

# A THREE-DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS OF CHAM SENTENCES

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## 0. INTRODUCTION

Cham<sup>1</sup> sentences are described here in relation to the following parameters: Manifested Form, Feature Type and Truth Value Type.<sup>2</sup> Manifested form relates to the overt form of a sentence. Feature type refers to its internal function. And truth value refers to its external function in relation to the speaker-hearer situation.

## 1. MANIFESTED FORMS

With respect to manifested form, sentences may be described in terms of the following basic forms: Simple, Complex, Juxtaposed, Initial-echo, Quotative, Conjunctive and Particle-marked. There may also be combinations of these basic forms, such as initial-echo-quotative. These combinations will be discussed in section 1.8.

1.1. A *simple sentence* consists of one independent clause or a less complete version of such a clause.

Nhu buch bimao ka amek nhu.<sup>3</sup>  
*he pluck mushroom for mother his*  
*'He gathered mushrooms for his mother.'*

Djaup.

*correct*

*'That's right.'*

1.2. A *complex sentence* has a clause(s) or sentence(s) embedded in the main clause, as illustrated in the sentence below:

Nhu tabiāk nao iōk thay urang dok pāk lingiu paga.

*he go-out go look who person be at outside fence*

*'He went out to see who was outside the fence.'*

Embedded as the object of the sentence is the clause:

thay urang dok pāk lingiu paga

1.3. *Juxtaposed sentences* may be divided into those which have two clauses, *Simple-juxtaposed*, and those which have three or more clauses, *Multiple-juxtaposed*. The clauses in a juxtaposed sentence are closely linked in a sequence of some kind, such as a temporal or consecutive action sequence, rather than by conjunctions.

(Simple-juxtaposed)

Mek mūdōh tagōk, nao mūk līthay ka anūk huāk.

*mother woke got-up get rice for child eat-rice*

*'The mother got up (and) went to get rice for (her) child to eat.'*

(Multiple-juxtaposed)

Nhu nao hmu, tamv ribong, lipōk mūk hu klau dray nhach.

*he go field, enter irrigation-ditch, felt-for get able 3 cl. frog*

*'He went to the paddy, entered the irrigation ditch (and) got three frogs with his hands.'*

As shown in the examples above, simple-juxtaposed and multiple-juxtaposed sentences frequently omit the subject from the second and succeeding clauses, since the subject of the first clause most often is the understood subject of the succeeding clauses in the sentence.

1.4. Unlike some of the neighbouring languages which manifest complete *echo sentences*,<sup>4</sup> Cham manifests only a partial echo of the preceding sentence in the first clause of the reflector sentence. The echo clause contains a main verb or synonym of a main verb from the preceding sentence.

Sanvng yau nān, tapai klao tha dray.

*think like that rabbit laugh one self*

*'Thinking that way, the rabbit laughed to himself.'*

The initial echo in this sentence repeats the sanvng *'thinking'* of the

rabbit in the sentence before.

1.5. A *quotative sentence* differs from other complex sentences in that it contains either a *direct* or an *indirect quotation* (see section 2 on Feature Types), and is introduced by a quotative clause.

**Direct-Quotative Sentence:**

Abao dôm thōng tapal lach: "Dahlāk jang nao mu-in yau al ray."  
*snail spoke with rabbit say I also go play like older-sibling too*  
*'The snail spoke to the rabbit, saying: "I'm also having fun like you are."'*

**Indirect-Quotative Sentence:**

Nhu pathau lach brūk năn nhu ngāk bloh pajø.  
*he politely say work that he do finish already*  
*'He politely stated that he had completed that work already.'*

A direct quotation may contain any manifesting sentence form, including both direct and indirect quotations. This is because, in a direct-quotative sentence, the quotation introducing clause is not bound to the quotation, even though the quotation acts as the object of the introductory clause. In an indirect-quotative sentence the quotation is embedded in the quotation introducing clause. Thus it cannot function as a distinct discourse in itself, as the quotation in a direct-quotative sentence can.

The main distinction prosodically is that in a direct-quotative sentence there is an obligatory pause (or juncture) before the quotation, and in an indirect-quotative sentence there is not an obligatory pause before the indirect quotation.

1.6. A *conjunctive sentence*<sup>5</sup> is: 1) one which is related to a preceding sentence by an *initial conjunction*, or a sentence consisting of clauses which are related to each other by a *sentence-initial conjunction*; 2) a sentence consisting of two or more clauses, two of which are connected by a *medial conjunction*; or 3) a sentence combining both *initial* and *medial* conjunctions.

1) **Initial conjunctions** include:

a. those which relate a sentence to a preceding sentence:

min 'but'  
bloh 'then'

The following conjunctive expressions may also act as paragraph introducers:

bloh di năn	'finally, after that'
dôm năn	'therefore, so'
birau mưng	'just then, then'
jưng mưng	'so then, then'
năn ka mưng	'so, therefore, consequently'
kayua yau năn	'because of that'

Dôm năn patao ginong, nao mưk urang năn.  
*therefore king angry so get person that*  
*'So the king was angry (and) went to seize that person.'*

b. those which relate clauses within a sentence to each other:

mưyah ~ yah	'if, since'
kal	'when'
tăl	'when, arriving (at that point)'
kayua ~ yua	'because'

Tăl urang mưk kan mal, urang ðôh boh ok riiô.  
*when persons get fish come they see many mangoes*  
*'When the fishermen returned they saw many mangoes.'*

tăl relates the first clause to the second clause of the above sentence.

