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When Accent Preservation Leads to Clash¹

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ABSTRACT

In English, some complex words can display exceptional accent preservation (EAP): they can preserve an accent from their base even when this would violate a general restriction against adjacent accents (e.g. $retúrn \rightarrow retùrnée$). This paper analyses EAP both empirically and theoretically. The analysis of a set of 291 derivatives from Wells (2008) shows that this phenomenon can be partially attributed to the relative frequency of the base and its derivative and partially also to syllable structure, and that these two factors have a cumulative effect. It is also shown that the existence of a more deeply embedded base (e.g. *colléct* \rightarrow *colléctive* \rightarrow *colléctivity* \sim *colléctivity*) can increase the likelihood for a derivative to display EAP. A formal account of the phenomenon is proposed building on Collie's (2007, 2008) "fake cyclicity" analysis, using weighted constraints (Pater 2009, 2016) and Max-Ent-OT (Goldwater & Johnson 2003). Finally, a model of lexical access building on Hay's (2001, 2003) model and integrating more deeply embedded bases is proposed.

1. INTRODUCTION

In English, certain derived words such as *depàrtméntal, collèctívity* or *retùrnée* may present prominence contours which differ from morphologically simple words and also violate a general restriction against the adjacency of prominent syllables. The aim of this paper is to determine in which conditions these violations may occur and what that tells us about phonological relationships between morphosyntactically-related words.

The organisation of the paper is as follows. In §2, the notions of "prominence" and "clash" is defined and discussed. In §3, the main facts about phonological relationships between morphosyntactically-related words in English, some of the analyses which have been proposed for these facts and the questions raised by the exceptional words under investigation here are presented. The dataset used in this study is presented in §4 and the analyses of that dataset are presented in §5. Finally, the findings of the present study are discussed and a formal account of the phenomenon is proposed in §6.

2. STRESS, ACCENT AND CLASHES

The terms "stress" and "accent" have been used in various (and sometimes contradictory) ways (see Fox 2000: §3.1.1; Schane 2007; van der Hulst 2014; van der Hulst 2012). The view adopted here is that they correspond to different levels in the organisation of prominence within words.

As pointed out by Hayes (1995), stress cannot be defined on the basis of its physical properties because it is "parasitic", i.e. it is realised through phonetic resources which may be used for other phonological purposes. Phonetic studies on stress have shown that it is realised by pitch, intensity and duration and cannot be reduced to a single

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parameters (see e.g. Fry 1958; Fry 1955 and Fox 2000: § 3.2 for a review). Therefore, stress has to be defined through other properties. Hayes (1995: Ch. 2) does so by considering the properties of the syllable which receives the strongest prominence (primary stress) and which can be identified because it receives a pitch accent when inserted into a sentence. For example, in English, flapping of /t/ and /d/ may only occur if the following syllable is unstressed (e.g. data [déirə] vs. attain [əthéin]) whereas aspiration of voiceless plosives only occurs word-medially if they are in the onset of a stressed syllable and are not preceded by /s/ (e.g. *accost* [$\partial \mathbf{k}^{\mathbf{h}}$ $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$ st] vs. *chicken* [t[$\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$]).² Subsidiary stressed syllables, which are more difficult to identify than primary stressed syllables because they do not systematically receive a pitch accent (see below), can therefore be identified using these additional phenomena as diagnostics. In standard varieties of British and American English such as the ones described in Wells (2008), all syllables containing a full vowel are usually analysed as stressed, with only two exceptions: [1] may be stressed or unstressed and word-final [90] is never stressed when it does not carry primary stress (as shown by the flapping of /t/ in words like photo ['fəurəu] or tomato [tə'meirəu]). The reduced vowels [ə, i, u], i.e. are always unstressed.³

As pointed out by Gussenhoven (2004, 2011), only certain stressed syllables can receive a pitch accent: secondary stressed syllables immediately preceding the syllable carrying primary stress (e.g. $exPLAIN \rightarrow EXplaNAtion$ (*exPLAINAtion)), with the exception of transparent prefixes (e.g. arch-bishop, ex-colonel, unmodest), or following the primary stressed syllable (e.g. alligator, demonstrate) do not normally receive pitch accents. Gussenhoven analyses these syllables as bearing an accent, which he defines as "a place marker in the phonological structure where tones are to be inserted" (Gussenhoven 2011). This proposal is consistent with the results reported by Plag, Kunter & Schramm (2011), who study the acoustics of right-prominent words (i.e. with a pretonic secondary stress; e.g. violation, publishee) and left-prominent words (i.e. with a posttonic secondary stress; e.g. randomize, activate) in both "accented" and "unaccented" positions (for the authors, "accent" refers to phrase-level prominence). They had participants read out a carrier sentence with the target word in focus position (e.g. "She said X again", where X stands for the target word) or non-focus position (e.g. "Did PETER say X again? No, it was JOHN who said X"). They report no significant difference between primary and secondary stressed syllables in the "unaccented" condition (i.e. the first three syllables of activate and activation have the same prominence contour). However, they report that right-prominent and left-prominent words differ in that the former receive two accents whereas the latter only receives one (e.g. activation has two accents but *activate* only has one). This shows that not all stressed syllables can be accented but that all accented syllables are stressed. In other words, accented syllables

 $^{^2}$ Words such as *Mèditerránean* or *àbracadábra* do not follow that pattern as their third syllable is unstressed (it contains a schwa) and yet the stop in the onset of that syllable is aspirated. This has been attributed to foot structure under the assumptions that aspiration is foot-initial and that this syllable is adjoined to the foot whose head is the primary stressed syllable (Jensen 2000; Davis & Cho 2003; Bermúdez-Otero 2012).

³ I assume that reduced vowels are those which never occur in accented positions and can only be found in unaccented positions. All the other vowels can be found in both accented and unaccented positions. Let us also remember that the vowels [i] and [u] in Wells (2008) and Jones (2006) represent the neutralisation of the /i:/ ~ /I/ and /u:/ ~ / σ / contrasts, respectively. Like [ə], this neutralisation can only occur in unaccented syllables.

are a subset of stressed syllables. Because of the common overlap between accent and stress (many common words only have one accented and stressed syllables), it may not be easy to distinguish these two notions. However, they are different phenomena, which is why it seems crucial to distinguish them.

Therefore, in the rest of this paper, the term "accent" will be used to refer to those syllables which can receive pitch-accents when found in a prominent position in discourse. As the syllables marked for "stress" in pronunciation dictionaries such as Jones (2006) or Wells (2008) correspond to syllables treated here as "accented"⁴, these syllables will be referred to as "accented syllables" and not "stressed syllables". The term "stress" will only be used when referring to previous work or to refer to syllables containing a full vowel other than unaccented word-final [90] and the ambiguous [1].

In the rest of this paper, the following notation will be used:

- \rightarrow /1/ for primary accent (the rightmost accent);
- \rightarrow /2/ for secondary accent (all non-rightmost accents);
- \succ /0/ for unaccented syllables.

Using this notation, the contour studied in this paper will be referred to as the "/021(-)/ contour" (where "(-)" indicates optional syllables after the first three syllables).

Cases of stress clash, i.e. a sequence of two adjacent stressed syllables can be found easily in English (e.g. *cònd*[e]*mnátion*, [v]*ctóber*, *pr*[aɪ]*vátion*) even though stress tends to be dispreferred in syllables which are adjacent to the primary stressed syllable. However, accent clashes are more rarely attested within a single phonological domain, i.e. if we exclude compounds and constructions with transparent prefixes.⁵ Dabouis (2016) studies around 6,000 word from Wells (2008) and finds 368 words with an accent clash, in which the adjacent accented syllables are always the first two syllables of the word (e.g. *bànjó, mùndáne, scàléne*) and in which the initial secondary accent is often variable. Accent clashes further from the left edge are practically unattested among monomorphemic words or words containing a bound root (but see the few counterexamples in (6)).

⁴ Abercrombie (1976), Schane (2007) and van der Hulst (2012) also assume that these dictionaries mark accent and not stress.

⁵ We intentionally remain neutral regarding the procedural or representational nature of the two domains found in these two types of constructions (see also Kaye (1995) for another neutral analysis). In prefixed constructions, the presence of two domains can be identified by the regular violation of the restriction against accent clashes in constructions in which the prefix is monosyllabic and the base has an initial accent (e.g. *dèbág, èx-cónvict, mìdsúmmer*), the possibility of gemination (e.g. *ì*[ll]*ícit, mì*[dd]*áy, ù*[nn]*átural*) and the systematic presence of closing diphthongs in vowel-final monosyllabic prefixes (e.g. c[io]pártner, d[i:]régulate, r[i:]clássify), even before sC clusters (e.g. d[i:]stábilize, pr[i:]stréssed, r[i:]státe vs. $d[é]stitute, pr[\acute{v}]sthesis, r[è]stitútion).$

In monostratal models using Prosodic Phonology, they are seen as having two phonological words (Szpyra 1989; Raffelsiefen 2007; Raffelsiefen 1999) whereas in Stratal Phonology, both cyclic domains and phonological words are isomorphic with morphological boundaries in these constructions (Bermúdez-Otero forthcoming). As both procedural and representational solutions seem to be able to account for the data, one could follow Newell & Scheer (2007) and argue that the procedural solution should be preferred.

3. PHONOLOGICAL IDENTITY BETWEEN WORDS

3.1. Local preservation

In English, the phonological patterns of complex words sometimes differ from those of simple words and this difference can be attributed to the preservation of the phonological properties of a morphosyntactically related word. This can be called "paradigmatic dependency", which Bermúdez-Otero (2016a) defines as in (1).

(1) Paradigmatic dependency in morphophonology (Bermúdez-Otero 2016a: §7)
 The form of a linguistic expression *a* is predictable from the surface representation of one or more morphosyntactically related expressions {*b*, *c*, ...}.

Cases where *a* and *b* stand in a relationship of containment, i.e. *b* is contained within *a*, have traditionally been analysed using cyclicity which, according to Scheer (2011: 85) has been one of the defining properties of generative phonology from its beginnings to more recent theories such as Phase Theory.⁶ The cycle can be defined as follows: "the computation of the phonological properties of the parts precedes and feeds the computation of the phonological properties of the whole" (Bermúdez-Otero 2012).

Cyclicity was introduced to account for the difference in pairs such as $condensation \sim compensation$, in which the former can have [e] in its second syllable but not the latter (Chomsky & Halle 1968: 39). This is attributed to the difference between the bases of these words: *condénse* has an accent (and therefore a full vowel which can be transmitted to its derivative) on its second syllable but *compensate* does not. The phonological form of the derivatives is therefore assumed to be dependent on the phonological form of their bases and, in cyclic phonology, the phonological computation of the base is assumed to precede that of the derivative. This particular configuration (cyclic preservation in inter-tonic position) has been argued to provide unconvincing evidence for the cycle because underived words can have an unreduced vowel in that position (e.g. ost[e]ntation) and certain derivatives have a systematically reduced second vowel even though the corresponding vowel is accented in the base (e.g. inf[ə]mation, despite inf[o:]m) (Halle & Kenstowicz 1991).⁷

Let us now consider the case of English derivatives with three pretonic syllables. Monomorphemic words normally have an initial accent⁸ whereas derivatives preserve the

⁶ Alternatives to cyclicity have been developed within Optimality Theory (Prince & Smolensky 1993), such as Output-to-Output constraints (Benua 1997).

⁷ The difference between *condensation* and *information* may have to do with the relative frequency of the base and the derivative. See §3.3.

