

MULTIPLE INPUT, FAITHFULNESS, AND UNIFORM EXPONENCE*

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1 Introduction

Certain verb stems in Korean have been called irregular in that they exhibit stem-final consonantal alternations that do not follow general phonological processes. They exhibit these final consonantal alternations, depending on whether they are followed by a vowel-initial or a consonant-initial suffix. Various abstract underlying structures have been posited for such verb stems. However, without assuming unnatural rules or constraints that are still irregular, the surface forms cannot be derived from a single underlying form. In this paper I will discuss *t-*, *p-*, and *s-*irregular verbs with reference to Korean dialects. Such irregular stems show dialectal variations. I will argue that such verb stems do not have abstract underlying structures and should not be analyzed with unnatural rules or constraints in view of the dialectal variations. I will discuss how the forms in the irregular paradigms should be represented and how the surface forms are related to each other within a paradigm and across paradigms.

The paper is organized as follows. In section 2 I will present some aspects of Korean phonology as a background to later discussion. In section 3 I show how the stem-final and suffix-initial segments alternate when the stems and suffixes concatenate. In section 4 I will look at dialectal variants and discuss how they have arisen in the dialects. In sections 4 and 5 I discuss how multiple surface relations are established in the lexicon and how the surface forms affect the others across paradigms as well as within a paradigm. Finally, the conclusion is summarized in section 7.

2 Preliminary: Some Aspects of Korean Phonology

Before looking at the stem-final and suffix-initial segmental alternations in the next section, I will introduce some aspects of Korean phonology as a preliminary to help us understand the phenomena to be discussed later in this paper. First, the Korean consonant phonemes are presented in table 1 below.

Table 1 Korean Consonant Phonemes

		labial	alveolar	palatal	velar	glottal
stop	lax	p	t		k	
	tense	p'	t'		k'	
	aspirated	p ^h	t ^h		k ^h	
affricate	lax			c		
	tense			c'		
	aspirated			c ^h		
fricative	lax		s			h
	tense		s'			
nasal		m	n		ŋ	
liquid			l			

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Since we are interested in the stem-final and suffix-initial segmental alternations with respect to the irregular verb stems, some understanding of the phonology of Korean consonants is necessary. Specifically, we need to understand the obstruent system, how the three series of obstruents are related, in what contexts lax series are realized as voiced, aspirated, or tense counterparts, under what conditions aspirated and tense series are realized as lax counterparts, etc. In Korean, stops and affricates have a three-way phonation contrast, and oral fricatives a two-way contrast: lax (lenis or plain) obstruents are slightly aspirated, aspirated obstruents are heavily aspirated, and tense (fortis) obstruents are unaspirated. Aspirated and tense series are quantitatively different from the lax series. They have a longer duration of articulatory closure than the lax series, especially in intervocalic position. Thus, in intervocalic position they occur as a geminate, that is, they are ambisyllabic. This may be related to the fact that tense and aspirated obstruents are derived as well as underlying. Tense and aspirated obstruents can be created through the concatenation of two morphemes. For example, when a lax obstruent immediately follows another homorganic obstruent, they become totally fused, producing a tense obstruent, when the laryngeal fricative *h* is adjacent to another obstruent, they become fused, producing an aspirated obstruent. There is no phonetic difference between underlying and derived tense and aspirated obstruents, as the following examples in (1) show.

- (1) a $kk \approx kk' \approx k'$ e.g. jak-kuk [jakk'uk \approx jak'uk] 'drug store'
 b $hk \approx kh \approx kh^h \approx k^h$ e.g. coh-ko [cokk^ho \approx cok^ho] 'good', ip-hak [ipp^hak \approx ip^hak] 'entrance'

In (2) below I summarize some phonological constraints in Korean.

(2) Some Constraints for Phonological Realization

a *Neutralization* In syllable coda position three series of obstruents (lax, tense, aspirated) are neutralized into lax series, and coronal obstruents are neutralized into *l*, which is the least marked consonant in Korean. The glottal fricative *h* is not realized in syllable coda position, and the stem-final *h* becomes fused with the following obstruent, producing aspirated obstruents. That is, in coda position, three series of obstruents are not contrastive, and coronal obstruents are not contrastive either. The laryngeal features [+constr gl], [+spr gl], [+voice], and the feature [+continuant] are not licensed (or specified) in syllable coda. Thus, only seven consonants *p*, *t*, *k*, *m*, *n*, *ŋ*, and *l* can be realized in syllable coda position.

b *Post-obstruent Tensification* In Korean, tensification, by which lax obstruents are realized as their tense counterparts, takes place in various phonological and grammatical environments. One such phonological environment arises when a lax obstruent immediately follows another obstruent. In this case, the lax obstruent is realized as tense. As a special case of this, when a lax obstruent immediately follows another (heteromorphic) homorganic obstruent (whether the latter is original or assimilated), they become totally fused and realized as a tense obstruent. As mentioned above, the tense obstruents that arise in this way are not phonetically different from the underlying ones.

c *Place Assimilation* Non-approximant consonants in syllable coda agree in the place of articulation to the adjacent consonants in syllable onset: alveolars are assimilated to the following labials or velars, and labials are optionally assimilated to the following velars (but not vice versa).

d *Nasalization* Obstruents are realized as nasals before another sonorant (a nasal or a lateral).

