

MODELING OUT-OF-CONTROL REDUPLICATION IN SPOKANE¹

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0. Introduction. A number of recent treatments have considered phonological, semantic, grammatical, and historical aspects of out-of-control reduplication in Spokane and other Salish languages. These include Carlson and Thompson (1982), Kroeber (1988), Mattina (1989), Van Eijk (1989), and Carlson (1989). This morpheme copies the vowel and the second consonant of typical Spokane CVC roots, attaching the copy directly after C₂. Stress and vowel deletion rules create surface variants as illustrated in the following pair of forms. (1) shows stress on the root and out-of-control as -C₂; (2) shows stress on the affix with out-of-control as -VC₂. Out-of-control affixes are underlined.

(1) hék^xk^w 'It came open a crack without my knowing-it.'
(hek^w 'opened a crack')

(2) qéíć 'It got tangled up [as a thread might do as you are sewing]
(qíć 'braided; woven')

This paper will pursue a description of out-of-control (henceforth OC) reduplication using constructs from nonlinear phonology and prosodic morphology (see esp. McCarthy and Prince (1986)). This is necessary (1) to fit OC reduplication into the Spokane stress system and (2) to account for the surface variants of OC reduplication that occur with root shapes other than canonical CVC.

1. Stress-Overview. Spokane stress has a morphological base with the following characteristics: Primary stress assignment is on either a root or a suffix; prefixes are unstressed.² There is no distinctive secondary stress. Certain suffixes are strong, always taking stress when they appear in a form. Roots are of two types, strong and weak.³ Strong roots take stress unless a strong suffix is present. Weak roots lose stress to all stressable suffixes (those with an underlying vowel). Weak roots may be stressed when they occur without suffixes.

Spokane suffixes are either grammatical or lexical. The latter, numbering about 100, are root-like in meaning and trace historically to free forms (Carlson, to appear). There are a small number of strong suffixes in both categories. The remaining are variable; stressed with weak roots and unstressed with strong roots. If a variable lexical suffix and a variable grammatical suffix are both present with a weak root, the lexical grammatical suffix will take the stress. Examples illustrating the core of this framework can be found in Carlson (1989) and Bates and Carlson

(1989a,b).

In current descriptions of Spokane, stress is described using the metrical grid, which is created from the properties of the morphemes in a word. Bates and Carlson (1989b) argue that all roots and strong suffixes have lexical accent (in the terminology of Halle and Vergnaud (1987), a line 1 grid mark). This accent produces prominences on top of the sequence of stress-bearing units, here vowels (line 0). The most prominent grid column carries the main word stress:

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(3)
x           line 1
x           line 0
Kwuf-nt-exw --> Unstressed Vowel Deletion--> KwúIntxw 'You made it.'
make-TRANS-2S
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The distinction between having and lacking lexical accent replaces and simplifies the stress hierarchy analysis of Carlson's earlier work. The strong/weak distinction in roots must be maintained in any analysis; here we simply designate the class of weak roots as such in the lexicon. Some sample lexical entries follow; a grid mark over a form indicates that it carries lexical accent.

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(4)
x
ćip 'pinch' root

x
ʔaxíl 'be a certain way' root

x
qwum 'pile' root, [weak]

x
sut reflexive gram. suffix

exw 2 Sg. Subj. gram. suffix
nt transitive gram. suffix
cin 'mouth; language' lex. suffix
qin 'head; top' lex. suffix
hec progressive prefix
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Ignoring the effects of Unstressed Vowel Deletion and concentrating on the placement of word stress, the lexical entries above will render representations like the following, correctly deriving initial stress in this form with a strong root.

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(5)
x           line 1
x x x     line 0
ćip-cin-nt-en
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As in other accent systems (e.g., Japanese), if a morpheme contains more than one vowel, the underlying representation of that morpheme includes a specification as to which of its vowels receives the accent. Compare the strong root ʔaxíl 'be a certain way', with the strong suffix -éye? 'seems to be'. The lexical entry of the former is included above.