⁸ Most analyses of English stress claim that monomorphemic words have initial secondary stress when their three pretonic syllables are light syllables (they have no branching structure in their rhyme) and secondary stress on the second syllable when it is heavy (it contains a long vowel or has a coda) (Bermúdez-Otero & McMahon 2006; Chomsky & Halle 1968: 118; Fudge 1984: 31; Hammond 1999: 295; Hayes 1980: 293, 1982; Kager 1989: 43-44; Pater 1995, 2000). This claim is generally based on borrowed proper names such as *Monongahela*, but there is little evidence for the generalisation if such words are not taken into consideration (Dabouis 2016). If proper names are taken into consideration (which can be problematic due to the rarity and/or foreigness of some words), only the words with a closed second syllable (e.g. *amontillado, Seringapatam, Ticonderoga, Valenciennes*) clearly follow that pattern, but there is some variation (Dabouis *et al.* 2017).

position of the accent found in their base: *àbracadábra, èlecampáne*⁹ vs. *orìginálity* (cp. *oríginal*), *famìliárity* (cp. *famíliar*) (Hammond 1989; Kiparsky 1979; Halle & Kenstowicz 1991; Collie 2007, 2008). Derivatives preserving the accent found on the second syllable of their bases are evidence that the phonological shape of the derivatives depends on that of their bases because the former cannot be predicted by the grammar of simple words (which predicts an initial accent) but the latter can. Because the base is contained within the derivative, this can be analysed through cyclicity as in (2).

| (2) Structure | [[original]ity] | [[familiar]ity] |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| First cycle | oríginal | famíliar |
| Second cycle | orìginálity | famìliárity |

A single cycle would incorrectly generate **òriginálity* and *fàmiliárity* (cp. *àbracadábra*). The contrast between *abracadabra* and *originality* can be formalised as in (3) using Optimality Theory (henceforth OT).

(3) Accent placement in OT

IDENT-ACCENT: An accented syllable in the input should be accented in the output. ACCENT-LEFT¹⁰: The leftmost syllable of the word should be accented.

| (2) | |
|-----|--|
| (a) | |

| oríginal-ity | IDENT-ACCENT | ACCENT-L |
|------------------|--------------|----------|
| 🖙 a. orìginálity | | * |
| b. òriginálity | *! | |

(b)

| abracadabra | IDENT-ACCENT | ACCENT-L |
|------------------|--------------|----------|
| a. abràcadábra | | * |
| 🖙 b. àbracadábra | | |

The ranking IDENT-ACCENT>> ACCENT-L predicts that if an accent is present in the input, the preservation of that accent will systematically override the assignment of secondary accent to the leftmost syllable. Because *originality* has the accent of *original* in its input¹¹,

⁹ Exceptions to that pattern have been noted to occur: *amànuénsis, apòtheósis, egàlitárian* (Bermúdez-Otero & McMahon 2006; Collie 2007: 102-103; Halle & Kenstowicz 1991; Bermúdez-Otero 2012; Hammond 1989).

¹⁰ The constraint usually used in the literature is $ALIGN(\omega,L;\Sigma,L)$ which requires the left edge of the phonological word to be aligned with the left edge of a foot (see e.g. Bermúdez-Otero & McMahon (2006), Pater (2000), Collie (2008)). As prosodic categories are not used here, I am using here a constraint which does not refer to such categories but the analysis presented here would be identical with $ALIGN(\omega,L;\Sigma,L)$.

¹¹ As I am only dealing with secondary accent here, I will not detail how the primary accent gets assigned to the second syllable of *original* (but see Bermúdez-Otero & McMahon (2006) or Pater (2000) for footbased analyses).

it gets a second-syllable accent (3a) whereas *abracadabra* has no accent in its input and receives an initial accent (3b).

The accentual contour considered in this paper, /021(-)/, can be analysed in a comparable manner. In English, monomorphemic words or words containing a bound root with two pretonic syllables all have an initial secondary accent (e.g. *àlabáster*, *guàrantée, màthemátics, sòlidárity*).¹² Derivatives with a base accented on its second syllable normally do not preserve that accent and also have an initial accent (e.g. *aróma* \rightarrow *àromátic, gazétte* \rightarrow *gàzettéer, specífic* \rightarrow *spècifícity*). If we add a new constraint to represent the general restriction against adjacent accents which outranks IDENT-ACCENT, *CLASH, this can be analysed as in (4).

(4) *Non-preservation in the second syllable in derivatives with two pretonic syllables* *CLASH: Avoid adjacent accents.

| specífic-ity | *CLASH | IDENT-ACCENT | ACCENT-L |
|------------------|--------|--------------|----------|
| a. specìficity | *! | | * |
| b. specificity | | * | *! |
| ൙ c. spècificity | | * | |

In this configuration, *CLASH prevents the preservation of the accent on the second syllable of the base and rules out candidate a. Then, candidate b is ruled out because it violates ACCENT-L, which leaves us the correct form, candidate c.

Exceptions to that analysis have been reported in the literature (Kager 1989: 171; Collie 2007: 79; Hammond 1999: 329; Pater 2000: §2.4). Consider the examples in (5), which are all taken from Collie (2007: 79) who collected them from Jones (2003).

| collèctívity (colléctive) | commèndátory (comménd) |
|---------------------------|--|
| connèctívity (connéctive) | detàinée (detáin) |
| detèstátion (detést) | dirèctórial (diréctor) |
| elàstícity (elástic) | elèctrícian (eléctric) |
| elèctrícity (eléctric) | ellìpsóidal (ellípse) |
| erùctátion (erúctate) | escàpée (escápe) |
| exchàngée (exchánge) | selèctívity (seléctive) |
| | connèctívity (connéctive) detèstátion (detést) elàstícity (elástic) elèctrícity (eléctric) erùctátion (erúctate) |

The examples in (5) are exceptional because they violate *CLASH, apparently favouring accent preservation to clash avoidance. All the authors who mention cases such as these (see references above) also point out that this contour is only found in derivatives, which in turn strongly suggests that cyclic preservation is the force overriding *CLASH. Overall, this is supported by a search in Wells (2008), as the only monomorphemic words or words containing a bound root found are those listed in (6).¹³

¹² Dabouis (2016) reports around 700 words from Wells (2008) which follow that generalisation (proper names being excluded). It is estimated that at least as many can be found among proper names.

¹³ A few borrowings which may be interpreted as morphologically complex can also be found: *cheongsam, Jiangsu, Jiangsu, Liaoning, Mahabharata, Mahayana, Tianjin, Xiamen, Vietcong, Vietminh, Vietnam.*

| (6) | electrolysis | /02100/ ~ /20100/ | |
|-----|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | refractomete | r /20100/ ~ /02100/ | |
| | reluctivity | /20100/ ~ 02100/ | |
| | Araucania | /20100/ ~ 02100/ | (American English only) |
| | Myanmar | /100/~/021/ | (American English only) |

Even though the first three words in (6) are not derived through suffixation, the presence of an accent on their second syllable can be attributed to a morphosyntactically related form: the neoclassical root *electro-*¹⁴, *refráct* and *relúctant* (blended with *cònductívity*), respectively. Only the last two words in (6) appear to be free from morphological influences¹⁵, but the /021(-)/ pronunciation for these words can only be found in American English. Therefore, in British English, the /021(-)/ contour does seem to be only found in derivatives.¹⁶ We can also note the instability of the accentual patterns in (6) which is an additional clue to the exceptional character of the /021(-)/ contour. This variability can also be found in most of the words in (5) and, as will be seen below, in most of the words which can be accented /021(-)/. In the rest of this paper, we will refer to the occurrence of this contour as exceptional accent preservation (EAP).

Kager (1989: 171) argues that stress preservation may occur in dissyllabic pretonic sequences if the second syllable of that sequence is heavy, as in the case of the words in (5). This raises two questions: is a heavy second syllable a requirement to allow EAP? And, if that parameter is not sufficient to account for EAP, what other parameters can account for the occurrence of that contour?

In the next two sections, two parameters which may affect accent preservation will be presented: the existence of a more deeply embedded word and the relative frequency of the base and its derivative.

3.2. *Preservation from a remote base*

When a word is formed through successive affixations (e.g. *person* \rightarrow *personify* \rightarrow *personification*), it is generally the immediately embedded constituent (henceforth the "local base") which can transmit its properties to that word, rather than more deeply embedded constituents (henceforth "remote bases"). For example, accent is generally inherited from the local base, but not from the remote base, as shown by the examples in (7), which are taken from Guierre (1979 : 323). The terminology is borrowed from Stanton & Steriade (2014) but is used in a slightly different way for remote bases: the

¹⁴ All the words containing this root can be accented on their second syllable (cp. *eléctric, eléctrify, eléctron, eléctrode, eléctrum, electrician* /0210/ ~ /2010/, *electricity* /02100/ ~ /20100/, *electronic* /2010/ ~ /0210/). See footnote 28.

¹⁵ However, it could be argued that the [nm] cluster in *Myanmar* can be interpreted as a boundary signal as it is found mainly at the juncture between two morphemes (e.g. *alignment, grandma, inmate, unmatched*), with the (only?) exception of *enmity*.

¹⁶ This is an issue for Stratal Phonology if one assumes Chung's Generalization (after Chung 1983), which states that "If a stem-level phonological process can sustain lexical exceptions in monomorphemic items, then it can show cyclic reapplication in complex stem-level forms, and vice versa" (Bermúdez-Otero 2012). However, as pointed out by Bermúdez-Otero (personal communication), this could be an accidental gap, which would be unsurprising because words accented /021(-)/ are scarce even among complex forms.

authors adopt an approach in which paradigmatic dependencies may hold between froms which do not stand in a relationship of containment. They analyse morphosyntactically and semantically related forms which are more frequent than a derivative as its remote bases (e.g. *atomicity* has four remote bases: *atom, atomician, atomize, atomization*). However, in this paper, only forms which are contained within the local base are treated as remote bases.

| (7) | canál, cánalize, cànalizátion | (/20-/ and not /02-/) |
|-----|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | repúte, réputable, rèputabílity | |
| | órigin, oríginal, orìginálity | (/02-/ and not /20-/) |
| | fámily, famíliar, famìliárity | |

However, there are reported cases of what Collie (2007: 288) calls "leap-frogging" preservation, i.e. cases in which phonological properties appear to be transmitted directly from the remote base to the derivative. For example, Bermúdez-Otero (2007) reports the paradigm in (8c) in the speech of a former colleague at the University of Manchester:

| (8) | a. | cycle [a1] | <i>cyclic</i> [aɪ] | cyclicity [aɪ] |
|-----|----|------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | b. | cycle [ai] | cyclic [1] | cyclicity [1] |
| | c. | cycle [a1] | cyclic [1] | cyclicity [a1] |

Both (8a) and (8b) correspond to what classic cyclic approaches predict. In (8a), the diphthong of *cycle* is transmitted to *cyclic* and then on to *cyclicity*.¹⁷ In (8b), the vowel undergoes shortening in *cyclic* and that vowel is then transmitted to *cyclicity*. However, in (8c), *cyclicity* appears to inherit its vowel from the remote base *cycle* rather than from the local base *cyclic*. Additionally, the phonology does not predict a diphthong in this position, which shows it is indeed the preservation of the diphthong of *cycle*.

However, convincing evidence for leap-frogging preservation is hard to come by. Collie (2007: 289) lists potential examples such as $t \circ tal \rightarrow tot \circ tality \rightarrow tot \circ talit \circ t$

There are two ways one could demonstrate an influence of the remote base. The first would be to show that derivatives with a remote base behave differently from derivatives

¹⁷ However, words in - $\dot{V}Cic$ normally have a short penultimate vowel, both when they are attached to a free stem (e.g. $mel[\mathfrak{p}]dy \rightarrow mel[\mathfrak{p}]dic$, $m[i:]tre \rightarrow m[e]tric$, $t[\mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{o}]ne \rightarrow t[\mathfrak{p}]nic$) or a bound root (e.g. $c[\mathfrak{p}]mic$, $m[\mathfrak{a}]gic$, r[e]lic), with the exception of [(j)u:] (e.g. c[ju:]bic, m[ju:]sic, r[u:]nic). As Fournier (1990) shows, exceptions with diphthongs are only found in this position for derivatives whose base has a diphthong, as is the case here for *cyclic* (which also has a regular variant with [I] in (8b,c)).

without a remote base. The second is as follows: as accent preservation failure never results in the accentuation of the second syllable of the derivative if a word only has one base, accent preservation from a remote base could be proposed in a configuration in which the remote base is accented on its second syllable and the local base is accented on its first syllable (but not on the second). In that configuration, if a derivative does not preserve the initial accent of its local base and has an accent on its second syllable, it could be argued to be evidence for leap-frogging preservation. Such cases are listed in $(9)^{18}$:

 (9) acádemy → àcadémic → acàdemícian ~ àcademícian aróma → àromátic → àromatícity ~ aròmatícity

As pointed out by Ricardo Bermúdez-Otero (personal communication), the derivatives in these examples both have an onsetless first syllable and it has been argued that this could favour the accentuation of the second syllable rather than that of the first syllable (Collie 2007: 103; Halle & Kenstowicz 1991).¹⁹ Therefore, the examples in (9) do not constitute incontrovertible examples of leap-frogging preservation any more than cases such as *totalitarian*.