e *Fricativization* Coronal obstruents are totally assimilated to the following fricative *s/s'* the successive obstruents in sequence become fused and are realized as the tense fricative *s'*

f Syllable-final coronal obstruents are totally assimilated to the consonants that follow and geminates arise due to *Neutralization*, *Place Assimilation*, *Nasalization*, and *Fricativization* The geminate obstruents that arise in this way are realized as tense due to *Tensification* unless the syllable-initial consonant was an aspirated obstruent

g *Aspiration* The laryngeal fricative *h* is realized in word-initial position, but generally it is not realized between vowels (in native Korean words) or between sonorants (in Sino-Korean words) When it is adjacent to an obstruent, that is, preceded or followed by an obstruent, it becomes fused with the obstruent, and the obstruent is realized as its aspirated counterpart¹ The aspirated obstruents that arise in this way do not differ phonetically from the underlying ones

h *Voicing* Non-continuant lax obstruents are realized as voiced in intersonorantal position

i *Vowel Shortening* The stem-final long vowel is realized as short when the stem is followed by a suffix-initial vowel

3 Stem-final Regular and Irregular Segmental Alternations

Stem-final and suffix-initial segments show alternations when a stem and a suffix concatenate The stem-final coronal obstruents are nasalized before a sonorant, voiced before a vowel, and fused with the following obstruents As mentioned above, syllable-final coronal obstruents are totally assimilated to the following consonants due to *Neutralization*, *Place Assimilation*, *Nasalization*, and *Fricativization* Thus, they are not differentiated before consonant-initial suffixes but differentiated before vowel-initial suffixes

In this respect *t*-final regular verbs, *t*-irregular verbs, *s*-final verbs, and *s*-irregular verbs as well as other verbs ending in a coronal obstruent are alike they show no difference in the realization of their final segments before consonant-initial suffixes Let us consider the paradigms of *t*-final regular verbs, *t*-irregular verbs, *s*-final regular verbs, and *s*-irregular verbs along with other verb stems ending in a coronal consonant and those ending in the glottal fricative *h*, as shown in (3–14) below

(3) *t*-final verbs (surface forms)

	Declarative	Gerund	Propositive	Interrogative	Conditional	Stative	
a	mu(t)t'a	mu(k)k'o	mu(s)s'o	munni	mudɪmjøn	mudə	'bury'
b	kə'(t)t'a	kə(k)k'o	kə(s)s'o	kənni	kədɪmjøn	kədə	'collect'

(4) *t*-final verbs (segmentation)

	Declarative	Gerund	Propositive	Interrogative	Conditional	Stative	
a	mut-t'a	muk-k'o	mus-s'o	mun-ni	mud-ɪmjøn	mud-ə	'bury'
b	kət-t'a	kək-k'o	kəs-s'o	kən-ni	kəd-ɪmjøn	kəd-ə	'collect'

¹ But in the case of *s*, which does not have a corresponding aspirated *s^h*, it is instead realized as tense *s'* due to structure preservation

t-final verbs	suffix-initial segment	t'	k'	s'	n	i	a/ə
	stem-final segment	tʔ/(x)	kʔ/(x)	sʔ/(x)	nʔ/(x)	d	d

(5) vowel-final verbs (surface forms)

Declarative	Gerund	Propositive	Interrogative	Conditional	Stative	
a po-da	pogo	poso	poni	ponjən	poa ~ pwa	'see'
b oda	ogo	oso	oni	omjən	wa	'come'

(6) vowel-final verbs (segmentation)

Declarative	Gerund	Propositive	Interrogative	Conditional	Stative	
a po-da	po-go	po-so	po-ni	po-mjən	po-a ~ pwa	'see'
b o-da	o-go	o-so	o-ni	o-mjən	wa	'come'

(7) t-irregular verbs (surface forms)

Declarative	Gerund	Propositive	Interrogative	Conditional	Stative	
a mu:(t)t'a	mu'(k)k'o	mu:(s)s'o	mu:nni	murimjən	murə	'ask'
b kə:(t)t'a	kə:(k)k'o	kə:(s)s'o	kə:nni	kərimjən	kərə	'walk'

(8) t-irregular verbs (segmentation)

Declarative	Gerund	Propositive	Interrogative	Conditional	Stative	
a mu:(t)-t'a	mu:(k)-k'o	mu:(s)-s'o	mu:n-ni	mur-imjən	mur-ə	'ask'
b kə:(t)-t'a	kə:(k)-k'o	kə:(s)-s'o	kə:n-ni	kər-imjən	kər-ə	'walk'

t-irregular verbs	suffix-initial segment	t'	k'	s'	n	i	a/ə
	stem-final segment	tʔ/(x)	kʔ/(x)	sʔ/(x)	nʔ/(x)	r	r

(9) c-final verbs (surface forms)

Declarative	Gerund	Propositive	Interrogative	Conditional	Stative	
a cɪc(t)t'a	cɪ(k)k'o	cɪ(s)s'o	cɪnni	cɪcmjən	cɪcə	'bark'
a c ^h a(t)t'a	c ^h a(k)k'o	c ^h a(s)s'o	c ^h anni	c ^h acimjən	c ^h aca	'search'

c-final verbs	suffix-initial segment	t'	k'	s'	n	i	a/ə
	stem-final segment	tʔ/(x)	kʔ/(x)	sʔ/(x)	nʔ/(x)	dʒ	dʒ

(10) s-final verbs (surface forms)

Declarative	Gerund	Propositive	Interrogative	Conditional	Stative	
a pɪ(t)t'a	pɪ(k)k'o	pɪ(s)s'o	pɪnni	pɪcmjən	pɪsə	'comb'
b u:(t)t'a	u'(k)k'o	u:(s)s'o	u:nni	u:cmjən	usə	'laugh'

s-final verbs	suffix-initial segment	t'	k'	s'	n	i	a/ə
	stem-final segment	tʔ/(x)	kʔ/(x)	sʔ/(x)	nʔ/(x)	s	s

(11) s-irregular verbs (surface forms)

