him!'
- (e) Mogoyo kaa ye sa [lapa] <sub>VP</sub> [gali-yVre yeliwici] <sub>Prepp</sub>  
       food dm                  enough  
       'The food is enough for the children.'
- (f) Ye sa [yafal] <sub>VP</sub> [gali(-ya) ppiya-li Moxmox] <sub>Prepp</sub>  
       swim                                  sand  
       'He swam to the sands of Mogmog.'
- (g) Yilaa melwee xa sa [teye] <sub>VP</sub> [gali(-ya) Xeerob] <sub>Prepp</sub>  
       that that                  meet  
       'That's how we(excl) met Xeerob.'
- (h) Xo be [xèru] <sub>VP</sub> [gali-ya /yiiy/] <sub>Prepp</sub>  
       scratch  
       'Scratch with it!'
- (i) Si sa [loxo] <sub>VP</sub> [gali yixalaay] <sub>Prepp</sub>  
       there  
       'Let's go over there.'

It is noted that *gali* occurs with a wide range of subclasses of NP. However, it does not appear with the pseudo-prepositionals and the other <+locational> nouns, which may not occur in places other than those dominated by Prepp.

4.7.5.3. *Tagi* 'away from' differs from *mè* 'from, at, to' in that, apart from the semantic difference, *tagi* cannot be followed by pseudo-prepositionals and other <+locational> nouns which cannot be a subject or object, e.g. *yiiyaa* 'where'. Examples follow.

E 169 (a) [Yagal]<sub>VP</sub> [tagi-ya /yiii/]<sub>Prepp</sub>

*touch*

'Keep off!'

Cf. *Yaga gali-ya*. 'Touch it!'

(b) *Ye sa* [xawu]<sub>VP</sub> [tagi-ya yegaage]<sub>Prepp</sub>

*run-away work*

'He ran away from the work.'

(c) *Ye sa* [xere]<sub>VP</sub> [tagi-xica /xiic/]<sub>Prepp</sub>

*stay*

'He stayed away from us(incl).'

(d) *Re sa* [xasi-ya /yiii/]<sub>VP</sub> [tagi-ya xaleesiyaa wee]<sub>Prepp</sub>

*church*

'They took it away from the church.'

(e) *Ye* [fawuxili-yeyi /gaag/]<sub>VP</sub> [tagi-ya ppiyal]<sub>Prepp</sub>

*take-by-rowing sand*

'He took me by rowing to the beach.'

4.7.5.4. *Yixili* 'for' occurs very frequently with *bo*.

E 170 (a) *Lulapa wee ye sa* [taptape mogoyo]<sub>VP</sub> [yixili-yVre saldawe

*king need food*

*kawee*]<sub>Prepp</sub>

'The king needed food for the soldiers.'

(b) *Yi be* [mele]<sub>VP</sub> [yixili sulu-yexe ment]<sub>Prepp</sub> [wóò-li

*thirty on*

*Kuwacuren*]<sub>Prepp</sub>

'I will be staying on Kwazuren for thirty minutes.'

(c) *Ye sa* *dipali-ya /yiii/ là ye be le mele* [bo yixili-yVre /yiii/]

*want stay*

'He wanted her to be their queen.'

- (d) [Gaag]<sub>NP</sub> [senseye]<sub>NP</sub> [bo yixili-yVre yaramata]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 I  
 'I am a teacher for the people.'

#### 4.7.6. PSEUDO-PREPOSITIONALS

4.7.6.1. As mentioned earlier, pseudo-prepositionals constitute a subclass of nouns dominated by NP in BR 13. They are lexically so classed because (1) they are bound morphemes occurring with an attributive suffix; (2) they occur most frequently dominated by Prepp, i.e. they rarely become the subject or object of a sentence; (3) they may not be attributive to the nouns which are not pseudo-prepositionals; (4) all of them may occur after Prp *mé* but never after *bo* and after Vprs *gali*, *tagi*, or *yixili*; (5) they share the feature <+locational>; and (6) they may undergo adjectivisation (see 4.10.5. and TR 38).

Pseudo-prepositionals are subgrouped into two series, those which have possessive inflection and those which do not.

TABLE IX  
 PSEUDO-PREPOSITIONALS

<i>+inflection</i>		<i>-inflection</i>	
<i>+defective</i>	<i>-defective</i>		
	yiree-	*	'at'
	yifaa-	faa-	'under'
	wuwoo-	woo-	'on'
	lagace-	gace-	'beside'
	yimoo-	*	'before'
	lepada-	*	'between'
	luwelu-	*	'among'
yicuu-		*	'on (tree, vehicle)'
yila-		la-	'in'

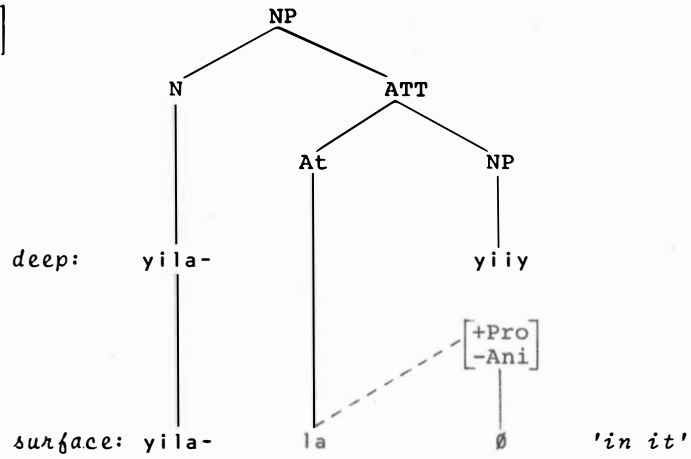
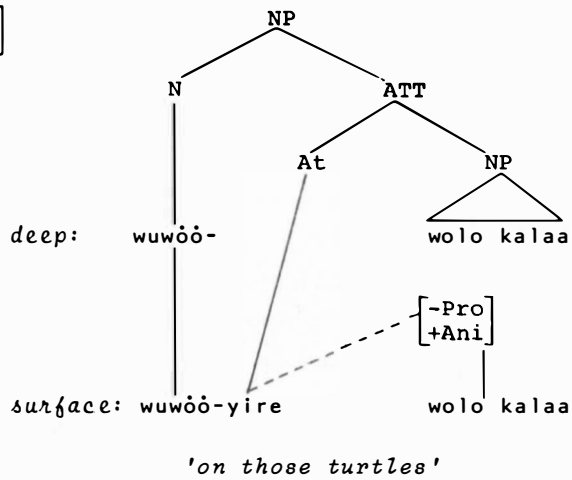
*Yicuu-* and *yila-* are <+inflection> but defective in that they inflect only for 3rd per. sg. <-animate>. *Yicuu-la* 'on it', *yicuu-li baarkoo* 'on ship'; *yila-la* 'in it', *yila-li yima* 'in the house'; but \**yicuu-mu* 'on you', \**yila-yi* 'in me', etc. The subset with <+inflection> and <-defective> inflect for all the persons and numbers, while the <-inflection> set appears always and only with the attributive affix *-li* (e.g. *faa-li* but \**faa-la*). As a natural consequence, this set never appears at the end of a sentence, while the set with <+inflection> does, from the viewpoint of surface structures. Compare the following.

- E 171 (a) Ye buu logo yila-la.  
*'He entered inside.'*
- Ye buu logo yila-li yiṃa.  
*'He entered the house.'*
- Ye buu logo la-li yiṃa wee.  
*'He entered the house.'*
- but: \*Ye buu logo la-li.  
 (\*la-la)

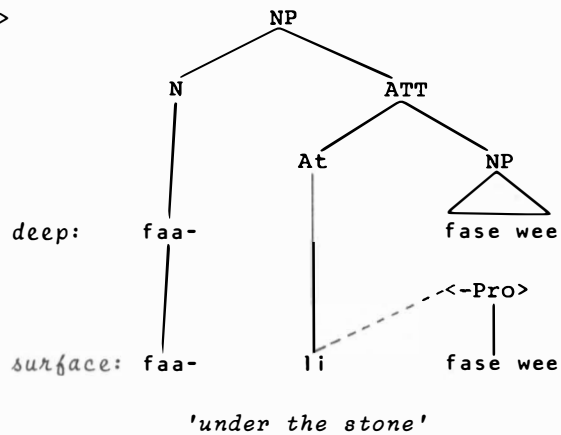
- (b) Ye mele yifaa-la.  
*'He lives under it.'*
- Ye mele yifaa-li fase wee.  
*'He lives underneath the stone.'*
- Ye mele faa-li fase wee.  
*'He lives under the stone.'*
- but: \*Ye mele faa-li.  
 (\*faa-la)

- (c) Yi be suu daxe wuwòò-mu.  
*'I will stand on you.'*
- Yi be suu daxe wuwòò-yire wolo kalaa.  
*'I will stand on those turtles.'*
- Yi be suu daxe wòò-li kaxoo lee.  
*'I will stand on this box.'*
- but: \*Yi be suu daxe wòò-li.  
 (\*wòò-la)

In the light of syntactic rules, the series with <+inflection> and that with <-inflection> are both derivable from  $Nm \rightarrow N^{ATT}$  (BR 18) and  $ATT \rightarrow At^{NP}$  (BR 19), but the difference between the two series lies in the fact that the former occurs in  $\_ At^{[+Pro]_{NP}}$  but the latter is limited to the environment  $\_ At^{[-Pro]_{NP}}$ . Furthermore, the defective subset occurs only in  $\_ At^{[+Pro]_{[-Ani]_{NP}}}$  compared with the non-defective subset which has a wide environment, i.e.  $\_ At^{[+Pro]_{[+Ani]_{NP}}}$ . Examine the following illustrative trees.

E 172 [+inflection]  
[+defective][+inflection]  
[-defective]

&lt;-inflection&gt;





Except for *lagace-* and *wuwóò-*, the series with <+inflection> have a morpheme (prefix) *yi-* which probably has the meaning 'it'. Since there are some other words with this prefix, they will be discussed together in 4.14. (Noun Derivation). *Wu-* in *wuwóò-* seems to have been derived from *yi-* by way of assimilation, while it is not clear whether *la-* in *lagace-* is related to *la-* 'in, at' as in *la tade* 'in the sea'.

The following two pairs of nouns look like pseudo-prepositionals, but they are not so classified since the forms with *yi-* are not bound, thus occurring in sentence-final position without any suffix and occur freely as a subject or object.

+inflection +defective	<-inflection>	
<i>yimiri</i>	<i>miri-</i>	<i>'after'</i>
<i>yiluxu</i>	<i>luxu-</i>	<i>'back-side'</i>

- E 173 (a) *Xo la mele mē*  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} yimiri \\ *miri \\ *miri-la \\ yimiri-la \end{array} \right\}$   
*go stay from*  
*'Come from behind it!'*
- (b) *Xo la mele miri-li yaramata lee.*  
*'Come after this person!'*
- (c) *Yi buu logo mē*  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} yiluxu \\ *luxu \\ *luxu-la \\ yiluxu-la \end{array} \right\}$   
*'I came in from the back-side.'*
- (d) *Ye sa suu weya mē*  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} yiluxu-li \\ luxu-li \end{array} \right\}$  *yalapa wee.*  
*stand dr*  
*'He stepped outside the path.'*
- (e) *Yiluxu-li faluya yilaa malaa liliya-li yaa-yire*  
*island fm that place Cl*  
*feefele wóò-li mmade.*  
*woman on low tide*  
*'The back-side of the island is the place for women at low tide.'*

4.7.6.2. *Yiree-* 'at, by, regarding, to' may occur with those nouns which cannot be preceded directly by Prp *mē*, i.e. nouns with the feature <-locational>. Thus it may not appear with *Meriken* 'America', *yiiyaa* 'where', *meteraale* 'east', etc. More specifically, it occurs with the following.

## (1) &lt;+animate&gt; NP including pronouns

E 174 (a) Yi sa gucu [yiree-li pese wee]<sub>PrepP</sub>

dog
-loc
+ani

'I am tired of the dog.'

(b) Ye kalla daxe [yiree-yi /gaag/]<sub>PrepP</sub>

I
+Pro
-loc
+ani

'He looked up at me.'

## (2) &lt;+time&gt; NP

E 175 (a) Si be pèyè loxo yaa-ca yegaage [yiree-li se-yexe kulok]<sub>PrepP</sub>

stop dr

work

10

-loc
+time

'We will stop working at ten o'clock.'

(b) Yi sa tamolo-li senseye [yiree-li sukuun lee]<sub>PrepP</sub>

chief

[yiree-li raxe wee]<sub>PrepP</sub>

year dm
-loc
+time

'I was principal of this school last year.'

## (3) &lt;+abstract&gt; NP

E 176 (a) Ye ttiri [yiree-li dodoro-li wolo]<sub>PrepP</sub>

quick

catch turtle

&lt;+abst&gt;

'His catching a turtle was quick.'

(b) Ye kkela [yiree-li ddare]<sub>PrepP</sub>

run

&lt;+abst&gt;

'He was a strong runner.'

(c) Medaa melee "school" [yiree-li xase-li medawe]<sub>PrepP</sub>

what fm

language ocean

&lt;+abst&gt;

'What is "school" in Ulithian?'

## (4) other nouns with &lt;-locational&gt;

E 177 (a) Ye ma mogoyo [yiree-li boxata-la]<sub>PrepP</sub> [la palaliyolo]<sub>PrepP</sub>

hb

home

in evening

&lt;-loc&gt;

'He eats at home in the evening.'

- (b) Coon melee ye kóókomo [yiree-li raata]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 fm play bicycle  
 <-loc>

*'John is playing with a bicycle.'*

4.7.6.3. Yifaa- 'its underside' and faa- 'under' occur not only with concrete nouns but also with abstract nouns.

- E 178 (a) Yalapa-li xowu wee ye sa dèldèlè [yifaa-li yalo]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 road lavalava shining faa-li sun

*'The road of lavalava was shining under the sun.'*

- (b) Si te wa ma fedexe [faa-li se-wo]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 again fight one

*'We(incl) will not quarrel ever again.'*

- (c) Ye sa rēba-ya daxe tuutuwa-li suukara wee [faa-li  
 hide dr bag candy

melwee siya-la]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 that belly

*'It concealed the bag of candies under its stomach.'*

- (d) Xo yitoli salapiya wee [faa-li yifaa]<sub>Prepp?</sub>  
 put money which

*'Under which did you put the money?'*

- (e) Ye sa rogrogo pupugu-li wuwaa-li yiiy màyi là yiiy  
 hear falling fruit that

yaramata wee ye sa pepeda-ya [yifaa-la]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 throwing

*'He heard the falling of the breadfruits which the person was dropping.'*

4.7.6.4. Wuwóò- 'its upside' and wóò- 'on' occur most often with <+concrete> NP, but occasionally also with <+time> nouns with the meanings 'on, at, in, for'. Wóò- does not occur with pronouns as already indicated.

- E 179 (a) Tèèt yiid faluya kalaa yilaa te yoor [yiree wuwóò-la]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 some they island dm fm ng exist tree

bo ppiya cox.  
 because sand just

*'As for some of those islands, there is no tree on them but just sandy beach.'*

- (b) Ye mele se-male lègè [wuwòò-yi /gaag/]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
*ant*  
*'There's an ant on me.'*
- (c) Si sa loxo [wòò-li ppiya]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
*go*  
*'Let's go to the beach.'*
- (d) Re mele [wòò-li Baalaw]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
*stay*  
*'They live in Palau.'*
- (e) Dàà daxe [wòò-li sukuun lee]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
*climb dr*  
*'Climb up on this school!'*
- (f) Ye sa sèrè bo yi be le yafa logo [wòò-li faluya]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
*say that swim dr island*  
*'He said that he would swim to the island.'*
- (g) Yi towee mogoyo yixi [wòò-li se-wo wiik]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
*ng eat fish <+time>*  
*'I won't eat fish for a week.'*
- (h) Wòò-li ìiri-li melwee, ye sa poso fedexe wee.  
*afterward that Prepp subside war dm*  
*'After that, the war subsided.'*

4.7.6.5. Lagace- 'its side' and gace- 'beside' occur in the following examples.

- E 180 (a) Ye sa la suu [<sub>{lagace-li}</sub> loo wee]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
*go stand {gace-li} water-storage*  
*'He went and stood beside the water storage place.'*
- (b) Re mele [<sub>{lagace-li}</sub> xaleesiyaa wee]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
*stay {gace-li} church*  
*'They are near the church.'*
- (c) Re sa maroo diye [lagace-yi /gaag/]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
*sit dr*  
*'They sat around me.'*
- (d) Ruwè-male re memmele [yiree-yi /gaag/]<sub>Prepp</sub> [la-li  
*two-NuCl staying*  
*se-wo yima]<sub>Prepp</sub> [<sub>{lagace-li}</sub> tade]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
*one house {gace-li}*  
*'Two of them are living with me in a house near the sea.'**

## 4.7.6.6. Yiṁòò- 'in its front, more than'

In the meaning of 'in front of', yiṁòò- seems to occur only before nouns with <+motion> such as vehicles, people, animals, machines, etc. and before a pronoun. In the comparative meaning 'more than', in which case Prp mè optionally precedes, yiṁòò- may occur with any subset of NP as far as semantically acceptable.

- E 181 (a) [Yiṁòò-li lawu-li yiitey]<sub>Prepp</sub> melee ye sa mese?  
 Cl(child)who fm die  
 'In front of whose child did it die?'
- (b) Re sa xaṁòò [yiṁòò-yi /gaag/]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 precede  
 'They went ahead of me.'
- (c) Darxos ye ñale [mè yiṁòò-li Manuwal]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 man,  
 old  
 'Darxos is older than Manuel.'
- (d) Ye pallege yiree lee [(mè) yiṁòò-li yilaay]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 big tree that  
 'This tree is bigger than that.'
- (e) Ye coolopa [yikalaa ye towase]<sub>NPs</sub> [mè yiṁòò-li  
 many those broken  
 yikalaa ye mele diye]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 stay dr  
 'There were more of those which had been broken than those which were left.'

4.7.6.7. Lepada- 'between' is the only pseudo-prepositional which may have a reduplicated form, i.e. lepadpada-, which indicates plurality. No particular co-occurrence restriction is noticed between lepada- and the following NP so far as the NP has <-singular> in deep structures.

- E 182 (a) Buu doxo, xo be maroo diye [lepada-mami /xaamami/]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 sit dr  
 'Come and sit between us(excl)!'
- (b) Raxe-li Ben ye mele [lepada-li raxe-li Tom mè gaag]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 age  
 'Ben's age is between Tom's and mine.'
- (c) Yiwee gè [lepadpada-li yiṁa]<sub>Prepp</sub> yilaa yaramata re  
 then, house fm people  
 and



4.7.6.10. *yila-* 'its inside' and *la-* 'in, inside' appear with nouns with <+concrete>, <+abstract>, or <+time>. But they do not occur with <+animate> NP, which is the reason for *yila-* being defective in inflection. Differing from Trukese (Dyen 1965:28), *la-la* never appears in any position and *la-li* never occurs sentence-finally without a following NP, while only *yila-la* is permitted at the end of a sentence.

- E 185 (a) *Ye sa buu logo [yila-la /yiiy/]*<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*come dr*  
*'He entered inside.'*
- (b) *Re ma masèrè [yila-li yima]*<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*sleep house*  
*'They usually sleep inside the house.'*
- (c) *Dare loxo [la-li yalapa laa]*<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*walk way*  
*'Walk away on the pathway!'*
- (d) *Rudiy ye yitoli waa-li wóòlfuluya wee [la-li xaraac]*<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*put canoe-of on-land (automobile)*  
*'Rudy kept the car in the garage.'*
- (e) *Yoor piipiya [la-li sèpale lee]*<sub>PrepP?</sub>  
*diving-goggles*  
*'Are there any diving goggles in this canoe house?'*
- (f) *Ye sa mammagi-ya /yiiy/ [mè la-li dipa-la /yiiy/]*<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*think feeling <+abstr>*  
*'He thinks about him from his heart.'*
- (g) *Ye tay mogoyo [la-li se marama]*<sub>PrepP</sub> *yiwee sa mese.*  
*month then die <+time>*  
*'He died within a month after he stopped eating.'*

Beside *yila-* and *la-*, there is another form which occurs without any suffix, i.e. *la* (its allomorph *le* or *lè*) with the meaning 'in, on, at'. *La* seems to have been derived historically from *la-li*, which assumption is supported by the informant reaction that *la* is always equated with *la-li* semantically. In some instances, free variation between *la* and *la-li* is still active.

- E 186  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{la boxata-la} \\ \text{la-li boxata-la} \end{array} \right.$  'in his house'  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{la dipa-la} \\ \text{la-li dipa-la} \end{array} \right.$  'in his mind'

In most cases, however, they are mutually exclusive, conditioned by the following noun or noun phrase. *la* may occur with the numbers of a small set, mostly <+time> words. The following are examples in which only *la* appears.

E 187	<i>la palaliyolo</i>	<i>'in the afternoon'</i>	
	<i>la faxaafe</i>	<i>'in the evening'</i>	
	<i>la bogo</i>	<i>'at night'</i>	
	<i>la maliyele</i>	<i>'in the morning'</i>	
	<i>la rale</i>	<i>'in the daytime'</i>	
	<i>la be-li</i>	<i>'at the age of'</i>	
	<i>la tade</i>	<i>'in the sea'</i>	: <-time>

Note that *la* in the above examples may optionally be replaced by *la-li* if the following noun is followed by a demonstrative enclitic or a possessive suffix.

E 188	<i>la-li bogo-yi</i>	<i>'tonight'</i>
	<i>la-li rale lee</i>	<i>'today'</i>
	<i>la-li bogo lee</i>	<i>'tonight'</i>

From the above observation, *la* might simply be viewed as an allomorphic variant of *la-li*. A problem arises, however, in this interpretation. Observe the following examples.

E 189	(a) <i>Ye sa mele bo la tade.</i>
	<i>stay as</i>
	<i>'It has become sea.'</i>
	(b) <i>Ye sa mele bo la rale.</i>
	<i>'It has become day.'</i>
	(c) <i>Re-la-tade</i>
	<i>'people of the sea, Navy, etc.'</i>

In E 189, *la* follows Prp *bo* and nominal prefix *re-* 'people'. If *la* is considered either as an allomorph of *la-li* or as a separate preposition, E 189 would constitute a serious exception to the generalisation that Prp *bo* is never followed by any pseudo-prepositional or by another Prp and *re-* occurs only before a noun. One possible way out is to regard *la* as a kind of fossilised prefix of the following noun, though this interpretation has its own weakness in that non-occurrence of *la-li* + *la* + N and complementarity between *la-li* and *la* will have to be explained.

#### 4.7.7. TIME WORDS

As indicated above, <+time> words within the NP dominated by Prepp



do not have Prp *mé* as their immediately preceding member. Now, all <+time> words may be divided into two sets according to whether they may be preceded by a pseudo-prepositional or not. The one set is closed with limited members which may not co-occur with a pseudo-prepositional, but the other set is open. The former consists of traditional time adverbials and the latter simply of <+time> nouns.

Time adverbials are of the following sort.

- E 190 (i) *fètèètè* 'later'  
*lalow* 'yesterday'  
*musuwee* 'long ago'  
*walsuu* 'tomorrow'  
*yigád* 'when?'
- (ii) *talega-li lalow* 'day before yesterday'  
*mèrelaxo-li talega-li lalow* 'two days before yesterday'  
*wõtalega-li lalow* 'day after tomorrow'  
*wòrelaxo-li lalow* 'two days after tomorrow'  
*wòsapolaxo-li lalow* 'three days after tomorrow'
- (iii) *yixalaa* 'today, now'  
*yixala-kaa* 'nowadays'  
*yixa-wee* 'before'  
*yixa-kawee* 'old days'

Sentence examples in which the above words appear follow.

- E 191 (a) *Xo sa weri-ya feefelee wee [yigád]<sub>prepp</sub>?*  
*'When did you see the girl?'*
- (b) *Re weri-ya yiree wee [lalow]<sub>prepp</sub>*  
*'They saw the tree yesterday.'*
- (c) *Xo be buu doxo [yado-faa]<sub>prepp</sub> [walsuu]<sub>prepp</sub>?*  
*'What time are you coming tomorrow?'*
- (d) *Yi sa kagali-xo /xeel/ kofa-la /yiyi/ [fètèètè]<sub>prepp</sub>*  
*tell result,*  
*about*  
*'I will tell you about it later.'*
- (e) *Re-còò kalaay re xasi-ya loxo melee [yixalaa]<sub>prepp</sub>*  
*people dm carry dr this there*  
*[yixalaa]<sub>prepp</sub>*  
*now*  
*'They take this away (and put it) there now.'*

- (f) *Xa mommaye fagali [yixa-wee]<sub>Prepp</sub> mé yaramata wee.*  
*we good together before and person that*  
*'We(excl) were friends once before.'*

The set of <+time> nouns is open. Only some representative words are illustrated below.

- E 192 (i) *maliyele* 'morning'  
*palaliyolo* 'afternoon'  
*faxaafe* 'evening'  
*bogo* 'night'
- (ii) *rale* 'day'  
*raxe* 'year'  
*yado* 'time'

The examples given in E 192 may be followed by a demonstrative enclitic. All demonstrative enclitics have tense implications after the above kinds of time words, as may be seen in the following diagram.

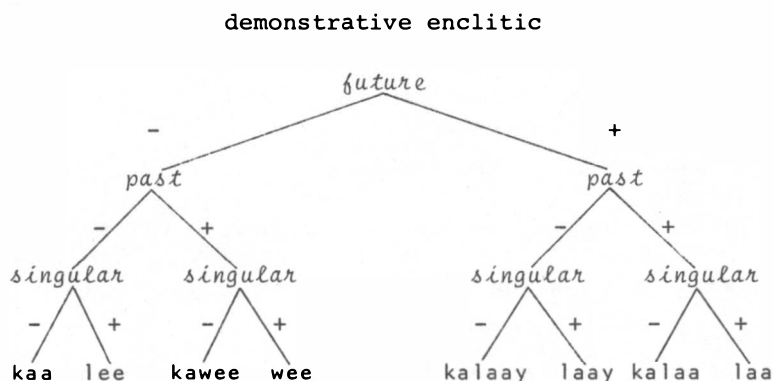


FIGURE 7

TEMPORAL FEATURES OF DEMONSTRATIVE ENCLITICS

- E 193 (a) *rale lee* 'today'  
*rale kaa* 'nowadays'  
*rale wee* 'the day (past)'  
*rale kawe'e* 'those days (past)'  
*rale laay* 'the day (future)'  
*rale kalaay* 'those days (future)'  
*rale laa* 'that day (past and future)'  
*rale kala'a* 'those days (past and future)'

- (b) raxe lee 'this year'  
 raxe ka 'these years (present)'  
 raxe wee 'last year'  
 raxe kawee 'those years (past)'  
 raxe laay 'next year'  
 raxe kalaay 'those years (future)'  
 raxe laa 'that year (past and future)'  
 raxe kalaa 'those years (past and future)'

The other words behave similarly except that yado 'time' lacks \*yado-laay and \*yado-kalaay.

#### 4.7.8. PLACE WORDS

Another large subclass of NP dominated by PrepP consists of place words with the feature <+locational>. They may directly be preceded by Prp mè. It was mentioned that pseudo-prepositionals are also <+locational> nouns, and they may thus be classed as place words. Some examples of this subclass follow.

- E 194 (i) leboso 'place'  
 siyaa 'boundary'  
 sukuun 'school'  
 xaleesiyaa 'church'  
 yiiyaa 'where?'  
 yiluxu 'back side, ocean side'
- (ii) Baalaw 'Palau'                      Coosen 'Korea'  
 Cuxu 'Truk'                              Doroleg (a Ulithian islet)  
 Kogkog 'China'                        Malilaa 'the Philippines'  
 Meriken 'America'                      Saapan 'Japan'  
 Sayipel 'Saipan'                        Wóól 'Guam'  
 Yap 'Yap'                                Yasor (a Ulithi islet)
- (iii) yixaa (\*yixalee) 'here' : yikaa 'here(pl)'  
 yixaa laa 'there' : yikaa laa 'there(pl)'  
 yixaa laay 'over there' : yikaa laay 'over there(pl)'  
 \*yixaa wee : \*yikaa wee

- E 195 (a) Re-cóò kawee re mele la-li yima lee re sa loxo [yiiyaa]<sub>Prepp?</sub>  
 people dm stay in house go where  
 'Where have the people in this house gone?'

- (b) Xo sa yafa [leboso wee yi ma tattala pãwũ-yi /gaag/  
*swim place hb wash hand-my*  
 yiiyage] PrepP  
*there*  
*(anaphoric)*  
 'You swam where I washed my hands.'
- (c) Xeel xo sa loxo [sukuun] PrepP  
 'You went to school.'
- (d) Gaag yi sa wewedi-yVre /yiir/ [siyaa-li yaa-yire /yiir/  
*waiting boundary*  
 buu doxo] PrepP  
 'I waited for them to come.'
- (e) Yi dipali-ya yi be loxo [Meriken] PrepP  
 'I want to go to America.'
- (f) Re tay mele [yixaa laay] PrepP  
*ng stay*  
 'They are not there.'
- (g) Yoor melaaye-li pãraase kawee yaa-yire /yiir/ [yikaa laay] PrepP  
*exist field rice*  
 'Their rice fields are over there(pl).'

#### 4.7.9. ANAPHORIC yiiyage

Yiiyage is a <+locational> noun occurring only under the domination of PrepP. It may occur after Prp *mẽ*, but never after Prp *bo*, *Vpr*, or any pseudo-prepositional. There are two ways in which yiiyage is introduced in sentences: by the base rule, and by TRs. In both cases, the meaning is anaphoric, the first denoting something in the real world and the second filling a slot left open by an item which has been dropped because of the identity condition. As will be evidenced below in the case of the transformational introduction of yiiyage, it is replaceable for all the constituents of a PrepP but *mẽ*. Therefore, yiiyage may be regarded as a kind of pro-prepositional in its function.

(1) By the base rule, yiiyage, a lexical item, is introduced into the terminal string of the deep structure, as with all other lexical formatives. Observe the examples in E 196.

- E 196 (a) Ye sa ma [yiiyage] PrepP  
*ashamed*  
 'She was ashamed of it.'

- (b) Ye mele se miselipixi là be buu doxo là ye kkela  
*exist epidemic which come and which strong*  
 là be ciil mele sulu xaree faay-wo raxe [mè  
*and which still three or four year from*  
 yiyage]PrepP  
*it, there*  
 'There would be a fatal epidemic which was supposed to come  
 in three or four years thereafter.'
- (c) Yeliwici kawee re repiya xaamas yilaa re tay capara  
*child dm wise very fm believe*  
 [yiyage]PrepP  
 'The children who are very intelligent do not believe it.'
- (d) Medaa melee xo sa sèrè logo [yiyage]PrepP  
*what fm say dr there*  
 'What did you say in it?'

(2) TR introduction of yiyage is effected by two different processes:  
 Focus T and Embedded Sentence T (for details, see TRs 11-13).

(1) The focus T, in which a focussed NP dominated by PrepP is copied  
 in the sentence initial position, provides a condition in which the NP  
 under PrepP should be replaced by yiyage. Any prepositional element  
 (Prp, Vpr, or pseudo-prepositional) which has preceded the focussed NP  
 under PrepP is dropped except for Prp mè. Compare the following pairs.

E 197 (a) Emp + Re paaleglege yaramata<sup>NPs</sup> [yiree-yire re-Losiyop]PrepP  
*big people*

[mè yimòò-li faluya kaa tèèt]PrepP  
*more-than island dm some*

==> Re-Losiyop yilaa re paaleglege yaramata  
 fm

[yiyage]PrepP [mè yimòò-li faluya kaa tèèt]PrepP

'As for the Losiyop people, people are very big compared to  
 some other islands.'

- (b) Emp + Xo sa cuwayi-ya babiyoro lee [faa-li mo-faa]PrepP?  
*buy under age, which era, time*

==> Faa-li mo-faa melee xo sa cuwayi-ya babiyoro lee  
 fm

[yiiyage]<sub>PrepP</sub>

*'During what period of time did you buy this book?'*

(c) Emp + Yi subu [mè yixaa]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
born

==> Yixaa melee yi subu [mè yiiyage]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
fm

*'I was born here.'*

By dropping the prepositional elements (e.g. bo and gali) except for mè, it occasionally happens that different deep structure sentences are realised as merged ambiguously on the surface. The pair below illustrates this.

E 198 Q + Emp + Xa si be kòòkomo { [bo medaa]<sub>PrepP</sub> }  
we Pm play { for what }  
(incl) { [gali medaa]<sub>PrepP</sub> }  
{ with what }

==> Medaa melee xa si be kòòkomo [yiiyage]<sub>PrepP</sub>?  
fm

(a) *'Why shall we play around?'*

(b) *'With what shall we play around?'*

(ii) The embedded sentence T also introduces anaphoric yiiyage. That is, if the antecedent in a matrix sentence is identical with the NP dominated by PrepP in the embedded sentence, the latter is replaced by yiiyage (if mè precedes the NP, then by mè yiiyage). Examine E 199.

E 199 (a) Yi be sèrè logo lebosu [là yi be mele [yiiyage]<sub>PrepP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>  
say place

*'I will tell the place where I will be staying.'*

(b) Lefeecixi wee ye xayeda-ya se-wo xawaxa [yiree-li

girl carry c-nut  
shell

ppiyal]<sub>PrepP</sub> [mè Xèrxèreg]<sub>PrepP</sub> [là ye subu [mè yiiyage]<sub>PrepP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>  
sand

*'The girl carried a coconut shell filled with sand from Xèrxèreg where she had been born.'*

#### 4.7.10. PrepP WITH IDENTIFICATION

Prepositional phrases occur more often with Predication sentences, but they also appear with the Identification type. This is one of the reasons that PrepP was separated from the rest of S at a high level.

For more examples, see E 98.

- E 200 (a) [Yaa-mu /xeel/] <sub>NP</sub> [yifaa] <sub>NP</sub> [mè yiiyagel] <sub>PrepP</sub>?  
 yours NP which  
 'Which is yours from them?'
- (b) [Yifaa] <sub>NP</sub> [saga-la] <sub>NP</sub> [la-li dipa-mu] <sub>PrepP</sub>?  
 status-its  
 'What's your feeling?'  
 (lit. *what-is its-status in your-feeling?*)
- (c) [Faa-male] <sub>NP</sub> [lawu-li Coon] <sub>NP</sub> [mè yiree-li melwee  
 four child from what  
 rii-la we ye sa mese] <sub>PrepP</sub>  
 spouse who  
 'John had four children by his wife that died.'
- (d) [Yifaa] <sub>NP</sub> [saga-li sèpele] <sub>NP</sub> [yiiyagel] <sub>PrepP</sub>?  
 method  
 'What is the way of spelling it?'
- (e) [Gaag] <sub>NP</sub> [senseyel] <sub>NP</sub> [bo yixili-yVre yeliwici] <sub>PrepP</sub>  
 for children  
 'I am a teacher for the children.'
- (f) [Yiir] <sub>NP</sub> [tèxtaa] <sub>NP</sub> [yiree-li supitaal lee] <sub>PrepP</sub>  
 'They are the doctors at this hospital.'
- (g) [Yiiyee] <sub>NP</sub> melee [yalapa-li xamayul] <sub>NP</sub> [gali-xica /xiic/] <sub>PrepP</sub>  
 this, fm way good, to us (incl)  
 here love,  
 peace  
 [mè yiree-li makaa faluya-ca /xiic/] <sub>PrepP</sub>  
 from those island  
 'This is the path to peace for us in our islands.'

#### 4.8. NOUN PHRASES

##### 4.8.1. CONSTITUENT STRUCTURE

BR 15 NP → NP (con NP)  
 (COM)

BR 16 NP → (Mn) NM

BR 17 NM → Nm (Dm) (Dr) (Int)

BR 18 Nm → {<sub>N</sub>  
 NUC } (ATT)  
 S

BR 19	ATT	→	At <sup>^</sup> NP
BR 20	NUC	→	(Rpt) {NuCm Qnt}
BR 21	NuCm	→	(Ord) Nus {Nucl Num}

## LEXICON

gè	'and'	+con, [+ //__//]
mè	'and'	+con, [- //__//], [+NP__NP]
xaree	'or'	+con
te	'not'	+Mn
ciil	'still'	+Mn
wa (M:wol)	'again, also'	+Mn
mooc	'just'	+Mn
wol	'most'	+Mn
xal	'only'	+Mn
rool	'altogether'	+Mn
faa	'which?'	+Dm, +Q, +SG
kafaa	'which?'	+Dm, +Q, -SG
lee	'this?'	+Dm, -Q, +SG, { -future, -past +SP
kaa	'these'	+Dm, -Q, -SG, { -future, -past +SP
laa	'that'	+Dm, -Q, +SG, { +future, +past +HR
kalaa	'those'	+Dm, -Q, -SG, { +future, +past +HR
laay	'that'	+Dm, -Q, +SG, { +future, -past -SP, -HR, +visible
kalaay	'those'	+Dm, -Q, -SG, { +future, -past -SP, -HR, +visible
wee	'that'	+Dm, -Q, +SG, { -future, +past -SP, -HR, -visible
kawee	'those'	+Dm, -Q, -SG, { -future, +past -SP, -HR, -visible
doxo	'so far'	+Dr
loxo	'completely'	+Dr
diye	'westward'	+Dr
daxe	'eastward, very'	+Dr
weya	'out'	+Dr
logo	'inward'	+Dr
cox	'just'	+Int
mo	'even'	+Int



xaamas	'quite a'	+Int
yi	'my'	+At, +Pro, +SP, +SG
mu	'your'	+At, +Pro, +HR, +SG
la	'his, her, its'	+At, +Pro, -SP, -HR, +SG
li	'of'	+At, -Pro, +SG
ca	'our(incl)'	+At, +Pro, +SP, +HR
mami	'our(excl)'	+At, +SP, -HR, -SG
miyi	'your(pl)'	+At, -SP, +HR, +SG
yire	'their'	+At, -SP, -HR, -SG
tèèt	'some'	+Qnt
suxufed	'a little'	+Qnt
sibis	'a few, some'	+Qnt
ka	'by (as in TWO BY TWO)'; 'each'	+Rpt
xa	(ordinaliser)	+Ord, co-occurs with ATT
fedá	'how many, a few'	+Nus, +Q
se	'one;	+Nus
ruwè	'two'	+Nus
sulu	'three'	+Nus
faay	'four'	+Nus
lima	'five'	+Nus
wòle	'six'	+Nus
fi <u>su</u>	'seven'	+Nus
walu	'eight'	+Nus
diwa	'nine'	+Nus
yexe	'multiple of ten'	+Num
buxuya	'multiple of hundred'	+Num
garase	'multiple of thousand'	+Num
sele	'multiple of ten thousand'	+Num
ppiya	'multiple of hundred thousand'	+Num
bogo	'night'	+Nucl
bòòdu	'nose'	+Nucl
cayè	'leaf-like object'	+Nucl
depi	'flat piece'	+Nucl
face	'trunk, stem (tree)'	+Nucl
fase	'rounded object'	+Nucl
fóco	'bundles of breadfruit on a stick'	+Nucl

gafa	'fathom (two arm length)'	+Nucl
gate	'hole'	+Nucl
gôlo	'bundle of ten'	+Nucl
madedpi	'torn piece'	+Nucl
male	'animate object'	+Nucl
male	'about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, finger length'	+Nucl
mata	'kind'	+Nucl
m̄mulu	'short piece of rope or string'	+Nucl
m̄alo	'length from elbow to finger-tips'	+Nucl
m̄ucu	'faggot'	+Nucl
paa	'lei-like object'	+Nucl
paca	'tail, foot'	+Nucl
pade	'speech'	+Nucl
pexe	'side, fillet'	+Nucl
pêgê	'home-made cigarette'	+Nucl
pêyê	'drop'	+Nucl
p̄awWu	'arm length'	+Nucl
puluxu	'school of fish, herd'	+Nucl
raa	'branch'	+Nucl
rale	'day'	+Nucl
ree	'side'	+Nucl
tabo	'half piece'	+Nucl
tale	'length of rope'	+Nucl
tapa	'cheek'	+Nucl
tare	'age group, generation'	+Nucl
ttaxe	'slice'	+Nucl
womu	'bundle'	+Nucl
wo	'general object'	+Nucl, may be dropped in [se__] 1
xaddu	'finger'	+Nucl
xaye	'tree stem, book'	+Nucl
xumu	'mouthful of water, beer, or other liquid'	+Nucl
xupu	'broken piece'	+Nucl
yafe	'bundle of round objects'	+Nucl
yage	'span between thumb and forefinger'	+Nucl
yale	'butt or line-like object'	+Nucl
yaye	'long-slender object'	+Nucl
gaag	'I'	+N, +Pro, +SP, +SG

xeel	'you'	+N, +Pro, +HR, +SG
yiiy	'he, she, it'	+N, +Pro, -SP, -HR, +SG, ±Ani
xiic	'we(incl)'	+N, +Pro, +SP, +HR
xa	'we(incl)'	+N, +Pro, +SP, +HR, [+ <sub>Pm</sub> si]
xaamami	'we(excl)'	+N, +Pro, +SP, -HR, -SG
xaamiyi	'you(pl)'	+N, +Pro, -SP, +HR, -SG
yiir	'they'	+N, +Pro, -SP, -HR, -SG, ±Ani
melee	'this'	+N, +Dm
makaa	'these'	+N, +Dm
malaa	'that'	+N, +Dm
makalaa	'those'	+N, +Dm
malaay	'that (yonder)'	+N, +Dm
makalaay	'those (yonder)'	+N, +Dm
melwee	'that (past, unseen)'	+N, +Dm
makawee	'those (past, unseen)'	+N, +Dm
yiiyee	'this'	+N, +Dm
yikaa	'these'	+N, +Dm
yilaa	'that'	+N, +Dm
yikalaa	'those'	+N, +Dm
yilaay	'that over there'	+N, +Dm
yikalaay	'those over there'	+N, +Dm
yiwee	'that (unseen)'	+N, +Dm
yikawee	'those (unseen)'	+N, +Dm
medaa	'what'	+N, +Q, -Ani
yiitey	'who'	+N, +Q, +Ani
yifaa	'which, what, where'	+N, +Dm
yikafaa	'which, what, where (pl)'	+N, +Dm
yiiyaa	'where'	+N, +Q, +loc, [+[_]PrepP]
yigād	'when'	+N, +Q, +time, [+[_]PrepP]
boxata	'home'	+N, +Cl
calu	'water source'	+N, +Cl
cuwu	'ring'	+N, +Cl
dëëgëcë	'uninhabited island'	+N, +Cl
fala	'men's house'	+N, +Cl
faluya	'island'	+N, +Cl
fiyaye-	'wrung object'	+N, +Cl
gudë-	'chewing object'	+N, +Cl
lawu-	'child, property intimately associated with person'	+N, +Cl

laxe-	'bracelet'	+N, +Cl
lema-	'drinking or smoking object'	+N, +Cl
libe	'grave'	+N, +Cl
liliya-	'place'	+N, +Cl
magaaxu	'clothes'	+N, +Cl
mare	'lei, encircling object'	+N, +Cl
paa-	'bait'	+N, +Cl
sila-	'honorific female, mother'	+N, +Cl
soxo	'long-slender object'	+N, +Cl
tama-	'father, honorific male'	+N, +Cl
waa	'vehicle'	+N, +Cl
xala-	'cooked food'	+N, +Cl
xapale-	'loin-cloth'	+N, +Cl
xatama	'door'	+N, +Cl
xiya-	'mat, object for sleeping'	+N, +Cl
xocaa	'food to be eaten raw'	+N, +Cl
xolo-	'caught object'	+N, +Cl
xota-	'covering object'	+N, +Cl
yaa-	'general object'	+N, +Cl

#### 4.8.2. INTRODUCTION

As noticed thus far, NP is the category which appears most frequently in base rules. Accordingly the grammatical relations it manifests are varied: the subject of a sentence (BR 5 and BR 6), the predicate of an identification sentence (BR 6), the direct object (BR 9) and the indirect object (BR 10) of the main verb, the main verb itself (BR 9) and the head constituent of a prepositional phrase (BR 13 and BR 14). The following examples are given as a recapitulation of the said grammatical relations.

E 201 (a) subject of a predication S

(a1) Dempoo lee ye sèrè bo re buu doxo.

dm say that come dr

'This dispatch says that they will come.'

(a2) Ye xasi-ya tèèt pèraase mada.

carry some rice cooked

'He took some cooked rice.'

(a3) Ye towee yoxo là yi be fèèru-ya yegaage wee.

ng possible that do work dm

'I will not do the work again.'

(a4) Ye mele sulu-male paabiya mē diwa-male malèxè  
*stay 3 Nucl pig and 9 chicken*  
là lawu-mami.  
*that Cl"child"-our(excl)*  
*'We have three pigs and nine chickens at home.'*

(b) object of a predication S

(b1) Dabe-ya miri-yire /yiir/.  
*follow rear*  
*'Follow them!'*

(b2) Medaa melee senseye laay ye sèrè?  
*what fm say*  
*'What does the teacher over there say?'*

(b3) Re sa yaali-ya se-wo xabolbolo teffoya.  
*own one lamp new*  
*'They had a new lamp.'*

(b4) Se-male paaxowo ye sa lli-ya se-male male là yida-la Coon.  
*shark kill man who name-his*  
*'A shark has killed a man whose name is John.'*

(c) indirect object

Ye galle-ya se-male paabiya se-wo màyi.  
*give pig breadfruit*  
*'He gave a pig a breadfruit.'*

(d) subject and predicate of an identification S

(d1) Bisi-li yiitey makalaay? sub  
*brother who prd those*  
*'Whose brothers are those over there?'*

(d2) Waa-yi /gaag/ prd boto wee sub  
*Cl(vehicle)*  
*'The boat is mine.'*

(d3) Xiya-li lefeecixi laay cobo prd melee sub  
*Cl(mat) girl mat this*  
*'This is that girl's mat.'*

(e) main verb

(e1) Ye sa yima-mu /xeel/ yima mommaye wee?  
*house-your good*  
*'Was that good house yours?'*

- (e2) Ye be yifaa lapa-yire tarmale kalaa yicuu-li baarkoo?  
*which bigness boy on ship*  
 'How many boys will there be on the ship?'

(f) head of a prepositional phrase

- (f1) Re kóokomo la-li molalulu lá ye mmade.  
*play in river that shallow*  
 'They are playing in the shallow river.'

