

Long Distance Processes in Tone and Subsequentiality

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Roadmap

- ▶ What is the right characterization for tonal processes?
 - ▶ The key notion here is determinism
 - ▶ Introduce a new class of functions (IML functions)
 - ▶ Model them with a restrictive type of finite state transducers
 - ▶ Show the new class's empirical coverage
- ▶ Carve out a deterministic class for tone processes, excluding known pathologies

[Tonal functions are maximally Input or Output Melody Local]

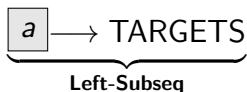
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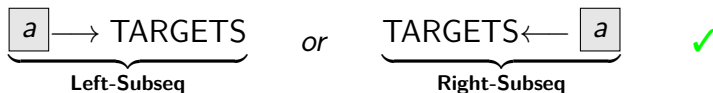


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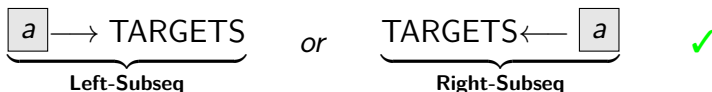
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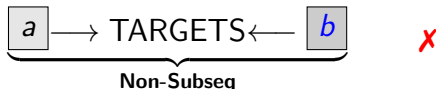
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[Odden, 1994]

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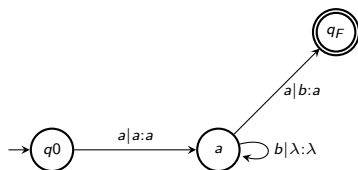


Figure: A Toy DM-FST.

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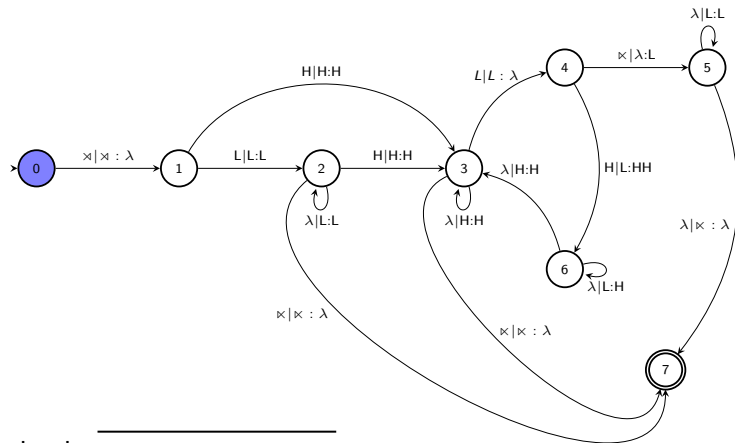
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Luganda Derivation: With Tone Plateauing

