

Copy affixes in Kiranti

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Replicative processes in grammar



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Two clear-cut cases of copying/doubling in phonology/morphology

(2) *Washo* (Winter, 1970; Yu, 2008)

Base	Plural
suku?	sukuku?
bik'i	bik'ik'i
bokoŋ	bokokoŋ

→ morpho-syntactic features realized by copying a prosodically defined portion of base segments

(3) *Hocank* (Miner, 1993)

Underlying	Surface
ʃ-wapox	ʃawapox 'you stab'
ʃ-ruxuk	ʃuruxuk 'you earn'
hipres	hiperes 'know'

→ a phonologically marked structure is avoided via doubling of a segment

Kiranti affix copying

(1) *Athpare* (Ebert, 1997)

- a. lems-u-ŋ-e
beat-3.P-1.A-Pst
'I beat it'
- b. lems-u-ŋ-tsi-ŋ-e
beat-3.P-1.A-Ns-1.A-Pst
'I beat them'

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Criteria: the nature of the copying process

- trigger:
 - general phonotactic repair?
 - realization of morpho-syntactic features?
- size of the copied portion:
 - phonologically defined?
 - morphological unit (=only an affix)?

Kiranti languages (Tibeto-Burman, Eastern Nepal)

- verbal agreement:
 - person (I (inclusive/exclusive), 2, 3)
 - number (Sg, Pl, Dual)
 - 'case': A (=subject of transitive verb), P (=object of transitive verb), and S (single argument of an intrans. verb)
- order of agreement suffixes:
 $P(\text{atient}) \gg A(\text{gent}) \gg N(\text{umber}) \gg P(\text{er})s(\text{on})^*$

*And 'reordering' of /ci/ in dual-3 contexts (=agent must be marked prominent, cf. Zimmermann (2015)).

Bantawa: Non-past positive paradigms (Doornenbal, 2009) (underlying forms)

	1s	1de	1pe	1di	1pi	2s	2d	2p	3s	3d	3p
1s						k'at-na	k'at-na-ci	k'at-na-nin	k'at-u-ŋ	k'at-u-ŋ-ci	k'at-u-ŋ-ci
1de						k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-ci-u-ka	k'at-ci-u-ci-ka	k'at-ci-u-ci-ka
1pe						k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-u-m-ka	k'at-u-m-ka	k'at-u-m-ka
1di									k'at-ci-u	k'at-ci-u-ci	k'at-ci-u-ci
1pi									k'at-u-m	k'at-u-m-ci	k'at-u-m-ci
2s	ti-k'at-ŋa	ti-k'at-ni	ti-k'at-ni						ti-k'at-u	ti-k'at-u-ci	ti-k'at-u-ci
2d	ti-k'at-ŋa-ci	ti-k'at-ni	ti-k'at-ni						ti-k'at-u-ci	ti-k'at-u-ci	ti-k'at-u-ci
2p	ti-k'at-ŋa-nin	ti-k'at-ni	ti-k'at-ni						ti-k'at-u-m	ti-k'at-u-m-ci	ti-k'at-u-m-ci
3s	+k'at-ŋa	ni-k'at-a-ci-ka	ni-k'at-in-ka	ni-k'at-ci	mi-k'at	ni-k'at	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'at-in	k'at-u	k'at-u-ci	k'at-u-ci
3d	+k'at-ŋa-ci	ni-k'at-a-ci-ka	ni-k'at-in-ka	ni-k'at-ci	mi-k'at	ni-k'at	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'at-in	i-k'at-ci-u	i-k'at-ci-u-ci	i-k'at-ci-u-ci
3p	ni-k'at-ŋa	ni-k'at-a-ci-ka	ni-k'at-in-ka	ni-k'at-ci	mi-k'at	ni-k'at	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'at-in	i-k'at	mi-k'at-u-ci	mi-k'at-u-ci

(4) Some relevant affixes

- u \leftrightarrow [+3,P]
- ka \leftrightarrow [+1,-2]
- ŋ \leftrightarrow [+l,+sg]
- m \leftrightarrow [-3,+pl,A]
- ci \leftrightarrow [-sg]

(Affixes not fully specified; theoretical account where more specific markers block

less specific ones (e.g. Halle and Marantz, 1993; Harley and Noyer, 1999))