2) Medial conjunctions include:

a. conjunctions that may fill either the sentence-medial or sentence-initial slots:

min	'but'
bloh	'then'
bloh di năn	'after that'
mưyah ~ yah	'if, since'
kayua ~ yua	'because'

Yaup hray tapal nao mưnhum la, min tūk hlay jang ðôh bao.  
*each day rabbit go drink water but hour which also saw snail*  
*'Every day the rabbit went to drink water, but each time (he) also saw the snail.'*

b. conjunctions that may fill the sentence-medial slot only:

ngăn	'or'
hai ~ hai lach	'or'
mưng	'then'
thống	'and'
nặn	'then'
sặng	'then'

Kau mai mưnhum ia thōng rah mư-in.  
*I come drink water and go-around play*  
*'I came to drink water and have some fun.'*

3) Initial and medial conjunctions may co-occur in the same sentence. Combinations that have been observed in text material are: mưyah - bloh ~ mưyah - nặn 'if - then' and min - yua 'but - because'.

Mưyah dray dih tha panĭk, bloh dôch tui, jang klak nhu ray.  
*if self sleep one nap then run follow also leave him also*  
*'If I take a nap, then run after (him), I'll still leave him behind.'*

1.7. Particle-marked sentences include: 1) those that are clause-based (see sections 5.2 and 5.3, interrogative and imperative truth values); 2) those that are phrase or word-based (see section 5.4, exclamatory truth value, vocatives); and 3) those that are particle-based (see section 5.4, expletives). A clause-based sentence has a full clause as its main element, a phrase- or word-based sentence has only a phrase or word as its main element, and in a particle-based sentence the particle itself is the main element.

1) Clause-based:

Nhu ngăk yau năn/djaup lay?<sup>6</sup> (Interrogative)  
*he do like that correct ques.*  
*'Is it correct that he did that?'*

Dua urang dray nao nao! (Imperative)  
*2 person self go imp.*  
*'Let's the two of us go!'*

The main distinction between the form of the interrogative and imperative sentences is to be found in the prosodic features, especially on the final particles. Imperative nao receives a noticeably heavier stress than interrogative djaup lay. Also, the intonation contour for nao is falling. The intonation contour of djaup lay is rising and it is preceded by a pause.

2) Phrase or word-based:

Oi ai mưnus! (Pre-base vocative)  
*hey older-sibling human-being*  
*'Hey you!'*

Aday loi! (Post-base vocative)  
*younger-sibling hey*  
*'Hey brother!'*

## 3) Particle-based:

- lh! 'exclamation of disgust'  
 Ah! 'exclamation of mild surprise'  
 Us! 'exclamation of surprise'

## 1.8. Combination of forms that may be manifested include:

1) Combinations of *clause-based* types, such as this *Initial-echo-Quotative* sentence:

Tapai bôh you năn, tang! bao lach: "Ngăk gēt?"  
*rabbit see like that ask snail say do what*  
 'The rabbit seeing that, asked the snail, "What are (you) doing?"'

2) Combinations of *clause-based* types with *conjunction-based* types, such as this *Initial-conjunction-Complex* sentence:

Dôm năn patao bray ka J'Bong Lah khing anưk patao.  
*so king give for Bong Lah marry child king*  
 'So the king gave Bong Lah permission to marry his daughter.'

Other combinations of *clause-based* types with *conjunction-based* types that have been observed are: *Initial-echo-Medial-conjunctive*, *Initial-conjunctive-Simple-juxtaposed*, *Initial-conjunctive-Quotative*, *Medial-conjunctive-Multiple-juxtaposed*, *Medial-conjunctive-Quotative*.

## 2. FEATURE TYPES

The second parameter by which sentences are described refers to the internal lexico-semantic function of a sentence. Feature types in Cham sentences include: Conditional, Contrary to expectation, Causal, Action sequence, Coordinate, Topic-Comment, Quotative and Neutral.

2.1. *Conditional sentences* include: simple-conditional, concessive-conditional, motivation-proposition conditional, temporal-emphasis conditional and iterative-conditional.

1) A *simple-conditional* sentence consists of a clause that states a condition to be met and a second clause that states the expected action, based on the fulfillment of the condition. The conditional clause may be introduced by *muyah* 'if', *ka!* 'when', or another general or specific temporal, providing completed action is not indicated. The second clause may be optionally linked to the first clause by a medial conjunction such as *bloh*, *năn*, or *sặng* 'then'. In this type of conditional sentence, the clauses are reversible. However, the first sentence shown below is the usual order:

Muyah hư tong kau nān kau tong hư wők.  
*if you beat me then I beat you again*  
 'If you hit me, then I'll hit you back.'

Kau tong hư, muyah hư tong kau.  
*I beat you if you beat me*  
 'I'll hit you, if you hit me.'