To sum up, let us formulate the conditions in which one can claim that the phonological shape of a derivative can be said to be influenced by that of its remote base. The derivative must have a phonological characteristic which is:

- not predicted by the grammar of monomorphemic words or words containing a bound root;
- \succ found in the remote base and
 - $\circ\;$ absent from the local base. In that case only is there evidence for leap-frogging preservation.

or

 present in the local base, but there should be a significant difference between derivatives with remote bases and those with only a local base. This is not evidence for leap-frogging preservation but simply evidence for an influence of the remote base on the derivative.

Moreover, Collie (2007: 289) argues that a remote base is more likely to transmit some of its properties to its derivative if that remote base is more frequent than the local base. Therefore, frequencies have to be taken into consideration in the study of the interaction between bases and their derivatives.

Some of the examples of words which can be accented /021(-)/ cited in (5) have remote bases which have primary accent on the same syllable as the local base (e.g. $connéct \rightarrow connéctive \rightarrow connectivity \sim connèctivity$). Therefore, the role of remote bases will have to be evaluated in this study of EAP.

¹⁸ These are actually the only two cases reported by Dabouis (2016), who studied close to 6,000 words from Wells (2008).

¹⁹ Collie (2007: 103) reports that 12/21 (57%) monomorphemic words or words containing a bound root with an onsetless first syllable can be accented on their second syllable at least as a variant pronunciation whereas only 4/26 (15%) of words with an initial onset may be accented on their second syllable. The generalisation has a rather low efficiency and is subject to a lot of variation but we cannot exclude its interference here.

Finally, it is worth noting that traditional approaches to cyclicity cannot account for the type of leapfrogging phenomena discussed in this section. As Collie (2007: 288) points out, "while strict locality is assumed in cyclic analyses, it does not automatically follow from theories of lexical access". Under fake cyclicity (see §3.4), if the remote base is more frequent than the local base, it may influence the phonological shape of the derivative more than the local base does.

3.3. Relative frequency and Hay's dual-route race model of lexical access

Previous studies have shown that stress preservation (Collie 2007; 2008) and vowel preservation can be described with reference to the relative frequency of a base and its derivative (Hammond 2003, Kraska-Szlenk 2007), i.e. that these preservation phenomena are more likely to occur if the base is more frequent than its derivative. This can be exemplified by the examples in (10), which are taken from Bermúdez-Otero (2012: §3.3.3), after Kraska-Szlenk (2007: §8.1.2).

| (10) | | | (x per 10^6 words in spoken section of COCA) | | |
|------|---------------|---------------------|--|-----------|------------|
| | | | base | | derivative |
| a. | cyclic stress | | | | |
| | cond[é]mn | cònd[è]mn-átion | 7.09 | > | 2.57 |
| | imp[ś]rt | ìmp[ò]rt-átion | 5.15 | > | 0.62 |
| b. | variable stre | 255 | | | |
| | cond[è]nse | cònd[é ~ ə]ns-átion | 0.28 | \approx | 0.22 |
| c. | noncyclic str | ress | | | |
| | cons[ś]rve | còns[ə]rv-átion | 1.65 | < | 9.11 |
| | trànsp[ɔ́]rt | trànsp[ə]rt-átion | 7.23 | < | 23.54 |

Collie (2007, 2008) claims that this supports Hay's (2001, 2003) proposal on relative frequency according to which lexical access in complex words can be achieved through two routes: a direct route and a decomposed route. Hay argues that the more frequent a word is, the higher its resting activation level, and the easier and faster that word can be accessed in long-term memory. Therefore, if a base is more frequent than its derivative, the decomposed route should be the fastest, which means that the base is more likely to be perceived inside the derivative. In that case, the base is more likely to transmit its properties to its derivative. Conversely, if a derivative is more frequent than its base, the direct route should be the fastest, and we could expect preservation to fail. This dual-route model of lexical access can be represented as in Figure 1.

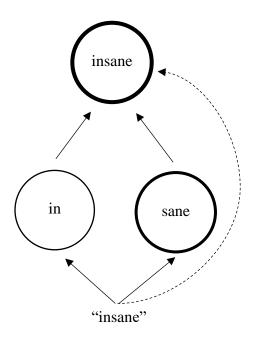
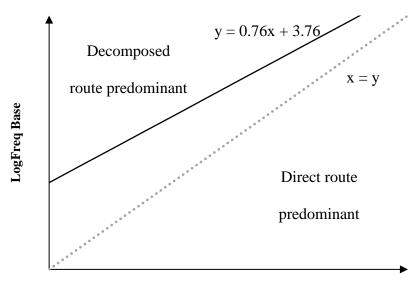


Figure 1. Schematized dual-route model from Hay (2001). The solid line represents the decomposed route and the dashed line represents the direct route. Resting activation levels are represented by the thickness of the circles (*BNC* frequencies: *sane* (289), *insane* (360)).

In Hay (2001), the proposed parsing line (i.e. the line above which items are more likely to be accessed through the decomposed route) is the arbitrary x = y line. Hay & Baayen (2002) refine this proposal with an empirically motivated²⁰ parsing line above which words should mainly be accessed through the decomposed route and below which words should predominantly be accessed via the direct route. The line represents the relative frequencies for which both routes are equally likely. They note that if this line is above x = y, it may be because the direct route is likely to have an advantage due to the added effort of retrieving the different parts of a word. Both parsing lines are represented in Figure 2.

²⁰ They calculated this line with a psycholinguistic model for morphological parsing called Matcheck. The line has slope of 0.76 and an intercept of 3.76.



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Figure 2. The x = y line is represented by the dashed line. Hay & Baayen's (2002) parsing line is represented by the solid line.

Collie's (2007, 2008) work on relative prominence preservation in *-ion* derivatives finds that relative frequency is a significant predictor of preservation failure: if a derivative is more frequent than its base, it is more likely to fail to preserve the position of the accent found in its base, and so more likely to be receive an initial accent, like monomorphemic words or words containing a bound root (e.g. *anticipate* \rightarrow *anticipátion* ~ *ànticipátion*).²¹ Within the framework of Stratal OT (Bermúdez-Otero 2012, 2016b; Bermúdez-Otero & McMahon 2006), Collie uses the concept of "fake cyclicity" to capture the data.

3.4. Fake cyclicity

Like Lexical Phonology and Morphology (LPM; Kiparsky 1982, 1985; Mohanan 1982; Kaisse & Shaw 1985), Stratal OT assumes the hypothesis that phonological computation is achieved through the application of three distinct phonological grammars: the stemlevel phonology, the word-level phonology and the phrase-level phonology. In classical LPM, the highest stratum, the stem-level, is internally cyclic. This means that a complex form can undergo several passes through the stem-level phonology at every concatenation of an affix defining a stem-level domain. This means that the computation of a word such as *Elizabéthan* requires two stem-level cycles: one for *Elizabéthan* and one for *Elizabéthan*.

²¹ It is interesting to note that the phenomenon studied by Collie is comparable to the one considered in this paper in that it is highly variable: even though accent preservation may fail, pronunciation dictionaries almost systematically report a preserving variant alongside the non-preserving one.

In Stratal OT, all strata are non-cyclic. The effects of the stratum-internal cycle of classical LPM are captured by positing that the outputs of the stem-level phonology are stored non-analytically, i.e. they are stored in a morphologically unanalysed form.²² Therefore, the computation of a complex form like *Elizabéthan* does not require two online cycles. *Elízabeth* is stored in long-term memory with the output of the stem-level phonology, including its antepenultimate accent. In the computation of *Elizabéthan*, this accent is present in the input as *Elízabeth* is retrieved from the lexicon. A faithfulness constraint (such as IDENT-ACCENT) then ensures that the accent on the second syllable of *Elízabéthan* is therefore comparable to that of *originálity* shown in (3a). Once performed, the output of that computation is stored as well and the computation becomes a "lexical redundancy rule" (Jackendoff 1975).

Crucially, the retrieval of the base in the lexicon can fail, as predicted by Hay's model of lexical access. If it fails, then the computation of the complex form has no accent in the input to preserve and it is therefore performed independently of the accentual contour of the base. For example, *miscegenation* is more frequent than its base, *miscegenate* and, as a consequence, is more likely to be accessed through the direct route. Therefore, the accent on the second syllable of *miscégenate* will not be present in its input. If so, the computation of *miscegenation* will be as in (11).

(11)

| miscegenation | IDENT-ACCENT | Accent-Left |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| a. miscègenátion | | *! |
| 🖙 b. miscegenátion | | |

In that configuration, there is no accent to preserve and so the word receives the "default" initial accent, just like monomorphemic words or words containing a bound root (cp. *àbracadábra, èlecampáne, ròdomontáde*). To sum up, in that analysis, the failure of accent preservation in a derivative is attributed to a direct lexical access, which is caused by the high frequency of that derivative relative to the frequency of its base.

3.5. Interim summary: What could explain the /021(-)/ contour?

In the preceding sections, several parameters which could potentially determine the occurrence of EAP have been mentioned. Let us briefly summarise these parameters here.

The first parameter is *syllable structure*. As Kager (1989: 171) reports the /021(-)/ contour only for derivatives with a heavy second syllable and a light first syllable, we could expect the weight of the first two syllables to be a determining factor. However, this could be an effect of absolute weight (e.g. the weight of the second syllable) or of relative weight (e.g. the weight of the second syllable relative to that of the first syllable). Both will have to be tested.

²² The outputs of the word-level phonology are stored analytically, if they are stored at all.

Besides, consonants and vowels have been shown to affect stress in different ways. Let us consider two examples. Firstly, in English, final long vowels have been claimed to attract final stress regardless of the category of the word²³, whereas final consonant clusters only attract final stress in verbs (Chomsky & Halle 1968; Hammond 1999; Hayes 1980). Secondly, consider the examples in (12), which are taken from Burzio (1994: 54–55).

(12) a. $assist \rightarrow assistant$ b. $rev[i]re \rightarrow rev[]rent$

In (12a), stress is maintained on the second syllable, whereas in (12b), it moves back one syllable, although both final syllables are heavy in the bases, which predicts that both derivatives should be stressed identically. Therefore, vowels and consonants will be treated separately in the analysis.

In order to evaluate the relative weight of the first two syllables, the mora counts in Hammond (1999: 145) which are listed in (13) were used. They are based on distributional regularities in English and on the assumption that syllables should contain at least two morae (except if they contain schwa) and three morae at the most.

| (13) | Consonants | | Vowels ²⁴ | |
|------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|-----|
| | Coronals | $(\mu)^{25}$ | Lax | μ |
| | Noncoronals | μ | Tense | μμ |
| | [3, ŋ] | μμ | [au, 91] | μμμ |
| | [ð] | Ø | | |

The second parameter is *word frequency*. It has been shown that a high frequency of the base relative to that of its derivative can be expected to favour preservation. However, since Fidelholtz (1975), high-frequency words have been shown to be more likely to undergo lenition (see Myers & Li (2009) for a review). As a consequence, absolute frequency has to be controlled for. Finally, we saw that a high-frequency remote base could be expected to favour preservation. Therefore, the study of frequency will have to take into consideration the frequencies of both local and remote bases.