Nasal Copying

1. Suffix Doubling across /-ci/

(5) *Bantawa: Some 3 object forms*

A\ P	3s	3Ns
ls	k ^h at-u-ŋ [k ^h at:uŋ]	k ^h at-u-ŋ-ci [k ^h at:uŋciŋ]
lpe	k ^h at-u-m-ka [k ^h at:umka]	k ^h at-u-m-ci-ka [k ^h at:umcimka]
lpi	k ^h at-u-m [k ^h at:um]	k ^h at-u-m-ci [k ^h at:umcim]
2p	ti-k ^h at-u-m [tik ^h at:um]	ti-k ^h at-u-m-ci [tik ^h at:umcim]

2. Not two independent suffixes/the same realized twice

(6) Alternative marker specifications/segmentations

- a. -ŋ₁ ↔ [+l,+sg] -m₁ ↔ [-3,+pl,A]
-ŋ₂ ↔ [+l,+sg] / __+3,-sg -m₂ ↔ [-3,+pl,A] / __+3,-sg
- b. -ŋ ↔ [+l,+sg] / __+3,+sg -m ↔ [-3,+pl,A] / __+3,+sg
-ŋciŋ ↔ [+l,+sg] / __+3,-sg -mcim ↔ [-3,+pl,A] / __+3,-sg
- c. -ŋ ↔ [+l,+sg] / __+3,+sg -m ↔ [-3,+pl,A] / __+3,+sg
-ŋ...ŋ ↔ [+l,+sg] / __+3,-sg -m...m ↔ [-3,+pl,A] / __+3,-sg

- double realization of same feature in (6-a) and complication for affix order (P ≫ A ≫ N ≫ Ps elsewhere)
- absence of /-ci/ for the object is mysterious under (6-b)
- (6-c): a circumfix inside the suffix string?
→ rather similar form and function but different morphemes

3. No general repair to avoid phonotactic markedness

Hypothesis:

An otherwise open final syllables is avoided.

Problems:

- there is non-final copying (7-a) (plausible markedness avoidance?)
- no final coda-nasal is provided for /-ka/

(7) *Bantawa: No copying for /-ka/*

A\ P	3Ns
a. lpe	k ^h at-u-m-ci-ka [k ^h at:umcimka] *[k ^h at:umcimkam]
b. A\ P	3s
b. lpe	k ^h at-u-m-ka [k ^h at:umka] *[k ^h at:umkam]
c. A\ P	lpe
c. 3	ni-k ^h at-in-ka [k ^h at:inka] *[k ^h at:inkan]

4. No suffix doubling with other affixes

(8) *Bantawa: Some 3s object forms*

A\ P	3s
lde	k ^h at-ci-u-ka [k ^h atcu?ka] *[k ^h atcu?ac]
lpe	k ^h at-u-m-ka [k ^h at:umka] *[k ^h at:umkam]

(9) *Bantawa: 3-lpe forms*

A\ P	lpe
3	ni-k ^h at-in-ka [k ^h at:inka] *[k ^h at:inkan]

5. No copying of stem segments

- (I0)
- Bantawa: Some 3s object forms*

A\ P	3s	
lde	k ^h at-ci-u-ka [k ^h atcu?a]	*[k ^h atcut?a]
ldi	k ^h at-ci-u [k ^h atcu]	*[k ^h atcut]

- (II)
- Bantawa: Some intransitive forms*

ldi	kon-ci [konci]	*[koncin]
2d	ti-kon-ci [tikonci]	*[tikoncin]
3d	kon-ci [konci]	*[koncin]

6. No copying of a non-adjacent segments

- (I2)
- Bantawa: ls-2d form*

A\ P	2d
ls	[k ^h at-na-ci] [k ^h atnaci] *[k ^h atnacin]

- (I3)
- Yamphu: ls-2d, past form*

A\ P	3Ns
lde	k ^h aks-a-u-ŋ-ji [k ^h aksunjiŋ]
lpe	k ^h aks-a-u-ŋ-ma-ji [k ^h aksunmajil] *[k ^h aksunmajim]

- (I4)
- Limbu: Some 3Ns object forms, past negative*

A\ P	3Ns
lpe	mε-n-hu?r-m?na-si [mənhu?m?nasi] *[mənhu?m?nasin]
2p	kε-n-hu?r-u-m-si-nən [kənhu?rumsimnən]

Bantawa: 7. No copying of non-nasals?