2) A *concessive-conditional* sentence consists of a clause (or two) that states the situation or condition, *in spite of which* the anticipated action of the next clause is expected to take place. The first clause is introduced by muyah 'if, though' and the last clause contains jang 'also' in pre-verb position. The clause order is fixed.

Muyah dray ngāk patao, jang ôh bui-be di gēt.  
*if self do king also not happy at what*  
 'Even though I reign as king, (I) still won't be happy at all.'

Muyah dray đih tha panĭk, bloh dôch tui nhu, jang klak nhu ray.  
*though self sleep one nap then run follow him also leave him too*  
 'Even though I take a nap (and) then run after him, (I'll) still leave him behind.'

In the second example, ray 'too' is an optional sentence-final particle that goes along with jang. The conjunction bloh 'then' relates the first two clauses into a temporal sequence.

3) A *motivation-proposition conditional* sentence consists of a clause that states the situation providing the motivation for the proposed action of the second clause. The motivation clause may be introduced by muyah 'if, since' or by a non-past specific temporal, such as urāk ni 'now', hray ni 'today', or hray paguh 'tomorrow'. The proposition clause may also be introduced by a non-past specific temporal expression. The clause order may be reversed, but the usual order is for the motivation clause to be followed by the proposition clause.

Muyah ai tapai lach yau nān, urāk ni dahlāk thōng  
*since older sib. rabbit say like that now I and*

ai padāng gaup dôch iők.  
*you challenge together run look*

'Since you, rabbit, said that, now let's challenge each other to run and see.'

Urāk ni J'Bong Alah glnrōh lô, ưng khing nhu mək.  
*now Bong Alah powerful very agree marry him imp.*

'Now Bong Alah is very powerful, agree to marry him!'

4) A *temporal-emphasis conditional* sentence consists of a clause stating a *prior* condition, followed by a clause stating *anticipated* action in response to the condition being met. The time order of '*first...then*' is in focus. The first clause contains *ka* '*first*' and the second is introduced by *mung* '*then*'. A variant of this type has *dahlau* '*before*' in the conditional clause and *haday* '*after, later*' in the anticipated response clause. Clause order is fixed.

Hư tong kau ka, mung kau tong hư wők.  
*you beat me first then I beat you again*  
 'You hit me first, then I'll hit you back.'

Hư tong kau dahlau, kau tong hư haday.  
*you beat me before I beat you after*  
 'You hit me beforehand, I'll hit you afterward.'

5) An *iterative-conditional* sentence consists of a statement, in the first clause, that each time a certain condition is met, a corresponding action, stated in the second clause, will be taken. The first clause is introduced by an iterative expression, such as, *yaup đăng* '*each instance*'. The second clause may include initial *jang* '*also*' and final *wők* '*again*'. The clause order is fixed.

Yaup đăng hư tong kau, jang kau tong hư wők.  
*each time you beat me also I beat you again*  
 'Everytime you hit me, I'll also hit you back.'

2.2. A *contrary-to-expectation* sentence consists of a clause, stating a situation or action (thesis), followed by a clause that states unexpected or adverse factors (antithesis) in relation to the first clause. The second clause is introduced by *min* '*but*', and the clause order is fixed.

Yaup hray tapai nao mưnhum la, min wal hlay jang đôh bao ray.  
*each day rabbit go drink water but part when also see snail too*  
 'Every day the rabbit went to drink water, but no matter what part of the day he also saw a snail.'

2.3. *Causal* sentences include: simple-causative, cause-effect and purposive.

1) A *simple-causative* sentence consists of a clause, which states a situation or action, followed by a clause which states the cause of the situation or action. The causative clause, usually the second one, is introduced by *kayua ~ yua* '*because*'. Reversing the order of the clauses is acceptable, but infrequent.



Mrək glong tapa wők, kayua jru năn siam lõ.  
*pepper tall pass again because medicine that good very*  
*'The pepper plant was even taller, because that medicine was very good.'*

2) In a *cause-effect* sentence, the action or situation of the first clause serves as the basis for the action of the succeeding clause. Generally, a *cause-effect* sentence consists of two juxtaposed clauses, but it may have more than one cause clause, followed by one or more effect clauses.

Mek nhu sēt, tayah danung-munhim.  
*mother his jump wreck apparatus weaving*  
*'His mother jumped, wrecking the weaving apparatus.'*

A variation of this type is the *anticipated cause-effect* sentence, in which the anticipated cause and effect clauses may be linked, in that order, with the conjunction năn 'then'.

Ông padāl ngāk năn urang ngāk.  
*Mr tell do then person do*  
*'You tell (someone) to do (something) (and) he'll do it.'*

3) A *purposive* sentence generally consists of a clause predicating some kind of action, followed by another clause which gives the purpose of the action. The purpose clause is introduced by ka 'for' or piơh 'in order to'. The purpose clause subject and predicate are obligatory with ka, but with piơh only the predicate is obligatory.

Nhu Bray tha boh ok ka day nhu đấng.  
*he give one cl. mango for sibling his eat*  
*'He gave a mango to his younger brother to eat.'*

Nhu joh ginrong rơng piơh parui aday kamay nhu.  
*he break-off pincher crab in order to tease younger sister his*  
*'He broke off a pincher of the crab to tease his younger sister with.'*

2.4. *Action sequence* sentences include: consecutive-action, temporal sequence, subsequent-action, and resultant-action.

