

1. general features

- richer inventory of levels and shapes
- Chao notation: 5 denotes top of pitch space and 1 the bottom
- impoverished morphology; but tonal changes (sandhi) when lexical items combine to form compounds and grammatical phrases
- autosegmental behavior in which contour tones decompose into L and H components

Cantonese (Yip 2003)

si:	55	'poetry'
si:	44	'try, taste'
si:	33	'affair'
si:	22	'time'
si:	35	'make'
si:	24	'market'
si:	53	'silk'

Mandarin

ma	55	'mother'	
ma	35	'hemp'	
ma	214	'horse'	
ma	51	'scold'	
/fei55 +le/	->	55 + L	'fly' asp
/lai35 +le/		35 + L	'come' asp
/mai214 +le/		21 + H	'buy' asp
/lei51+le/		53 + L	'tire' asp

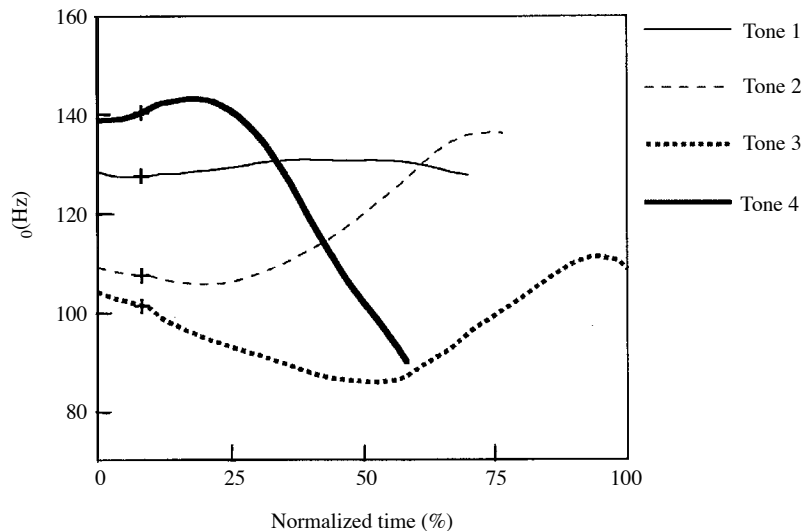
Contextual tonal variations

Figure 2. Mean f_0 contours (averaged over speakers and tokens; $n = 48$) of four Mandarin tones in the monosyllable /ma/ produced in isolation. The time is normalized, with all tones plotted with their average duration proportional to the average duration of Tone 3.

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2. Shanghai compounds (Duanmu '97):

HL LH LH	LH LH LH	input
H L L	L H L	output
çi ve ti	lo ve ti	
new meal store	old meal store	
'new restaurant'	'old restaurant'	

- initial syllable is stressed; tones of noninitial syllable are deleted
- contour tone of initial morpheme is reparsed over the entire phrase
- recall Kagoshima Japanese

2. Tonogenesis (Haudricourt 1954, Matisoff 1973)

Fo is lower after voiced obstruents: voicing contrast lost and F0 difference is phonologized.

- Punjabi tones (Bhatia 1975)
- low tone following former voiced aspirates and high tone preceding them

<u>Hindhi</u>	<u>Punjabi</u>	
ghor-a	kòra	'horse'
dhol	tòl	'drum'
labh	lab	'profit'

- tone attracted to stressed syllable

(70)	High tone		Low tone	
	/pá:ʈ/	'study' (verb)		/bàn/
	'pá:ʈ.na:	'to study'		'bàn.na:
	'pá:ʈ.i.a:	'studied' (masc.sg.)		'bàn.ni:
	pə.'tá:i:	'studies' (noun)		'bàn.ni:
	pə.'tá:i:	'cause to study'		bə.'nà:i:
				'help tie'

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3. Chinese: register

Songjiang (Shanghai):	53	44	35	5	yin register
	31	22	13	3	yang register

- fall, level, and rising tones in upper and lower regions of pitch space
- checked syllables with ? coda bar contour tones
- yang register not found after voiceless consonants
- yin register not found after voiced obstruents
- contrast after sonorants

4. Bao's (1990, 1999) representation

t	+stiff	-slack
/ \		+slack
r c	-stiff	-slack
		+slack
H {h,l}		

- [\pm stiff vocal folds] splits pitch space into two broad regions; [\pm slack vocal folds] lowers or raises pitch within each register
- predicts four tone levels (mid is ambiguous in three tone system)
- contour tones as units but with internal parts: F = [l h], R = [h l]; evidence from
 - register changes and contour changes independent
 - contour decomposition
 - terminal assimilation
 - contour shift and spread