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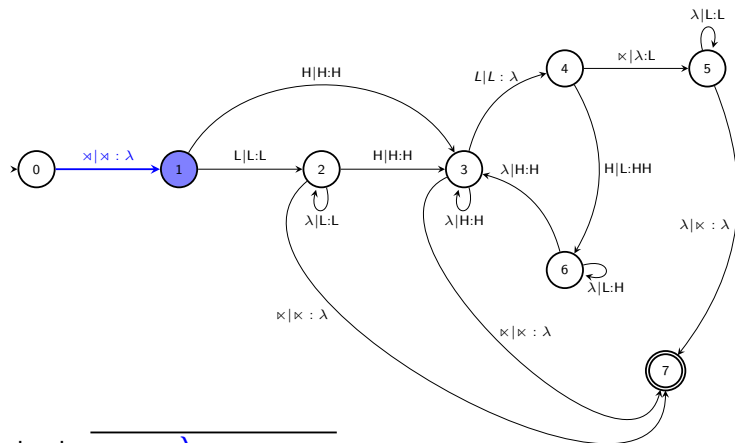
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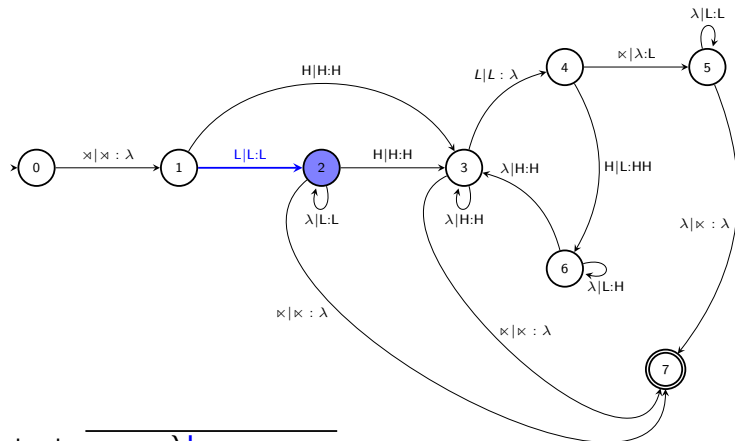
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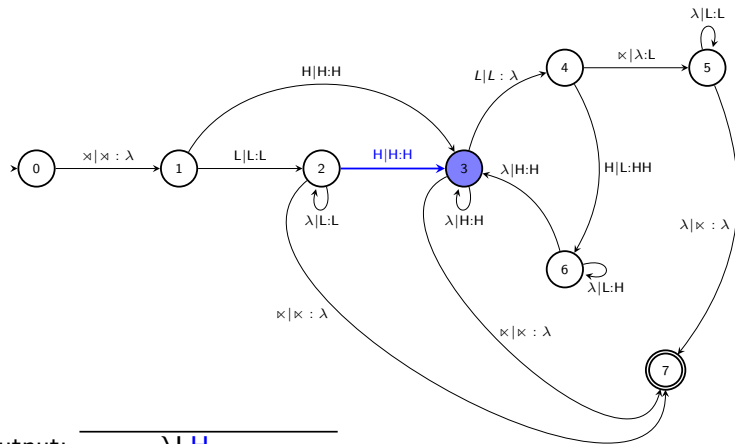


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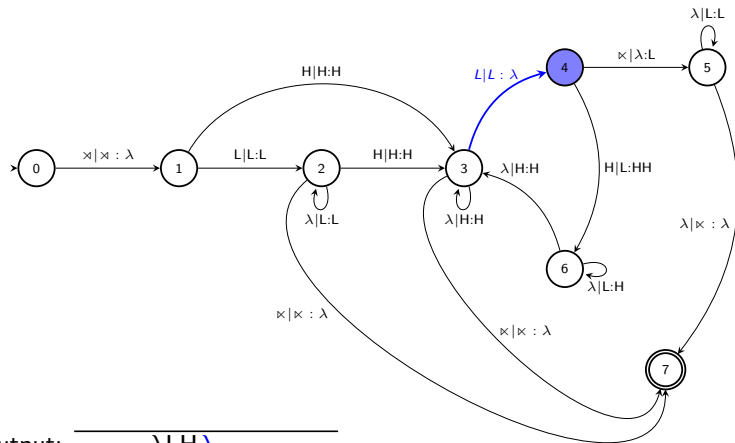


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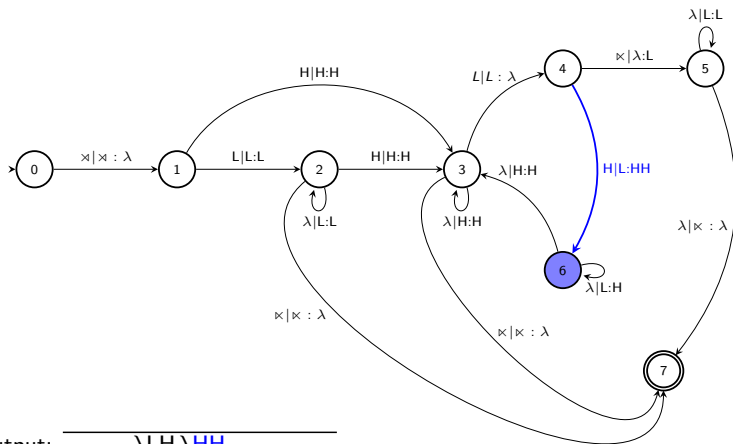