1) A *consecutive-action* sentence consists of two or more juxtaposed clauses, with the action sequence proceeding from left to right.

Patao dăng, đik yun, nao thang.  
*king stand climb hammock go house*  
*'The king stood up, climbed into the travelling hammock (and) went home.'*

2) In a *temporal sequence* sentence, the action also proceeds from left to right, but in this case the time sequence is in focus. The chronological progression may be indicated by a temporal conjunction, such as *tāl* 'when', to introduce the first clause, or *bloh* 'then', to introduce the second clause.

*Tāl* thang, nhu Đôh mek dok munhlm akhăn.  
*arrive house he see mother be weaving cloth*  
 'Upon arriving home, he saw (his) mother weaving cloth.'

Dua urang pathăt-padôk gaup, *bloh* pagôn hray tük.  
*two person argue debate together then agree day hour*  
 'The two of them argued together, *finally* agreeing on the day and hour.'

3) A *subsequent action* sentence consists of an initial clause, which echoes the action of the preceding sentence, followed by another clause, which predicates the subsequent action. The clauses are ordinarily juxtaposed.

Sanung yau năn, tapal klao tha dray.  
*think like that rabbit laugh one self*  
 'Thinking like that, the rabbit laughed to himself.'

4) A *resultant action* sentence presents a sequence of action resulting from previous action. It is introduced by a conjunctive expression, such as *dôm năn* 'so, therefore', and consists of at least two juxtaposed clauses.

*Dôm năn* patao ginong di tian, mük mek nhu karök wök.  
*so king angry in stomach, get mother his shut-up again*  
 'So the king was angry, seized his mother and shut her up.'

2.5. *Coordinate sentences* include: positive, negative and alternative-coordinate sentences.

1) A *positive-coordinate* sentence consists of two clauses connected by *thông* 'and' or simply juxtaposed. The predications supplement each other in a coordinate relationship.

Khol dahlăk pajum urang kathot *thông* dōng urang riđah-riđup.  
*we help person poor and rescue person wretched*  
 'We help those who are poor *and* rescue those who are wretched.'

2) A *negative-coordinate* sentence consists of two clauses connected by *thông* 'and', *ngăn* 'or', *hal* 'or', *hai lach* 'or', or simply juxtaposed. The predications supplement each other in an additive relationship, but

must also contain negatives ôh (preverb) and ô (clause final), if thǒng or zero connects the clauses.

Dahlăk ôh yeh dray thǒng pagăp bok mưta urang ô.

*I not boast self and compare cheek eye person neg.*

*'I don't boast about myself and don't compare my attributes with someone else.'*

If ngăn, hai or hai lach 'or' connect the clauses, then the preverb negative ôh is used in the first clause only. Clause final ô 'not' is not ordinarily used, since the sense of ngăn, in this case, is 'nor'.

Dahlăk ôh yeh dray ngăn pagăp bok mưta urang.

*I not boast self or compare cheek eye person*

*'I neither boast of myself nor compare myself with another.'*

In place of negatives, the prohibitive jôi 'don't' may be used in a variation of the negative additive sentence type. In this case also, the two clauses may be connected by ngăn, hai, hai lach or thǒng. In this construction ngăn, hai, hai lach convey the additive sense of 'and' rather than alternative 'or'.

Jôi yeh dray ngăn pagăp bok mưta urang jôi!

*don't boast self or compare cheek eye person don't*

*'Don't boast about yourself and don't compare yourself with another!'*

3) An *alternative-coordinate* sentence ordinarily consists of two clauses obligatorily connected by ngăn, hai, hai lach 'or'. In this type of sentence the predication of one clause stands as an alternative to the predication of the other clause. This use of ngăn, hai, hai lach contrasts with that of the negative coordinate sentence, where the sense of these conjunctions is 'and'.

Hray paguh dahlăk nao thang hai nao tom ông năn.

*day tomorrow I go house or go gather-with man that*

*'Tomorrow I'll go home or go to meet with that man.'*

2.6. In a *topic-comment* sentence, the first phrase or clause presents the topic under consideration and the second phrase or clause comments on or describes some aspect of it. The two phrases or clauses may be juxtaposed or may be linked by năn 'to be'. In the latter case, năn functions as the main verb of the simple or complex sentence.

Ông năn năn urang tôi.

*mister that to be person guest*

*'That gentleman is a guest.'*

Patao taluch ngāk nān ôh djaup patao biāk ô.  
*king Taluch do to-be not correct king real no*  
*'King Taluch's reigning was not really (that of) the true king.'*

2.7. *Quotative sentences* include: direct quotation and indirect quotation.

1) A *direct-quotation* sentence consists of a quotation introducing clause followed by a verbatim quotation. The quotation acts as the object of the introductory clause, and it may vary in length from one word up to a long discourse.

A quotation, which introduces a new speaker with a new viewpoint, is considered to constitute a new paragraph in itself. Other direct-quotation sentences are considered to be on the sentence level, even though they may have a number of sentences acting as the object of the quotation-introducing clause.