- (f2) Faga gali-yeyi /gaag/ tèèt cale bo lema-yi /gaag/  
*give to me some water as Cl(drink)-my*  
 'Give me some water to drink!'

The internal structure of noun phrases is also varied, but a significant simplification has been achieved by the decision that all appositive constructions such as a classifier versus a member noun, a demonstrative versus the following noun, etc. be treated as identification sentences.

There is one similarity between the structure of the noun phrase and that of the verb phrase, i.e. the lexical formatives of Mn (nominal manner particles), Dr and Int are also shared by verb phrases except perhaps for Mn wol 'most'. One formative of Mn, te 'not', was dominated by TA and the rest of Mn by Mv under Verb Phrases (4.6.). Te was treated as a TA particle on the assumption that it is the negative counterpart of a tense-aspect particle which is realised as zero (see E 70). In noun phrases, however, tense-aspect is not relevant and te is the negation of the following noun or noun phrase, thus being included in Mn along with other preposed nominal particles. Some members of Mv, e.g. ma (habitulative), and xa 'normally', as well as of Int, e.g. xamay 'well' do not appear in NP.

Such classes of nouns as personal pronouns, demonstratives, and question words are treated as subsets of N with respective feature specifications. This is to provide the base component with greater generality and simplicity. There are other syntactic reasons to distinguish them from nouns proper at the feature level rather than at that of categories, as will be observed later.

#### 4.8.3. COORDINATE NOUN PHRASES

BR 15 allows an optional recursive expansion of NP. The connectors (con) gè and xaree are also used to connect Ss as noted in BR 1. Mè 'and' is a conjunctive with the exclusive purpose of connecting two NPs. Gè and mè are in complementary distribution, since the first occurs between junctures while the second does not, i.e. whenever gè is used a

junction precedes and follows.

If all coordinate noun phrases were derivable from well-formed coordinate sentences generated by BR 1 and the following rules by way of conjunction reduction transformations, BR 15 would not be required. This has turned out not to be the case, however. The examples of some problematic sentences follow.

- E 202 (a) Yaramata laay mè yeliwici-li sukuun lee re bisbisi.  
 person dm child dm brothers  
*'That man and this student are brothers.'*
- (b) Raxe-li Ben ye mele lepada-li raxe-li Tom mè raxe-yi /gaag/.  
 age  
*'Ben's age is between Tom's and mine.'*
- (c) Xa xafedèxè cox mè yiyi.  
 same  
*'He and I are the same.'*
- (d) Ye tay mommaye dipa-li Yoglab bo re sa memmele  
 ng good feeling because staying  
se-wo mè re-Metag kawee.  
 together  
*'Yonglab didn't feel good because he and the people from Metang had to leave together.'*
- (e) M̄ale laa gè feefele laa re be rool buu doxo.  
 man woman both,al- come together  
*'The man and the woman both came.'*
- (f) Xa yegaage fagali mè yaramata laa.  
 we work together  
 (Pm)  
*'I and the man work together.'*
- (g) Yulidiy yilaa malboo sulu-yexe xaree medaa faluya p̄aàcixcixi.  
 fm perhaps 30 or what island small  
*'Ulithi consists of thirty or so small islets.'*

The above examples constitute the evidence against the hypothesis that all coordinate NPs may be derived from the corresponding coordinate sentences. (a) to (f) contain each a lexical item which co-occurs only with an NP which has <-SG>. Thus, the verb *bisbisi* 'to be in brother relation' needs a subject or subjects with <-SG>; *lepada-* 'between' requires an attributive NP with <-SG>; *xafedèxè* 'same', *se-wo* 'together', *rool* 'both, altogether', etc. require a subject or subjects with <-SG>.

If the sentences in (a) to (f) are to be interpreted as derived from the respective coordinate sentences, the Ss on both sides of a connector in each sentence would be all ungrammatical. For example, (a) would be derived from

E 203 \* $[yaramata\ laay\ ye\ bisbisi]_S$   $[gè]_{con}$  \* $[yeliwici-li\ sukuun\ lee\ ye\ bisbisi]_S$

which violates the co-occurrence restriction indicated above. This difficulty has led to the incorporation of BR 15 in the base, by which NP sequences with <-SG> may directly be generated so that no problem will arise in terms of selectional restrictions. The same is applicable to E 202 (g) in which xaree 'or' is the connector. If this sentence is hypothesised as derived from the underlying coordinate sentences, the first S would be grammatical but the second would not.

E 204  $[Yulidiy\ yilaa\ malboo\ sulu-yexe\ faluya\ pãcixcixi]_S$   $[xaree]_{con}$  \* $[Yulidiy\ yilaa\ malboo\ medaa\ faluya\ pãcixcixi]_S$

This difficulty will be solved by generating sulu-yexe xaree medaa from BR 15 since both sulu-yexe and medaa are NPs.

There are some other examples which need brief attention. Examine the following.

E 205 (a) Re ma xacuya-ya xala-li ñale wee ñe yiree-li se-wo  
 hb take food man from at

ñe se-wo wolo.  
 turtle

'They would take the man's food from every turtle.'

(b) Se-male ñe se-male yilaa re paaleglege.  
 fm big

'Everybody was very big.'

(c) Se-wo fiit yilaa se-yexe ñe ruwè-wo yinci.  
 10 2

'One foot is twelve inches.'

(d) Gaag ñe yiiy xa xasi-ya sulu-male.

'He and I carried three (animals).'

The above sentences contain numerative compounds. In (a) and (b), se-wo ñe se-wo and se-male ñe se-male may be introduced neither by a conjunction reduction T nor by BR 15, since the meaning of each phrase, i.e. 'every', is not the same as the sum of its constituents, i.e. 'two'. It is suggested that se-Nucl<sub>1</sub> ñe se-Nucl<sub>1</sub> be treated as a unit (idiom) with the meaning 'every'. In E 205 (c), the sentence is not to be



interpreted as derived from *se-wo fiit yilaa se-yexe yinci gè se-wo fiit yilaa ruwè-wo yinci* which is grammatical but logically inconsistent. As will be seen under Numerative Compounds, *se-yexe mè ruwè* in this case is viewed as generated by BR 15. E 205 (d) can be derived both from the base and by transformation. In the latter case, the underlying sentence is *gaag melee yi xasi-ya sulu-male gè yiy melee ye xasi-ya sulu-male*. Here the two words *sulu-male* are to be considered as having "identical reference" (Jacobs and Rosenbaum 1968:257), so that the reduced sentence contains *sulu-male* and not *wòle-male* '*six (animate)*' which may be correct logically but not grammatically. Deletion of an item in grammar presupposes the condition of identical reference. The difference between the identity condition in grammar and the logical equivalence may be observed rather clearly in the following example.

E 206      *Yi xasi-ya sulu-male gè ye xasi-ya sulu-male.*  
                   '*I carried three and he carried three.*'

(when two <i>sulu-male</i> are of identical reference) ↓ logic. <i>Xa xasi-ya sulu-male.</i> ' <i>We carried three.</i> ' gramm. <i>Xa xasi-ya sulu-male.</i>	(when two <i>sulu-male</i> are of non-identical reference) ↓ <i>Xa xasi-ya wòle-male.</i> ' <i>We carried six.</i> ' (blocked)
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As a result of the postulation of BR 15, a great number of sentences have double sources, i.e. BR 15 on the one hand and BR 1 and conjunction reduction T on the other. There are certain ordering requirements between both terms of a connector (TR 20). For example, nouns with <+Pro> precede those with <-Pro>, but there is no inherent ordering between nouns with the same high level syntactic features.

E 207 (a) *Gaag mè Coon melee xa sa loxo.*

fm      Pm      go

*but: \*Coon mè gaag melee xa sa loxo.*

*'John and I went.'*

(b) *Yaa-mami gaag mè Coon babiyoro melee.*

Cl(gen.)

*but: \*Yaa-mami Coon mè gaag babiyoro melee.*

*'This is John's and my book.'*

(c) *Gaag mè yiy melee xa sa kòòkomo.*

*Yiy mè gaag fm                      play*

*'He and I played around.'*

(d) Se-male yelusu xaree medaa yiy yaramata wee.  
           ghost or what, person  
                                   something

but: \*Medaa xaree se-male yelusu yiy yaramata wee.  
 'That person is a ghost or something.'

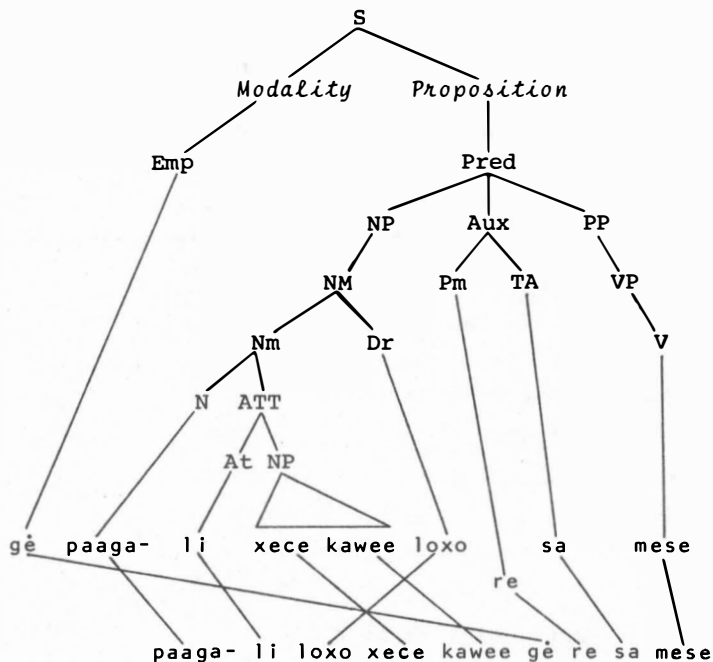
For the deletion of pronouns in coordinate relation, see TR 21.

#### 4.8.4. NOMINAL PARTICLES

4.8.4.1. Nominal particles are grouped under prenominal Mn and post nominals Dr and Int. Mn is placed one level higher than Dr and Int for the reason that the former has wider syntactic and semantic coverage than the latter. That is, Mn is related to NM as a whole, while Dr and Int are limited in their relation to the head noun (N, NumC or S in BR 18). If an attributive construction (ATT) follows the head noun, Dr or Int is obligatorily placed between the head noun followed by At (BR 19) and the NP dominated by ATT (TR 33). Compare the following deep and surface forms of the sentence in E 208.

E 208 Paaga-li loxo xece kawee gè re sa mese.  
 all Dr rat dm fm die  
 'All those rats died.'

deep:





E 213 wol 'most' occurs commonly with <+animate> noun, in particular, when this noun is followed by an ATT construction. Frequently, wol is preceded by another Mn wool 'altogether' in which case a <-animate> noun may freely co-occur.

- (a) Re kàkààta-faa makawee [[wol]<sub>Mn</sub> [bisi-mu /xeel/]<sub>NM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
*doing which those*  
 'What are most of those your brothers doing?'
- (b) [[Wol]<sub>Mn</sub> [bisi-yi /gaag/]<sub>NM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [re-còò kaa]<sub>NP</sub>  
*'They are mostly my brothers.'*
- (c) [[Wol]<sub>Mn</sub> [lawu-yi /gaag/]<sub>NM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [wolo]<sub>NP</sub> [makaa]<sub>NP</sub>?  
*Cl (child) turtle*  
 'Are these mostly my turtles?'
- (d) [[Rool]<sub>Mn</sub> [wol]<sub>Mn</sub> [xala-mu /xeel/]<sub>NM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [mogoyo kaa]<sub>NP</sub>?  
*Cl (food) food*  
 'Are those food stuffs almost all yours?'

E 214 xal

- (a) Yi dipali-ya yi be mogoyo [[xal]<sub>Mn</sub> [suxufed]<sub>NM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
*want eat a little*  
 'I want to eat only a little.'
- (b) [[Xal]<sub>Mn</sub> [yiir cox]<sub>NM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> melee re sa tagi.  
*cry*  
 'Only they cried.'

E 215 rool

- (a) [[Rool]<sub>Mn</sub> [bisi-mu]<sub>NM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [makalaay]<sub>NP</sub>?  
 'Are those people over there all your brothers?'
- (b) [[Rool]<sub>Mn</sub> [lawu-mu /xeel/]<sub>NM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [malèxè-kaa diwa-male]<sub>NP</sub>  
*chicken dm 9*  
 'Those nine chickens are all yours.'
- (c) [Rool]<sub>Mn</sub> [xiic]<sub>NM</sub> si sa loxo.  
 'Let's all of us go!'
- (d) Yiir [[rool]<sub>Mn</sub> [yaramata]<sub>NM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
 'They are all human beings.'

Rool most often occurs with an NP that denotes more than two objects.

4.8.4.3. Post nominal particles (+Dr and +Int) have the same meanings as when they are used as verbal particles. Examples follow.

E 216 Dr

- (a) Yiwee [rale]<sub>Nm</sub> [kaweel]<sub>Dm</sub> [doxo]<sub>Dr</sub> [we ye kamudiidiya]  
*then, day thus- pretty*  
*and far*

yaa-la /yiyi/ sa mele]<sub>COM</sub> gè yixalaa ye  
*her and now*

ttarage yiree-la /yiyi/.

*ugly for-her*

*'And former days she was pretty but now she is ugly.'*

- (b) Yulidiy yilaa se moda-li faluya tottolo pààcixcixi  
*fm one group island low small*

lagace-li yikuwerèè [mè [tabo]<sub>N</sub> [li]<sub>At</sub> [diye]<sub>Dr</sub> [Pasifik]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*side at end west*

[mè tabo laa meldowa]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*west*

*'Ulithi is a group of very small low islets near the equator in the western part of the Pacific.'*

- (c) Yilaa malaa [xarèta-[li]<sub>At</sub> [[faluya]<sub>Nm</sub> [loxo]<sub>Dr</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>NM</sub> [mè  
*that that end island*

yifaga-li loxo Caroline Island]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*north*

*'It is the northern-most island of the Caroline Islands.'*

- (d) Xarèta-[li]<sub>At</sub> [daxe]<sub>Dr</sub> [pallege]<sub>NP</sub> yixi wee re sa dorofi-ya  
*end big fish dm catch*

mè wòò-li Yap.  
*on*

*'The fish they caught on Yap was really big.'*

E 217 Int

- (a) [[[Yilaa]<sub>Nm</sub> [cox]<sub>Int</sub>]<sub>NM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [lapa-la /yiyi/]<sub>NP</sub>  
*that bigness-its*

*'That's all.'*

- (b) [[[Yiyi]<sub>Nm</sub> [cox]<sub>Int</sub>]<sub>NM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [yaa-la /yiyi/ fisexi-ya /yiyi/]<sub>NP</sub>  
*he Cl(gen) burn*

*'He burnt himself.'*

- (c) Yiwee gē Lodow mē Yasor yilaa malboo be  
*and perhaps*  
 [[[ka sulu-yexel]<sub>NUC</sub>]<sub>Nm</sub> [cox]<sub>Int</sub>]<sub>NM</sub> NP [yaramata]<sub>NP</sub>  
*each 30 person*  
 [yiiyage]<sub>prepP</sub>  
*there*  
 'And perhaps there are about thirty people living on each of  
 Lodow and Yasor.'
- (d) [Dèèlapa]<sub>N</sub>-[li]<sub>At</sub> [cox]<sub>Int</sub> [yima]<sub>NP</sub> yilaa ye towase.  
*most fm destroyed*  
 'Most of the houses were destroyed.'
- (e) [Se-male]<sub>Nm</sub> [mō]<sub>Int</sub> gē tay malawa.  
*one fm ng alive*  
 'No one survived.'
- (f) [[Medaal]<sub>Nm</sub> [mō]<sub>Int</sub>]<sub>NM</sub> xo be le wa fèèru-ya?  
*what also do*  
 'What are you also going to do?'
- (g) [[Yixalaa]<sub>Nm</sub> [mō]<sub>Int</sub>]<sub>NM</sub> gē ciil mele yiiy fase laa.  
*now still stay stone dm*  
 'Even now, there still is that stone.'
- (h) Xo ciil [[yeliwici]<sub>Nm</sub> [xaamas]<sub>Int</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
*still*  
 'You are still young.'

## E 218 Dr + Int

- [Yiiy]<sub>Nm</sub> [loxo]<sub>Dr</sub> [cox]<sub>Int</sub> [yaa-la /yiiy/ memmele]<sub>NP</sub>  
*Cl(gen) staying*  
 'She lived entirely alone.'

## 4.8.5. DEMONSTRATIVE ENCLITICS (+Dm)

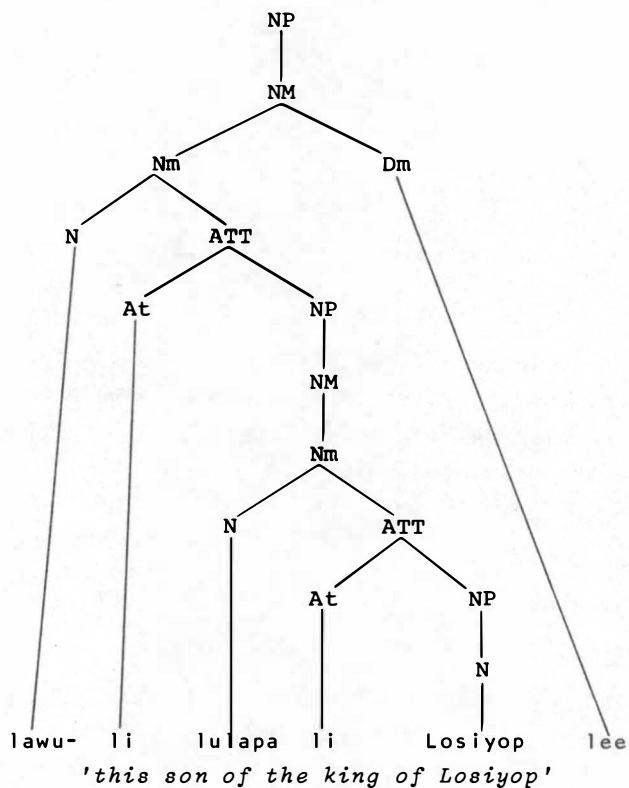
Dm diverges from the rest of NP at a rather high level (BR 17) for two reasons. In the first place, an optional attributive construction (ATT) never follows Dm but precedes it. Observe the following.

- E 219 (a) Xa dèdèrè xapala-li melee lawu-[li] [lulapa-<sub>N</sub>[li]<sub>At</sub>  
*weave clothes that child At king*  
 Losiyop]<sub>NP</sub> [lee]<sub>Dm</sub>  
 'You(pl)! Weave the clothes of this son of the king of  
 Losiyop!'

- (b) Re sa tafaale doxo [còò]<sub>N</sub>-[li]<sub>At</sub> [fedexel]<sub>NP</sub> [kawee]<sub>Dm</sub>  
 come- people  
 back  
 'Those soldiers came back.'

Thus, the noun phrase lawu-li lulapa-li Losiyop lee in E 219 (a) has the following deep structure.

E 220



Secondly, the loose relation between N and the related Dm may be observed in the structural change in adjectivisation transformations (TRs 38 and 39) in which a verb with +Adj precedes Dm. This loose relation is a supporting reason to separate Dm in an early rule. Examples follow.

- E 221 (a) [Tarmale]<sub>Nm</sub> rraye [kawee]<sub>Dm</sub> yilaa lawu-yi /gaag/  
 fm child

[happy  
 +V  
 +Adj]

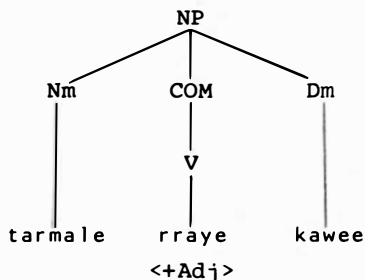
'Those happy boys are mine.'

- (b) [Péraase]<sub>Nm</sub> mada [wee]<sub>Dm</sub> yiyee  
*rice this, here*  
 [cooked]  
 +V  
 +Adj

'The cooked rice is here.'

Tarmale rraye kawee in E 221 (a) has the following surface P-marker.

E 222



Differing from Trukese (Dyen 1965:20-1), Dm does not occur after a "personal attributive suffix", i.e. after At + noun with +Pro in deep structures. As will be seen later, a demonstrative pronoun is usually placed before the head noun instead.

E 223 \*tama-mu wee

*father-your that*

but: melwee tama-mu

*'that father of yours'*

Also differing from Dyen's Trukese (1965:21), no sequence of two or more Dms occurs within an NP. Dyen says: "... a compound with a demonstrative as the second stem can itself be followed by an enclitic demonstrative which is an attributive of the construct head". In Ulithian, demonstrative pronouns are widely used to block the repetition of demonstrative suffixes.

E 224 \*côô-li fedexe wee laay

*people fight dm dm*

but: côô-li fedexe wee yikalaay

or: yikalaay côô-li fedexe wee

*'those soldiers over there'*

Dyen's own example 'the father of that girl' turns out to be melwee tama-li feefelee wee but not \*tama-li feefelee wee we. The Ulithian construction tama-li feefelee wee we occurs only when some embedded sentence



follows. Thus *we*, like *lâ* 'which, who, that', is viewed as a connector and not a demonstrative suffix (for this, see the discussion under 4.9.).

*Dm* is of the structure (ka) + stem in which *ka* is the "plural" morpheme and the stem is a composite of temporal, deictic and question features. One deviant form is *kaa* 'these' which occurs instead of *ka* + *lee*. In 4.7.7. the members of *Dm* have been assigned temporal features to be relevant when they follow <+time> nouns. With <-time> N, demonstrative suffixes indicate deictic reference as in the following diagram of feature compositions.

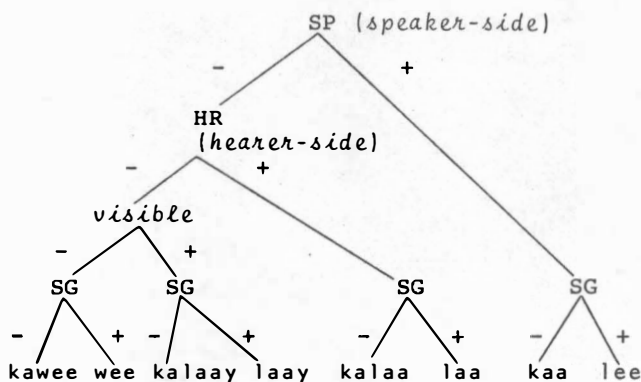


FIGURE 8

#### DEICTIC FEATURES OF DEMONSTRATIVE ENCLITICS

There are two other demonstrative enclitics which are positively marked with Q: *faa* 'which(*sg*)' and *kafaa* 'which(*pl*)'. These occur with nouns of both + and - time and all temporal and deictic features are neutralised in them. TABLE X (on page 217) shows all the features relevant to the differentiation of demonstrative enclitics.





Not all words may be followed by ATT (attributive phrase). For example, pronouns (+N, +Pro) and question words (+N, +Q) cannot occur before ATT and therefore must be marked with [-\_\_ATT] in their lexical entries (see RR 6 in 4.14.). The occurrence of N U C or S before ATT will be discussed shortly. The recursive process permitted by BR 19 will automatically be blocked when a lexical item dominated by N has the feature [-\_\_ATT].

4.8.6.2. In this study, no separate deep structure nodes are given to the set of "possessive" suffixes (e.g. yi 'my', mu 'your') and to the "construct" suffix li 'of'. Only the single node At is postulated in BR 19, though At is not a lexical category dominating the possessive suffixes and li. It has been decided that these suffixes are to be derived from the features of the following NP with which At is dominated by ATT. The following three processes are involved for this purpose.

- (1) Feature copying, i.e. the constituent At will copy the features of the following NP (TR 2);
- (2) Deletion of the NP dominated by ATT under certain conditions if the NP dominates an N having the feature <+Pro> (TR 21);
- (3) Realisation of the suffixes through a phonological process (PR 14).

There are several syntactic motivations for the proposed approach. First of all, the forms of "possessive" suffixes and the "construct" suffix are predictable given the features of the following NP. Thus the two sets are in complementary distribution except for occasional (optional) free variation between yire and li before an NP with a feature matrix containing <-Pro>, <-SG>, and <+Ani>, as will be seen in TR 4 (e.g. yi<sup>ma</sup>-yire pese kaa and yi<sup>ma</sup>-li pese kaa 'these dogs' house'). This fact supports not only the single mode (At) treatment but also the feature copying measure.

Secondly, such a treatment as Benton's substitution approach in Trukese (1968:87 and *passim*) does not fit for Ulithian because of some structural differences existing between the two languages. In Trukese, Benton points out that possessive suffixes (Tr) na, ri are the substitutes for attributive phrases and gives a rule of the form Attr → ni + NP (1968:87 and *passim*). In Ulithian, however, suffix yire + NP occurs very often, i.e. yire is not a substitute for li + NP.

E 228	waa-yire yaramata kalaa 'those people's canoe' paaga-yire xece kawee 'all of those rats'	lagace-yire yeliwici kaa 'near these children'
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Besides, consider the following series of attributive constructions.

E 229	N	At	NP(a)	NP(b)	
	yaa-	li	yeliwici (lee)	babiyoro	'(this) boy's book'
	yaa-	la	(*yiiy)	babiyoro	'his book'
	yaa-yire		yeliwlci (kaa)	babiyoro	'these boys' book'
	yaa-yire		Coon me Ben	babiyoro	'John's and Ben's book'
	yaa-yire		(yiir) me Ben	babiyoro	'Ben's and their book'
	yaa-yire		(*yiir)	babiyoro	'their book'
	yaa-mami		(gaag) me Ben	babiyoro	'Ben's and my book'
	yaa-mami		(*xaamami)	babiyoro	'our(excl) book'
	yaa-miyi		(xeel) me Ben	babiyoro	'Ben's and your book'
	yaa-miyi		(*xaamiyi)	babiyoro	'your(pl) book'
	yaa-	ca	(gaag me xeel) me Ben	babiyoro	'Ben's and our(incl) book'
	yaa-	yi	(*gaag)	babiyoro	'my book'
	yaa-	mu	(*xeel)	babiyoro	'your book'

The occurrence of a noun phrase after *yaa-mami*, *yaa-miyi*, etc. presents a further counter example to the substitution approach. On the other hand, if, as already proposed elsewhere in this study, the starred pronouns in E 229 are postulated in deep structures in spite of their non-appearance on the surface, then first of all all the holes under NP(a) are filled (which contributes to a greater symmetry of the structure) and secondly At and NP(a) are in perfect agreement in feature terms (which fact leads to the generalisation proposed in the three procedures (1-3) above).

Thirdly, the proposed measure exactly parallels the cases of Pm and Os. Thus the same rules will cover all three instances. The constituents Pm, Os, and At are not to be considered as categories in the usual sense, but rather as a kind of grammatical formative in view of the fact that they do not dominate any other category or formative and that they have some sort of grammatical (or structural) meaning: Pm as predication marker, Os as goal marker, and At as attributive marker.

Fourthly, the process of deleting <+Pro> nouns after the feature copying is better motivated than that of merging them with At to produce respective suffixes, since in the latter treatment focus transformations would have to create <+Pro> nouns - which is not the case in the former. Besides, the former procedure is more general in that <+Pro> nouns and <-Pro> nouns may be dealt with in a single frame in feature terms and then idiosyncratic dropping of <+Pro> nouns can be effected by a later rule. Thus, for example, in deriving *waa-yire* 'their canoe' and *waa-yire tamolo kaa* 'these chiefs' canoe' from *waa At yiir* and *waa At tamolo kaa*

respectively, E 230 is more general than E 231.

E 230 1. At +  $\begin{bmatrix} -SP \\ -HR \\ -SG \\ +Ani \end{bmatrix}$  ==> yire Hence:  
 a. \*waa-yire yiid  
 b. waa-yire tamolo kaa

2. N ==>  $\emptyset$  Hence:  
 $\begin{bmatrix} +Pro \\ -Emp \end{bmatrix}$  a. waa-yire

E 231 1. At + N ==> yire Hence:  
 $\begin{bmatrix} +Pro, -SP \\ -HR, -SG, +Ani \end{bmatrix}$  a. waa-yire

2. At + +N ==> yire Hence:  
 $\begin{bmatrix} -Pro \\ -SP, -HR \\ -SG, +Ani \end{bmatrix}$  b. waa-yire tamolo kaa

In short, the proposed approach renders the grammar much more general as well as simpler. At this point, a brief mention must be made concerning the alternation between *la* and *li* associated with focus transformation. Examine the following.

E 232 (a1) Ye se-wo fiit yela-li pese wee.

one length dog dm

'The length of the dog is one foot.'

(a2) Pese wee yilaa ye se-wo fiit yela-la.

fm

'As for the dog, its length is one foot.'

(b1) Xo sèsèrè kofa-ii medaa?

'What are you talking about?'

(b2) Kofa-li medaa melee xo sèsèrè?

result what fm saying

'What are you talking about?'

(b3) Medaa melee xo sèsèrè kofa-la?

'What are you talking about?'

(c1) Ye se-wo fiit yela-yire pese kawee.

'The length of the dogs is one foot.'

(c2) Pese kawee yilaa ye se-wo fiit yela-yire.

fm

'As for the dogs, their length is one foot each.'

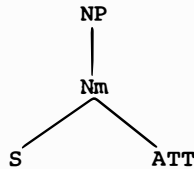
In focus transformation, the NP focussed is placed in sentence initial position before a focus marker as noticed in E 232 (a2), (b2), (b3), and (c2). When the NP following *li* is focussed, *li* turns to *la*, while in case of *yire* no alternation occurs. A problem here is how the alternation *li* - *la* should be accounted for in the framework proposed above. As will be seen (TRs 11, 13, 21 and 23), there are some syntactic reasons to assume that when an NP is focussed and preposed, an anaphoric pronoun (anaphoric *yiiyage* in the case of PrepP) first fills the place left out by the focussed NP, and then this anaphoric element will be deleted under certain conditions. In this way, alternation between *li* and *la* may easily be accounted for, since *la* is the result of the presence of the anaphoric pronoun which is, by rule, of the same relevant features as the focussed NP (see TR 15). Thus, for example, derivations of E 232 (a1) and (c1) on the one hand and of E 232 (a2) and (c2) on the other are of the following processes.

- E 233            *yela-* At *pese wee Pm se-wo fiit*  
 ==> *yela-* At *pese wee Pm se-wo fiit*  
                   F<sub>1</sub>    F<sub>1</sub>            F<sub>2</sub>            F<sub>2</sub>  
 ==> *Pm se-wo fiit yela-* At *pese wee*  
                   F<sub>2</sub>            F<sub>2</sub>                    F<sub>1</sub>    F<sub>1</sub>
- (a1) by PR 14 ==> *Ye se-wo fiit yela-li pese wee*  
*yela-* At *pese kawee Pm se-wo fiit*  
 ==> ...
- (c1) ==> *ye se-wo fiit yela-yire pese kawee*  
*Emp + yela-* At *pese wee Pm se-wo fiit*  
   <+Emp>  
 ==> *Emp + yela-* At *pese wee Pm se-wo fiit*  
                           F<sub>1</sub> F<sub>1</sub><+Emp> F<sub>2</sub>            F<sub>2</sub>  
 ==> *pese wee Emp yela-* At *yiiy Pm se-wo fiit*  
                   F<sub>1</sub>                    F<sub>1</sub>=>F<sub>3</sub> F<sub>3</sub>    F<sub>2</sub>            F<sub>2</sub>  
 ==> *pese wee Emp Pm se-wo fiit yela-* At *yiiy*  
                           F<sub>2</sub>    F<sub>3</sub>  
 ==> *pese wee Emp Pm se-wo fiit yela-* At  
                           F<sub>2</sub>    F<sub>3</sub>
- (a2) ==> *Pese wee yilaa ye se-wo fiit yela-la.*  
*Emp + yela-* At *pese kawee Pm se-wo fiit*  
   <+Emp>  
 ==> ...  
 ==> *pese kawee Emp Pm se-wo fiit yela-* At *yiir*  
                           F<sub>2</sub>                    F<sub>2</sub>                    F<sub>3</sub> F<sub>3</sub>  
 ==> *pese kawee Emp Pm se-wo fiit yela-* At  
                           F<sub>2</sub>    F<sub>3</sub>
- (c2) ==> *Pese kawee yilaa ye se-wo fiit yela-yire.*

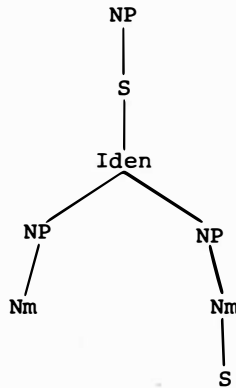
4.8.6.3. Two types are found in which a sentence is nominalised in attributive constructions (BR 18). One of them contains a sentence (S)

in the head position of an attributive construction, and the other contains an S in the position appositive to an attributive construction. The first may be called the head-S type, and the second the appositive-S type. The two types may be derived through base rules, in particular BR 18, plus nominalisation transformation. That is, in BR 18,  $Nm \rightarrow S \text{ ATT}$  is related to the first, and  $Nm \rightarrow S$  to the second, as in the following trees.

(1) head-S type



(2) appositive-S type



E 234 (a) head-S type

Weri-ya-yi xalufu lee.  
*see-it-my lizard this*  
 'This lizard is what I saw.'

(b) appositive-S type

Re sa capPi-ya yaa-yire kakkataxace soxo-yire xobaye.  
*start their throwing Cl -their*  
 'They began throwing their spears.'

(1) head-S type

On the surface, a large number of verbs, both intransitive and transitive, can be the head of an attributive construction.

E 235 loxo 'to go': loxo-yi 'my going'  
 loxo-li yaramata wee 'the man's going'



bboro 'to bend down':

bboro-yi                    *'my bending down'*  
 bboro-yire yaramata kawee  
                               *'the people's bending down'*

weri 'to see': weri-ya-yi

weri-ya-li se-male yaramata  
                               *'what a person sees'*  
 weri-ya-yi yixi *'the fish that I see'*  
 weri-ya-li se-male yaramata yixi  
                               *'the fish a person sees'*

In spite of the superficial noun-like behaviour of the above intransitive and transitive verbs, it will be assumed that they are not nouns but forms derived by transformation from the corresponding main verbs of deep structure sentences. Several reasons for this assumption follow.

(1) Semantically, the attributive constructions in E 235 are sentences: actor(subject) - action(verb) relation in the intransitive and actor(subject) - action(verb) - goal(object) relation in the transitive. It is not unreasonable, therefore, to postulate Ss underlying the above surface forms. This is supported by a basic assumption in current TG that the deep structure is viewed as highly abstract and relevant for semantic interpretation and that the two distinct syntactic structures, deep and surface, are connected by a series of T-rules.

(2) Inherent verbs such as *loxo*, *bboro*, *weri* never appear as the subject, object, etc. unless they occur in an attributive construction. This means that their positions are fixed in deep structures under the domination of a category in the verb phrase.

(3) Transitive verbs used as attributive heads are not true classifiers in spite of the formal similarity. In other words, no feature agreement is required between the transitive verbs and the nouns with which they enter into appositive relation. Observe the following.

E 236 transitive verbs

(a) [[[Weri-ya-yi]<sub>NP</sub> [pese]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [melee]<sub>NP</sub>  
                                $\left[ \begin{array}{l} +N \\ +Ani \end{array} \right]$

*'This is the dog that I saw.'*

(b) [[[Weri-ya-mu]<sub>NP</sub> [cale]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [melee]<sub>NP</sub>  
                                $\left[ \begin{array}{l} water \\ +N \\ -Ani \\ +drink \end{array} \right]$

*'This is the water that you saw.'*

- (c) [[[[Ffèsègu-ya-yi]<sub>NP</sub> [pese]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [melwee]<sub>NP</sub>  
*call that*  
 'That was the dog I called.'
- (d) [Xasi-ya-yi doxo]<sub>NP</sub> [babiyoro lee]<sub>NP</sub>  
*carry* [book  
 +N, -Ani]  
 'This book is what I've brought.'
- (e) [Yitoli-ya-yi weya]<sub>NP</sub> [yixi lee]<sub>NP</sub>  
*put dr out* [fish  
 +N  
 ±Ani  
 ±edible  
 ...]  
 'This fish is what I've taken out.'
- (f) [Dorofi-ya-yire]<sub>NP</sub> [male lee]<sub>NP</sub>  
 [bird  
 +N  
 ±Ani  
 ...]  
 'This bird is what I've caught.'
- (g) [Kamaaxo-ya-la]<sub>NP</sub> [feefelee laay]<sub>NP</sub>  
*watch girl*  
 'That girl is what he is watching.'
- (h) [Xamolo-ya-mami]<sub>NP</sub> [yegaage lee]<sub>NP</sub>  
*finish work*  
 'This work is what we(excl) have finished.'

## E 237 classifiers

- (a) [[[[lawu-yi]<sub>NP</sub> [pese]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [melee]<sub>NP</sub>  
 [+N  
 +Cl  
 +Ani] [+N  
 +Ani]  
 'This is my (living object) dog.'
- (b) [[[[Guda-ca]<sub>NP</sub> [faca]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [melee]<sub>NP</sub>  
 [+N  
 +Cl  
 +chew] [pandanus  
 +N  
 +chew]  
 'This is our(incl) (chewing object) pandanus.'
- (c) [Lema-mu]<sub>NP</sub> [cale lee]<sub>NP</sub>  
 [+N  
 +Cl  
 +drink] [water  
 +N  
 +drink]  
 'This water is for you to drink.'

Thus, the formal similarity but different grammatical relations existing between E 236 and E 237 may be satisfactorily accounted for by

positing deep structure Ss in the former set of examples.

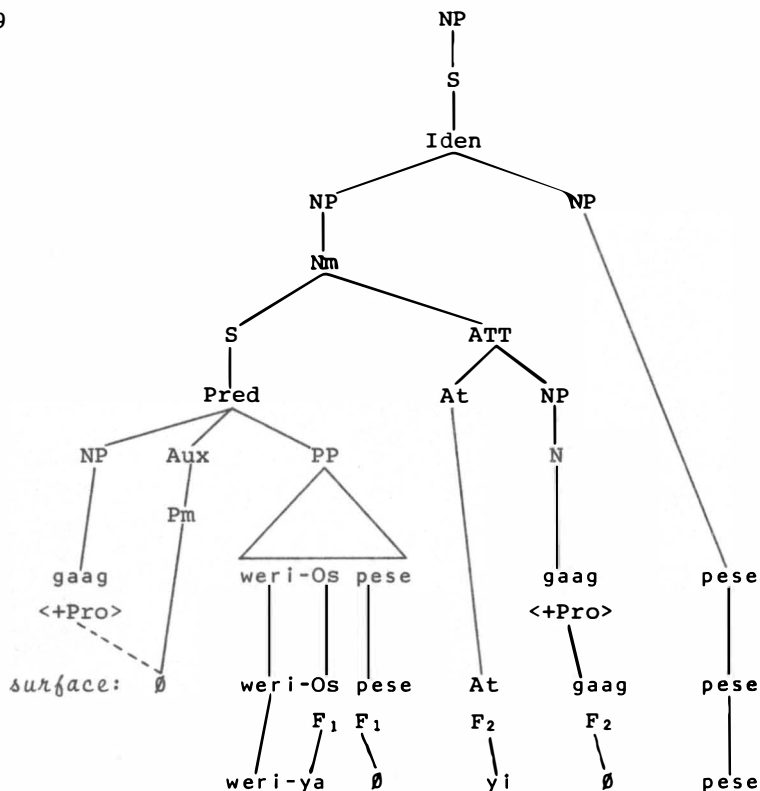
(4) Furthermore, the proposed postulation of S may be supported by the following pairs of examples in which the transitive bases are lexically related to the corresponding noun classifiers (related portions underlined in E 238 (b) for clarity). It is apparently unreasonable to treat both sets as nouns not only for morphological reasons but also because of the transformability of the first attributive construction of each pair into a well-formed sentence.

- E 238 (a1) lawu-lu-ya-yi pese *'the dog that I will have'*  
 (Cf. Yi lawu-lu-ya pese wee. *'I will have the dog.'*)
- (a2) lawu-yi pese *'my (living object) dog'*
- (b1) yule-mi-ya-mu koofiy *'the coffee that you will drink'*  
 (Cf. Xo be ule-mi-ya koofiy lee. *'Drink this coffee!'*)
- (b2) lema-mu koofiy *'your (drinking object) coffee'*
- (c1) yaa-li-ya-ca babiyoro *'the book that we(incl) own'*  
 (Cf. Si be yaa-li-ya babiyoro wee *'We(incl) have the book.'*)
- (c2) yaa-ca babiyoro *'our(incl) book'*

In connection with the proposed treatment, there are a few points to which particular attention should be drawn. First, -ya- always appears suffixed to a transitive verb before an attributive suffix. The nature of this -ya- is not clear - whether it is a kind of transitive increment or the 3rd per. sg. object suffix. I tentatively treat it as the latter for certain phonological and morphological reasons (see 4.12.2. for the discussion). Thus, for example, *weri-ya-yi pese 'the dog I saw'* is viewed as the derivation of the following deep structure.

(See Deep Structure overleaf.)

E 239



Secondly, there is a small subclass of verbs, both intransitive and transitive, which may not be nominalised in the way described. Examples of the intransitive verbs of this subclass are as follows.

- E 240 batabata 'to be thirsty' : \*batabata-yi 'my being thirsty'  
 boo 'to swell' : \*boo-yi  
 calaxara 'to be delicious' : \*calaxara-yi  
 capara 'to trust' : \*capara-yi  
 cepcepe 'to kick' : \*cepcepe-yi

It must be noted, however, that these intransitive verbs may occur with *li* + NP in which case NP is not the deep structure action (subject) but related referentially to the preceding N. The lack of nominalisation in the above words may be so specified in their lexical entries. Besides, the above words are to be treated as both <+N> and <+V> and then the appearance only before *li* + NP may be by virtue of their being <+N> and [-\_\_+Pro] as will be discussed shortly. Examples of transitive verbs of this subclass are even rarer.

- E 241 kassiya 'to ask' : \*kassiya-ya-yi  
 talaga 'to listen to' : \*talaga-ya-yi

malixili 'to forget' : \*malixili-ya-yi

kawere 'to show' : \*kawere-ya-yi

Cf. Yi kassiya-ya Tom. 'I asked Tom.'

but: \*Kassiya-ya-yi Tom. 'Tom is the one I asked.'

Thirdly, a Dr or Int may be inserted between At and the following NP as in E 242.

E 242 Pedi-ya[li]<sub>At</sub> [diye]<sub>Dr</sub> [yaramata lee]<sub>NP</sub> [luu lee]<sub>NP</sub>

'This coconut is what this man has thrown down.'

From semantic considerations, Dr or Int occurring in the said position is to be viewed as generated not by BR 17 but by BR 12, i.e. within S preceding ATT. TR 36 moves Dr or Int from the pre-At position to the post-At position.

Fourthly, the negative particle te may occur before a nominalised verb.

E 243 Te pedi-ya-li diye yaramata lee luu lee.

'This coconut is not what this man has thrown down.'

A problem here is whether te is Mn generated by BR 16 or TA of BR 7. Again recourse is made to the meaning, and te is considered as generated within S preceding ATT.

Fifthly, as will be noticed in TR 36, the structural description of the S to be nominalised may not include such constituents as Modality, SM, TA other than te, PrepP, etc. which indicates that any S which includes such constituents cannot be nominalised before ATT, i.e. is blocked.

Lastly, S + ATT also occurs as embedded in some other construction.

E 244 (a) [Babiyoro]<sub>NP</sub> [lâ xasi-ya-yi doxo]<sub>COM</sub> yilaa ye mommaye.  
carry fm good

'The book which is what I've brought is good.'

(b) Ye sa ma xallayi-ya [mogoyo kawee]<sub>NP</sub> [fèèru-ya-la]<sub>COM</sub>  
taste food make

'He used to enjoy the food that she made.'

#### appositive-S type

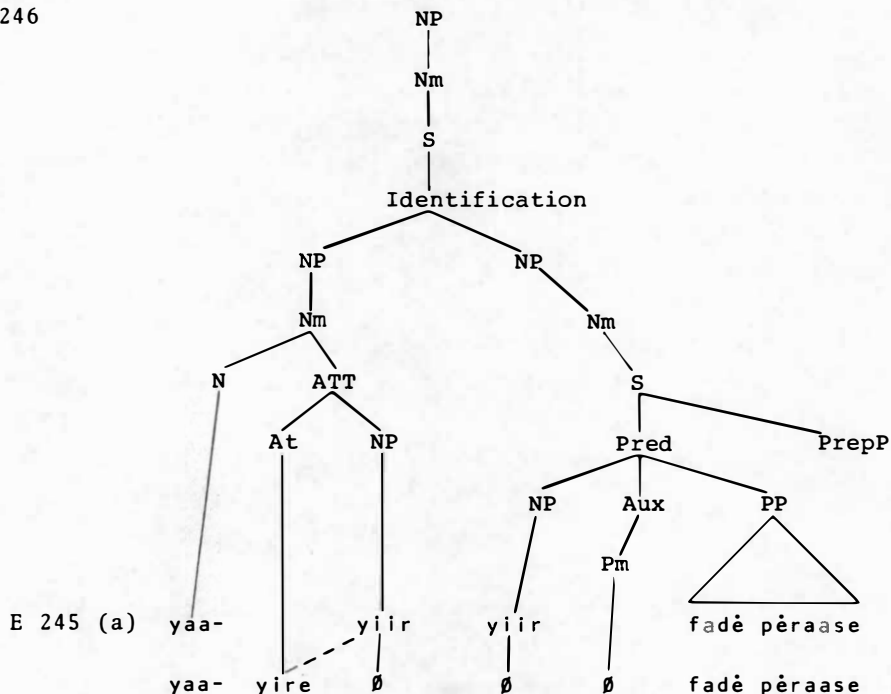
One characteristic of this type is that the attributive head is always the general classifier yaa-. Therefore, the nominalisation of an S in appositive relation with an attributive construction presupposes the presence of yaa- as the head of the latter (TR 37). Examples follow.