Declarative	Gerund	Propositive	Interrogative	Conditional	Stative	
a kɪ(t)t'a	kɪ(k)k'o	kɪ(s)s'o	kɪnni	kɪcmjən	kɪə	'build'
b kɪ:(t)t'a	kɪ:(k)k'o	kɪ:(s)s'o	kɪ:nni	kɪimjən	kɪə	'draw'

s-irregular verbs	suffix-initial segment	t'	k'	s'	n	i	a/ə
	stem-final segment	tʔ/(x)	kʔ/(x)	sʔ/(x)	nʔ/(x)	ø	ø

(12) *l*-final verbs (surface forms)

Declarative	Gerund	Propositive	Interrogative	Conditional	Stative	
a muːlda	mu:lgo	mu:lso	mu.nɪ	mu:lɲjən	mu:rə	'bite'
b kə.lɪda	kə.lgo	kə:lso	kə.nɪ	kə:lɲjən	kə:rə	'hang'

<i>l</i> -final verbs	suffix-initial segment	d	g	s	n	(i)m	a/ə
	stem-final segment	l	l	l	ø	l	r

(13) *lh*-final verbs (surface forms)

Declarative	Gerund	Propositive	Interrogative	Conditional	Stative	
a alt ^h a	alk ^h o	als'o	allɪ	arɪɲjən	ara	'get sick'
b silt ^h a	silk ^h o	sils'o	sillɪ	sɪrɪɲjən	sɪrə	'be hateful'

<i>lh</i> -final verbs	suffix-initial segment	t ^h	k ^h	s'	/n/ l	ɪ	ə
	stem-final segment	l	l	l	l	r	r

(14) *h*-final verbs (surface forms)

Declarative	Gerund	Propositive	Interrogative	Conditional	Stative	
a nə:(t)h ^a	nə:(k)k ^h o	nə:(s)s'o	nə:nɪ	nə:ɲjən	nəə	'insert'
b c'i(t)h ^a	c'i(k)k ^h o	c'i(s)s'o	c'innɪ	c'ɪɲjən	c'ɪə	'pound'

<i>h</i> -final verbs	suffix-initial segment	t ^h	k ^h	s'	n	ɪ	a/ə
	stem-final segment	(h)	(h)	(h)	n	ø	ø

Table 2 Summary Stem-final and Suffix-initial Segmental Alternations

stem-final segment	suffix-initial obstruent	stem-final consonant before suffix-initial N	stem-final consonant before suffix-initial vowel	suffix-initial vowel ɪ
<i>t</i> -final regular	tensed	N	/t/ d	realized
<i>t^h</i> -final regular	tensed	N	/t ^h / t ^h	realized
<i>s</i> -final regular	tensed	N	/s/ s	realized
<i>s'</i> -final regular	tensed	N	/s'/ s'	realized
<i>c</i> -final regular	tensed	N	/c/ dʒ	realized
<i>c^h</i> -final regular	tensed	N	/c ^h / c ^h	realized
<i>t</i> -irregular	tensed	N	/l/ r	realized
<i>s</i> -irregular	tensed	N	ø	realized
<i>h</i> -final regular	aspirated	N	ø	realized
<i>lh</i> -final regular	aspirated	l	/l/ r	realized
<i>l</i> -final regular	voiced	ø	/l/ r	not realized
<i>V</i> -final regular	voiced	(V)	(V)	not realized

Stem-final coronal obstruents are totally assimilated to the following consonants when consonant-initial suffixes are added. Thus, they are not differentiated before consonant-initial suffixes. Furthermore, stem-final coronal obstruents and suffix-initial obstruents are totally fused and realized as tense obstruents. Thus, the stem-final and suffix-initial segments overlap, and the stem-suffix boundary

may not be clear when obstruent-initial suffixes are added. When obstruent-initial suffixes are added, the only cue for the stem-final segment is the quantity or the laryngeal feature [+constr gl] of the suffix-initial lax obstruent, which is realized as geminate or tense. As mentioned above, tense and aspirated obstruents are realized as geminate in intervocalic position, that is, they are ambisyllabic. Hence, the boundary between the stem and the suffix may not be clear-cut before obstruent-initial suffixes. However, a nasal geminate is realized when the stems ending in a consonant other than / are followed by a nasal-initial suffix, which shows the presence of a stem-final consonant. In the paradigms of the stems ending in a coronal obstruent and those of the stems ending in a vowel, the initial consonants of the suffixes beginning with a lax obstruent are realized contrastingly as voiced and tensed, respectively.

The difference between the regular and irregular verbs shows up before vowel-initial suffixes. Before vowel-initial suffixes, /-final regular verbs have final *d*, which is the allophonic variant of *t*, due to voicing in intersonorantal position, and *s*-final regular verbs have final *s*. On the other hand, before vowel-initial suffixes, /-irregular verbs have final *r*, which is the allophonic variant of /, realized in syllable onset position,² and *s*-irregular verbs show no final consonant. However, /-irregular verbs and *s*-irregular verbs are different from /-final verbs and vowel-final verbs, respectively. They become geminate (or tense) obstruents when they occur with obstruent-initial suffixes and geminate nasals when they occur with nasal-initial suffixes. Like /-final verbs and vowel-final verbs, /-irregular verbs and *s*-irregular verbs have final / and no final consonant, respectively. Before vowel-initial suffixes, the suffix-initial vowel *i* is not lost after the stems unlike after /-final or vowel-final verb stems. Furthermore, when they are followed by a *n*-initial suffix, /-irregular verb stems have their final *n*, but /-final verb stems do not have their final / . Thus, despite their differences before consonant-initial suffixes, when followed by vowel-initial suffixes, /-irregular verb stems and *s*-irregular verb stems correspond to the verb stems ending in / plus a glottal fricative *h* and to those ending in a glottal fricative *h*, respectively, rather than to /-final verb stems and vowel-final verb stems. They have similarities in that the initial vowel of /-initial suffixes is tolerated after the stem-final / or vowel. In sum, the verb stems that we have compared show similarities as well as differences depending on the context. When they occur before consonant-initial suffixes, /-irregular verb stems and *s*-irregular verb stems correspond to /-final regular verb stems and *s*-final regular verb stems (or rather with the verb stems ending in any coronal obstruent). Also, when they occur before vowel-initial suffixes, they correspond to the verb stems ending in / plus a glottal fricative *h* and to those ending in a glottal fricative *h*, respectively.