Direct-quotation sentences include: a) those addressed to another person, b) those that are self-addressed, c) incantations of magic formulas, d) those with no specific address, e) included quotes.

a) Quotations *addressed to another person* or persons are by far the most frequent:

Ai kachua lach thōng day: "Lôl ka ai dok pāk nl."  
*sibling oldest say with sibling-younger leave for me stay at this*  
*'The oldest brother said to a younger brother: "Let me stay here."'*

The above type of quotation may contain references to *first*, *second* or *third* persons, without restrictions. Although no overt referent is obligatory, at least one referent is always implied and easily reinstated from the context.

In the quotation introducing clause the speaker is almost always specifically designated and the addressee is either designated or clearly implied from context. Predicates in this clause include: *lach* 'to say', *dôm* 'to speak', *tangi* 'to ask', and the combinations *dôm lach* 'to speak saying' and *tangi lach* 'to ask saying'.

b) Quotations that are *self-addressed* contain *only first* and *third* person referents. This distinguishes them from quotations addressed to others.

Dalām tian tapai sanung lach: "Dray klak nhu."  
*in stomach rabbit think say self abandon him*  
*'The rabbit thought to himself: "I'll leave him behind."'*

In the quotation introducing clause, the speaker and the addressee

are the same individual. The speaker is clearly designated or implied from context. The most common predicate for the introductory clause is *sanung lach* 'to think saying'. The reflexive may be further indicated by an expression such as *dalām tian* 'in stomach' or *dalām hatai* 'in liver'.

c) *Incantations* of magic words are fixed formulas that are not altered to fit the usual sex, age and kinship requirements, although they may appear in elliptical form when related by a story-teller. The speaker is usually specifically designated, but may also be implied. No specific addressee is required, but the context makes it clear who the message is intended for.

Nhu *pôch thunau lach*: "*Ông tām-sēt*."

*he read magic say grandfather enter-jump*

'*He incanted the magic words saying: "Mister begin jumping."*'

The context of the above sentence indicated that the speaker incanted these words to make his mother jump. Later in the same text, he made the king and his officers jump by using the same words.

Specialised predicates, such as *pôch thunau lach* 'read magic saying', are used in the quotation introducing clause, but the general predicate *lach* may also be used.

d) In *non-specific-address quotations*, the referents are *first* and *third* persons only, although the words may be intended for a hearer who is present. The speaker may be specifically designated or may be an indefinite "voice".

*Dalām patau năn hu săp êu prông lach*: "*Munus hlay ngăk dhăr hai*."

*in rock that have sound call big say human-being who do favour imp.*

'*In that rock there was a voice calling loudly saying: "Someone please do (me) a good turn."*'

e) A *direct-quotation sentence* may include any other sentence type, including a *direct quotation*. When such a quotation is included, the speaker of the main quotation designates or implies the speaker of the second quote. Thus, for the subject of the included quotation-introducing clause, *first*, *second* or *third* person may be used.

*Ông bhut lach*: "*Dahlăk likau đai tha thunau ginrôh lach*:"

*Mr ghost say I beg bestow one magic powerful say*

"*Ông tām-sēt*" *năn urang sēt*."

*Mr enter-jump to-be person jump*

'*The ghost said: "Please let me give you a powerful magic, (you) say: "Mister jump!" and the person will jump."*'

2) An *indirect quotation* sentence consists of a quotation introducing clause and a summarised quotation.

Nhu lach ok nhu pĕk min.  
*he say mango he pick only*  
 'He said that he had picked the mangoes.'

In contrast to a direct quotation sentence, which frequently constitutes a paragraph in itself, an indirect quotation sentence generally does not. This is because the nature of an indirect quotation is to give only the gist of a quote rather than a word-for-word rehearsal.

Another distinguishing feature of an indirect quotation sentence is that both in the introductory clause and the indirect quote, the speaker is referred to in the same person.

2.8. A *neutral sentence* is distinguished from other types of sentences by the absence of any specific lexico-semantic feature. The neutral feature type includes cooccurrence with the following manifested forms:

1. *Clause-based sentences: simple and complex*

Tapai chiup alah di abao. (simple-neutral)  
*rabbit suffer lose to snail*  
 'The rabbit lost to the snail.'

Tapai hmĭt sĕp abao ka uk anĕk. (complex-neutral)  
*rabbit hear sound snail call out ahead*  
 'The rabbit heard the sound of the snail calling out ahead.'

2. *Particle-based sentences: initial, initial and final, and final-particle*

(Initial-particle-Neutral)  
Biĕk mek ôh mŭk lithay ka dahlĕk?  
*really mother not get cooked-rice for me*  
 'Mother, you're really not going to get rice for me?'

(Initial and Final-particle-Neutral)  
Biĕk day ai thi mŭk dahlĕk biĕk min?  
*really siblings about to get me really just*  
 'You're really about to get me sure enough?'

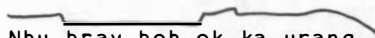
(Final-particle-Neutral)  
 Lôi day ai dahlĕk bĕk!  
*leave younger-older siblings I imp.*  
 'Leave us alone!'

### 3. TRUTH VALUE TYPES

The *truth value* of a sentence is its external function, relating the sentence to the speaker-hearer situation. The two most effective indicators of truth value are sentence intonation and sentence particles. Cham sentences include the following truth value types: declarative, interrogative, imperative and exclamatory.