The last parameter which might be expected to influence accent preservation is *suffix-specific idiosyncrasies*. It is possible that certain suffixes reject accent clash more than others. Some suffixes may also be morphologically more decomposable than others (Hay 2003; Hay & Baayen 2003), the morphological decomposability of a given suffix being linked to the frequency of derivatives containing that suffix relative to that of their bases. Ideally, each suffix should be studied individually. If the numbers per suffix are too low for a separate analysis, differences will still have to be evaluated and (if possible) accounted for.

²³ Although see Guierre (1983) and Dabouis & Fournier (forthcoming) for a refutation of that claim.

²⁴ In British English, the lax vowels are $[\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{e}, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{v}, \mathfrak{v}, \Lambda]$ and the reduced vowels $[\mathfrak{d}, \mathfrak{i}, \mathfrak{u}]$, the tense vowels are $[\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{e}, \mathfrak{i}; \mathfrak{i}; \mathfrak{j}]\mathfrak{u}; \mathfrak{sv}, \mathfrak{v}; \mathfrak{d}$. I assume the r-coloured vowels $[\mathfrak{a}; \mathfrak{s}:]$ to be bimoraic.

²⁵ There have been proposals to account for the particular case of /s/ in /sC/ clusters in terms of variable syllabification, i.e. tautosyllabic or heterosyllabic, because it can function as an onset word-initially (Kager 1989: 117-118). Burzio (1994: 61-62) describes the /s/ in /sC/ clusters as having variable weight.

4. DATA COLLECTION AND SELECTION

In order to study EAP, we would ideally want to consider all possible relevant words, especially if statistical analysis is to be conducted. Therefore, I set out to gather as many derivatives as possible which are listed in Wells (2008) as British pronunciations and which have the following properties:

- > They have primary accent on their third syllable.
- Their base has primary accent on its second syllable and no accent on its first syllable.²⁶
- They have only one phonological domain. This is to ensure that a domain boundary will not interfere with accent preservation. Therefore, the dataset will not include compounds²⁷ or prefixed constructions which have a prefix with transparent semantics.
- They should not contain neoclassical roots because these tend to be accentually invariant (Guierre 1979: 740; Tournier 1985: 92; Fournier 2010: 76-77).²⁸
- They should not be listed in the online Oxford English Dictionary (OED) as obsolete, rare, nonce or as belonging to a variety of English other than British English.²⁹

In order to sort free bases from bound bases, the *OED* was consulted to see whether it lists a form embedded within the suffixed form. Only the words which do have an embedded form listed in the *OED* were kept, unless that embedded form is marked as being rare, obsolete, a nonce-word or belonging to another variety of English. Words with non-standard terminal elements (e.g. *cigarillo, collectanea, infusoria*) were preserved

²⁶ Three words with a remote base accented on its first syllable were left out in case this could favour the /201(-)/ contour in the derivative: $canonicity \leftarrow canonic \leftarrow canon, demoniacal \leftarrow demoniac \leftarrow demon, historicity \leftarrow historic \leftarrow history.$

²⁷ I treated as potential compounds constructions composed of two free stems (e.g. *aircushions, flame-thrower, open-jaw*), foreign compounds which can generally be identified by their spelling (i.e. they contain a hyphen, e.g. *alto-relievo, beaux-arts, pot-au-feu*) and "rhyming compounds" (e.g. *argy-bargy, clickety-clack, hoity-toity*). Blending was also treated as a form of compounding (e.g. *advertisement + editorial* \rightarrow *advertorial*). Finally, we treated all the constructions whose first element is *after-, back-, by-, down-, fore-, forth-, on-, off-, out-, over-, under-* ou *up-,* i.e. a locative particle, as potential compounds because their accentual behaviour alternates between that of compounds and that of prefixed constructions (Abasq 2007; Fournier 2010: 77-78). Questionable cases and constructions with a cranberry root were also left out (e.g. *gorblimey, gyrfalcon, hornswoggle*). ²⁸ This led to the exclusion of questionable items such as *electricity* /021(-)/ ~ /201(-)/ which could be

²⁸ This led to the exclusion of questionable items such as *electricity* $/021(-)/ \sim /201(-)/$ which could be argued to be built on the neoclassical root *electro*- which has an accent on its second syllable in all the words in which it appears (see footnote 14). The reason for excluding such words is that their possible /021(-)/ contour may be attributed to the accentual invariance of the root rather than to accent preservation from their base.

The same issue arises in the case of pretonic accent preservation for derivatives with three pretonic syllables. For example, the root *laryngo*- normally has an accent on its second syllable (e.g. *larýngoscope*, *larýngograph* cp. *céphalograph*, *métallograph*, *gálvanoscope*, *láparoscope*). When one considers the derivation *làryngólogy* \rightarrow *larýngológical*, one can wonder what the source of the secondary accent in *larýngológical* is. Considering that non-preservation of the form /1(-)/ \rightarrow /02(-)/ is well-nigh unattested (Dabouis 2016), it is likely that the accent on the second syllable of *larýngológical* is due to the root's default pattern.

²⁹ Certain words which can have the /021(-)/ contour were left out because they were marked as being mainly used in American English: *attendee, parolee, selectee*. I also found a few cases listed in Wells (2008) where only the American pronunciation has the /021(-)/ contour (e.g. *conductivity* /20100/ ~ /02100/, *productivity* /20100/ ~ /02100/).

because an identifiable suffix is not necessary for the recognition of morphological complexity. For example, *-red* is not a common suffix of English³⁰, yet Raffelsiefen (1993: 11-12) argues that English speakers clearly recognise *hate* in *hatred*. Truncated forms such as *anonymous* \rightarrow *anonymity*, *psoriasis* \rightarrow *psoriatic* were also included.

The search returned 291 words (the complete list can be found in the Appendix), which were divided into two groups according to their accentual contour³¹:

- Group 1: derivatives which can have the /021(-)/ contour (32 words, among which 4 only have the /021(-)/ contour: adoptee, remittee, returnee, semantician and 4 have it as their main pronunciation: appointee, escapee, retiree, selectivity).
- Group 2: derivatives which can only be accented /201(-)/ (259 words, e.g. acceptation, deprivation, obligee).

Word frequencies were collected from the SUBTLEX-UK database (Van Heuven et al. 2014). The lemma frequency counts were calculated by adding up the different word-forms frequencies. The total frequency counts were log-transformed (as $\log_e x$) so they may resemble the way "humans process frequency information" (Hay & Baayen 2002).

All the items were coded for the following variables:

- BASEFQ: the log-transformed frequency of the base(s);
- > DERFQ: the log-transformed frequency of the derivative;
- RELFQ: the role of the relative frequency of the derivative and its base was tested with the two parsing lines discussed in §3.3. This was done with a binary variable in the following two conditions:
 - RELFQ(X=Y): The cases in which the base is more frequent than the derivative were coded as "yes" and the remaining cases as "no" (x=y parsing line).
 - RELFQ(H&B): The cases in which the frequency of the base is above 0.76 times the frequency of the derivative plus 3.76 were coded as "yes" and the remaining cases as "no" (Hay & Baayen's parsing line).
- S1-CLOSED: Derivatives whose base has a closed first syllable were coded as "yes" and those which have an open first syllable were coded as "no".
- S2-CLOSED: Derivatives whose base has a closed second syllable were coded as "yes" and those which have an open second syllable were coded as "no".³²
- S1-V: The vowel of the first syllable of the base was coded as "reduced" or "full".
- S2-V: The vowel of the second syllable of the base was coded as "short" or "long".

³⁰ Apart from *hatred*, Collie (2007: 124) reports two other words in *-red* listed in the *OED*: *kindred* and *gossipred*.

³¹ Variants in which primary accent is not on the third syllable are not taken into consideration (e.g. only the /2010/ variant is taken in consideration in *intestinal* /0100/ \sim /2010/).

³² In many cases, the second syllable is the final syllable of the base. I assumed the second syllable to be closed if the word ends in a consonant cluster: the final consonant can be argued to be extrametrical (Hayes 1982) or to be the onset of a catalectic syllable (Burzio 1994; Hammond 1999; see also Harris & Gussmann 1998) and is usually resyllabilited as an onset when the base is affixed.

- S1-WEIGHT: The first syllable was coded as heavy if it has at least two morae and as "light" if it contains less than two morae.
- S2- WEIGHT: The second syllable was coded as heavy if it has at least two morae and as "light" if it contains less than two morae.
- ➤ S1≥S2: If the first syllable of the base is heavier than or has the same weight as the second syllable, the item was coded as "yes" and if it is lighter than the second syllable, it was coded as "no".³³ Syllable weight was evaluated using the mora counts in (13).

These variables were tested in a binary logistic regression in two conditions. In condition A, the frequency of the base in the analysis is that of the local base only. In condition B, the frequency of the base in the analysis is that of the most frequent base.

5. Results

In both conditions, only RELFQ(H&B), S1-CLOSED and S2-CLOSED turned out to have a significant relationship with the accentual contour of the derivatives. BASEFQ and DERFQ were significant predictors only in Condition B. Let us review these two conditions.

5.1. Condition A: Local base only

Figure 3 shows the frequency of the base and the frequency of the derivative plotted against one another in Condition A.

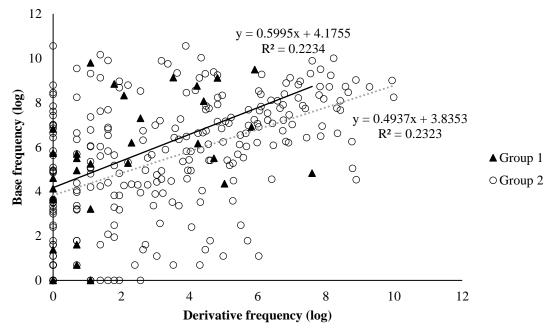


Figure 3. Relative log frequencies in Condition A. The solid line represents the regression line for Group 1 and the dashed line represents the regression line for Group 2.

As we could expect if relative frequency is related to accent preservation in this environment, the regression line for Group 1 (i.e. the words which can be accented

³³ Syllabification was assumed to be VC.CV in all cases but those in which the second syllable is a liquid.

(021(-)) is above the one for Group 2 (i.e. the words which can only be accented (201(-)). This means that the words in Group 1 are more likely to be decomposed and is consistent with the fact that they can preserve the accent on the second syllable of their base. Even though the difference between the two groups is not clear in Figure 3, the role of relative frequency appears under statistical analysis. The results of the regression analysis for condition A are presented in Table 1.

| | | - n voluo | | |
|----------------|-------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| | Lower | OR | Higher | - p-value |
| RELFQ(H&B)-YES | 0.14 | 0.32 | 0.72 | 0.0038 |
| S1-CLOSED-NO | 0.06 | 0.23 | 0.63 | 0.0247 |
| S2-CLOSED-NO | 3.13 | 7.02 | 16.79 | 3.26e-06 |

This analysis shows that there is a significant relationship between the relative frequency of the base and its derivative and EAP (p < .005). As the OR (odds ratio) is below 1, it means that if RELFQ(H&B) has the value "yes", then the derivative is less likely to have the /021(-)/ contour. The analysis also shows that there is a relationship between the closedness of the first two syllables and EAP (p < .05 for the first syllable and p < .000005 for the second syllable). Let us review the results for Condition B before further discussion of the results.

5.2. Condition B: Remote base

In Condition B, the frequency of the base included for the analysis of relative frequency is that of the most frequent base. If we plot the data in this new configuration, we get the scatterplot in Figure 4.

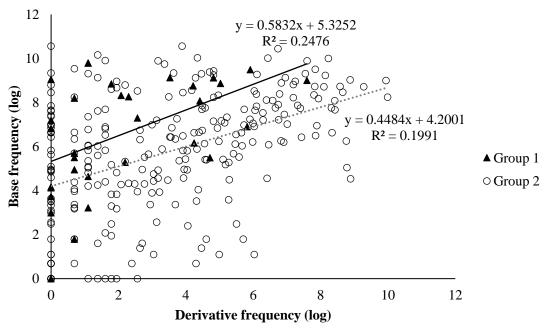


Figure 4. Relative log frequencies in Condition B. The solid line represents the regression line for Group 1 and the dashed line represents the regression line for Group 2.