4. Gao'an (Mandarin) (Bao: 1990 110)

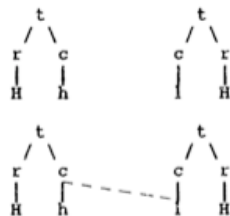
a. 55: ka "add"; siu "repair"
 A. 24: siu "rest"
 b. 42: hou "beg"
 c. 33: p'i "match"; su "four"
 C. 11: p'ei "double"; t'i "earth"
 d. 3: tsok "table"
 D. 1: hok "study"; siak "stone"

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in sandhi 55 b-> 53 / ____ 33,11,3,1

sam su 'three-four'	ka p'ei 'double'	sang t'iet 'pig iron'	tciang yot 'first month'
55-33 -> 53-33	55-11 > 53-11	55-3 > 53-3	55-1 > 53-1

- original register maintained; just addition of l component; hence 55 > 53, not 51 which would be crossing a register boundary



typo: second tone is in L register; hence r ---L

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5. Tibetan compounds (Meredith 1989): WS metrical structure; T₁ deletes r node, T₂ changes r to H

- isolation: 55, 24 (from /22/), 52, 31: a level and fall in the upper and lower registers



- compounds

input		⇒	compound	
first syllable	second syllable		first syllable	second syllable
H-level	H-level		H-level	H-level
H-fall	H-level		H-level	H-level
L-level	H-level		L-level	H-level
L-fall	H-level		L-level	H-level
H-level	H-fall		H-level	H-fall
H-fall	H-fall		H-level	H-fall
L-level	H-fall		L-level	H-fall
L-fall	H-fall		L-level	H-fall
H-level	L-level		H-level	H-level
H-fall	L-level		H-level	H-level
L-level	L-level		L-level	H-level
L-fall	L-level		L-level	H-level
H-level	L-fall		H-level	H-fall
H-fall	L-fall		H-level	H-fall
L-level	L-fall		L-level	H-fall
L-fall	L-fall		L-level	H-fall

- examples

phöö 2 'Tibet'
 mi 2 'person'
 phöö-mi 2-5 'Tibetan'

thuu 52 'banner'
 caa 52 'iron'
 thuu-caa 5-52 'iron banner fixture'

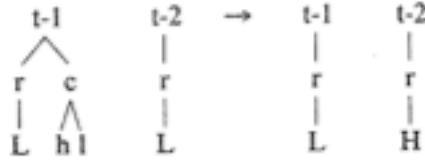
ree 31 'cotton'
 see 2 'robe'
 ree-see 2-5 'cotton robe'

yum 2 'mother'
 chëë 5 'great'
 yum - chëë 2-5 'mother' (honorific)

see 52 'knowledge'
 yöö 2 'possessor'
 see yöö 5-5 'intellectual'

- analysis: WS metrical structure; T₁ deletes c node, T₂ changes r to H

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6. dissimilation by shape and register: (Bao 1999) Yantai (Mandarin, Shandong province)

- inventory

a. 31	fu	'man'	L, hl
b. 214	fa	'method'	L, lh
c. 55	t'u	'picture'	H, h

- sandhi:

a. 31-31	->	35-31	san p'o	'hill slope'
b. 214-214		55-214	y sui	'rain water'
c. 55-55		31-55	cy p'i	'tree bark'

	31	214	55
31	35-31	31-214	31-55
214	35-31	55-214	214-55
55	55-31	55-214	31-55

H, lh - L, hl	L, hl - L, lh	L, hl - H, h
H, lh	L, hl	H, h - L, lh
H, h	H, hl	L, hl - H, h
	H, h - L, lh	L, hl - H, h

- observations
 - first tone changes: Ident-tone in stressed syll >> Ident-tone
 - 31-31 -> 35-31: dissimilation for register and contour
 - 214-31 -> 35-31: dissimilation for register
 - 214-214 -> 55-214: dissimilation for register; structure preservation: upper register lacks a rising tone
 - 55-55 -> 31-55: dissimilation for register and contour; *R >> *F

- analysis: Ident-Tone-Stressed syll >> Ident-Tone
 - OCP-contour >> Linearity
 - OCP-register >> Ident-register
 - *[H, hl] >> *[L, l] : blocks creation of a high fall (53) as repair for 214-214; is 55-214 closer to input than 53-214?