3.1. The function of *declarative truth value* is to predicate a statement. This truth value is manifested primarily by the intonation which the sentence bears. Particles do not indicate this truth value. It has the widest distribution of any truth value. It may cooccur with any feature type and with all manifested forms, except those which are particle-marked.

Intonation for declarative sentences depends upon its distribution. For example, a string of declarative sentences in a narrative may have slightly rising intonation on the last word of each non-final sentence, while the final sentence in such a series will have falling intonation on the last word. A declarative sentence in isolation has falling intonation on the sentence-final word.



  
 Nhu bray boh ok ka urang.  
*he give cl. mango to person*  
*'He gave the mangoes to the people.'*

3.2. An *interrogative sentence* poses a question. *Interrogative truth value* may be manifested by 1) question intonation alone or by question intonation with question words in the sentence nucleus, or 2) by question intonation with interrogative particles.

The context may further indicate whether an answer is really expected or whether the question form has been retained and the truth value has been changed (see section 3.5 on truth value switching).

1) A *sentence nucleus* may manifest interrogative truth value by intonation alone or by the use of content question words in the nucleus along with question intonation.

a) Below is an example of contrast between a sentence-nucleus interrogative and a declarative sentence, solely on the basis of intonation:

	
Huāk pajɔ?	Huāk pajɔ.
<i>eat-rice already</i>	<i>eat-rice already</i>
<i>'Have (you) eaten already?'</i>	<i>'(I've) eaten already.'</i>

The rising intonation on pajɔ (at the left) signals a question. This

contrasts with the falling intonation on pajɔ̃ in the declarative statement (on the right).

b) Sentence-nucleus interrogatives include the following *content question words*, which require appropriate content responses:

gēt 'what', thay 'who', thibāl 'why, how', yau hlay 'how', tao 'where', pāk hlay 'where, what place', biēn 'when', tūk hlay 'when, what hour', urang hlay 'who, which person', dôm 'how many, how much'.

Hư dok ngāk gēt pāk ni/bao?  
 you be do what at here snail  
 'What are you doing here, snail?'

2) Interrogative truth value may also be manifested by intonation along with *interrogative particles*,<sup>7</sup> which include those listed below. These particles are usually accompanied by rising intonation on the final particle or on the final syllable, if the particle is not sentence-final.

General interrogative particles:

lay 'huh?', djaup lay 'correct?', hu lay 'possible?', ray (about a third person).

Specific interrogative particles:

hai 'or', hai ô 'or not' (alternative)

ka ô (incompleteness)

biāk 'really', biāk min 'really' (doubt)

biāk nao 'how come' (reason)

Ông nao puh lay?

mister go field huh

'Are you going to (your) field?'

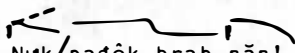
3.3. *Imperative truth value* functions in a sentence to express a command, request or exhortation of some kind, which may vary in force and purpose. This truth value may be manifested 1) by *prosodic features* alone, especially *stress* and *intonation*. Or, along with these prosodic features it may be manifested 2) by *imperative words* in a sentence nucleus, 3) by *imperative particles*, or 4) by a combination of *imperative words* in the sentence nucleus and *imperative particles*.

Ordinarily, the final syllable of an imperative sentence will be heavily stressed and the intonation will be falling. However, final words and particles ending in either glottal stop or h, have a slightly rising intonation. A final syllable may sometimes be lengthened for emphasis.



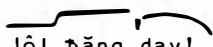
Imperative truth value is limited almost exclusively to direct address situations. So, in text material, imperatives are invariably found only in direct or indirect quotations.

- 1) Imperative truth value manifested by *prosodic features* alone:


  
 Nuk/padôk brah năn!  
*child catch milled-rice that*  
 'Child, catch that rice!'

In this type of imperative, the subject (addressee) may have either rising or falling intonation, optionally followed by pause. The stress on the subject and final word will be about equally heavy. There will usually be falling intonation on the last word or syllable.

- 2) Imperative truth value manifested by *imperative words* in the sentence nucleus, along with prosodic features. In this type of imperative, the subject will often be omitted. The usual pattern of heavy stress and falling intonation on the final word is manifested.

  
 Jôi Dăng day!  
*don't eat younger-sibling*  
 'Don't eat (it), brother!'


Below is an imperative often heard in a Cham village. It takes the intonation contour for final words ending in glottal sounds.

  
 gôk!      Gôk!  
 go-up      go-up  
 'Scram! Scram!'

This word has become a specialised imperative word, usually used by an adult with children. In this scolding type of imperative, the intonation contour is slightly rising, with a repetition of the order having both higher pitch and heavier stress than the first utterance.


- 3) Imperative truth value manifested by *imperative particles*, along with prosodic features. These particles include:

měk ~ běk ~ ěk (*positive forceful imperative*)  
 jôi (*negative forceful imperative*)  
 nah, nao (*imperative of comradeship*)  
 hal (*imperative of petition*)  
 ô (*friendly imperative*)  
 dôch 'run' (*to inferiors or close acquaintances*)


  
 Nao thang mĕk!  
 go house imp.  
 'Go home!'