It can be seen that the regression line for Group 1 is considerably higher than the one for Group 2, much more so than for Condition A. Consequently, we can expect the relationship between relative frequency and EAP to be stronger than in Condition A. This is confirmed by the regression analysis in Table 2.

| | Lower | OR | Higher | - p-value |
|----------------|-------|------|--------|-----------|
| RELFQ(H&B)-YES | 0.09 | 0.22 | 0.50 | 0.00047 |
| S1-CLOSED-NO | 0.07 | 0.24 | 0.67 | 0.01323 |
| S2-CLOSED-NO | 3.00 | 6.79 | 16.36 | 7.89e-06 |

Table 2. Logistic regression for Condition B – Relative frequency

In Condition B, the relationship between relative frequency and EAP is indeed stronger than in Condition A (p < .0005 in Condition B vs. p < .005 in Condition A). The relationship between the closedness of the first two syllables and EAP remains highly significant (p < .05 in Condition B vs. p < .05 in Condition A for the first syllable and p < .00001 in Condition B vs. p < .00005 in Condition A for the second syllable).

In this condition, the absolute frequencies of both the base and the derivative also turn out to be significant, as shown by the results of the regression in Table 3.

| | | 95% C.I. | | | | |
|--------------|-------|----------|--------|-----------|--|--|
| | Lower | OR | Higher | – p-value | | |
| DerFq | 1.12 | 1.36 | 1.67 | 0.002565 | | |
| BASEFQ | 0.65 | 0.77 | 0.91 | 0.002515 | | |
| S1-CLOSED-NO | 0.06 | 0.22 | 0.64 | 0.010999 | | |
| S2-CLOSED-NO | 2.98 | 6.77 | 16.46 | 9.4e-06 | | |

Table 3. Logistic regression for Condition B – Absolute frequency

These results show that the more frequent a derivative is, the less likely EAP is, which conforms to the traditional argument that high-frequency words are more likely to diverge from their base. The results also show that a higher base frequency correlates with a higher probability of EAP. Finally, the closedness of the first two syllables remain highly correlated to EAP in this analysis.

As mentioned in §3.2, the influence of a remote base on the pronunciation of its derivative can be demonstrated if we can show that there is a difference between derivatives which have a remote base (and especially those whose remote base is more frequent than their local base) and those which do not. To evaluate whether such a difference can be found in the set of derivatives studied here, let us consider the data in Table 4.

| Does the derivative have a remote base that is more frequent than the local base? | Group 1 | Group 2 |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|
| Yes | 11 (48%) | 12 (52%) |
| No | 21 (8%) | 247 (92%) |
| | Fisher's exact t | test, $p < .000001^{34}$ |

 Table 4. Distribution between Group 1 and Group 2 depending on the existence of a remote base that is more frequent than the local base

The data in Table 4 shows that there is a significant difference (p < .000001) between derivatives which do have a remote base that is more frequent than their local base and derivatives which do not: the former are over five times more likely to belong to Group 1 than the latter.

Let us sum up the findings so far. It has been shown that the higher the frequency of a base is relative to the frequency of its derivative, the more likely the derivative is to preserve the accent of its base and therefore to be accented /021(-)/. This relationship was shown to be even more significant if the base frequency taken into account in the analysis is that of the most frequent base. Moreover, it is only when the frequency of the most frequent base is taken into account that absolute frequency can be significantly related to EAP. Therefore, the high frequency of a remote base appears to increase the chances for a derivative to be faithful to it. Finally, it was shown that an open first syllable and a closed second syllable facilitates the preservation of an accent on the second syllable. Let us now consider the results in more detail in order to evaluate the interaction between relative frequency and the closedness of the first two syllables.

5.3. Detailed results

Consider the data in Table 5, which shows the distribution between the two groups in Condition B according to the two parameters which have been shown to be significantly connected to the accentuation of the derivatives: relative frequency³⁵ and closedness of the first two syllables.

³⁴ A chi-square analysis yields similar results ($\chi^2 = 30.646$, df = 1, p < .00000001) but is less reliable because one the expected numbers (the cell values we would expect if there was no relationship between the variables) in Table 4 is below 5.

³⁵ In the rest of this paper, saying that "the base is more frequent than its derivative" will mean that the base is more frequent than 0.76 times the frequency of the derivative plus 3.76, i.e. the ratio of relative frequencies is above Hay & Baayen's (2002) parsing line.

| | | FqBase | > FqDer | FqBase | < FqDer | To | otal |
|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | Group 1 | Group 2 | Group 1 | Group 2 | Group 1 | Group 2 |
| Syll2 | Syll1 | 15 | 12 | 6 | 29 | 21 | 41 |
| Closed | open | (56%) | (44%) | (17%) | (83%) | (34%) | (66%) |
| | Syll1 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 21 |
| | closed | (0%) | (100%) | (8%) | (92%) | (5%) | (95%) |
| | Total | 15 | 21 | 7 | 41 | 22 | 62 |
| | | (42%) | (58%) | (15%) | (85%) | (26%) | (74%) |
| Syll2 | Syll1 | 4 | 41 | 3 | 81 | 7 | 122 |
| Open | open | (9%) | (91%) | (4%) | (96%) | (5%) | (95%) |
| | Syll1 | 3 | 26 | 0 | 49 | 3 | 75 |
| | closed | (10%) | (90%) | (0%) | (100%) | (4%) | (96%) |
| | Total | 7 | 67 | 3 | 130 | 10 | 193 |
| | | (9%) | (91%) | (2%) | (98%) | (6%) | (95%) |
| Total | Syll1 | 19 | 53 | 9 | 110 | 28 | 163 |
| | open | (26%) | (74%) | (8%) | (92%) | (15%) | (85%) |
| | Syll1 | 3 | 35 | 1 | 61 | 4 | 96 |
| | closed | (8%) | (92%) | (2%) | (98%) | (4%) | (96%) |
| | Total | 22 | 88 | 10 | 171 | 32 | 259 |
| | | (20%) | (80%) | (6%) | (94%) | (11%) | (89%) |

Table 5. Detailed distribution of the data according to the two significant parameters in Condition B

These data show that the parameters are independently connected to EAP but also, crucially, that there is a cumulative effect of these parameters. Indeed, the highest proportion of Group 1 derivatives (56%) is found when the base is more frequent than the derivative *and* has an open first syllable *and* has a closed second syllable. If we take the opposite values of these parameters, i.e. when the base is less frequent than the derivative, the first syllable is closed and the second syllable is open, we get a complete absence of EAP (0 cases out of 49).

Two inventories do not fit with the analysis. The first concerns words with two closed syllables and with a base which is more frequent than the derivative. As two of the determining parameters have the values associated with EAP (the closedness of the second syllable and relative frequency), we could expect to find at least a few EAP cases but none are attested out of 9 relevant cases. This may be an accidental gap due to the low number of relevant cases. More surprisingly, we find 3 cases of EAP out of 29 words (10%) with a closed first syllable, an open second syllable and a base which is more frequent than the derivative. In this configuration, we do not expect that many EAP cases because of the segmental makeup of the words.

5.4. Suffix specificities?

Let us consider the distribution of the derivatives between Group 1 and Group 2 depending on the rightmost suffix they contain in Table 6 (only suffixes found in more than ten derivatives are shown).

| Suffix | Group 1 | Group 2 |
|--------|---------|---------|
| -al | 4 | 12 |
| | (25%) | (75%) |
| -an | 2 | 10 |
| | (17%) | (83%) |
| -ation | 3 | 102 |
| | (3%) | (97%) |
| -ee | 10 | 10 |
| | (50%) | (50%) |
| -ic | 0 | 15 |
| | (0%) | (100%) |
| -ition | 0 | 15 |
| | (0%) | (100%) |
| -ity | 11 | 31 |
| • | (26%) | (74%) |

Table 6. Distribution between Group 1 and Group 2 per suffix

The data in Table 6 could suggest that certain suffixes "allow" the /021(-)/ contour whereas others "forbid" it. The question is therefore to determine what could possibly cause the differences between suffixes. All these suffixes regularly shift accent rightwards and are usually classified as "Class-I" suffixes (Siegel 1974), so classhood cannot be determining here. Some are auto-accented (they bear accent on themselves: *-átion, -ítion, -ée*) while others are not (*-al, -an, -ic, -ity*) and it does not seem to correlate with the possibility for the derivatives to be accented /021(-)/. However, *-ee* is not just auto-accented, it also imposes final accent, which is marked in English, especially for nouns. This accentual property of the suffix may facilitate its parsing and therefore preservation from the base. However, one would have to explain the behaviour of the words containing *-ese*. That suffix also forms nouns and bears accent on itself and, in the data, only one out of nine words containing that suffix can be accented /021(-)/.

Considering the relationship between relative frequency and EAP reported in the previous sections, it is possible that the reason why the words containing different suffixes pattern differently is that these words have different base-derivative frequency ratios from one suffix to another. In other words, the difference between the different suffixes could be due to relative frequency and may have nothing to do with suffix idiosyncrasies. In order to evaluate whether this is the case, the proportion of items in Group 1 for each suffix was plotted against the proportion of items containing that suffix which fall above Hay & Baayen's parsing line in Figure 5.

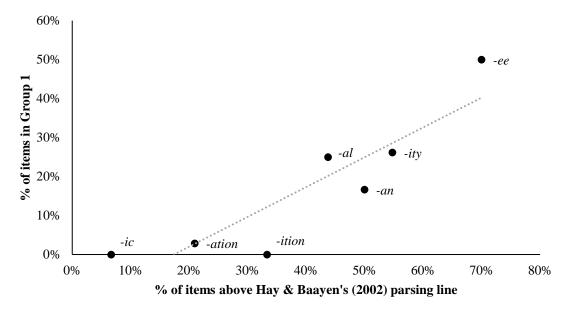


Figure 5. Proportion of items in Group 1 and above Hay & Baayen's (2002) parsing line per suffix

Figure 5 shows that, overall, the proportion of items that fall above Hay & Baayen's parsing line for a given suffix is correlated to the number of items belonging to Group 1 for that same suffix. This does not exclude that there are indeed suffix specificities affecting accentual contours here but it makes it difficult to demonstrate. Hay & Baayen (2002) and Hay (2003: 137) claim that suffixes found in words which are generally less frequent than their bases have lower activation levels than those which are generally more frequent than their bases. In other words, independently of the frequency ratio for a given base-derivative pair, some suffixes may be more decomposable than others. For example, Hay (2003: 137) suggests that, even though gravish and scenic have similar basederivative frequency ratios, gravish would be more decomposable than scenic because words suffixed with -ish are generally less frequent than their bases, which is not the case for -ic derivatives. This view would certainly be worth investigating because the three derivatives which are less frequent than their base and have an open second syllable but nonetheless preserve an accent on the second syllable are all *-ee* derivatives (*debauchee*, detainee, remittee) and that could be accounted for if -ee itself turned out to be highly decomposable.

Therefore, it would be interesting to see whether the accentual contours reported here are consistent with the overall decomposability of suffixes. We can expect them to be so, at least to some extent, if we consider the results reported by Hay & Baayen (2003). The authors evaluate the parsability of different English affixes based on the frequency of words containing these affixes and that of their bases, the number of words containing these affixes and the phonotactic probability of juncture. Interestingly, they report *-ee* to be more parsable than the other suffixes considered here, which is consistent with the fact that suffixed words in *-ee* in the dataset studied here are more often accented /021(-)/ than words with other suffixes.³⁶

³⁶ As noted in footnote 29, additional *-ee* derivatives used mainly in American English can also be accented /021(-)/: *attendee, parolee, selectee.* Moreover, two words in *-ee* in the dataset studied here can also be accented /021(-)/ in American English but not in British English: *assignee* and *employee*.

6. DISCUSSION

6.1. Summary of findings

The findings reported in §5 have consequences for the analysis of the phenomenon considered here, exceptional accent preservation, and have wider implications for English morphophonology. Let us first summarise and comment these findings.