... given the previous arguments that /-ci/ triggers copying of only adjacent affix-segments and given that it cannot copy its own onset, there are no contexts where copying of a non-nasal is expected.

- (I5)
- Some 3s object forms*

A\ P	3s	No stem material copied	No copying of 'itself'
lde	k ^h at-ci-u-ka [k ^h atcu?a]	*[k ^h atcut?a]	*[k ^h atcic?a]
ldi	k ^h at-ci-u [k ^h atcu]	*[k ^h atcut]	*[k ^h atcicu]

Additional criterion: Copying of parts of a suffix

- (I6)
- Bantawa: ls object forms*

A\ P	ls
2d	ti-k ^h at-ŋaj-ci [tik ^h atŋajciŋ]
3d	i-k ^h at-ŋaj-ci [ik ^h atŋajciŋ]

Alternative:
 -ŋa ↔ [+l,+sg,SP]
 -ŋj ↔ [+l,+sg,AP]
 → extended exponence

- (I7)
- Puma: d-ls form*

A\ P	2d
2d	t _Δ -cind-oŋ-ci [t _Δ cindōŋciŋ]
3d	p _Δ -cind-oŋ-ci [p _Δ cindōŋciŋ]

Alternative:
 -o ↔ [+l,+sg,P]
 -ŋ ↔ [+l,+sg]
 → extended exponence

- (I8)
- Limbu: ls-3, past negative form*

A\ P	3Sg	3Ns
ls	mε-n-hu?r-baŋ [mənhu?rbəŋ]	mε-n-hu?r-baŋ-si [mənhu?rbəŋsiŋ]

Alternative:
 -ŋ ↔ [+l,+sg,A] -ba ↔ [+l,+sg] / _+3,-sg(-pos,+pst) → extended exponence

Nasal copying: summary

1. morpheme-specific: triggered by /-ci/ (& its cognates)
2. only consonants that are directly adjacent to /-ci/ are copied
3. only adjacent affix-consonants are copied
→ 2.+3.: only nasal consonants are copied
4. parts of affixes are copied

	1.	2.	3.	4.
Bantawa	☺	☺	☺	☺
Puma	☺	☺	☺	☺
Limbu	☺	☺	☺	☺
Athpare	☺	☺	☺	∅
Chamling	☺	☺	∅	∅
Belhare	☺	☺	∅	∅
Chintang	☺	☺	∅	∅
Yakkha	☺	☺	∅	☺
Yamphu	☺	☺	∅	☺

(☺=evidence found,
∅=no (counter-)evidence,
∅=counterevidence)

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Past and non-past surface paradigms for Athpare (Ebert, 1997)

	1s	1de	1pe	1di	1pi	2s	2d	2p	3s	3d	3p
1s						lem-n-e	lem-na-c-e	lem-na-n-e	lems-u-ŋ-cin-e	lems-u-ŋ-cin-e	
1de						lem-n-e	lem-na-c-e	lem-na-n-e	lems-u-c-u-ŋ-e	lems-u-c-u-ŋ-e	
1pe						lem-n-e	lem-na-c-e	lem-na-n-e	lems-u-m-m-e	lems-u-m-cim-m-e	
1di									lems-a-c-u-e	lems-a-c-u-e	
1pi									lems-u-m-e	lems-u-m-cim-e	lems-u-m-cim-e
2s	a-lem-s-a-ŋ-e	a-lem-s-a-ci-ŋ-e	a-lem-s-i-ŋ-e						a-lems-u-e	a-lems-u-c-e	a-lems-u-c-e
2d	a-lem-s-a-ci-ŋ-e	a-lem-s-a-ci-ŋ-e	a-lem-s-i-ŋ-e						a-lems-a-c-u-e	a-lems-a-c-u-e	a-lems-a-c-u-e
2p	a-lem-s-i-ŋ-e	a-lem-s-a-ci-ŋ-e	a-lem-s-i-ŋ-e						a-lems-a-u-m-e	a-lems-u-m-cim-	a-lems-u-m-cim-e
3s	lems-a-ŋ-e	lems-a-ci-ŋ-e	lems-i-ŋ-e	a-lem-s-a-c-e	a-lem-s-e	m-a-lem-s-e	m-a-lem-s-a-c-e	m-a-lem-s-i-e	lems-u-e	lems-a-c-u-e	lems-a-c-u-e
3d	lems-a-ci-ŋ-e	lems-a-ci-ŋ-e	lems-i-ŋ-e	a-lem-s-a-c-e	a-lem-s-a-c-e	m-a-lem-s-e	m-a-lem-s-a-c-e	m-a-lem-s-i-e	lems-a-c-u-e	lems-a-c-u-e	lems-a-c-u-e
3p	o-lem-s-a-ŋ-e	o-lem-s-a-ci-ŋ-e	o-lem-s-i-ŋ-e	a-lem-s-a-c-e	a-lem-s-e	m-a-lem-s-e	m-a-lem-s-a-c-e	m-a-lem-s-i-e	o-lems-u-e	o-lems-u-c-e	o-lems-u-c-e