Imperatives may be tempered or modified when combined with other particles:


mĕk kai (*coaxing imperative*)  
 mĕk yσ (*hurrying imperative*)  
 mĕk nhu (*softened imperative*)  
 mĕk ah (*coaxing imperative among close acquaintances*)  
 mĕk da (*uncertain imperative*)

  
 Day nao mĕk da!  
 younger-sib. go imp.  
 'Go (I suppose)!'

All of the above particles are sentence-final with the usual falling intonation, except yσ and nhu. yσ and nhu have the rising intonation of a question and their effect is to temper the forceful imperative mĕk.

  
 Nao mĕk yσ!  
 go imp.  
 'Go on!'

4) Imperative truth value manifested by a combination of *imperative words* in a sentence nucleus and *imperative particles*, along with prosodic features:

  
 'Jôi/ngăk yau năn/jôi!  
 don't do like that imp.  
 'Don't do that!'

3.4. *Exclamatory truth value* functions in a sentence to express a sudden, forceful or colourful utterance, with an emotion of some kind generally being in focus. This truth value is found most often in direct address situations. It is manifested 1) by various *intonation* and *stress* combinations or 2) by *exclamatory particles*, along with prosodic features.

Exclamatory truth value is manifested in: calls of address; emphatic assertions or denials; and expressions indicating surprise, annoyance, anger, glee, sorrow, disgust, etc.

Some exclamations, such as vocatives and expletives, function on the paragraph level to add colour to the discourse. Other exclamations,

such as those expressing emphatic assertion or denial, often function on the sentence level.


- 1) Exclamatory truth value manifested by *intonation* and *stress* alone:

 Pāk 'ni! <i>at here</i> <i>'Here!'</i>	 Ghoh 'lô! <i>skilful very</i> <i>'Very skilful!'</i>
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- 2) Exclamatory truth value manifested by *exclamatory particles*, along with prosodic features:

 Ai 'lô! <i>older-brother hey</i> <i>'Hey, brother!'</i>	(Vocative)
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 'Us! <i>exclamation of surprise</i>	(Expletive)
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 Kau pēk 'min! <i>I picked only</i> <i>'I indeed picked them!'</i>	(Emphatic assertion)
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### 3.5. TRUTH VALUE SWITCHING (Rhetorical Questions)

The combination of prosodic features, manifested form and feature type that a sentence has will ordinarily indicate its corresponding truth value. However, a speaker may choose a set that would usually go with one truth value, while actually having a different truth value in mind.

This type of metaphorical switching of truth value is shown by the following rhetorical question, given in its context:

Nhu lach wōk: "Biăk/day ai thi mŭk dahlăk/biăk min?  
*he say again really siblings will seize me really indeed*

Mŭyah day ai thi mŭk dahlăk, bloh mŭk." Dôm năn ðuah thunau:  
*if siblings will seize me, then seize then incant magic*

"Ông tām-sēt."  
*Mr begin jump*

'He said again: "Really, you're about to seize me, really indeed?  
 If you're about to seize me, then seize (me)." Then (he) incanted  
 the magic (words): "Mister begin to jump."'

The first sentence of the quotation question has initial and final

particles, along with interrogative intonation (rising intonation). Also, *biāk* initially is followed by a brief pause and final *biāk min* is preceded by a brief pause. Ordinarily, this would be sufficient evidence to say that this sentence has interrogative truth value.

However, the context indicates that although the question form was spoken, no answer was expected. The speaker did not give opportunity for the hearers to reply, but continued to speak and then incanted the magic words, which made his hearers powerless to capture him. So the truth value intended is declarative rather than interrogative.

Although a rhetorical question is the most common example of metaphorical switching of truth value, others may be possible.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

In this type of sentence analysis, the distinctness of form and function is maintained, and then related. Thus, this approach avoids the confusion of mixing form and function before each parameter has been fully pursued. It also avoids the incompleteness of describing sentences on the basis of form only or function only.

A more exhaustive study of this type would include under sentence-form: *Completeness Variants* and *Prosodic Features*.

*Completeness variants* would include descriptions of sentences that are full, extra full, elliptical and incomplete.

Of special interest are extra-full or parenthetical sentences, which may function either on the paragraph level or the sentence level.

Below is an example of the latter:

Taluch ngāk patao (patao taluch ngāk năn ôh  
*Taluch do king king Taluch do to be not*

djaup patao biāk ô), mìn graup krah-pakal binrōng  
*correct king real neg but plural wise-men officers*

lu hnūk ôh thau thay patao biāk, thay patao mư-in ô.  
*left right not know who king real who king play neg.*

*'Taluch reigned as king (King Taluch's reigning was not really that of the true king), but the wise men and officers on the left and right didn't know who the true king was and who the false king was.'*

This would be summarised as a *Conjunctive - Extra-Full - Contrary-to-Expectation - Declarative Sentence*. The parenthetical sentence immediately follows and explains the object *patao 'king'* of the first clause of the main sentence. The parenthetical sentence would be described as a *Complex - Full - Topic-Comment - Declarative sentence*.

Included under *prosodic features* of sentences would be: intonation, stress and juncture.

From this type of analysis, sentence batteries may be determined and sentence battery trees constructed, by means of plotting the co-occurrences of feature types with manifested forms and feature types with truth value types.