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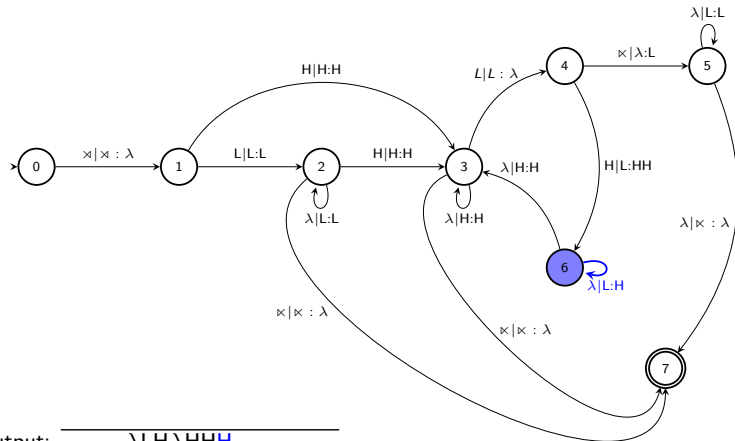
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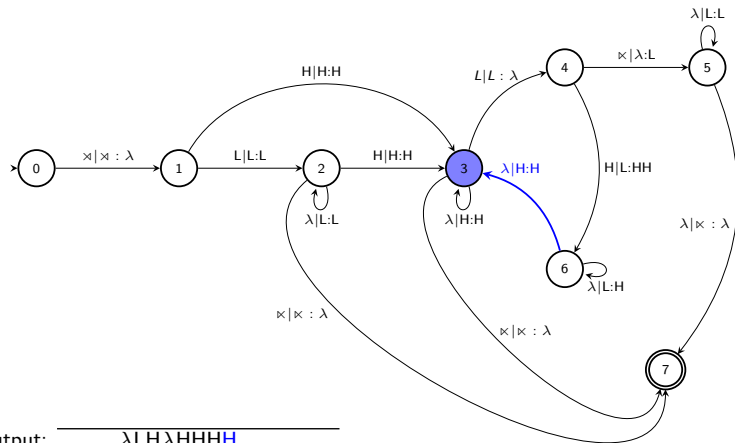
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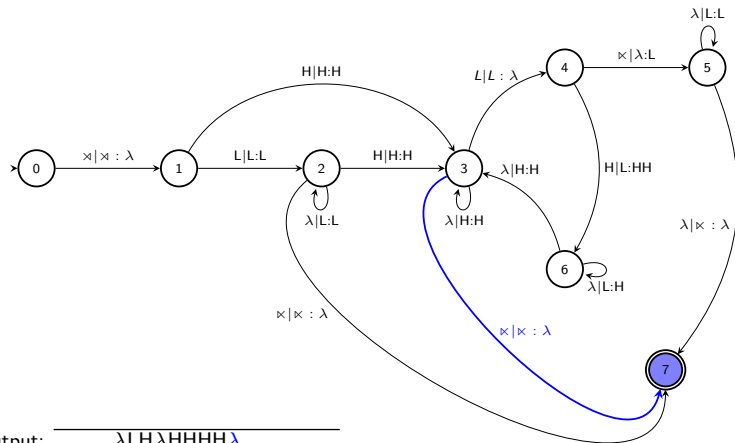
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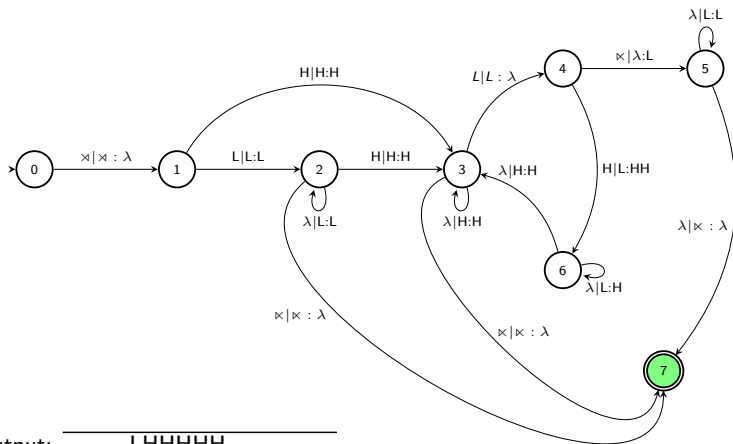
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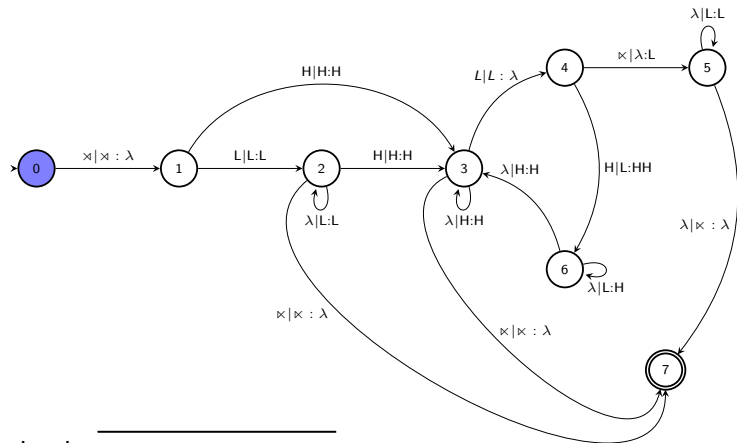