General phonological processes familiar from other languages operate

on the grid in Spokane. For example, a Clash Avoidance Rule gives prominence to the rightmost in a series of same-level grid columns; the same rule is found in English (cf. Bates (1988)).

(6)		x	Clash Avoidance
	x	x	line 1
	x	x	line 0
	cip-nt-sut		

The innovation of the analysis involves the behavior of weak roots. We claim in Bates and Carlson (1989a,b) that the accent associated to a weak root shifts to a following vowel, if one is present:⁴

(7) Weak Shift

x				x
x	x	-->	x	x

Condition: Shift from a vowel in a [weak] stem.

The following derivations illustrate the application of Weak Shift when there is a vowel to receive the shifted stress.

(8)			Weak Shift
	(x)	x	line 1 (gives (x))
	x	x	line 0
	q ^w um-nt-en		

The rule of Weak Shift derives the difference in stress behavior between strong and weak roots, correctly predicting that the only time a weak root will surface with stress is when it is word-final:

(9)		Weak Shift non-applicable
	x	line 1
	x	line 0
	hec-q ^w um	

The Weak Shift analysis is attractive because it eliminates the need for an underlying stress category 'variable suffix'; formerly 'variable' suffixes are now simply suffixes with no lexical accent which have received stress via Weak Shift. The analysis also accounts for data with multiple variable suffixes (a problem for Carlson (1989)), and maintains the generalization that stress is fundamentally a property of roots in Spokane (cf. Bates and Carlson (1989a) for argumentation).

This completes our overview of Spokane stress; although we will continue to informally employ the familiar terminology of Carlson's earlier work, the derivations given will be consistent with the analysis presented here. For example, we will often refer to a root which has lexical accent and does not occasion Weak Shift with its traditional name of 'strong root'.

2. Out-of-Control Reduplication and Stress

2.1. Infix as Suffix. (1) and (2) above show a strong ([s]) root hek^w [s] 'opened a crack' and a weak ([w]) root qic [w] 'braided; woven' with OC reduplication. The strong root retains stress, the weak root loses

it to the OC affix. If OC reduplication is an affix (suffix) with no lexical accent, Weak Shift will account for (2) as below.

(10)			Weak Shift
	(x)	x	line 1
	x	x	line 0
	qic	-ic	

However, a CVCC root shows that OC still copies the vowel and second consonant, appearing as an infix.

(11)	ʔáccǫ	'observe'	(ʔacǫ [s] 'watch')
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Following a treatment of internal reduplication in McCarthy and Prince (1986), OC can be analyzed as copying a prosodic constituent, the mora of the root. Therefore, OC reduplication involves suffixation of the VC₂ to the mora. Since only the melody of the mora (VC) is copied, right-to-left association of the suffix can never incorrectly link the final consonant of a CVCC root. After copying and association (shown with), (11) would have the following representation.

(12)	ać		
	CVC-VC-C	-> stress and Unstressed Vowel Deletion ->	ʔáccǫ
	ʔac		ǫ

2.2. CVCC and Other Root Shapes. (11) ʔáccǫ 'observe' shows a strong CVCC root with OC reduplication and stress assigned as in the following derivation.

(13)	x	line 1
	x x	line 0
	ʔac-ac-ǫ	

While there are some rough edges to be accounted for, it appears that weak CVCC roots regularly form OC as C₁C₂C₂VC₃C₃. Some examples follow.