- E 245 (a) Yi weri-ya [yaa-yire /yiir/ fadè pèraase]<sub>NP</sub>  
*see plant rice*  
*'I saw their planting rice.'*
- (b) [Yaa-yi /gaag/ susulu]<sub>NP</sub> [yixi lee]<sub>NP</sub>  
*broil fish*  
*'This fish is what I broiled.'*
- (c) Re xula-ya [yaa-mu /xeel/ sa tagi]<sub>NP</sub>  
*know cry*  
*'They know the fact that you have cried.'*
- (d) Re sa wedi-ya [[yaa]<sub>N</sub> [yire]<sub>At</sub> [lulapa-li Moxmox wee mè  
*wait king and*  
 melwee lawu-li lulapa-li Losiyop weel]<sub>NP</sub> [[xapatapata]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
*that child talk*  
*'They waited for the king of Mogmog and the Losiyop prince  
 to talk.'*
- (e) Yilaa melee faa-li [[yaa]<sub>N</sub> [li]<sub>At</sub> [tamolo-li Bollap weel]<sub>NP</sub>  
*that fm reason-of chief*  
 [[paluya [yiiyage]<sub>PrepP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
*navigate anaph*  
*'That's the reason for the chief of Ponnapp becoming a navi-  
 gator.'*
- (f) Pese lee yilaa [[yaa]<sub>N</sub> [-la]<sub>At</sub> [/yiiy/]<sub>NP</sub> [[faga gali-  
*give to*  
 yeyi /gaag/]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
*'This dog is what he gave to me.'*

In contrast to the head-S type, the non-occurrence of Modality is the only limitation to the constituents of the S in the appositive-S type. Besides, deletion of items is limited to the subject NP and Pm in the nominalised S, because of the limitation in the identical items for which any deletion can be effected. One feature the two types have in common is that the S to be nominalised is of the Predication type and the main verb is an inherent verb, i.e. not any kind of noun.

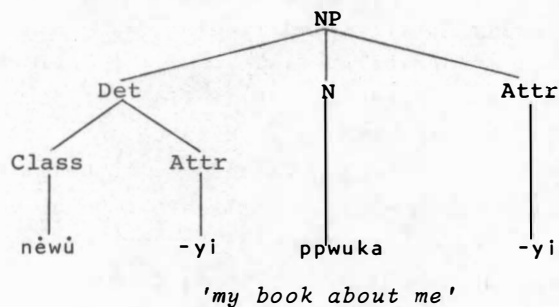
The deep structure of the NP of the appositive-S type is of the following form, which may be applicable to all the examples given in E 245.

E 246



4.8.6.4. In Trukese, Benton dichotomises attributions into possessive and referential (1968:Ch.5) and formalises this dichotomy through his syntactic rules (1968:193) by assigning the former to the category Det (consisting of the immediate constituents Class and Attr) in such a way that Det is dominated by NP, which in turn may dominate - along with this Det - N and Attr, the categories covering the referential attribution. Thus, Benton gives as an example the following tree structure (194).

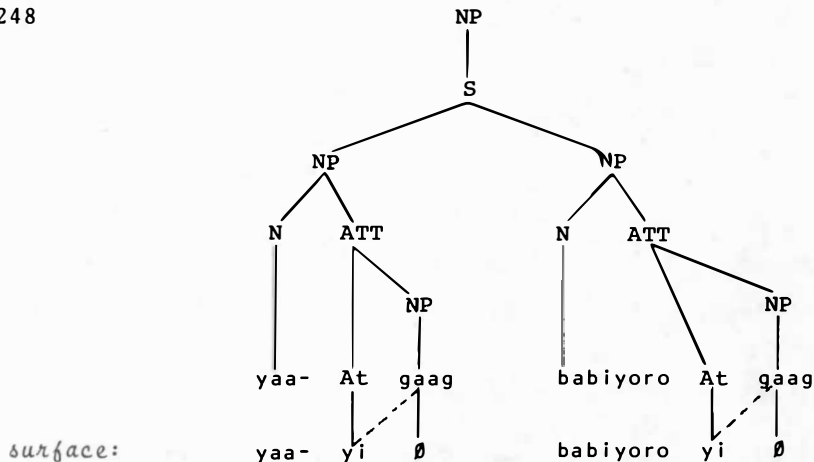
E 247



In spite of the apparent meaning difference between the *possessive* and *referential* attribution, I have decided in Ulithian not to make any categorical differentiation. Besides, as repeatedly indicated, the

relation existing between an attributive construction including the head and the following noun phrase (which is another attributive construction in the above Trukese example) is appositive and thus derivable from the corresponding identification sentence. Thus the Ulithian equivalent to the above Trukese phrase has the following deep structure (with abbreviations).

E 248



The difference between *possessive* and *referential* can be accounted for more generally in terms of inherent features, i.e. the distinction is not structural but lexically inherent. For example, *bisi-yi* 'my brother' and *lagace-yi* 'beside me' are structurally similar in that both may not be followed by a noun, nor preceded by a classifier. However, *bisi-yi* has only and always a *possessive* meaning, while *lagace-yi* has only and always a *referential* meaning. On the other hand, *lagace-yi* and *babiyoro-yi* 'book about me' both have only a *referential* meaning, but structurally they are different since *babiyoro-yi* may be preceded by a classifier. Finally, *bisi-yi* and *lawu-yi* 'my child' both have *possessive* meaning but structurally *lawu-yi* may be followed by a classified noun which is not the case with *bisi-yi*. In short, the possessive-reference difference has little to do with structure, but more with the inherent features of lexical items. Therefore, it seems reasonable for all the classifiers and the so-called inalienable nouns such as *bisi* 'brother', *pāwū* 'hand' to be assigned the feature <+possessive>, and all other nouns <-possessive>. In this case, it can be said that only <-possessive> nouns have *referential* meaning when they are followed by an attributive phrase (ATT). The different contextual restrictions of various nouns may be dealt with by means of contextual features to be assigned to each lexical entry. Such contextual features, as well as



inherent features, may serve the overall classification of nouns. Some representative inherent and contextual features related to attributive constructions are given in Table VIII together with examples of related lexical items.

TABLE XI  
FEATURES OF NOUNS

	lalow <i>yester- day</i>	medaa <i>what</i>	wóò- <i>on</i>	yixi <i>fish</i>	tèxtaa <i>doctor</i>	yila- <i>inside</i>	yiree- <i>at</i>	xulè <i>song</i>	bisi- <i>broth</i>	lema- <i>drink</i>
[_ATT]	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<poss>	(-)	(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
<Cl>	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	-	+
[_At<+Pro>]	(-)	(-)	-	-	-	+	+	+	(+)	(+)
[<+Cl>_]	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	(-)	(-)
[_At<+Ani>]	(-)	(-)	-	+	-	+	+	(+)	(+)	(+)

Different kinds of *referential* meanings are noticeable in the following examples.

- E 249 (a) barèxo-yire *'dance for them'*  
 bage-mu *'hostile feeling against you'*  
 yaa-yi xulè-miyi *'my song for you(pl)'*  
 tèxtaa-li male *'animal doctor'*  
 Ben -li yiiyaa *'Ben from where?'*  
 yaa-yire male kawee fedexe-li feefele *'those men's fighting  
 over women'*  
 wóò-li fase lee *'on this stone'*  
 yixi-li Yasor *'fish from Yasor'*  
 yila-li yima *'inside the house'*  
 mè yiree-li mogoyo *'from eating'*  
 pakka-li tamolo *'shooting of the chief'*  
 tagi-yi *'crying for me'*  
 senseye -li yalo-li Meriken *'a teacher of English'*  
 yeliwici-li sukuun *'student'*

- (b) Ye sa rogrogo kapata-li yixi là ye coolopa.  
*rumour about fish many*  
*'He heard the rumour about the fish which are abundant.'*

Gaag se-male còò-li yegaage-li yixaa.

man work here

'I am a worker here.'

Yi sa gucu-li fitaa-li yiluxu.

tired fishing ocean-side

'I am tired of fishing of the ocean-side.'

Xa ma paapa-li marama.

counting moon

'We usually count moons.'

#### 4.8.7. NUMERATIVE CONSTRUCTION (NUC)

4.8.7.1. For the syntactic position of NUC and its expansion, refer to BR 18, BR 20, and BR 21, and for the lexical formatives, to the Lexicon under 4.8.1.

NUC is placed in disjunctive relation with N in BR 18, since in many syntactic environments the two categories may replace each other. Thus, as in N, a numerative construction may appear as the antecedent of a COM, and with Dr, Int, or ATT, etc. Examples of various occurrences of NUC follow.

E 250 (a) Yifaa [se-wo]<sub>NUC</sub> [là xo dipali-ya]<sub>COM</sub> yiyee xaree yilaa?

which that want this or that

'Which is the one that you want, this or that?'

(b) [Xa]<sub>Mn</sub> [ruwè-male]<sub>NUC</sub> [cox]<sub>Int</sub> [yaa-yire buu doxo]<sub>NP</sub>

2 their

'Only two people have come.'

(c) Ye tay [se-male]<sub>NUC</sub> [mò]<sub>Int</sub> [yaramata]<sub>NP</sub>

ng even person

'There was not even one person.'

(d) [Xa-ruwè-xaye]<sub>NUC</sub> [-li pinsan]<sub>ATT</sub> melee yaa-yi

Ord 2 Nucl fm mine

'The second pencil is mine.'

4.8.7.2. Two kinds of relation are observable between a NUC and the following NP: appositive and attributive. The former relation is the result of the nominalisation of identification sentences, which approach is different for example from that of Benton's Trukese (1968:160) in which "numerals" are viewed as "determiners" within the noun phrase. Justifications for the appositive treatment were made under the section of Identification (4.5.3.). In the case of the attributive relation,

the meaning is always *referential*. The two relations are illustrated in the following sentences.

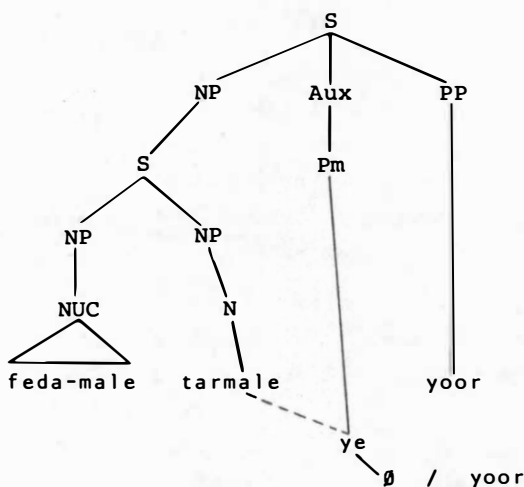
E 251 appositive

(a) Yoor [feda-male]<sub>NUC</sub> [tarmale]<sub>NP?</sub>  
*exist how- boy*  
*many*  
 'How many boys are there?'

(b) Ye xasi-ya [tèèt]<sub>NUC</sub> [pèraase mada]<sub>NP</sub>  
*carry some rice cooked*  
 'He carried some cooked rice.'

E 251 (a) has roughly the following deep structure.

E 252

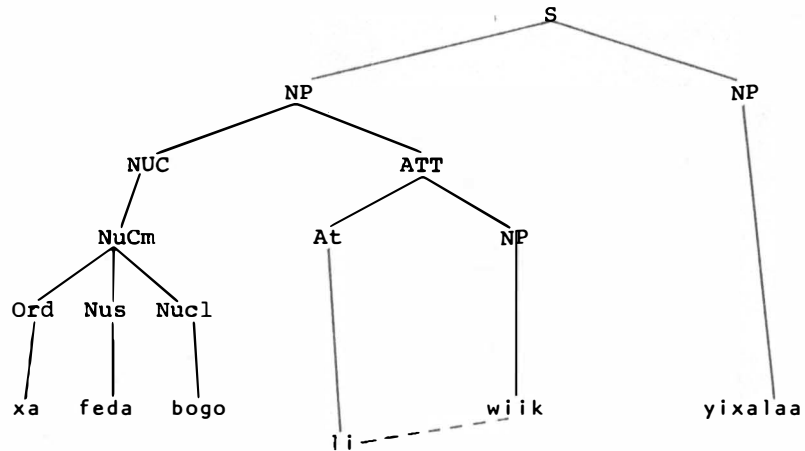


E 253 attributive

(a) [Xa-feda-bogo]<sub>NUC</sub> [-li wiik]<sub>ATT</sub> yixalaa?  
*Ord how- Nucl today*  
*many (night)*  
 'What day of the week is it today?'

(b) [[Xa-ruwè-yexe]<sub>NUC</sub> [-li /yima/]<sub>ATT</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [mè]<sub>con</sub> [[se-wo]<sub>NUC</sub> [-li  
*Ord 2 Num Nucl*  
*(10) (gen)*  
 yima<sub>ATT</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> melee yaa-yire  
*theirs*  
 'The twenty-first house is theirs.'

E 253 (a) has the following deep structure.



There is no surface construction in which ATT follows a NUC which does not contain Ord *xa* (e.g. *se-xaye luu* but *\*se-xaye-li luu*). In spite of this surface deficiency of the non-ordinal numerative construction followed by ATT, there is some motivation to consider the following set of examples to be in attributive relation in deep structures.

- E 255 (a) *se-male xaamami* 'one of us(excl)'  
 (b) *se-male yaramata kawee* 'one of those people'  
 (c) *se-xaye yiree kaa* 'one of these trees'  
 (d) *se-wo mogoyo kalaa* 'one of many kinds of food'  
 (e) *tèèt yiir* 'some of them'  
 (f) *ruwè-yaye piskaa kaa* 'two of these spears'

The relation existing between the two terms of each phrase is apparently different from that existing in the following which is appositive.

- E 256 (a) *se-male yeliwici* 'a child'  
*but: \*se-male yiiy*  
 (b) *se-xaye yiree* 'a tree'  
 (c) *tèèt yaramata* 'some people'  
 (d) *ruwè-yaye piskaa* 'two spears'

In the first place, the examples in E 255 have a partitive sense and the first term of each phrase may be singular but the second is always plural, while this is not the case in E 256. Secondly, plural pronouns may occur as the second NP in E 255, but no pronoun is allowed in E 256. Thirdly, a demonstrative suffix is obligatory after a noun in the second NP in E 255, while no demonstrative suffix occurs in E 256. The structural complementarity between the two sets of examples might lead one to



ka presupposes the presence of a numerative compound (NuCm) or a quantifier (Qnt). Thus, it never occurs before a noun (e.g. ka ruwè-wo 'two by two' but \*ka yiree 'tree').

- E 259 (a) Ye to [[ka]<sub>Rpt</sub> [se-wo]<sub>NuCm</sub>]<sub>NPs</sub> [yicuu-la /yiiy/]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 Pm stay on  
 'Each one is in it (tree or canoe), one by one.'
- (b) Ye [[ka]<sub>Rpt</sub> [ruwè-male]<sub>NuCm</sub>]<sub>VP</sub> [là re buu logo yixaa]<sub>NPs</sub>  
 that come in here  
 'They came here two by two.'
- (c) Re buu doxo [faa-li [ka se-wo yado]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 under Rpt NuCm time  
 'They came once in a while.'
- (d) Faga [gali-xomami]<sub>Prepp</sub> [[ka se-depi]<sub>NUC</sub> [fulowaa]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [bo  
 give to us(excl) bread as  
 xala-mami]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 food  
 'Give us(excl) bread piece by piece for our food.'
- (e) Lodow mè Yasor yilaa malboo be [ka sulu-yexe]<sub>NUC</sub>  
 fm maybe  
 [cox]<sub>Int</sub> [yaramata]<sub>NP</sub> [yiiyage]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
 there  
 'As for Lodow and Yasor, there are about thirty people each there.'
- (f) [[Rool]<sub>Mn</sub> [ka sulu-fase]<sub>NUC</sub> [fisi]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> melee re sa were.  
 alto- star fm shine  
 gether  
 'Stars were shining three by three.'
- (g) Ka [tèèt]<sub>Qnt</sub> pese gè re sa mese.  
 fm  
 (lit. as for dogs they died some by some)
- (h) Xateyili-yVre yikalaa [ka]<sub>Rpt</sub> [/xa/]<sub>Ord</sub> [sulu-]<sub>Nus</sub> [male]<sub>Nucl</sub>  
 collect those  
 [-li yaramata]<sub>ATT</sub>  
 person  
 'Let every third person gather together.'

4.8.7.4. NuCm and Qnt are immediate disjunctive constituents of the numerative construction (NUC) in BR 20. The term "numerative compound" is borrowed from Dyen (1965:15) for NuCm and that of "quantifier" for Qnt from Benton (1968:175) who adopted Hla Pe's terms. However, the ranges covered by the terms in this study are not the same as those intended by the authors referred to. Qnt will be discussed here, taking up the constituents of NuCm in the next few subsections.

The category Qnt is set up for syntactic purpose, i.e. to involve a small set of lexical items which behave like a numerative compound (NuCm): *tèèt* 'some', *suxufed* 'a little', and *sibis* 'a few, some'. These items happen to share the semantic features of a quantifier, but such semantic features are not relevant in this study. Thus, some classificatory elements which are semantically "quantifiers" are not dealt with under Qnt but included with other classifiers under Nucl in view of their shared syntactic behaviour.

Morphologically, *suxufed* and *sibis* might be analysed as *se-xufed* and *se-bis* respectively each including *se-* 'one'. The second elements, however, do not have an independent meaning, and other numerative stems (e.g. *ruwè* 'two', *sulu* 'three') never replace *se-*. Besides, the three Qnt members share the unique characteristic that they never occur after ordinaliser (Ord) *xa*. For these reasons, *suxufed* and *sibis* are treated as units, alongside of *tèèt*.

*Tèèt* and *sibis* are almost always interchangeable, though there is some preference of one over the other in certain syntactic contexts. This pair has a wider distributional range than *suxufed* (which indicates far less in quantity), i.e. the former pair may occur wherever *suxufed* does, but the reverse is not always the case.

E 260 (a) *Yitoli doxo*  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{tèèt} \\ \textit{sibis} \\ \textit{suxufed} \end{array} \right\}_{\text{NUC}}$  *cale bo lema-yi /gaag/.*  
*put* *as drink-my*

*'Bring*  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{some} \\ \textit{some} \\ \textit{a little} \end{array} \right\}$  *water for me to drink!'*

(b)  $[\text{Xal}]_{\text{Mn}}$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{tèèt} \\ \textit{sibis} \\ \textit{*suxufed} \end{array} \right\}_{\text{NUC}}$  *cox yaramata melee re be loxo.*  
*only*

*'Only a few people will go.'*

(c) *Xasi-ya doxo*  $[\textit{suxufed}]_{\text{NUC}}$   
*'Bring a little here!'*

(d) *Yoor*  $[\textit{sibis}]_{\text{NUC}}$   $[\textit{soyuu}]_{\text{NP}}$   
*'We have some soy sauce.'*

(e) [Téét]<sub>NUC</sub> [faluya kalaa]<sub>ATT</sub> yilaa te yoor yiree wuwóò-  
                   island                  fm                  tree on

la bo ppiya cox.

*it because sand*

*'Some of those islands are nothing more than sand.'*

4.8.7.5. The ordinaliser (+Ord) xa seems to be the same morpheme as the causative xa. Ordinal numbers are expressed by

xa + Nus + {Nucl} + ATT  
                                   Num

in which xa and ATT always co-occur. The attributive affix in ATT is always li, which means that pronouns do not occur as the NP in ATT.

E 261 xa-ruwè-male-li yaramata *'second person'*

Nucl

xa-se-yexe-li yíma *'the tenth house'*

Num

Xa does not occur with se- + Nucl to mean *'first'*. Instead, matamóò- or móò- takes the position of xa + se- + Nucl.

E 262 \*xa-se-male-li yaramata

but: matamóò-li yaramata

or: móò-li yaramata

In case of composite numerative stems, each stem may be ordinalised (i.e. xa-...-li). However, xa- and/or -li may optionally be dropped, except in the last stem where -li is obligatory.

E 263 (a) (xa-)se-yexe(-li) mē (xa-)se-male-li yixi

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*'11th fish'*

(b) (xa-)se-garase(-li) mē (xa-)se-buxuya(-li) mē

(xa-)sulu-yexe(-li) mē (xa-)ruwè-male-li mále

*'1132nd man'*

The ordinals from the *'2nd'* through *'5th'* plus yegaage *'work'* are used as the names of the days of the week from Tuesday through Friday.

E 264 sandey *'Sunday'*

montaax *'Monday'*

xa-ruwè-rale-li yegaage *'Tuesday'*

day

(Nucl)

xa-sulu-rale-li yegaage *'Wednesday'*

xa-faay-rale-li yegaage *'Thursday'*



xa-lime-rale-li yegaage 'Friday'  
 dabeedoo 'Saturday'

4.8.7.6. There are ten numerative stems (+Nus) including an indefinite feda 'how many, a few' (see the Lexicon under 4.8.1.). Nus occurs obligatorily either with Nucl (numerative classifier) or with Num (numerative multiple). For the morphophonemic changes involving Nus, Nucl, and Num, see 3.6.3. and 3.6.4.

Feda has the feature <+Q>. If it occurs with the Modality constituent Q, it has the meaning 'how many?', while it is translated as 'a few' if Q does not appear (see 4.11.2.).

E 265 (a) xa-feda-yaye-li waa 'how manieth canoe?'  
 Nucl

xa-feda-xaye-li yiree 'how manieth tree?'  
 Nucl

xa-feda-bogo-li marama 'how manieth day of the month?'  
 Nucl

(b) feda-wo coo 'how many copra?'  
 Nucl

feda-womu wucu 'how many bundles of bananas?'  
 Nucl

feda-fase fase 'how many stones?'  
 Nucl

(c) feda-male yixi 'a few fish'  
 feda-fase salapiya 'a little money'  
 feda-yaye waa 'a few canoes'

(d) Ye sa feda-wo kulok?  
 'What time is it?'

Feda-male yixi lâ xa sa xola-ya?  
 which  
 'How many fish did you(pl) catch?'

Sa feda-wo tayim yaa-li Ben buu doxo yixaa?  
 'How many times has Ben come here?'

(e) feda-yexe 'how many tens?'

4.8.7.7. The agreement between a Nucl and the following NP, whether the relation is appositive or attributive, is in terms of inherent

features. Thus, for example, male which has <+Nucl, +animate> may co-occur with yeliwici 'child', pese 'dog', etc. which have <+animate>.

E 266 ruwè-male yeliwici 'two children'

<+ani> <+ani>

ruwè-male /At/ yeliwici kalaa 'two of those children'

<+ani> <+ani>

xa-ruwè-male-li pese 'the second dog'

<+ani> <+ani>

The relation between a numerative classifier and the co-occurable nouns is that of class-member on the lexical level. For example, male is a class which has the members yeliwici, feefele 'woman', male 'bird', male 'man', xatuu 'cat', etc.

Except for the most general classifier wo, all the Nucls have certain lexical meanings, many of which are independent lexical items (e.g. bogo 'night', rale 'day', fase 'stone'). As a result, some of the classifiers function as "repeaters" as in se-rale(rale) 'one day', se-fase fase 'a stone' along with se-fase mata 'one eye-ball', etc. The general classifier wo includes as members those objects which are otherwise unclassified on the one hand, and which may replace other classifiers with a more general meaning on the other. Wo optionally drops after se- 'one' if not followed by ATT.

The following give the examples of those noun stems which may occur with the numerative classifiers listed in the Lexicon under 4.8.1. Nus se- and a rough meaning are assigned to each classifier. The list of classifiers is only partial and illustrative.

se-bogo 'night'

bogo 'night'

se-cayè 'leaf-like object'

babiyoro 'torn piece of paper'

cayè 'leaf'

fadèlè 'paddle'

mage 'pandanus mat'

paddulu 'coconut palm'

se-depi 'flat piece'

babiyoro 'sheet of paper'

coo 'slice of copra'

fôtoxuraaf 'picture'

fulowaa 'piece of bread'

magaaxu 'clothes'

màyi 'breadfruit'

pexe 'wall'

yiree 'piece of wood'

se-fase 'round object'

bulaxa 'taro'

fase 'stone'

kumèètiya 'potato'

mata 'eye'

mmulu 'spool of thread'	salapiya 'money'
subuyasii 'onion'	xarfada 'apple'
se-gôlo 'bundle of ten'	
luu 'coconut'	
se-male 'animate'	
liyooso 'toy'	tarmale 'boy'
xece 'rat'	yixi 'fish'
yulêelapa 'old woman'	
se-mata 'kind'	
fase 'stone'	yîma 'house'
yiree 'tree'	
se-paa 'lei-like object'	
marmara 'lei'	yara 'a kind of tree'
se-pade 'speech'	
xapatapata 'speech'	
se-pèyè 'drop'	
fulorase 'flower'	yinkii 'ink'
se-raa 'branch'	
raa 'branch'	
se-rale 'day'	
rale 'day'	
se-ree 'side'	
belaa 'shoe'	dudu 'breast'
magaaxu 'torn piece of clothes'	pâwWu 'arm'
pèè 'feather'	
se-tabo 'half piece'	
fulowaa 'half a piece of bread'	mmulu 'thread'
tale 'piece of rope'	xoxolo 'string made from coconut leaf'
yawu 'string'	
se-wo 'general object'	
babiyoro 'book'	dèrè 'woman's lavalava'
ggata 'hole'	kaxaro 'box'
luu 'coconut'	mogoyo 'food'
paca 'tail'	salapiya 'money'
se-womu 'bundle'	
luu 'coconut'	wucu 'banana'

se-xaye 'tree-like or book-like  
object'

babiyoro 'book'

yiree 'tree'

facu 'pandanus'

se-yale 'butt or line-like object'

tamaaxoo 'cigarette'

yegaage-li wucu 'banana fiber'

yawu 'string'

se-yaye 'long-slender object'

bòòdu 'nose'

kku- 'finger nail'

pinsan 'pencil'

sare 'big knife'

ttoo 'canoe seat'

waxara 'root'

fulowaa 'load of bread'

payep 'pipe'

piskaa 'fishing spear'

tomtom 'harmonica'

waa 'canoe'

4.8.7.8. Numerative multiples (+Num) consist of yexe 'multiple of ten', buxuya 'hundred', garase 'thousand', sele 'ten thousand', and ppiya 'hundred thousand'. However, sele is, strictly speaking, not Num, because a Nus + Nucl (general) must precede it as in ruwè-wo sele '20,000'. Thus, sele is regarded lexically as a noun stem (+N). Se- preceding ppiya is normally dropped as in ppiya '100,000', ruwè-ppiya '200,000', etc. A Nus + Num may be preceded or followed by another in such a way that Nus + Num with a higher decimal precedes that with a lower decimal, connected by mè 'and'. Nus + Nucl, if it appears, takes the last position. The conjunction of numerative compounds in this way may be handled by BR 15. Examples are given below, including sele 'ten thousand'.

E 267 se-yexe '10'  
 ruwè-yexe '20'  
 se-buxuya '100'  
 se-garase '1000'  
 sele '10,000'  
 ruwè-wo sele '20,000'  
 sulu-wo sele '30,000'  
 diwa-wo sele '90,000'  
 ppiya '100,000'  
 ruwè-ppiya '200,000'  
 diwa-ppiya '900,000'

se-yexe mè se-wo babiyoro '11 books'

se-buxuya mè ruwè-yexe '120'

se-garase mè se-male yaramata '1001 persons'

se-garase mè diwa-buxuya mè wòle yexe mè wàlu-wo... '1968...'

4.8.7.9. There is a set of numerals which is not syntactically relevant, i.e. the rapid counting numerals.

yòód	'one'	wòól	'six'
ruy	'two'	fiis	'seven'
yeel	'three'	wàál	'eight'
faag	'four'	diiw	'nine'
liim	'five'	se-yexe	'ten'

When more than ten objects are counted serially, counting starts again from yòód.

#### 4.8.8. PRONOUNS

Pronouns, demonstrative elements, interrogatives, and possessive classifiers are some syntactically characteristic subclasses of nominals (+N) which require separate discussion. Pronouns will be discussed in this section, and the rest in the next few sections.

4.8.8.1. The Ulithian pronouns are assumed to be a subclass of nominals, i.e. formatives characterised by the features <+N> and <+Pro> under the domination of N in deep structures. This assumption renders both the base and transformational rules simpler and more general compared to a possible alternative in which a category is postulated to exclusively dominate the set of pronouns. The approach adopted here is close to the proposal made by Postal (1966:177-206) concerning English pronouns except that I do not follow his treatment of pronouns as definite articles on the surface.<sup>2</sup> As has been mentioned (4.5.3.), pronoun-noun constructions are appositive, derivable from Identification sentences. Consider the following sentences.

E 268 (a) Re bu doxo yiir senseye kalaa mè Yap.  
           *come dr they*  
           (lit. *they those teachers are from Yap*)

<sup>2</sup>In phrases like *you guys*, *we men*, Postal (1966:177-206) views *you*, *we*, etc. as definite articles, opposing the proposal of derivation of the phrases from appositive relative clauses. Postal says that forms like *we men* occur in a variety of contexts where appositive relatives may not. All his supporting examples in this regard, however, do not seem to constitute strong evidence, since he does not distinguish two different types of "appositive relative" clauses. For example, he would seem to call both *we, who are men* and *we, who are six feet tall* "appositive relatives". In Ulithian, the two phrases manifest entirely different structures, one Identification and the other Predication. In spite of his various further justifications for his treatment of pronouns in English as definite articles on the surface, I shall regard pronoun-noun constructions in Ulithian as appositive, derivable from the corresponding Identification sentences.

- (b) Ye xasi-ya yiiy babiyoro wee.  
*carry-it it*  
 (lit. *he carried it the book*)
- (c) Yi sa weri-ya yiiir faluya kawee.  
 (lit. *I saw them those islands*)
- (d) Dempoo-li medaa yiiy malaa?  
*dispatch what it that*  
 (lit. *it that is dispatch of what?*)
- (e) Xeel Libertus melee xo sa loxo.  
*you fm*  
 (lit. *you Libertus, you go!*)

The underlined parts in E 268 which are each an appositive pair may be derived from the following Identification sentences respectively.

- E 269 (a) [[Yiir]<sub>NP</sub> [senseye kalaa]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>  
*'They are those teachers.'*
- (b) [[Yiiy]<sub>NP</sub> [babiyoro weel]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>  
*'It is that book.'*
- (c) [[Yiir]<sub>NP</sub> [faluya kawee]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>  
*'They are those islands.'*
- (d) [[Yiiy]<sub>NP</sub> [malaa]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>  
*'It is that.'*
- (e) [[Xeel]<sub>NP</sub> [Libertus]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>  
*'You are Libertus.'*

The distinction between <+Pro> and <-Pro> nominals on the feature level is imperative, because the former has some important syntactic characteristics which the latter lacks. For example, pronouns do not appear before ATT; many nouns which do not have suffixal inflection are specifically marked by [-\_At<+Pro>], etc. The pronouns *yiiy* 'he, she, it' and *yiiir* 'they' do not appear before a demonstrative enclitic (+Dm) but the others do, as in the following examples.

- E 270 (a) Gaag lee yilaa yi be la fitaa.  
*I this fm go fishing*  
 (lit. *this-I, I will go fishing.*)
- (b) Xaamami kaa xa be xáátaa?  
*we(excl) do-what*  
 (lit. *as-for-these-us, what shall we(excl) do?*)

- (c) Xeel laa xo be loxo xaree xo towee loxo?  
*you that*  
 (lit. *that-you, will you go or not?*)

E 270 indicates that it is unreasonable to regard pronouns as a class parallel to Nm + Dm, but rather supports the assumption that pronouns are a special subclass of N. The following examples give some additional evidence that pronouns are by no means a class which can be placed in disjunctive relation with the whole NP in the deep structure, since they occur after Mn (nominal manner particles) and before COM (complement or relative), Dr, Int as well as Dm.

- E 271 (a) [Xa]<sub>Mn</sub> yiir [cox]<sub>Int</sub> melee re sa mese.  
*only +Pro just fm die*  
 'Only they died.'

- (b) Xeel [lâ[xo mele lagace-li tade melee xo be  
 +Pro who near sea fm  
 dorofi-ya /yiy/]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>COM</sub>  
*catch it*  
 'You, catch it, since you live near the sea!'  
 (lit. *you who live near the-sea, you catch it*)

Then it is clear that the part italicised (by me) in the following quotation from Postal (1966:177) is not correct with respect to Ulithian: "Certain modern students of English such as Robert Allen have noted, essentially correctly, that in many ways such forms actually 'replace' whole noun phrases (henceforce NP) rather than nouns, *since they cannot occur with articles, relative phrases, and other elements which can occur in the same NP with ordinary nouns.*" I agree with Jacobs and Rosenbaum (1967:51) that pronouns are placed in sentences in two ways, i.e. in the deep structure and through a transformation. I would like to extend this principle and conclude that, in Ulithian, pronouns are a subclass of N in the deep structure, but they replace the whole noun phrase in case of pronominalisation. To that extent, pronouns have dual functions, i.e. both as nominals and as substitutes. Observe the following examples.

- E 272 (a) Mooc xaamami melee xa sa buu doxo.  
 (nominal)  
 'Just we(excl) have come.'

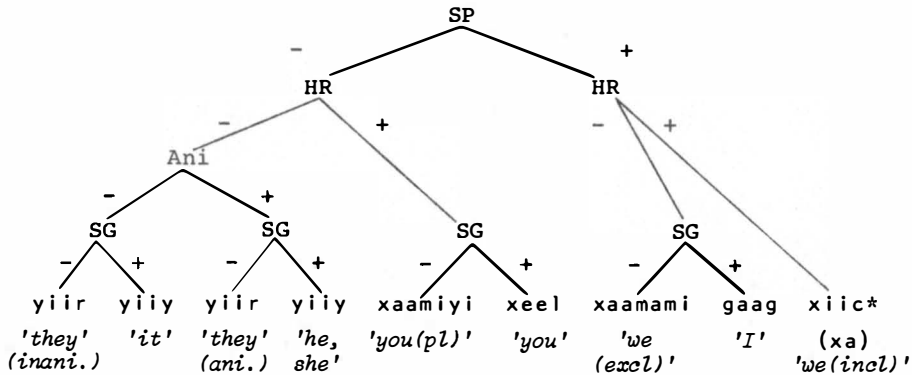
- (b) [Tèxtaa kalaay re mommaye]<sub>NP</sub> yilaa re sèrè bo [yiir]<sub>NP</sub>  
 dm good fm say that <+Pro>  
 (substitute)

melee re buu doxo mē Merikan.

fm

'Those good doctors say that they are from America.'

4.8.8.2. The feature composition of the pronouns is as follows.



redundancy rules: 1.  $\begin{bmatrix} +SP \\ +HR \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \langle -SG \rangle$

2.  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle +SP \rangle \\ \langle +HR \rangle \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \langle +Ani \rangle$

\*xiic and xa occur in free variation before si (Pm), otherwise xiic.

FIGURE 9

#### FEATURES OF PRONOUNS

Although no formal differentiation is made by  $\langle +Ani \rangle$  and  $\langle -Ani \rangle$ , the postulation of this feature is crucial in order to handle various contextual restrictions and agreements, as will be seen in CHAPTER V. For example, the occurrence of pseudo-prepositional yicuu- 'on' with -la 'its, their' (derived from At +  $\{yiiy\}$ ) or -li 'of' + inanimate noun but  $\begin{matrix} yicuu- \\ yiiir \end{matrix}$  not with -yi 'my' ( $\langle == \text{At} + \text{gaag} \rangle$ ), -yire 'their(ani.)' ( $\langle == \text{At} + \text{yiir} \text{ of } \langle +Ani \rangle \text{ or } \langle +Ani, -SG \rangle \text{ noun} \rangle$ ), etc. indicates that in deep structures yicuu- occurs only with a formative having a feature matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} +Pro \\ -Ani \end{bmatrix}$ , which excludes all the pronouns but yiiy and yiir with  $\langle -Ani \rangle$ .

#### 4.8.9. DEMONSTRATIVE ELEMENTS

4.8.9.1. The demonstrative elements involve those words in which a



bound noun stem is followed by a demonstrative enclitic. In the lexicon, they are specified with <+N>, <+Dm>. By convention, <+Dm> is understood to represent all the features of the demonstrative enclitic that the lexical item carries. For example, demonstrative *melee* 'this' (màl- + lee) is specified in <+N>, <+Dm> in the Lexicon, but here <+Dm> represents such features as <+Dm>, <+SP>, <-HR>, <+visible>, <-future>, <-past> and <+SG>. The non-occurrence of demonstrative elements before a demonstrative enclitic in spite of BR 17 will be handled by a redundancy rule (RR 6 in 4.14.).

The reasons for treating a certain class of noun stems + demonstrative enclitic as lexical units under the domination of N are that (1) the noun stems are bound, occurring always with a demonstrative enclitic; (2) no attributive phrase or adjective may be inserted between a stem and the enclitic; and (3) in some words, the stem and enclitic are partially fused (e.g. *melee* <== màl- + lee) or realised as a portmanteau (e.g. *yiiyee* 'this' <== yi- + lee).

The demonstrative elements may be subclassified as below.

(1) demonstratives proper

	<+SG>	<-SG>
<i>màl- type</i>	<i>melee</i> 'this'	<i>makaa</i>
	<i>malaa</i> 'that'	<i>makalaa</i>
	<i>malaay</i> 'that (yonder)'	<i>makalaay</i>
	<i>melwee</i> 'that (unseen)'	<i>makawee</i>
<i>yi- type</i>	<i>yiiyee</i> 'this'	<i>yikaa</i>
	<i>yilaa</i> 'that'	<i>yikalaa</i>
	<i>yilaay</i> 'that (yonder)'	<i>yikalaay</i>
	<i>yiwee</i> 'that (unseen)'	<i>yikawee</i>

(2) prepositional demonstratives

	<+SG>	<-SG>
<i>locational</i>	<i>yixaa</i> 'here'	<i>yikaa</i> 'here(pl)'
	<i>yixalaa</i> 'there'	<i>yikalaa</i> 'there(pl)'
	<i>yixalaay</i> 'over there'	<i>yikalaay</i> 'over there (pl)'
	* <i>yixawee</i>	* <i>yikawee</i>
<i>temporal</i>	<i>yixalaa</i> 'today, now'	<i>yixalakaa</i> 'nowadays'
	<i>yixawee</i> 'before'	<i>yixakawee</i> 'old days'

(3) interrogative demonstratives

<i>yifaa</i> 'which'	<i>yikafaa</i> 'which(pl)'
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4.8.9.2. It seems that the stem of the *mâl-* type is related to *mâle* 'something' and that of the *yi-* type to *yiiy* 'it (pronoun)'. The meaning difference between the *mâl-* and *yi-* types is slight, and native speakers could not easily tell the difference unless the actual situations in which these words appear are presented. But it seems that the meaning of the *mâl-* type is rather indefinite compared to the other type. Thus, the former is close to 'something' + demonstrative enclitic, and the latter to 'it' or 'that' + demonstrative enclitic. Examine the following.

- E 273 (a1) *Medaa melee?*  
*'What's this?' (when the speaker does not know what it is)*
- (a2) *Medaa yiiyee?*  
*'What's this?' (when the speaker has found a thing that he looked for)*
- (b1) *Yiitey malaay?*  
*'Who is that over there?' (when the speaker sees someone)*
- (b2) *Gê yiitey yilaay?*  
*'And who is that over there?' (when the speaker notices another person appearing)*
- (c) *Yi be xasi-ya makaa? Yaab, xasi-ya yikaa.*  
*'May I have these? No, have these.'*
- (d1) *paaga-li makaa* 'a collection containing everything'
- (d2) *paaga-li yikaa* 'a collection containing only some special part'

There is no restriction in the function of demonstratives proper as nominals, i.e. they may occur wherever their immediately dominating category (N) occurs, which fact is not the case with locational and temporal demonstratives whose occurrence is restricted to the N which is under the domination of PrepP. The following examples demonstrate various functions of demonstratives proper.

- (1) subject of predication

- E 274 (a) [*Ye be le*]<sub>Aux</sub> [*xala-yi /gaag/*]<sub>PP</sub> [*yiiyee*]<sub>Nps</sub>  
*this*  
*'This will be my food.'*
- (b) [*Melee*]<sub>NPs</sub> *yilaa ye xarêta-ii pallege.*  
*fm Pm end big*  
*'This is very big.'*

## (2) object of the main verb

- E 275 (a) [Yi be]<sub>Aux</sub> [xasi-ya]<sub>VP</sub> [makaa]<sub>NP</sub>  
*carry*  
 'May I have these?'
- (b) [Xo]<sub>Aux</sub> [dipali-ya]<sub>VP</sub> [yiiyee]<sub>NP</sub> xaree [yilaa]<sub>NP</sub> xaree  
*con con*  
 [yilaay]<sub>NP</sub>  
 'Do you want this or that or that over there?'

## (3) subject and predicate of Identification

- E 276 (a) [Yaa-yi /gaag/ ceebu]<sub>NPP</sub> [melwee]<sub>NPs</sub>  
 'That (unseen) is my table.'
- (b) [Yilaay]<sub>NPs</sub> melee [yima wee yima-yi /gaag/]<sub>NPP</sub>  
*fm*  
 'That over there is the house of mine.'
- (c) [Bisi-li yiitey]<sub>NPP</sub> [makalaay]<sub>NPs</sub>  
*who*  
 'Whose brothers are those over there?'
- (d) [Yiiyee]<sub>NPP</sub> [yaramata wee]<sub>NPs</sub>  
 'The person is here.'
- (e) [yikalaa]<sub>NPP</sub> [faluya kalaa ye xareta-li mommaye  
*very good*  
 me wo'o-li Yulidiy]<sub>NPs</sub>  
 'The very good islands are those.'

## (4) head of PrepP

- E 277 Ye la mese loxo [bo yilaa]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*become*  
 'He came to die because of that.'

## (5) attributive nominal

- E 278 (a) Xa sa bii diye yiree [-li]<sub>At</sub> [yilaay]<sub>NP</sub> la-li teeteye laay.  
*at reef*  
 'You(pl), go down to that in that reef!'
- (b) Yiiyee melee babiyoro [-li]<sub>At</sub> [melwee]<sub>NP</sub>  
 'Here is the book about that.'
- (c) Ye pallege yiree lee me yimoo-li yilaay.  
 'This tree is bigger than that.'



[11] <sub>At</sub> [yikalaa [ye mele diye] <sub>COM</sub>] <sub>NP</sub> <sub>PrepP</sub>

'There were more of those which were destroyed than those which remained.'

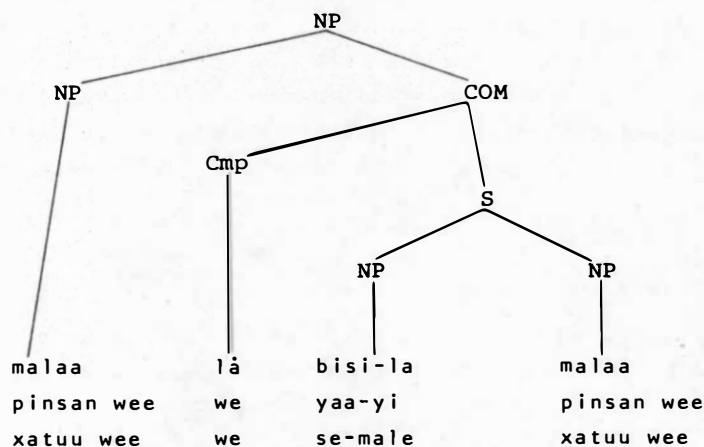
Another kind of construction which is of high frequency in texts is that in which a demonstrative proper and the following noun or noun phrase are appositively juxtaposed on the surface (e.g. *malaa bisi-la* 'that brother of his') (see 4.5.3.). This kind of construction is similar to that in which a pronoun is followed by a noun (e.g. *yiiy yaramata laay* 'the man over there'), or a classifier followed by a classified NP (e.g. *yaa-yi pinsan* 'my pencil'; *se-male xatuu* 'a cat'), or more closely a classified NP followed by a classifier (e.g. *pinsan wee yaa-yi* 'the pencil of mine'; *xatuu wee se-male* 'a cat'). Note that there are two types of appositive constructions in the above examples.

E 281

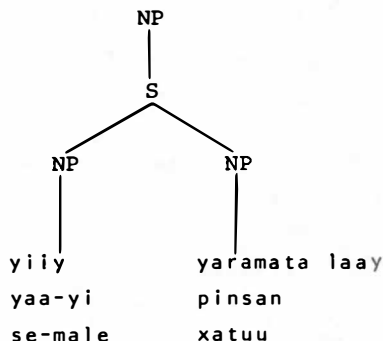
A	B
<i>malaa bisi-la</i>	* <i>bisi-la malaa</i>
* <i>yaramata laay yiiy</i>	<i>yiiy yaramata laay</i>
<i>pinsan wee yaa-yi</i>	<i>yaa-yi pinsan</i>
<i>xatuu wee se-male</i>	<i>se-male xatuu</i>

A problem here is whether A and B are derived from one and the same type of deep structure or whether they have different types of deep structure. Either alternative might be justifiable in some ways. It is tentatively proposed here that A and B have different underlying deep structures, i.e. A involves an embedded sentence which is of the identification type, while B is a nominalised form of an identification sentence, as shown in the following trees.

E 282 A



B



In E 282 A, each final noun phrase will be deleted by a general identity deletion rule (TRs 13 and 22) and the complementisers (+Cmp) by TR 41. The reason for recognising two different deep structures is that, in addition to the surface difference, the examples given in E 282 B do not allow any embedded S according to the base rules so far formulated, while postulation of an embedded S in the examples in E 281 A contributes to the symmetry in the grammar.

Consider the following.

- E 283
- |     | NP            | NP1           | NP2                           |
|-----|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| (a) | yaramata wee  | Taxac yida-la | 'the man whose name is Taxac' |
| (b) | pinsan wee    | yaa-yi        | (*pinsan wee)                 |
| (c) | malaa bisi-la |               | (*malaa)                      |

By postulating the starred noun phrases in deep structures, (b) and (c) may be treated in a way parallel to (a). If they are not postulated, the only allowable embedded sentences of the identification type would be those in which NP2 is not the same as NP (antecedent); such a treatment would lack generality. Further evidence to favour the deep structure given in E 282 A is E 284 in which a conjunctive *la* obligatorily occurs where a demonstrative enclitic is lacking. The fact that *la* is elsewhere a conjunctive always followed by a sentence leads to the interpretation that *la sulu-male* and *la lawu-yi* are embedded sentences.

- E 284 Yeliwici la sulu-male la lawu-yi yilaa re mele yiree-li sukuun.  
*child fm stay at*  
 'My three children are students.'

On the analogy of E 284, *bisi-la*, *yaa-yi*, and *se-male* in E 281 A may be regarded as embedded sentences in deep structures. Thus, the underlined part of the sentence,

Malaay peya-li melwee rii-li feefelee wee melee ye sa towase.  
 'That grave of the husband of the girl has been destroyed.'

has roughly the following deep structure.