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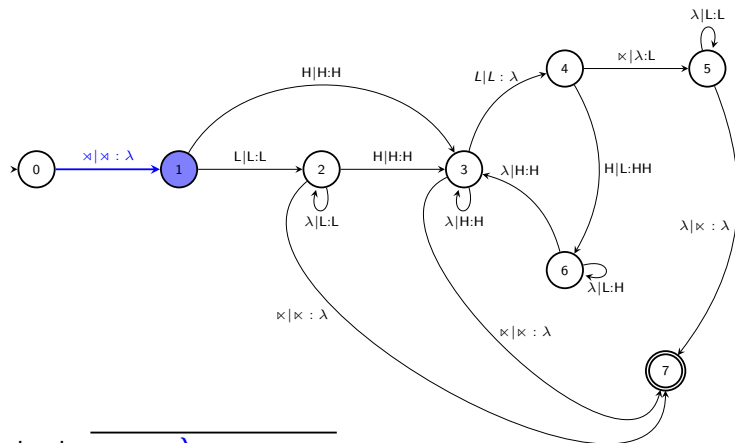


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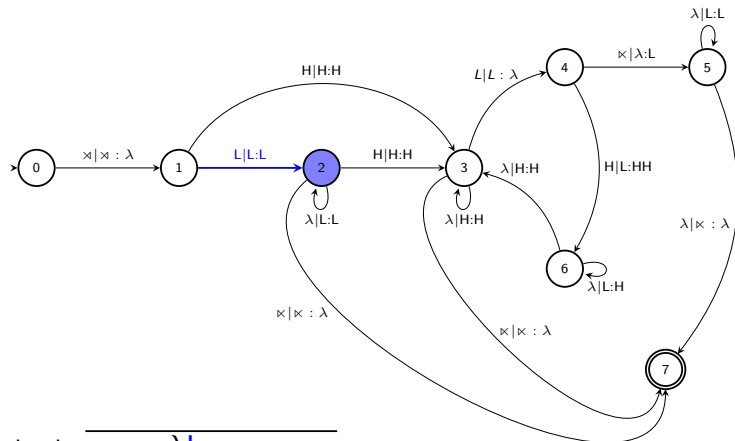
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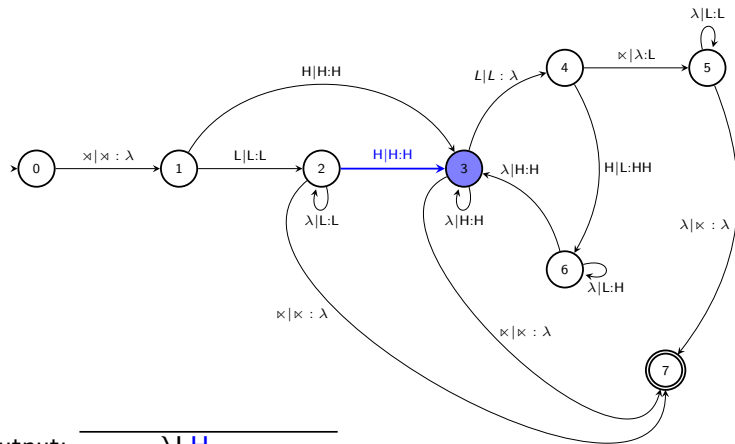