	1s	1de	1pe	1di	1pi	2s	2d	2p	3s	3d	3p
1s						lem-na-?	lem-na-?a-ci	lem-na-?a-ni	lems-u-ŋ-cin-cin	lems-u-ŋ-cin-cin	
1de						lem-na-?	lem-na-?a-ci	lem-na-?a-ni	lem-c-u-cu-na	lem-c-u-cu-na	
1pe						lem-na-?	lem-na-?a-ci	lem-na-?a-ni	lems-u-m-cim-ma	lems-u-m-cim-ma	
1di									lem-c-u-cu	lem-c-u-cu	
1pi									lems-u-m-tum	lems-u-m-cim-cim	lems-u-m-cim-cim
2s	a-lem-ma-?a	a-lem-cl-ci-ŋ-a	a-lem-s-i-ti-ŋ-a						a-lem-s-u-tu	a-lem-s-u-ci-cl	a-lem-s-u-ci-cl
2d	a-lem-cl-ci-ŋ-a	a-lem-cl-ci-ŋ-a	a-lem-s-i-ti-ŋ-a						a-lem-c-u-cu	a-lem-c-u-cu	a-lem-c-u-cu
2p	a-lem-s-i-ti-ŋ-a	a-lem-cl-ci-ŋ-a	a-lem-s-i-ti-ŋ-a						a-lem-s-u-m-tum	a-lem-s-u-m-cim-cim	a-lem-s-u-m-cim-cim
3s	lem-ŋa-?	lem-cl-ci-ŋ-a	lems-i-ti-ŋ-a	a-lem-cl-ci	a-lem-yuk	m-a-lem-yuk	m-a-lem-cl-ci	m-a-lem-s-i-ti	lems-u-tu	lems-u-ci-cl	lems-u-ci-cl
3d	lem-cl-ci-ŋ-a	lem-cl-ci-ŋ-a	lems-i-ti-ŋ-a	a-lem-cl-ci	a-lem-yuk	m-a-lem-cl-ci	m-a-lem-cl-ci	m-a-lem-s-i-ti	lem-c-u-cu	lem-c-u-cu	lem-c-u-cu
3p	o-lem-ŋa-?	o-lem-cl-ci-ŋ-a	o-lem-s-i-ti-ŋ-a	a-lem-cl-ci	a-lem-yuk	m-a-lem-cl-ci	m-a-lem-cl-ci	m-a-lem-s-i-ti	o-lems-u-tu	o-lems-u-ci-cl	o-lems-u-ci-cl

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Syllable Copying

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Syllable copying in Athpare

*Order P ≫ A ≫ N ≫ N-Pst ≫ Ps but the /-t/ must never be adjacent to the stem; reordering in, for example, /-pa/+12-t/.

