

REVISED AND SIMPLIFIED C_A COMPLEX FOR THE ITHKUIL SUCCESSOR LANGUAGE (Sept. 16, 2019)

I have determined that, by eliminating gemination as a productive morpho-phonological feature of the C_A complex, and by combining Essence plus Context synthetically, I can drastically simplify the C_A complex as a whole while preserving the morphological scoping order. I will be incorporating this design (or something very similar) into the forthcoming Version 0.9 of the Design Document.

| AFFILIATION | | CONFIGURATION | | EXTENSION | | PERSPECTIVE | | ESSENCE + CONTEXT | | | | |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|
| CSL | [zero] / l ¹ | UNI | [zero] | DEL | [zero] | M | [zero] | | EXS | FNC | RPS | AMG |
| ASO | t / l- ² | DPX | p | PRX | s / z | P | p / b (mm) ⁶ | NRM | [zero] | l () ⁶ | r | ř |
| VAR | m | DCT | t | ICP | š / ž | N | t / d (nn) ⁶ | RPV | w (rw) ⁶ | y (ry) ⁶ | rr | řř |
| COA | n (ň) ³ | AGG | d ⁴ | ATV | t̥ / d̥ ⁵ | A | k / g (ňň) ⁶ | NOTE: All Configuration + Extension combinations comprising a dental stop t- or d- plus a sibilant s- , z- , š- , or ž- , become c- , ž- , č- and j- as phonologically expected. | | | | |
| | | SEG | k | GRA | ss / zz | | | | | | | |
| | | CPN | g ⁴ | DPL | šš / žž | | | | | | | |
| | | COH | f | | | | | | | | | |
| | | CST | v | | | | | | | | | |
| | | MLT | b ⁴ | | | | | | | | | |

¹ If all six categories are default-zero, then CSL is -l-; otherwise, CSL is zero.

² Stand-alone ASO is **t|**; it becomes **l-** when combined with any following C_A element.

³ COA **-n-** becomes **-ň-** if immediately followed by **-p-**, **-b-**, **-f-**, **-v-**, or the affricates **-c-**, **-ž-**, **-č-** and **-j-** (as required by phonotactic constraints).

⁴ For easier pronunciation, the COA+CPN form **-ng-**, and the VAR+MLT form **-mb-** may optionally be **-ňň-** and **-mm-** respectively if followed by a non-zero Extension or non-zero Perspective form. The COA+AGG form **-nd-** may optionally be **-nn-** if followed by a zero-form Extension plus non-zero Perspective.

⁵ ATV forms **-t̥-** and **-d̥-** become **-f-** and **-v-** if preceded by COH **-f-** or CST **-v-**, or by DCT **-t-** or AGG **-d-**; otherwise, substituting **-f-** and **-v-** for ATV **-t̥-** and **-d̥-** is optional.

⁶ The Perspective and Essence+Context forms in parentheses are used when all other C_A values are default-zero (so as not to be confused with other C_A values).

NOTE: Because consonant gemination is not a feature in the above design, the individual members of any geminate-looking pairs resulting from the design represent separate morphological elements. For example, **-pp-** represents DPX+DEL+P, **-ll-** represents ASO+NRM+FNC, **-ff-** represents COH+ATV, **-lbbw-** represents ASO+MLT+P+RPV+EXS, etc.