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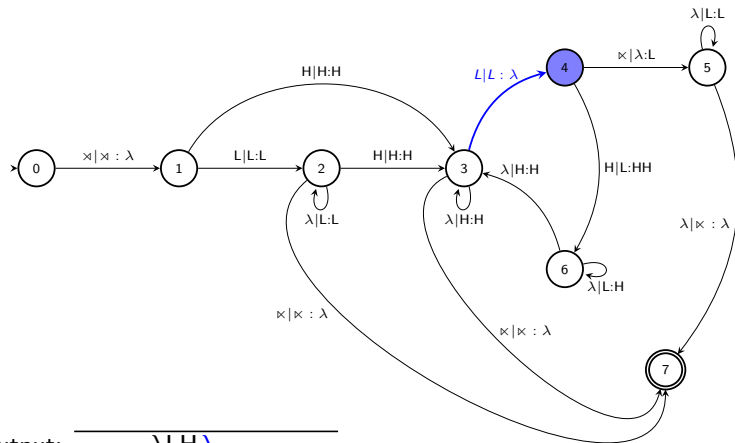
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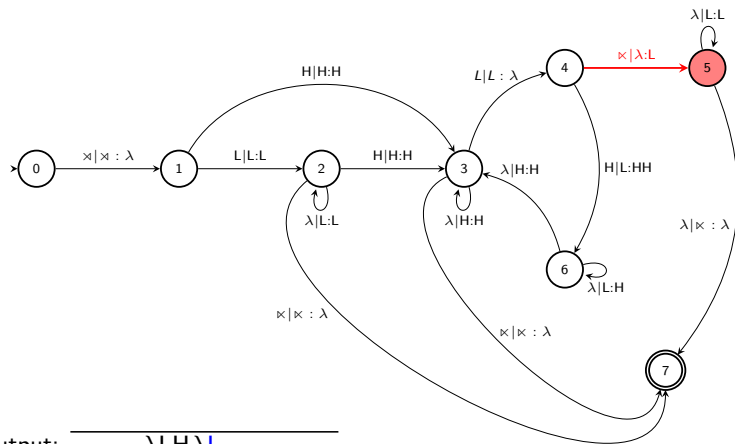


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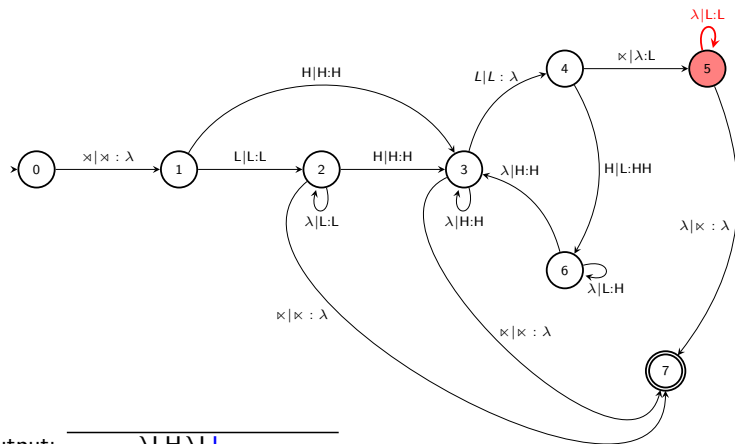
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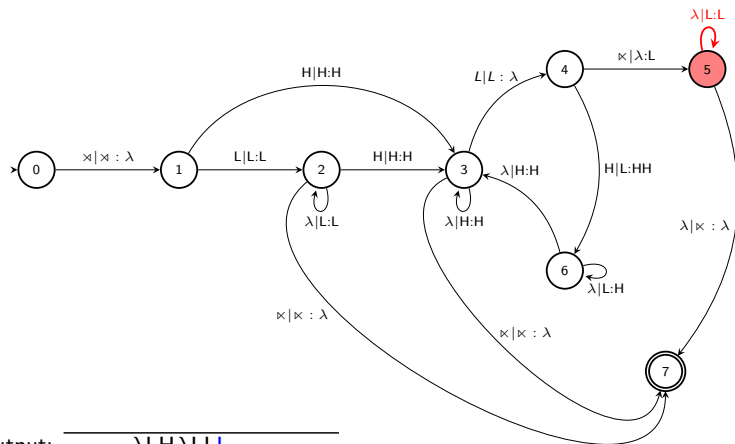
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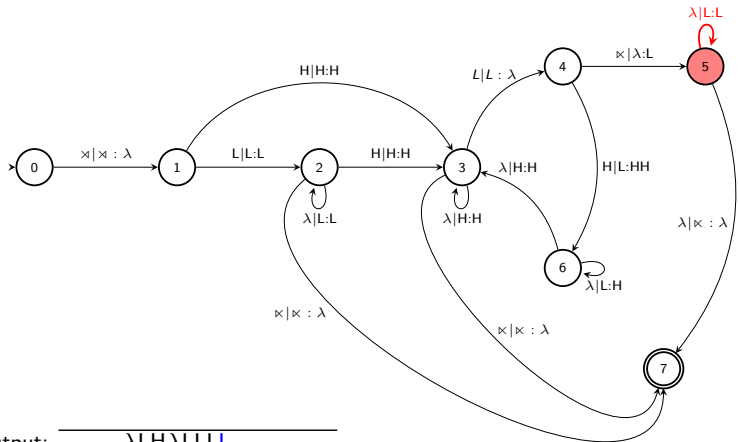