(14)	cilǫǫ ^w x ^w	'It suddenly bunched up.'
	(calǫ [w]	'bunched')
(15)	čnǫǫǫ	'It suddenly got banded.'
	(činǫ [w]	'banded')
(16)	ʔammǫǫ ^w x ^w	'It got shaved by mistake.'
	(ʔamǫ [w]	'shave')
(17)	mǫǫǫ ^w x ^w	'It turned into solid lumps.'
	(mǫǫ [w]	'whole; solid' Compare mǫǫ ^w 'It accidentally made itself round.'
	mǫǫ ^w [s]	'round'.)
(18)	čsʔocčǫǫǫ	'Someone turned somersaults.'
	(ʔocq(e?) [w]	'go out')
(19)	čǫǫǫ ^w x ^w	'He is sated.'
	(ččǫǫ ^w [w]	'lacking')

- (20) čáńúx"x" 'He found himself in a compromising, crowded, boring, embarrassing situation or became these accidentally.'
(čáńx" [w] 'crowding; pesty')

Weak CCVC roots also appear as C₁C₂C₂VC₃C₃ in OC.

- (21) p̄rráq̄q̄ 'It got turned back by accident.'
(p̄raq̄ [w] 'turned back; folded back')
- (22) šllf̄č̄č̄ 'It got turned by accident.'
(šllf̄č̄ [w] 'turn')
- (23) p̄č̄f̄f̄č̄č̄ 'It got broken open by accident.'
(p̄č̄f̄č̄č̄ [w] 'broken open')
- (24) č̄p̄p̄č̄x"x" 'It got pierced by accident.'
(č̄p̄oč̄x" [w] 'pierced')

As well, weak CVCVC roots appear as C₁C₂C₂VC₃C₃.

- (25) č̄ešehéč̄k"x" č̄ehhéh̄k"x" 'It suddenly became uncovered.'
(č̄ehéh̄k" [w] 'uncovered; bare')
- (26) ?emnútt 'He sat by accident.'
(?emút [w] 'sit singular')
- (27) ?emnúk"x" 'It got skinned by accident.'
(?emúk" [w] 'skinned')
- (28) ?ewwétt 'He sneaked up on it by accident.'
(?ewét [w] 'sneak up on')

It may be that all these weak roots have the underlying shape CVCVC (even though the quality of each vowel may not always be known as in examples 21-24). OC reduplication copies each mora (VC) creating two affixes with no lexical accent, as in (29) using the example from (14) where the root shape is now /calax"/. This root must have its first vowel specified as accented; this would explain its surface form calx.

- (29)
- | | |
|----------------|--------|
| x | line 1 |
| x x x x | line 0 |
| cal-al-ax"-ax" | |

The question arises as to how Weak Shift applies to this form to derive the correct surface representation. Characteristic of OC with weak roots of this type is that the second root vowel is stressed, not the OC affixes. Weak Shift must apply more than once to this form; a single application would result in the illformed *clálx"x". Our solution to this problem rests on Weak Shift being a cyclic phonological rule; it therefore applies once on every cycle, where each cycle is occasioned by the affixation of a morpheme to a base. Weak Shift applies once in a form like (8) above, where the two affixes each induce a cycle, but on the first cycle, created by the affixation of -nt, the structural description of Weak Shift is not met, since there is no vowel for the stress to shift onto:

- (30)
- | | |
|------------|---------------------------|
| x | Cycle I |
| x | Weak Shift non-applicable |
| q"um-nt | line 1 |
| | line 0 |
| (x) x | Cycle II |
| x x | Weak Shift |
| q"um-nt-en | line 1 (gives (x)) |
| | line 0 |

The affixation of a single OC affix creates a cycle and a vowel to receive the shifted stress, as shown in (10) above; the following derivation illustrates how the structural description of Weak Shift is met on both cycles created by the OC affixes in (29).

- (31)
- | | |
|----------------|------------|
| (x) x | Cycle I |
| x x x x | Weak Shift |
| cal-al-ax"-ax" | line 1 |
| | line 0 |
| (x) x | Cycle II |
| x x x x | Weak Shift |
| cal-al-ax"-ax" | line 1 |
| | line 0 |

This derivation creates the desired clálx"x. The same solution holds for the reduplicated forms in (15)-(20).

Weak Shift applies in the same manner in (21)-(28) above; the stress behavior of the reduplicated forms indicates that these roots also have lexically accented initial vowels. A sample derivation appears below. We use V to designate an underlying vowel the quality of which has not been determined.