- past marker /-e/; following all agreement suffixes
- non-past marker /-t/ preceding person agreement* and triggering copying of the affix-syllable preceding it

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Syllable copying in Athpare

(19) Syllable copying triggered by /-t/

a. 1-3 forms

A\P		3s		3Ns
ls	-u-ŋ-t	[uŋ.tuŋ]	-u-ŋ-tsi-t	[uŋ.tsij.tsij]
lde	-tsi-u-t-ŋa	[tsu.tsu.ŋa]	-tsi-u-t-ŋa	[tsu.tsu.ŋa]
lpe	-u-m-t-ŋa	[um.tum:a]	-u-m-tsi-t-ŋa	[um.tsim.tsim:a]
ldi	-tsi-u-t	[tsu.tsu]	-tsi-u-t	[tsu.tsu]
lpi	-u-m-t	[um.tum]	-u-m-tsi-t	[um.tsim.tsim]

b. Intransitive

ls	-ŋa-t	[ŋa.?a]
lde	-tsi-t-ŋa	[tsi.ts.iŋa]
lpe	-i-t-ŋa	[i.ti.ŋa]
ldi	-tsi-t	[tsi.tsil]
lpi	-i-t	[i.ti]

Syllable copying in Athpare

- the maximal affix-syllable preceding /t/ is copied, including the onset (e.g. ldi.intr)

/-tsi-t/ → tsi t tsi → [tsi.tsij]; *[tsi.ti]

- Phonology: regular avoidance of vowel hiatus and /t+ts/ → [ts]

- interaction with nasal copying (e.g. ls-3Ns)

.../-ŋ-tsi/... → [...ŋtsij...]

...[...ŋ.tsij] + /-t/ → [...ŋ.tsij.tsij]

Summary: Copying in Kiranti

Summary

- morpheme-specific processes

- differences in what restricts the size of the copied portion:

- phonologically restricted
→ nasal copying in Bantawa
- sensitive to morpheme boundaries
→ whole syllable copying in Athpare
→ no partial affix copying in Yakkha & Yamphu

Theoretical account

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Another theoretical 'landscape' of copying

(Saba Kirchner, 2007, 2010)

(22) Three types of reduplication

Phonological | Morphological

Phonology: Fission

Syntactic

Syntax: Node spelled out twice

- copying is a general phonological repair process
- modeled as fission in correspondence theory violating Integrity (Struijke, 2000; Nelson, 2003, e.g.)
- one marked structure that copying can avoid: otherwise empty prosodic nodes (24)

One theoretical 'landscape' of copying

(Kawahara, 2007; Inkelas, 2008)

Phonological copying

(20) *Hocank* (Miner, 1993)

Underlying Surface

f-wapox	fawapox	'you stab'
f-ruxuk	furuxuk	'you earn'
hipres	hiperes	'know'

Autosegmental spreading (e.g. Kawahara, 2007) or string-internal correspondence (e.g. Inkelas, 2008).

Morphological reduplication

(21) *Washo* (Winter, 1970; Yu, 2008)

Base Plural

suku?	'dog'	sukuku?
bik'i	'grandmother's sister'	bik'ik'i
bokoŋ	'snore'	bokokoj

RED-triggered BR-correspondence (e.g. Kawahara, 2007) or morphological doubling (e.g. Inkelas, 2008).

And Kiranti?

No!

~ fixed segmentism reduplication?
(Alderete et al., 1999; Nevins, 2005)
But: blocked if no phonologically adjacent affix-C is present!

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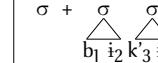
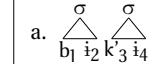
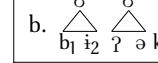
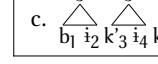
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Copying as phonological repair

(23) *Phonological reduplication*

$\sigma_1 + w_2 a_3 p_4 o_5 x_6$	*CC	Dep	Int
a. $\sigma_1 w_2 a_3 p_4 o_5 x_6$	*!		
b. $\sigma_1 \partial w_2 a_3 p_4 o_5 x_6$		*!	
c. $\sigma_1 a_3 w_2 a_3 p_4 o_5 x_6$			*

(24) *Morphological reduplication*

$\sigma + \sigma$ 	Max Flt	Dep	Int
a. σ 	*!		
b. σ 			*!
c. σ 			**

→ the same (phonological) copying mechanism

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Nasal copying: μ affixation

- representation of /-ci/ contains an empty μ that must be filled with segments (25-a)
- only nasals are copied: no obstruents in the coda (25-b)
- only affix material is copied: Integrity sensitive to A_f and S_t (cf. the overviews in Urbanczyk (2011) or Trommer (2010))

- (25) a. $\mu > S$
Assign a violation mark to every μ not dominating a segment.
- b. $*P]_\sigma$ (cf. Botma and van der Torre, 2000; van der Hulst, 2008)
Assign a violation mark for every obstruent in coda position.