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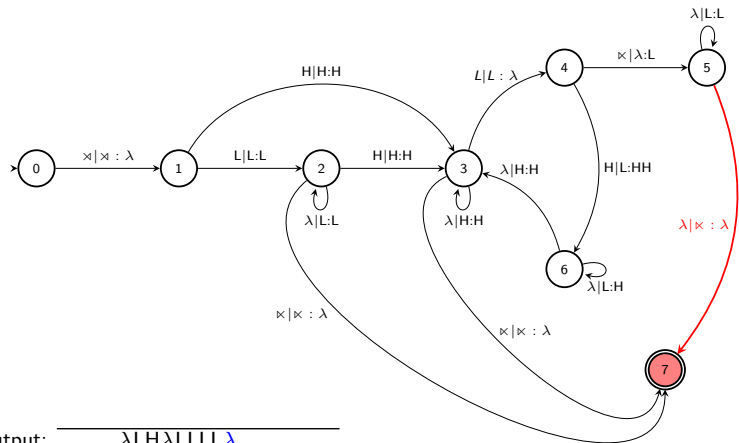


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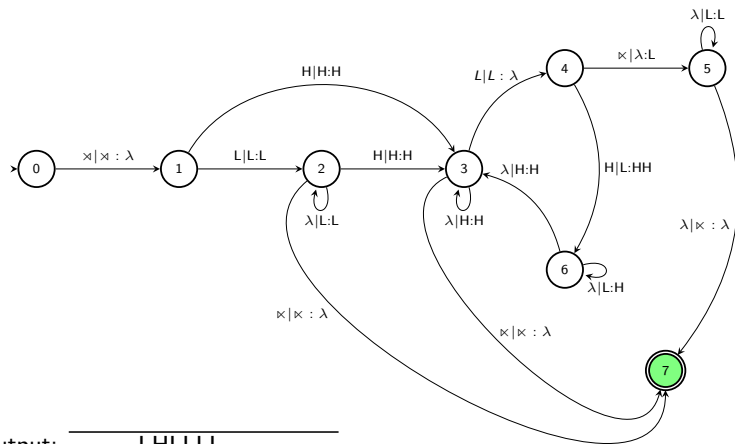
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Empirical Summary and Comparative Table

Tone Patterns and their Subregular Classes							
Patterns	Languages	ISL	OSL	A-ISL	Subseq	MISL	IML
Bounded shift	Rimi	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bounded Spread	Bemba	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bounded Meussen's Rule	Luganda	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓*	✓
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Unbounded Spread	Ndebele	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Unbounded Deletion	Arusa	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Anticipatory downstep	Tiriki	✗	✓	✓	✓	-	✓
Anticipatory Upstep	Amo	✗	✗	✓(?)	✗	-	✓
UTP	Luganda	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
SG-like	C. Bemba	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
AMR	Shona	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
*Majority Rule ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	✗
*Midpoint Pathology ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	✗

¹[Baković, 2000, Heinz and Lai, 2013]

²[Eisner, 1997]

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Take-away Message

[Enriching the representation allows for a deterministic characterization of UC processes, a.o.]

Thanks!

