Homework Assignment 2:
Lexical Analysis
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Due on Oct 2, 2002 by 1pm

1 Exercise 1: The notion of grammaticality

Give two English-looking expressions that exemplify each of the following categories (obviously, the examples discussed in class do not count):

1. Descriptively ungrammatical sentences under any dialect of English.

2. Prescriptively ungrammatical sentences but descriptively grammatical for some dialect of English. (Do not use examples with double negatives, I instead of me and wanna.)

3. Grammatical sentences with semantic anomaly.

4. Grammatical sentences with processing difficulty. (Do not use Relative Clauses to create the processing difficulty.)

2 Exercise 2: Palauan


3 Exercise 3: Classical Aztec

Do problem 2.1-9 in Langacker’s p. 52-3: Classical Aztec.
4 Exercise 4: Swahili

Examine the following data from Swahili, a language spoken in East Africa, and answer the questions that follow.

i. Give the Swahili morphemes for the following English translations:
   I
   you(subject)
   s/he
   we
   they
   future marker
   past marker
   me
   you (object)
   him/her
   us
   them
   annoy
   beat
   pay
   like

ii. What is the order of the morphemes in Swahili, in terms of subject, object, verb and tense?

iii. Give the Swahili word for the following English translations:
   I have beaten them.
   They are beating me.
   They have annoyed me.
   You have beaten us.
   We beat them.
   I am paying him/her.

iv. Give the English translations of the following Swahili words:
   [atanilipa]
   [utawapiga]
   [walikutupenda]
   [nimensumbua]