First, two parameters were found to facilitate EAP:

- Relative frequency: If a base is more frequent than its derivative, then that derivative is more likely to be accented /021(-)/.
- Closedness of the first two syllables:
 - If the first syllable is open, then the derivative is more likely to be accented /021(-)/.
 - \circ If the second syllable of the base is closed, then the derivative is more likely to be accented /021(-)/.

This improves our knowledge of this exceptional accentual behaviour because the literature discussed in §3.1 only mentions that words accented /021(-)/ have a heavy second syllable. On the one hand, this has been shown to be imprecise because only consonantal structure was found to be related to EAP and, on the other hand, it is incomplete because it does not tell us what determines which words with heavy second syllables can be accented /021(-)/. The results reported in this paper allow for a more accurate description of the phenomenon, as it has been shown that EAP can be (probabilistically) predicted by the frequency of the base relative to that of its derivative. Moreover, it has been shown that these two parameters are the most robustly related to EAP when they both have positive values, i.e. when derivatives are less frequent than their base *and* when their base has an open first syllable and a closed second syllable. A formal analysis of EAP and its interaction with relative frequency and syllable structure will be proposed in §6.2.

Secondly, it was shown that including the frequency of remote bases in the analysis strengthens the relationship between relative frequency and EAP and that derivatives which have a remote base that is more frequent than the local base were much more likely to show EAP than derivatives which do not. This constitutes evidence for an influence of the remote base on the derivative, but it is not evidence for leap-frogging preservation. Leap-frogging preservation requires the remote base and the local base to differ with regards to the phonological property under consideration (as in the example of $c[ai]cle \rightarrow c[ai]clicity$ discussed in §3.2). It is not the case here because both bases are accented on their second syllable. The implications of this finding will be discussed in §6.3.

6.2. A formal account of exceptional accent preservation

The fake cyclicity analysis presented in §3.4 uses blocking of the retrieval of the base (because of its low frequency relative to the derivative) and therefore the absence of the base in the input of the computation of the derivative to account for preservation failure. EAP cannot be analysed exactly in the same way. The general case (non-preservation) was analysed in OT using the constraint ranking *CLASH >> IDENT-ACCENT >> ACCENT-LEFT. The fake cyclicity analysis as proposed by Collie (2007, 2008) requires some additional elements. First, to integrate the effect of closedness of the second syllable, we need to add a new constraint to the analysis, ACCENT(VC), which requires closed syllables

to be accented.³⁷ Second, to account for the fact that we get the highest proportion of items belonging to Group 1 when the base is more frequent than the derivative, when the first syllable is open and when the second syllable of the base is closed, we need to be able to express the fact that the violations of IDENT-ACCENT and ACCENT(VC) can be cumulated and have greater chances of outweighing a violation of *CLASH.

One way to do this is to use weighted constraints (Pater 2009, 2016). In classical OT, the principle of "strict domination" forbids the possibility for the cumulated violations of lower ranked constraints to outweigh the violation of a higher ranked constraint. In a model using weighted constraints, cumulative constraint interaction is allowed as the relative strength of constraints is not expressed through ranking but through their weight. Candidates are evaluated by their *harmony* (H) which is the weighted sum of violations. The optimal candidate is the one which has the highest harmony.

Let us take a hypothetical grammar with three constraints A, B and C with weights of 3, 2 and 2, respectively.

(14) a.

| | A 3 | В 2 | C 2 | Н |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|----|
| Candidate a | -3 | | | -3 |
| Candidate b | | -2 | | -2 |

b.

| | A 3 | B 2 | C 2 | Н |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|----|
| 🖙 Candidate a | -3 | | | -3 |
| Candidate b | | -2 | -2 | -4 |

In (14a), candidate a only violates and therefore has a harmony of -3. However, candidate b violates B, which has a weight of 2, and therefore has a harmony of -2. Candidate b has the highest harmony is therefore the optimal candidate. In (14b), candidate b also violates C and therefore has a harmony of -4. In this configuration, the cumulated violations of B and C are costlier than the violation of A, and candidate a is the optimal candidate even though it violates the "strongest" constraint.

We also need to be able to express the probabilistic nature of EAP. This can be achieved with a probabilistic model of grammar such as Max-Ent-OT (Goldwater & Johnson 2003) in which "a candidate's probability relative to the rest of the candidate set is proportional to the exponential of its harmony" (Pater 2009). In this model, example (14b) becomes (15).

³⁷ This constraint is independently required to account for the accentual contours observed in monomorphemic words. See foonote 7.

| (15) | | | | | | |
|------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|----|------------|
| | | A 3 | В 2 | C 2 | Н | p(grammar) |
| | Candidate a | -3 | | | -3 | 0.73 |
| | Candidate b | | -2 | -2 | -4 | 0.27 |

In this analysis, candidate a has a probability of 0.73 and is therefore more likely than candidate b, which only has a probability of 0.27. The analysis of EAP can therefore use such a model to give us probabilities for each accentual contour in each possible segmental configuration. Let us assume the weights in Table 7 to see how the analysis could work.³⁸

| Constraint | Weight | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--|--|--|
| *CLASH | 5 | | | |
| IDENT-ACCENT | 4 | | | |
| ACCENT(VC) | 3 | | | |
| ACCENT-L | 1 | | | |
| Table 7. Constraint weights | | | | |

Moreover, if we analyse the relative frequency effects found in the data using Hay's model of lexical access (see §3.3), then it means that the nature of the input itself depends on whether the derivative is accessed through the direct route or through the decomposed route. If it is accessed through the direct route, then the input will be the derivative itself, listed non-analytically along with its accentual contour, which I will assume to be $/201(-)/^{39}$ (see (16a)). If it is accessed through the decomposed route, then the input will be a combination of the free base (listed with its accentual contour) and the suffix (see (16b)).

(16) a. Decomposed route

| Input: /01(-)/ free base + suffix | *Clash 5 | ID-Acc 4 | Acc(VC) | Acc-L | Η | p(grammar) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|-------|----|------------|
| /021(-)/ | -5 | | | -1 | -6 | 0.73 |
| /201(-)/ | | -4 | -3 | | -7 | 0.27 |

³⁸ The weights were computed manually to fit the distribution of the data. I did not use a tool such as the MaxEnt Grammar Tool (Wilson & George 2009) because, to do so, we would need to be able to provide the software with the probabilities found in the data when derivatives are accessed through the decomposed route or through the direct route. The only probabilities which are accessible are those found in our data and we have no direct way to access the probability for the preferred route of lexical access (see below) or those predicted for the grammar alone. In the absence of an access to the intermediate probabilities, it seems reasonable to propose a plausible grammar and then to infer what the probabilities for the direct route and the decomposed route are. This is a first approximation of how the analysis could function. Possible refinements are discussed below.

³⁹ This is to avoid the additional complication of having lexically stored derivatives with an unresolved clash, even though it should be a possibility.

| b. Direct route | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------|-------|-----|------------|
| Input: | *CLASH | | $A_{CC}(\mathbf{VC})$ | Acc I | и | p(grammar) |
| Input: | CLASH | ID-ACC | ACC(VC) | ACC-L | п | p(grammar) |
| Listed /201(-)/ derivative | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | | |
| /021(-)/ | -5 | -4 | | -1 | -10 | 0 |
| /201(-)/ | | | -3 | | -3 | 1 |

With this analysis, EAP has a probability of 0.73 if the word is accessed through the decomposed route and 0 if it is accessed directly.

Finally, the analysis requires one last ingredient. We need to integrate the probability that a given derivative will be accessed through the decomposed route or through the direct route. This is because the global probability for a given contour is equal to the probability predicted by the grammar for that contour multiplied by the probability that the input will be a combination of the free base plus the suffix plus the probability predicted by the grammar for that contour multiplied by the probability that the input will be the listed derivative itself. This can be formulated as (17).

(17) $p(contour) = (p(grammar) \times p(input = free base + suffix)) + (p(grammar) \times p(input = listed derivative))$

However, we do not have a way to determine the probability for which route of the dualroute race model will be favoured. In our analysis of the data, we distinguished items whose relative frequency is above Hay & Baayen's (2002) parsing from those whose relative frequency is below that line, but parsability has been shown to be influenced by other parameters such as semantic transparency and phonotactics (see Hay & Baayen 2003 and Ben Hedia & Plag 2017). Ideally, a composite measure of segmentability which could be turned into a probability of decomposed access would be required.

Let us try and see how the analysis proposed here could function. We can keep the weights in Table 7, which will generate the probabilities predicted by the grammar in each segmental configuration. Then, based on the probabilities predicted by this grammar and the observed distribution of the data, we can infer what the probabilities for the different access routes should be. This method yields the probabilities in (18).

| (18) | Model ₁ (items whose relativ | ve frequency | y is <i>above</i> Hay & Baayen's parsing line) |
|------|--|---------------------|---|
| | decomposed route: | p = 0.8 | $(\rightarrow \text{ input: free base} + \text{ suffix})$ |
| | direct route: | p = 0.2 | $(\rightarrow \text{ input: listed derivative})$ |
| | Model ₂ (items whose relative decomposed route: direct route: | p = 0.25 $p = 0.75$ | v is <i>below</i> Hay & Baayen's parsing line) (→ input: free base + suffix) (→ input: listed derivative) |

This means that, on average, we assume that items whose relative frequency is above Hay & Baayen's parsing line have a probability of 0.8 to be accessed through the decomposed route whereas items whose relative frequency is below that line have a probability of 0.25 to be accessed through the decomposed route. These estimates allow us to calculate the probabilities for each accentual contour in the two models, as shown in (19). To simplify the presentation of the different syllabic configurations, I used the common notation L for "light" and H for "heavy" syllables, but here L refers to open syllables and H refers

| (19) | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------|---------|------------|-----|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Input: | | *Clash 5 | ID-ACC 4 | Acc(VC) | Acc-L 1 | Η | p (gram.) | p (model ₁) | p (model ₂) |
| #LĹ(-)+suff | /021(-)/ | -5 | | | -1 | -6 | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.03 |
| | /201(-)/ | | -4 | | | -4 | 0.88 | 0.70 | 0.22 |
| #LLσ(-) | /021(-)/ | -5 | -4 | | -1 | -10 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | /201(-)/ | | | | | 0 | 1.00 | 0.20 | 0.75 |
| #LH(-)+suff | /021(-)/ | -5 | | | -1 | -6 | 0.73 | 0.58 | 0.18 |
| | /201(-)/ | | -4 | -3 | | -7 | 0.27 | 0.22 | 0.07 |
| #LHσ(-) | /021(-)/ | -5 | -4 | | -1 | -10 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | /201(-)/ | | | -3 | | -3 | 1.00 | 0.20 | 0.75 |
| #HĹ(-)+suff | /021(-)/ | -5 | | -3 | -1 | -9 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| | /201(-)/ | | -4 | | | -4 | 0.99 | 0.79 | 0.25 |
| #ĤLσ(-) | /021(-)/ | -5 | -4 | -3 | -1 | -13 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | /201(-)/ | | | | | 0 | 1.00 | 0.20 | 0.75 |
| #HH(-)+suff | /021(-)/ | -5 | | -3 | -1 | -9 | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.03 |
| | /201(-)/ | | -4 | -3 | | -7 | 0.88 | 0.70 | 0.22 |
| #ĤΗσ(-) | /021(-)/ | -5 | -4 | -3 | -1 | -13 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | /201(-)/ | | | -3 | | -3 | 1.00 | 0.20 | 0.75 |

to closed syllables. The comparisons between the global probabilities for each segmental configuration are shown in (20a) for model₁ and in (20b) for model₂.