Constraints

- (25) a. DepS (?)
Assign a violation mark for every output segment without a correspondent in the input.
- b. Integrity (=Int) (?)
Assign a violation mark for every input segment with multiple output correspondents

Nasal copying in OT

- (26) Nasal Copying in Bantawa

	μ $u_1 + \eta_2 + c_3 i_4$	μ μ	$\mu > S$	$*P]_\sigma$	Dep S	Int S_t	Max μ	Int A_f
a.	μ $u_1 \eta_2 c_3 i_4$	μ μ		*				
b.	μ $u_1 \eta_2 c_3$	μ					*	
c.	μ $u_1 \eta_2 c_3 i_4 c_3$	μ μ		*				
d.	μ $u_1 \eta_2 c_3 i_4 n$	μ μ				*		
e.	μ $u_1 \eta_2 c_3 i_4 \eta_2$	μ μ					*	

Syllable copying: σ affixation

- an empty σ must be filled with segments (27) (abbrev. for $\sigma > \mu$ and $\mu > S$)
- the /t/ is underlyingly associated (as onset) to this syllable node, the copied syllable hence always follows it
- the σ dominated two μ 's: if the preceding affix-syllable contains a coda, it is copied as well

- (27) $\sigma > S$
Assign a violation mark to every σ not dominating a segment.

Constraints

- (27) a. Uniformity (=Unif) (?)
Assign a violation mark for every output segment corresponding to more than one input segment.
- b. *[CC (?)
Assign a violation mark for every complex onset.
- c. MaxAL
Assign a violation mark for every association line in the input between elements X and Y that lacks a corresponding association line in the output between corresponding elements x and y.

Syllable copying in OT

(28) *Syllable Copying in Athpare*

	σ>S	Dep S	Cont	Max AL	*tts	IntSt	Unif	IntAf
	*							
		*						
							*	

Syllable copying in OT

- that the whole affix /-ci/ is copied follows from Contiguity (29)
 - vs. nasal copying in other languages where parts of morphemes are copied – (29) is low-ranked in those
- (29) Contiguity (=Cont) (after Landman, 2002)
For every pair of input elements X and Y that belong to the same morpheme and are contiguous:
Assign a violation mark if there are corresponding output elements x and y that are not contiguous.

Syllable copying in OT

(30) *Syllable Copying in Athpare*

	σ>S	Dep S	Cont	Max AL	*[CC	IntSt	Unif	IntAf
	*							
			*				*	
					*			**
							*	**

And the locality of the copying process?

- gradient Linearity is violated more often if more segments intervene between the copied segment and its copy – but it is violated in all optimal candidates; hence ranked below $\mu > S$ and Max- μ

(31) Nasal Copying in Bantawa

μ n ₁ a ₂ + c ₃ i ₄	$\mu > S$ *p]σ Dep S Intst Max μ Lin IntAf
a. n ₁ a ₂ c ₃ i ₄	*!
b. n ₁ a ₂ c ₃ i ₄ n ₁	*** *

Conclusion

The locality of the copying process

- Harmonic Grammar with weighted constraints: only a certain amount of reordering is allowed to supply the otherwise empty nodes with material (Legendre et al., 1990; Pater, to appear)

(32) Nasal Copying in Bantawa in HG

μ n ₁ a ₂ + c ₃ i ₄	$\mu > S$ 9	*p]σ 9	Dep S 9	Intst 9	Max μ 8	Lin 3	IntAf 1	H
a. n ₁ a ₂ c ₃ i ₄					-1			-8
b. n ₁ a ₂ c ₃ i ₄ n ₁					-3	-1	-10	
a. u ₁ i ₂ c ₃ i ₄					-1			-8
b. u ₁ i ₂ c ₃ i ₄ i ₂					-2	-1	-7	