- (c) [Yilaay]<sub>NP</sub> melwee [se-male senseye]<sub>NP</sub>  
*'That is the teacher.'*
- (d) Re sa kakka doxo metameta-li mogoyo mommaye là xala-ca  
           carry      kinds      food  good  which  
 mè wòò-li [malaa faluya-yire /yiir/]<sub>NP</sub>  
 from on                  island  
*'They brought various good foods for us (incl) from that island of theirs.'*
- (e) Ye sa wa loxo yiwee miri-la /yiii/  
           also                  younger-  
                                   brother  
*'That younger brother of his also went.'*
- (f) Yiwee sa bii diye Yixnaasiyoo gè ye tay loxo  
           then          dr                  but  not go  
 [yiwee se-male]<sub>NPs</sub>  
*'Then Ignatio went westward, but the other one did not go.'*
- (g) Melwee bòòdu-li xiti wee te yoor se-male là ye xagi-ya.  
           nose      octopus                  who  
*'As for the octopus' beak, there was no one who ate it.'*

The use of two demonstratives proper (melee and yilaa) as focus markers will be discussed in 4.10.

4.8.9.3. The stem of locational demonstratives (see 4.8.9.1.), yixa-, undergoes certain morphophonemic changes when it is followed by a demonstrative enclitic.

1. yixa- + lee ==> yixaa
2. yixa- ==> yi- / \_\_[k...]Dm  
       thus: yixa- + kaa ==> yikaa  
           yixa- + kalaay ==> yikalaay, etc.

The locational paradigm is defective in that \*yixawee and its plural form are missing.

The stem of temporal demonstratives may be set up as yixala-. Morphophonemic changes involved are as follows.

1. yixala- + lee ==> yixalaa
2. yixala- ==> yixa- / \_\_ (ka)wee  
       thus: e.g. yixala- + wee ==> yixawee





However, there is a minor point of difference between an interrogative demonstrative and a noun + Dm, i.e. the former does not occur as the NP in an attributive phrase (ATT).

- E 289 yima-li yaramata faa 'house of which person?'  
 yima-li faluya faa 'house of which island?'  
 but: \*yima-li yifaa  
 Cf. yima-li yiyaa 'house of where?'  
 \*babiyo-ro-li yifaa  
 Cf. babiyo-ro-li medaa 'book about what?'

Interrogative demonstratives and demonstratives proper share a common characteristic in that they do not appear as the only member of a prepositional phrase, which is not the case with prepositional demonstratives. On the other hand, interrogative and prepositional demonstratives have some features in common which are not shared by demonstratives proper. That is, the former sets do not occur as the NP in an attributive phrase (ATT), do not occur as either member of an appositive construction (e.g. \*[yifaa bisi-la]<sub>NP</sub>, \*[yixaa bisi-la]<sub>NP</sub>), i.e. do not undergo nominalisation, and do not function as the antecedent of an embedded sentence.

In spite of the fact that yifaa, yikafaa themselves cannot be prepositions, they may induce responses with prepositional constructions. Compare the following.

- E 290 (a) [Yifaa]<sub>NP</sub> [yida-la]<sub>NP</sub>? 'What's her name?'  
 [Mardaa]<sub>NP</sub> melee [yida-la]<sub>NP</sub> 'Marda is her name.'  
 fm  
 (b) [Yifaa]<sub>NP</sub> [yiyi]<sub>NP</sub>? 'Where is she?'  
 Ye mele [sukuun]<sub>prepp</sub> 'She is staying at school.'

Like other nominals, yifaa and yikafaa occur as the main verb.

- E 291 (a) [Ye sa]<sub>Aux</sub> [yifaa]<sub>pp</sub> [yado-li yaa-la riirii melwee mega-mu]<sub>NP</sub>?  
 time marry sister  
 'How many days have passed since your sister got married?'  
 (b) [Ye be]<sub>Aux</sub> [yikafaa]<sub>pp</sub> [yiir yeliwici kawee]<sub>NP</sub>?  
 'Where will be those children?'

After an interrogative demonstrative, a pronoun obligatorily precedes an NP with the feature <+Ani> if that NP has a demonstrative enclitic or is a proper noun (name of a person).

- E 292 (a) {Yifaa } yiir yaramata kawee?  
 {Yikafaa }  
 'Where are those people?'  
 Cf. \*{Yifaa } yaramata kawee?  
 {Yikafaa }
- (b) Yifaa yiiy pese wee ye tamaaye?  
 'Where is the sick dog?'  
 Cf. \*Yifaa pese wee ye tamaaye?
- (c) Yifaa yiiy Darxos?  
 'Where is Darxos?'  
 Cf. \*Yifaa Darxos?

If, however, an interrogative demonstrative is followed by a <+Ani> NP without a demonstrative enclitic, insertion of a pronoun is optional.

- E 293 (a) Yifaa tarmale?  
 'Where are boys?'
- (b) Yifaa yiir tarmale?  
 'Where are those boys?'

Insertion of a pronoun is optional if the NP after an interrogative demonstrative is <-Ani> and has a demonstrative enclitic. A pronoun normally does not appear if there is no Dm.

- E 294 (a) Yifaa (yiiy) waa wee?  
 'Where is the canoe?'
- (b) Yikafaa (yiir) piskaa kaa?  
 Yifaa  
 'Where are those fishing spears?'
- (c) Yikafaa yida-yire?  
 Yifaa  
 'What are their names?'
- Cf. \*Yikafaa yiir yida-yire?

#### 4.8.10. INTERROGATIVES

4.8.10.1. Interrogative words yigád 'when' and yiiyaa 'where' were briefly discussed under 4.7. (Prepositional Phrases), feda- 'how many' in the section of Numerative Construction of 4.8., and yifaa and yikafaa in the preceding section. Except for feda- which is a numerative stem (+Nus), all these interrogative words plus medaa 'what' and yiitey 'who' to be discussed shortly are nominals (+N). These nominal interrogatives may be arranged in terms of their inherent features as in TABLE XII. Grammatical and contextual features may be added to their respective lexical entries.

TABLE XII  
NOMINAL INTERROGATIVES

	<u>medaa</u>	<u>yiitey</u>	<u>yiiyaa</u>	<u>yigàd</u>	<u>yifaa &amp; yikafaa</u>
Q	+	+	+	+	+
Dm	-	-	-	-	+
time	-	-	-	+	(±)
place	-	-	+	(-)	(±)
human	-	+	(-)	(-)	(-)

4.8.10.2. *Medaa* and *yiitey* constitute the closest related subset from a syntactic point of view. Differing from *yigàd* and *yiiyaa*, they never become the only constituent of PrepP. They also differ from *yifaa* and *yikafaa* in that no demonstrative feature is present in them and no demonstrative enclitic may follow. Non-occurrence of a demonstrative enclitic after *medaa* and *yiitey* is an indicator of structural difference between Ulithian and Trukese (e.g. Benton 1968:141). One syntactic feature shared by all the interrogatives in TABLE XII is that they never act as the head of an attributive phrase (e.g. \**medaa* + ATT, \**yiiyaa* + ATT). See RR 6 in 4.14.

Except for the above points, there is no other significant restriction in the occurrence of *medaa* and *yiitey*. For their various functions, observe the examples below.

E 295 subject of Predication

- (a) Medaa melee ye buu doxo mè yiree-li fedexe wee?

war

'What is the result of the war?'

- (b) Yiitey melee ye kakka doxo yaa-ca babiyoro?

fm carry Cl-our

'Who brought our(incl) letters?'

E 296 subject or predicate of Identification

- (a) [Medaa]<sub>NP</sub> melee [yaa-mu liluwale]<sub>NP</sub> yiree-li melwee?

fm your thinking at that

'What is your thinking about it?'

- (b) [Yiitey]<sub>NP</sub> melee [yaa-mu senseye]<sub>NP</sub>?

fm

'Who is your teacher?'



example, E 299 is a sentence which has two deep structures as in E 300.

E 299 Yiitey melee ye lli-yVre?

*kill-them*

(a) 'Who killed them?'

(b) 'Whom(pl) did he kill?'

E 300 (a) <== Q Emp + yiitey Pm lli Os yiir  
melee <+SG>

(b) <== Q Emp + yiiy Pm lli Os yiitey  
melee <-SG>

When an Identification sentence, in which a subject pronoun and a predicate interrogative yiitey or medaa occur, is not focussed, the normal order is pronoun + interrogative (TR 20).

E 301 yiir yiitey?

*'Who are they?'*

If, however, such a sentence has the constituent Emp in deep structures, the order is reversed as in the case of other nouns.

E 302 Yiitey melee yiir?

Only medaa may appear in the *classified* position in an appositive construction.

E 303 (a) [Se-male]<sub>NUC</sub> [medaa]<sub>NP</sub> yiiy yaramata wee?

*'Who is that (invisible) person?'*

(b) [Se-xaye]<sub>NUC</sub> [medaa]<sub>NP</sub> [makalaay]<sub>NP</sub>?

*(lit. one-tree-like-object of-what is-that?)*

(c) Yaa-la [medaa]<sub>NP</sub> [yiiyee]<sub>NP</sub>?

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*(lit. his what is-this?)*

Benton (1968:136) describes two interrogatives in Trukese which have no counterparts in Ulithian, i.e. Tr. /menni/ 'which' and Tr. /pwata/ 'why'. The former meaning is expressed in Ulithian by demonstrative suffixes faa or kafa as already indicated (e.g. yiree kafa 'which trees?') and the latter meaning by bo medaa 'for what' or yiree-li medaa 'for what' or medaa...yiyage if medaa is focussed.

E 304 (a) Xo tagi [{bo  
cry {yiree-li} medaa]PrepP?

*'What do you cry for?'*

- (b) Medaa melee xo la ssogo gali-yeyi [yiiyage]<sub>PrepP</sub>?  
                   become mad to-me (anaph)  
 'Why should you be so angry at me?'
- (c) Medaa melee xo buu doxo [yixaa]<sub>PrepP</sub> [yiiyage]<sub>PrepP</sub>?  
                   come here  
 'What did you come here for?'

For the focus transformation, see TR 11, and for the anaphoric yiiyage see 4.7.9. and 4.11.3.

Medaa occurs in adjective relation to the preceding noun. The meaning difference existing between medaa in an attributive phrase and that in an adjective construction may be noticed rather clearly in response.

- E 305 (a) Meta-li yima-li medaa melee?  
 'In front of what house is this?'  
 response: yima-li karosiin 'house for kerosene storage'  
           or: yima-li pese 'dog house'
- (b) Meta-li yima medaa melee?  
 'In front of what house is this?'  
 response: yima semen 'house made of cement'  
           or: yima kobraa 'house made of iron'

In E 305 (a), medaa refers to purpose or usage of yima, but in E 305 (b) it refers to the substance that yima is made of. Adjectivisation will be discussed in 4.10.

4.8.10.3. As stated elsewhere, yiiyaa 'where?' is a nominal (+N) with the feature <+place> occurring mostly under the domination of PrepP. Being a nominal, it may also appear as the NP in an attributive phrase, though it cannot act as a subject or an object unless it is combined with a prefix re- 'person' (i.e. re-yiiyaa 'people from where').

- E 306 (a) Xo be la duuduu [yiiyaa]<sub>PrepP</sub>?  
           go bathe  
 'Where are you going to bathe?'
- (b) Senseye -li [yiiyaa]<sub>NP</sub> [yiiy malaay]<sub>NP</sub>?  
 (lit. teacher of where is-that-man-over-there)
- (c) Ye buu doxo [mè yiiyaa]<sub>PrepP</sub> [yiiy dempoo laa]<sub>NPs</sub>?  
           from that dispatch  
 'Where did the dispatch come from?'
- (d) [Se-male]<sub>NUC</sub> [re-yiiyaa]<sub>NP</sub> [fefelee wee]<sub>NP</sub>?  
 'Where is the woman from?'





'When (lit. *within when*) will the ship come in?'

Cf. response: La-li walsuu. 'Within tomorrow.'

(c) Ye be buu doxo yiree-li yigād?

at, in

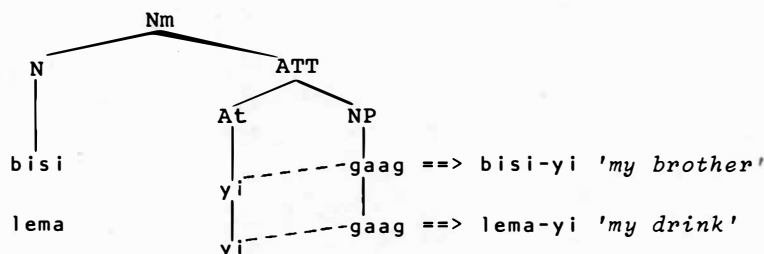
'When (lit. *in when*) is he coming?'

Cf. response: Yiree-li se-wo wiik. 'In a week.'

#### 4.8.11. POSSESSIVE CLASSIFIERS

Possession is expressed by the construction consisting of a special class of nominals followed by an attributive phrase (ATT). The possessive construction implies the presence of the node Nm as indicated in BR 18.

E 310



E 311 (a) Bisi-yi yaramata laa.

'That person is my brother.'

(b) Lema-yi cale laa.

'That water is for me to drink.'

(lit. *that water is my drink*)

In spite of E 310 and E 311, traditionally lema- is called a classifier but bisi- is not. It appears that there is some syntactic relevance for the traditional differentiation. For example, consider E 312.

E 312 (a) \*[Bisi-yi yaramata]<sub>NP</sub> [melee]<sub>NP</sub>

'This is a man who is my brother.'

(b) [Lema-yi cale]<sub>NP</sub> [melee]<sub>NP</sub>

'This is my water to drink.'

That is, bisi- may not undergo appositive nominalisation, while lema- may. It is clear, however, that the nominalisation possibility cannot be the sole criterion to distinguish classifier from non-classifier possessives, since for example weri-ya 'see it' is not a classifier in the following nominalised structure.

E 313 [Weri-ya-yi pese]<sub>NP</sub> [melee]<sub>NP</sub>

*'This is the dog I saw.'*

Thus, all classifiers may be nominalised as in E 312 (b), but not all appositively nominalised forms involve classifiers.

In defining the class of possessive classifiers, E 314 looks like a border-line case.

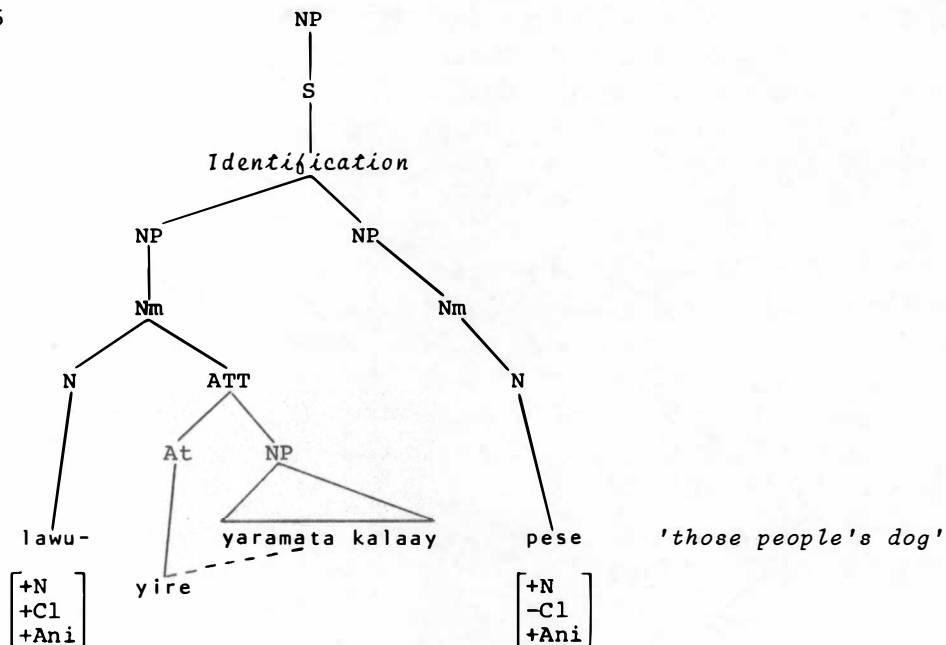
E 314 [Mata-yi {pese  
yeliwici  
soxo  
piipiya}]<sub>NP</sub> [melee]<sub>NP</sub>

*'This {dog  
child  
stick  
goggle} acts as my eye.'*

In E 314, no feature is shared by mata and the following set of nouns except that piipiya is slightly related to mata in terms of certain features like 'seeing' or 'eye'. Most of the other body-part nominals behave in a similar way as mata. These nominals do not classify themselves (e.g. \*mata-yi mata 'my eye', \*pawwu-mu pawwu 'your hand'). Structurally, E 314 is parallel to E 312 (b), but it is hardly believable that pese 'dog' belongs to the class mata. Besides, the relation existing between mata-yi and piipiya is not exactly the same as that existing between lema and cale for example, since in the former the implication is that the speaker cannot see anything without piipiya as in mata-yi pese, etc. and the feature agreement is only secondary and accidental, while in the latter lema and its co-occurable members such as cale, koofiy, melik 'milk', tamaaxoo 'tobacco', etc. can be definable in a definite semantic feature <+drinkable or smokable>. In the following, therefore, mata, etc. will be excluded from the class of classifiers, which in turn includes only those nominals which behave as a lexical class having one or more members definable in terms of a definite semantic feature. The member or members may be called *the classified*.

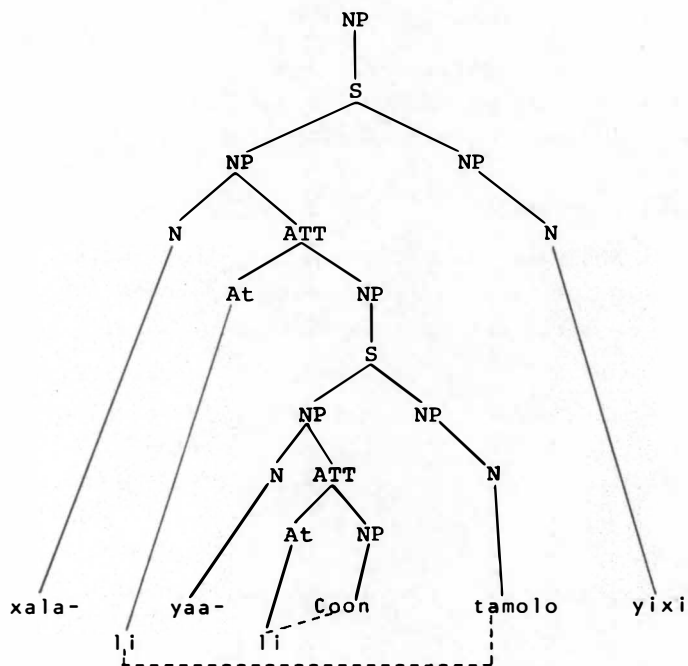
A possessive classifier construction enters into an appositive relation with the classified, the derivative source of which is the corresponding Identification sentence.

E 315



Since the node ATT in E 315 dominates NP which may be expandable recursively, it is often the case that a classifier is separated from the classified by another classifier-classified construction. For example, *xala-li yaa-li Coon tamolo yixi* 'John's chief's fish (to eat)' has roughly the following structure.

E 316



In E 316, *xala* and *yixi* are in classifier-classified relation, *yaa-li* *Coon tamolo* being attributive to *xala*. On the other hand, *yaa-* and *tamolo* are in classifier-classified relation, *Coon* being attributive to *yaa-*. E 316 is an example of nested constructions (Chomsky 1965:12). Although the base rules may generate repeatedly nested constructions which are all grammatical, more than one nesting will certainly lead to unacceptability.

As already indicated, the relation between a classifier and the classified is that of semantic class-member on the lexical level, one classifier having one or more members. Many classifiers may classify themselves, but even in this case it should be assumed that a classifier and the classified are in a class-member relation, since the meaning (or semantic range) of the classifier is not the same as that of the classified.

- E 317 (a) *yima-la yima* 'his house' (lit. *his shelter house*)  
 <+C1> <-C1>  
*yima-la* 'his shelter'  
 <+C1>
- waa-yire waa* 'their canoe' (lit. *their vehicle, canoe*)  
 <+C1> <-C1>  
*waa-yire* 'their vehicle'  
 <+C1>

Many classifiers are bound, and they never classify themselves.

- E 318 (a) \**lema-ca lema* 'our(incl) drink'  
 (b) \**xala-mami xala* 'our(excl) cooked food'  
 (c) \**tama-yi tama* 'my honourable father'

#### INVENTORY OF <+C1> NOMINALS

The list below includes all <+C1> nominals in my data. Examples of the nominals with which the classifier commonly co-occurs are also given. Semantic features are not specified.

<i>boxata</i>	'home'	:	<i>boxata</i>	'home village'
<i>calu-</i>	'water source'	:	<i>cale</i>	'water'
<i>cuwu</i>	'ring'	:	<i>rig</i>	'ring'
<i>dèègècè</i>	'uninhabited island'	:	<i>faluya</i>	'island'
<i>fala</i>	'men's house'	:	<i>fala</i>	'men's house'
<i>faluya</i>	'island'	:	<i>faluya</i>	'island'
<i>fiyaye-</i>	'wrung object'	:	<i>coo</i>	'copra'

gudè-	'chewing object'	: faca	'pandanus fruit'
lawu-	'child, property intimately associated with person'		
	fòtoxuraaf 'photograph'		liyooso 'toy'
	moniyan 'devil'		pakka 'gun'
	pese 'dog'		pixi 'ball'
laxe-	'bracelet'	: yawu	'string'
lema-	'drinkable or smokable object'		
	bulu 'chewing gum'		cale 'water'
	koofiy 'coffee'		luu 'coconut'
	suukar 'sugar'		tamaaxoo 'tobacco'
libe	'grave-object'	: libe	'hole in the ground'
liliya-	'place' : ciiyaa 'chair', ttoo 'canoe seat'		
magaaxu	'clothes' : maggaxu 'clothes', saac 'shirts'		
mare	'lei, encircling object' : marmara 'lei', yara 'a kind of grass for lei'		
paa-	'bait' : karbowo 'beef', pèraase 'rice', yixi 'fish'		
sila-	'honorific female, mother' : naanaa 'mother', repsece 'foreigner'		
soxo	'long-slender object'		
	bobawe 'bamboo'		payep 'pipe'
	piskaa 'fishing spear'		soxo 'stick'
	yiree 'wood'		
tama-	'father, honorific (male)'		
	taataa 'father'		repsece 'foreigner'
waa	'vehicle'		
	baarkoo 'ship'		raata 'bicycle'
	waa 'canoe'		wayele 'plane'
	tootobay 'scooter'		
xala-	'cooked food'		
	lufidi 'poi'		màyi 'breadfruit'
	mogoyo 'food'		wucu 'banana'
	yixi 'fish'		
xapale	'loin-cloth'		
	maciya 'lavalava for the chief'		xapale 'clothes'
xapede-	'oil for anointing'		
	loyYo 'perfume'		tikkaa 'copra oil'
xatama	'door'		
	window 'window'		xatama 'door'

xiya-	'mat for sleeping'	
	cobo 'mat'	xixii 'mat'
	yilawala 'bed'	
xocaa	'food to be eaten raw'	
	sasimii 'sasimi'	wolo 'turtle'
	yixi 'fish'	
xolo-	'object caught'	
	male 'bird'	yixi 'fish'
xota-	'covering object'	
	saac 'shirts'	sukiifi 'sheet'
	xota-li lamo 'mosquito net'	
yaa-	'general object'	
	bawu 'fishing pole'	cayèlafaca 'hat'
	dewusu 'god'	pinsan 'pencil'
	sare 'big knife'	tomtom 'harmonica'
	xaluru 'umbrella'	xoomaa 'rubber'
yîma	'shelter'	
	sukuun 'school'	yîma 'house'
yulèèga	'pillow'	
	fase 'stone'	tabo yiree 'a piece of wood'
	yulèèga 'pillow'	

There are many nouns with multiple classifiers. Since classifiers are lexical items with independent meanings, selection of different possessive classifiers changes the meanings of classifier-classified constructions.

- E 319 (a) lawu-yi yixi 'my fish that I am keeping'  
 xala-yi yixi 'my cooked fish food'  
 xocaa-yi yixi 'my raw fish food'  
 xolo-yi yixi 'my fish that I caught'
- (b) xala-yi mâyi 'my cooked breadfruit'  
 yaa-yi mâyi 'my breadfruit tree'
- (c) yaa-li Darxos tamaaxoo 'tobacco owned or planted by Darxos'  
 lema-li Darxos tamaaxoo 'Darxos' smoking tobacco'

As already indicated (4.8.6.), a few nouns with <-possessive> and <-Cl> that may occur with an attributive phrase (ATT) also occur with possessive classifiers with changed meanings. This set of nouns is characterised by *referential* meaning when occurring with an ATT.

- E 320 (a) kaxoolo-yi 'coffin that will contain me'  
 yaa-yi kaxoolo 'my box, coffin owned by me'
- (b) xulè-yi 'song about me'  
 yaa-yi xulè 'my song'
- (c) liluwale-yi 'thought concerning me'  
 yaa-yi liluwale 'my thought'
- (d) liyooso-yi 'statue of me'  
 { yaa-yi } liyooso 'statue owned by me'  
 { lawu-yi }

#### 4.9. COMPLEMENT CONSTRUCTION (COM)

##### 4.9.1. CONSTITUENT STRUCTURE

BR 22 COM  $\rightarrow$  Cmp S

##### LEXICON

bo 'as, that' +Cmp, [-NP<sub>1</sub>[\_\_ X NP<sub>1</sub> Y]<sub>COM</sub>]  
 là 'as, that' +Cmp  
 we 'as, that' +Cmp, +past, -visible

##### 4.9.2. GENERAL

BR 9 and BR 15 each contain a category COM as in:

BR 9 VP  $\rightarrow$  VB (NP) (COM)

BR 15 NP  $\rightarrow$  NP (COM)

BR 22 expands COM into a complementiser (Cmp) followed by a sentence (S). The COM in BR 9 may be called the verb phrase complement and that in BR 15 the noun phrase complement. The dual introduction of COM into base rules has been influenced by Rosenbaum 1967 (103-118) in which it is claimed that the theory of English syntax contains at least two base rules introducing sentences, one immediately dominated by NP and the other by VP. It seems that Rosenbaum's claim for English is adequate in the description of Ulithian structures, so far as the dual introduction of COM is concerned. There are however several points in which I do not follow Rosenbaum 1967 and Jacobs and Rosenbaum 1968. Only two points are mentioned below.

(1) Jacobs and Rosenbaum (1968:50 and *passim*) introduce two Ss under the domination of NP.

$$\text{NP} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{NP} \quad \text{S} \\ (\text{ART}) \text{ N} (\text{S}) \end{array} \right\}$$

The upper S indicates a relative clause, NP being the antecedent, while the second S indicates the structure of a noun phrase complement. In

the case of Ulithian, however, no significant formal difference has been noticed between a relative clause and a noun phrase "complement" except that *Cmp bo* does not introduce a relative clause and that an identical deletion (identity between an antecedent and an item in the embedded clause) takes place in a relative clause but not in a noun phrase "complement" on the surface. Since the non-occurrence of *bo* before a relative clause can simply be specified in the Lexicon, and the identical deletion can be effected by general deletion rules (TRs 13, 21 and 22), there is no need to differentiate the two constructions in the categorial component. Besides, as will be seen later, identity deletions are also noticeable in a subtype of verb phrase complements. In this study, therefore, the two sentences in E 321 are not distinguished in terms of the NP constituent structure.

E 321 (a) relative clause

Ye be buu doxo lá ye yaali melee.

who own this

'The one who owns this will come.'

(b) noun phrase "complement"

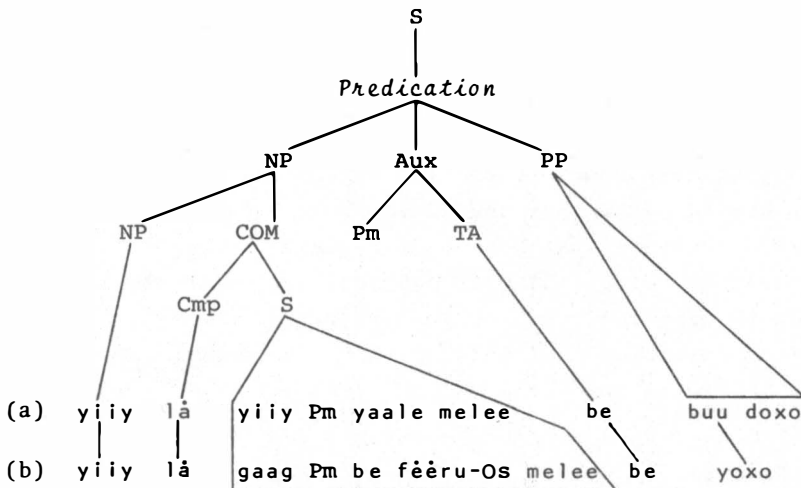
Ye be yoxo lá yi be fèèru-ya melee.

that I will do this

'It is possible that I will do this.'

The deep structure underlying E 321 (a) and (b) is of the following shape.

E 322



In the following, Jacobs and Rosenbaum's relative clauses and noun phrase complements are further subdivided into the relative (clause) type (e.g. E 321 (a)) and the conjunctive (clause) type (e.g.



E 321 (b)).

(2) Jacobs and Rosenbaum (164) introduce complementisers in English (e.g. *that*, *for...to*, (*'s*)...*ing*) through transformation. In Ulithian, however, I have set a lexical category *Cmp* to introduce complementisers directly from the base, because selection of different complementisers changes the meanings of sentences.

E 323 Lefeecixi kawee re sa fèèru-ya  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(a) bo} \\ \text{(b) l\`a} \\ \text{(c) we} \end{array} \right\}$  re be le ddare.

'Those girls  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(a) tried to run(away).} \\ \text{(b) planned to run(away).} \\ \text{(c) were ready to run(away).} \end{array} \right\}$ '

The framework of complement constructions for the discussion in this section is summarised as below.

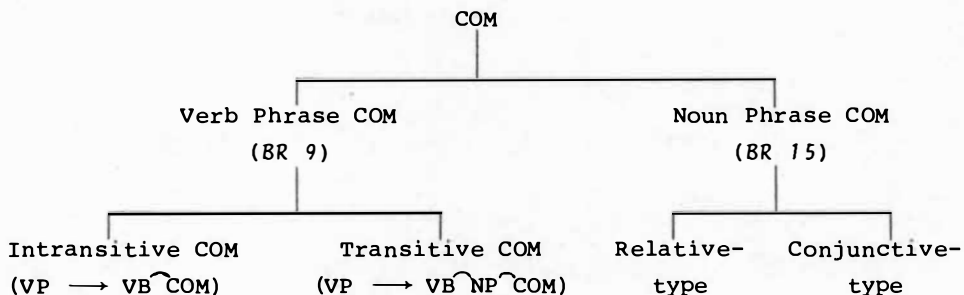


FIGURE 10  
COMPLEMENT CONSTRUCTIONS

It should be noted that only a limited set of verbs may occur with a verb phrase complement. Verbs which may occur with two objects (e.g. *galle* - 'to give') cannot appear with a verb phrase complement. Thus such a structure as  $VB^NP^COM$  (see BR 10) actually does not occur - only  $VB^COM$  does.

#### 4.9.3. VERB PHRASE COMPLEMENTS

The two subtypes are intransitive and transitive complements. The former is characterised by intransitive and the latter by transitive main verbs. The special subclass of verbs which may occur with COM are to be specified in the lexicon with [ $+\underline{\text{COM}}$ ] (e.g. *sèrè* 'to say', *rogrogo* 'to hear', *dipali* 'to want', *wedi* 'to wait'). *Cmp* *bo* frequently

has "quotative" meaning, in particular, when it occurs with intransitive verbs. Examples of the two subtypes follow.

E 324 intransitive complements

- (a) Ye sa [kaya]<sub>PP</sub> [gali-yeyi]<sub>PREPP</sub> [bo /yiyi/ purpuru]<sub>COM</sub>  
       tell       to-me                       (it) lizard spec.  
       *'He told me that it was a green lizard.'*
- (b) Re sa [ttawulu]<sub>PP</sub> [bo te-kamudiidiya se yalapa yiyee]<sub>COM</sub>  
       shout                       very pretty           way       this  
       *'They shouted, "What a beautiful road it is!"'*
- (c) Yi [rogrogo]<sub>PP</sub> [bo Tom ye wa fedexe]<sub>COM</sub>  
       *'I heard that Tom fought again.'*
- (d) Ye sa [metèxè]<sub>PP</sub> [là ye be suu logo la-li yalapa weel]<sub>COM</sub>  
       be-afraid                       stand in  
       *'He was afraid that he would stand in the road.'*

E 325 transitive complements

- (a) Re sa [dipali-ya]<sub>VB</sub> [Lamaroxoy]<sub>NP</sub> [bo ye be mele bo  
       want   live as  
       yaa-yire kuwin]<sub>COM</sub>  
       *'They want Lamaroxoy to be their queen.'*
- (b) Ye sa [kassiya-yVre]<sub>VB</sub> [paaga-li yaramata]<sub>NP</sub> [bo xaree  
       ask                       all           person           by-any-  
   chance  
       re be tepugi-ya /yiyi/]<sub>COM</sub>  
       help  
       *'He asked all the people if they could help him.'*
- (c) Feefele wee ye te [dipali-yVre]<sub>VB</sub> [re-còò kawee]<sub>NP</sub> [bo re  
   people  
       be maxala]<sub>COM</sub>  
       divorce  
       *'The woman did not want these people to get divorced.'*
- (d) Paaga-li yaramata gè re sa [wewedi-ya]<sub>VB</sub> [tamolo wee]  
       all   waiting  
       [là ye be kapatapata]<sub>COM</sub>  
       talk  
       *'All the people were waiting for the chief to talk.'*

(e) Yi be le la [makaade-ya]<sub>VB</sub> [yaramata laay]<sub>NP</sub> [bo ye  
           go     request

be dabe-yeyi]<sub>COM</sub>  
       follow

'I am going to ask him to follow me.'

(f) Re sa [xula-ya]<sub>VB</sub> [paaga-li suukara-li tottolo]<sub>NP</sub> [we ye  
       sa lébaaxili la-li tuutuu wee yaa-la]<sub>COM</sub>  
           be-hidden in bag           hers

'They knew that all candies in the land were hidden in her bag.'

Note in E 325 that the subject of the sentence dominated by COM is in most cases the same as the object NP in the main sentence, the former being deleted.

#### 4.9.4. RELATIVE TYPE NOUN PHRASE COMPLEMENTS

This type of complement, commonly known as an embedded sentence, is of high frequency of occurrence in texts. It is distinguished from verb phrase complements in being dominated by NP, and from the conjunctive type in having an antecedent which has a reflex (of identical reference) in the embedded sentence. The reflex of the antecedent is obligatorily deleted on the surface by the general deletion transformation. The reflex of identical reference of an antecedent in the deep structure appears not only in the main embedded sentence of the COM but occasionally in a more deeply embedded sentence. Consider the sentence in E 326 in which the antecedent piskaa 'fishing spear' is the object not of the verb (dipali 'to want') of the main embedded sentence but of taptape 'to use, to need' which is the verb of the sentence most deeply embedded.

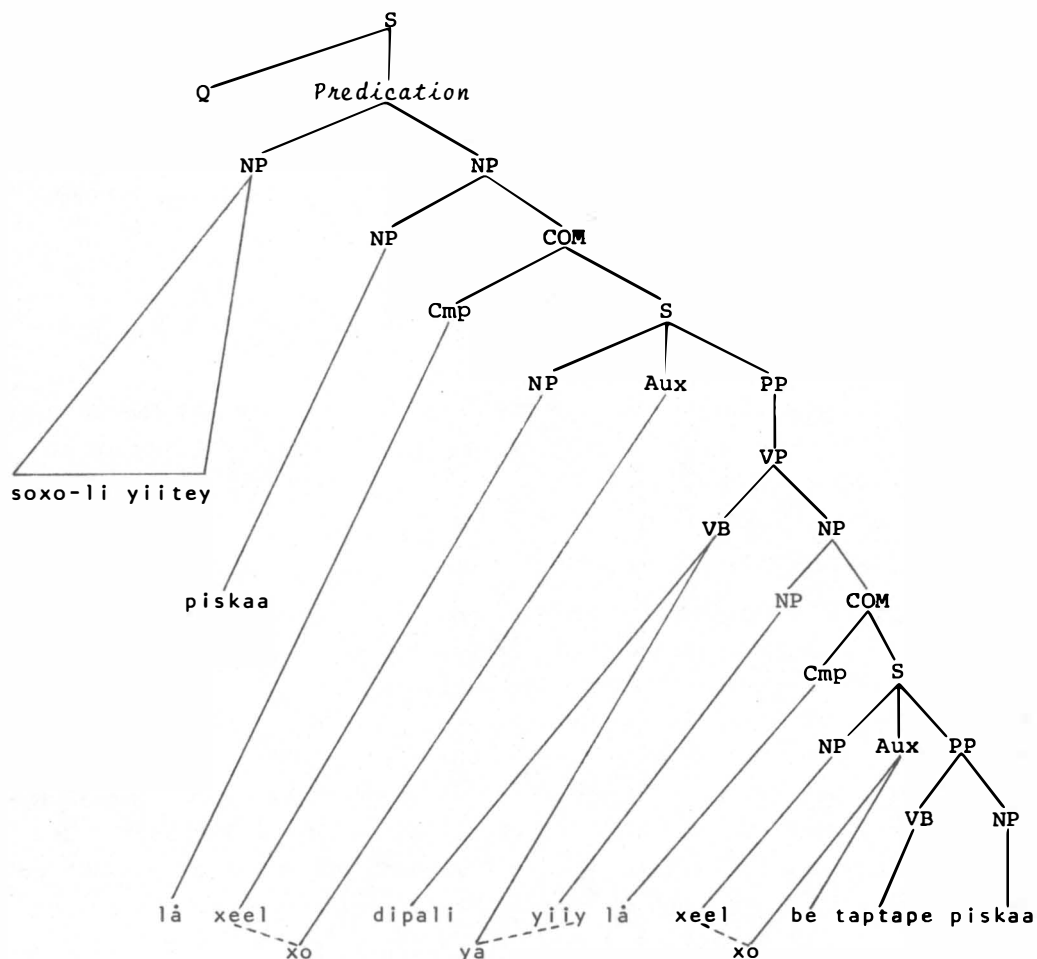
E 326 [Soxo-li yiitey]<sub>NP</sub> [[piskaa]<sub>NP</sub> [là xo dipali-ya (là)  
       Cl           who

xo be taptape]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>

'Whose spear do you want to use?'

(lit. stick-like-object-of whom is-the-spear that you want-it that you will use?)

## Deep Structure P-marker



There are sentences in which no apparent antecedent is observable, but only a complement appears. Structurally, some of them are to be classed as the relative type and the others as the conjunctive type. Examples of the first type follow.

- E 327 (a) [Ye be]<sub>Aux</sub> [babiyofo faa]<sub>PP</sub> [lá xo dipali-ya]<sub>COM</sub> ]<sub>NPs</sub>?  
 'Which book do you want?'
- (b) [Yegaage]<sub>NP</sub> [[lá ye wáárese]<sub>COM</sub> ]<sub>NPs</sub>  
 'What is hard is work.'
- (c) [Ye te]<sub>Aux</sub> [yoor]<sub>PP</sub> [mè yiree-yire]<sub>PrePP</sub> [lá yeliwici-li sukuun]<sub>NPs</sub>

'There is none among them who is a student.'

(d) [[Là male]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [ye te]<sub>Aux</sub> [ma mmala]<sub>PP</sub> [[bo re be te ma  
possible

kakka yaa-yire faga yixi gali-ya]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
gift fish to him

'As for men, they must carry their fish-gift to him.'

It is proposed that the hole in the antecedent position in each sentence in E 327 be filled in deep structures by a 3rd per. sg. or pl. pronoun. Whether it is singular or plural is predixtable by the context. In E 327 (a-c), the deleted pronoun is *yiiy* (sg.) since the related Pm is *ye* (sg.), but in E 327 (d), it is *yiir* (pl.) because the Pm is *re* (note that the related Pm is not *ye* in *ye te ma mmala...* but *re* in *bo re be te ma...*). The reason for postulating deep structure pronouns is obvious, since the measure will account for various otherwise puzzling questions. For example, it would be somewhat complicated to derive COM without the preceding NP in the base rules, since one of the most important categories, NP, would have to be optional in BR 15. Secondly, it would not be easy to formulate agreement between Cmp + S and the related Pm or Os without an antecedent, because in some cases Cmp + S agrees with *ye* (e.g. E 327 (a)) and in others with *re* (e.g. E 327 (d)). Thirdly, the postulation of a deep structure pronoun will not yield any semantic difference. Fourthly, the proposed treatment contributes to the symmetry of structure.

E 328 Ye be babiyoro faa [/yiiy/]<sub>NP</sub> là xo dipali-ya?

Ye sa feda-male [male]<sub>NP</sub> là xo sa lli?  
bird

'How many birds did you kill?'

Lastly, examples are available in which the deep structure pronoun antecedent remains on the surface when the pronoun is focussed, which fact supports the proposed treatment. Observe the underlined part in the following sentence.

E 329 Si be sèrè bo yiiy là mòòl buu doxo wòò-li Yulidiy  
say first on

mè yiree-li re-Yurop yilaa te yoor là ye xula-ya.  
from Europeans fm not exist know

'We may say that as regards the one who first came to Ulithi from Europe, there is no one who knows.'

There are several kinds of relative type complements which may be distinguished according to which part of the embedded sentence is to be deleted by virtue of its identity with the antecedent. (// indicates the place where an item is deleted.)

## (1) subject of Predication

- E 330 (a) Ye sa tayikkofo [paabiya weel]<sub>NP</sub> [we // ye mommaye  
*bad pig the good*  
 rale kawee]<sub>COM</sub>  
*old days*  
 'The pig which was formerly good has turned out bad.'
- (b) [Lawu-yi]<sub>NP</sub> [pese-li Saapan kawee]<sub>NP</sub> [we // re bbece]<sub>COM</sub>  
*white*  
 'Those Japanese dogs which are white are mine.'
- (c) Yi weri-ya [se-male male]<sub>NP</sub> [we // ye falfala waa]<sub>COM</sub>  
*cut*  
 'I saw a man who was making a canoe.'
- (d) [Yiyi]<sub>NP</sub> [se-male yeliwici-li sukuun]<sub>NP</sub> [là // ye mommaye]<sub>COM</sub>  
 'He is a good student.'
- (e) Re kòòkomo la-li [molalulu]<sub>NP</sub> [là // ye mmade]<sub>COM</sub>  
*play river-like shallow*  
*ditch*  
 'They are playing in a shallow river.'
- (f) Ye coolopa [tarmale pààcixcixi]<sub>NP</sub> [là // re dipali-ya  
*many boy small*  
 re be la dulu]<sub>COM</sub>  
*go torch*  
 'There are many small boys who like to fish by torchlight.'
- (g) [[Yaramata-yi]<sub>NP</sub> [là // re sa loxo Xuwam]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> melee  
*relative fm*  
 re sa mese.  
 'My relative who had gone to Guam died.'
- (h) Yi xula-ya là te yoor [[/yiyi/]<sub>NP</sub> [là // ye be buu weya  
*know-it that exist go out*  
 yiyi yage]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
*there*  
 'I knew that nobody would come out there.'

- (i) Xa madare bo xa be ĩeri-ya yiĩma-li Suutumil bo  
           disperse so-          search          because  
                           that  
 [[/yiiy/]<sub>NP</sub> [lǎ // ye ta mele yiree-li yiĩma-la]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> gě  
   at  fm  
 yiiy melee ye fedexe.

*'You(pl), disperse! so that you will investigate houses in the village of Suutumil, because he who does not stay at home is the one who fought.'*

(2) subject of Identification

- E 331 (a) [Yilaay]<sub>NP</sub> [[yiĩma]<sub>NP</sub> [lǎ yiĩma-li Peyacam //]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
           that  
           *'That's Peyacam's house.'*
- (b) [[Yegaage]<sub>NP</sub> [lǎ yaa-li Tom //]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> yilaa ye mommaye.  
           work                  Cl  fm  
           *'The work which is Tom's is good.'*
- (c) Re sa kakka doxo [[mogoyo]<sub>NP</sub> [lǎ xala-ca //]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
           carry  Cl  
           *'They brought our food.'*
- (d) Ye sa xacagi-ya [[melwee tama-la]<sub>NP</sub> [we tamolo-li  
           love                  that  
           Lodow //]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
           *'She loved her father, the chief of Lodow.'*
- (e) Buyexaw ye sa la mele wóo-li [[Yoor mè Xilop]<sub>NP</sub> [we  
           ruwé-wo faluya-li Yulidiy //]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
           *'Buyexaw came to live on Yoor and Xilop, which were two islands of Ulithi atoll.'*

(3) object of the main verb

- E 332 (a) [Yifaa]<sub>NP</sub> [[lapa-li cale]<sub>NP</sub> [lǎ xo yulemi-ya//]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>?  
           bigness water  drink  
           *'How much water did you drink?'*
- (b) Ye coolopa [[bulaxa]<sub>NP</sub> [lǎ re fadéxu-ya//]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>?  
           much                  taro  plant  
           *'Did they plant much rice?'*
- (c) [Feda-yaye]<sub>NP</sub> [[pinsan]<sub>NP</sub> [lǎ xo be cuwayi-ya//]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>?  
           Nucl  buy

*'How many pencils are you going to buy?'*

- (d) Ye sa [feda-male]<sub>PP</sub> [[xarexe]<sub>NP</sub> [lá xo sa lli//]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>?

*'How many crabs did you kill?'*

- (e) Ye teed buu doxo [[yaramata wee]<sub>NP</sub> [we yi weri-ya //  
lalow]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>

*'The person I saw yesterday hasn't come yet.'*

(4) attributive

- E 333 (a) Yiduwecox ye sa kapatapata gali-ya [[se-male male]<sub>NP</sub>  
talk to a man

[la Marpaa yida-la //]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>

*'Yiduwecox talked to a man whose name is Marpa.'*

- (b) [Yifaa]<sub>NP</sub> [mè yiree-li [[babiyo kaa]<sub>NP</sub> [ye céccaa  
red

dèla-la //]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> Prepp [//yiy/ lá yaa-mu]<sub>NP</sub>?  
colour

*'Which of the red books is yours?'*

(5) head of a prepp

- E 334 (a) Ye be le la mèri-ya [[se-wo lebosol]<sub>NP</sub> [lá ye towee  
go search one place ng

ma yoor yixu-li wolo [mè yiyage]<sub>Prepp</sub>]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
hb end turtle // (anaph)

*'She was going to find a place where there were turtles  
without limit.'*

- (b) [[Melwee boxata-la]<sub>NP</sub> [we ye ddawe yaa-la la wwayi daxe  
that home far sailing dr  
east

[mè yiyage]<sub>Prepp</sub>]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> gè ye sa yoxo magmege we yaa-la.  
// fm possible success

*'By sailing east far from her home, she attained her  
success.'*

(lit. (at) that home of hers from which her sailing east was  
far, it was possible, the-success which was hers)

- (c) Yi be sèrè logo [[lebosol]<sub>NP</sub> [lá yi be mele  
say dr



[yiyange]<sub>PrepP</sub> COM NP  
//

'I will tell in it the place where I am going to stay.'