7. Pinyao (Bao 1999; data from Hou 1980)

13	ti	'paw'	L, lh
35	ti	'field'	H, lh
53	ti	'top'	H, hl

	13	35	53
13	13-13	31-35	35-423
35	13-13	31-35	35-423
53	53-13	53-35	35-423

- 35-> 13 / __ 13 spread of L register
- 13 -> 31 / __ 35 dissimilation of contour (novel tone)
- 35 -> 31 / __ 35 dissimilation of contour and register
- 13 -> 35 / __ 53 spread of H register

53 -> 35 / __ 53 dissimilation of contour

- the upper register rise 35 and fall 53 trigger contour dissimilation

OCP on c node if T2 is H

- a rising tone assimilates the register of the second tone

* @T1 @T2 where T1 is rising (i.e. c = lh)

- a fall [hl] adds a h before pause (blocked on rise or h by OCP)

8. While rise and fall can be unrestricted in distribution, convex and concave tones with two inflection points are typically derived: recall Mandarin T3 plus toneless syllable: suggests fall+high. Suzhou (Yip 1989): decomposition of convex and concave tones; full form is phrase-final where syllable is typically lengthened

keu 523 i 523 -> keu 52 i 44 third tone realized on second syllable: HLH HLH >
 mo 242 ko 523 -> mo 23 ko 11 HLH 0 > HL H

9. gross typology

- tone sandhi often dissimilatory; changes first of two similar/identical tones
- tone deletion: noninitial (Shanghai) left-edge stress; nonfinal (Xiamen) right-edge stress
- tone shift: preserve initial tone but realize on right edge (Zhenhai); preserve final tone but realize on initial (Wenzhou)

10. Zhenhai (Northern Wu) (Rose 1990, Li 2003)
 inventory and representation

		tone	example	tone value	notation	gloss
long tone	high register	1	tɕi	441	HL	"to fill"
		2	tɕi?	323	MH	"chicken"
	low register	3	tɕi	231	ML	"to ride"
		4	tɕi?	213	LM	"he/she/it"
short tone	high register	5	tɕi?	<u>5</u>	H?	"knot"
	low register	6	tɕe?	<u>23</u>	L?	"straight"

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long tone				short tone	
HL	MH	ML	LM	H?	L?
tone 1	tone 2	tone 3	tone 4	tone 5	tone 6
∧	∧	∧	∧	∧	∧
r c	r c	r c	r c	r c	r c
h H L	h L H	l H L	l L H	h H	l L

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- contour tones have CVV(?), CVN syllable durations of (250-350 ms); checked CV? (100 ms.)

- upper register have voiceless onset, lower register voiceless breathy onset that becomes voiced non-initially
- sandhi in compounds (disyllabic or longer)
- two metrical patterns: WS and SW partially predictable:
 - if σ_1 in H register (tone 2,5) then SW; if σ_1 in L register (tone 3,6) then WS
 - if σ_1 is Tone 1 or 4 then WS/SW is synchronically unpredictable
- V1 is longer (94 to 154 ms) than V2 regardless of metrical pattern; thus two prominences: duration for σ_1 and stress for WS/SW;
- no duration increase on checked syllables

tone sandhi changes in W-S (p. 121)

W-S disyllabic patterns

σ_1	σ_2					
	T1:441	T2:323	T3:231	T4:213	T5:5	T6:23
A T1:441	33-441				33-4	
B T3:231	11-441				11-4	
C T4:213	11-334		11-24		11-4	
D T6:23	1-441	1-35	1-242	1-114	1-4	1-25

A. "spring"	"western calendar"	
tshvŋ thī	ci li?	
441-441	441- <u>23</u>	citation tone
33-441	33- <u>4</u>	sandhi tone

B. "coal mine"	"hair"	
mei khwā	tøy fa?	
231-231	231- <u>5</u>	citation tone
11-441	11- <u>4</u>	sandhi tone

C. "place"	"yesterday"	
ti fā	sā ni?	
213-441	213- <u>23</u>	citation tone
11-334	11- <u>4</u>	sandhi tone

D. "tongue"	"special"	
çɛ tøy	ta pɛ?	
<u>23</u> -231	<u>23</u> - <u>5</u>	citation tone
1-242	1- <u>25</u>	sandhi tone

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- in A and B σ_2 has a falling contour while in C it is rising; corresponds to underlying contour of σ_1
- the register of σ_2 is H regardless of input; the register of σ_1 is H for A and L for B and C. this reflects the register of the input tone.

- so in WS the contour node of σ_1 is attracted to the stressed syllable. the stressed syllable is in the upper register (recall Tibetan); the register of the first syllable is determined by the underlying tone of that syllable.
- when σ_1 is short T6 then σ_2 preserves its contour specification but changes to the H register

Summary:

- stressed syllable is tonally prominent: H register and contour tone
- when both σ_1 and σ_2 are contour, the tone of σ_1 is preserved (it is longer in input) but realized on stressed syllable
- register specification is stable on initial syllable
- positional faithfulness for σ_1
- positional markedness for contour node: realized on stressed syllable

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