(20) a. Model₁ (items whose relative frequency is *above* Hay & Baayen's parsing line)

| | | p(model ₁) | p(data) | Examples |
|--------|----------|------------------------|---------|--|
| #LL(-) | /021(-)/ | 0.10 | 0.08 | addressee, diffusivity, retiree |
| | /201(-)/ | 0.90 | 0.92 | adoration, gazetteer, specificity |
| #LH(-) | /021(-)/ | 0.59 | 0.56 | adoptee, departmental, refractivity |
| | /201(-)/ | 0.41 | 0.44 | affectation, domesticity, productivity |
| #HL(-) | /021(-)/ | 0.01 | 0.1 | consignor, escapee, expellee |
| | /201(-)/ | 0.99 | 0.9 | conferee, embarkation, obligee |
| #HH(-) | /021(-)/ | 0.10 | 0 | Ø |
| | /201(-)/ | 0.90 | 1 | acceptation, advantageous, existential |

| | | p(model ₂) | p(data) | Examples |
|--------|----------|------------------------|---------|--|
| #LL(-) | /021(-)/ | 0.03 | 0.04 | debauchee, detainee, remittee |
| | /201(-)/ | 0.97 | 0.96 | accusation, messianic, prohibition |
| #LH(-) | /021(-)/ | 0.18 | 0.17 | ellipsoidal, fermentation, reflexivity |
| | /201(-)/ | 0.82 | 0.83 | authenticity, enigmatic, molestation |
| #HL(-) | /021(-)/ | 0.00 | 0 | Ø |
| | /201(-)/ | 1.00 | 1 | admiration, dictatorial, obstetrician |
| #HH(-) | /021(-)/ | 0.03 | 0.08 | encrustation |
| | /201(-)/ | 0.97 | 0.92 | condemnation, dispensation, exultation |

b. Model₂ (items whose relative frequency is *below* Hay & Baayen's parsing line)

This analysis allows us to generate models which, overall, fit the distribution of the data. Interestingly, using a single constraint to capture the effects of syllable closedness correctly predicts the similar probabilities of EAP in #LL(-) and #HH(-) configurations (*modulo* the probably accidental gap in the data with #HH(-) words whose base is more frequent than the derivative). However, the analysis fails to predict the 10% of EAP found in the data in #HL(-) words in (20a) but this is not surprising because, as mentioned above, these words do not fit the global analysis of EAP proposed here.

Although this analysis is a first approximation, it shows how the cumulative effect of relative frequency (through the increased weight of IDENT-ACCENT) and closedness of the first two syllables can be captured using an interaction between the probabilities generated by a probabilistic model of grammar using weighted constraints and the probabilities of morphological decomposition in lexical access. One way the analysis could be improved would be to turn the segmentability of a given complex word into a probabilities predicted by the grammar, the refined analysis should account for the fact that EAP never occurs when the derivative is more frequent than its base (i.e. when the derivative/base frequency ratio is superior to 1), as shown in Figure 5.

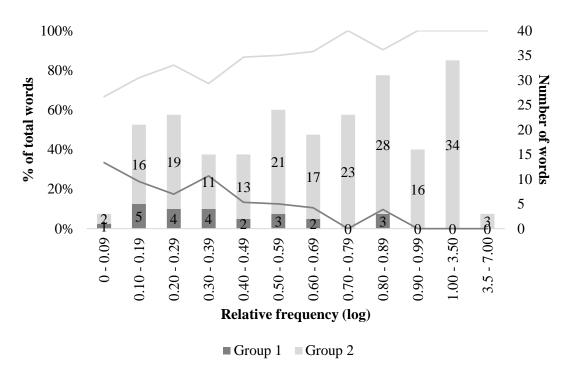


Figure 5. Percentage and number of Group 1 and Group 2 words per derivative/base frequency ratio. 40

Finally, it would be interesting to test the present analysis on spoken data, in order to gain more statistical power to test the claims made in this paper.

To sum up, EAP can be analysed using Collie's (2007, 2008) fake cyclicity, which crucially refers to Hay's (2001, 2003) dual-route race model of lexical access and to Stratal OT's assumption that words can be stored non-analytically along with their accentual contours (Bermúdez-Otero 2012; Bermúdez-Otero & McMahon 2006; Bermúdez-Otero forthcoming). However, we have shown that analysis of EAP also requires weighted constraints and a probabilistic model of grammar such as Max-Ent.

6.3. The influence of the remote base

Let us conclude this discussion with some of the questions raised by the evidence supporting the influence of the remote base on the derivative. As the interaction between bases at different levels of embedding and their derivatives is largely uncharted territory, the method adopted in Condition B of the study discussed here is rather exploratory. Indeed, if frequency relationships between bases and derivatives are interpreted in terms of lexical access, then how can lexical access be modelled with a more deeply embedded base? If we expand on Hay's (2001, 2003) model of lexical access (see §3.3), there are four possible relative frequency configurations detailed below:

A. FqLocalBase > FqDerivative

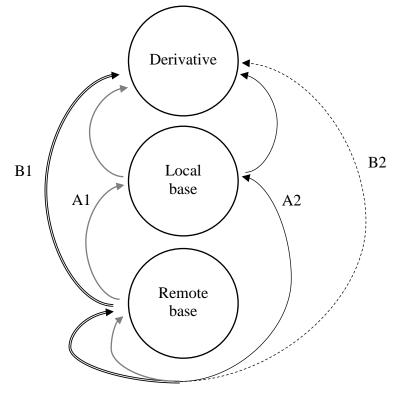
1. FqRemoteBase > FqLocalBase: lexical access goes through the decomposed route both for the local base and for the derivative. In this configuration, we could expect a cumulated effect of the influence of the local base and the influence of the remote base (if they share the

 $^{^{40}}$ All the items with a frequency of zero have been left out to allow for the computation of the ratio.

phonological property under investigation) or a conflict between these two influences (if they do not share that property).

- 2. FqRemoteBase < FqLocalBase: the local base is accessed directly and then the derivative is accessed through the decomposed route. In this configuration, we do not expect to see a difference between derivatives with only a local base and derivatives with a remote base.
- B. FqLocalBase < FqDerivative
 - 1. FqRemoteBase > FqDerivative: the derivative is accessed through the decomposed route but the local base is skipped. This is the configuration in which we would expect leap-frogging preservation.
 - 2. FqRemoteBase < FqDerivative: the derivative is accessed directly. In this configuration, we expect preservation phenomena to be more likely to fail.

These four configurations therefore correspond to four routes of lexical access depending on the access route which is used at each level of embedding (direct or decomposed). These four possible routes can be represented as in Figure 6.



"Derivative"

Figure 6. The four possible routes of lexical access with a remote base

The method adopted in the study reported here neglects the difference between configurations A1 and B1 because, whenever the remote base was found to be more frequent than the local base, it was the frequency of the remote base which was included in the relative frequency analysis. This approach also neglects potential cumulative

effects that could arise in configuration A1. This would not substantially affect the results reported here because only the three cases in (21) correspond to configuration A1.⁴¹

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(21) express (8.604) \rightarrow expressive (5.645) \rightarrow expressivity (1.792)
receive (9.787) \rightarrow receptive (5.247) \rightarrow receptivity (1.099)
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reflect (8.604) \rightarrow reflective (5.645) \rightarrow reflectivity (1.792)

Consequently, the current dataset does not constitute a good testing ground for configuration A1 but it is a configuration which should be investigated in future research in order to determine whether it can differ significantly from configuration B1.

Finally, I do not have knowledge of any psycholinguistic work on the role of remote bases in lexical access but it would certainly be interesting to see whether the model in Figure 6 can be supported by psycholinguistic evidence.

7. CONCLUSION

This paper has shown that EAP can be partially attributed to word-frequency effects and partially to syllable structure. It has been shown that EAP is more likely to occur in derivatives which are less frequent than their base, which have an open first syllable and a closed second syllable. Moreover, it has been shown that these factors are the best predictors of EAP when they are combined. Finally, it has been shown that high-frequency more deeply embedded bases can affect the pronunciation of derivatives as derivatives with such bases were found to be more likely to display EAP.

A first approximation of how EAP can be formalised was proposed using fake cyclicity, weighted constraints, indexation of the weight of a faithfulness constraint to the relative frequency of the base and its derivative and a probabilistic model of grammar such as Max-Ent-OT. Because relative frequency is one of several parameters contributing to word segmentability, it was suggested that future research should consider looking at a composite measure of segmentability to try and see whether EAP can be better accounted for using such a measure rather than relative frequency alone. Finally, the implications of the evidence showing an influence of remote bases on the pronunciation of their derivatives were discussed, especially with regards to lexical access. Hay's (2001, 2003) model of lexical access only deals with local bases and an expanded version of how that model could function if remote bases are integrated was proposed. This model presents four possible routes of lexical access and the predictions for each of these routes were presented.

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⁴¹ This is still under the assumption that the frequency ratio needs to fall above Hay & Baayen's (2002) parsing line in order to get direct access.

Appendix: Dataset Group 1

| Derivative | Acc Main | Acc Variant | Token count Subtlex | Local base | Token count Subtlex | Remote base | Token count Subtlex |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| addressee | 201 | 021 | 5 | address | 6925 | | |
| adoptee | 021 | | 7 | adopt | 4121 | | |
| appointee | 021 | 201 | 82 | appoint | 3203 | | |
| Beninese | 201 | 021 | 1 | Benin | 140 | | |
| collectivity | 20100 | 02100 | 12 | collective | 1478 | | |
| connectivity | 20100 | 02100 | 152 | connective | 77 | connect | 7109 |
| consignor | 010 | 201, 021 | 1 | consign | 297 | | |
| debauchee | 201 | 021 | 2 | debauch | 24 | | |
| departmental | 2010 | 0210 | 369 | department | 13281 | | |
| detainee | 201 | 021 | 337 | detain | 998 | | |
| diffusivity | 20100 | 02100 | 2 | diffusive | 0 | diffuse | 103 |
| directorial | 20100 | 02100 | 33 | director | 9236 | direct | 3435 |
| elasticity | 20100 | 02100 | 69 | elastic | 474 | | |
| electoral | 0100 | 0210 | 1994 | elector | 124 | elect | 8143 |
| ellipsoidal | 2010 | 0210 | 0 | ellipsoid | 3 | ellipse | 19 |
| encrustation | 20100 | 02100 | 8 | encrust | 196 | | |
| eructation | 20100 | 02100 | 0 | eruct | 0 | | |
| escapee | 021 | 201 | 123 | escape | 9133 | | |
| expellee | 201 | 021 | 0 | expel | 914 | | |
| fermentation | 20100 | 02100 | 111 | ferment (v) | 243 | | |
| Gibraltarian | 20100 | 02100 | 1 | Gibraltar | 244 | | |
| perceptivity | 20100 | 02100 | 0 | perceptive | 99 | perceive | 1333 |
| receptivity | 20100 | 02100 | 2 | receptive | 189 | receive | 17806 |
| reflectivity | 20100 | 02100 | 0 | reflective | 307 | reflect | 8517 |
| reflexivity | 20100 | 02100 | 1 | reflexive | 4 | reflex (v) | 5 |
| refractivity | 20100 | 02100 | 0 | refractive | 38 | refract | 64 |
| remittee | 021 | | 0 | remit (v) | 41 | | |
| resistivity | 20100 | 02100 | 1 | resistive | 1 | resist | 3646 |
| retiree | 021 | 201, 010 | 67 | retire | 6357 | | |
| returnee | 021 | | 2 | return (v) | 17959 | | |
| selectivity | 02100 | 20100 | 9 | selective | 490 | select (v) | 3868 |
| semantician | 02100 | | 0 | semantic | 61 | | |