- (d) Ye be [yifaa]<sub>PP</sub> [[yado]<sub>NP</sub> [lâ xo be mele [wôô-li  
time

Xuwam]<sub>PrepP</sub> [//]<sub>PrepP</sub> COM?

'When will it be the time that you are going to stay on  
Guam?'

- (e) Xeel xo yegaage [[yado]<sub>NP</sub> [we gaag yi duuduu [yiyage]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
[la tadel]<sub>PrepP</sub> COM]<sub>PrepP</sub>

'You worked while I was swimming in the sea.'

It should be noted in E 334 that if an antecedent is a <+place> word, deletion of its reflex in the embedded sentence is not effected, but it is replaced obligatorily by an anaphoric yiyage. If an antecedent is a <+time> word (E 334 (d and e)), the reflex is optionally dropped or replaced by yiyage.

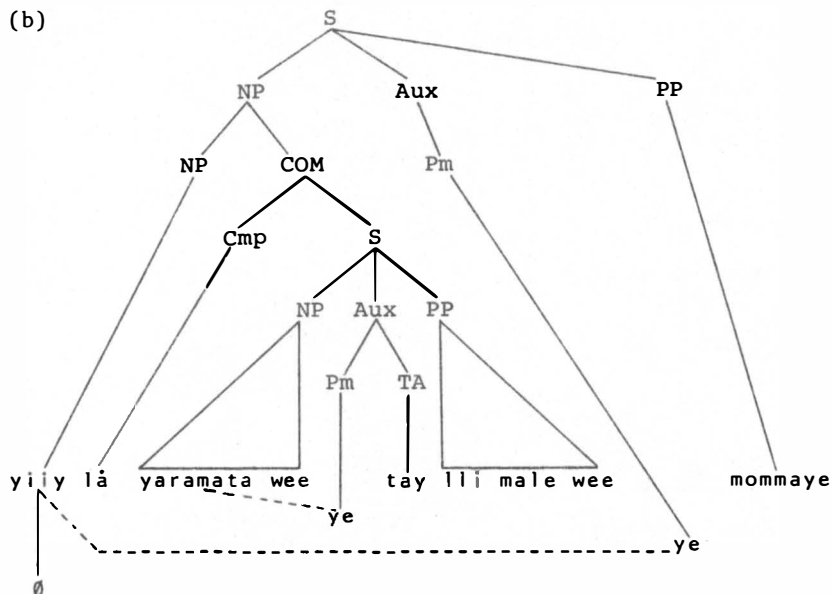
#### 4.9.5. CONJUNCTIVE TYPE NOUN PHRASE COMPLEMENTS

This type is characterised by the fact that an NP and the following COM are in an equality relation (like English 'the fact that...') and thus no identity condition is needed between the NP and an element in the COM. As in English, the class of nominals which can be an NP preceding a conjunctive type COM is limited in number. In my data, only a few nouns (e.g. yalo 'words'), demonstratives proper (e.g. melwee 'that') with <+SG>, and the pronoun yiy with <+SG> and <-Ani> belong to this class. The pronoun yiy, however, does not normally appear on the surface, but is postulated in the deep structure for the same reasons that were given in dealing with similar constructions of the relative type. Thus, for example, the sentence in E 335 (a) will be considered as derived from the deep structure roughly of the shape as in E 335 (b). The deletion of yiy is effected by a general rule which deletes pronouns that are not focussed (TR 21).

- E 335 (a) Ye mommaye lâ yaramata wee ye tay lli male wee.

good that ng kill bird

'It is good that he didn't kill the bird.'



Theoretically, the antecedent followed by a conjunctive type complement may have any of the functions common to all nominals. But in fact such a construction occurs most frequently as a subject or direct object, and only occasionally as attributive. No example as a subject or predicate of Identification is found.

E 336 subject of predication

(a) Ye ta yoor mo [faa-li se-wo]<sub>Prepp</sub> [[/yiyi/]<sub>NP</sub> [lá ye be  
*even under one the-*  
*fact*

ciil mele wóò-li Meriken]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NPs</sub>  
*still stay on*

'He is no longer in the U.S.'

(b) Yixalaa yilaa ye ta yoor [[se-wo liluwale]<sub>NP</sub> [lá xaree  
*now fm thought by-any-*  
*chance*

yi be te xola-xo]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NPs</sub>  
*catch*

'Now there is no chance by which I cannot catch you.'

(c) Aay, ye mommaye [[/yiyi/]<sub>NP</sub> [lá yi be dabe-ya makaa  
*follow those*

lawu-yi yiree-li mese]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NPs</sub>  
*child*

'All right, I would rather follow my children to death.'



(b) Ye be yifaa<sub>PP</sub> [yado-la [[/yiiy//]<sub>NP</sub> [lâ xo be mele wôo-li  
*time-its* *stay on*

Meriken]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>NPs</sub>

*'How long will you be staying in America?'*

Cf. Ye be [yifaa]<sub>PP</sub> [[yado]<sub>NP</sub> [la xo mele woo-li

Meriken]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NPs</sub>

*'When will you be in America?'*

#### 4.9.6. COMPLEMENTISERS

The meaning difference between the complementisers (bo, lâ, and we) is slight and thus not easy to translate into English. Very often, they may replace each other except in relative type complements. Lâ occurs most frequently in texts and we the least. Bo never occurs as a complementiser for a relative clause. We has apparently the same temporal (+past) and special (-visible) feature as the demonstrative enclitic (+Dm) wee, while la does not have those features. Cmp we and Dm wee are the same in surface forms, both being [we]. The reason for the base form differentiation is simply that Dm wee is parallel to kawee 'those (+Dm)' and Cmp we to lâ and bo which have the CV form. The base form differentiation may be supported by their functional difference. Dm wee is realised as [we] by the final vowel dropping rule which does not apply to Cmp we (PR 40).

In relative type complements, lâ and we are dropped optionally, in fact preferably, when preceded by a demonstrative enclitic (+Dm).

E 339 (a) Ye sa [xola-yeyi]<sub>PP</sub> [[babiyoro kawee]<sub>NP</sub> [// xo faga]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NPs</sub>  
*arrive-me* *send*

*'I received those letters you sent.'*

(b) [[Yaramata kaa]<sub>NP</sub> [// lawu-yi]<sub>COM</sub> [lâ sulu-male]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> yilaa  
*fm*

[yeliwici-li sukuun]<sub>NP</sub>

*'These three children of mine are students.'*

(c) [[Pese wee]<sub>NP</sub> [// yi cuwayi-ya lalow]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [melee]<sub>NP</sub>  
*buy*

*'This is the dog that I bought yesterday.'*

When lâ and we do not drop after a demonstrative enclitic, there is a selectional restriction, i.e. we goes with wee and kawee but lâ elsewhere.

E 340 Ye mommaye yegaage  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{l} \dot{\text{a}} \\ \text{we} \\ \text{l ee l} \dot{\text{a}} \\ \text{wee we} \\ * \text{l ee we} \\ * \text{wee l} \dot{\text{a}} \end{array} \right\}$  Yiduwer ye fèèru-ya.

*'The (that, this) work which Yiduwer did is good.'*

When there is no demonstrative enclitic preceding, a Cmp leading a relative type complement is never deleted. On the other hand, examples of conjunctive type complements in which no Cmp element appears are often encountered.

E 341 (a) Yi dipali-ya // yi be loxo Yulidiy.

*'I want to go to Ulithi.'*

(b) Ye be yoxo // xo be sopsopi luu?

*possible*

*'Will you be able to cut coconuts?'*

*(lit. will it be possible that you will cut coconuts?)*

In view of the meanings of the sentences in E 341, the deleted Cmp element may be identified as *lā* (TR 42). Thus, it may be assumed that only *lā* may be optionally deletable in conjunctive type complements.

#### 4.10. ADJECTIVAL CONSTRUCTION

##### 4.10.1. GENERAL

An adjectival construction is a noun phrase (NP) in which an adjectival is attributive to a lower level noun phrase (NM or Nm). Adjectival constructions are not directly generated by base rules, but through adjectivisation transformations. Three types of adjectival constructions may be distinguished according to which elements in deep structures have been adjectivised: nominal, verbal, and prepositional. These adjectivised elements will be called *adjectivals*, which are accordingly of three kinds: noun-derived, verb-derived, and PrepP-derived.

E 342 (a) nominal (noun-derived)

[Ppiya fasamaxa]<sub>NP</sub> [melwee]<sub>NP</sub>

*beach pebble*

*'That is a pebble beach.'*

(b) verbal (verb-derived)

[Yiima-mu]<sub>NP</sub> [yiima mommaye laay]<sub>NP?</sub>

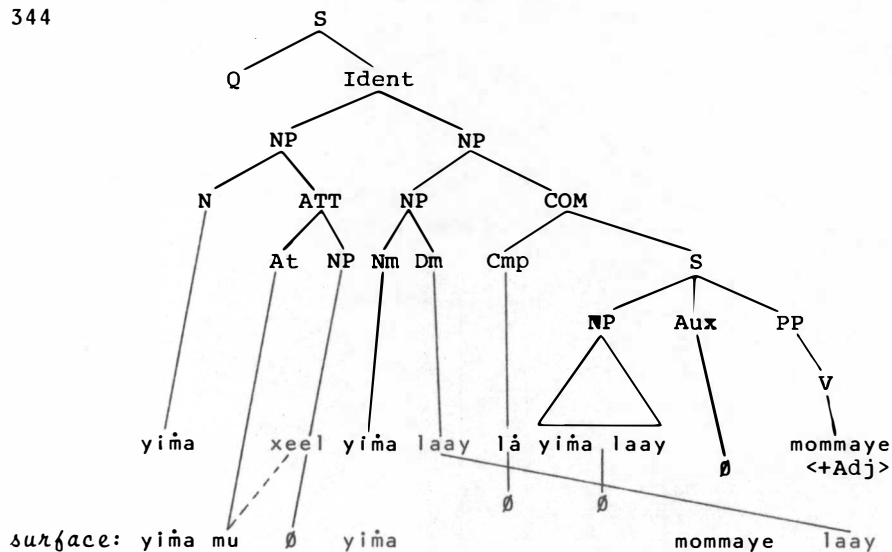
*good dm*

*'Is that good house yours?'*



Secondly, it should be noted in the verbal type in TR 38 that no elements other than the V with the feature <+Adj> are allowed under the domination of PP in the embedded sentence. Thus, for example, the deep structure in E 344 underlies the sentence in E 342 (b).

E 344

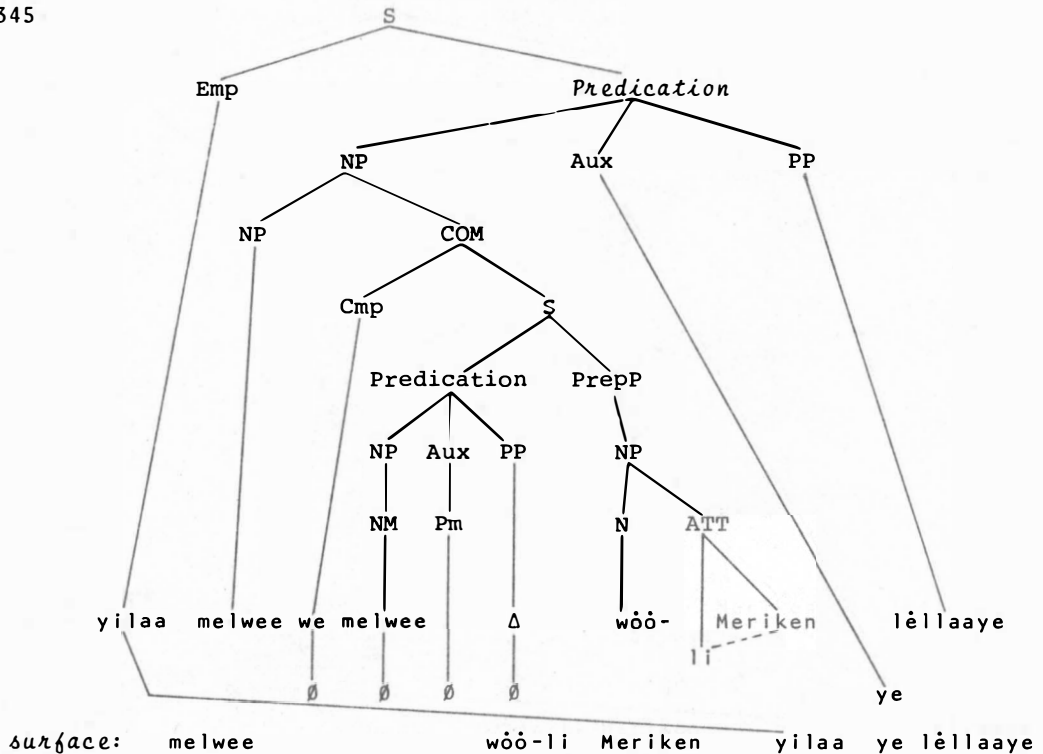


As indicated above, the demonstrative enclitic (Dm) dominated by the antecedent NP and the verb having the feature <+Adj> are obligatorily permuted (TR 39). The same holds with the noun having the feature <+Adj>.

Thirdly, in the prepositional type, the TR is obligatory and the structural index necessarily contains a dummy element  $\Delta$  as the main verb. Another constraint is that the PrepP should contain only (mè 'from') + a pseudo-prepositional construction. For the introduction of dummy elements, see the discussion in 2.3.1. Thus, for example, the deep structure in E 345 is viewed as underlying the sentence in E 342 (c).

(See deep structure in E 345  
overleaf.)

E 345



A question may be raised as to whether the complementisers once deleted may be uniquely recoverable, i.e. whether it is *we* or *lâ* that is to be recovered. Which has been deleted is predictable if there is a demonstrative enclitic dominated by the antecedent NP, since *Cmp we* co-occurs with *wee* and *kawee*, and *lâ* elsewhere. However, predictability is not possible when no *Dm* is present, since both *lâ* and *we* may appear in the deep structure in the environment where no *Dm* appears. From the semantic viewpoint, an adjectival construction which lacks a *Dm* element has the same meaning as the corresponding pre-adjectivised form containing *lâ* rather than one containing *we*.

E 346 se-male xatuu mommaye = se-male xatuu la ye mommaye  
 'a good cat' ≠ se-male xatuu we ye mommaye

It is clear, therefore, that when an antecedent NP does not contain a *Dm* element, only those constructions may be adjectivised in which the complementiser is *lâ*. This will be formulated in TR 38, in which the recoverability is straightforward.



## 4.10.3. NOMINAL TYPE

Nominal type adjectival constructions are derived from Identification sentences, for which the relation existing between a head nominal and the adjectival is a kind of appositive. This appositive relation, however, is different from other kinds such as those existing between a classifier and the classified (e.g. *se-male male* 'one man', *lawu-yi pese* 'my dog'), and between a demonstrative and the co-occurring noun (e.g. *melwee bisi-la* 'that brother of his'), in that, in addition to the characteristic adjectivisation process (e.g. Dm postposition), the adjectival specifies the physical component of the head nominal (e.g. *yiree luu lee* 'this coconut tree'). In this respect, it also differs from the verbal type in which the adjectival describes mainly the state of the head nominal (e.g. *yiree pallege lee* 'this big tree').

Noun-derived adjectivals are varied and their class is not easily definable in terms of certain features. So far as semantically acceptable, any material noun seems capable of becoming a noun-derived adjectival.

- E 347 *yalapa fase* 'stone way'; *yima koburaa* 'tin house'  
*way stone tin, iron*
- molalulu cale* 'river'; *molalulu tade* 'sea ditch'  
*river water sea-water*

Interrogative nominal *medaa* 'what' may also be adjectivised. Compare the following sentences.

- E 348 (a1) [*Yima medaa*]<sub>NP</sub> [*melee*]<sub>NP</sub>? (adjectival)  
 'What kind of house is this?'  
*Yima semen.* but: \**yima pese*; \**yima pallege*  
 'Concrete house.' \*'dog house' 'big house'
- (a2) [*Yima-li medaa*]<sub>NP</sub> [*melee*]<sub>NP</sub>? (attributive)  
 'What is this house for?'  
*Yima-li pese.* but: \**yima semen*; \**yima pallege*  
 'Dog house.'
- (b1) [*Mogoyo medaa*]<sub>NP</sub> *melee xo dipali-ya?* (adjectival)  
 fm  
 'What kind of food do you want?'  
*Mogoyo yixi.*  
 'Fish food.'

(b2) [Mogoyo-li medaa]<sub>NP</sub> melee xo dipali-ya? (attr.)  
 'What do you want food for?'

Mogoyo-li bogo-yi.

'Food for my birthday.'

Other interrogative nominals do not act as adjectivals.

#### 4.10.4. VERBAL TYPE

This is the most productive type of the adjectival constructions, the adjectivals of which (verb-derived) should be marked with <+V, +Adj> in the lexicon. By the adjectivisation test, the following illustrative bases are <+Adj> verbs.

batabata	'barren, thirsty'	bbece	'white'
bedaya	'fat'	bece	'hot'
becikkara	'very hot'	beyaage	'loose, as a post'
cagcaga	'skinny'	cage	'dear, loved'
calaxara	'sweet'	caxase	'proud'
caxawa	'selfish'	cayèlapalapa	'wide'
ccawu	'heavy, expensive'	cèccaa	'red'
coolopa	'many, much'	dèxèdèxè	'crippled'
damumuu	'wild'	faalaxa	'weak, lazy'
fèsidala	'famous'	fèèriyexe	'cunning'
fele	'just'	kacapara	'false, lie'
kèlòxo	'hungry'	kkaga	'sharp'
kkatèèsè	'true'	kkela	'strong'
lapa	'big, old'	lèbaaxe	'secret'
lèllaaye	'long'	limismisi	'cunning'
macee	'mistaken'	macèxcèxè	'soft'
mada	'cooked'	malawa	'alive'
malfiliifi	'thin (flat obj.)'	maluluu	'tame, mild'
masèssèlè	'thick'	mate	'raw'
masuusu	'grey-haired'	mese	'dead'
metafisi	'blind'	magalapa	'selfish'
meceraxe	'easy'	mmade	'shallow'
mmale	'sour'	mmale	'rich'
mmalawa	'widely spaced'	mmaraa	'fast'
mommaye	'good'	ñocñoco	'busy'
madagadaga	'active'	ñocooco	'short'
ñucoccoro	'muddy'	pallege	'big'
pààcixcixi	'small'	paragraa	'yellow'
peyaayaa	'thin'	peyaxusu	'tired'

rammasowa	'hard'	repiya	'clever'
r raye	'happy'	rucuppugu	'dark, black'
siilaye	'long ago'	siyale	'pregnant'
tamaaye	'sick'	tagataga	'sad'
tabogo	'unjust'	taxiyata	'high'
tayikkofo	'wrong, bad'	teyittiri	'late'
ttiri	'fast, quick'	tefôya	'new'
wâãrese	'hard, difficult'	wecici	'small'
wele	'different'	wersaaxa	'bright'
wexaaxaye	'steep'	wuumese	'late'
wwele	'straight'	xafelmaga	'important'
xafoxoyo	'poor'	xafedêxê	'alike'
xalfêlê	'cool'		
xalôôlmoco	'impatient'	xaluxluxu	'tight, healthy'
xamaa	'shy'		
xamadiidiya	'pretty'		
xarowrowa	'indigo, blue, green'		
yadamaxili	'eager'	yôdo	'deep'
yoocixcixi	'thin (non-flat object)'	yule	'drinkable'

As has been indicated, verb-derived adjectivals immediately follow the head nominal to which they are related. Observe the following adjectivised sentences.

- E 349 (a) [Lawu-yire]<sub>NP</sub> [male mommaye kaa sulu-male]<sub>NP</sub>  
 Cl                                      good    dm    3  
 'These three good men are their children.'
- (b) [Te yiyi]<sub>NP</sub> [se-male male lapa]<sub>NP</sub>  
 'He is not an old man.'
- (c) Aay, xo loxo [la-li [cale yule wee]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>Prepp</sub>  
                   go    in    water  
 'Then, go into the drinkable water!'
- (d) [Kaaxolo pallege kafaal]<sub>NP</sub> [melwee]<sub>NP</sub>?  
                   dm  
                   box    big    which  
 'Which big box was that?'
- (e) Ye colo [se-wo butawe ttagarêxê [lâ]<sub>Cmp</sub> fasuyo-li Loorob]<sub>NP</sub>  
                   hang,    one    basket handy, simple    weave  
                   throw-on  
 'She carried a handy basket which Loorob weaved.'

One exception to this post-nominal position of adjectivals is



In E 351 *pallege* is used as a nominal, i.e. as the NP in a attributive phrase (ATT), while in E 352 *kkela* and *mommaye* remain as verbs. In E 351, however, the noun phrase *xarêta-li pallege* acts as the main verb dominated directly by VP (BR 9). The intensified constructions under (1) and (2) are usually not subject to adjectivisation. Thus, for example, E 353 is nearly unacceptable, in favour of E 354.

E 353 (a) (\*) [Rase *xarêta-li pallege*]<sub>NP</sub> [melee]<sub>NP</sub>

*whale*

*'This is a very big whale.'*

(b) (\*) [Feefele *kamudiidiya xaamas laay*]<sub>NP</sub> *yilaa* [lawu-li

*pretty*

*fm*

*Manuwal*]<sub>NP</sub>

*'That very pretty girl is Manuel's.'*

E 354 (a) [Rase *lâ ye xarêta-li pallege*]<sub>NP</sub> [melee]<sub>NP</sub>

(b) [Feefele *laay ye kamudiidiya xaamas*]<sub>NP</sub> *yilaa* [lawu-li

*Manuwal*]<sub>NP</sub>

Along with E 354 (a), the same meaning is also indicated by means of a recursively attributed form (BR 19) in the order of intensifying N + <+Adj>V + head N.

E 355 (a) [Melee]<sub>NP</sub> *yilaa* [*xarêta-li pallege-li rase*]<sub>NP</sub>

*fm*

*'This is a very big whale.'*

Similarly:

(b) *xarêta-li taxiyata-li tayiiti*

*end high mountain*

*'very high mountain'*

(c) *xarêta-li mommaye-li male*

*good man*

*'very good man'*

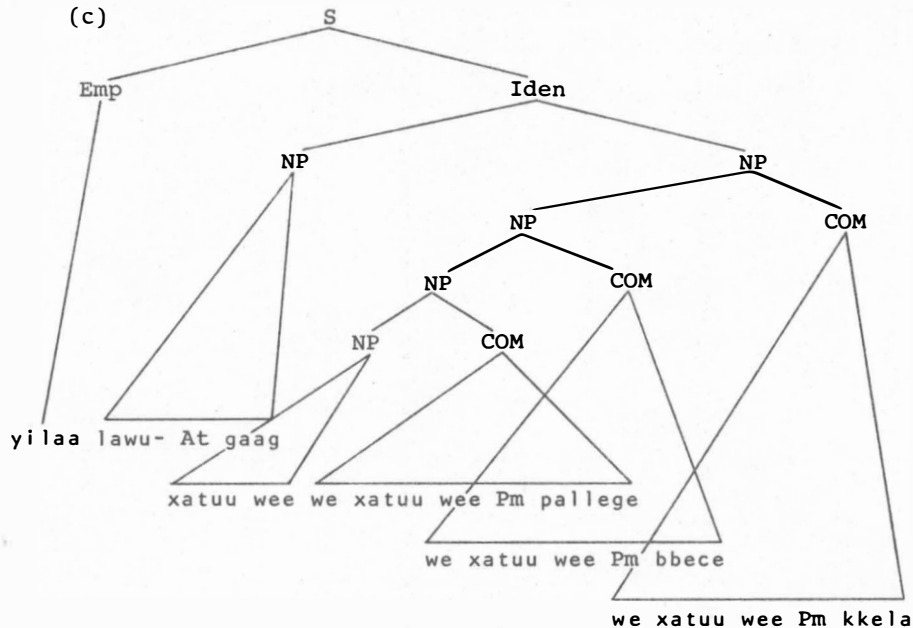
Verb-type adjectival constructions may contain a sequence of adjectivals without any conjunction intervening. Such a construction is the result of the recursive application of an adjectivisation T (see TRs 38 and 39). Thus, for example, E 356 (a) is derived from an intermediate string in E 356 (b) which has approximately the deep structure given in E 356 (c), on next page.

E 356 (a) [Xatuu *pallege bbece kkela weel*]<sub>NP</sub> *yilaa lawu-yi*.

*fm*

*'The big, white, strong cat is mine.'*

- (b) [[xatuu weel]<sub>NP</sub> [we Pm pallege]<sub>COM</sub> [we Pm bbece]<sub>COM</sub>  
 [we Pm kkela]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> yilaa lawu- At gaag  
 fm



#### 4.10.5. PREPOSITIONAL TYPE

So far as the data available are concerned, prepositional phrases introduced by *bo* 'as' (prep. proper), and verbal prepositions *gali-* 'to', *tagi* 'away from', and *yixili* 'for' are not adjectivised. Only pseudo-prepositional constructions optionally preceded by the preposition proper *mè* 'from, at, to' may be adjectivised.

- E 357 (a) *Yiir* [[*mè luwèlu-yire /yiir/*]<sub>PrepP</sub>]<sub>COM</sub> *melee re tamaaye.*  
 Pro among fm sick  
 'Among them, they are sick.'
- (b) *Yilaay* [[*mè yiree-li pese kalaay*]<sub>PrepP</sub>]<sub>COM</sub> *melee lawu-yi.*  
 that from Dm  
 'That one over there among those dogs is mine.'
- (c) *Paaga-li yaramata* [[*wòò-li Losiyop*]<sub>PrepP</sub>]<sub>COM</sub> *gè re sa ma*  
 fm  
*ffèsègu-ya /yiyi/ lawu-li lulapa.*  
 king  
 'Everyone on the island of Losiyop called him the prince.'



contain Imp for the semantic interpretation of the b translations but not for the a's.

(2) A bit of syntactic evidence for the existence of Imp is the optional deletion of the predication marker (Pm) xo in case of the imperative, but never for the statement counterpart. Xo (2nd per. sg.) may be deleted when directly followed by a PP as in:

E 359 Xo kassiyi-ya Ludy ==> Kassiyi-ya Ludy (TR 24)

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*'Ask Ludy!'*

By allowing Imp in the deep structure underlying E 359, the optional deletion of the Pm may be triggered by the presence of Imp in the structural index of the TR.

(3) Further syntactic evidence is associated with the tense-aspect marker sa (allomorph: ya) which never occurs in a simple declarative sentence with futurity meaning. In such a sentence, it always has the "perfective", "past" or "stative" (in stative verbs like those with <+Adj>). However, as already indicated in 4.4.6., sa in an imperative or in a conclusive clause of a subjunctive S has only futurity implication. Thus, there is no particular meaning difference between the two sentences in each pair below except that be implies less definite futurity than sa.

E 360 (a1) Xa be yalo-li Meriken.

*'You(pl), speak English!'*

(a2) Xa sa yalo-li Meriken.

*'You(pl), speak English!' (definite)*

(b1) Si be loxo.

*'Let's go!'*

(b2) Si sa loxo.

*'Let's go!' (definite)*

If Imp is not postulated, the two apparently different meanings of sa, i.e. "perfective" etc. and "futurity", would not be definable in terms of syntactic environments, which would lead to the consideration of two homophonous lexical items of the shape sa. In this treatment, however, the lexical item sa of "futurity" would be limited in occurrence to the position following xo 'you(sg)', xa 'you(pl)', and si 'we(incl)' in simple declarative sentences. The postulation of Imp will make it unnecessary to postulate two sas and give the one particle of that shape fuller distribution. The various meanings associated with sa,



then, will be definable in terms of their syntactic environments.

Imperative constructions are relevant only for the pronoun subject with the feature <+HR>. This feature is shared by three pronouns *xeel* 'you(sg)', *xaamiyi* 'you(pl)', and *xiic* (allomorph: *xa*) 'we(incl)'. In Ulithian, there is no first person singular imperative (English: 'let me') that can be formally differentiated. Deletion of unfocussed pronouns applies also to these pronouns, but their features are reflected in the Pm concerned. It is obvious that only predication sentences may be realised as imperative by virtue of the presence of Imp. Non-occurrence on the surface of imperative identification sentences may be handled simply by transformation blocking, i.e. a deep structure underlying no surface realisation. Examples of imperative constructions follow.

E 361 subject with <+HR, +SG>

(a) *Faga melee gali-yVre paaga-yire yeliwici.*  
*give, this to all children*  
*send*  
 'Give this to all the children!'

(b) *Xasuu-ya talaga-mu.*  
*make- your-ear*  
*stand*  
 'Listen carefully!'

(c) *Buu doxo, xo be maroo diye lepada-mami.*  
*come sit dr between-us*  
 'Come and sit between us(excl)!'

(d) *Xo sa xattiri-xo.*  
*make- you*  
*hurry*  
 'Will you hurry up!'

(e) *Xo towee ddare.*  
 'Don't run!'

(f) *Xeel melee xo sa buu doxo.*  
*fm*  
 'You, come!'

(g) *Far xasi-ya doxo.*  
*rather*  
 'Rather bring it here!'

E 362 subject with <-SP, +HR, -SG>



pecee-mu gè 'please!' (lit. *under your feet and*). Tama-yi and sila-yi were classed as vocatives in 4.1.2., i.e. as a kind of minor sentence. These cannot be considered as subject NPs because of the syntactic disagreement between them and the co-occurring Pms (e.g. xo <+HR> and tama-yi <-HR>). As has been mentioned, the subject NPs are pronouns which are to be deleted if unfocussed. The idiom faa-li pecee-mu gè may be treated as a sentence adverbial which has a distributional limitation, i.e. occurring only in [+Imp\_\_].

E 366 (a) Xo be xasi-ya doxo babiyoro laa, tama-yi.

*'Would you please bring that book?'*

(b) Mariyaa, xasi-ya doxo lema-yi coofiy, sila-yi.

*'Madam Mariya, would you bring some coffee for me?'*

(c) Faa-li pecee-mu gè xo be faga lema-yi tafeye-li  
give medicine

barexe-li ciṃa.

*pain head*

*'Please give me some headache medicine.'*

Mv tè 'for a moment' occurs only in imperative constructions as indicated in 4.4.7.

E 367 Tè kalla doxo.

*'Look here for a moment!'*

#### 4.11.2. INTERROGATIVE CONSTRUCTION

As Katz and Postal (1964:85) point out, interrogatives are semantically similar to imperatives in that both sets are requests of some sort, but diverge from the latter for the fact that the request associated with an imperative is some kind of non-linguistic action, while an interrogative is concerned mainly with a linguistic response. The syntactic behaviours of the two sets are considerably different from each other, as will be noticed in the course of the following discussion.

In this study, the constituent Q has been postulated in the base component on the basis of the fundamental assumption that deep structures alone are relevant for semantic interpretation and transformation processes are meaning-irrelevant. Upon this basic assumption, some justification can be made for the constituent Q.

(1) In the semantic interpretation, the constituent Q represents the reading of "request an answer". Thus, the different semantic descriptions of an interrogative and its corresponding declarative will be

adequately accomplished. Consider the sentences in E 368.

- E 368 (a) Ye sa mese.  
 a. 'He died.'  
 b. 'Did he die?'
- (b) Yi sa weri-ya medaa.  
       see       <+Q>  
 a. 'I saw something.'  
 b. 'What did I see?'

The b meanings for both sentences are viewed as resulting from deep structures containing Q. It should be noted that, in E 368 (a), the sentence has a rising final contour on the surface when it has the meaning of b, while E 368 (b) has a falling contour in either meaning (for this, see TR 10).

(2) Interrogative sentences and interrogative words are only loosely related to each other, i.e. one cannot necessarily be presupposed by the presence of the other. Thus, there are interrogative sentences which do not contain any interrogative words (yes-no questions) and those which contain one or more such words (so-called wh-questions). On the other hand, Ulithian contains non-interrogative sentences which involve interrogative words (which fact is the case with some Asian languages). Examples of the last set follow.

- E 369 (a) Ye sa weri-ya yiitey.  
           see       <+Q>  
           'He saw someone.'
- (b) Yiiy melee ye fèèru medaa.  
       fm       do       <+Q>  
       'He is the one who did something.'
- (c) Yi te xula-ya xaree xa sa xáàtaa.  
       know    by-any-   [+V what happen]  
               chance    [+Q]  
       'I don't know what happened to us(excl).'
- (d) Yi be le sèrè cox yida-li feda-wo mè yiiyage.  
           say   just name   [+Nus]   from there  
                           [+Q]  
       'I will mention the names of only some of them.'
- (e) Xa xula-ya bo te yixi melee bo se-wo medaa melee.  
           that   fish this because   <+Q>  
       'You know that this is not a fish but something else.'

- (f) Yulidiy yilaa malboo sulu-yexe xaree medaa faluya paa'cixcixi.  
 fm maybe 30 or <+Q> small  
 'Ulithi consists of thirty or so small islands.'

Examples in which an interrogative sentence contains two or more interrogative words follow.

- E 370 (a) Yiitey melee ye sa weri-ya yiitey?  
 <+Q> <+Q>  
 'Who saw whom?'
- (b) Yiitey melee ye fe'eru medaa gali yiitey?  
 <+Q> <+Q> <+Q>  
 'Who did what to whom?'

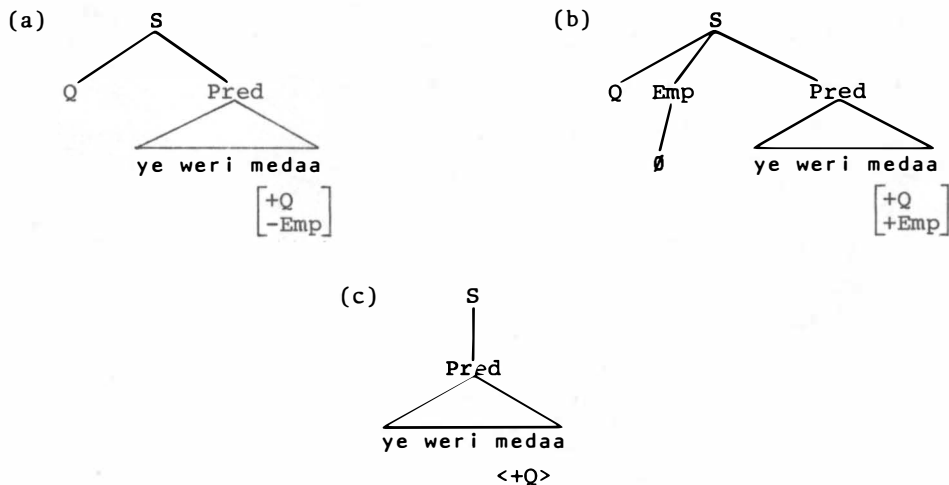
From the above examples, it is clear that there is no necessary relation existing between an interrogative sentence and an interrogative word. Moreover, it should be noted that the *question* meaning of an interrogative word is maintained even though it occurs in a declarative sentence ('someone', 'something', etc. are only approximate English translations). On the basis of the above observation, it is assumed here that an interrogative sentence is derived from a deep structure having the constituent Q, and an interrogative word is simply a lexical item having the feature <+Q>, each existing independently in deep structures. As will be discussed in the following section, any NP may be either <+Emp> or <-Emp>. Then the following generalisation may be made. If Q alone or followed by <+Q, -Emp> word(s) occurs in the deep structure of a main sentence, it is a yes-no question; if Q and a <+Q, +Emp> word occur, it is a so-called wh-question; and if only one or more <+Q> words appears, it is simply a declarative sentence. Suppose no Q is postulated in the categorical component, the formal characterisation of the above sentence types would not be accomplished in a simple way. The three sentences in E 371 each have different underlying structures as indicated.

- E 371 (a) Ye weri medaa? →  

$$\begin{bmatrix} +Q \\ -Emp \end{bmatrix}$$
 'He saw something?'
- (b) Ye weri medaa? →  

$$\begin{bmatrix} +Q \\ +Emp \end{bmatrix}$$
 'What did he see?'
- (c) Ye weri medaa. →  
 <+Q>  
 'He saw something.'

## DEEP STRUCTURES



Among the interrogative words, *yi(ka)faa* 'which, what, where' and *yigâd* 'when' do not appear in all three ways shown in E 371 but only as in (b), i.e. they occur obligatorily with the constituent Q and are marked with <+Emp> in their lexical entries.

(3) Incidentally, Katz and Postal (1964:89) postulate the morpheme *wh* along with Q in the base component of English, indicating that the difference between different types of the so-called *wh*-questions is the difference between the position and number of occurrence of *wh* in deep structures. They further state: "The underlying P-markers of *wh*-questions contain both the morpheme Q and the morpheme *wh*. The Q morpheme indicates semantically only that the sentence is a question, i.e., a paraphrase of an appropriate sentence of the form *I request that you answer...* The function of *wh* is, however, to specify the element or elements of the sentence that are 'questioned'." In Ulithian, however, there seems to be less motivation for introducing a morpheme like *wh* either by transformation or by a base rule, since various subtypes of <+Q> word-questions are recognised by the occurrence of <+Q> words under the domination of different categories. Instead of introducing a morpheme, therefore, the feature <+Q> is assigned to all interrogative words.

<+Q> words so far found are of the following sort.

*medaa* 'what' +N, -human  
*yiitey* 'who' +N, +human  
*yifaa* and *yikafaa* 'which, what, where' +N, +Dm, +Emp  
*yigâd* 'when' +N, +time, +Emp  
*yiiyaa* 'where' +N, +place

feda- 'how many' +Nus  
 -faa, -kafaa 'which' +Dm  
 xââtaa 'what happen' +V  
 feda 'do how' +V, [+\_\_Os]

In the following, E 372 illustrates more yes-no questions and E 373, <+Q> word questions. For the transformational processes concerning interrogatives, see TRs 9 and 10.

- E 372 (a) Xo be siilaye wôô-li Meriken?  
           *long*  
           '*Are you going to stay long in America?*'
- (b) Xo sa gucu-li mogoyo-li mâyi?  
           *tired eat breadfruit*  
           '*Are you tired of eating breadfruit?*'
- (c) Se-male yixi melee xolo-mu?  
           *fm Cl*  
           '*Is this a fish that you caught?*'
- E 373 (a) Medaa melee kaapini-li "Yap Islander" ye sa sêrê?  
           '*What did the captain of the Yap Islander say?*'
- (b) Yiitey melee yaa-mu senseye?  
           '*Who is your teacher?*'
- (c) Yifaa yida-li yaramata laay?  
           '*What is the name of that person?*'
- (d) Yigâd melee ye mese tama-mu?  
           '*When did your father die?*'
- (e) Yu buu doxo mê yiiyaa yiy dempoo laa?  
           '*Where did the dispatch come from?*'
- (f) Feda-male tarmale kalaa lawu-la?  
           '*How many boys does he have?*'
- (g) Yado faa melee xo be buu doxo yiiyage walsuu?  
           *time which anaph tomorrow*  
           '*What time are you coming tomorrow?*'
- (h) Xeel xo sa xââtaa?  
           '*What happened to you?*'
- (i) Ye xââtaa lâ xo la dabe-yeyi?  
           *that become follow-me*  
           '*How come you have come to follow me?*'

- (j) Xo sa feda-yeyi?  
'What did you do with me?'
- (k) Yi be feda-xo?  
'What shall I do to you?'
- (l) Xo be le feda-yVre re-còò kawee?  
'What will you do with them?'

For details on <+Q> words except for xäätaa and feda, see 4.8.10.

#### 4.11.3. FOCUS CONSTRUCTION

4.11.3.1. The most prolific construction in Ulithian texts is that of emphasis (or focus). Any noun phrase (NP) may be focussed in some way or other. Furthermore, a noun phrase preceded by a preposition proper (i.e. bo 'as, for' or mè 'from, to, at') may also be focussed in the same way. In almost all cases, a focussed NP is placed in sentence-initial position followed by one of the three focus markers or by zero, the latter of which will also be called a focus-marker (fm) in view of its distinctive syntactic function, as well as its realisation as a phonological juncture. The difference in meaning among the four focus markers is not easily translatable into English. Rough positive semantic features and translations are given to each marker. Underlines represent the elements focussed.

__ melee	(selective)	:	'it is __ that ...'
__ yilaa	(topic & contrastive)	:	'as for __'
__ gè	(topic)	:	'as for __, __ also, in case of __'
__ Ø	-	:	'as for __'

Melee and yilaa are apparently demonstratives proper in form, but not in meaning, since they are free from any spatial (deictic) and temporal features. Gè is the same in form as conjunctive gè, but diverges from the latter in meaning. E 374 illustrates the occurrence of the above focus markers, with E 374 (e), an unfocussed sentence, serving as a point of comparison.

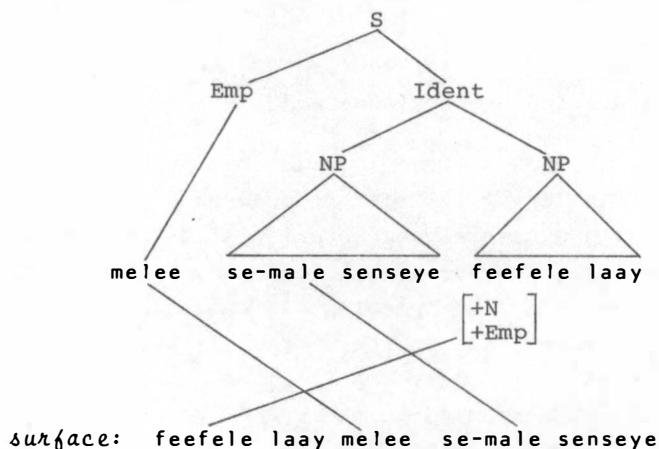
- E 374 (a) Feefele laay melee se-male senseye.  
'It is that woman who is a teacher.'  
or 'That woman is the one who is a teacher.'
- (b) Feefele laay yilaa se-male senseye.  
'As for that woman, she is a teacher.'  
or 'That woman is a teacher (and not a student).'
- (c) Feefele laay gè se-male senseye.  
'That woman is also a teacher.'  
or 'In case of that woman, she is a teacher.'



- (d) Feefele laay Ø se-male senseye.  
'(As for) that woman, she is a teacher.'
- (e) Se-male senseye feefele laay. (unfocussed)  
'That woman is a teacher.'

4.11.3.2. It has been decided in this study that the constituent *Emp* is set up in the base component under the domination of Modality (BR 3) so that *Emp* may, as a lexical category, directly dominate the above-mentioned focus markers on the one hand, and trigger an obligatory *TR* operation (like *Q* or *Imp*) on the other (see *TR 11*). A redundancy rule (RR 2 in 4.14.) will assign a feature <±*Emp*> to *NP*, so that only that *NP* which is specifically marked with <+*Emp*> may undergo a focus transformation. Thus, for example, E 374 (a) is regarded as having the following deep structure.

E 375



For the transformation process, see *TRs 11, 13, 21* and *23*.

There are two problems that have been encountered in the formulation of focus transformation rules.

(1) It is often the case that more than one focussed *NP* appear in a sentence. In my data, three occurrences are the maximum, illustrated in E 376 (e). More than three may be theoretically possible, but are mostly unnatural and unacceptable. E 376 (a)-(d) are the examples in which two focussed *NPs* occur.

- E 376 (a) Fadê-li luu yilaa mâle melee re ma fêèru-ya.  
planting man hb do  
'As for the planting of coconuts, it is men who do the job.'
- (b) Gaag yilaa walsuu melee yi be loxo yiyage lamaliyele.  
tomorrow anaph morning

'As for me, I will go tomorrow morning.'

(c) *Bogo-yi melee gaag mo melee yi be le loxo.*

*tonight rather*

'Tonight, I would rather go.'

(d) *Paabiya kawee sulu-male gè ruwè-male mè yiree-yire Ø*

*pig from*

*re bii daxe mè Yap.*

*come east*

'Two out of the three pigs are from Yap.'

(e) *Te sèpala-li cox waa melee yiir còò kalaa Ø*

*canoe- they people*  
*house*

*yaa-yire sèpala kalaa Ø re ma taptape yiiyage.*

*use*

'It is not only as the houses for canoes' use that those people use their canoe houses.'

The problem here is how to formulate the multiple occurrences of focussed NPs in a simple way. It is proposed that this problem be solved by recognising a special characteristic of the constituent Emp. As mentioned elsewhere, Emp has a dual function, i.e. it acts as a lexical category and as a TR-triggering element. In the former function, it supplies focus markers, and in the latter, it obligatorily triggers a focus TR. In addition to this, Emp is given a third function, i.e. it is recursively self-expanded in the structural change in a TR to match the number of occurrences of NPs with the <+Emp> feature. Thus observe the following (cf. TR 11).

E 377 SD: Emp...NP<sub>1</sub>...NP<sub>2</sub>...NP<sub>n</sub>...

<+Emp><+Emp><+Emp>

SC: NP<sub>1</sub> +Emp +NP<sub>2</sub> +Emp...NP<sub>n</sub> +Emp...

Then Emp is regarded, by convention as a lexical category whose lexical items (focus markers) may not be inserted in the preterminal string in the deep structure but rather in the structure derived by focus transformation, e.g. to SC in E 377. This convention is necessary because, if a focus marker is to be inserted in a deep structure, it would follow that all the Emps appearing in the SC in E 377 must represent one and the same focus marker, which is not usually the case in actual sentences. The approach proposed here, however, constitutes an important exception

to the principle that only the deep structure is relevant for semantic interpretation. This seems to be an unavoidable exception within the present framework of the description. A somewhat similar view may be observed in Jacobs and Rosenbaum (1968:84 and 157) concerning "second lexical pass". Thus E 376 (a) is the derivation of the following processes.

E 378 deep: Emp + male +Pm + ma + fèèru Os + fadè At luu

$$\begin{bmatrix} +N \\ -SG \\ +Emp \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} +N \\ +SG \\ +Emp \end{bmatrix}$$

==> fadè-li luu Emp male Emp Pm ma fèèru-Os

==> Fadè-li luu yilaa male melee re ma fèèry-ya.  
                   fm                  fm

(2) The other problem is related to the impossibility of focussing two NPs (subject and predicate) in an Identification sentence in spite of the fact that both NPs may be assigned <+Emp> by RR 2.