Now let us consider *p*-irregular verbs. Below in (15) are the paradigms of *p*-irregular verbs, which exhibit stem-final alternations depending on whether they are followed by vowel-initial or consonant-initial suffixes.

(15) *p*-irregular verbs

Declarative	Gerund	Propositive	Interrogative	Conditional	Stative	
a ko:pt'a	ko:pk'o	ko:ps'o	ko:mnɪ	koumjən	kowa	'be pretty'
b məpt'a	məpk'o	məps'o	məmnɪ	məumjən	məwə	'be spicy'
c to:pt'a	to:pk'o	to:ps'o	to:mnɪ	toumjən	towa	'help'
d ku:pt'a	ku:pk'o	ku:ps'o	ku:mnɪ	kuumjən	kuwə	'bake'

<i>p</i> -irregular verbs	suffix-initial segment	t'	k'	s'	n	(t)	a/ə
	stem-final segment		p	p	p	m	u

² In Korean, /l/ is realized as [r] in syllable onset position unless it is a geminate, and as [l] in syllable coda position. When it is ambisyllabic as a geminate, that is, when it is associated both with onset position and coda position, it is realized as [l], as in syllable coda position.

The *p*-irregular verb stems have final *p* when followed by consonant-initial suffixes, but they have final *u* or *w* when followed by vowel-initial suffixes. They are irregular in that their alternations do not follow general phonological processes. Neither the change of *p* → *u/w* / __ V nor *u/w* → *p* / __ C is general since there are regular verbs like *p*-final verbs and *u*-final verbs, which are not subject to such changes in the same environment, as shown in (16) and (17) below, respectively.

- (16) *p*-final verbs
- | | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| Declarative | Gerund | Propositive | Interrogative | Conditional | Stative | |
| a kopt'a | kopk'o | kops'o | komni | kobimjøn | koba | 'bend' |
| b cipt'a | cipk'o | cips'o | cimni | cibimjøn | cibæ | 'pick' |

<i>p</i> -final verbs	suffix-initial segment	t'	k'	s'	n	i	a/ə
	stem-final segment	p	p	p	m	b	b

- (17) *u*-final verbs
- | | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------|---------|
| Declarative | Gerund | Propositive | Interrogative | Conditional | Stative | |
| a mæuda | mæugo | mæuso | mæuni | mæumjøn | mæwæ | 'fill' |
| b ciuda | ciugo | ciuso | ciuni | ciumjøn | ciwæ | 'erase' |

<i>u</i> -final verbs	suffix-initial segment	d	g	s	n	(t)m	a/ə
	stem-final segment	u	u	u	u	u	w

If we compare the paradigms of *p*-irregular verbs with those of *p*-final verbs and *u*-final verbs, we can see that *p*-irregular verbs show a similar pattern to *p*-final verbs before consonant-initial suffixes and to *u*-final verbs before vowel-initial suffixes. However, they show a different pattern from *p*-final verbs and *u*-final verbs before vowel-initial suffixes and before consonant-initial suffixes, respectively. Thus, the *p*-irregular verbs show a unique paradigmatic pattern like the other classes of irregular verbs.

4 Dialectal Variants

In this section, we will consider dialectal variants of the irregular verbs. The irregular verbs do not have irregular patterns in all the dialects. There are dialects in which the irregular verbs have regular patterns but in different forms. Let us examine how the irregular verbs have regular patterns in such dialects. Before considering the paradigmatic patterns of *t*-irregular verb stems, let us first consider those of the *s*-irregular verb stems, which will also shed light on the *t*-irregular verb stems.

There are three distinct dialects with respect to *s*-irregular verbs in Korean. The paradigms of the verb stem *t*s- 'connect' in the three dialects are given in (18) below.

- (18) *s*-irregular verbs (surface forms)
- | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| Declarative | Gerund | Propositive | Interrogative | Conditional | Stative | |
| a i(t)t'a | i(k)k'o | i(s)s'o | imni | imimjøn | isə | 'connect' |
| b i(t)t'a | i(k)k'o | i(s)s'o | imni | imimjøn | isə | 'connect' |
| c i(t)t ^h a | i(k)k ^h o | i(s)s'o | imni | imimjøn | isə | 'connect' |
- a'
- | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|-----|
| <i>s</i> -irregular verbs
(regular) | suffix-initial segment | t' | k' | s' | n | i | a/ə |
| | stem-final segment | t'/t(x) | k'/k(x) | s'/s(x) | n'/n(x) | s | s |

b'							
<i>s</i> -irregular verbs (<i>irregular</i> → <i>regular</i>)	suffix-initial segment	t'	k'	s'	n	i	a/ə
	stem-final segment	(x)	(x)	(x)	n	ø	ø
c'							
<i>t</i> -irregular verbs (<i>regularized</i>)	suffix-initial segment	t ^h	k ^h	s'	n	i	a/ə
	stem-final segment	(h)	(h)	(h)	n	ø	ø