- (32)
- | | |
|--------------|------------|
| (x) x | Cycle I |
| x x x x | Weak Shift |
| pV -Vr-aq-aq | line 1 |
| | line 0 |
| (x) x | Cycle II |
| x x x x | Weak Shift |
| pV -Vr aq-aq | line 1 |
| | line 0 |
| [p̄rráq̄q̄] | |

Recall that we motivated underlying initial accent in /calax/ by noting that when no affixes are present to receive the stress, stress falls on the initial vowel: calx. The unaffixed form of /pVraq/, however, is práq. If the analysis in (32) is correct, then Weak Shift must have applied to práq, but not to calx. At this point, we have no explanation for this difference in the behavior of the unaffixed forms in (14)-(20), which do not undergo Weak Shift, and those in (21)-(28), which do.

2.3. Longer Forms. Weak roots with OC reduplication will shift stress to following grammatical suffixes which have no lexical accent, as in the transitive form below.

- (33) clik^wntén 'I accidentally laid a bunch of round things down.'
(calax^w [w] 'bunched' -nt transitive -en 1 sg. Subj.)

The -en cycle triggers Weak Shift, which moves the stress off of the stem and onto the affix. The only mystery here is why the reduplicative cluster k^wk^w is simplified. Although strings of identical consonants are typically simplified or dissimilated in Spokane nonreduplicative morphology, this is generally not true of reduplication, as is illustrated by the sequence ll in (33).

2.4. Other Patterns. A few forms exist showing OC copying the second mora of CVCC roots, as in (33).

- (34) yérk^wé^w 'It got bowed by accident.'
(yérk^w [s] 'bowed')

This root also appears in a completely unique form showing a lexical suffix mora reduplicated to signal OC. This would be a typical pattern in Shuswap, where OC targets the stressed syllable (Van Eijk 1989).

- (35) nyiryirk^wússáñ 'His legs became bowed under a strain.'
//n-CVC-yérk^w-ussáñ// in, at-PL-bowed-leg-OC

3. Conclusion. Treating Spokane reduplication as single or double mora copying seems to account for all the data currently available. An attempt has been made to check all noncanonical root shapes. Establishing bimoraic weak roots handles OC reduplication and stress shift examples (14)-(28), and these data have further motivated the process of Weak Shift.

Some linguists might question the use of moraic structure in the description of a language where stress is morphologically based and there are no syllable weight distinctions. However, the pattern of OC reduplication in Spokane suggests that this prosodic unit has relevance even when it is not used as a stress/timing unit (Auer 1989).

FOOTNOTES

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²In certain cases, stress may fall on a reduplicated prefix.

³A small number of roots are variable, regularly acting either strong or weak. All roots may have the potential to be variable (Carlson 1990).

⁴A note on the condition on the rule in (7): Weak Shift applies cyclically, successively moving stress to the right on each cycle. It will only move a stress off a vowel in a stem formed on a weak root, however. Stem-forming morphemes include the reduplications, the -nt suffix of (4), the 'inchoative' -p, the 'middle' -m and a few others. Bates and Carlson (1989a) argue that these affixes, which appear closer to the root than any others, form with it a significant morphophonological domain in the lexical phonology of Spokane. Once other suffixes are added after the stem-forming

suffixes, Weak Shift will only apply while it is moving stress off a vowel which is within the stem. Later affixation of accentless morphemes will not affect stress placement. For example, the first stressable suffix after the weak root lap 'shoot' receives the stress:
lap-nt-es -> lapntés 'He shot him.'
shoot-TRANS-3S

But an additional grammatical suffix fails to move stress any further to the right; stress falls on the first vowel to the right of the weak stem vowel, not on the final affix:

lap-nt-si-es -> lapncís 'He shot you.'
shoot-TRANS-2obj-3S

⁵Adjacent laryngeals protect unstressed vowels from deletion.

⁶This mora copying analysis requires that the second consonant in a CVCVC root be syllabified with the first vowel and not form the onset to the second vowel.

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