E 379 (a) [Se-male paadaleye]<sub>NP</sub> [yaramata wee]<sub>NP</sub>

priest

'That person is a priest.'

(b) Yaramata wee melee se-male paadaleye.

<+Emp>          fm

'It is that person who is a priest.'

(c) \*Yaramata yilaa se-male paadaleye melee.

<+Emp>                  <+Emp> <+Emp>

In order to block the derivation of sentences like E 379 (c), it is proposed that a TR of the sort in E 377 be appended by a condition (see TR 11).

There might be an alternative treatment in which melee and yilaa are simply demonstratives, i.e. functioning as the antecedent of the following sentence. In that case, the following sentences would have to be considered as Identification.

E 380 (a) Gaag cox melee yi kamaaxo-ya.

NP

NP

'I am the only one who saw it.'

(b) Yilaa ye feefele melee Luyisaa yida-la.

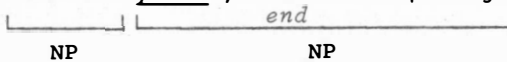
woman

NP

NP

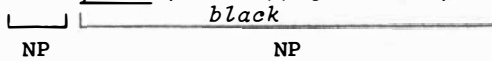
'That one who is older is the one whose name is Luyisa.'

(c) Wolo wee yilaa ye xarêta-li pallege.



'As for that turtle, it is very big.'

(d) Yiir yilaa ye rucuppugu xilli-yire.

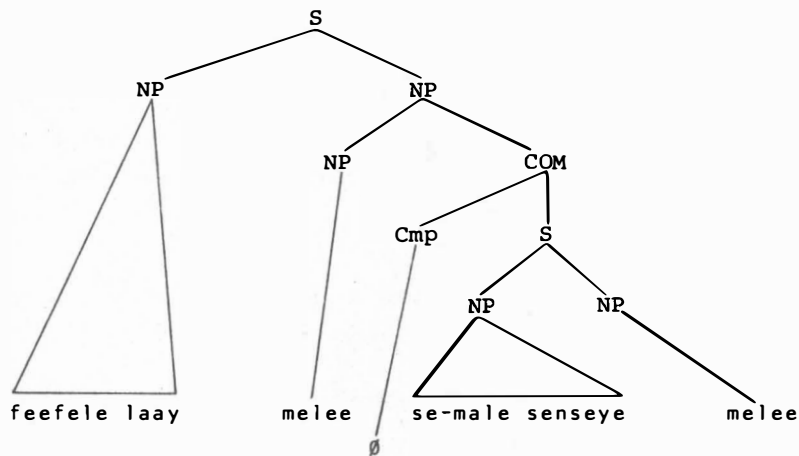


'As for them, their skin is dark.'

If *melee* and *yilaa* are considered as focus markers, all the sentences in E 380 are of the predication type, and the elements preceding the focus markers are permuted ones which have their derivative source on the right of the focus markers. Thus, *gaag* in E 380 (a) is the subject of the sentence which has its source immediately preceding the Pm (*yi*); *yilaa ye feefe* in E 380 (b) is attributive to *yida*, having its pre-transformation source in the position right after *yida-la*; etc. Under the demonstrative treatment of *melee* and *yilaa*, however, the terms on the left of *melee* and *yilaa* are directly introduced by base rules as the predicate NP of the identification sentences. And their right terms are complements (COM), with *melee* and *yilaa* as the antecedents. In this treatment, there would be no need to postulate the constituent *Emp* as far as *melee* and *yilaa* are concerned.

The above two alternative approaches presuppose entirely different deep structures. In comparison with E 375 which is based on the focus marker treatment, the same sentence would have the following deep structure if the demonstrative treatment is followed.

E 381



There are several reasons to prefer the focus marker treatment.

(1) As already indicated, *melee* and *yilaa* do not contain any temporal

or spatial features when they occur in constructions like E 380, while they do when they are used as demonstratives. This fact is more clearly observed in E 382.

E 382 (a) Melee yilaa yíma-yi.

$\begin{bmatrix} +Dm \\ +SP \end{bmatrix}$  fm

'This is my house.'

(b) Yilaa melee yíma-yi.

$\begin{bmatrix} +Dm \\ +HR \end{bmatrix}$  fm

'That is my house.'

(2) Melee and yilaa, when used as focus markers, do not have to agree with the preceding NP, which is not the case when they are used as pure demonstratives. Thus in E 383, *saldawe kalaa* 'those soldiers' (+Ani, -SG) and yilaa do not agree in number, which fact leads to the interpretation of yilaa not as a demonstrative but as a focus marker.

E 383 Saldawe kalaa yilaa re kkela gè re madagdaga.

$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array}$  x strong and brave

'As for those soldiers, they are strong and brave.'

(3) Following the demonstrative treatment, the sentences below would be of the Identification type. However, there is semantically no identification or any other relation between *yixalaa* and yilaa in E 384 (a), and between *gaag* and *melee* in E 384 (b).

E 384 (a) Yixalaa yilaa tay yoor malawa yiree-mu.

now ng exist life at you

'Now, there is no life to you.'

(b) Gaag melee ye pallege yaa-yi babiyoro.

'I am the one whose book is big.'

(4) The focus marker treatment in which the focussed NP is transformationally preposed clarifies the occurrence of the anaphoric *yiiyage*. In E 385, the first *yiiyage* is a nominal with the <+place> feature, but the second is anaphoric, which should be interpreted as having filled the position left open by the deletion of *September 11*. If, on the other hand, *melee* is to be considered as a demonstrative and *September 11* is its predicate NP, there would not be any satisfactory explanation about the occurrence of the second *yiiyage*.

E 385 Yi sa sérè logo yiiyage bo September 11 melee xo be cuyu yiiyage.

day dr that leave

'I said in it that on September 11 you will leave.'

(5) An emphasised (focussed) sentence and the corresponding plain sentence are closely related, intuitively transformable from one to the other and vice versa. Such a close relation would not be syntactically representable without transformational processes as the kind proposed in this study. Besides, the proposed approach (focus marker treatment and related transformations) can include *gè* and  $\emptyset$  focus markers along with *melee* and *yilaa*, all of which may be handled in a single framework. For the related rules, see TRs 11, 13, 21 and 23.

4.11.3.3. In the following, a number of examples will be given covering the four focus markers. (// indicates the deep structure position of the focussed elements.)

(1) *Melee*

E 386 subject of Identification (focussed)

- (a) *Yiiyee melee rii-yi //.*  
*this*  
*'This is my wife.'*
- (b) *Yiwee melee tama-yi //.*  
*that*  
*'That (unseen) is my father.'*
- (c) *Libertus melee te senseye //.*  
*'Libertus is not a teacher.'*
- (d) *Gaag melee Yagpaluy //.*  
*'I am Yagpaluy.'*

E 387 subject of Predication

- (a) *Tèèt mè yiiyage melee // ye totoo gali wòlwulu.*  
*some covered with grass*  
*'Some of them are covered with grass.'*
- (b) *Xatuu melee // ye ma lli-ya xece.*  
*cat hb kill*  
*'It is cats that always kill rats.'*
- (c) *Yaramata laa melee // ye pèra-ya salapiya wee.*  
*steal money*  
*'That person is the one who stole the money.'*
- (d) *Medaa melee // ye maxudxudu?*  
*'What is it moving?'*

- (e) Xeel melee // xo loxo?  
*'Is that you who are going?'*

E 388 direct object of the main verb

- (a) Medaa melee si be le mogoyo // yixalaa?  
*today*  
*'What are we(incl) going to eat today?'*
- (b) Yi sa xula-ya bo gaag melee ye liluwale-yeyi //.  
*know that think*  
*'I know that he had me in mind.'*
- (c) Yaramata laay melee xo towee lli-ya //.  
*'Don't kill that man!'*

E 389 indirect object of the main verb

- (a) Se-male woos melee yi be galle-ya // mogoyo laa?  
*'Is it to a horse that I should give that food?'*

E 390 attributive to an NP

- (a) Yiiy melee ye sa talici loxo yaa-la // ggase.  
*be gone breath*  
*'He is the one who got out of breath.'*
- (b) Yiitey melee yaa-la // babiyoro lee?  
*'Whose is this book?'*
- (c) Gaag melee ruwè-male lawu-yi // pese.  
*Cl*  
*'I have two dogs.'*

E 391 head of a prepositional phrase

- (a) Yiiyaa melee re be loxo bisbisi kawee yiiyage?  
*brothers //*  
*'Where will the brothers go?'*
- (b) Yigàd melee ye be capPi sukuun lee // ?  
*'When does this school begin?'*
- (c) Yado faa melee xo be buu doxo yiiyage walsuu?  
*time which // tomorrow*  
*'What time are you coming tomorrow?'*
- (d) Mooc yixalaa melee yi be le loxo //.  
*just now*

*'I will go right now.'*

- (e) Yixalaay melee re tay mele yiiyage.  
*over-there //*  
*'They are not over there.'*
- (f) Lagace-li tade melee yi be le loxo yiiyage.  
*side sea //*  
*'I will go to the side of the ocean.'*
- (g) Mé yiiyaa melee ye buu doxo kacidoo laa yiiyage?  
*from where movie //*  
*'Where did the movie come from?'*
- (h) Medaa melee xo mammale yiiyage?  
*(yiree-li //)*  
*'Why are you laughing?'*

(2) Yilaa

E 392 subject of Identification

- (a) Melee yilaa ccaa-yi //.  
*'This is my blood.'*
- (b) Yida-la yilaa Ben //.  
*'His name is Ben.'*
- (c) Boto wee ye sa loxo yilaa waa-yi //.  
*'The boat which has left is mine.'*
- (d) Boxata wee re weri-ya lalow yilaa te boxata-ca //.  
*'The village they saw yesterday is not our(incl).'*

E 393 subject of Predication

- (a) Lawu-yi pese wee sulu-male yilaa // re sa mese.  
*'My three dogs died.'*
- (b) Tâwusu lee la-li cale lee yilaa // ye wecici.  
*'This porcupine fish in this water is small.'*

E 394 object of the main verb

- (a) Rata wee yilaa yi dipali-ya //.  
*'I like that bicycle.'*
- (b) Yegaage lee yilaa yi te fêëru-ya //.  
*'I didn't do this work.'*



## E 395 attributive to an NP

- (a) Gaag yilaa malboo ye tamaaye malaa bisi-yi // wóò-li Meriken.  
*maybe sick*  
*'As for me, my brother in the U.S. is perhaps sick.'*
- (b) Tèèt yiir faluya kalaa yilaa te yoor yiree wuwóò-la //.  
*island ng tree*  
*'As for some of those islands, there is no tree on them.'*
- (c) Yeliwici kalaay yilaa ye teffoya yaa-yire // belaa.  
*child new shoes*  
*'As for those children, their shoes are new.'*

## E 396 head of a prepositional phrase

- (a) Yiiyee faluya-li Losiyop yilaa ye mele se-male yaramata  
*this, live*  
*here*  
 yiiyage là Lorob malaa yida-la.  
 // *that that name*  
*'Here on the island of Losiyop, there lived a person whose name was Lorob.'*
- (b) Yiree-li yiiy melmélè lee yilaa ruwé-male yaramata là re  
*at typhoon*  
 mese yiiyage.  
 die //  
*'By this typhoon, two persons were killed.'*
- (c) Yoco wee yixalaay, yoco wee yixalaay yilaa xa be ma la  
*reef over-there go*  
 xacawara yixi mè yiiyage.  
 carry //  
*'You(pl), go and get fish from the reef over there and the reef over there!'*

## (3) Gè

## E 397 subject of Identification

- (a) Paaga-yire gè senseye //.  
*'As for all of them, they are teachers.'*
- (b) Xaamami gè yeliwici-li sukuun //.  
*'We(excl) are also students.'*

## E 398 subject of Predication

- (a) Se-male gè // ye sèrè bo gaag melee tamolo-li faluya-yi.  
*one say that chief island-this*  
*'As for each of them, each said that he was the one who was the chief of the island.'*
- (b) Xiic cox gè xa si sa lli-xica //.  
*just kill*  
*'We killed ourselves.'*
- (c) Te paaga-li fedèxè gè // ye mommaye.  
*ng all meat good*  
*'Not all meat is good.'*

## E 399 object of the main verb

- (a) Ye sa xula-ya là paaga-li loxo Yulidiy lee gè ye be le  
*know dm TA*  
 boxatali-ya //.  
*make-as-home*  
*'She knew that she would make all Ulithi her home.'*

## E 400 attributive to an NP

- (a) Paaga-li faluya-li Yulidiy gè ye ssèxu gè ye fidii  
*island full get-together*  
 palleglege-yire yaramata-la //.  
*big people*  
*'All the islands of Ulithi Atoll were filled with big, strong people.'*

## E 401 head of a prepositional phrase

- (a) Faluya-li Yulidiy gè Buyexaw ye la buu doxo yiyage  
*gè paaga-li fèërmele gè te yoor yiyage.*  
*then all things there*  
*'When Buyexaw came to the Ulithi Atoll, there was nothing there.'*
- (b) Yixalaa mò gè ciil mele // yiy fase laa lècècè-li yipèlè  
*now even still stone*  
 laa wòò-li Moxmox.  
*'Even now, there still exists that stone in the middle of the*

*menstruation house on Mogmog.'*

- (c) Lalow gè re sa kagali-yeyi // bo lamaliyele yiree-li  
 tell me that morning at  
 ruwè-wo kulok gè yi be loxo //.

*'Yesterday they said to me that I had to go at two o'clock  
 in the morning.'*

- (d) Siyaa-li yaa-yi cuya mè yiree-li sukuun mè Xuwam gè  
 boundary my leave

gaag mè malaa bisi-yi xa memmele cox se-wo.  
 that brother living just together

*'Until I left the school on Guam, I and my brother had lived  
 together.'*

(4) Ø

E 402 subject of Identification

- (a) Feefele lee lawu-yi Ø yaa-mu kuwin //, malaa lawu-mu Ø  
 this  
 yaa-mami lulapa //.  
 our(excl) king

*'My daughter is your queen, and your child is our(excl) king.'*

E 403 subject of Predication

- (a) Yiir Ø // re ddare loxo, ddare loxo.  
*'As for them, they ran and ran.'*
- (b) Xala wee Ø // ye sa molo mè yiree-li mogoyo.  
*'As for the man, he has finished eating.'*

E 404 object of the main verb

- (a) Re-còò kawee Ø yi sa dabe-ya //.  
*'I followed those people.'*

E 405 attributive to an NP

- (a) Yiir Ø ye kkela yaa-yire // yegaage.  
 strong work  
*'They are hard workers.'*
- (b) Lulu wee Ø ye tay yoxo yadamaxi-la // yiree-li waxedexe  
 female ng possible endurance at manner

kaa yaa-yire gali-ya.

dm to-her

'The girl couldn't endure their conduct toward her.'

(c) Yeliwici kawee Ø ye te tuxili dipa-yire // yiiyage.

not sure feeling

'Those boys are not sure about it.'

(d) Makalaa xaamiyi xa sèsèrè Ø ye te xafedèxè faa-la //?

those you(pl) saying same meaning

'Aren't those which you are talking about not the same in their meaning?'

#### 4.12. VERB

##### 4.12.1. CONSTITUENT STRUCTURE

BR 23  $\begin{bmatrix} \text{Vp} \\ \text{Vpr} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \text{V} \\ \text{Vprs} \end{bmatrix} (\text{Os})$

##### LEXICON

yeyi	'me'	+Os, +SP, +SG
xo	'you'	+Os, -SP, -HR, +SG
ya	'him, her, it'	+Os, -SP, -HR, +SG
xica	'us(incl)'	+Os, +SP, +HR
xomami	'us(excl)'	+Os, +SP, -HR, -SG
xomiyi	'you(pl)'	+Os, -SP, +HR, -SG
yVre	'them'	+Os, -SP, -HR, -SG

For <+Vprs> bases, see 4.7.1.

##### 4.12.2. OBJECT SUFFIXES (+Os)

As indicated elsewhere, the constituent Os is a kind of grammatical formative and the base forms of its members are obtained by a phonological rule (PR 14) from the features of Os which in turn have been copied from the following (object) NP (TR 2). The base forms of the object suffixes have been inductively reconstructed in the light of general morphophonemic properties existing in the phonological structures of the language. Also some comparative evidence was taken into account where necessary. Thus, a set of general phonological rules (PRs in 3.6.3.) will give various surface forms associated with the base forms presented in the Lexicon under 4.12.1.

One thing particularly hard to decide was the base form of the 3rd per. sg. suffix, which corresponds to the underlined surface forms in

the following examples.

- E 406 [l:i-(y)] 'kill him'  
 [fə:ru-(y)] 'make it'  
 [fəgo-(y)] 'miss him'  
 [xaməðava-\_\_] 'explain it'  
 [ðabwe-(y)] 'follow him'

That is, the suffix is realised on the surface as an optional *y* except for the position after a where it is zero. There is some evidence, however, in support of the assumption that the base form of the suffix is *ya*.

(1) Although *ya* never appears phonetically as [yV] when the related verb functions as the main verb, it does appear as such if the verb is nominalised before an attributive suffix (TR 36).

- E 407 [l:iyey] 'what I killed'  
 [l:iyəm<sup>w</sup>] 'what you killed'  
 [l:iyal<sup>ʔ</sup>] 'what he killed'  
 [l:iyel<sup>c</sup> se mal<sup>c</sup>] 'what someone killed'  
 [l:iyac] 'what we(incl) killed'  
 [l:iyæ:r] 'what they killed'  
 [xaməðavayey] 'what I explained'  
 [xaməðavayəm<sup>w</sup>] 'what you explained'  
 [xaməðavayal<sup>ʔ</sup>] 'what he explained'  
 [xaməðavayel<sup>c</sup> se mal<sup>c</sup>] 'what someone explained'  
 [xaməðavayac] 'what we(incl) explained'  
 [xaməðavayæ:r] 'what they explained'

...

If in E 407 the forms (e.g. [ye], [yə] and [ya]) between a verb stem (i.e. [l:i], [xaməðava]) and an attributive suffix (e.g. [y], [m<sup>w</sup>], [l<sup>ʔ</sup>], [l<sup>c</sup>], [c]) are reduced to the base form *ya*, then general morphophonemic rules will derive all the forms related to the base *ya* unambiguously and without exception. For the morphophonemic processes, see the PRs in 3.6.3.

(2) Exactly the same morphophonemic behaviour may be noticed in many words which are not transitive verbs. For example, [faluy(y)] 'island' and [cu(y)] 'disappear' keep the optional [y] in their independent form, and if attributive suffixes are added, the following phonetic forms are obtained.

- E 408 [faluyey] 'my island'  
 [faluyəm<sup>w</sup>] 'your island'  
 [faluyal<sup>ʔ</sup>] 'his island'

[faluyel<sup>ˈ</sup> se mal<sup>ˈ</sup>] 'someone's island'

[faluyæ:r] 'their island'

[cuyey] 'my disappearance'

[cuyəm<sup>w</sup>] 'your disappearance'

[cuyal<sup>ˈ</sup>] 'his disappearance'

[cuyel<sup>ˈ</sup> se mal<sup>ˈ</sup>] 'someone's disappearance'

[cuyæ:r] 'their disappearance'

Since [faluy] and [cu(y)] have been set up as faluya and cuya in base forms, the parallelism between E 407 and E 408 leads to the reconstruction of the forms in E 406 except for [xamadava] as follows.

E 409 lli-ya 'kill him'  
 fêèru-ya 'make it'  
 faxo-ya 'miss him'  
 dabe-ya 'follow him'

Thus the final vowel dropping rule (PR 40) and the rule of optional dropping of semi-vowels (PR 45) may connect E 409 to E 406. The non-occurrence of [y] on the surface in the environment a \_\_\_# was described in connection with related PRs in 3.6.3. (e.g. PR 33).

Another problem in the reconstruction of the base forms of the object suffixes is associated with yVre 'them'. The phonetic form of this suffix is simply [r] with the preceding vowel lengthened. The reconstruction of yVre is affected by a suggestion made by Bender (personal communication) who points out that the setting up of an archivowel (V) can account for the lengthening of the preceding vowel without affecting any phonetic quality, that yV- is apparently parallel to the 3rd per. sg. ya and that yVre corresponds to the proto-form \*sida. This form furthermore corresponds in some way to the independent pronoun yiir and Pm re. The phonetic form [:r] can be derived by general morphophonemic rules (PRs in 3.6.3.).

Examples in which object suffixes appear follow.

E 410 (a) Re sa weri-yeyi la-li tentoo wee yima-yi.  
                   see          in  Cl

'They saw me in my tent.'

(b) Re xafaga-xo loxo.

'They sent you over.'

(c) Kassiya-ya Luurdes.

'Ask Lourdes!'

(d) Ye sa tutuxu-xica.

'He was hitting us (incl).'

- (e) Ye yoxo gali-xomami melwee xa dipali-ya.  
*possible to that we want*  
*'What we(excl) wanted was possible to us.'*
- (f) Yi sa weri-xomiyi lalow.  
*'I saw you(pl) yesterday.'*
- (g) Ye mele bo yixili-yVre.  
*'He lives for them.'*

#### 4.12.3. CLASSIFICATION OF VERBS (+V)

It has been indicated that verbal preposition stems (+Vprs), in spite of their morphological similarity to verbs of the transitive type, diverge from the set of verbs (+V) at a high level in base rules, since they never function as main verbs while verbs never function as prepositions. The morphological similarity of <+Vprs> to <+V> elements may be illustrated below. Thus the same phonological rules are applicable to both sets when these are followed by Os.

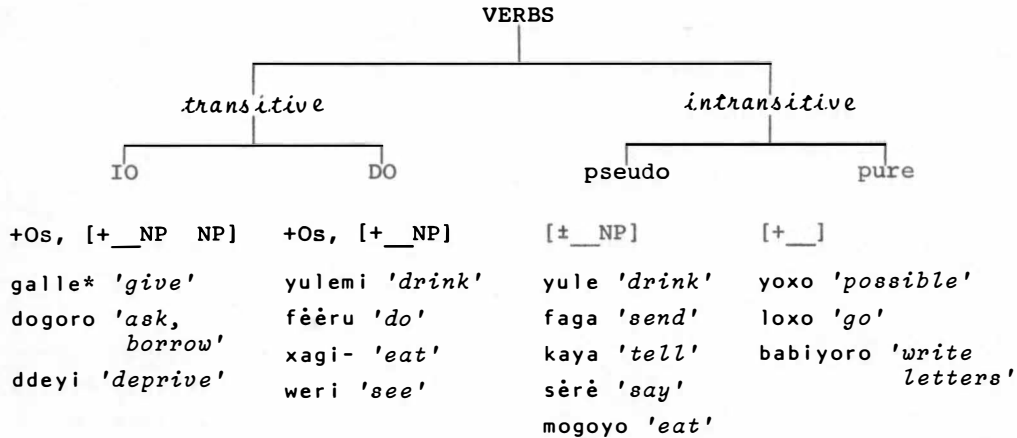
E 411	gali 'to'	gali-yeyi	[ɲaliyey]	'to me'
		gali-xo	[ɲaluxU]	'to you'
		gali-ya	[ɲali]	'to him'
		gali-xica	[ɲaligic]	'to us(incl)'
		gali-xomami	[ɲalugumam]	'to us(excl)'
		gali-xomiyi	[ɲalugumi]	'to you'
		gali-yVre	[ɲali:r]	'to them'

For the syntax of verbal prepositions, see 4.7.5.

Verbs may be classified in many ways according to their morphological formations, subcategorisational or selectional feature composites, or transformational possibilities. No systematic attempt is made at an intensive classification of verbs covering all these features. In the following, only a broad division of verbs is made on the basis of contextual restrictions with regard to Os, direct object NP, and indirect object NP. A somewhat detailed discussion follows on the morphological structure of verbs.

Verbs may be classed into two large groups, one which may have Os, and the other which may not. The former may be called the transitive type, and the latter the intransitive type. The transitive type may further be subdivided into two groups, one which may co-occur with two object (direct and indirect) NPs, and the other which obligatorily occurs with a single (direct) object NP. The former may be called IO type, and the latter DO type. On the other hand, the intransitive type verbs may be subdivided into two groups, one which optionally occurs

with a direct object NP, and the other never occurring with any object NP. The former may be named the pseudo-type and the latter the pure-type. These subgroupings may be illustrated as below.



\*A dash indicates that the verb is obligatorily followed by an object suffix, otherwise only optionally.

FIGURE 11

#### A CLASSIFICATION OF VERBS

##### 4.12.4. INTRANSITIVE VERBS

The most productive classification of intransitive verbs is according to <±Adj>, which is based on the adjectivisation possibility (see 4.10.). They may also be classified in the light of co-occurrence restrictions with different types of prepositional phrases. For example, verbs like mogoyo 'to eat' cannot be followed by a preposition like gali 'to' or mè 'from' which occur with verbs having the <+direction> feature such as loxo 'to go', faga 'to send'. The classification of these verbs is not attempted here however.

Five derivative morphemes associated with intransitive verbs have been found, one prefix and four suffixes.

(1) te- 'very, extremely'

This morpheme is limited in occurrence to the verbs having the <+Adj> feature. For the obligatory permutation of a verb prefixed by this morpheme, see 4.10.4. Examples follow.





This morpheme, which corresponds to a Marshallese verbal formative which can often be glossed "perfective" (Bender, personal communication), is limited in occurrence to a small subclass of intransitive verbs. So far, only the following examples have been found.

E 416 pileta-yex 'always shut, enclosed'

Cf. Ye sa pileta-yex loxo.

'She has been enclosed.'

suuxu-yex 'be opened'

Cf. Yi suuxu-ya xatama lee 'I opened this door'

Xatama lee yilaa ye suuxu-yex.

fm

'This door is open.'

xafaga-yex 'already sent'

?supi-tex 'cut already' (cf. supi-ya 'to cut')

?wuxu-yex 'to blow (vi)' (cf. xawuxu 'to blow')

Intransitive verbs are also formed from nouns with reduplication. Observe the following.

E 417	bisi	'brother'	:	bisbisi	'to be in brother relation'
	boxata	'village'	:	boxatxata	'to use a village'
	faluya	'island'	:	faluluya	'to use an island'
	mata	'eye'	:	mmata	'to wake up'
	pece	'feet'	:	pecpece	'to use as feet'
	pitexe	'thing'	:	pitextexe	'to use things'
	sifu	'grass skirt'	:	sifsifu	'to wear a grass skirt'
	soxo	'stick'	:	soxsoxo	'to walk with a stick'
	tama-	'father'	:	tamtama	'to have as father'
	waa	'canoe'	:	waawaa	'to use a canoe'
	yagi	'wind'	:	yagiyagi	'to blow'
	yima	'house'	:	yimyima	'to use as a house'

Some intransitive verbs with the feature <+Adj> may occur with final syllable reduplicated, in which case the meaning is *intensification*.

E 418	pallege	'big'	:	pallegege	'very big'
	rucuppugu	'black'	:	rucuppugpugu	'very black'
	taxiyata	'high'	:	taxiyatyata	'very high'

A great number of pseudo-type intransitive verbs appear only in reduplicated forms.

E 419	didii	'to push'
	dodoro	'to catch'
	doodoo	'to massage'

duxduxu	'to wrap'
fagfaga	'to smoke (fish)'
falfala	'to throw coconuts down'
mēmee	'to look for'
paapaa	'to count'
pixpixi	'to hit'
rogrogo	'to hear'
taptape	'to write, use'

Examples of non-reduplicated pseudo-type intransitive verbs follow.

E 420	cagaxe	'to hang'
	dèrè	'to weave'
	ffèsè	'to call'
	lèbaaxe	'to hide'
	lule	'to roll'
	yidi	'to dip'
	yule	'to drink'

Pseudo-type intransitive verbs are characterised by their co-occurrence with an object NP which has the <-def> feature. By <-def> is meant that the NP does not include in its constituents such definiteness elements as a demonstrative enclitic, demonstrative proper, numerative compound (see RR 4). This selectional restriction distinguishes the subset of intransitive verbs from the set of transitive verbs.

E 421	(a)	balle sukuun	'to inspect schools'
		*balle sukuun kalaa	'to inspect those schools'
		Cf. ballesi(-ya) sukuun kalaa	'to inspect those schools'
		*ballesi(-ya) sukuun	
	(b)	kuku yaramata	'to bite persons'
		*kuku yaramata lee	'to bite this person'
		Cf. xusu-ya yaramata lee	'to bite this person'
		*xusu-ya yaramata	
	(c)	pakki paabiya	'to shoot pigs'
		*pakki paabiya wee	'to shoot the pigs'
		Cf. pakki-ya paabiya wee	'to shoot the pigs'
		*pakki-ya paabiya	
	(d)	yule luu	'to drink coconuts'
		*yule se-wo luu	'to drink a coconut'
		*yule luu lee	'to drink this coconut'

Cf. yulemi(-ya) se-wo luu  
 yulemi(-ya) luu lee  
 \*yulemi(-ya) luu

There are a few exceptions to the above generality of wide coverage. E 422 (a) and E 422 (b) are accepted by my informants. In both cases, the presence of the Os implies that the action of the verb is directed to the whole substance of the NP, while its absence (pseudo-intransitive) gives a partitive sense.

- E 422 (a) fadê pèraase 'to plant rice'  
 fadêxu-ya pèraase 'to plant the rice'  
 (b) mogoyo se-wo màyi 'to eat a (part of) breadfruit'  
 xagi-ya se-wo màyi 'to eat the whole of a breadfruit'

#### 4.12.5. FORMATION OF TRANSITIVE-TYPE VERB STEMS

In Ulithian, transitive verbs may be inherent, but in many cases transitive verbs are formed from intransitive verbs or nominals with the addition of certain transitivising elements. Besides, it is difficult in many instances to draw a line of division between parts of speech on the basis of morphological evidence alone. For example, ciifeli 'nail' is a noun in a normal sense, but it also occurs as a pseudo-intransitive in Yi be ciifeli yîma 'I will nail houses'. Furthermore, it can be a transitive stem as evidenced in Yi be ciifeli-ya yîma lee. 'I will nail this house'. In the lexicon, therefore, ciifeli must be specified roughly in the following way.

ciifeli +N  
 +V, [+\_\_NP<-def>]  
 +V, +Os, [+\_\_NP<+def>]

On the other hand, yule 'to drink' and yulemi 'to drink it' have roughly the following lexical entries.

yule +V, +Adj (Cf. cale yule 'drinking water')  
 +V, [+\_\_NP<-def>]  
 yulemi +V, ±Os, [+\_\_NP<+def>]  
 (Cf. yulemi(-ya) cale lee 'drink this water')

From the morphological point of view, ciifeli may be classed as a transitive proper, but yulemi as a derived transitive. Thus, transitive verbs may be classified in the following way according to their derivative sources.

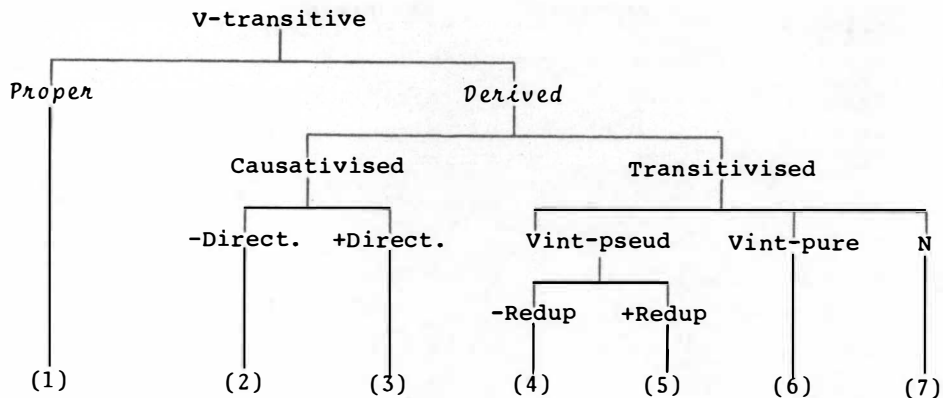


FIGURE 12

## A SUBCLASSIFICATION OF TRANSITIVE VERBS

Examples follow.

E 423 (1)

bbulu	'to dirty'	cèlè	'to suspend'
dabe	'to follow'	dogoro	'to ask, borrow'
falixi	'to tread on'	faxo-	'to pity'
fèèru	'to make'	fisexi	'to burn'
galle-	'to give'	kamaaxo-	'to watch'
kassiya	'to ask'	kiliili	'to clean'
lixidi	'to leave off'	lli-	'to kill'
lusu-	'to chew'	mammagi	'to remember'
meri	'to find'	paali-	'to lead'
supi	'to cut'	suuxu-	'to open'
tafa	'to cut'	tafeya	'to apply medicine to'
tape-	'to use, need'	taxace-	'to let free'
tepugi-	'to help'	tuxu	'to hit'
weri	'to see'	xabòle	'to miss'
xagi-	'to eat'	xammayi	'to love'
xarepa	'to approach'	xola-	'to reach'
xula-	'to know'	yilidi	'to share'
yitoli	'to put'	yuru	'to pull'

E 424 (2) a. from intransitive verbs with <-Adj>

xabarèxo	'to let dance'	(<== barèxo 'to dance')
xabààye	'to make float'	(<== bàà 'to float')
xaboro	'to bend'	(<== bboro 'to be bent')

xaboobooli	'to make swell'	(<== booboo	'to swell')
xacapara	'to make believe'	(<== capara	'to believe')
xacappa-	'to turn over'	(<== cappa	'to turn over')
xacariwuriwa-	'to shine'	(<== xariwuriwa	'to shine')
xacugaxo	'to let shout'	(<== cugaxo	'to shout')
xaddala-	'to let dream'	(<== ddala	'to dream')
xaddèlè	'to illuminate'	(<== ddèlè	'to shine')
xaduubale	'to sink (person)'	(<== duubale	'to sink')
xaduuduu	'to clean'	(<== duuduu	'to bathe')
xafaxola-	'to grow'	(<== faxola	'to grow')
xafidfidi	'to grind'	(<== fidfidi	'to go around')
xakkugu	'to ring'	(<== kkugu	'to make noise')
xamadafa-	'to explain'	(<== madafa	'to be clear')
xamadare-	'to spread'	(<== madare	'to lie spread')
xamasèrè	'to let sleep'	(<== masèrè	'to sleep')
xamolo	'to finish'	(<== molo	'to be completed')
xamòlo	'to hide'	(<== mòlo	'to hide')
xappaca-	'to glue'	(<== ppaca	'to be stuck')
xaraxa-	'to let crawl'	(<== xaraxa	'to crawl')
xasuu-	'to erect'	(<== suu	'to stand')
xatafaale	'to let return'	(<== tafaale	'to return')
xataxulu	'to turn'	(<== taxulu	'to turn around')
xatowase	'to break'	(<== towase	'to be broken')
xatuxili	'to choose'	(<== tuxili	'to be sure')
xaweweele	'to consult on'	(<== weweele	'to result')
xayale	'to make fly'	(<== yale	'to fly')
xayeda	'to load'	(<== yeda	'to be loaded')
xayili	'to make dive'	(<== yili	'to dive')

b. from intransitive verbs with <+Adj>

xabbece-	'to whiten'	(<== bbece	'white')
xacage-	'to love'	(<== cage	'beloved')
xacalxara-	'to sweeten'	(<== calxara	'sweet')
xaccawu-	'to make heavy'	(<== ccawu	'heavy')
xacèccali-	'to redden'	(<== cèccaa	'red')
xacoolopa-	'to increase'	(<== coolopa	'many')
xalapa-	'to increase'	(<== lapa	'big, much')
xalèllaye-	'to lengthen'	(<== lèllaye	'long')
xamalawa-	'to make alive'	(<== malawa	'alive')
xammalawa-	'to widen'	(<== mmalawa	'wide')
xamommaye-	'to better'	(<== mommaye	'good')
xamòcooco-	'to shorten'	(<== mòcooco	'short')

xapallege-	'to make big'	(<== pallege 'big')
xaparagraga-	'to make yellow'	(<== paragraga 'yellow')
xarepiya-	'to make clever'	(<== repiya 'clever')
xarraye-	'to make happy'	(<== rraye 'happy')
xarucuppugu-	'to darken'	(<== rucuppugu 'dark')
xasiilaye-	'to make long, durable'	(<== siilaye 'long')
xasoopèya-	'to make clumsy'	(<== soopèya 'clumsy')
xataxiyata-	'to heighten'	(<== taxiyata 'high')
xateffoya-	'to make anew'	(<== teffoya 'new')
xattiri-	'to make fast'	(<== ttiri 'fast')
xawààrese-	'to make difficult'	(<== wààrese 'difficult')
xawecici-	'to make small'	(<== wecici 'small')

## E 425 (3)

xabbulèlogo-	'to let crouch'	(<== bbulèlogo 'to crouch')
xaboldaxe-	'to begin'	(<== boldaxe 'to begin')
xabuudoxo-	'to let come'	(<== buudoxo 'to come')
xaciṁadaxe-	'to arise'	(<== ciṁadaxe 'to rise')
xadareloxo-	'to make walk'	(<== dareloxo 'to walk')
xaddaweloxo-	'to let go far away'	(<== ddaweloxo 'to go far away')

## E 426 (4)

balesi	'to inspect'	(<== balle 'to inspect')
cagaxeli	'to hang'	(<== cagaxe 'to hang')
dèrègu-	'to weave'	(<== dèrè 'to weave')
fadèxu	'to plant'	(<== fadè 'to plant')
ffèsègu	'to call'	(<== ffèsè 'to call')
lèbaaxeli	'to hide'	(<== lèbaaxe 'to hide')
yidifi	'to dip'	(<== yidi 'to dip')
yulemi	'to drink'	(<== yule 'to drink')

## E 427 (5)

besi	'to untie'	(<== bebee 'to untie')
coxu	'to fish by net'	(<== cocoo 'to fish by net')
digi-	'to push'	(<== didii 'to push')
dipcixi-	'to cook with copra oil'	(<== dipcixi 'to cook with copra oil')
dixi-	'to sew'	(<== diddi 'to sew')
feledi	'to wave flags'	(<== felefele 'to wave flags')
fici-	'to knock at'	(<== ficfici 'to knock')

limi-	'to roll'	(<== lule 'to roll')
rogo-	'to hear'	(<== rogrogo 'to hear')
wedi-	'to wait'	(<== wedwedi 'to wait')

## E 428 (6)

bââxi-	'to float (it)'	(<== bââ 'to float')
bilidi	'to take off'	(<== bili 'to be off')
cugu	'to meet'	(<== cuu 'to meet')
ddarexili-	'to run with'	(<== ddare 'to run')
fadixili-	'to lay (eggs)'	(<== fadi 'to lay eggs')
yagasi	'to touch'	(<== yaga 'to reach')

## E 429 (7)

dipali	'to want'	(<== dipa 'feeling')
doofi-	'to massage (him)'	(<== doodoo 'massage')
fawuxili	'to row for'	(<== fawu 'rowing stick')
lawuli	'to have as a child'	(<== lawu- 'child')
matali	'to have as eyes'	(<== mata 'eyes')
tareli	'to have as a band'	(<== tare 'band')
xumoculi	'to have as a fist'	(<== xumocu 'fist')
yalapadi-	'to lead to'	(<== yalapa 'road')

Alongside the classification on the basis of the derivative sources, transitive verbs may be classified according to the phonological shapes and position of the transitivisers. The division is made into the prefix, suffix, and zero types.

## (1) Prefix

Causativiser *xa-* only belongs here. Examples have already been given. No allophonic variation is noticed in *xa-*.

## (2) Suffix

Two subtypes are *-xili* and thematic *-CV*. *-xili* is not only a transitivising marker but has some meaning, mostly 'in favour of' but occasionally 'against'. Observe the examples in E 430.

E 430 (a) Ye be fawuxili-ya.

'He will row for him.'

(b) Yîma wee re dimalawaxili-yeyi mē yîiyage yilaa ye mele yixalaa.

give-birth-to me from there fm stay there



*'The house in which I was born is over there.'*

- (c) Xa be ggataxili-yeyi bo yoor mata-li pāwWu-yi  
           hurry-against exist head hand

lā yi be fedexe?  
 that fight

*'Are you going to make haste against me though I have only my hands to fight with?'*

- (d) Sukuunxili-ya yalo-li Meriken.

learn speech  
*'Study English!'*

- (e) Ye sa maxili-yeyi.

shame  
*'He feels shameful toward me.'*

- (f) Ye sa tteraxxili-ya Yasor.

sail  
*'He sailed to Yasor.'*

- (g) Yi xabōxili-ya babiyoro wee yaa-yi we ye sa towase.

miss book mine broken  
*'I miss my book which has been broken.'*

In spite of its lexical meaning, *xili* could not be considered a prepositional element for the following reasons: (a) it transitivises certain nouns (e.g. E 430 (a)); (b) when it follows a transitive verb (e.g. E 430 (g)), the NP following *xili* is the object of the verb, which fact indicates that *xili* is not a prepositional element; and (c) *xili*, unlike any preposition, is a close-bound morpheme in that the preceding verb does not lose the final vowel on the surface.

The other suffix type (thematic -CV) includes the following. No examples are found in which C in -CV is a stop. All the members of the thematic -CV subtype are purely transitivising markers except for -li which in many instances has the meaning *'action of possession'*. V in -CV is either i or u in (i-v) conditioned by the preceding vowel, i.e. i when the preceding vowel is a front vowel or a, otherwise u. In (vi-viii), the V is i.

(i) -li or -lu

E 431	matali	<i>'to have as eyes'</i>	(<= mata <i>'eye'</i> )
	tamali	<i>'to have as father'</i>	(<= tama- <i>'father'</i> )
	yawali	<i>'to have as a mouth'</i>	(<= yawa <i>'mouth'</i> )

lawulu	'to have as a child'	(<== lawu- 'child')
soolu	'to search'	(<== soosoo 'to search')
wumulu	'to cook'	(<== wumu 'hearth')
xamèlu	'to whistle (to him)'	(<== xamèè 'to whistle')

## (ii) -gi or -gu

E 432 digi-	'to push'	(<== didii 'to push')
diligi-	'to split'	(<== diddili 'to split')
kkiligi-	'to dig'	(<== kkili 'to dig')
paagi-	'to count'	(<== paapaa 'to count')
cugu-	'to meet'	(<== cuu 'to meet')
dèrègu-	'to weave'	(<== dèrè 'to weave')
ffèsègu	'to call'	(<== ffèsè 'to call')

## (iii) -xi or -xu

E 433 bàâxi-	'to float'	(<== bàâ 'to float')
cepexi-	'to kick'	(<== cepcepe 'to kick')
dixi-	'to sew'	(<== diddi 'to sew')
falexixi-	'to throw down (coconuts)'	(<== falfale 'to throw down')
lewaxi-	'to lick'	(<== lewlewa 'to lick'; lewa 'tongue')
dèèxu-	'to climb'	(<== dèèdèè 'to climb')
fadèxu-	'to plant'	(<== fadè 'to plant')
ffèrèxu-	'to bind'	(<== ffèrè 'to bind')
rooxu-	'to take'	(<== rooro 'to take')

## (iv) -di or -du

E 434 bilidi	'to take it off'	(<== bili 'to be off')
feledi	'to wave flag'	(<== felfele 'to wave flag')
wedi-	'to wait'	(<== wedwedi 'to wait')
yalapadi-	'to lead to (it)'	(<== yalapa 'road')
gudu-	'to chew'	(<== gugu 'to chew')
mosodu-	'to cut (rope)'	(<== mosmoso 'to cut (rope)')

## (v) -si or -su

E 435 besi	'to untie'	(<== bebee 'to untie')
balesi	'to inspect'	(<== balle 'to inspect')
xasi	'to carry'	(<== kakka 'to carry')
yafesi	'to pull'	(<== yafyafe 'to pull')
yagasi	'to touch'	(<== yaga 'to reach')

	xusu-	'to bite'	(<== kukku 'to bite')
(vi)	-fi		
E 436	doofi	'to massage'	(<== doodoo 'massage')
	dorofi	'to catch'	(<== dodoro 'to catch')
	yidifi	'to dip'	(<== yidi 'to dip')
(vii)	-mi		
E 437	duxumi-	'to wrap'	(<== duxduxu 'wrap')
	limi-	'to roll'	(<== lule 'to roll')
	sulumi-	'to broil'	(<== susulu 'to broil')
	yulemi	'to drink'	(<== yule 'to drink')
(viii)	-ri		
E 438	meri	'to look for'	(<== mēnee 'to look for')
	pixiri	'to hit'	(<== pixixi 'to hit')

### (3) Zero

All the other transitive stems which do not belong to (1) or (2) may be classed here. No formal transitivising markers are observed in the members of this class, but mostly they are obligatorily followed by an object suffix (+Os), which fact is indicated by a dash following each stem for convenience of reference. This dash will be replaced by an [+Os] feature in each lexical entry. Any kind of vowel (except for short *à* and *ò*) including geminates may serve as a stem final vowel: -i (e.g. lli- 'to kill', supi- 'to cut'), -e (e.g. dabe- 'to accompany'), -a (talaga- 'to listen'), -o (faxo- 'to miss'), -u (e.g. xèru- 'to shave'), -è (e.g. cèlè- 'to suspend'), -oo (e.g. xaboo- 'to give tickle to').

#### 4.12.6. BOUNDARY BETWEEN TRANSITIVE AND PSEUDO-INTRANSITIVE

The transitive and the pseudo-type intransitive verbs share a common feature in that both occur before an object NP. Apart from the morphological difference between the two sets which have been discussed thus far, they manifest some syntactic and semantic aspects characteristic of each set.

(1) In principle, all transitive stems (here included are verbal prepositions) occur obligatorily with an NP with <+def> feature, whether they are followed by Os or not.

E 439	yitoli (-ya) babiyoro lee	'to keep this book'
	besi (-ya) yawu wee	'to untie the line'
	cêlê (-ya) kaaxolo lee	'to suspend this box'
	coxu (-ya) yixi lee	'to catch this fish by net'
	fadixili (-ya) se-fase fadiya-li male	'to lay a bird's egg'
	dimalawaxili (-ya) tarmale wee	'to give birth to the boy'
	xabedaya (-ya) yeliwici lee	'to make this child fat'
	xabece (-ya) cale lee	'to heat this water'

A slight meaning difference exists between the presence and absence of Os. When it appears, the action of the verb is more directly and positively related to the following NP than in the case of its absence. Thus, *yitoli-ya babiyoro lee* has the meaning 'keep it, this book' and *yitoli babiyoro lee* 'keep this book'.