The stem-final segments that are realized depending on the initial segments of the suffixes may be summarized as in (19) below

- (19)
- | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|--------------------------------|
| a | s- | s- | s- | n- | s- | s- | (<i>regular</i>) | /s/ cf <i>s</i> -regular verbs |
| b | ?- | ?- | ?- | n- | ø- | ø- | (<i>irregular</i> → <i>regular</i>)/? | cf <i>h</i> -final verbs |
| c | h- | h- | h- | n- | ø- | ø- | (<i>regularized</i>) | /h/ cf <i>h</i> -final verbs |

Let us consider how these differences in the paradigmatic patterns have arisen in the dialects. Whether they are regular or irregular, the verb stems ending in a coronal obstruent show no difference before consonant-initial suffixes, and their difference shows up before vowel-initial suffixes, as we saw in section 3 above. The verb stems, which are bound forms, must always have inflectional suffixes, and the stem-final coronal obstruents are always assimilated to the suffix-initial consonants before consonant-initial suffixes, thereby coalescing with suffix-initial obstruents and producing tense obstruents. While in the case of regular verbs, the stem-final consonants show themselves before vowel-initial suffixes, in the case of *s*-irregular verb stems, the stem-final consonant is not realized before vowel-initial suffixes (18b). Thus, it would be impossible for a learner/speaker to construct a stem-final coronal obstruent such as *s* for *s*-irregular verb stems on the basis of the stem forms before consonant-initial suffixes since the stem-final consonant always ends up assimilating to the following consonant. It is also not realized before vowel-initial suffixes. In this situation, it may be rather natural for him/her to construct a laryngeal consonant *ʔ* or a featureless segment *x* (a skeletal position, timing unit) on the basis of the overall pattern of the paradigms (cf (14), (18b, c)).

In the dialect (18c), *s*-irregular verbs have the same paradigmatic pattern as *h*-final verbs. Let us compare the paradigms of *s*-irregular verb stems with those of *h*-final verb stems in order to see how this has happened in this dialect. Below in (20), the examples of *h*-final verbs in (14) are repeated for our convenience.

- (20) *h*-final verbs (surface forms) (= (14))
- | | Declarative | Gerund | Propositive | Interrogative | Conditional | Stative | |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------|----------|
| a | nə (t)t ^h a | nə(k)k ^h o | nə.(s)s' o | nə nni | nəɪnɔn | nəə | 'insert' |
| b | c'i(t)t ^h a | c'i(k)k ^h o | c'i(s)s' o | c'inni | c'ɪnɔn | c'ɪə | 'pound' |

If we compare the paradigms of *s*-irregular verb stems in (18b) with those of *h*-final verb stems in (20), we can see that the difference between them arises only when the stems are followed by the suffixes beginning with a non-continuant obstruent in the laryngeal features of their suffix-initial segments. Thus, the dialect in which *s*-irregular verb stems have the pattern as in (18b) actually has the pattern comparable to the pattern of the paradigms of *h*-final verb stems, contrasting in laryngeal features as [+constr gl] versus [+spr gl]. Thus, in this dialect *s*-irregular verb stems have a stem-final glottal stop *ʔ* or a featureless segment *x*, e.g. *ci:ʔ* 'build'. By contrast, in the dialect in which *s*-irregular verb stems have the pattern as in (18c), the stems have followed the pattern of the paradigms of *h*-final verb stems as in (20),

e.g. *ci h-* 'build' In this dialect, a pattern (with a novel phoneme β) as in (18b) is avoided by following an already existing paradigmatic pattern as in (20)

Now let us consider the dialectal variants of *t*-irregular verb stems with reference to *s*-irregular verb stems, *h*-final verb stems, and *lh*-final verb stems³ There are four distinct dialects with respect to *t*-irregular verbs in Korean In some dialects, *t*-irregular verbs have undergone paradigmatic leveling The paradigms of the verbs *ti#-* 'hear' and *si#-* 'load' in the four different dialects are shown in (21) below

(21) *t*-irregular verbs (surface forms)

	Declarative	Gerund	Propositive	Interrogative	Conditional	Stative	
a	tɨ(t)t'a	tɨ(k)k'o	tɨ(s)s'o	tɨnɨ	tɨdɨmjəŋ	tɨdə	'hear' ⁴
b	sɨ:(t)t'a	sɨ:(k)k'o	sɨ:(s)s'o	sɨ:nɨ	sɨrɨmjəŋ	sɨrə	'load'
c	sɨ lt'a	sɨlk'o	sɨls'o	sɨlli	sɨrɨmjəŋ	sɨrə	'load'
d	sɨ.lh'a	sɨ'lk'h'o	sɨ ls'o	sɨ lli	sɨrɨmjəŋ	sɨrə	'load'

a'							
<i>t</i> -irregular verbs (regular)	suffix-initial segment	t'	k'	s'	n	ɨ	a/ə
	stem-final segment	tʔ/(x)	kʔ/(x)	kʔ/(x)	kʔ/(x)	d	d
b'							
<i>t</i> -irregular verbs (irregular)	suffix-initial segment	t'	k'	s'	n	ɨ	a/ə
	stem-final segment	tʔ/(x)	kʔ/(x)	sʔ/(x)	nʔ/(x)	r	r
c'							
<i>t</i> -irregular verbs (regularized)	suffix-initial segment	t'	k'	s'	/n/ l	ɨ	a/ə
	stem-final segment	l	l	l	l	r	r
d'							
<i>t</i> -irregular verbs (regularized)	suffix-initial segment	t ^h	k ^h	s'	/n/ l	ɨ	a/ə
	stem-final segment	l	l	l	l	r	r

The stem-final segments that are realized depending on the initial segments of the suffixes may be summarized as in (22) below