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| abolition | 20100 | | 365 | abolish | 1393 | | |
| absorptivity | 20100 | | 0 | absorptive | 0 | absorb | 2100 |
| academic | 2010 | | 2452 | academy | 4215 | | |
| acceptation | 20100 | | 4 | accept | 20017 | | |
| acclamation | 20100 | | 13 | acclaim | 551 | | |
| accusation | 20100 | | 1408 | accuse | 7805 | | |
| accusatory | 01000 | 20100 | 6 | accuse | 7805 | | |
| acoustician | 20100 | | 4 | acoustic(s) | 683 | | |
| acquisition | 20100 | | 425 | acquire | 2087 | | |
| adaptation | 20100 | | 720 | adapt | 3254 | | |
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| adoration | 20100 | | 87 | adore | 2181 | | |
| advantageous | 20100 | | 123 | advantage | 10406 | | |
| affectation | 20100 | | 28 | affect | 17130 | | |
| affirmation | 20100 | | 56 | affirm | 139 | | |
| affixation | 20100 | | 0 | affix (v) | 19 | | |
| annexation | 20100 | | 19 | annex (v) | 48 | | |
| anonymity | 20100 | | 400 | anonymous | 1157 | | |
| apparition | 20100 | | 76 | appear | 22663 | | |
| appellee | 201 | | 0 | appeal | 4687 | | |
| application | 20100 | | 4541 | apply | 3246 | | |
| Appolonian | 20100 | | 0 | Apollo | 2 | | |
| apposition | 20100 | | 10 | appose | 1 | | |
| aromatic | 2010 | | 397 | aroma | 494 | | |
| arriviste | 201 | 010 | 3 | arrive | 25878 | | |
| assiduity | 20100 | | 0 | assiduous | 37 | | |
| assignation | 20100 | | 39 | assign | 570 | | |
| assignee | 201 | | 1 | assign | 570 | | |
| attestation | 20100 | | 3 | attest | 69 | | |
| Augustinian | 20100 | | 14 | Augustine | 141 | | |
| authenticity | 20100 | | 307 | authentic | 1069 | | |
| bearnaise | 201 | | 86 | Béarn | 3 | | |
| bombardier | 201 | | 290 | bombard | 416 | | |
| brigadier | 201 | | 184 | brigade | 1534 | | |
| calypsonian | 20100 | | 2 | calypso | 121 | | |
| capillarity | 20100 | | 1 | capillary | 79 | | |
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| abariamatia | 2010 | | 620 | ahariama | 437 | | |
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| cigarillo | 2010 | | 19 | cigar | 1085 | | |
| co(-)optation | 20100 | | 0 | co(-)opt | 0 | | 00 |
| coercivity | 20100 | | 0 | coercive | 23 | coerce | 98 |
| collectanea | 20100 | | 1 | collect | 13891 | | |
| combination | 20100 | | 5763 | combine | 4769 | | |
| commandant | 100 | 201 | 88 | command | 838 | | |
| commendation | 20100 | | 69 | commend | 757 | | |
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| compartmentalize | 20100 | | 33 | compartmental | 1 | compartme nt | 620 |
| competition | 20100 | | 20815 | compete | 8111 | | |
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| componential | 20100 | | 0 | component | 1671 | | |
| composition | 20100 | | 1016 | compose | 1729 | | |
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| condemnation | 20100 | | 308 | condemn | 2177 | | |
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| condonation | 20100 | | 0 | condone | 279 | | |
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| confrontation | 20100 | | 778 | confront | 2325 | | |
| confutation | 20100 | | 0 | confute | 1 | | |
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| connotation | 20100 | | 146 | connote | 2 | | |
| conservation | 20100 | | 2568 | conserve (v) | 661 | | |
| consignee | 201 | | 1 | consign | 297 | | |
| consistorial | 20100 | | 0 | consistory | 4 | consist | 1578 |
| consolation | 20100 | | 920 | console (v) | 521 | | |
| consultation | 20100 | | 4113 | consult (v) | 2333 | | |
| contiguity | 20100 | | 1 | contiguous | 24 | | |
| continuity | 20100 | | 841 | continuous | 846 | continue | 34352 |
| contractility | 20100 | | 0 | contractile | 4 | contract (v) | 762 |
| conversation | 20100 | | 7279 | converse (v) | 92 | × / | |
| convocation | 20100 | | 5 | convoke | 0 | | |
| convolution | 20100 | | 4 | convolve | 0 | | |
| crematorium | 20100 | | 164 | cremate | 224 | | |
| cuirassier | 201 | 01 | 1 | cuirass | 5 | | |
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| declamation | 20100 | | 6 | declaim | 23 | | |
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| declination | 20100 | | 3 | decline (v) | 2037 | | |
| degradation | 20100 | | 100 | degrade | 221 | | |
| demolition | 20100 | | 857 | demolish | 1360 | | |
| denotation | 20100 | | 0 | denote | 339 | | |
| denudation | 20100 | | 1 | denude | 23 | | |
| deposition | 20100 | | 96 | depose | 222 | | |
| depravation | 20100 | | 24 | deprave | 50 | | |
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| deputation | 20100 | | 13 | depute | 3 | | |
| derivation | 20100 | | 41 | derive | 1425 | | |
| desperation | 20100 | | 610 | despair | 94 | | |
| detestation | 20100 | | 2 | detest | 161 | | |
| devolution | 20100 | | 2675 | devolve | 1042 | | |
| devotee | 201 | | 123 | devote | 1272 | | |
| dictatorial | 20100 | | 49 | dictator | 652 | dictate | 603 |
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| dilatation | 20100 | | 2 | dilate | 153 | | |
| diminution | 20100 | | 13 | diminish | 846 | | |
| diplomatic | 2010 | | 1697 | diplomacy | 618 | | |
| dispensation | 20100 | | 75 | dispense | 360 | | |
| disposition | 20100 | | 284 | dispose | 753 | | |
| disputation | 20100 | | 2 | dispute (v) | 872 | | |
| dissertation | 20100 | | 73 | dissert | 1 | | |
| diverticulum | 20100 | | 4 | divert | 904 | | |
| divination | 20100 | | 20 | divine | 115 | | |
| domesticity | 20100 | | 49 | domestic | 4688 | | |
| dragonnade | 201 | | 0 | dragoon | 136 | | |
| eccentricity | 20100 | | 139 | eccentric | 934 | | |
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| embarkation | 20100 | | 22 | embark | 1328 | | |
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| enigmatic | 2010 | | 265 | enigma | 250 | | |
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| evolution | 20100 | | 1513 | evolve | 2617 | | |
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| excitation | 20100 | | 110 | excite | 11857 | | |
| exclamation | 20100 | | 198 | exclaim | 88 | | |
| exclusivity | 20100 | | 96 | exclusive | 2324 | exclude | 1553 |
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| grenadier | 201 | | 242 | grenade | 695 | | |
| Guyanese | 201 | | 5 | Guyana | 176 | | |
| Hippocratic | 2010 | | 39 | Hippocrates | 28 | | |
| horizontal | 2010 | | 539 | horizon | 1868 | | |
| imposition | 20100 | | 124 | impose | 3781 | | |
| imputation | 20100 | | 5 | impute | 6 | | |
| inanition | 20100 | | 1 | inane | 52 | | |
| inclination | 20100 | | 236 | incline (v) | 452 | | |
| incrustation | 20100 | | 2 | incrust | 0 | | |
| infectivity | 20100 | | 0 | infective | 10 | infect | 784 |
| infestation | 20100 | | 194 | infest | 35 | | |
| inflammation | 20100 | | 195 | inflame | 195 | | |
| informatics | 2010 | | 1 | inform | 3803 | | |
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| infusoria | 20100 | | 0 | infuse | 620 | | |
| ingenuity | 20100 | | 415 | ingenuous | 2 | | |
| inquisition | 20100 | | 176 | inquire | 177 | | |
| insipidity | 20100 | | 1 | insipid | 57 | | |
| inspiration | 20100 | | 4572 | inspire | 2141 | | |
| installation | 20100 | | 850 | instal(1) | 2706 | | |
| interrogative | 20100 | | 3 | interrogate | 412 | | |
| interrogatory | 201000 | | 2 | interrogate | 412 | | |
| interstitial | 20100 | | 3 | interstice | 4 | | |
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| intuition | 20100 | - | 245 | intuit | 11 | | |
| invitation | 20100 | | 1896 | invite (v) | 11038 | | |
| invitee | 20100 | | 2 | invite (v) | 11038 | | |
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| invocation | 20100 | | 15 | invoke | 248 | | |
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| Japanese | 201 | | 5313 | Japan | 6166 | | |
| lamentation | 20100 | | 20 | lament | 83 | | |
| macadamia | 20100 | | 57 | Macadam | 10 | | |
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| magisterial | 20100 | | 20 | magister | 2 | | |
| magnanimity | 20100 | | 7 | magnanimous | 71 | | |
| melismatic | 2010 | | 0 | melisma | 1 | | |
| messianic | 2010 | | 26 | Messiah | 359 | | |
| Milanese | 201 | | 35 | Milan | 943 | | |
| molestation | 20100 | | 23 | molest | 95 | | |
| Mycenaean | 2010 | | 5 | Mycenae | 11 | | |
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| Nepalese | 201 | | 49 | Nepal | 336 | | |
| notoriety | 20100 | | 156 | notorious | 1291 | | |
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| obstetrician | 20100 | | 78 | obstetric | 56 | | |
| occultation | 20100 | | 3 | occult (v) | 0 | | |
| opposition | 20100 | | 10756 | oppose | 6095 | | |
| permittivity | 20100 | | 4 | permit (v) | 982 | | |
| perpetuity | 20100 | | 53 | perpetual | 227 | | |
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| perspiration | 20100 | | 74 | perspire | 33 | | |
| perturbation | 20100 | | 15 | perturb | 73 | | |
| Piagetian | 20100 | | 0 | Piaget | 27 | | |
| politesse | 201 | | 2 | polite | 1568 | | |
| preparation | 20100 | | 3754 | prepare | 22061 | | |
| presentation | 20100 | | 3439 | present (v) | 10191 | | |
| preservation | 20100 | | 442 | preserve | 4359 | | |
| proclamation | 20100 | | 145 | proclaim | 511 | | |
| procuration | 20100 | | 0 | procure | 161 | | |
| productivity | 20100 | | 622 | productive | 1178 | produce | 22287 |
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| profanation | 20100 | | 1 | profane | 28 | C | 1.57 |
| professorial | 20100 | | 8 | professor | 6604 | profess | 157 |
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| prohibition | 20100 | | 224 | prohibit | 291 | | |
| promiscuity | 20100 | | 50 | promiscuous | 96 | | |
| proposition | 20100 | | 1329 | propose | 6743 | | |
| prorogation | 20100 | | 4 | prorogue | 7 | | |
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| psoriatic | 2010 | | 5 | psoriasis | 45 | | |
| recantation | 20100 | | 5 | recant | 26 | | |
| reciprocity | 20100 | | 12 | reciprocal | 51 | | |
| recitation | 20100 | | 17 | recite | 285 | | |
| referee | 201 | | 7193 | refer | 8323 | | |
| reformation | 20100 | | 444 | reform | 2516 | | |
| refutation | 20100 | | 2 | refute | 209 | | |
| relaxation | 20100 | | 452 | relax | 10679 | | |
| reparation | 20100 | | 88 | repair | 2577 | | |
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| reportage | 201 | 010 | 37 | report | 11378 | | |
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| requisition | 20100 | | 86 | require | 11001 | | |
| reservation | 20100 | | 1110 | reserve | 1117 | | |
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| respiration | 20100 | | 99 | respire | 5 | | |
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| restoration | 20100 | | 2512 | restore | 6162 | | |
| retardation | 20100 | | 6 | retardate | 0 | | |
| revelation | 20100 | | 1999 | reveal | 19727 | | |
| revelatory | 20100 | 10000 | 23 | reveal | 19727 | | |
| revocation | 20100 | | 8 | revoke | 203 | | |
| revolution | 20100 | | 6419 | revolve | 517 | | |
| salutation | 20100 | | 34 | salute | 620 | | |
| Shoshonean | 2010 | | 0 | Shoshone | 5 | | |
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| specificity | 20100 | | 6 | specific | 5849 | | |
| statistician | 20100 | | 142 | statistic | 4145 | | |
| subornation | 20100 | | 0 | suborn | 2 | | |
| Sudanese | 201 | | 80 | Sudan | 772 | | |
| superfluity | 20100 | | 2 | superfluid | 66 | | |
| supposition | 20100 | | 48 | suppose | 38505 | | |
| suppositious | 20100 | | 0 | suppose | 38505 | | |
| susceptivity | 20100 | | 0 | susceptive | 0 | | |
| Tobagonian | 20100 | | 0 | Tobago | 134 | | |
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| unanimity | 20100 | | 94 | unanimous | 461 | | |
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