Appendix 1: The two IML component functions

► A Melody Function: (Adapted from Jardine, 2020a)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mel}(w) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda && \text{if } w = \lambda, \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{mel}(v)\sigma && \text{if } w = v\sigma^n, v \neq u\sigma \text{ for some } u \in \Sigma^* \end{aligned}$$

► The IO Function: (e.g: UTP)

$$\begin{aligned} f_{utp}(\langle \text{mel}(w), w \rangle) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} L^m H^{(2n+o)} && \text{if } w = L^m H^n L^o H^n, \\ &&& \text{mel}(w) = (L)H(L)H; \\ &&& m \ \& \ o \geq 0, n = 1 \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} w && \text{elsewhere.} \end{aligned}$$

Appendix 2: A DMFST for Bounded Tone Shift in Rimi

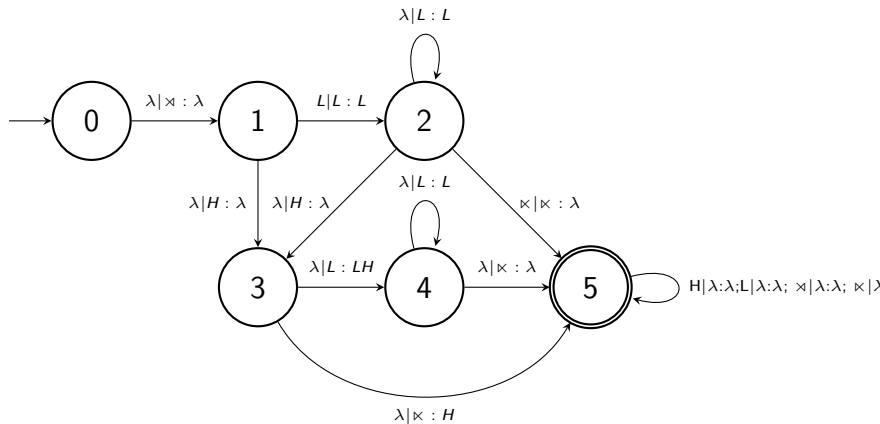


Figure: A 2-tape DM-FST for the one-step (bounded) tone shift in Rimi.

Appendix 4: Derivation Table for Luganda UTP

- For UTP, consider $w = \bowtie \text{LHLLLH} \bowtie$ and melody $\text{mel}(w) = \bowtie \text{LHLH} \bowtie$

Step	Current state	Melody tape	Timing tape	Transition	Dest. state	Output
1.	$q0$	$\bowtie \text{LHLH} \bowtie$	$\bowtie \text{LHLLLH} \bowtie$	$\bowtie \bowtie : \lambda$	$q1$	
2.	$q1$	$\bowtie \text{LHLH} \bowtie$	$\bowtie \text{LHLLLH} \bowtie$	$\text{L} \text{L} : \text{L}$	$q2$	L
3.	$q2$	$\bowtie \text{LHLH} \bowtie$	$\bowtie \text{LHLLLH} \bowtie$	$\text{H} \text{H} : \text{H}$	$q3$	LH
4.	$q3$	$\bowtie \text{LHLH} \bowtie$	$\bowtie \text{LHLLLH} \bowtie$	$\text{H} \lambda : \lambda$	$q4$	LH
5.	$q4$	$\bowtie \text{LHLH} \bowtie$	$\bowtie \text{LHLLLH} \bowtie$	$\text{H} \text{L} : \text{H}$	$q6$	LHH
6.	$q6$	$\bowtie \text{LHLH} \bowtie$	$\bowtie \text{LHLLLH} \bowtie$	$\lambda \text{L} : \text{H}$	$q6$	LHHH
7.	$q6$	$\bowtie \text{LHLH} \bowtie$	$\bowtie \text{LHLLLH} \bowtie$	$\lambda \text{L} : \text{H}$	$q6$	LHHHH
8.	$q6$	$\bowtie \text{LHLH} \bowtie$	$\bowtie \text{LHLLLH} \bowtie$	$\lambda \text{H} : \text{H}$	$q3$	LHHHHH
9.	$q3$	$\bowtie \text{LHLH} \bowtie$	$\bowtie \text{LHLLLH} \bowtie$	$\bowtie \bowtie : \lambda$	$q7$	LHHHHH
10.	$q7$	$\bowtie \text{LHLH} \bowtie$	$\bowtie \text{LHLLLH} \bowtie$			LHHHHH



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