(2) An exception to the principle in (1) is that causativised transitive verbs may occur with <-def> NP if there is no Os present.

E 440	xabbula yafe	'to make a fire'
	xamolo yegaage	'to finish the work'
	xatafaale salapiya	'to return money'
	xabatabata pese	'to make the dog thirsty'
	xayilili waayili	'to have the submarine dive'

(3) Pseudo-intransitive verbs occur in principle with <-def> NPs (for additional examples, see the examples in 4.12.4.).

E 441	bebee yawu	'to untie lines'
	fadê yiree	'to plant trees'
	cêlcêlê kaxoo	'to hang boxes'
	diddi magaaxu	'to sew clothes'

The partitive sense of the exceptions to (3) has been mentioned.

E 442	Yi sa mommogoyo yucu we xala-yi.	
		'I was eating some of my bananas.'

#### 4.13. NOUN DERIVATION

The most productive affixation in nouns is that of attributive suffixes. A detailed discussion of this process was made elsewhere (e.g. PR 14 and 4.8.6.). Noun Phrases where some major types of nouns appear were also discussed. It will suffice in this section to give some derivative morphemes which have been found.

(1) *yi-* 'that, it'

This morpheme has a kind of pronoun-like function, acting not only

as a bound stem but also as a kind of prefix.

- E 443 yilaa '*that thing*' (yi- + laa (demonstrative enclitic))  
 yifaa '*which, what, where*' (yi- + faa (dem. enclitic))  
 yifaa- '*underside*' (yi- + faa- '*under*')  
 yila- '*inside*' (yi- + la- '*in*')  
 yiluxu '*backside*' (yi- + luxu '*back*')

(2) too- '*skilled practitioner (occasionally in a pejorative sense)*'

- E 444 too-faala '*joker telling the facts opposite to the truth*'  
 (faala '*meaning, reason*')  
 too-falfala '*canoe builder*'  
 too-fedexe '*fighter*'  
 too-fitaa '*fisherman*'  
 too-kamammele '*funny person*'  
 too-kapata '*speaker*'  
 too-liluwale '*thinker*'  
 too-waa '*canoe caretaker*'

(3) cõõ- '*person*'

- coo-buucu '*crazy person*'  
 coo-metafisi '*blind man*'  
 coo-tagtagi '*a cry-baby*'  
 coo-tamaaye '*sick person*'  
 coo-tawogo '*bald-headed man*'

(4) re- (productive prefix indicating human beings)

- E 445 re-latade '*people of the sea, navy, etc.*'  
 re-male '*men*'  
 re-Meriken '*American*'  
 re-musuwee '*people of old days*'  
 re-sukuun '*people of the school, teachers, students, etc.*'  
 re-Yaap '*Yapese*'  
 re-yiiyaa '*person from where?*'  
 re-yixalakaa '*people of nowadays*'  
 re-Yulidiy '*Ulithian*'

(5) lika- '*a kind of game-like action*'

This prefix is a nominaliser, occurring always with a reduplicated verb. It is not productive.

- E 446 lika-dadabe '*racing*' (dabe '*to run after*')  
 lika-dodoro '*game-like diving*' (doro '*to dive*')  
 lika-lutlutu '*jumping game*' (lutu '*to jump*')

- lika-molmolo 'hide and seek' (molo 'to hide')  
lika-subsubu 'action of tattoo imitation' (subu 'to tattoo')

(6) cayè- (a rare prefix indicative of flat surfaces, apparently related to cayè 'leaf')

- E 447 cayè-cixcixi 'narrow, thin'  
cayè-lapala 'flat'  
cayè-laplapa 'wide, thick'

(7) -lapa 'large, old, important'

Lapa is also used as a verb with <+Adj> feature, which means 'big' or 'enough'. When used as a suffix, it is closely associated with the preceding element semantically as well as phonologically. Thus the final vowel of the preceding element does not drop.

- E 448 luxulapa-li faluya 'backside of an island'  
malelapa 'old man, uncle, grandfather'  
salapa 'excellent' (sa- has no meaning)  
or 'excellent person' (e.g. se-male salapa  
'an excellent person')  
tamalapa 'true father'  
yulèelapa 'old lady' (yulèè- has no meaning)

(8) la-

This prefix seems to have been derived from the pseudo-prepositional la- 'in', but fossilised as a prefix. Thus, in re-latade 'people of the sea', la and tade 'sea' constitute a unit noun stem.

- E 449 labogo 'night, at night' (bogo 'night')  
lamaliyele 'morning, in the morning' (maliyele 'morning')  
lapalaliyolo 'evening, in the evening' (palaliyolo 'evening')  
latade 'sea, in the sea'

#### 4.14. SYNTACTIC REDUNDANCY RULES

In a departure from a general practice, syntactic redundancy rules are not included in the lexicon, since some rules (see RR 1 and RR 2) have no lexical relevance. Rules like RR 1 and RR 2 may be called structural redundancy rules in contrast to lexical redundancy rules. The rules given below are far from being exhaustive, since no intensive study of various contextual (in particular, selectional) restrictions has been made covering all the data at hand. However, the following rules seem to be sufficient to provide the basic information necessary to maintain the consistency of the system of the grammar developed in

this study.

Chomsky (1965:165-8) distinguishes between universal and language-specific redundancies, stating that the former needs no specific statement in the grammar whereas the latter does. In the following, only those rules which are considered language-specific are presented. The rules are irrelevant as to order.

RR 1     V → <±Prog>

The aspect *action in progress* occurs with verbs of any kind. This aspect cannot be represented by means of a lexical category in that it does not dominate a fixed lexical form but is realised in infinitely varied ways, with one and the same grammatical meaning, according to the forms of the verbs with which it occurs. Furthermore, <±Prog> may not be specified in lexical entries unless a verb is given two lexical entries, one plain form and the other a reduplicated form. No examples have been found in which a verb (+V) cannot be reduplicated in the progressive sense. This fact also suggests that this aspect be handled by a structural redundancy rule. Although realisation of the structural feature <+Prog> on the surface is effected by means of reduplication, not all reduplicated forms are progressive. For the phonological processes, see PRs 15-17. The position of the reduplicated shapes of <+Prog> is that of a prefix. When it occurs with a causative prefix, it precedes the latter and through reduplication takes on an identical shape.

E 450 (a) <+Prog> + pallege 'big' ==> pa-pallege 'to be growing big'  
Cf. palleglege 'big (with plural subject)'

(b) <+Prog> + [xa- + paluya + Os]<sub>V</sub> + [yiiɾ]<sub>NP</sub> + [loxo]<sub>Dr</sub>  
causative   navigate

==> <+Prog> + ka- + paluya + yVre + loxo

==> ka + ka- + paluya + yVre + loxo

==> kkapaluyaar loxo 'to be teaching them to navigate'

RR 2     NP → <±Emp> / Emp ... \_\_

RR 2, which is another structural redundancy rule, assigns an emphasis feature to the category NP. Unlike <+Prog>, the feature <+Emp> is not realised as specific forms but is simply a transformation indicator. That NP which is positively specified by <Emp> is subject to permutation in a focus transformation. The reason that <±Emp> is assigned to an NP rather than to an N is that in focus transformation the focussed part is never a part but the whole of an NP. Consider E 451.

E 451 Emp + [[yima]<sub>N</sub> [-li]<sub>At</sub> [yaramata wee]<sub>NP</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> ye sa towase  
*destroyed*

*'The person's house has been destroyed.'*

(1) ==> [Yima-li yaramata wee]<sub>NP</sub> melee ye sa towase.

*'It is the person's house that has been destroyed.'*

(2) ==> [Yaramata wee]<sub>NP</sub> melee ye sa towase yima-la.

*'As for the person, his house has been destroyed.'*

\* (3) ==> [Yima]<sub>N</sub> melee ...

\* (4) ==> [Yaramata]<sub>N</sub> melee ...

$$\text{RR 3} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} +N \\ -\text{Pro} \\ -\text{Dm} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \langle \pm\text{SG} \rangle$$

Except for the pronouns and demonstratives proper, all nominals are either singular or plural. However, there is no formal difference on the surface between singular and plural in these nominals themselves, unless a following demonstrative enclitic indicates the number. Even if there is no such enclitic, it should be assumed that there is <±SG> distinction in deep structures, i.e. in each lexical entry. The existence of this covert feature may be evidenced in the following pairs of sentences.

E 452 (a1) Yima-li yiitey makalaay?

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} +N, -\text{Pro} \\ +Q, -\text{Dm} \\ +\text{SG} \end{array} \right]$$

*'Whose(sg) houses are those?'*

(a2) Yima-yire yiitey makalaay?

<-SG>

*'Whose(pl) houses are those?'*

(b1) Yima-li feeefele malaay.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} +N, -\text{Pro} \\ -Q, -\text{Dm} \\ +\text{SG} \end{array} \right]$$

*'That is a girl's house.'*

(b2) Yima-yire feeefele ralaay.

<-SG>

*'That is a girls' house.'*

In E 452, the existence of plurality is reflected in the attributive suffix which has copied the features of the following noun. So far as no formal distinction is recognisable between <±SG> in a lexical item,



the lexical entries of the nominals with the features <+N>, <-Pro>, and <-Dm> may be assigned <±SG> by RR 3. In pronouns and demonstratives proper, plural forms are formally distinguished from their corresponding singular forms, thus not being subject to RR 3.

E 453 (a) [+N, +Pro]: gaag 'I' vs.  $\begin{cases} \text{xiic 'we(incl)'} \\ \text{xaamami 'we(excl)'} \end{cases}$

(b) [+N, +Dm] : melee 'this' vs. makaa 'these'  
yiyee 'this' vs. yikaa 'these'

RR 4  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} +Cl \\ +Nucl \\ +Pro \\ +Dm \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow <+def>$

RR 4 assigns <+def>, i.e. definiteness, to those formatives which have a feature appearing on the left of RR 4: classifiers (possessive and numerative), pronouns, demonstratives proper, and demonstrative enclitics. It is necessary to define the range of <+def> formatives, because in general the class of transitive verbs occur only with the NP which contains a <+def> element.

RR 5  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} +Cl \\ +Nucl \\ +Q \\ +Dm \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow [- \text{ } Dm]$

RR 5 defines the range of formatives which may not occur before a demonstrative suffix, i.e. classifiers, interrogative words, and demonstratives proper. Examples of pronouns followed by Dm were given in 4.8.8.

RR 6  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} +Pro \\ +Q \\ +Dm \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow [- \text{ } ATT]$

Pronouns, interrogative words, and demonstratives proper never occur before an attributive phrase. All the other nominals and numerative classifiers may occur in that position in certain syntactic environments. Any specific limitation in the occurrence of these formatives before ATT (e.g. yicuu- 'on' occurs only before -li) must be so specified in each lexical entry.

RR 7  $[+ \text{ } NP_1 NP_2] \rightarrow [+ \text{ } NP_1]$

RR 8  $[- \text{ } Os, + \text{ } NP] \rightarrow [- \text{ } Os]$

RR 9  $[+ \text{ } PrepP^*] \rightarrow [+ \text{ } ]$

\*PrepP represents any kind of prepositional phrase.

RR 7 indicates that a transitive verb which may occur with an indirect and a direct object may also occur with an indirect object alone. RR 8 deals with the fact that any pseudo-type intransitive verb which has an object NP may occur without one. RR 9 states that an occurrence before a prepositional phrase implies an occurrence without one following. Observe the examples below.

E 454 (a) Yi be galle-ya yaramata laa.

*'I will give to that person.'*

Cf. Yi be galle-ya yaramata laa se-male xatuu.

*'I will give the person a cat.'*

(b) Ye sa yule.

*'He drank.'*

Cf. Ye sa yule luu.

*'He drank coconuts.'*

(c) Re sa loxo.

*'They went.'*

Cf. Re sa loxo sukuun.

*'They went to school.'*

## CHAPTER V

### TRANSFORMATIONAL SUBCOMPONENT

#### 5.1. GENERAL

It is assumed that BRs 1-23 suffice to generate the basic structures underlying all kinds of major sentences of Ulithian. In this chapter are given the transformational rules necessary to the generation of appropriate surface structures. Unless otherwise indicated, these rules are ordered, apply cyclically, and are obligatory.

Transformations consist of four processes: adjunction, deletion, permutation, and substitution, whether the elements affected are categories, formatives, or features.

Feature copying processes are treated first (5.2.) separately from the other transformations (5.3.), since they have some distinct characteristics, particularly in dealing with agreement.

The following conventions are adopted.

- (1)  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Pro} \\ \text{SP} \\ \text{HR} \\ \text{Ani} \\ \text{SG} \end{array} \right]$  is abbreviated as [SF]

This convention is necessary for economy in rule formulation, since the syntactic features indicated most often behave as a unit in the process of feature copying or feature union as well as in their conversion into base forms by means of PR 14.

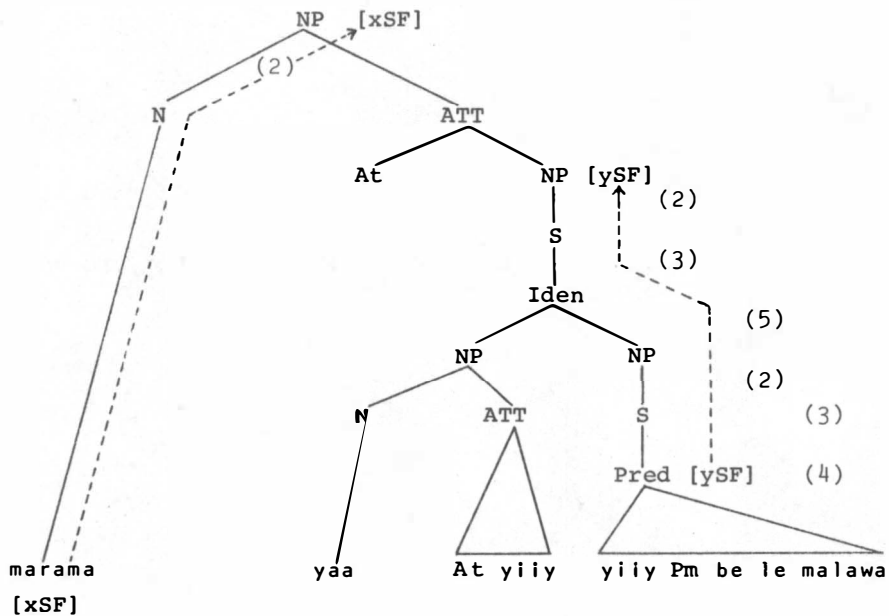
- (2)  $\text{NP} \rightarrow [\text{xSF}] / [\text{X} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{N} \\ \text{NUC} \\ \text{S} \end{array} \right\} \text{Y}]_{\text{NP}}$   
[xSF]

$$(3) S \rightarrow [xSF] / [X \begin{Bmatrix} \text{Pred} \\ \text{Iden} \end{Bmatrix} Y]_S \\ [xSF]$$

$$(4) \text{Pred} \rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} -\text{Pro} \\ -\text{SP} \\ -\text{HR} \\ -\text{Ani} \\ +\text{SG} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$(5) \text{Iden} \rightarrow [xSF] / [\text{NP} \widehat{\text{NP}}]_{\text{Iden}} \\ [xSF]$$

Conventions (2)-(5) are adopted to assign syntactic features to NPs appearing in certain rules where the NPs are marked with [SF]. (2) states that NP is assigned the same feature composition as that of the N, NUC, or S that it dominates. (3) states that S is assigned the same feature composition as that of the Pred or Iden which it dominates. (4) assigns the indicated features to Pred. (5) assigns to Iden the same feature composition as that of the subject NP that it dominates. It is understood that N and NUC are assigned the features of the lexical items they dominate. Thus, for example, observe the feature assignment processes in the deep structure underlying the phrase *marama-li yaa-la be le malawa* 'the month in which she is going to give birth'.



- (6) i)  $x\mathbf{F}_1 \cup x\mathbf{F}_1 = x\mathbf{F}_1$  (where  $\mathbf{F}_1 \neq \text{SG}$ )  
 ii)  $+\mathbf{F}_1 \cup -\mathbf{F}_1 = +\mathbf{F}_1$   
 iii)  $\pm\text{SG} \cup \pm\text{SG} = -\text{SG}$

This convention represents slightly modified set-theoretic unions.

i) is an *Idempotent law*, i.e.  $+\mathbf{F}_1 \cup +\mathbf{F}_1 = +\mathbf{F}_1$  and  $-\mathbf{F}_1 \cup -\mathbf{F}_1 = -\mathbf{F}_1$ ;  
 ii) states that the union of a positive feature and its negative counterpart results in the positive one (by a *Commutative law*,  $+\mathbf{F}_1 \cup -\mathbf{F}_1 = -\mathbf{F}_1 \cup +\mathbf{F}_1$ ); and iii) states that the union of two <SG>s equals <-SG> regardless of their being + or -. For the laws of the algebra of sets, see Lipschutz (1964:104). For example, observe the union of the features of gaag 'I' and yiiy 'he'.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{gaag} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c} +\text{Pro} \\ +\text{SP} \\ -\text{HR} \\ +\text{Ani} \\ +\text{SG} \end{array} \right] \end{array} \cup \begin{array}{c} \text{yiiy} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c} +\text{Pro} \\ -\text{SP} \\ -\text{HR} \\ +\text{Ani} \\ +\text{SG} \end{array} \right] \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \left[ \begin{array}{c} +\text{Pro} \\ +\text{SP} \\ -\text{HR} \\ +\text{Ani} \\ +\text{SG} \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

The resulting matrix is the same as that of xaamami 'we(excl)'. Thus the Pm occurring with gaag mè yiiy 'I and he' will copy the union of the two feature matrices (see TR 1), and PR 14 will realise this union as xa, as in the case of the Pm which has copied the features of xaamami.

- (7) X, Y, Z, W, or R = a category, a formative, or a sequence thereof, or zero.  
 (8) A disjunction in which the choice is between the presence and absence of an element or a string of elements is expressed by placing an asterisk (\*) to refer to the absence (cf. Matthews 1965:29).  
 (9) Identity conditions (e.g.  $\text{NP}_1 = \text{NP}_1$  in TR 13) presuppose identical reference.

I shall not introduce "indices" to indicate identical reference (see McCawley 1968:136 *et seq.*), since no particular advantage would result if such indices, which are basically nonlinguistic units, were used in this description of Ulithian.

## 5.2. AGREEMENT

It has been a tradition of TG to deal with agreement in grammar by TRs, although the details of rule formulation have varied somewhat among

linguists.<sup>1</sup> In this study also, rules of agreement are viewed as belonging to the transformational subcomponent. These rules will allow the three grammatical formatives, Pm, At, and Os, to copy specified features of the NP with which they enter into syntactic relation. The relevant features are associated with person, number, and animateness, plus <Pro>. For the discussions related to the feature copying, see 3.6.2. (PR 14), 4.4.2., 4.4.5., 4.8.6., 4.12.2.

Agreements such as existing between a classifier and the classified, between a subject and its main verb, between a verb and its object or a prepositional phrase, etc. are not dealt with, since such agreements are in terms of inherent semantic features (plus possibly "number") shared by both terms of each pair and no formal change of the items involved is effected, i.e. there is nothing transformational in them. Such agreements are to be treated in the semantic component.

TR 1 Pm feature copying

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 \text{SD:} & \text{X} & \text{NP}_1 & \left[ \begin{array}{l} \{ \overset{m}{e} \} \\ \underset{g}{e} \} \\ \text{xaree} \} \\ \text{con} \\ * \end{array} \right] & \text{NP}_2 & \text{Pm} & \text{Y} \\
 & & [\text{xSF}] & & [\text{ySF}] & & \\
 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \text{SC:} & 1, & [2 \ 3]_{\text{NP}} & , \ 4 + \left[ \begin{array}{l} [\text{xSF} \ \text{U} \ \text{ySF}] \\ [\text{ySF}] \\ [\text{xSF}] \end{array} \right]_a , \ 5 \\
 & & \left[ \begin{array}{l} [\text{xSF} \ \text{U} \ \text{ySF}] \\ [\text{ySF}] \\ [\text{xSF}] \end{array} \right]_a & & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

TR 1 states that a Pm copies the features of the co-occurring NP or sequence of NPs. This rule allows for recursive application, since the union of two feature matrices will result in a single matrix which in turn may enter into a union relation with the feature matrix of another NP.

<sup>1</sup>Postal (1964:43 *et seq.*) insists that any general statement of the agreement must be given in terms of the categories higher than individual morpheme sequences, which is not possible in the "Phrase Structure Grammar" framework but which is possible in TG where rules may be stated in terms of general categories. Thus Postal formalises an agreement TR concerning Spanish article-noun-adjective on the basis of high order categories, adjoining the Affix of a Noun to the Article constituent and to the Adjective constituent. Chomsky (1965:174-5), on the other hand, proposes a feature assignment treatment in dealing with some inflectional processes of German noun phrases. In much the same way, Jacobs and Rosenbaum (1968:130-5) handle the English agreement system in terms of features.



SC: 1, 2 + [xSF], 3, 4, 5

An At and an Os copy the features of the following NP. Z in the SD may contain another NP but this is irrelevant.

E 456 (a) lawu- At [yulèelapa kaa]<sub>NP</sub> [paabiya kawee]<sub>NP</sub>

Cl old woman dm pig dm

$$\begin{bmatrix} +N \\ -Pro \\ +Ani \\ -SG \end{bmatrix}_{qSF}$$

==> lawu- At yulèelapa kaa paabiya kawee

$$\begin{bmatrix} -Pro \\ +Ani \\ -SG \end{bmatrix}_{qSF}$$

'Those pigs belong to these old women.'

(b) xeel Pm mogoyo xala- At yiy mè xala- At cila At yiy  
you eat food he friend

$$\begin{bmatrix} +N \\ +Pro \\ -SP \\ -HR \\ +Ani \\ +SG \end{bmatrix}_{qSF}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} +N \\ -Pro \\ +Ani \\ +SG \end{bmatrix}_{rSF} \quad qSF$$

'You ate his and his friend's food.'

==> xeel Pm mogoyo xala- At yiy mè xala- At

$$\begin{bmatrix} +Pro \\ -SP \\ -HR \\ +Ani \\ +SG \end{bmatrix}_{qSF}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -Pro \\ +Ani \\ +SG \end{bmatrix}$$

cila At yiy

$$rSF \begin{bmatrix} -Pro \\ +Ani \\ +SG \end{bmatrix}_{qSF}$$

(c) raxe At Ben Pm melee lepada- At raxe At

$$\begin{bmatrix} +N \\ -Pro \\ +Ani \\ +SG \end{bmatrix}_{qSF}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} +N \\ -Pro \\ -Ani \\ +SG \end{bmatrix}_{rSF}$$

Tom mè feeefelee wee

$$\begin{bmatrix} +N \\ -Pro \\ +Ani \\ +SG \end{bmatrix}_{sSF}$$

'Ben's age is between Tom and the woman.'



==> raxe At Ben Pm melee lepada- At raxe At  
 $\begin{bmatrix} -\text{Pro} \\ +\text{Ani} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$  qSF  $\begin{bmatrix} -\text{Pro} \\ -\text{Ani} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$  rSF  $\begin{bmatrix} -\text{Pro} \\ +\text{Ani} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$

Tom mè feefele wee  
 sSF

(d) yiiy Pm sa lli Os xatuu kalaa  
 kill cat

$\begin{bmatrix} +\text{N} \\ -\text{Pro} \\ +\text{Ani} \\ -\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$  qSF

'He killed the cats.'

(e) yiiy Pm sa xaxusu gali Os paddèlè kawee  
 set fire to dry wood

$\begin{bmatrix} +\text{N} \\ -\text{Pro} \\ -\text{Ani} \\ -\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$  qSF

'He set fire to the dead trees.'

==> yiiy Pm sa xaxusu gali Os paddèlè kawee

$\begin{bmatrix} -\text{Pro} \\ -\text{Ani} \\ -\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$  qSF

(f) yiiir Pm sa weri Os gaag mè yiiy

$\begin{bmatrix} +\text{N} \\ +\text{Pro} \\ +\text{SP} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$  qSF

'They saw me and him.'

==> yiiir Pm sa weri Os gaag mè yiiy

$\begin{bmatrix} +\text{Pro} \\ +\text{SP} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$  qSF

### 5.3. MAJOR TRANSFORMATIONS

TR 3 reduction of coordinate sentences (OP)

SD:  $[X_1 \text{ NP}_1 \text{ Y}_1]_S$   $\begin{bmatrix} gè \\ xaree \end{bmatrix}_a$   $[X_1 \text{ NP}_2 \text{ Y}_1]_S$   
 ([xSF]) ([vSF]) ([ySF]) ([wSF])

$$\text{SC: } X_1 \quad [NP_1 \left[ \begin{array}{c} \{m\acute{e}\} \\ \{g\acute{e}\} \end{array} \right] NP_2]_{NP} \quad Y_1 \\
 \left[ \begin{array}{c} ([xSF \ U \ ySF]) \\ ([xSF]) \end{array} \right]_a \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} \{xaree\} \\ \{a\} \end{array} \right]_a \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} ([vSF \ U \ wSF]) \\ ([wSF]) \end{array} \right]_a$$

*condition:* NP<sub>1</sub> and NP<sub>2</sub> are not pseudo-prepositionals.

Coordinate compound sentences connected by *g\acute{e}* 'and' or *xaree* 'or' may be reduced to simple sentences if they meet the above structural description. If the environments (X<sub>1</sub> and Y<sub>1</sub>) contain a Pm, Os, or At which has been assigned a syntactic feature matrix by TR 1 and TR 2, rearrangement of matrices is made as indicated. TR 3 may be recursively applicable, since the derived NP sequence can again be placed as an input to the rule. Connector *g\acute{e}* is normally changed to *m\acute{e}* 'and', but remains unchanged if a phonological juncture precedes and follows it. For more discussions on TR 3, see 4.2.3.

E 457 (a) [gaag Pm loxo]<sub>S</sub> *g\acute{e}* [ruw\acute{e}-male Pm loxo]<sub>S</sub>

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} +Pro \\ +SP \\ -HR \\ +SG \end{array} \right] \quad 2 \quad Nucl \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} -Pro \\ +Ani \\ -SG \end{array} \right]$$

==> gaag *m\acute{e}* ruw\acute{e}-male Pm loxo

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} +Pro \\ +SP \\ -HR \\ -SG \end{array} \right]$$

'I and two persons went.'

(b) [yaa- At gaag babiyoro melee]<sub>S</sub> *g\acute{e}* [yaa- At Coon

$$\begin{array}{c} Cl \\ (gen) \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{c} +Pro \\ +SP \\ -HR \\ +SG \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{c} book \\ this \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} -Pro \\ +Ani \\ +SG \end{array} \right]$$

babiyoro melee]<sub>S</sub>

==> yaa- At gaag *m\acute{e}* Coon babiyoro melee

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} +Pro \\ +SP \\ -HR \\ -SG \end{array} \right]$$

'This is my and John's book.'

(c) [gaag Pm mogoyo yixi]<sub>S</sub> *g\acute{e}* [gaag Pm mogoyo kum\acute{e}\acute{e}tiya]<sub>S</sub>

$$\begin{array}{c} fish \\ potato \end{array}$$

==> gaag Pm mogoyo yixi *m\acute{e}* kum\acute{e}\acute{e}tiya

'I ate fish and sweet potatoes.'

(d) [yiiy Pm weri Os gaag]<sub>S</sub> gè [yiiy Pm weri Os  
           see  $\begin{bmatrix} +\text{Pro} \\ +\text{SP} \\ -\text{HR} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} -\text{Pro} \\ +\text{Ani} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$

yaramata wee]<sub>S</sub>  
 person dm

==> yiiy Pm weri Os gaag mè yaramata wee

$\begin{bmatrix} +\text{Pro} \\ +\text{SP} \\ -\text{HR} \\ +\text{Ani} \\ -\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$

'He saw me and that person.'

(e) [Emp yiid Pm weri baarkoo]<sub>S</sub> xaree [Emp xeel Pm  
       <+Emp>  $\begin{bmatrix} +\text{Pro} \\ -\text{SP} \\ -\text{HR} \\ +\text{Ani} \\ -\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} +\text{Pro} \\ +\text{HR} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$

weri baarkoo]<sub>S</sub>

==> Emp yiid xaree xeel Pm weri baarkoo

$\begin{bmatrix} +\text{Pro} \\ +\text{HR} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$

'It is they and you who saw the ship.'

(f) [xeel Pm dipali Os yiyee]<sub>S</sub> xaree [xeel Pm dipali Os  
            $\begin{bmatrix} -\text{Pro} \\ -\text{Ani} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} -\text{Pro} \\ -\text{Ani} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$

yilaa]<sub>S</sub>

==> xeel Pm dipali Os yiyee xaree yilaa

$\begin{bmatrix} -\text{Pro} \\ -\text{Ani} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$

'Do you want this or that?'

TR 4 number shift (OP)

SD: X  $\begin{bmatrix} * \\ \{\text{At}\} \\ \{\text{Os}\} \end{bmatrix}_a$  NP  $\begin{bmatrix} \text{Pm} \\ * \end{bmatrix}_a$  Y  
       <-Pro>

<-SG>                    <-SG>

1    2                    3    4                    5

SC: 1, <-SG> ==> <+SG>, 3, <-SG> ==> <+SG>, 5

Plural Pm, At, and Os elements are optionally changed to singular if the associated NP has the feature <-Pro>. Thus, re ==> ye; yire ==> li; and yVre ==> ya.

E 458 (a) yiiy Pm xataxace Os xece kawee [we]<sub>Cmp</sub> xece kawee  
                   throw          rat dm                  <-Pro>

Pm malawa  
 [-Pro] alive  
 [+Ani]  
 [-SG]

==> yiiy Pm xataxace Os xece kawee we xece kawee Pm malawa  
 OP

[-Pro]  
 [+Ani]  
 [+SG]

'He threw those rats which were alive.'

(b) senseye kalaa Pm buu logo mē Meriken

teacher dm come dr  
 <-Pro> [-Pro]  
                   [+Ani]  
                   [-SG]

==> senseye kalaa Pm buu logo mē Meriken  
 OP

[-Pro]  
 [+Ani]  
 [+SG]

'Those teachers came from America.'

(c) gaag Pm fisexi Os pese kawee

burn [-Pro] <-Pro>  
                   [+Ani]  
                   [-SG]

==> gaag Pm fisexi Os pese kawee  
 OP

[-Pro]  
 [+Ani]  
 [+SG]

'I burnt those dogs.'

(d) yiṃa At pese kaa ==> yiṃa At pese kaa

[-Pro] <-Pro> OP [-Pro]  
 [+Ani] [+Ani]  
 [-SG] [+SG]

'house of these dogs'

Cf. surface structure + PR 14:

yiṃa-yire pese kaa ==> yiṃa-li pese kaa  
 OP

## TR 5 Pm feature shift (OP)

SD:	X	NP <sub>1</sub>	[xaree] <sub>con</sub>	NP <sub>2</sub>	Pm	Y
					$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} <+SP> \\ <+HR> \\ <-SG> \end{array} \right\}$	
	1	2	3	4	5	6
SC:	1, 2, 3, 4,			Pm	[<-SP>],	6
				==>	$\left[ \begin{array}{l} <-HR> \\ <+SG> \end{array} \right]_a$	a
				a		

By TR 1, Pm copies the feature composition of the second NP if two NPs are connected by xaree 'or'. TR 5 states that different feature compositions of the Pm occurring in the above SD may optionally be neutralised into a matrix corresponding to 3rd per. sg. For example,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} yi \\ re \\ xa \\ \dots \end{array} \right\} \text{====>} \begin{array}{l} ye \\ <+Pm> \end{array}$$

<+Pm>

E 459 (a) Emp xeel xaree gaag Pm sa loxo

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} +Pro \\ +SP \\ -HR \\ +SG \end{array} \right]$$

==> Emp xeel xaree gaag Pm sa loxo  
OP

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} +Pro \\ -SP \\ -HR \\ +SG \end{array} \right]$$

'You or I went.'

(b) gaag xaree xeel xaree yiir Pm weri baarkoo

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} +Pro \\ -SG \\ -HR \\ -SG \end{array} \right]$$

==> gaag xaree xeel xaree yiir Pm weri baarkoo  
OP

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} +Pro \\ -SG \\ -HR \\ +SG \end{array} \right]$$

'I or you or they saw the ship.'

TR 6 reduction of sentences involving PrepPs, Mns, Mvs and Ints (OP)

SD: X<sub>1</sub>  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{PrepP}_1 \\ \text{Mn}_1 \\ \text{Mv}_1 \\ \text{Int}_1 \end{array} \right]_a$  Y<sub>1</sub> [gè]<sub>CON</sub> X<sub>1</sub>  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{PrepP}_2 \\ \text{Mn}_2 \\ \text{Mv}_2 \\ \text{Int}_2 \end{array} \right]_a$  Y<sub>1</sub>

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

SC: 1, [2 6]  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{PrepP} \\ \text{Mn} \\ \text{Mv} \\ \text{Int} \end{array} \right]_a$ , 3

It is assumed that PrepP<sub>1</sub> and PrepP<sub>2</sub> should be different in types, i.e. in feature composition. Thus the two words *sukuun* and *xaleesiyaa* 'church' in E 460 are dominated by PrepP but do not belong to different types, and thus are not subject to TR 6 but to TR 3.

E 460 [gaag Pm be loxo [sukuun]<sub>PrepP</sub>]<sub>S</sub> gè [gaag Pm be  
<+loc>

loxo [xaleesiyaa]<sub>PrepP</sub>]<sub>S</sub>  
<+loc>

==> [gaag Pm be loxo sukuun mè xaleesiyaa]<sub>S</sub>

'I will go to school and church.'

For further discussion of TR 6, see 4.2.3., 4.4.7., 4.5.2. (E 98) and 4.7.2. Examples follow.

E 461 (a) yiiy Pm sube [mè yixaa]<sub>PrepP</sub> gè yiiy Pm sube [raxe weel]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*born from here* *year dm*

==> yiiy Pm sube [mè yixaa raxe weel]<sub>PrepP</sub>

'He was born here last year.'

(b) Imp xeel Pm kamaaxo Os yiiy [cox]<sub>Int</sub> gè Imp  
*watch* *just*

xeel Pm kamaaxo Os yiiy [mò]<sub>Int</sub>  
*for a*  
*while*

==> Imp xeel Pm kamaaxo Os yiiy [cox mò]<sub>Int</sub>

'Look at it just for a while!'

#### TR 7 TA juxtaposition

SD: X<sub>1</sub> TA Y<sub>1</sub> [gè]<sub>CON</sub> X<sub>1</sub> TA Y<sub>1</sub>  
<-neg> <+neg>

1 2 3 4 5 6 7



TR 9 *yes-no question*

SD: X Q Y Proposition Z

1 2 3 4 5

where 4 does not contain a word having  $\begin{bmatrix} +Q \\ +Emp \end{bmatrix}$ SC:  $\begin{cases} 1, 3, 4 \searrow, & 5 \text{ if X ends in QY Proposition } xaree \\ 1, 3, 4 \rightarrow, & 5 \text{ elsewhere} \end{cases}$  or

See 4.11.2. for detailed discussion.

E 464 (a) Q xeel Pm be loxo

TA go

==> xeel Pm be loxo  $\rightarrow$ 

'Will you go?'

(b) Q yiy Pm weri medaa

see what

 $\begin{bmatrix} +Q \\ -Emp \end{bmatrix}$ ==> yiy Pm weri medaa  $\rightarrow$ 

'Did he see something?'

(c) [Q xeel Pm repiya]<sub>S</sub> [xaree]<sub>con</sub> [Q xeel Pm buucu]<sub>S</sub>  
clever or crazy==> xeel Pm repiya xaree xeel Pm buucu  $\searrow$ 

'Are you clever or crazy?'

TR 10 *interrogative word (with <+Emp>) question*

SD: X Q Emp [Y W Z] Proposition R

 $\begin{bmatrix} +Q \\ +Emp \end{bmatrix}$ 

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

SC: 1,3,4,5,6,7  $\searrow$ 

See 4.11.2. for a detailed discussion.

E 465 (a) Q Emp [yaa- At xeel senseye]<sub>NP</sub> [yiitey]<sub>NP</sub>  
Cl(gen)  $\begin{bmatrix} +Q \\ +Emp \end{bmatrix}$ 

==&gt; Emp yaa- At xeel senseye yiitey

 $\begin{bmatrix} +Q \\ +Emp \end{bmatrix}$ 

'Who is your teacher?'





[wòò At yaa- At yiyi [[yiyi Pm <+Prog> mele]<sub>S</sub>]<sup>NP</sup>]<sub>PrepP</sub>

=> Bexaw Emp wolo cox Emp Bexaw Pm sa <+Prog> mogoyo wolo  
cox wòò At yaa- At yiyi yiyi Pm <+Prog> mele

'As for Bexaw, it was just turtles that she was eating for  
her living.'

Cf. a surface structure + PR 14 + PRs 15 and 16:

Bexaw Ø wolo cox melee ye sa mommogoyo wòò-li yaa-la  
fm fm  
memmele.

(d) Q Emp xeel Pm weri Os medaa

see  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} +Q \\ +Emp \end{array} \right]$

=> Emp xeel Pm weri Os medaa → (by TR 10)

=> medaa Emp xeel Pm weri Os medaa →

'What did you see?'

Cf. a surface structure + PR 14:

Medaa melee xo weri-ya?  
fm

For more examples, see 4.11.3.

TR 12 identical NP deletion

SD: [X NP<sub>1</sub> Y]<sub>S</sub>  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} At \\ ATT \end{array} \right\}$  NP<sub>1</sub> Z  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

SC: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

See 4.8.6.3. (1) for a detailed discussion.

E 467 [gaag Pm weri Os pese wee]<sub>S</sub> At [gaag] pese wee  
NP<sub>1</sub>

=> [Pm weri Os pese wee]<sub>S</sub> [At gaag]<sub>ATT</sub> [pese wee]  
NP<sub>1</sub> NP<sub>1</sub>

=> [Pm weri Os]<sub>S</sub> At gaag pese wee

'That dog is what I saw.'

Cf. surface structure + PR 14:

Weri-ya-yi pese wee.

## TR 13 pronominalisation

SD: X    NP<sub>1</sub>    Y    NP<sub>1</sub>    Z  
       { [xSF] }    { [xSF] }  
       { <xtime> }    { <xtime> }  
       1    2    3    4    5

SC: 1, 2, 3, ANAPH, 5  
       { [xSF] }  
       { <xtime> }

where ANAPH =  $\begin{cases} \text{yiyage} / \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\text{Prp}) (\text{N}^{\text{At}}) \\ \text{<xtime>} \quad \text{<+loc>} \end{array} \right\} \text{PrepP} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\text{xSF}] \\ \text{<xtime>} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \begin{array}{l} (\text{Vpr}) \\ \text{<+Pro> U}[\text{xSF}] \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right] \end{cases}$

This rule defines the pronominalisation of the second NP when two NPs have identical reference. Recursive application of the rule pronominalises all the NPs that have identical reference except for the initial one. Pronominalisation is effected in two ways: *yiyage* when the second NP is dominated by PrepP, and a pronoun (3rd person) elsewhere. For further discussion, see 4.4.3., 4.8.9.2. (E 282A), 4.9.2. (1), and 4.11.3. (E 375).

E 468 (a) re-còò kalaay Pm <+Prog> mogoyo gè re-còò kalaay  
           *people dm*

Pm <+Prog> sefeedele  
           *talk*

==> re-còò kalaay Pm <+Prog> mogoyo gè yìir Pm  
       <+Prog> sefeedele

'The people over there are eating and talking.'

(b) yeliwici kaa Pm <+Prog> tuxu Os fagali yeliwici kaa  
       *child dm hit together*

==> yeliwici kaa Pm <+Prog> tuxu Os fagali yìir

'These children are hitting one another.'

(c) Q [piskaa là [xeel Pm be cuwayi Os piskaa]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
       NP<sub>1</sub>    *which*                    *buy*                    NP<sub>1</sub>  
       *spear*

Pm be feda yaye  
       *how Nucl*  
       *many*

==> piskaa là xeel Pm be cuwayi Os yìiy Pm be feda yaye



As a result of an application of the above rule, the surface form of E 469 is the same as that derived from the deep structure in E 470.

E 470 xaamami mè rii At gaag Pm loxo  
*we(excl)*  
*'We(excl) and my wife went.'*

TR 15 <Pro> feature shift

SD:	X	At	NP	Y
		<-Pro>	<+Pro>	
	1	2	3	4

At  
 SC: 1, <-Pro> ==> <+Pro>, 3, 4

See 4.8.6.2. for the related discussion.

E 471 Emp gaag Pm weri waa At yaramata wee  
*see <-Pro> <+Emp>*  
 ==> yaramata wee Emp gaag Pm weri waa At yaramata wee  
 <-Pro>  
 (by TR 11)  
 ==> yaramata wee Emp gaag Pm weri waa At yiy  
 <-Pro>  
 (by TR 13)  
 ==> yaramata wee Emp gaag Pm weri waa At yiy  
 <+Pro>  
*'As for the person, I saw his canoe.'*

TR 16 PrV permutation

SD:	X	NP	[Vpr	NP] <sub>PrV</sub>	Y
		<-Pro>	<+Pro>		
	1	2	3	4	5

SC: 1, 3, 4, 2, 5

See 4.7.5.1. for the related discussion.

E 472 yiy Pm sa [kaya]<sub>VB</sub> dèdèè At luu [gali Os gaag]<sub>PrV</sub>  
*ta teach climbing coconut to*  
 ==> yiy Pm sa kaya gali Os gaag dèdèè At luu  
*'He taught me how to climb up a coconut tree.'*

## TR 17 subject NP postposition

SD:	X	NP	Aux	Y	Vb	{PrepP}	Z
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SC:	1, 3, 4, 5,	{2 6}		7			
		{6 2}					

A subject NP is obligatorily postponed if not focussed and if the main verb is intransitive without any object NP following. See 4.4.3. for the related discussion.

E 473 (a) tarmale laa Pm kkela  
*boy that strong*

==> Pm kkela tarmale laa  
 'That boy is strong.'

(b) Emp yela- At [bobawe lee]<sub>NP</sub> Pm se wo fiit  
*length <+Emp> 1 Nucl*

==> bobawe lee Emp [yela- At yiyi]<sub>NP</sub> Pm se wo fiit

==> bobawe lee Emp Pm se wo fiit yela- At yiyi  
 'As for this bamboo, its length is one foot.'

(c) piis koor kalaay Pm buu doxo [mè Meriken]<sub>PrepP</sub>  
*come dr from*

==> Pm buu doxo piis koor kalaay mè Meriken

==> Pm buu doxo mè Meriken piis koor kalaay

'Those Peace Corps volunteers are from America.'

(d) [gaag mè Ben]<sub>NP</sub> Pm masèrè  
*sleep*

==> Pm masèrè gaag mè Ben

'Ben and I slept.'

## TR 18 At deletion

SD:	X	{NuCm}	At	NP	Y	
		{Qnt}		[+def]		
				[-SG]		
	1	2	3	4	5	where NuCm does not contain Ord
SC:	1, 2, 4, 5					

See 4.8.7.2. (E 255-E 258) for the related discussion.

E 474 se male At xaamami ==> se male xaamami  
 1 Nucl us(excl) 'one of us'  
 tèèt At yaramata kaa ==> tèèt yaramata kaa  
 some person dm 'some of these people'

## TR 19 appositive nominalisation

SD: X [ [NP<sub>1</sub> NP<sub>2</sub>]<sub>S</sub> ]<sub>NP</sub> Y  

$$\begin{bmatrix} \langle +\text{Pro} \rangle \\ \langle +\text{Cl} \rangle \\ \langle +\text{Nucl} \rangle \end{bmatrix}_a \begin{bmatrix} \langle -\text{Pro} \rangle \\ \langle -\text{Cl} \rangle \\ \langle -\text{Nucl} \rangle \end{bmatrix}_a$$
  
 1 2 3 4 5 6

SC: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

See 4.5.3. for the related discussion.

E 475 (a) yifaa [[[yiyi]<sub>NP<sub>1</sub></sub> [Loorob]<sub>NP<sub>2</sub></sub>]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
 where he

==> [yifaa]<sub>NP</sub> [yiyi Loorob]<sub>NP</sub>

'Where is Loorob?'

(b) gaag Emp [ruwè male]<sub>NP</sub> [[[lawu- At gaag]<sub>NP<sub>1</sub></sub> [pese]<sub>NP<sub>2</sub></sub>]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
 2 Cl  
 (animate)

==> gaag Emp [ruwè male]<sub>NP</sub> [lawu- At gaag pese]<sub>NP</sub>

'As for me, I have two dogs (my dogs are two).'

(c) yiyi Pm cuwayi Os [[[se yaye]<sub>NP<sub>1</sub></sub> [piskaa]<sub>NP<sub>2</sub></sub>]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
 buy Nucl spear  
 (long ob.)

==> yiyi Pm cuwayi Os [se yaye piskaa]<sub>NP</sub>

'He bought a fishing spear.'

## TR 20 pronoun preposition

SD: X [NP<sub>1</sub> con NP<sub>2</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> Y  
 [NP<sub>1</sub> \* NP<sub>2</sub>]<sub>Iden</sub>  
 <-Pro> <+Pro>  
 1 2 3 4 5

SC: 1, 4, 3, 2, 5

See 4.8.10.2. (E 301) and 4.8.3. (E 207) for the related discussion.

E 476 (a) Pm loxo [[bisi At gaag]<sub>NP<sub>1</sub></sub> mè [gaag]<sub>NP<sub>2</sub></sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
 <-Pro> and <+Pro>  
 'brother'

==> Pm loxo gaag mè bisi At gaag  
 'My brother and I went.'

(b) [[senseye]<sub>NP<sub>1</sub></sub> [gaag]<sub>NP<sub>2</sub></sub>]<sub>Iden</sub>

==> gaag senseye  
 'I am a teacher.'

TR 21 pronoun deletion (1)

SD:	X	$\begin{bmatrix} \{At\} \\ \{Os\} \\ * \\ Pm\ Y\ PP\ W \end{bmatrix}_a$	$\begin{matrix} N \\ <+Pro> \\ \\ \end{matrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} * \\ Pm \\ * \end{bmatrix}_a$	Z
		$\begin{bmatrix} [xSF] \\ [ySF] \end{bmatrix}_b$			
		[xSF]		[xSF]	
	1	2	3	4	5

where  $xSF \neq ySF$   
 and  $W = \emptyset$  or  $PrepP$

SC: 1, 2,  $\begin{bmatrix} \emptyset \\ (3) \end{bmatrix}_b$ , 4, 5

See 4.4.3., 4.8.6.2., 4.9.2. (1), 4.9.5., and 4.11.3. (E 375) for the related discussion.