(22)	a	t-	t-	t-	n-	d-	d-	(regular)	/t/	cf <i>t</i> -final verbs
	b	t-	t-	s-	n-	r-	r-	(irregular)	/t/ /l/	
	c	lʔ-	lʔ-	lʔ-	l-	r-	r-	(regularized)	/lʔ/	
	d	lh-	lh-	lh-	l-	r-	r-	(regularized)	/lh/	cf <i>lh</i> -final verbs

The paradigms in (21c) and (21d) show that leveling has taken place The stem-final / [r] that occurs only before vowel-initial suffixes in the irregular paradigm in (21b) has been extended throughout in the paradigms in (21c) and (21d) However, when the stem is followed by the suffixes beginning with a non-continuant obstruent, (21c) and (21d) show a difference in the laryngeal reflex of *t*, just as in the reflex of *s* in (18b) and (18c) In (21c), the suffix-initial obstruents have the laryngeal feature [+constr gl], just as in the irregular paradigm (21b), whereas in (21d), they have the laryngeal feature [+spr gl] This difference between the paradigms in (21c) and (21d) is comparable to that between the paradigms in (18b) and (18c) of *s*-irregular verb stems Except for the fact that the stem-final / that oc-

³ There are three types of verb stems ending in a laryngeal consonant *h* in Korean (i) the stems ending in *h*, (ii) the stems ending in *nh*, and (iii) the stems ending in *lh*

⁴ Among the *t*-irregular verbs, only this verb retains this regular pattern in the dialect (Phyengan, Northwest) in which the verb has the regular pattern

curs before vowel-initial suffixes has been generalized throughout in (21c, d), the same observations for *s*-irregular verb stems can be made with respect to the dialectal variants of *t*-irregular verb stems. Their difference arises simply because *t*-irregular verbs have final *l* before vowel-initial suffixes, whereas *s*-irregular verbs have no final consonant before vowel-initial suffixes. Aside from the extension of *l*, the pattern in (21b) with [+constr gl] on the suffix-initial obstruents is maintained in (21c), but the suffix-initial obstruents have the laryngeal feature [+spr gl] in (21d). In the paradigms of (18c) and (21d), the emergence of *ʔ* as a reflex of *s* and *t* is avoided, it is replaced with another laryngeal, *h*. In (21d), the paradigmatic pattern of the *lh*-final stems, such as in (13c), has been followed for *t*-irregular verb stems, just as in (18c), the paradigmatic pattern of the *h*-final stems, such as in (14), has been followed for *s*-irregular verb stems. Thus, the reflex of the original *t*, which is realized on the suffix-initial obstruents as in (21b), has emerged differently as *ʔ* [+constr gl] and *h* [+spr gl] in (21c) and (21d), the different base forms *siʔʔ*- and *siʔh*- obtaining in (21c) and (21d), respectively. Notice that unlike *l* before vowel-initial suffixes, the laryngeal reflex of *s* or *t*, which is realized on obstruent-initial suffixes, appears not to have been generalized throughout in the dialects in (21c, d) and (18b, c) the conjugated forms in which the stem is followed by a vowel-initial suffix are not different in the dialects in (21b-d) and (18b, c). But this is because, as a general rule, a laryngeal segment is not realized in intersonorant position in a word.

Now let us consider the dialectal variants of *p*-irregular verbs. The *p*-irregular verbs show dialectal variation like the other classes of irregular verbs. In some dialects, *p*-irregular verbs have undergone leveling. The paradigms of the verbs *mæp*- 'be spicy', *top*- 'help', and *kup*- 'bake' in the dialects are shown in (23) below.

(23) *p*-irregular verbs

Declarative	Gerund	Propositive	Interrogative	Conditional	Stative	
a mæpt'a	mæpk'o	mæps'o	mæmni	mæbɪmjøn	mæbə	'be spicy'
b mæpt'a	mæpk'o	mæps'o	mæmni	mæumjøn	mæwə	'be spicy'
c mæupt'a	mæupk'o	mæups'o	mæumnɪ	mæumjøn	mæwə	'be spicy'
d touda	touko	touo	tounɪ	toumjøn	towa	'help'
e ku da	ku.ko	ku:o	ku.nɪ	ku mjøn	kuwə	'bake'

a'

<i>p</i> -irregular verbs (regular)	suffix-initial segment	t'	k'	s'	n	i	a/ə
	stem-final segment	p	p	p	m	b	b

b'

<i>p</i> -irregular verbs (irregular)	suffix-initial segment	t'	k'	s'	n	(i)	a/ə
	stem-final segment	p	p	p	m	u	w

c'

<i>p</i> -irregular verbs (regularized)	suffix-initial segment	t'	k'	s'	n	(i)	a/ə
	stem-final segment	up	up	up	um	u	w

d', e'

<i>p</i> -irregular verbs (regularized)	suffix-initial segment	d	g	s	n	(i)	a/ə
	stem-final segment	u	u	u	u	u	w

The stem-final segments that are realized depending on the initial segments of the suffixes may be summarized as in (24) below.

(24)	a	p	p	p	m	b	b	(regular)	/p/
	b	p	p	p	m	u	w	(irregular)	/p/ /u/
	c	up	up	up	um	u	w	(regularized)	/up/ /uə/ (still irregular)
	d	u	u	u	u	u	w	(regularized)	/u/
	e	u	u	u	u	u	w	(regularized)	/u/

In (23c) and (23d), the stems followed by vowel-initial suffixes have been analyzed like *mæu-m* (\leftarrow *mæu-mu*) and *mæw-a'a* (\leftarrow *mæu-a'a*), and the vowel *u* has been generalized throughout in the paradigms. However, the *p* that is realized before consonant-initial suffixes is not generalized, it is still retained in (23c), whereas it is deleted in (23d). The stem form in (23e) shows that *kuu-*, which was restructured from *ku p-* 'bake', has undergone vowel coalescence. The verb stems in (23d) and (23e) show the same pattern as *u*-final verb stems. Further, we can see that one class of irregular verbs in a dialect does not behave as a set in restructuring. Each verb may undergo different restructuring, as the examples in (23c-f) show (see fn 4).