Further implications

- expected counterpart under a theory where prosodic nodes are affixed: templatic copying; attested in Chintang (Bickel et al., 2007) where v2 verbs subcatagorize for a disyllabic host

(33) Chintang recursive inflection (Bickel et al., 2007, 6)

kos-i-gond-i-ki-ŋja-niŋ
walk-Pl-Amb-Pl-Npst-Ex-Neg
'We (pl.excl) don't walk around'

- sensitivity to morphological boundaries (=Contig): affix doubling patterns as in Bole (triggered by final suffix; restrictions on which affixes can be doubled across which other affixes)

(34) Bole affix doubling (Ryan and Schuh, under preparation, 2+3)

ŋgòr-án-tá-ŋ-gó
tie-Pl.S-Fem.Sg.O-Pl.S-Compl
'they tied her'

Conclusion

Summary

- Affix copying in Kiranti is another argument that the distinction into phonological copying and morphological doubling can not be absolute: it is an intermediate case
(cf., for example, Haugen (2009) for a similar argument made for μ -affixation)
- assuming that morphological and phonological reduplication are the result of the same phonological process (Saba Kirchner, 2010) allows to account for such ‘intermediate’ cases where morpheme-specific copying is restricted/can be blocked by phonological factors

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Bantawa: non-past paradigm, surface forms (Doornenbal, 2009)

	1s	1de	1pe	1di	1pl	2s	2d	2p	3s	3d	3p
1s					k'at-na-ci	k'at-na-nin	k'att-u-ŋ		k'att-u-ŋ-čiŋ		k'att-u-ŋ-čiŋ
1de					k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-o-u-či-?a		k'at-c-u-či-?a		k'at-c-u-či-?a
1pe					k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'att-u-m-cim-ka		k'att-u-m-cim-ka		k'att-u-m-cim-ka
1di							k'at-c-u	k'at-c-u-či			k'at-c-u-či
1pl							k'at-t-u-m	k'att-u-m-cim			k'att-u-m-cim
2s	t-k'at-ŋa	t-k'at-ni	t-k'at-ni				t-k'att-u	t-k'att-u-či			t-k'att-u-či
2d	t-k'at-ŋan-čiŋ	t-k'at-ni	t-k'at-ni				t-k'at-o-u	t-k'at-o-u-či			t-k'at-o-u-či
2p	t-k'at-ŋan-niŋ	t-k'at-ni	t-k'at-ni				t-k'att-u-n	t-k'att-u-m-cim			t-k'att-u-m-cim
3s	i-k'att-a-či-?a	ni-k'att-in-ka	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'at	ni-k'at	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'att-in	k'att-u			k'att-u-či
3d	i-k'at-ŋan-čiŋ	ni-k'att-a-či-?a	ni-k'att-in-ka	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'at	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'att-in	i-k'at-o-u			i-k'at-o-u-či
3p	ni-k'at-ŋa	ni-k'att-a-či-?a	ni-k'att-in-ka	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'at	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'att-in	i-k'at			ni-k'att-u-či

Athpare: past paradigm, surface forms (Ebert, 1997)

