

LING 21000: Morphology

Assignment 1

1 Zoque (Mexico)

List all morphemes and give the meaning of each, as well as whether it is a root or affix:

pən	‘man’
pəntaʔm	‘men’
pənkəsi	‘on a man’
pənkotoya	‘for a man’
pənhɪʔŋ	‘with a man’
pənkəsitaʔm	‘on men’
pənkəsifəh	‘as on a man’
pənfəh	‘manlike’
pənfəhtaʔm	‘like men’
nanah	‘mother’
nanahtaʔm	‘mothers’
nanahkotoya	‘for a mother’
ʔunehiʔŋ	‘with a child’
ʔunehiʔŋtaʔm	‘with children’
naka	‘skin, leather’
nakaʔpit	‘by means of leather’
nakaʔpitfəh	‘as if by leather’
yomo	‘woman’
yomotaʔm	‘women’
yomohiʔŋ	‘with a woman’
yomotih	‘just a woman’
yomoʔune	‘girl’
kahʃi	‘hen’
kahʃiʔune	‘chick’
libru	‘book’
libruʔune	‘booklet’
wetu	‘fox’
wetuʔune	‘fox whelp’
maŋu teʔ pən	‘the man went’
maŋpa teʔ pən	‘the man goes’
maŋkeʔtpa teʔ yomo	‘the woman also goes’
minpa teʔ ʔune	‘the child comes’
minu teʔ ʔune	‘the child came’
maŋkeʔtu	‘he also went’
maŋutih	‘he went (and did nothing more)’

2 Yingkarta (Western Australia)

Yingkarta nouns and adjectives are marked for a case which has a number of functions: we'll call this the genitive/dative case. For the sake of this exercise, you can ignore the meaning/function of this case. On pronouns, this case is marked with the form *-ngu*. On nouns and adjectives, this case is marked as follows:

Base	Genitive/Dative	Gloss
mantu	mantuwu	'meat'
papa	papawu	'water'
pika	pikawu	'sick'
pipi	pipiwu	'mother'
thuthu	thuthuwu	'dog'
kurtan	kurtanku	'bag'
majun	majunku	'turtle'
mangkurr	mangkurrku	'three'
nginthirn	nginthirnku	'cold'
nyanyjil	nyanyjilku	'woman'

What are the allomorphs of the genitive/dative morpheme in Yingkarta? What conditions each one? Given the base forms *purlijiman*, 'policeman', and *kartu*, 'man', what would you predict the genitive/dative forms to be?

3 Bruce Lee

Bruce Lee was a Hong Kong-American martial artist and actor, among other things (you know who Bruce Lee is). His Cantonese birth name was Lee Jun-Fan, however, his mother also originally named him Sai-fon, and he used three other Chinese names: Li Yuanxin, a family/clan name; Li Yuanjian, a student name while he was attending La Salle College; and Li Xiaolong, his Chinese screen name. In the English speaking world, those who are close to him typically call him Bruce, and more formal writing will refer to him either by his full name Bruce Lee, or by his family name Lee.

Do you think that *Bruce Lee*, *Bruce*, *Lee*, *Jun Fan*, *Sai-fon*, *Li Yuanxin*, *Li Yuanjian* and *Li Xiaolong* are allomorphs? different word forms of a single lexeme? If so, what do you think conditions their appearance? If not, why not?