5 Multiple Input and Faithfulness

Faithfulness constraints require one form to preserve the characteristics of another. Originally, faithfulness was proposed for underlying-surface mappings (Prince and Smolensky 1993), but similar relations were also found in base-reduplicant mappings (McCarthy and Prince 1993, 1994) and among morphologically related surface forms (Benua 1997). Benua (1997) extended the surface-to-surface identity between base and reduplicant to include surface-to-surface relations between all surface forms that share a base. Correspondence theory (McCarthy and Prince 1995) generalizes over these various types of faithfulness. Since the work of Benua (1997), the notion of Output-to-Output faithfulness (OO-F) has received considerable interest (Burzio 1996, Kenstowicz 1996, Stenade In press). Once the need for surface-to-surface faithfulness constraints is recognized, there has arisen the tendency to develop the constraint-based morphology, based on the pairings between morphologically related surface forms, in which the work that the old morphology did in series is done in parallel. Hammond (1995), Russell (1995), and Burzio (1996) argue that URs are not necessary to encode the phonological information of morphemes and that morphemes are directly encoded in the constraints (cf. Golston 1996).

Burzio (1999) suggests that morphology should be reinterpreted as a set of constraints and proposes a theory of surface-to-surface relations that has full morphological capabilities. His theory is based on the assumption that representations are clusters of entailments that directly condition other representations. He asserts that Word Formation Rules (WFRs), which are rigid/inviolable devices, are incorrect in view of the phenomenon of morphological irregularity, as in *compel/compUIS-ive*, *problem/problemAT-ic*, etc. He argues that morphological irregularity comes from the fact that Output-Output faithfulness (OO-F), which can do the job of the WFRs, is dominated by Input-Output faithfulness (IO-F). He illustrates the example *compel/compUIS-ive* as in (25) (= his (3)) below.

(25)	<u>Input / U S-ive/</u>	<u>Base /compel/</u>	<u>IO-F</u>	<u>OO-F</u>
	a	compell-ive	*	
	b	compuls-ive		*

In this system, as he points out, derived forms are no longer related to their bases by a common UR, but rather only by OO-F. Thus, derived forms are assigned their own independent input, which will have an effect only under the ranking IO-F >> OO-F, as in (25) above. Burzio (1999:2) observes that this account of morphological irregularity is parallel to that of phonological markedness in standard OT in

that both result from IO-F dominating the relevant source of regularity OO-F and Markedness constraints, respectively. In this system, the problem of morphological irregularity is reduced to constraint ranking.

Burzio (1999: 3) suggests the following concept in (26) to account for word-to-word relations in the lexicon:

(26) **Gradient Attraction** (= his (5))

- a The overall structure of a word w (in both its phonological and semantic components) is influenced by that of other words in the lexicon to which w is independently similar, and which can be thought of as 'attractors' of w
- b Attraction is stronger where independent similarity is greater

He also suggests that an account of the effect in (26) above can be attained by means of the assumption, as in (27) below, that representations are clusters of entailments that directly condition other representations (p. 6)

(27) **Representational Entailments (RE)** (= his (12))

Mental representations of linguistic expressions constitute sets of entailments -- a representation with the structure AB generating the entailments $A \Rightarrow B$, $B \Rightarrow A$

As he points out, "on this assumption, representations which are similar but not identical violate some of each other's entailments, giving precisely an invariance or 'attraction' effect" (p. 6). "That assumption is shown to yield a faithfulness function that automatically manages distance among representations, by pressuring close neighbors to 'neutralize'" (p. 1). Thus, the faithfulness function has the effect of maximizing phonological identity between morphologically related forms. This suggests that faithfulness should be evaluated multiply among surface forms.

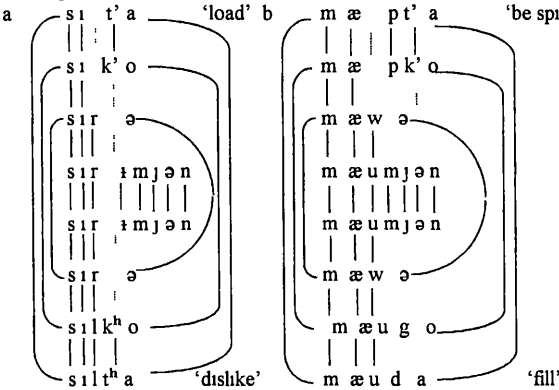
Let us consider the paradigms of the Korean irregular verbs from this perspective. In previous analyses, it was assumed that in the irregular paradigms the stem-final segment that is realized before a consonant-initial suffix ($t/?$, p , etc.) has a derivational ('corresponding') relation to what occurs before a vowel-initial suffix (l [r], u [w], etc.). However, without assuming unnatural rules or constraints, the surface forms of irregular verbs cannot be obtained from one UR. This is because the stem-final consonants have split into too disparate sounds (turning irregular) depending on the context. Dialects show that their relations have become obscured. In the irregular paradigms, phonologically or semantically, no priority can be granted either to the stem forms before vowel-initial suffixes or to those before consonant-initial suffixes. Vowel-initial suffixes and consonant-initial suffixes cannot be categorized in terms of their semantics (cf. Bybee 1988). Neither the derivation of the stem-final segment before a consonant-initial suffix nor before a vowel-initial suffix can be motivated phonologically from the other. Or else neither can be derived naturally from another segment that is neither of them. With t - and p -irregular verbs, the corresponding relation between the stem-final segments that are realized before consonant-initial suffixes and those that occur before vowel-initial suffixes are not transparent. Thus, they should be given equal status: the alternating segments that do not stand in transparent correspondence with each other should be assigned their own independent input. We saw that in some dialects alternating segments have come to be realized in sequence in surface forms through leveling and also that more than one stem-form can still be tolerated after leveling in a paradigm (p -irregular verbs).