E 477 (a) paaga- At yiir Emp Pm xacagi Os yiy  
 all of them

==> paaga- At Emp Pm xacagi Os  
 'Everybody loved her.'

Cf. a surface structure + PR 14:

Paaga-yire gè re xacagi-ya.  
 fm

(b) xiic Pm be loxo  
 we(incl)

==> Pm be loxo xiic (by TR 17)

==> Pm be loxo

'We will go.'



(c) Pm loxo gaag mè melwee bisi-At gaag

$\begin{bmatrix} +\text{Pro} \\ +\text{SP} \\ -\text{HR} \\ -\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} +\text{Pro} \\ +\text{SP} \\ -\text{HR} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$	<i>that brother</i>
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==> Pm loxo (gaag) mè melwee bisi- At

*'I and that brother of mine went.'*

Cf. surface structure + PR 14:

Xa loxo (gaag) mè melwee bisi-yi.

(d) [babiyoro At gaag mè Coon]<sub>NP</sub> [melee]<sub>NP</sub>

$\begin{bmatrix} +\text{Pro} \\ +\text{SP} \\ -\text{HR} \\ -\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} +\text{Pro} \\ +\text{SP} \\ -\text{HR} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$
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==> babiyoro At (gaag) mè Coon melee

*'This is a book about John and me.'*

(e) Pm mommaye yiyi là yaramata wee Pm tay lli Os male wee

$\begin{bmatrix} +\text{Pro} \\ -\text{SP} \\ -\text{HR} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} +\text{Pro} \\ -\text{SP} \\ -\text{HR} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$	<i>person</i>	<i>ng kill</i>	<i>bird</i>
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==> Pm mommaye là yaramata wee Pm tay lli Os male wee

*'It is good that the person didn't kill the bird.'*

TR 22 pronoun deletion (2)

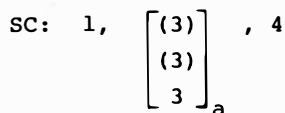
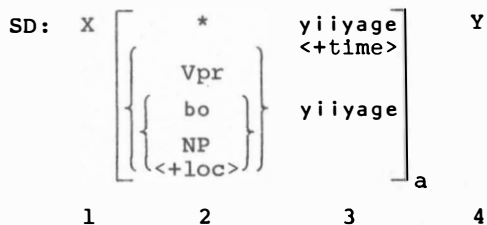
SD:	X	NP	Cmp	[Y	NP	Z] <sub>S</sub>	W
		[xSF]			$\begin{bmatrix} +\text{Pro} \\ \text{xSF} \end{bmatrix}$		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

SC: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7

See 4.8.9.2. (E 282A) and 4.9.2. (1) for the related discussion.

E 478 pese kaa là lawu- At gaag pese kaa ==> pese kaa là lawu-  
 At gaag yiyi ==> pese kaa là lawu- At  
*'my dogs'*

TR 23 yiyiage deletion



See 4.11.3. and 4.7.9. for the related discussion.

E 479 (a) xeel Emp Pm yegaage yado wee we gaag Emp Pm  
*you work time*  
*<+time>*  
 duuduu [yiyage]<sub>prepp</sub> [latadel]<sub>prepp</sub>  
*bathe sea*

==> xeel Emp Pm yegaage yado wee we gaag Emp Pm duuduu  
 (yiyage) latade

*'You worked while I was taking a bath in the sea.'*

(b) Emp xeel Pm tagi bo medaa ↘  
*cry for what*  
*<+Emp>*

==> medaa Emp Pm tagi bo yiyage ↘

==> medaa Emp Pm tagi yiyage ↘

*'What do you cry for?'*

(c) Emp sulu wo mayiyel Pm towee yoxo [gali]<sub>vpr</sub> cayelapa At yiyi  
*ng possible to width*  
*<+Emp>*

==> cayelapa At Emp Pm towee yoxo sulu wo mayiyel  
 gali yiyage

==> cayelapa At Emp Pm towee yoxo sulu wo mayiyel (yiyage)

*'As for its width, it is less than three miles.'*

Examples to which the above rule does not apply follow.

(d) Emp yiy Pm mele yiyaa ↘  
*live where*  
*<+Emp>*

==> yiyaa Emp Pm mele yiyage ↘  
*<+place>*

*'Where does he live?'*

(e) [yixaa]<sub>NP</sub> [leboso lá gaag Pm sube [mè leboso]<sub>PrepP</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
 Cmp

==> yixaa leboso lá Pm sube mè yiyage

'Here is the place where I was born.'

TR 24 imperative (Pm deletion) (OP)

SD:	Imp	Pm	PP	X
		[+HR]		
		[+SG]		
	1	2	3	4

SC: 3, 4

See 4.11.1. for the detailed discussion.

E 480 (a) Imp xeel Pm kassiya Os Ruxurimar

==> Imp Pm kassiya Os Ruxurimar

==> kassiya Os Ruxurimar

'Ask Ruxurimar!'

(b) Imp xeel Pm [tè kalla doxo]<sub>pp</sub>

*for a look hither  
moment*

==> Imp Pm tè kalla doxo

==> tè kalla doxo

'Look here for a moment!'

TR 25 imperative (Imp deletion)

SD:	Imp	X	Pm	Y
			<+HR>	
	1	2	3	4

SC: 2, 3, 4

It should be noted that imperative transformation is relevant only for Predication sentences where Pm has the feature <+HR>.

E 481 (a) Imp xaamiyi Pm sa talega Os yiy

*you(pl) ta listen*

==> Imp Pm sa talega Os yiy

==> Pm sa talega Os

'You(pl). Listen!'

Cf. surface form + PR 14: Xa sa talega-ya.

(b) Imp xiic Pm sa loxo  
*we(incl)*

==> Imp Pm sa loxo

==> Pm sa loxo

'Let's go!'

Cf. Si sa loxo.

TR 26 3rd person singular Pm deletion (1) (OP)

SD: X	[ NP (Emp) ]	[ +Pm ]	{ TA }	[ * ]	Z
	* ] <sub>a</sub>	-SP ]	{ Mv }	[ W PP Y NP ] <sub>a</sub>	
	+SG ]				
1	2	3	4	5	6

SC: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

The 3rd per. sg. Pm (ye) is optionally deleted if a subject NP is present in the sentence and if the Pm is followed by a TA or Mv particle.

E 482 (a) Pm sa loxo [Motixtix]<sub>NP</sub>

[ -SP ] TA  
 [ -HR ]  
 [ +SG ]

==> sa loxo Motixtix

'Motixtix went.'

(b) re-Moxmox Emp Pm tay mommaye dipa At yiir

TA good feeling

==> re-Moxmox Emp tay mommaye dipa At

'The Mogmog people were not happy.'

(c) bulaxa Emp Pm ma xakkela yaramata

taro Mv make strong

==> bulaxa Emp ma xakkela yaramata

'Taro makes men strong.'

TR 27 3rd person singular Pm deletion (2) (OP)

SD: #	[ +Pm ]	[ +N ]	X	gè	Y
	-SP ]	[ +Dm ]			
	-HR ]				
	+SG ]				
1	2	3	4	5	6

SC: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6

For the detailed discussion, see 4.3.4. (E 25 and E 26).

E 483 yiy Pm yiwee cox gè yiy Pm sa tagi

$\begin{bmatrix} +N \\ +Dm \end{bmatrix}$

==> Pm yiwee cox gè Pm sa tagi

*'Just then he cried.'*

TR 28 gè deletion (1) (OP)

SD: #  $\begin{bmatrix} +N \\ +Dm \end{bmatrix}$  X  $[gè]_{con}$  S where X = Int or  $\emptyset$   
 1 2 3 4 5

SC: 1, 2, 3, 5

For a related discussion, see 4.3.4. (E 25 and E 26).

E 484 yiwee gè Pm sa kaya gali Os

$\begin{bmatrix} -SP, -HR \\ +SG \end{bmatrix}$  tell to  $\begin{bmatrix} -SP, -HR \\ +SG \end{bmatrix}$

==> yiwee Pm sa kaya gali Os

*'Then he taught him.'*

TR 29 gè deletion (2) (OP)

SD: X Pm Y gè Pm Z where Y does not  
 $[xSF]$   $[xSF]$  contain Pm  
 1 2 3 4 5 6

SC: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

If two predication markers on both sides of gè 'and' have identical features, gè may optionally be dropped.

E 485 lefeecixi wee Emp Pm lutu daxe gè Pm sa xapatapata

girl dm  $\begin{bmatrix} -SP \\ -HR \\ +SG \end{bmatrix}$  jump up  $\begin{bmatrix} -SP \\ -HR \\ +SG \end{bmatrix}$  talk

gali Os male wee

to man

==> lefeecixi wee Emp Pm lutu daxe Pm sa xapatapata gali

Os male wee

*'Leaping up, the girl spoke to the man.'*



'The old woman came and ate.'

Note that, in the sense of 'to go', *la* is an allomorph of *loxo*, occurring only when directly followed by another verb.

TR 31 *anaphoric Os adjunction* (OP)

SD: X      V      Os       $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Dad} \\ \text{Dr} \end{array} \right]_{\text{a}} \text{DIR}$       Y

1      2      3      4      5

SC: 1, 2,  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} (3) \\ \emptyset \end{array} \right]_{\text{a}}$ , 4, 3, 5

See 4.6.5.2. and 4.6.5.3. (2) for the related discussion.

E 488 (a) *yiiir Pm xammayu Os fagali yiiir*  
*they love each Dad*  
*other*

==> *Pm xammayu Os fagali* ==> *Pm xammayu (Os) fagali Os*

'*They love each other.*'

Cf. *Re xammayu(-yVre) fagali-yVre.*

(b) *xadare Os [loxo]<sub>Dr</sub> gaag* ==> *xadare loxo Os*

*make*  
*walk*

'*to let me walk away*'

Cf. *xadare loxo -yeyi*

TR 32 *anaphoric Dr adjunction* (OP)

SD: X      Dr      Os      Y  
 1      2      3      4

SC: 1, 2, 3, 2, 4

See 4.6.5.2. for the related discussion.

E 489 *Pm be xapugu Os diye yiiir* ==> *Pm be xapugu diye Os*

$\left[ \begin{array}{c} +\text{SP} \\ +\text{SG} \end{array} \right]$  *let fall*      Dr

==> *Pm be xapugu diye Os diye* '*I will make them fall.*'

Cf. *Yi be xapugu diye-yVre diye.*

TR 33 *Dr-Int preposition*





SD: X [ Pm (te) V [(DIR) \* ] (Os) [ \* ] (Int)]<sub>S</sub> At Y  
 [xSF] [ \* ]<sub>a</sub> [(DIR)]<sub>a</sub> [xSF]  
 [-Pro]  
 [+SG]

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

SC: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 7, 8, 11

See 4.8.6.3. (1) and 4.12.2. (E 407) for the related discussion.

E 493 (a) [Pm [ddare]<sub>v</sub>]<sub>S</sub> At ==> ddare At  
 [+SP] run [+SF]  
 [+SG] [+SG] 'my going'

Cf. ddare-yi

(b) [[Pm [xabuu]<sub>v</sub> [doxo]<sub>DIR</sub> Os]<sub>S</sub> At ]<sub>NP</sub> [yeliwici lee]<sub>NP</sub>  
 [+HR] let [+HR]  
 [+SG] come [+SG] child dm

==> xabuu doxo Os At yeliwici lee

'This child is the one who you let come.'

Cf. Xabuu-doxo-ya-mu yeliwici lee.

(c) [[yaramata lee Pm te pedi- Os [diye]<sub>DIR</sub> luu lee]<sub>S</sub>  
 [-Pro] ng throw [-Pro]  
 [+SG] [+SG] coconut

At yaramata lee]<sub>NP</sub> [luu lee]<sub>NP</sub>

[-Pro]  
 [+SG]

==> (by TR 12) Pm te pedi- Os diye At yaramata lee luu lee

==> te pedi- Os At diye yaramata lee luu lee

'This coconut is not what the man has thrown down.'

Cf. Te pedi-ya-li diye yaramata lee luu lee.

TR 37 "appositive-S type" nominalisation

SD: X [yaa- At Y]<sub>NP</sub> [[Pm Z]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> W  
 [xSF] [xSF]  
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

SC: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8

See 4.4.3. and 4.8.6.3. (2) for the related discussion.

- E 494 (a) [yaa- At yaramata kawee]<sub>NP</sub> [yaramata kawee Pm  
 Cl  $\begin{bmatrix} -\text{Pro} \\ +\text{Ani} \\ -\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} -\text{Pro} \\ +\text{Ani} \\ -\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$   
 (gen) ]  
 be buu doxo]<sub>S</sub> ==> [yaa- At yaramata kawee]<sub>NP</sub> [Pm  
 ta come  
 be buu doxo]<sub>S</sub> ==> yaa- At yaramata kawee be buu doxo  
 'those people's coming'

- (b) [marama At yaa- At yiyi]<sub>NP</sub> [yiyi Pm be le malawa]<sub>S</sub>  
 month  $\begin{bmatrix} -\text{Pro} \\ -\text{SP} \\ -\text{HR} \\ -\text{Ani} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} +\text{Pro} \\ -\text{SP} \\ -\text{HR} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} +\text{Pro} \\ -\text{SP} \\ -\text{HR} \\ +\text{SG} \end{bmatrix}$  ta give birth

(conventions  
 2-5 in 5.1.)

==> marama At yaa- At be le malawa

'the month in which she would give birth'

Cf. marama-li yaa-la be le malawa

TR 38 *adjectivisation* (OP in 1 and 2; OB in 3)

SD:	X	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{Nm} \\ \text{Nm} \text{ Dm} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{I} \dot{\text{a}} \\ \text{we} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} (1) * * \text{N} \\ (2) \text{Pm} * \text{V} \\ (3) \text{Pm} \Delta[(\text{m}\acute{\text{e}}) \text{NP}] \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{N} \\ \text{V} \\ \text{NP} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{Y} \\ \text{S} \end{bmatrix}$	
		<sub>a</sub> NP	<sub>a</sub> Cmp		$\begin{bmatrix} \text{N} \\ \text{V} \\ \text{NP} \end{bmatrix}$		
					$\begin{bmatrix} \text{N} \\ \text{V} \\ \text{NP} \end{bmatrix}$		
	1	2	3	4 5	6	7	8

SC: 1, [2 6]<sub>NP</sub>, 8

See 4.10. for the detailed discussion.

- E 495 (a) [[ppiya]<sub>NP</sub> [lâ]<sub>Cmp</sub> [fasamaxa ppiya]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [melee]<sub>NP</sub>  
 pebble beach this  
 <+Adj>  
 ==> ppiya fasamaxamelee  
 'This is a pebble beach.'

- (b) [yima At xeel]<sub>NP</sub> [yima laay [lâ] [yima Pm mommaye]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
 Cmp  
 ==> [yima At]<sub>NP</sub> [yima laay lâ [Pm mommaye]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
 ==> [yima At]<sub>NP</sub> [yima laay mommaye]<sub>NP</sub>

'That good house is your house.'

Cf. Yiima-mu yiima mommaye laay.

(c) yiir [lâ]<sub>Cmp</sub> yiir Pm Δ mè luwèlu At feefele kawee Pm tammaye  
*they among woman sick*

==> yiir mè luwèlu At feefele kawee Pm tamaaye

'Of those women, those (indicated) are sick.'

Cf. Yiir mè luwèlu-yire feefele kawee re tamaaye.

TR 39 Dm postposition

SD: X Nm Dm  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} N \\ V \end{array} \right\}$  Y  
 <+Adj>  
 1 2 3 4 5

SC: 1, [2 4]<sub>Nm</sub>, 3, 5

See 4.10. for the related discussion.

E 496 (a) [yiima At]<sub>NP</sub> [[yiima]<sub>Nm</sub> [laay]<sub>Dm</sub> [mommaye]<sub>V</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
 $\left[ \begin{array}{c} +HR \\ +SG \end{array} \right]$  <+Adj>

==> yiima At yiima mommaye laay

'That good house is yours.'

(b) [[[xatuu]<sub>Mn</sub> [lee]<sub>Dm</sub> [[lâ]<sub>Cmp</sub> [Pm pallege]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [[lâ]<sub>Cmp</sub>  
*cat big*

[Pm bbece]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> [[lâ]<sub>Cmp</sub> [Pm kkela]<sub>S</sub>]<sub>COM</sub>]<sub>NP</sub>  
*white strong*

==> [xatuu lee pallege]<sub>NP</sub> lâ Pm bbece lâ Pm kkela

==> [[xatuu pallege]<sub>Nm</sub> [lee]<sub>Dm</sub>]<sub>NP</sub> lâ Pm bbece lâ Pm kkela

==> [xatuu pallege lee bbece]<sub>NP</sub> lâ Pm kkela

==> xatuu pallege bbece lee lâ Pm kkela

==> xatuu pallege bbece lee kkela

==> xatuu pallege bbece kkela lee

'this big, white, strong cat'

TR 40 Mv te 'very, extremely' permutation

SD:	#	{ X	[ Nm	]	}	[ lǎ	]	Pm	te	V	Y
			[ Nm	Dm	]	{ lǎ	}			<+Adj>	
			a	NP		]	]				
			a			]	]				
	1		2			3		4	5	6	7

SC: 1, 5, 6, 2, 7

See 4.10.4. (E 350) for the related discussion.

E 497 [se male yeliwici [lǎ] Pm te tayikkofo]<sub>NP</sub> [yiiyee]<sub>NP</sub>  
 1 Nucl child Cmp bad this

==> te tayikkofo se male yeliwici yiiyee

'What a bad child this is!'

TR 41 Cmp deletion (OP)

SD:	X	Dm	{ lǎ	}	Y
			{ we	}	
			Cmp		
	1	2	3		4

SC: 1, 3, 4

E 498 (a) [lawu- At gaag]<sub>NP</sub> [pese lee [lǎ]<sub>Cmp</sub> Pm pallege]<sub>NP</sub>  
 Cl(ani) dog

==> lawu- At pese lee Pm pallege

'This big dog is mine.'

Cf. Lawu-yi pese lee ye pallege.

(b) yaramata kawee [we] Pm mommaye [we] sulu male  
 Cmp good Cmp 3 Nucl

==> yaramata kawee mommaye we sulu male

OP  
 or by adjectivisation

==> yaramata kawee mommaye we sulu male

OP

==> yaramata mommaye kawee we sulu male

OB

==> yaramata mommaye kawee sulu male

OP

'those three good people'



APPENDIX  
SUMMARY OF RULES

1. PHONOLOGICAL RULES

PR 1 [-consonantal] →  $\begin{bmatrix} \text{-coronal} \\ \text{-anterior} \end{bmatrix}$  (page 20)

PR 2  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \begin{bmatrix} \text{+coronal} \\ \text{+anterior} \end{bmatrix} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \begin{bmatrix} \text{+consonantal} \\ \text{-anterior} \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \text{-vocalic} \\ \text{-consonantal} \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \text{[-high]} \\ \text{[+high]} \end{bmatrix}$  (page 20)

PR 3  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{[-high]} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \text{+anterior} \\ \text{-high} \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{[-low]}$  (page 20)

PR 4  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \begin{bmatrix} \text{+consonantal} \\ \text{-high} \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \text{+coronal} \\ \text{-anterior} \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right\} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \text{+consonantal} \\ \text{-coronal} \\ \text{+high} \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \text{[-back]} \\ \text{[+back]} \end{bmatrix}$  (page 20)

PR 5  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{[+vocalic]} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \text{-vocalic} \\ \text{-consonantal} \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \text{+coronal} \\ \text{-anterior} \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{[-nasal]}$  (page 20)

PR 6  $\left. \begin{array}{l} [+consonantal] \\ [+high] \\ [-back] \\ [+low] \\ [-back] \\ [-vocalic] \\ [-consonantal] \\ [+back] \\ [+vocalic] \\ [-low] \\ [+back] \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} [-round] \\ [+round] \end{array}$  (page 20)

PR 7  $\left. \begin{array}{l} [-consonantal] \\ [-coronal] \\ [+anterior] \\ [+consonantal] \\ [-anterior] \\ [+coronal] \\ [+anterior] \\ [+nasal] \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} [-distributed] \\ [+distributed] \end{array}$  (page 21)

PR 8  $\left. \begin{array}{l} [+anterior] \\ [+distributed] \\ [-coronal] \\ [+nasal] \\ [-consonantal] \\ [+anterior] \\ [+high] \\ [-nasal] \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} [-continuant] \\ [+continuant] \end{array}$  (page 21)

PR 9  $[+vocalic] [+consonantal] \rightarrow [+coronal] [+anterior] [-distributed] [+continuant]$  (page 21)

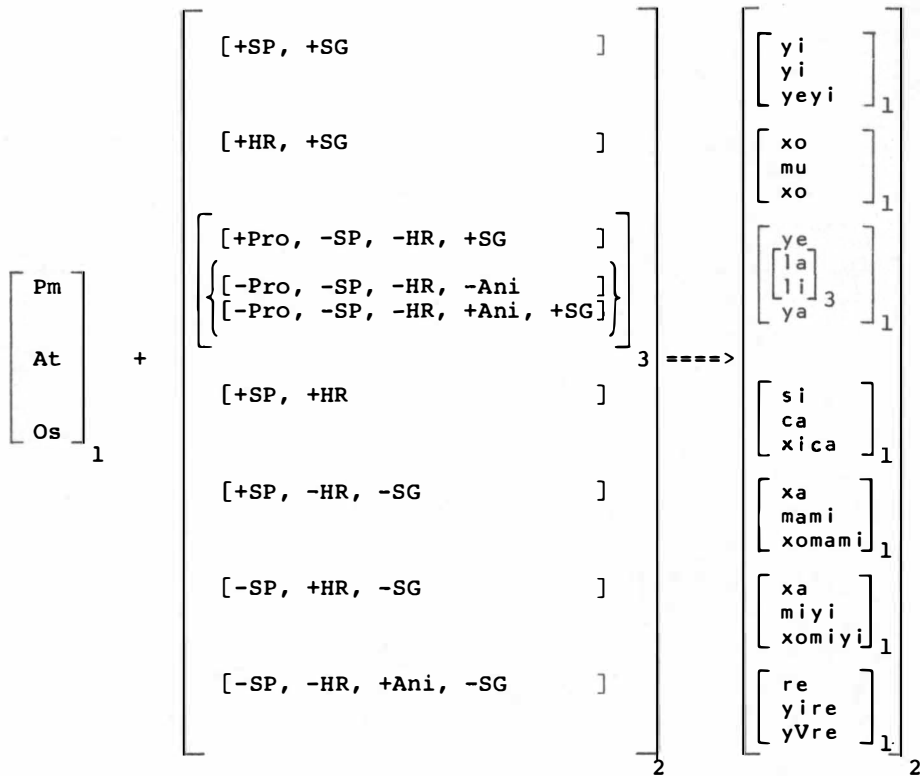
PR 10  $\left. \begin{array}{l} [-consonantal] \\ [+nasal] \\ [+coronal] \\ [-distributed] \\ [+anterior] \\ [+back] \\ [+continuant] \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow [+voiced]$  (page 21)

PR 11  $[+consonantal] \rightarrow [+release]$  (page 21)

PR 12 [+consonantal] → [-aspirated] (page 22)

PR 13 [±vocalic] → [-tense] (page 22)

PR 14 (page 42)



PR 15 <+Prog> +  $\begin{bmatrix} C_1(C_1)V_1(V_1)Z \\ C_1V_1C_2V_2 \end{bmatrix}$  ==>  $\begin{bmatrix} C_1V_1C_1(C_1)V_1(V_1)Z \\ C_1V_1C_2C_1V_1C_2V_2 \end{bmatrix}$  (page 44)

/ # \_ {+} / #

PR 16  $C_1 ==> C_1C_1$  / # $C_1V_1$ \_  $V_1Z$  (page 45)

where  $C_1$  = a nasal, k or x

PR 17  $xVxx ==> kVkk$  (page 45)

PR 18  $\begin{bmatrix} \text{sa} \\ \text{saab} \end{bmatrix} ==> \begin{bmatrix} \text{ya} \\ \text{yaab} \end{bmatrix}$  / [si]<sub>Pm</sub> #[\_]<sub>TA</sub> (page 46)



$$\text{PR 19 (OP)} \quad \begin{bmatrix} u \\ i \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \acute{e} \\ e \end{bmatrix} / \_ + \begin{bmatrix} \sim yi \\ \sim yire \end{bmatrix}_{\text{At}} \# \quad (\text{page 46})$$

$$\text{PR 20 } V_1 + ya \Rightarrow \begin{cases} V_1 V_1 \\ a^c a^c \end{cases} / [\_]_{\text{Os}} + \text{DIR} \quad (\text{page 46})$$

$$\text{PR 21 } awu \Rightarrow \acute{o}\acute{o} / \_ + \begin{cases} \sim yi \\ \sim yire \end{cases}_{\text{At}} \quad (\text{page 47})$$

$$\text{PR 22 (OB) (OP)} \quad 1(\text{L})V \Rightarrow \emptyset / \#CV\_ + \begin{bmatrix} li \\ la \end{bmatrix}_{\text{At}} \# \quad (\text{page 48})$$

$$\text{PR 23 } e \Rightarrow i / u \# [y\_xe]_{\text{Num}} \quad (\text{page 49})$$

$$\text{PR 24 } a \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \acute{e} \\ o \\ e \end{bmatrix} / u + \begin{bmatrix} \{f\_se\} \\ \{m\_le\} \\ \{y\_le\} \\ \{y\_ye\} \\ y\_fe \end{bmatrix}_{\text{Nucl}} \quad (\text{page 49})$$

$$\text{PR 25 } a \Rightarrow e / \begin{bmatrix} se \\ faay \\ w\acute{o}le \end{bmatrix}_{\text{Nus}} + [y\_le]_{\text{Nucl}} \quad (\text{page 50})$$

$$\text{PR 26 } + \Rightarrow \emptyset / \#Z\_Z \begin{Bmatrix} + \\ \# \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{page 50})$$

$$\text{PR 27 } \begin{Bmatrix} e \\ \acute{e} \\ a \end{Bmatrix} \Rightarrow V_1 / \_ (\#) C \quad V_1 \quad Z\# \\ [+back][+back] \quad (\text{page 51})$$

$$\text{PR 28 } a \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \acute{e} \\ o \\ \acute{e} \end{bmatrix}_2 / \begin{bmatrix} Vy \\ \tilde{a} \\ [P] \\ [\tilde{P}] \end{bmatrix}_2 \_ \mu \# \quad (\text{page 52})$$

where P = p, m, B (B = b, m, w), single or double  
and  $\tilde{P}$  = any other C, single or double  
and  $\tilde{a}$  = any V other than a

$$\text{PR 29 } ayire == \acute{a}\acute{a}re / C\_ \# \quad (\text{page 53})$$

PR 30  $V_1(V_1) \begin{Bmatrix} yire \\ yVre \end{Bmatrix} ==> V_1V_1re / \_ \#$  (page 53)

PR 31  $a ==> \begin{Bmatrix} e \\ \\ \acute{e} \end{Bmatrix} / \left[ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Vy \\ \{i\} \\ \{e\} \end{array} \right\} C \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{ \acute{e} \} \\ \{o\} \\ \{u\} \end{array} \right\} C \end{array} \right] \_ \tilde{B} i$  (page 54)

where  $\tilde{B}$  = any consonant other than b, m, w  
and C = any consonant other than y, single or double

PR 32  $\begin{Bmatrix} a \\ aa \end{Bmatrix}_1 ==> \begin{Bmatrix} a \\ a^c a^c \end{Bmatrix}_1 / \left[ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{i\} \\ \{e\} \end{array} \right\} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{a\} \\ \{ \acute{o} \} \\ \{ \# \} \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right] \tilde{B} \_ C \begin{Bmatrix} \# \\ \{i\} \\ \{e\} \\ \{ \acute{e} \} \end{Bmatrix}_2$  (page 55)

where  $\tilde{B}$  is any consonant (single or double) other  
than b, m, w  
and C is any consonant, single or double

PR 33  $aya ==> a^c a^c / C \_ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \# \\ C \end{array} \right\}$  (page 56)

PR 34  $\begin{Bmatrix} o \\ Vq \end{Bmatrix} ==> \begin{Bmatrix} o^{\wedge} \\ Vq^{\wedge} \end{Bmatrix} / \_ C i$  (page 57)

where  $Vq = ee, \acute{a}\acute{a}, \acute{o}\acute{o}, oo$

PR 35  $\begin{Bmatrix} i \\ o \end{Bmatrix} ==> u / \begin{Bmatrix} C \_ xo \\ ux \_ \end{Bmatrix}$  (page 58)

PR 36  $V_1 ==> V_1' / \_ xo\#$  (page 58)  
where  $V_1 \neq u, \acute{e}$

PR 37  $l ==> n / nV \_$  (page 59)

PR 38  $\begin{Bmatrix} l \\ ll \end{Bmatrix} ==> \begin{Bmatrix} l^c \\ l^c l^c \end{Bmatrix} / \left[ \begin{array}{l} Vz \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{a\} \\ \{o\} \\ \{ \# \} \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right] \_ (C) \begin{Bmatrix} z \\ Vz \end{Bmatrix}$  (page 59)

where  $Vz = i, e, \acute{a}, u, \acute{e}$  ( $\tilde{V}z = o, \acute{o}, a$ )

and Z = any segment including zero.

$$PR\ 39\ m \implies m / \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \_u\# \\ V_j \_ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u \\ o \\ \acute{o} \end{array} \right\} \\ \_V\ \acute{m} \end{array} \right\} \quad (\text{page } 60)$$

where  $V_j = a, o, (\acute{o}), u, \acute{e}$

$$PR\ 40\ \left[ \begin{array}{l} [V_q] \\ [\tilde{V}_q] \end{array} \right]_1 \implies \left[ \begin{array}{l} [-\text{voiced}] \\ \emptyset \end{array} \right]_1 / \left[ \begin{array}{l} Z_x \_ \# \\ Z_{\tilde{x}} \_ \# \end{array} \right]_2 \quad (\text{page } 61)$$

where  $V_q = \left[ \begin{array}{l} +\text{vocalic} \\ +\text{back} \end{array} \right]$ , i.e. a, \acute{o}, o, u

and  $\tilde{V}_q =$  any V other than  $V_q$

and V = any vowel

and  $Z_x$  and  $Z_{\tilde{x}}$  each contain at least a syllable

and  $\tilde{x} =$  any V or C other than x

$$PR\ 41\ CVC(v) \implies CVVC(v) / \#[\_]_{Nm}\# \quad (\text{page } 62)$$

where  $Nm$  is a syntactic category (a low level noun phrase)

and v = voiceless V

$$PR\ 42\ c \implies \emptyset / C\_ \# \quad (\text{page } 64)$$

$$PR\ 43\ Cc \implies \emptyset \quad (\text{page } 64)$$

$$PR\ 44\ \# \implies \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \emptyset / \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{P_m\} \_ TA \\ \{TA\} \_ \end{array} \right\} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} N \_ (Adj) \_ D_m \\ \_ Num \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right\} \quad (\text{page } 65)$$

// elsewhere

PR 45  $\begin{bmatrix} w \\ \\ \\ y \end{bmatrix} \implies \emptyset / \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} u\_y \\ u\_C \\ \_u \end{array} \right\} \\ (ZC) \_ (C) \\ v_1 \_ v_1 \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} v \_ Os // \\ v_h \_ \sim At // \\ \_ \{ i \\ e \} \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right]$  (page 65)

where Z = zero, a C, or a V and ZC ≠ uw

and Vh = i, u, e, é

and Os = object suffix; At = non-attributive suffix

PR 46  $u \implies i / \_ C \begin{Bmatrix} i \\ e \end{Bmatrix} \times$  (page 67)

PR 47  $\begin{Bmatrix} i \\ e \\ o \\ é \end{Bmatrix} \implies u / \_ // B \_ C \begin{Bmatrix} i \\ u \end{Bmatrix}$  (page 67)

(  $\begin{Bmatrix} +ant \\ +high \\ +back \end{Bmatrix}$  ) (  $\begin{Bmatrix} +voc \\ +high \end{Bmatrix}$  )

PR 48  $v \implies \begin{bmatrix} \emptyset \\ \ddagger \end{bmatrix}_2 / \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ \begin{array}{c} V \\ V_1 \end{array} \right] \begin{Bmatrix} N \\ L \\ \tilde{N} \\ \tilde{L} \end{Bmatrix} \\ \_ C \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} V \\ V_2 \end{bmatrix}_{1-2}$  (page 67)

where N = ñ, n, m, g; L = l

‡ = high central unrounded glide

$V \neq V_1 \begin{Bmatrix} \neq \\ = \end{Bmatrix} V_2$

PR 49  $m\acute{e} \implies m / \_ (if // \implies \emptyset) [i]$  (page 69)

PR 50  $(V_1) l \implies T_1 / V_1 \_ (if // \implies \emptyset) T_1$  (page 69)

where T = [+coronal] = t, d, c, s, r, n

PR 51  $u(u) \implies [-back] / \begin{Bmatrix} d \\ s \\ l \\ m \end{Bmatrix} \_ \tilde{B}$  (page 70)

PR 52  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} b \\ d \end{array} \right\} \implies [-\text{voiced}] / \_ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} // \\ [-\text{voiced}] \end{array} \right\}$  (page 71)  
 $\left( \begin{array}{l} -\text{vocalic} \\ +\text{anterior} \\ +\text{continuant} \end{array} \right)$

PR 53  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f \\ x \end{array} \right\} \implies [+ \text{voiced}] / [+ \text{voiced}] \_ [+ \text{voiced}]$  (page 71)

PR 54  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} S_1 \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} l \\ n \\ g \end{array} \right\} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m \\ \dot{m} \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right] \implies [-\text{release}] / \_ \left[ \begin{array}{l} S_1 \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} c \\ // \end{array} \right\} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p, b, m, \dot{m} \\ (//) \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right]$  (page 72)  
 where  $S = \left[ \begin{array}{l} -\text{nasal} \\ -\text{continuant} \end{array} \right] = p, t, k, c, r$

PR 55  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} p \\ t \\ c \\ k \end{array} \right\} \implies \text{slightly aspirated} / \_ //$  (page 73)

PR 56  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} C_1 \\ V_1 \end{array} \right] \implies [+ \text{tense}] / (\_ ) \left[ \begin{array}{l} C_1 \\ V_1 \end{array} \right] (\_ )$  (page 73)

PR 57  $x \implies \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{fronted} / \_ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} C \\ // \\ i, e, \acute{a}, \grave{e}, u \end{array} \right\} \\ \text{slightly voiced} / // \_ \grave{e} \\ x^\dagger / \_ i, e, \acute{a} \end{array} \right.$  (page 73)

PR 58  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \{ \text{ay}\acute{e} \} \\ \{ \text{awu} \} \\ \acute{a}w \\ \acute{a}(y)i \end{array} \right] \implies \left[ \begin{array}{l} [\acute{e}:] \\ [\acute{e}] \\ \acute{a}\acute{a} \end{array} \right]$  (page 74)

PR 59  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} V_1 V_1 \\ V \end{array} \right] \implies \left[ \begin{array}{l} \acute{V}_1 V_1 \\ \acute{V} \end{array} \right] / \_ \text{ccv} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} C \\ \# \end{array} \right\}$  (page 74)

## 2. CONSTITUENT STRUCTURE RULES

- BR 1  $S \rightarrow S (\text{con } \bar{S})$  (page 89)
- BR 2  $S \rightarrow (\text{Modality}) \text{ Proposition}$  (page 95)
- BR 3  $\text{Modality} \rightarrow (\overset{Q}{\text{Imp}}) (\text{Emp})$  (page 95)
- BR 4  $\text{Proposition} \rightarrow (\text{SA}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Predication} \\ \text{Identification} \end{array} \right\} (\text{PrepP})$  (page 95)
- BR 5  $\text{Predication} \rightarrow \text{NP} \widehat{\text{Aux}} \widehat{\text{PP}}$  (page 101)
- BR 6  $\text{Aux} \rightarrow \text{Pm} (\text{TA})$  (page 101)
- BR 7  $\text{PP} \rightarrow (\text{Mv}) \text{VP}$  (page 101)
- BR 8  $\text{Identification} \rightarrow \text{NP} \widehat{\text{NP}}$  (page 132)
- BR 9  $\text{VP} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{VB (NP) (COM)} \\ \text{NP} \end{array} \right.$  (page 143)
- BR 10  $\text{VB} \rightarrow \text{Vb} (\text{NP})$  (page 143)
- BR 11  $\text{Vb} \rightarrow \text{Vp} (\text{DIR}) (\text{Int})$  (page 143)
- BR 12  $\text{DIR} \rightarrow (\text{Dr}) (\text{Dad})$  (page 143)
- BR 13  $\text{PrepP} \rightarrow (\text{Prp}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{NP} \\ \text{PrV} \end{array} \right.$  (page 166)
- BR 14  $\text{PrV} \rightarrow \text{Vpr} \widehat{\text{NP}}$  (page 166)
- BR 15  $\text{NP} \rightarrow \text{NP} \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{con } \widehat{\text{NP}} \\ \text{COM} \end{array} \right)$  (page 199)
- BR 16  $\text{NP} \rightarrow (\text{Mn}) \text{NM}$  (page 199)
- BR 17  $\text{NM} \rightarrow \text{Nm} (\text{Dm}) (\text{Dr}) (\text{Int})$  (page 199)
- BR 18  $\text{Nm} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{N} \\ \text{NUC} \\ \text{S} \end{array} \right\} (\text{ATT})$  (page 199)
- BR 19  $\text{ATT} \rightarrow \text{At} \widehat{\text{NP}}$  (page 200)

BR 20 NUC  $\rightarrow$  (Rpt)  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{NuCm} \\ \text{Qnt} \end{array} \right\}$  (page 200)

BR 21 NuCm  $\rightarrow$  (Ord) Nus  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Nucl} \\ \text{Num} \end{array} \right\}$  (page 200)

BR 22 COM  $\rightarrow$  Cmp<sup>s</sup> (page 271)

BR 23  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Vp} \\ \text{Vpr} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{V} \\ \text{Vprs} \end{array} \right]$  (Os) (page 316)

### 3. SYNTACTIC REDUNDANCY RULES

RR 1 V  $\rightarrow$  <±Prog> (page 335)

RR 2 NP  $\rightarrow$  <±Emp> (page 335)

RR 3  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} +\text{N} \\ -\text{Pro} \\ -\text{Dm} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow$  <±SG> (page 336)

RR 4  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} <+\text{Cl}> \\ <+\text{Nucl}> \\ <+\text{Pro}> \\ <+\text{Dm}> \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow$  <+def> (page 337)

RR 5  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} <+\text{Cl}> \\ <+\text{Nucl}> \\ <+\text{Q}> \\ <+\text{Dm}> \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow$  [-\_\_Dm] (page 337)

RR 6  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} <+\text{Pro}> \\ <+\text{Q}> \\ <+\text{Dm}> \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow$  [-\_\_ATT] (page 337)

RR 7 [+\_\_NP<sub>1</sub> NP<sub>2</sub>]  $\rightarrow$  [+\_\_NP<sub>1</sub>] (page 337)

RR 8 [-\_\_Os, +\_\_NP]  $\rightarrow$  [-\_\_Os] (page 337)

RR 9 [+\_\_PrepP]  $\rightarrow$  [+\_\_] (page 337)

### 4. TRANSFORMATION RULES

TR 1 Pm *feature copying* (page 342)

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 \text{SD:} & X & \text{NP}_1 & \left[ \begin{array}{c} \{ \text{mè} \} \\ \text{gè} \\ \text{xaree} \\ \text{con} \\ * \end{array} \right] & \text{NP}_2 & \text{Pm} & Y \\
 & & [\text{xSF}] & & [\text{ySF}] & & \\
 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \text{SC:} & 1, & [2 \ 3]_{\text{NP}} & , 4 + \\
 & & \left[ \begin{array}{c} [\text{xSF} \ \text{U} \ \text{ySF}] \\ [\text{xSF}] \\ [\text{xSF}] \end{array} \right]_a & \left[ \begin{array}{c} [\text{xSF} \ \text{U} \ \text{ySF}] \\ [\text{ySF}] \\ [\text{xSF}] \end{array} \right]_a & , 5
 \end{array}$$

TR 2 At &amp; Os feature copying

(page 343)

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 \text{SD:} & X & \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{At} \\ \text{Os} \end{array} \right\} & \text{NP} & Z & \text{where } Y \neq \text{NP} \\
 & & Y & [\text{xSF}] & & \\
 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{SC: } 1, 2 + [\text{xSF}], 3, 4, 5$$

TR 3 reduction of coordinate sentences (OP)

(page 345)

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 \text{SD:} & [X_1 & \text{NP}_1 & Y_1]_S & \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{gè} \\ \text{xaree} \end{array} \right]_a & [X_1 & \text{NP}_2 & Y_1]_S \\
 & ([\text{xSF}]) & ([\text{vSF}]) & & & ([\text{ySF}]) & & ([\text{wSF}])
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \text{SC:} & X_1 & [\text{NP}_1 & \left[ \begin{array}{c} \{ \text{mè} \} \\ \text{gè} \\ \text{xaree} \end{array} \right]_a & \text{NP}_2]_{\text{NP}} & Y_1 \\
 & \left[ \begin{array}{c} ([\text{xSF} \ \text{U} \ \text{ySF}]) \\ ([\text{xSF}]) \end{array} \right]_a & & & & \left[ \begin{array}{c} ([\text{vSF} \ \text{U} \ \text{wSF}]) \\ ([\text{wSF}]) \end{array} \right]_a
 \end{array}$$

condition: NP<sub>1</sub> and NP<sub>2</sub> are not pseudo-prepositionals.

TR 4 number shift (OP)

(page 347)

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 \text{SD:} & X & \left[ \begin{array}{c} * \\ \text{At} \\ \text{Os} \end{array} \right]_a & \text{NP} & \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Pm} \\ * \end{array} \right]_a & Y \\
 & & & \langle -\text{Pro} \rangle & & \\
 & & \langle -\text{SG} \rangle & & \langle -\text{SG} \rangle & \\
 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{SC: } 1, \langle -\text{SG} \rangle \implies \langle +\text{SG} \rangle, 3, \langle -\text{SG} \rangle \implies \langle +\text{SG} \rangle, 5$$





TR 9 *yes-no question*

(page 352)

SD: X Q Y Proposition Z

1 2 3 4 5

where 4 does not contain a word having  $\begin{bmatrix} +Q \\ +Emp \end{bmatrix}$ SC:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1, 3, 4 \searrow, 5 \text{ if X ends in QY Proposition } \text{xaree} \\ 1, 3, 4 \nearrow, 5 \text{ elsewhere} \end{array} \right.$  *or*TR 10 *interrogative word (with <+Emp>) question*

(page 352)

SD: X Q Emp [Y W Z] Proposition R

 $\begin{bmatrix} +Q \\ +Emp \end{bmatrix}$ 

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

SC: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 ↘

TR 11 *focus*

(page 353)

SD: X Emp Y NP<sub>1</sub> Z NP<sub>2</sub> ... R NP<sub>n</sub> W n ≠ 0

&lt;+Emp&gt; &lt;+Emp&gt; &lt;+Emp&gt;

1 2 3 4 5 6 n-1 n n+1

SC: 1, 4 2, 6 2, ... n 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, ... n-1, n, n+1

conditions: 1. Integers, except for 1, preceding 2s are freely permutable.

2. Y, Z, ... R, W should contain at least a Vb or an NP not dominated by PrepP.

TR 12 *identical NP deletion*

(page 354)

SD: [X NP<sub>1</sub> Y]<sub>S</sub>  $\begin{Bmatrix} At \\ ATT \end{Bmatrix}$  NP<sub>1</sub> Z

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

SC: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

TR 13 *pronominalisation*

(page 355)

SD: X NP<sub>1</sub> Y NP<sub>1</sub> Z $\begin{Bmatrix} [xSF] \\ xtime \end{Bmatrix}$   $\begin{Bmatrix} [xSF] \\ xtime \end{Bmatrix}$ 

1 2 3 4 5







SC: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

TR 27 3rd person singular Pm deletion (2) (OP)

(page 364)

SD:	#	$\begin{bmatrix} +Pm \\ -SP \\ -HR \\ +SG \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} +N \\ +Dm \end{bmatrix}$	X	gè	Y
	1	2	3	4	5	6

SC: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6

TR 28 gè deletion (1) (OP)

(page 365)

SD:	#	$\begin{bmatrix} +N \\ +Dm \end{bmatrix}$	X	$[gè]_{con}$	S	where X = Int or $\emptyset$
	1	2	3	4	5	

SC: 1, 2, 3, 5

TR 29 gè deletion (2) (OP)

(page 365)

SD:	x	Pm	Y	gè	Pm	Z	where Y does not contain Pm
		$[xSF]$			$[xSF]$		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	

SC: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

TR 30 predication reduction

(page 366)

SD:	[X	Pm	Y <sub>1</sub>	$\left. \begin{array}{l} Vb_1 \\  a \\ buu doxo \end{array} \right\}$	Z <sub>1</sub>	S	Pm	Y <sub>1</sub>	Vb <sub>1</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub>
		$[xSF]$					$[xSF]$			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	

SC: 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 5

TR 31 anaphoric Os adjunction (OP)

(page 367)

SD:	X	V	Os	$\begin{bmatrix} Dad \\ Dr \end{bmatrix}_{DIR}$	Y
				a	
	1	2	3	4	5

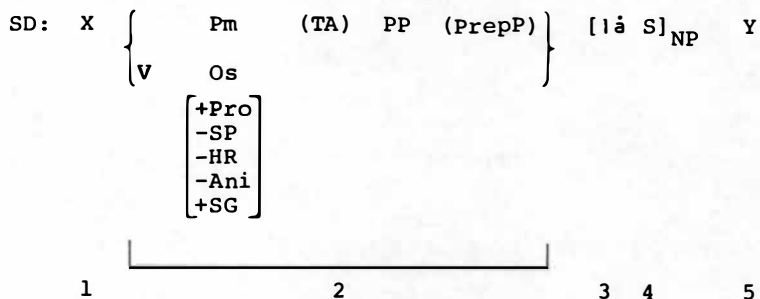






TR 42 Cmp Iá 'that' deletion (OP)

(page 373)



where 4 does not involve any element having the identical reference that Pm or Os has and V does not dominate a formative with [+ NP NP].

SC: 1, 2, 4, 5

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