NOTES

1. Cham is an Austronesian (or Malayo-polynesian) language of Southeast Asia. See Doris W. Blood, 'Reflexes of Proto-Malayo-Polynesian in Cham', *Anthropological Linguistics* vol. 4, 9:11-20 (1962). See also Ernest W. Lee, 'Proto-Chamic Phonologic Word and Vocabulary' (unpublished doctoral dissertation, Indiana University, September 1966). E. Aymonier and A. Cabaton in their *Dictionnaire Ćam-Français* (Paris, 1906) also mentioned the largely Malayo-Polynesian vocabulary of Cham (p. vii).

The dialect on which this study is based is spoken by about 40,000 Cham people, mainly in Ninh-Thuận and Binh-Thuận provinces of central South Vietnam. More specifically, it is based on the speech of Mr Thiên Sanh Cảnh, who lives in the hamlet of Hữu-Đức in Ninh-Thuận province. He is about 55 years of age and has been a public elementary school teacher for over thirty years. He is also a respected teacher of teachers, since he has a thorough knowledge of the Cham script (of Sanskrit origin) and writings, as well as the customs and folklore of his people. I am very grateful for his valuable and patient assistance in my study of the Cham language.

2. The idea of describing a sentence in relation to its several form and function parameters is the brainchild of David D. Thomas. See his *Chrau Grammar*, Oceanic Linguistics Special Publication No. 7 (University of Hawaii Press 1971), especially chapter 11, Sentences and 12, Paragraphs and Discourses.

In personal conversation with Dr Thomas, he suggested the following parameters for describing the sentences of a language:

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Manifested Forms      | } in relation to <i>form</i> |
| 2. Completeness Variants |                              |
| 3. Prosodic Features     |                              |

4. Feature Types  
5. Truth Value Types } in relation to *function*

For the present study, Cham sentences will be described in relation to the *first*, *fourth* and *fifth* parameters only. However, prosodic features will be referred to, especially in section 3, Truth Value Types. Also, completeness variants will be mentioned in section 4, Conclusion.

For one definition of "sentences", which is appropriate for this type of description, see Thomas' definition of a sentence in Chrau (*Chrau Grammar*, p. 167).

I would like to thank Dr Thomas and Richard Geiser for their helpful suggestions in preparing this paper.

3. For a description of Cham phonemes see David L. Blood, 'Phonological Units in Cham', *Anthropological Linguistics* 9:8/15-32 (Nov. 1967). The orthography used in this paper represents the current romanisation used in Cham instructional materials prepared for use in elementary schools in Ninh-Thuan and Binh-Thuan provinces. It is as follows:

<i>Consonants</i> (Main Position)						
<i>Tense</i>	p	t	ch	k	-	(medial glottal stop)
<i>Vcl.</i>						
<i>Lax</i>	b	d	j	g		[p', t', č', k']
<i>Vcl.</i>						
<i>Voiced</i>	b	d	dj			[b, d, dy]
		s			h	
	m	n	nh	ng		[m, n, ñ, ŋ]
	w	l,r	y			
	u		i	(preglottalised w and y)		

All tense and lax voiceless oral stops may be aspirated. Lax voiceless stops are generally associated with low syllable or word pitch. Tense voiceless stops are generally associated with non-low pitch.

*Consonants* (Final Position)

-p	-t	-ch	-c	-k
-up				
	-s			-h
-m	-n		-ng	
-u	-l,-r	-y		
-o		-i		

Phonetic equivalents, for final consonants ch, c, k, up and s, are: [yʔ], [k], [ʔ], [wʔ] and [yh]. Phonetic equivalents, for short and

long a, respectively, before final semivowels, are: au[ãw], ao[aw], ay[ãy], ai[ay], and for vowels other than a before final semivowels: Vu[Vw] and Vi[Vy].

Vowels (long and short)

i	ĩ	u	ũ	u	ũ
ê		σ	õ	ô	
e	ẽ	a	ã	o	õ

One contrasting set of long and short ô has been found: bôn 'book' (a borrowing from Chinese) and bõn [bõn]. But since the functional load of distinguishing between /o/ and /õ/ is very low, in the current practical orthography, every occurrence of these two phonemes is written ô.

Vowel Sequences

iσ [yəviə] uσ [wəvuə] in open syllables, before h.  
iê [iə] uô [uə] elsewhere.

4. Thomas, *Chrau Grammar*, pages 169 and 170.

5. Evidence from a concordance of written Cham texts corroborates the sentence analysis presented in this paper. The concordance was produced by IBM computer at the University of Oklahoma. This computer project was sponsored by Grant GS-270 of the National Science Foundation.

6. Where sentence intonation and stress are used in describing sentences, sentence stress is indicated phonetically, [ˈ], before the stressed syllable. If this contrasts with a heavier stress, the heavier stress is indicated in this way, [ˈˈ]. The phonetic intonation contour of a sentence is indicated with a line above the sentence. Phonetic sentence-medial pause (of juncture) is indicated with a slanted line, /. Extensive use of these symbols for prosodic features is made in section 3, Truth Value Types.

7. See Doris W. Blood, 'Clause and Sentence-Final Particles in Cham' (unpublished manuscript, April 1971).