	1s	1de	1pe	1di	1pl	2s	2d	2p	3s	3d	3p
1s					/em-n-e	/em-na-c-e	/em-na-n-e	/ems-u-ŋ-čiŋ-e	/ems-u-ŋ-čiŋ-e	/ems-u-ŋ-čiŋ-e	/ems-u-ŋ-čiŋ-e
1de					/em-n-e	/em-na-c-e	/em-na-n-e	/ems-a-c-u-ŋ-e	/ems-a-c-u-ŋ-e	/ems-a-c-u-ŋ-e	/ems-a-c-u-ŋ-e
1pe					/em-n-e	/em-na-c-e	/em-na-n-e	/ems-u-m-m-e	/ems-u-m-m-e	/ems-u-m-m-e	/ems-u-m-m-e
1di								/ems-a-c-u-e	/ems-a-c-u-e	/ems-a-c-u-e	/ems-a-c-u-e
1pl								/ems-u-m-e	/ems-u-m-e	/ems-u-m-e	/ems-u-m-e
2s	a-lems-a-či-ŋ-e	a-lems-i-či-ŋ-e	a-lems-a-či-ŋ-e	a-lems-i-či-ŋ-e				a-lems-u-e	a-lems-u-e	a-lems-u-e	a-lems-u-e
2d	a-lems-a-či-ŋ-e	a-lems-a-či-ŋ-e	a-lems-i-či-ŋ-e	a-lems-i-či-ŋ-e				a-lems-a-c-či-ŋ-e	a-lems-a-c-či-ŋ-e	a-lems-a-c-či-ŋ-e	a-lems-a-c-či-ŋ-e
2p	a-lems-i-či-ŋ-e	a-lems-i-či-ŋ-e	a-lems-i-či-ŋ-e	a-lems-i-či-ŋ-e				a-lems-u-m-e	a-lems-u-m-e	a-lems-u-m-e	a-lems-u-m-e
3s	lems-a-či-ŋ-e	lems-a-či-ŋ-e	lems-i-či-ŋ-e	lems-i-či-ŋ-e				lems-u-e	lems-u-e	lems-u-e	lems-u-e
3d	lems-a-či-ŋ-e	lems-a-či-ŋ-e	lems-i-či-ŋ-e	lems-i-či-ŋ-e				lems-a-c-u-e	lems-a-c-u-e	lems-a-c-u-e	lems-a-c-u-e
3p	o-lems-a-či-ŋ-e	o-lems-a-či-ŋ-e	o-lems-i-či-ŋ-e	o-lems-i-či-ŋ-e				o-lems-u-e	o-lems-u-e	o-lems-u-e	o-lems-u-e

Athpare: past paradigm, surface forms (Ebert, 1997)

	1s	1de	1pe	1di	1pl	2s	2d	2p	3s	3d	3p
1s					lem-na-?a	lem-na-?a-ci	lem-na-?a-ni	lems-u-ŋ-čiŋ-čiŋ	lems-u-ŋ-čiŋ-čiŋ	lems-u-ŋ-čiŋ-čiŋ	lems-u-ŋ-čiŋ-čiŋ
1de					lem-na-?a	lem-na-?a-ci	lem-na-?a-ni	lem-c-u-cu-ŋa	lem-c-u-cu-ŋa	lem-c-u-cu-ŋa	lem-c-u-cu-ŋa
1pe					lem-na-?a	lem-na-?a-ci	lem-na-?a-ni	lems-u-m-cim-čim-ma	lems-u-m-cim-čim-ma	lems-u-m-cim-čim-ma	lems-u-m-cim-čim-ma
1di								lem-c-u-cu	lem-c-u-cu	lem-c-u-cu	lem-c-u-cu
1pl								lems-u-m-tum	lems-u-m-tum	lems-u-m-tum	lems-u-m-tum
2s	a-lem-na-?a	a-lem-či-či-ŋa	a-lem-s-i-či-ŋa	a-lem-s-i-či-ŋa				a-lem-s-u-lu	a-lem-s-u-lu	a-lem-s-u-lu	a-lem-s-u-lu
2d	a-lem-či-či-ŋa	a-lem-či-či-ŋa	a-lem-s-i-či-ŋa	a-lem-s-i-či-ŋa				a-lem-c-u-cu	a-lem-c-u-cu	a-lem-c-u-cu	a-lem-c-u-cu
2p	a-lem-s-i-či-ŋa	a-lem-s-i-či-ŋa	a-lem-s-i-či-ŋa	a-lem-s-i-či-ŋa				a-lem-s-u-m-tum	a-lem-s-u-m-tum	a-lem-s-u-m-tum	a-lem-s-u-m-tum
3s	lem-na-?a	lem-či-či-ŋa	lem-s-i-či-ŋa	lem-s-i-či-ŋa				lem-s-u-či-či	lem-s-u-či-či	lem-s-u-či-či	lem-s-u-či-či
3d	lem-či-či-ŋa	lem-či-či-ŋa	lem-s-i-či-ŋa	lem-s-i-či-ŋa				lem-c-u-cu	lem-c-u-cu	lem-c-u-cu	lem-c-u-cu
3p	o-lem-na-?a	o-lem-či-či-ŋa	o-lem-s-i-či-ŋa	o-lem-s-i-či-ŋa				o-lem-s-u-či-či	o-lem-s-u-či-či	o-lem-s-u-či-či	o-lem-s-u-či-či