In Korean, verbal stems are bound forms and must be inflected. They constitute phonological words with the inflectional suffixes. Thus, the stem forms that are realized differently depending on the

suffixes should be considered together with the added suffixes for identity between the surface forms. If the morphological irregularity is due to the fact that OO-F is dominated by IO-F, a base form is not necessarily needed nor can it be postulated, especially in the case of bound forms like Korean verbal stems. Inputs are assigned multiply to the surface stem forms. The irregularity in the irregular verbal paradigms is not due to the phonological rules a base form undergoes but to mis-identity between the surface forms. The difference between the regular and irregular paradigms reduces to the difference in consistency between the surface stem forms or constraint ranking. Surface stem forms are more similar in regular paradigms than in irregular paradigms, as in the allophonic versus allomorphic contrast. However, both cases are in parallel if representations are considered as clusters of entailments that condition other representations and if multiple surface correspondence relations are established in the lexicon (Bybee 1988, Burzio 1999).

Let us look at some examples of the correspondence relations between the surface forms, in which some OO-F constraints are violated, in the diagrams in (28)

(28) Correspondence Diagrams for Violations of OO-F (MAX, DEP, IDENT (F), LINEAR, CONTIG)



In these diagrams a number of lines that would represent obvious correspondence relations are not drawn for typographical limitations (three-dimensional representations would seem more appropriate). However, it will be clear how some faithfulness constraints are violated. In the next section, I will discuss how the surface forms in these kinds of relations interact in the dialects so that the faithfulness function has the effect of maximizing phonological identity between morphologically related forms.

6 Uniform Exponence

Let us re-examine the dialectal variations of the irregular verbs from the perspective that representations are clusters of entailments that condition other representations and that multiple surface correspondence relations are established in the lexicon. In this theory of morphology, Uniform Exponence can be explained through Gradient Attraction in (26). Neighbors (items that are close to each other phonologically or semantically) in the lexicon can attract each other. It is obvious that the surface forms within a paradigm behave as strong attractors to each other since the attraction is stronger where the similarity is greater, and items that are closest to each other phonologically and semantically comprise a

paradigm (see Hooper [Bybee] 1979, Bybee 1988 for differences in lexical proximity depending on grammatical (semantic) categories within a paradigm)

We can see that surface-to-surface relations are multi-dimensional. The surface forms attract other forms across the paradigms (Interparadigmatic or Cross-paradigmatic Uniformity) as well as within a paradigm (Intraparadigmatic or Paradigm-internal Uniformity), as Gradient Attraction and Representational Entailments predict. As we saw in (18a), (21a), and (23a), the irregular verbs do not have irregular patterns at all in these dialects. It is hard to tell how much Intraparadigmatic Uniformity or Interparadigmatic Uniformity plays a role in retaining the regular pattern. It may be that both—the pressure outside of the paradigm (regular *s*-, *t*-, and *p*-final verbs) as well as that within the paradigm (anti-allomorphy)—have joined forces. In the dialect in (21c), the stem forms have become more similar under general constraints such as in (2g, fn 2). This is due to Intraparadigmatic Uniformity (via the extension of *ŋ*). It is clear that Interparadigmatic as well as Intraparadigmatic Uniformity played a role in the dialect in (21d), in which suffix-initial lax obstruents are realized as aspirated rather than tense obstruents for the *t*-irregular verbs. In the case of *s*-irregular verbs, Interparadigmatic Uniformity played a role in the dialect in (18c), in which suffix-initial lax obstruents are realized as aspirated rather than tense obstruents. Here we saw that the paradigms of the *s*-, *t*-, and *p*-irregular verbs may be closely related to the paradigms of the verbs ending in *h* and *u* due to their phonological similarities. Overall, allomorphy tends to be reduced within a paradigm. However, it can persist over time (maintaining the ranking IO-F >> OO-F) rather than being eliminated rapidly, as shown in (21b) and (23b, c) above (Bybee 1988).

7 Conclusion

In previous analyses, it was assumed that even in irregular paradigms the stem-final segment that is realized before a consonant-initial suffix has a derivational or corresponding relation to the one before a vowel-initial suffix. However, without assuming unnatural rules or constraints, surface forms of irregular verbs could not be obtained from a single underlying form. This is because the stem-final consonants have split into too distant sounds depending on the context. Dialects show that their relation has become obscured. Thus, I have argued that alternating segments that do not stand in transparent correspondence with each other should be represented in the input. This position is supported by the fact that alternating segments have come to be realized in sequence in surface forms through leveling and that more than one stem-form can still be tolerated in a paradigm after leveling (*p*-irregular verbs).

I have argued that in the irregular paradigms, the segments which alternate do not stand in correspondence with each other, and that they should be represented in the input and given equal status in evaluation for faithfulness (IO, OO). I have also showed how OO Correspondence is operative for Paradigm Uniformity. Opaque correspondents in outputs come to be readjusted as (transparent) non-correspondents through the restructuring of inputs. In this restructuring that generates novel inputs, correspondence constraints for IO Correspondence also play their part for OO Correspondence.

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